



David Lawrence Abbiati

May 11, 1943 - November 11, 2019

GORHAM-- David Lawrence Abbiati, 76, of Gorham, Maine, died with his wife Thea by his side, after a long and difficult journey with cancer. Dave was a generous, loyal, and intellectually curious man, a trait that he passed on to his kids and grandkids.

Dave was born in Boston in 1943 to Ebe and Lawrence Abbiati and lived in the Boston area and Falmouth, ME as a child. He had warm memories of summers spent in Barre, VT with his maternal grandmother and aunt and many other caring, older women all of whom he called Nonna, grandmother in Italian.

Dave received a BA from Bowdoin College, an MS from the University of Maine, and a PhD from the University of Connecticut. He worked as a chemistry teacher at Falmouth High School, a human resources director for several companies, and later as an HR consultant. Dave earned a pilot's license as a young man and had a passion for flying, most recently with the Bald Eagle Flying Club. Singing was also a big part of his life. Dave sang with the Choral Arts Society as well as with the St. Alban's choir in Cape Elizabeth. He and Ruth Abbiati were married for 45 years until she died in 2012. They raised their sons Joe and Tony in Westbrook, ME. While Dave said that teaching them to catch a ball or keep pet snakes was fun, the time spent looking at a bit of the yard or beach to identify something different was the most rewarding. He felt it was an honor and pleasure to watch Joe and Tony grow into two fine men. Joe lives in Lebanon, ME and has two sons himself, Tony and Larry. Tony lives in Newton, MA with his wife Alicia and three children — Masie, Bria, and Gavin.

Seven years ago, Dave reconnected with Thea Darrah, whom he had dated at U Maine Orono. They married in 2014 and went on adventures together to Italy, Iceland, and Hungary. Thea was Dave's fiercely dedicated caretaker in the last challenging year. The love that they had for each other was enviable and obvious to anyone who saw them together.

A celebration of Dave's life will be held on Friday, November 22nd at 11:00am at St. Alban's Episcopal Church in Cape Elizabeth. Donations may be made to St. Alban's (stalbans@stalbansmaine.org) or to Preble Street (www.preblestreet.org), which works towards creating solutions for homelessness, hunger, and poverty. Arrangements are in the care of the Gorham Chapel of Dolby Blais & Segee, 76 State Street, Gorham, ME

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Events

NOV **Celebration of Life** 11:00AM
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St. Alban's Episcopal Church
885 Shore Rd., Cape Elizabeth, ME, US, 04107

Comments



“ Dave,

For the second time this year, words fail me. So much to say, so inadequately equipped to do so.

I have always been impressed by your love and dedication to family, strength in adversity, humor, and drive to always do things the right way.

Forever humbled you considered me as family, forever grateful by your thoughtfulness, forever Blessed by your friendship.

Larry

Larry Worster - November 22 at 12:06 AM



“ Written in the Stars was purchased for the family of David Lawrence Abbiati.



November 21 at 05:45 PM



“ Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of David Lawrence Abbiati.



November 21 at 12:36 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of David Lawrence Abbiati.



November 18 at 10:52 PM



“ SCS Financial purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of David Lawrence Abbiati.



SCS Financial - November 18 at 02:53 PM



“ Dave, I'll miss you a great deal. The comfort you have provided to me over the years during difficult times in my life will never be forgotten. We will sorely miss your presence at Holidays and other family gatherings as well as in our daily lives. Heaven has gained a wonderful addition.

Your flying higher now than you have ever flown.

Jim

Jim Moir - November 18 at 01:24 PM



“ Dear Tony, Joe, and Thea,

My deepest condolences upon the loss of your dad and husband. I have very fond memories of my time spent with Dave. He was generous, warm, marvelously intelligent, and possessed of a great sense of humor. Your great loss is a great loss for all who value the impact on the world of such a remarkable man.

Steve Romanoff - November 17 at 06:04 PM



“ Dave, you taught us the joy of living even though there were I Speed Bumps Of health issues. Sing on, dear friend!

Love,

Mary, Rod, and Raven Lancey

mary Lancey - November 17 at 01:48 PM



“ Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of David Lawrence Abbiati.



November 16 at 12:29 PM