



Victor Emmanuel Abbott

February 15, 1942 - January 15, 2012

Watervliet – Victor Emmanuel Abbott, 69, of Watervliet, passed away on Sunday morning, January 15, 2012, at Lakeland Regional Medical Center in St. Joseph.

Funeral services celebrating his life will be held at 2:00 P.M., Wednesday, January 18, at the Fairplain Chapel of Florin Funeral Service, 1053 E. Napier, in Benton Harbor, with Fr. Bill Jacobs officiating. Burial will follow at North Shore Memory Gardens in Hagar Shores. Visitation will be held from 12:00 until 2:00 P.M., Wednesday, at the funeral home. Memorials may be made to the Humane Society of Southwest Michigan. Messages of condolence may be sent to www.florin.net.

Victor was born on February 15, 1942, in Benton Harbor. He was one of five children born to Daniel and Angeline Abbott. Victor worked for Kaywood Mfg. for over 30 years. He later went into private farming. He enjoyed growing produce and selling at local farmer's markets. Victor loved all animals, life, and everything which gave life. He loved being around people and "he had nothing bad to say about anyone." Most of all, Victor cherished time spent with his family – particularly his grandchildren. "Nothing was more important to him than his family."

Victor is survived by his children, David (Tamara) Abbott of Watervliet and Karri (Michael) Gordon of Berrien Springs; grandchildren, Sophia, Olivia, Joshua, Zachary (Brooke), Jacob, Kaylena, and Caleb; 10 nieces and nephews, numerous great-nieces and nephews; and one great-great-niece; siblings, Daniel (Barb) Abbott of Benton Harbor, Anthony (Linda) Abbott of Benton Harbor, and Mary (Ed) Schults of Coloma; his aunt, Lois Abbott of St. Joseph; sister-in-law, Roberta Abbott of Sodus; and is expecting his first great-grandson in May.

In addition to his parents, Victor was preceded in death by his brother, David and recently by his dog, Buddy.

Cemetery Details

North Shore Memory Gardens

5027 M 63 N
Coloma, MI 49038

Previous Events

Visitation

JAN 18. 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Fairplain Chapel of Florin Funeral Service
1053 East Napier Avenue
Benton Harbor, MI 49022
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Tribute Wall

BK

“ I was sorry to hear of Vic's passing. He was a great guy and loved his family very much.

Barb Klatt - February 26, 2012 at 11:15 AM

CM

“ I just heard of Vic's passing and wanted you to know that I was thinking of your family. I just saw Vic a couple months ago at the doctors office where he was having lab work. He looked great and was proud of the fact that he had quit smoking. He invited me to bring my children out to the farm because my daughter likes farming. I have great memories out there myself. Vic was always good to us and an important part of my life growing up.

Chad Maniscalco and family - Kalamazoo

Chad Maniscalco - February 11, 2012 at 09:18 AM

JE

“ David and Karri, I am very sorry to hear of your loss. I always loved "uncle Vic"! That's what us kids (me, Karen and Tommy) called him. (I don't think we were actually related but who cares!) I hope that the you and your family are able to find peace, as my thoughts and prayers are with you all.

Jenny (Imbordino) Engle
Benton Harbor

Jennifer Marie Engle - January 19, 2012 at 03:11 PM

KG

Thank you Jenny...family isnt limited to those that share your blood, and it is more than just being related...your Uncle Vic is probably BS'ing right now with my Uncle Joe.

Karri Frances Abbottt Gordon - January 19, 2012 at 07:30 PM

JE

You are right! You know, I am fairly sure that I have some old pictures of uncle Vic. If I do, I will post them for you.

Jennifer Marie Engle - January 20, 2012 at 03:49 PM

DG

“ To the Abbott families , Don and I extend our deepest sympathy in the loss of Vic. He was a really good guy and one to be admired. Peace to you all.
Shirley and Don Gatchell

Don and Shirley Gatchell - January 18, 2012 at 05:16 PM

CM

“ Cristina & Damon Mitchell purchased the Blue Caribbean Bouquet for the family of Victor Emmanuel Abbott.



Cristina & Damon Mitchell - January 17, 2012 at 07:34 PM

TR

“ 16 files added to the album New Album Name



Traci - January 17, 2012 at 02:47 PM

TM

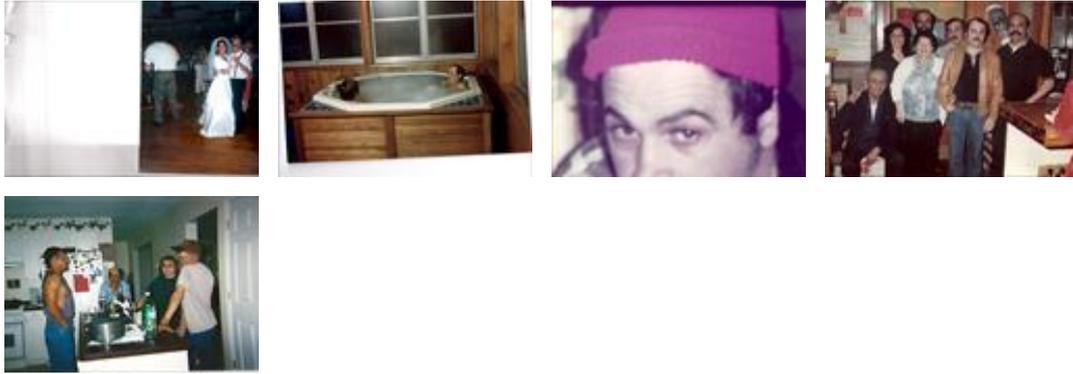
“ Karri, my deepest and most heartfelt sympathies to you and your family. Hugs to you my friend.



Traci McGrath - January 17, 2012 at 10:34 AM

TV

“ 12 files added to the album Uncle Vic



Traci Vega - January 17, 2012 at 09:07 AM

ML

“ I will always remember Vic with a smile on his face. I never heard him raise his voice or speak ill of anyone. He was, indeed, a very special man. He has left a great legacy through his families' love for him. We should all try to be more like him. I am so very sorry about your loss and he will be remembered always in my prayers. (Cousin) Marietta LoVerde

marietta lombardo loverde - January 17, 2012 at 08:37 AM

KG

“ Karri Frances Abbott Gordon lit a candle in memory of Victor Emmanuel Abbott



Karri Frances Abbott Gordon - January 16, 2012 at 11:57 PM

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“ He was a man small in stature, yet bigger than life. He could heal a broken heart and strengthen your spirit with his simple smile. His eyes danced and sparkled, like the most awesome firework display. His laughter was more than contagious, it was infectious. Whenever you heard it you were filled with joy. He gave from his heart, sincere in every word. They say there was only one other man that could walk on water, one other man that gave life to all he touched, was peace and joy in a human body...I say there was two. My daddy was everything anyone could hope to be or have, for he knew the true meaning and value of life, and was always willing to share it. I love you daddy now and forever.

Karri Frances Abbott Gordon - January 16, 2012 at 11:55 PM

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