



Howard R. Abbott

November 21, 1944 - December 18, 2024

Howard Roy Abbott

November 21st, 1944-December 18th, 2024

Howard passed away peacefully in his home, surrounded by his family.

He was the son of the late Lucille & Howard S. Abbott. He was born and raised in Chicago, Illinois, but called Macomb Michigan his forever home.

Howard was a loving husband, father, grandfather (g-pa), great-grandfather, uncle, and friend. Each and every title he held had a specific meaning, but all meant love and kindness.

Howard married Jean (Metter) on November 25th, 1966, and they recently celebrated 58 years of marriage. Some of his favorite memories of their marriage include camping, traveling, and spending time with their children & grandchildren.

He was the beloved father of Brian/Suzanne of Harrison Township, Mark of Macomb, and Shannon/Tony Kunce of Lenox. Howard had 18 grandchildren and 7 great grandchildren. His grandchildren were the pride and joy of his life. He loved attending their events and watching them all grow up.

Howard was a United States Air Force Vietnam veteran who served from 1965-1969.

Howard served as the General Manager of the Sterling Heights, Shelby, and Utica Chamber of Commerce for many years. He loved being such a big part of community outreach and organizing events. His fondest memory was bringing the traveling Vietnam Memorial Wall to town. He served as the Kiwanis High-Noon President and was very proud to be a seven-time fundraising champion.

Howard was a HUGE sports fan and could talk trivia or stats with the best of them. He was especially fond of U of M football & basketball and the Detroit Pistons.

Two days of visitation will be held on Thursday, December 26, and Friday, December 27, from 2-8pm at the Wm. Sullivan & Son Funeral Home, 8459 Hall Rd. (3blks E. of Van Dyke) in Utica. A funeral mass will take place on Saturday, December 28, with instate at 11am until the time of the mass at 11:30am at St. Peter Catholic Church, 95 Market Street in Mt. Clemens.

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC **26**. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

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Prayer Service

DEC **27**. 7:00 PM (ET)

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Instate

DEC **28**. 11:00 AM - 11:30 AM (ET)

St. Peter Catholic Church
95 Market Street
Mount Clemens, MI 48043

Funeral Mass

DEC **28**. 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

MW

“ I will always remember Howards love of sports. You would sit down and once you got him started you were going to be there for a while. He was generous and he gave me tickets to events because he knew at that point, I wasn't going to attend but he would say yes you are. RIP, Howard till we all meet again.

Michael Weatherly - December 30, 2024 at 01:45 PM

LC

“ So very sad to learn of Howard's passing just today. My deepest sympathies to Jean and family. We meet in early 1995 when the Kiwanis Club of S. H. High Noon was launched. Less than two years later it was Howard who insisted I meet with him and Lil Adam's and my opportunity as a 26 1/2 year staffer with the chamber began. We shared many a laughs and special "Howard" moments with him.
God bless you Howard. ❤️

Linda Colton - December 29, 2024 at 07:38 PM

DA

“ Really Sorry to hear of Howard's Passing.
Remembering Howard when He and Jean and Brian , Mark and Shannon were the perfect neighbors on Lafayette Street.
A Good Feeling of Happy Memories of our life back then when one time He came over to help me open a bathroom door when my very young son accidentally locked himself in. Then another time He let Mike hide a surprise gift (a car for our Family) in their garage for a couple of days.
Howard was a Kind and Helpful Friend = A Good Man. Proud to have known him.
Sending our Best Prayers to You, Jean and Your Family. May Angels Surround You with Strength and Peace. ❤️

Debby and Mike Alberty - December 26, 2024 at 06:38 PM

DF

“ Dave and Sylvia Metter Family purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Howard R. Abbott.



Dave and Sylvia Metter Family - December 26, 2024 at 02:10 PM

SH

“ I worked with Howard at the Chamber. We spent many mornings talking sports before the rest of the staff got in. He loved his Pistons. I often told him, he should have been a sports announcer. He liked talking about his grandkids too. He was proud if them all.

Sandra Hennessey - December 26, 2024 at 11:27 AM

CA

“ I was a Board member of the Chamber for several years while he worked there. Sincerest condolences to his family.

Clark Andrews - December 26, 2024 at 11:21 AM

RC

“ I worked with Howard at the Sterling Heights Regional Chamber of Commerce. We were the only two males in a mostly female staff. We were like a family.

Ron Current - December 26, 2024 at 10:38 AM

BP

“ Brad and Sarah Patrick planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Howard R. Abbott.

Brad and Sarah Patrick - December 26, 2024 at 08:06 AM

KA

“ Krystal and Charles Allen planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Howard R. Abbott.

Krystal and Charles Allen - December 22, 2024 at 11:17 AM

KA

“ Krystal and Charles Allen purchased the Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet for the family of Howard R. Abbott.



Krystal and Charles Allen - December 22, 2024 at 11:17 AM