



## Rodney W. Abele

September 6, 1943 - December 9, 2019

Albany-Rodney W. Abele, 76, entered Eternal Life Monday, December 9, 2019. Born in Albany, he was the son of the late Kenneth and Thelma Miller Abele.

Rodney graduated from Milne High School and RPI. He was the longtime President of Abele Tractor & Equipment Co. in Albany. Rodney enjoyed attending the theater, traveling and listening to music. He was a former member of the Albany Rotary Club.

He was the beloved husband of Sharon Corr Abele; dear father of Janice Abele-Cohen (Eric), Jeffrey Abele (Kristine), and Matthew Abele; cherished grandfather of Reece, Regan and Remie Abele; brother of the late Warren Abele; step-son of Ruth T. Abele; nephew of Norma Abele; brother-in-law of Mary Corr Lang, Barbara Corr Klein and many nieces, nephews and friends who survive.

Relatives and friends are invited to visit with Rod's family Friday, December 13, 2019 4:00 pm to 7:00 pm at McVeigh Funeral Home, 208 North Allen Street, Albany, NY.

Funeral services Saturday, December 14, 2019 at 10:15 am from the McVeigh Funeral Home thence to St. Pius X Church, Loudonville, NY at 11:00 am where his Funeral Mass will be celebrated.

The Rite of Committal will be held at Albany Rural Cemetery immediately following the Funeral Mass.

Those wishing to remember Rodney in a special way may send a contribution to either the Double H. Ranch, 97 Hidden Valley Road, Lake Luzerne, NY 12846 or the Charity of your choice.

To leave a message for the family, please visit [www.McVeighFuneralHome.com](http://www.McVeighFuneralHome.com)

# Cemetery Details

## Albany Rural Cemetery

68 Cemetery Ave  
Menands, NY 12204

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC 13. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

McVeigh Funeral Home, Inc.  
208 N Allen St  
Albany, NY 12206  
(518) 489-0188  
[info@mcveighfuneralhome.com](mailto:info@mcveighfuneralhome.com)  
<http://www.McveighFuneralHome.com>

## Service

DEC 14. 11:00 AM (ET)

St. Pius X Church  
23 Crumitie Rd  
Loudonville, NY 12211  
(518) 462-1336

# Tribute Wall



“ *McVeigh Funeral Home, Inc. created a Tribute Video in memory of Rodney W. Abele*



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**McVeigh Funeral Home, Inc.** - December 13, 2019 at 09:49 AM

BL

*My sincere condolences to the Abele Family. I met Rod during his senior year at The Milne School. It was my first year at Milne as a teacher and coach. He was a fun guy and a great student. I am very much saddened by his passing. Bob Lewis*

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**Bob Lewis** - December 13, 2019 at 12:56 PM

MY

*Our heartfelt condolences and sympathy as you remember and celebrate Rod and his amazing life. Wishing you comfort in your memories and through this difficult time.*

*Margo & Tim Young*

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**Marog & Tim Young** - December 14, 2019 at 04:13 PM



“ *Rodney W. Abele*

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October 08, 2023 at 09:24 PM

MM

“*Sadly I just heard about this after being in Florida for the past 9 months. I first met Rod in the early 90's when he was looking to automate the office and luckily got the opportunity to work with him until I retired 3 years ago from the Atec Group. I remember Rod as being an straightforward honest businessman who always put his family and business ahead of himself. I'll never forget his calls on Friday nights or Sundays when he had an issue with the computer systems. A hard worker who always paid his bills and expected the best as he gave his best. He always expressed an interest in what was going on in my personal life with a sense of humor about his own. I wish I had more customers like him. He will be missed by many.*

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**Mike Murray** - July 31, 2020 at 12:59 PM

JW

“*To Jeff and to the Abele Family,*

*We send our deepest sympathy in the loss of Rodney. Know that you are in our thoughts and prayers.*

*Sincerely,*

*Mike and Judy Wildzumas*

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**judith wildzumas** - December 14, 2019 at 03:24 PM

BH

“*Our Condolences, Sharon & Family, from Sally Phillips Halsey & Bud Halsey, & Families  
- Peace Be With You -*

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**Bud Halsey** - December 14, 2019 at 03:22 PM

DT

“ *Our sincere condolences to all of the Abele family.  
From The Tamagini Family*

David Tamagini - December 14, 2019 at 01:51 PM

OM

“ *Our deepest condolences and sympathy to  
the entire Abele family in the loss of Rod. May  
you find peace and comfort in the days ahead  
as you remember such a fine man.  
Scott Olsen*



Olsen's Property Maintenance - December 13, 2019 at 06:32 PM

MB

“ *Rod, thank you for believing in me enough to come after me twice. I  
remember you telling me that you and Jeff knew I could do the job  
and that you were willing to do whatever it took to get the deal done.  
I don't know if I've learned enough from you but I hope to be at  
Jeff's side for some time to come. I really appreciated the quiet,  
private moments when you let your sense of humor show...it was  
refreshing. I hope you find peace in Heaven. Mike and Jennae - The  
Bates Family*

Michael Bates - December 13, 2019 at 02:41 PM

NW

“ *Our love and prayers are with you all while you say goodbye to  
Rodney. Thank you for sharing those wonderful memories. He had  
a wonderful smile and warm heart. Rest in peace Rodney, heaven  
awaits you with open arms.  
Nicole Ward and Dan Courtney*

Nicole Ward - December 13, 2019 at 01:40 PM

SC

“ To Rodney’s family: want to send my condolences. I remember very well when my husband Stuart Catlin was diagnosed with cancer and died the compassion that was showed our Family. I can only let you know my heart felt feelings at this time of your loss my prayers to the family. Sharon Catlin

Sharon Catlin - December 13, 2019 at 12:46 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Rodney W. Abele.



December 13, 2019 at 12:11 PM

TO

“ For 18 years with great pleasure having Abele Tractor representing and selling my product. First back in my Mustang days and now Kobelco. Rod I have great respect and admiration for you as a business man and family man. With a big smile you would share your pride of family and Company with me. Your love of your heritage and community is admirable. The construction industry will greatly miss you. Very few of us will gain the respect and admiration you have achieved in this industry. I will always remember you with a great big smile and admire your business savvy.

*My deepest condolences go out to the Abele family and all of you at Abele Tractor Company.*

*District Business Manager  
Kobelco  
Terry L. Ober*

Terry Ober - December 13, 2019 at 10:11 AM

LT

“ As two fellow 1961 Milne classmates of Rod, we were shocked and saddened to hear of his tragic accident. Our thoughts and prayers go out to his wife and family. Our Milne reunions will not be the same without him.

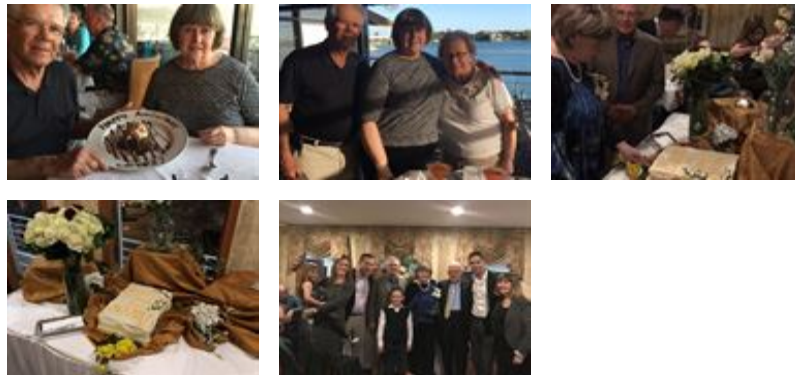
Sincerely,  
Linda and Tom Thorsen

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**linda thorsen** - December 13, 2019 at 09:50 AM

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FUNERAL HOME, INC.  
(518) 489-0188

“ 71 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



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**McVeigh Funeral Home, Inc.** - December 13, 2019 at 09:47 AM

MF

“ I cannot put into words how sad I am for the Abele family. I have been employed by Rod & his family for over 30 years & not only was he a great employer, but he was a great friend. An intelligent man with a wonderful sense of humor and a strong measure of compassion. He will be forever remembered & respected as my friend. May he Rest In Peace.

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**Michele Francisconi** - December 13, 2019 at 08:18 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Rodney W. Abele.



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December 13, 2019 at 07:38 AM



“ WoW I Used to be His Driver I Remember When He told Jeff to Send me to Orlando FL that he would pick me up in the Airport To Drive Him Back with Kenn 2 Dog and the 1st Thing he Told me Was to Not Feed the Dogs No Treats because they Would Be Farting and I Felt Bad and I did give them a few Treat and Yeah the Oldest One Fated and Rod Look at me and Said What Did I Tell you Jesus I Loved to Working for Him Sad To Say Good Bye God Bless Him



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**Jesus Molina** - December 12, 2019 at 10:39 PM



“ Sweet Tenderness was purchased for the family of Rodney W. Abele.



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December 12, 2019 at 05:47 PM

MM

“ 🙏 *Back in the late 80's, I first got to know Rod after implementing automated accounting for his mom Thelma. Spent many months converting and training her and getting to know Ken and then Rod over the course of a few years. Rod always appreciated that I was able to get his mom trained and using a computer - I always told him she was more determined than anyone I had ever met in spite of how outside her comfort zone it was (I think she was in her 60s at the time). Tragic accident, my heart bleeds for the entire family. RIP Rod. Mike Miller*

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**Michael Miller** - December 12, 2019 at 04:43 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Rodney W. Abele.*



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December 12, 2019 at 01:23 PM