

Raymond Abbott

February 14, 2025

Raymond M. Abbott, Jr., age 67 of Demarest (formerly of Tenafly) passed away the morning of Friday, February 14th, 2025. He was the beloved husband of Patricia Abbott, father to Ryan Abbott (wife Gina) and Amanda Holsten (husband Eric). He is survived by his siblings, Kenneth Abbott, William Brian Abbott, Nancy Abbott, his father-in-law Sal Rizzo, brother-in-law Joseph Rizzo (wife Elaine), and his niece and nephews- Sean Abbott, Michael Abbott, Jessi Van Buren, and Michael Rizzo. He was predeceased by his parents, Raymond Milton Abbott, Sr. and Kathleen Burk.

At Tenafly High School, Ray was first introduced to stunts by his gym teacher and stuntman, A.J. Bakunas. Being a stuntman soon became his dream- a dream he worked towards for many years despite being told once in a letter from legend Hal Needham, “that there is nobody who can be a Hollywood stuntman and live in New Jersey.” While Ray might not have become a “Hollywood” stuntman - he established himself as a New York stuntman, earning over 60 credits throughout his career. Ray was known by all to be a jokester, prankster, and an excellent story-teller; he was a natural comedian who above all wanted to make people laugh.

With his father, grandfather, and brother Ken - Abbott & Son/Abbott Brothers Painting - he worked throughout Tenafly and the Northern Valley beautifying homes and businesses alike.

Ray was a proud member of SAG/AFTRA, Tenafly Elks Lodge 2271, and US Coast Guard Auxiliary 1-SR Flotilla 10-04 Grassy Point. Former driver for the Demarest Volunteer Ambulance Corps, member of Demarest's Community Emergency Response Team (CERT), and former Wish Parent (Wish Granter) with the Make-A-Wish Foundation.

The Abbott Family extends their sincerest thanks to the Demarest Police Department, Demarest Volunteer Ambulance Corps, and the Emergency Department staff at Englewood Hospital for their kindness, gentle support, and tireless efforts to help Ray in his last moments.

Funeral mass to be held at 10:00 am on Saturday February 22 at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church in Tenafly, NJ (10 County Road). In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to the Make-A-Wish Foundation, New Jersey Chapter.

Make-A-Wish

Samuel & Josephine Plumeri Wishing Place

1384 Perrineville Road

Monroe Township, NJ 08831

<https://wish.org/nj>

Previous Events

Funeral Mass

FEB **22**. 10:00 AM (ET)

Our Lady of Mount Carmel Roman Catholic Church
10 County Rd
Tenafly, NJ 07670-2105
(201) 568-0545

Tribute Wall

KL

“ *Sending Light and Prayers to the Abbot Family. Ray and I were Co Workers. He would also visit with my Dad and I on Martha's Vineyard every summer when there. Ray will truly be missed and Forever in my Heart.*

Kym Washingtín Longino - May 16, 2025 at 12:54 PM

SS

“ *Sean Skyhawk lit a candle in memory of Raymond Abbott*



Sean Skyhawk - February 22, 2025 at 11:00 AM

JB

“ *Ray was someone who always watched out for for me, matter of fact all his siblings did too.
We would play football in his parents front yard, he put a helmet on, aimed me at Kenny and shoved me through.
Of course I was to small and Ken was to big and I wound up with a black eye
Then there were the times he would threaten to turn me "into cookie snack"
Good times withe a great friend.*

Jim"Jimbob" Blackwell - February 21, 2025 at 08:09 AM

LH

“ *Larry Horton lit a candle in memory of Raymond Abbott*



Larry Horton - February 20, 2025 at 12:05 PM

MQ

“ *Maureen Quinn lit a candle in memory of Raymond Abbott*



Maureen Quinn - February 19, 2025 at 01:55 PM

AN

“ *1 file added to the tribute wall*



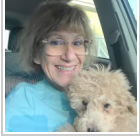
Andy - February 19, 2025 at 12:13 PM

MQ

“ *Maureen Quinn lit a candle in memory of Raymond Abbott*



Maureen Quinn - February 18, 2025 at 09:06 AM



“ *In high school Ray saw me skid and launch my car onto the front yard of Quirk Funeral Home. He ran over and pulled me out of the car, which I then refused to drive. He called for help and came with me while police drove the car and me home. He was always a friend and classmate, always friendly and funny. We laughed about many things over the years. I always watched his stunts on Letterman and loved hearing his stories. Deepest condolences to all family and friends. I am shocked and will miss seeing Ray on Facebook. Rest in peace dear friend. I was blessed to have known you. ❤️🙏🌈*

Nina Cannon - February 18, 2025 at 08:01 AM

JR

“ *Ray's parents, Ray Sr. and Cathy were great friends of my parents, John and Ramona Romano. They vacationed together, and we spent quite a bit of time with the families. Ray, Ken, Brian & Nancy were like cousins and there were many gatherings. Ray was my closest age and we became good friends during this time. When I returned to Tenafly in the mid 70's, Ray was quick to re-friend me and we connected through music and motorcycles. He was always supportive and comedic during our late teens and always had a positive, upbeat approach to life. I will miss his support and encouragement. God Speed my friend.*

John Romano - February 17, 2025 at 06:35 PM

JO

“ *Joanne lit a candle in memory of Raymond Abbott*



Joanne - February 16, 2025 at 08:15 PM

NA

“ I count having you as my big brother one of my life’s greatest blessings. Your kindness, empathy, adventurous and happy spirit, sage advice, and, of course, your humor are just a few of the many wonderful things about you I will miss most. Rest in sweet peace Ray Ray — forever in my heart. XOXO Nance



Nancy - February 16, 2025 at 02:24 PM

JP

“ I am so sorry to hear this sad news. My prayers and condolences are with you all. 🙏



Joanne Pianghi - February 16, 2025 at 12:47 PM

JP

“ To my older brother and the family that took care of me as young kid. Gave me a seat at the dinner table and let me into their home. May Ray rest in peace . Love Joey Pomerantz



joseph Pomerantz - February 15, 2025 at 03:36 PM