



John J. Abbott

January 11, 1952 - September 3, 2023

North Hampton- John J. Abbott, 71, of North Hampton, passed away peacefully on Sunday, September 3, 2023, with his family by his side. He was born on January 11, 1952, in Morpeth, England, the only child of the late Joseph Abbott and Kathleen Waltz (Tait)

He moved to the United States with his parents at the age of 5, settling in Kittery, ME. He was raised in Dover, NH and graduated from Dover High School, class of 1970. Following high school, he attended Plymouth State University class of 1975.

John had many business ventures over the years. In the 70s, he opened Honeybee Donut in Seabrook and Hampton with his college roommate Pat. John then purchased Jackson's Bakery in Amesbury, MA. He went on to open North Hampton Grocery in the mid 1980's and the Hungry Horse Café in Rye. He was a dedicated small business owner and a true "people person" who enjoyed serving his community. Everyone loved John, always having a witty comment for every customer coming through the door.

He was an avid golfer and member of the Portsmouth Country Club, along with his son Trevor. Family and friends will remember him for being a lucky man.

Surviving family members include his children Trevor Abbott and his wife Courtney of Kittery, ME, Nathan Doyle of Cambridge, MA, and Erin Doyle-Joyce of Stratham. He also leaves grandchildren Lyric, Madison, and Miley and his former spouse and mother of his children, Jill Abbott.

A celebration of John's life will be held at 5:00 PM on Friday, September 15, 2023, at Portsmouth Country Club, 80 Country Club Lane, Greenland. In lieu of flowers, donations in his memory may be made to NH SPCA in Stratham, & Friends in Action, P.O. Box 866 Durham NH 03824.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

SEP **15.** 5:00 PM (ET)

Portsmouth Country Club
80 Country Club Lane
Greenland, NH 03840

Tribute Wall

MS

“ For as long as I can remember I had been coming to the “corner store” (North Hampton Grocery) and John was always happy to make me feel grown up buying my own sandwich even when I could barely see over the counter. He was there my whole childhood, gave me one of my first jobs working for him, and even into adulthood I got to bring my daughter to the store for his yummy apple turnovers and a good chat. This is really heartbreaking news but I am forever grateful I got to grow up with John in my life and got to share with children of my own the special store that holds many memories. You will be missed John, thanks for being there at my best and worst and giving me the best memories growing up. Rest in the sweetest peace and for his family, know that he made an impact in so many people’s lives in such a positive way.

Mariah Smith - September 17, 2023 at 07:03 PM

DE

“ So many great memories of the crew at Honey Bee Donuts - John, Pat, Craig and Michael. RIP John

Deb - September 14, 2023 at 12:08 PM

SC

“ Johnny, you were a dear friend and just a great person. Witty, kind and fun to be around. You have touched so many lives and left us with a lifetime of good memories. You left us way too soon. You were loved and will be missed forever. Deepest sympathy to Trevor, Courtney, Erin and Nathan.

Susan & Brian Chase - September 14, 2023 at 10:15 AM

GO

“ *Gina Oeser lit a candle in memory of John J. Abbott*



Gina Oeser - September 13, 2023 at 03:04 PM

GO

RIP John, It was a pleasure to get to now know you through the years. Many Blessings to your family! May you fly into the Lord's arms.

Gina Oeser - September 13, 2023 at 03:08 PM

MR

“ *I sure miss the old days. Playing softball together. All the golf trips. Betting quarters on every putt. Stopping in the bakery. Then stopping in the store. RIP John.*

Marty Rossiter - September 12, 2023 at 06:12 AM

GP

“ *Golf team picture from 1970 DHS yearbook. John is in the back row third from left. RIP John.*



Gary Pelletier - September 11, 2023 at 04:33 PM

GP

“ Gary Pelletier

I send my condolences to the Abbott family at this difficult time. John and I were good friends from 8th grade through high school. We both played 4 years on the DHS golf team. If I remember correctly, during the summer of 1967, John and I got junior memberships at Rockingham CC in Newmarket. My dad worked in Newmarket and most days that summer he would drop us off at the course in the morning and pick us up after work. I don't remember whose idea it was but we decided to try and break the course record for most holes of golf played in one day. Starting at 5:30am and finishing near dark we successfully established a new record of 117 holes played. Rest in peace John. You were loved and will be missed.



Gary Pelletier - September 11, 2023 at 04:12 PM

DI

“ David Kohlhase, *The Electric Barn, Inc.*
purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of John J. Abbott.



David Kohlhase, The Electric Barn, Inc. - September 11, 2023
at 01:19 PM

SW

“ John I will always remember our time as kids and all the cousins playing and hanging out, and especially the Christmas visits with you, Aunt Kathleen and Uncle John. We have all missed you and thought of you often. I miss your humor and seeing you at the old store in Rochester. R.I.P. cousin. My condolences to all the family.
Sandi Whitehouse.

Sandira Whitehouse - September 09, 2023 at 04:40 PM

GA

“ john you have made a lot of people happy thru the years. theres is no better gift to bring to people. God will bring you to HEAVEN .
Gary

gary - September 09, 2023 at 02:23 PM

PJ

“ I first met John in 1979 when I moved to Hampton. We were on the same softball team, Jerry's Restaurant.
Sometimes when won a game he would open up the Honey Bee in Hampton and offer up a double dip chocolate donut!
Any time I would see John he would always greet with a smile, whether it was his Restaurant in Amesbury, the store in North Hampton, or in the parking lot at Lagos icecream.
We would see each other at PCC and have had the pleasure of playing golf with his son Trevor.
We will miss you John!

Paul & Carol James - September 08, 2023 at 11:24 AM

BS

“ I met John about 30 years ago as a patron of his store NHG, from there my memories include his smile and hello's - a stray cat I brought home from the parking lot, my niece, Rose, working there for years and making by parents groupies of the pot pies and newspapers - and a big hug from John one of the last times he was there. I feel his loss in my heart and I hope he is golfing in heaven his tee time is open.

Brenda Lou Schultz - September 07, 2023 at 10:21 AM

BC

“ Cat (bob c) John was one of my best friends through grammar school, high school, college and later along with Ed Murphy. We were the three amigos that lived life hard. He will be surly missed and rest in piece John i'm so sorry it had to end this way

Bob carrier - September 06, 2023 at 04:14 PM

PP

“ I have so many great memories of friendship with John both in our collegiate years and as business partners. I have lost my oldest and dearest friend. Rest in peace my friend.

Patrick Phelan - September 06, 2023 at 11:22 AM



“ So many good years and memories of times at the store and on the golf course. NHGS was the start of my day for years and he was the captain. Great guy! Rest in peace Johnny. Thanks for the memories.



Stephen Bottomley - September 06, 2023 at 06:32 AM

DM

“ Donna Meyer-Miller lit a candle in memory of John J. Abbott



Donna Meyer-Miller - September 05, 2023 at 03:59 PM

DM

Wonderful Wonderful Man!!! He will be missed by so many! Trev please hold on to the wonderful, wonderful memories and the so many laughs you both shared and may you find comfort in them all to help you through this. God Bless you and your wife.

Donna Meyer-Miller - September 05, 2023 at 04:05 PM

DF

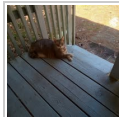
“ John boy you will be in my heart and memory bank forever, RIP “JA”
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Dave Greitzer & family - September 05, 2023 at 03:45 PM

DM

Amen to that Dave!!!!!!!!!!!!

Donna Meyer-Miller - September 05, 2023 at 03:59 PM



john i was so blessed to have had you as a boss and friend so many memories my time working at NH grocery with you have been shared with fun and love RIP John

Lisa Grenier - September 14, 2023 at 02:18 PM