



Ronald Abbott

May 11, 1938 - April 20, 2017

Albany-Ronald Abbott, passed away the morning of April 20, 2017, at the age of 78 at St. Peters Hospital, after complications from pneumonia.

Ronald was born in Albany, to Catherine and Richard Abbott. He graduated from Christian Brothers Academy in 1956, and later attended the college of Saint Bonaventure. Ronald had a vivacious passion for speed all through his life and was drawn to all things fast. After school he became enthralled with drag racing, and was known throughout Albany, and the Northeast, as a pioneer in the sport of drag racing. With his dear friend John Foley as his engine builder, he raced dragsters throughout the country, winning numerous titles, and competing in the final race of the 1963 Nationals, where he entered the final heat in the AA Fuel Dragster Showdown with world renowned Don Garlits.

His penchant for speed also led him to boat racing. He loved to race throughout the country in different venues, racing numerous times on the Grand National Class circuit. His love of boating brought him to Lake George, and he always enjoyed having the loudest and fastest boat on the water. He loved spending time at the lake boating, but also with his other passion, water skiing. He loved to waterski early in the morning at sunrise, and enjoyed doing so his entire life, only stopping in the last couple of years. He spent countless hours waterskiing, tubing, air-chairing, windsurfing, boating and swimming at his home on Lake George, enjoying these activities with his family and close friends.

In wintertime, his passion was snow skiing. He traveled to Vermont, Colorado and Utah, always bringing friends and family. He skied with his son and grandson up to the very last winter of his life. He also loved flying his plane, visiting with friends at the airport, and flying with them to destinations throughout the Northeast.

He was a local Albany businessman, coming from a third generation family business, then going out on his own to form American Auto & Plate Glass, Co, where he worked alongside his wife and son the duration of his life.

Ronald was a member of the Lake George Club, as well as the Aircraft Owners & Pilots Association.

Ronald is survived by his wife, Sandra Norris Abbott, his son, Scott R. (Marnie M.) Abbott, his grandson Kyle D. Abbott, his daughter Heidi (Scott) Cerosky, his grandson Corey Cerosky and granddaughter Carly Cerosky, and his daughter Wendy (Hon. Daniel J.) Stewart and their children.

All are welcome to attend calling hours from 4 to 7 on Sunday, April 23rd, at the McVeigh Funeral Home, 208 North Allen St., Albany, New York.

Funeral services and interment will be held privately.

Those wishing to remember Ronald Abbott in a special way may send a contribution to the A.M.C. Pediatric Emergency Department, Albany Medical Center, 43 New Scotland Ave., Albany, NY 12208. To leave a message for the family, please visit www.McveighFuneralHome.com

Events

APR **Visitation** 04:00PM - 07:00PM

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McVeigh Funeral Home, Inc.

208 N Allen St, Albany, NY, US, 12206

Comments



“ Dear Sandy, Scott, Heidi and the entire Abbott Family,
We are sad to learn of Ron's passing and the difficult time this is for all of you. He was an integral part of our Apex Baseball family during our Twilight League years. I still remember him standing at the top of Bleecker Stadium with Jeff Segel looking down proudly at you Scott, and the success our team had in large part, due to your right arm and your competitive nature. It's obvious now in reading his obituary where the former came from! The same can be said when seeing him in recent months at Kyle's baseball lessons; the calm exterior and quiet joy in watching him perform, like you, was evident. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and we pray the Lord will bring peace to you all in this time of grief and loss. ~ Norm and Deana Hayner

Norm Hayner - April 27, 2017 at 12:22 PM



“ Sandy - I am so sad to hear of the passing of your husband Ron. You and your family, and all the family at American Auto and Plate Glass Co. are in my prayers. God bless you. Ray Rosch, Lewiston, Idaho.

Ray Rosch - April 24, 2017 at 11:04 AM



“ Scott and Sandy, our deepest condolences on the loss of Ron. He was a very Special man and you can take comfort in the fact that he lived life to the fullest. Scott I know he was very proud of you because the few times we spoke, he Always talked about you with a fathers pride. He will deeply missed.
Rick & Allyson Peek

Rick & Allyson Peek - April 23, 2017 at 08:49 PM



“ Scott; My sincerest condolences. Ron and you looked out for my Daughter while she attended Albany Law School and I couldn't begin to tell you how much we both appreciated it. Ron will be missed by everyone in the entire Northeast for being a top notch racer and a gentleman, he was the consummate definition of a drag racer. May he Rest In Peace !!

Dennis Tate - April 22, 2017 at 10:31 AM



“ Scott, my deepest condolences to you and your entire family. I will always remember your Dad as having such a quiet, calm, and strong presence and a man who deeply loved his family. I hope you will all find comfort in the many memories you created together, in all the places he loved. Tracey Caponera

Tracey - April 22, 2017 at 09:17 AM



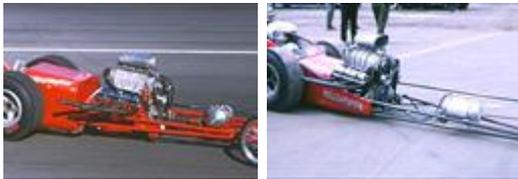
“ Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the family of Ronald Abbott.



April 21, 2017 at 05:58 PM



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Dennis Hurley - April 21, 2017 at 01:30 PM