



Mr. William "Bill" Abbott

April 7, 1956 - September 16, 2025

William Richard Abbott "Bill" of Pittsfield, Massachusetts, passed away on Tuesday, September 16, 2025, at Kimball Farms in Lenox, Massachusetts. Bill was born on April 7, 1956, in Norwalk, Ohio where he spent his early childhood. In the early 1960s his family moved to Williamsburg, Virginia and he later lived in Charlottesville, Virginia. For the past 25 years Bill made his home in Pittsfield, Massachusetts with his life partner and the love of his life, Anne Lucy.

An excellent athlete throughout much of his life, Bill loved spending time watching sports especially University of Virginia athletics. He took great joy in discussing and analyzing the Cavaliers with family and friends, a connection that kept him close to his Charlottesville roots.

A gifted and self-taught chef, Bill had a distinguished career in the food service and hospitality industry. For 11 years, he served as executive chef and co-owner of The Ivy Inn Restaurant in Charlottesville, one of the region's premiere dining establishments. He later became Executive Chef at Hillcrest Commons in Pittsfield, where he worked for 25 years before retiring in 2018.

Bill was deeply respected and beloved by both staff and residents.

Bill is survived by partner Anne Lucy of Pittsfield, his sisters Susan Neuhauser of Charlottesville, Virginia and Linda Davis of Crozet, Virginia. He was predeceased by father, Clark Abbott and mother, Jean Abbott, his brothers James Abbott and Tim Abbott, and his sister Martha Whitlow.

A celebration honoring Bill's life will be announced on a later date. In honor of

Bill's love of all animals, and specifically his dogs Oliver and Bentley, donations may be made to the Berkshire Humane Society at www.berkshirehumane.org.

Tribute Wall

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“ To Bill's Family, Bill and I spent many special times together. Assisting him as a weekend dishwasher at the Ivy Inn, playing basketball with him in the back, traveling to the Rivah and taking the Hobie Cat to Tampa Florida on a road trip for a week in Bill' pickup truck. He was one of my very best friends and his Family made me feel like I was one of them. We shared a Caribbean Cruise and I had the pleasure of having Bill join me in Florida as one of my Groomsmen in my wedding.
May your Fond Memories of Bill carry each of You through this difficult time.
Bryan Thomas

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