



## Robert J. Abbey

February 17, 1937 - March 21, 2023

Robert J. Abbey, age 86 of Chesterfield passed away on March 21, 2023. Beloved husband of the late Mina. Loving father of Marilyn (Fred) Shuten, Ronald (Laura), Vivian (Derrick) Collins, Thomas (Holly), Gregory (Brenda) and the late Elaine Marie. Dear grandfather of many grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Predeceased by his siblings Vera, Warren, Harold, and Charles. Visitation 2:00 – 8:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 28, 2023 at Wasik Funeral Home – Gendernalik Chapel, 35259 23 Mile Road, New Baltimore. Visitation 10:00 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. Funeral Service, Wednesday, March 29, 2023 in the funeral home. In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to St. John's Lutheran Church, New Baltimore.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 28. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Wasik Funeral Home - New Baltimore  
35259-23 Mile Road  
New Baltimore, MI 48047  
(586) 725-0177  
<https://www.gendernalikfh.com/>

## Visitation

MAR 29. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

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## Funeral Service

MAR 29. 11:00 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Wasik Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Robert J. Abbey*



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**Wasik Funeral Home, Inc.** - March 27, 2023 at 02:46 PM

RM

*My condolences go out to the entire Abbey family. Bob was a hard-working dedicated dad and grandpa. May he rest in peace and your family find strength and peace as well.*

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**Ryanne Moroschan** - March 29, 2023 at 09:17 PM

PC

“ *We heard of Bob's passing at the Roseville class reunion today. Took this picture of him and my father, Charles Yee, at last year's reunion. Bob was a close childhood friend of Dad's and they loved sharing their stories of fishing and sneaking into football games. You will be missed, Bob.*



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**Pamela Ciuffetelli** - September 10, 2023 at 09:41 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of Robert J. Abbey.



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March 28, 2023 at 09:18 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket* was purchased for the family of Robert J. Abbey.



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March 27, 2023 at 05:22 PM

SM

“ I first met Bob after I hired into Ford back in the summer of 1996. He was an imposing figure, at least a foot taller than me. He took me under his wing and showed me the ropes. Introduced me to a lot of folks. Not sure why, but we just meshed as a team. I learned from him and he learned from me. We talked about our time in the military, stories from our youth, and anything else that came to mind. He got me into doing crossword puzzles at lunch time. Bob had a great sense of humor. Loved to prank people. He got me after about a week or two. It was great. He would also tell me stories of his hunting and fishing escapades. Bob was also a very kind and giving person. I heard all about his children and grandchildren. Very proud of them all. He would help anyone who asked for it, would give you his last dollar or the shirt off his back. Very few people like him in this world. He loved his boats along with hunting and fishing. He invited my wife and I out fishing one day after work. Had a wonderful time. Ate dinner out on the water, caught a few keepers. Never was able to go ice fishing. We worked together for 10 years before he decided to retire. We maintained our friendship long after his retirement.

*I could write a book about Bob. But no amount of words could describe this wonderful person. He was sure one of a kind. He will be greatly missed by myself and many other people.*

*Rest in Peace my dear friend,  
Scott McKay*

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**Scott McKay** - March 27, 2023 at 09:03 AM

RC

“ *This is a picture of Uncle Bob and Aunt Mina at our wedding. Both of them came to visit our mom regularly and then when Aunt Mina passed it was Uncle Bob who would come and visit his big sister Vera. I have great memories of my Uncle. I will miss hearing his voice, his deep laugh, and the stories he would tell about from when he was small and growing up with his brothers. Thanks for the great memories Uncle Bob. We will miss you, but we will meet again in heaven.*



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**Richard Crane** - March 26, 2023 at 10:11 PM

KC

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**karina collins** - March 26, 2023 at 11:08 AM

CF

“ So many things I could say about Mr. Bob. First of all, hunt camp will never be the same without you. Your words always made an impact, I could sit and listen to your stories for hours, and reading other people’s stories on here it seems like you made just as big of an impact in them as you did with me. Most of my memories come from hunt camp with you, but it was the little things that would always make me smile, walking in from a cold morning sit in the woods and you filling my pockets with almond joys or whatever candies you had on you at the time, but one memory stands out most of all. This was back when crossbows first became legal in Michigan to use, I believe I was around 11 or 12 years old. I really wanted to shoot your crossbow, so you decided to teach me. We sat down on a couple logs behind the cabin, and you showed me how to cock it back, and how to shoot, but the most important lessons here was to always keep your thumb away from the track on the bow. So you aimed at the target, turned off the safety and pulled the trigger. With that trigger pull you taught me a huge lesson, you forgot to keep your thumb out of the track and shot your thumb (almost) off. Went to urgent care, and when you got back, got right back in the woods that afternoon like nothing ever happened, though it may seem like a small lesson to some, it had such a huge impact on me, whenever life knocks you down just get right back up and keep going, don’t let it keep you down for to long, and even though you took pain from the lesson, I believe you knew just exactly how much of a lesson you taught me that day that I would carry for life. Until we meet again Mr. Bob, I know you’ll laugh every time you hear the story, much love, chase fackler.

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Chase Fackler - March 25, 2023 at 12:00 PM



“ Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of Robert J. Abbey.



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March 25, 2023 at 06:20 AM



“ This photo of Uncle Bob was taken last summer. He had gone to the Roseville High School Class reunion and had come over to Mom's to report how it went. If you look closely he still has his name tag on. Anyway, it was a special thrill for me because I live in St.Louis, MO and don't get to see him very often. So I snap this picture of him and ask him if he'd like a copy of it. Well, he says yes and proceeds to give me a couple of phone numbers both of which don't accept photos. LOL

*The other memory I want to share is of him and his brothers coming over to Mom's house. We always knew when Uncle Bob was there because we could smell his cigar all the way upstairs. So the first thing I'd do was look out the window to see if he brought his army tank. At that time his job was to test out tanks. What a cool uncle.. I know I'd go downstairs when I knew he was there and he'd be sitting around the kitchen table with Uncle Warren, Uncle Chucky, and of course Vera my mom. They had such a good time visiting and laughing together. I love you Uncle Bob. I'll miss your smile.*

*Sheila Crane Silvanovich*



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**Sheila Crane Silvanovich** - March 24, 2023 at 02:58 PM

SS

*I'll miss that mischievous twinkle in your eye too.*

Sheila Crane Silvanovich - March 24, 2023 at 03:20 PM

NM

*I'm thankful that we spent time with him this summer when we went to our niece's wedding. Uncle Bob was truly a treasure and we have many fun memories of our uncles together at our house in Roseville and when out on boat rides. Swimming off the boats were an adventure. Watching Uncle Bob drive past our house while standing up in a tank that he was test marketing; what fun! We are so thankful for your care and attention to Mom, his sister, she watched out for him and he for her. Heaven is a better place, but we miss him. Love you Uncle Bob.*

Nancy Crane McGuire - March 29, 2023 at 09:16 AM

TA

“ Dad just supervising our work



Thomas Abbey - March 24, 2023 at 01:56 PM

CC

“ Uncle Bob was truly a man of honor. He always took care of Aunt Mina until she passed. Even though at times it was difficult he brought her to all the family events he could, weddings, open houses, picnics, and parties. He was always at his great nieces and nephews celebrations and they were always so happy to see him. He honored God by the way he lived. We will always remember him for his cheerful spirit and the way he joked around with everyone. He always looked in on our mom, his sister, too. His concern was always for others

Carol Crane - March 24, 2023 at 11:51 AM

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**Carol Crane** - March 24, 2023 at 11:50 AM

TA

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**Thomas Abbey** - March 24, 2023 at 12:18 AM

TA

“ To a father, who meant the world to me he taught me how to work on boats work on cars how to hunt and how to fish. I remember all the times that we were out fishing and swimming with my sisters and brothers, and then with my own family. When I was growing up, you taught me so much about life that I will never forget. I remember when I was in high school me and my friend Joe would come home from school and kick the snowbanks during the winter and see how many pike my dad had got in the morning and then we me and my buddy Joe will go out and try to outdo him in the evening. That was so much fun. The times we would be up hunting at Barclays just walking around in the woods seeing how many deer we could kick up. It was never boring times talking to him because he seemed like he had a story about everything that he did in his life, It was so interesting and funny. I know when we lost our mom he lost his way. He didn't know how to go any further. Now he can be up in heaven, along with mom and look over all your children and grandchildren. Dad, I want you to know wherever I go whatever I do you'll always be with me in spirit, even though we never said I love you that much, you were always loved.

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**Thomas Abbey** - March 24, 2023 at 12:11 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Robert J. Abbey.

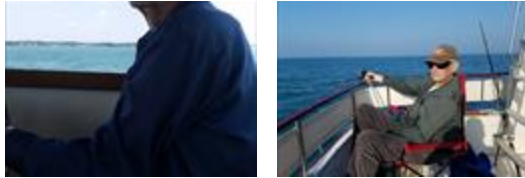


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March 23, 2023 at 10:26 PM

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Ronald Abbey - March 23, 2023 at 09:32 PM

CA

“ Heaven has received another Angel, well a stubborn Angel, but one of the best. My heart hurts that you are gone but you are surely not one to forget Grandpa. I love all my awesome memories we've had together when I was younger and as I got older. You got to know your Great Grandchildren and they loved you dearly. I remember everytime we went to Grandpa's and Great Grandpa's that meant they would get a ride on the boat to go swimming or fishing and even get to ride on his four wheeler. I always loved hearing your stories about how you drove the big tanks and worked on them. I remember when you always would recite this poem to me when I was little. It went like this Ooey gooey was a worm a mighty worm was he, he sat upon a railroad track, and the train he did not see. Ooey gooey. I always would ask you to tell me it because the way you would say it made me laugh. You always knew how to ease my mind. You always came to my sports games, choir concerts, you just were always there. I remember when Makiya was little and we were living with you and she wouldn't sit still so you would just grab her up and just hold her still next to you in your chair and she would end up falling asleep. We have so many more memories with you. Makiya, Kingston, Lillyana and I will love and Cherish them forever. We love you and miss you. Rest up in Heaven with Grandma and watch over us. You have left a legacy behind and we hope to strive in your honor Grandpa. With all our love.

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Crystal Abbey - March 23, 2023 at 08:16 PM

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**Crystal Abbey** - March 23, 2023 at 07:47 PM

GA

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**Gregory Abbey** - March 23, 2023 at 05:28 PM

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**Chris Shuten** - March 23, 2023 at 05:02 PM

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**Chris Shuten** - March 23, 2023 at 04:58 PM

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**Chris Shuten** - March 23, 2023 at 04:53 PM

AD

“ *I have a lot of memories of visits with Uncle Bob. Some were at our house and some at his. There was a reunion or similar held one year, the cat who became "Hitchhiker" who came over under the hood, and also getting to your house to visit when there was a football game on. Everyone was surrounding the TV and cheering at a play when we came into the house. It was a warm environment full of family. Having him gone will leave a hole in your hearts but try to fill it with the happy memories of better times.*

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**Aleece (Abbey) Dawson** - March 23, 2023 at 04:07 PM

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Derrick A Collins - March 23, 2023 at 03:18 PM

KC

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karina collins - March 23, 2023 at 02:59 PM



“ Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet was purchased for the family of Robert J. Abbey.



March 23, 2023 at 02:34 PM

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thomas abbey - March 23, 2023 at 01:03 PM

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**thomas abbey** - March 23, 2023 at 12:53 PM