



Deborah R. Fox

August 1, 1949 - September 6, 2018

The Reverend Deborah Landon Fox died peacefully on September 6, 2018, surrounded by love.

Deborah was born on August 1, 1949 in Crisfield, Md. to the late Dorothy Mae and Harry Edgar Fox.

The Funeral Service will be held at 2pm on Tuesday, September 11 at St Paul's Episcopal Church in Cary.

Deborah lived every moment of her life to its fullest. When she unexpectedly found herself a young single mother raising three children with no career or college degree, her strength kept her family afloat. While attending college at night, she became the founding Director of the Albemarle Food Bank. While working full time, she graduated with a degree in Social Work and continued working to serve the area's hungry. After her last child finished college, she finally answered the call she had felt for many years and attended Virginia Theological Seminary where she received her Masters in Divinity and was ordained as a priest in the Episcopal Church in 2000. She served as a parish priest for some years but found her passion in ministering to the young people at NC State, Peace, and Meredith where she served as Chaplain for 13 years until illness forced an early retirement.

She is survived by her children, Pat Cavanaugh and wife Sally of Newnan, Ga, Sean Cavanaugh and wife Jenny of Alexandria, VA, and Kellam Gaddy and husband Riley of Raleigh, NC. She was constantly delighted by her grandchildren: Josh (Paddy) Cavanaugh, Abbott Gaddy, Harris Cavanaugh, Landon Gaddy, Claire Cavanaugh, Bailey Gaddy, Jackson Cavanaugh, Mary Hana Gaddy, and Emmy Cavanaugh.

Deborah devoted her life to Matthew 25:40, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.' She was a fearless advocate for social justice and the needs of those on the margins of society. It was her greatest desire that all would have a voice and all would know they were welcomed at God's table. She lived her life with the unflagging conviction that each of us has the power and responsibility to make a difference in this world. Whether it was feeding hungry stomachs or hungry spirits, Deborah spent her life making a difference in the lives of so many.

In lieu of flowers, please consider donations to:

The Food Bank of the Albemarle

109 Tidewater Way

Elizabeth City, NC 27609

<http://afoodbank.org>

The Mother Deborah Scholarship Fund

Episcopal Campus Ministry

2208 Hope St.

Raleigh, NC 27607 <http://ecm-raleigh.org>

Episcopalrelief.org

Previous Events

Funeral Service

SEP 11. 2:00 PM (ET)

St. Paul's Episcopal Church
221 Union St
Cary, NC 27511

Tribute Wall

HS

“ She was a great friend during seminary and I could always count on her for humor in the face of intensity that was/is theological education. Thank you, Deb.



Hilary Smith - December 07, 2021 at 10:03 PM

SH

“ Deborah was my neighbor, and we met because we walked our dogs together. Many times our walks ended at one another's house and, while these incorrigible hounds--her Lucy and my Annie--would run, play, and rough-house, Deborah and I would continue our conversations about current events, politics, and our families. I will miss her big heart, wise perspective, and mischievous humor.

--Sue Hall and Annie

Sue Hall - September 26, 2018 at 04:10 PM

LR

“ I have such fond childhood memories of Debi. We visited one another's homes many times. She was an only child and I had 9 siblings so she loved to come over. She has always had a tender and compassionate heart for those less fortunate. My memories include walking in the Fall leaves from school to her house; going on vacations with her family; spending Thanksgiving with her family in Annapolis and "making ourselves at home" at the Naval Academy (checking out the midshipman). She and her dad were oO both fun. He would play hide and seek with us and hide me in a trash can (just papers). She was a dear friend (like a sister) and I will miss her so much.

Lynda Rupert - September 11, 2018 at 08:57 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Deborah R. Fox.*



September 10, 2018 at 04:44 PM



“ *She was a determined voice of those who lived on the margins. I served with Deborah at Episcopal Campus Ministry and will never forget her compassion, charm and as we accused each other "wicked wit". Until we meet again, rest in peace and rise in glory. Even at the grave we make our song Alleluia, Alleluia!*

Ronnie Jones - September 10, 2018 at 04:16 PM



“ *Deborah and I served on the NC Council of Churches Governing Board together and we shared our commitment to young adults as Campus Ministers. Our paths to education and to serving the "least among us" were the same. I was inspired by her and, even though we seldom talked, she was affirmation that God calls us when he has prepared us to work in his vineyard. Ma our prayers bring comfort t0 the family. .*

Alberta Hairston - September 10, 2018 at 12:14 PM



“ *Rainbow Of Remembrance Spray was purchased for the family of Deborah R. Fox.*



September 10, 2018 at 08:55 AM



“ *Debbie was one of my very best friends at Annapolis High School. We lost touch after graduation as I went to nursing school. We connected on facebook again a few years ago. I too went through treatment for breast cancer and Debbie was my champion and hero. I loved following her passion for others. She had a beautiful soul and loved her family so much. She is at peace now sharing God's love with all those who went before her. My sympathies go out for her family and all those who love her.*

Deborah (Hayden) Zeller.

Deborah Ann Zeller - September 09, 2018 at 12:25 PM

KW

“ *My dear friend Deborah was with the Albamarle Food Bank when she offered her knowledge and compassion to the work we were doing with Farmworkers. We became friends and I followed her path to her life's dream and purpose as a priest and chaplain. May you find comfort in knowing that her life was full of love and service.*

Katerina K Whitley

Katerina Katsarka Whitley - September 08, 2018 at 08:43 PM

BB

“ *I spent some wonderful time working with Deborah when she was newly ordained. She was very good at caring for "all sorts and conditions" of people. May she rest in the peace of God.*

Bob Beasley - September 08, 2018 at 08:17 PM

 Cindy
Creede

“ *Deb was thoughtful, hardworking, prayerful and funny as a rubber crutch. She could turn bleakness into a smiley day with her sharp back stairs humor. Kind and patient always in the present. A giant, warm and wondrous spirit that I will always hold in my heart.*

Cindy Creede - September 08, 2018 at 06:15 PM

SW

My condolences go out to all of you as you say goodbye to your beloved mom and grandmother. Time will heal your grief as well as forever confirm your love for her and the legacy she left to cherish always.

Sharon Warden - September 08, 2018 at 07:18 PM

TK

I was deeply saddened to learn of Deborah's death. Spending five years working with Deborah at The Episcopal Campus Ministry allowed me the time to get to know her which was a blessing. I hope every kind word and gesture helps the family deal with her passing. She really was a wonderful person and I miss her.

Sincerely,

Tom Krisulewicz

Tom Krisulewicz - September 16, 2018 at 02:12 PM