



Towne Robert Abercrombie

January 26, 1942 - July 3, 2025

Towne Robert Abercrombie, 83, of Toledo, Ohio, passed away peacefully on July 3, 2025.

Born in Zanesville, Ohio, and raised in Cincinnati, Bob led a life marked by dedication, craftsmanship, and spirited enthusiasm for the things - and people - he loved most.

A proud veteran, Bob served in the United States Coast Guard from 1960 to 1964, stationed aboard the USS Tupelo on the Great Lakes and trained as an electrician - skills he later brought to bear in a long and respected career as Manager of Central Maintenance at Chrysler (Jeep), where he worked for over 20 years and where he retired from at the age of 58.

Bob was a passionate collector and restorer of classic cars, antique furniture and vintage jukeboxes, and a founding member of the "Oak Park Gang," a classic car club whose members were not only fellow enthusiasts, but lifelong friends. His garage was often as full of laughter as it was chrome.

He was also a member of Providence Lutheran Church in Holland, Ohio.

Bob was predeceased by his beloved wife of 49 years, Carole; as well as his parents, Gene (Helen) Abercrombie; brother, Doug Abercrombie; and

granddaughter, Rebecca Towne Abercrombie. He is survived by his son, Gene (Jean) Abercrombie; grandchildren, Joshua and Sydney Abercrombie; brother, R. Thomas (Kristine) Abercrombie; numerous nieces and nephews; and his devoted partner, Arlene Wines, with whom he shared nearly 15 joyful years.

A graveside service will be held at Springfield Township Cemetery on Monday, July 21, 2025 at noon.

In lieu of flowers, the family encourages memorial contributions to be made to Sunshine Communities (<https://www.sunshine.org/donate/memorial-or-honorarium>) or to a charity of the donor's choice.

Bob's life was one of character, care, and joy - and he will be remembered every time an engine turns over, a jukebox plays, or a friend tells a story that begins, "Remember when Bob..."

Cemetery Details

Springfield Township Cemetery

7620 Airport Highway
Holland, OH 43528

Previous Events

Graveside Service

JUL 21. 12:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

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“ I have so many memories with my uncle Bob he was truly a amazing man with a heart as big as Texas!!! I use to love going over there and he would cook us up some good food in the pole barn kitchen and have the juke box playing! I would love to walk and look at all his old cars. I'm gonna miss him so much rest in Heaven Uncle Bob I always love you with all my heart and soul ❤️ so many memories as kids also ☐💔

Mari Boisselle Woodard - July 09, 2025 at 05:45 PM

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“ I always remembered Bob's generosity as he encouraged me to stay over at this house whenever I played up there with the Johnny Knorr band. He donated a juke box to Dorothy Love Retirement Community in Sidney and the residents loved using it. He always had dinners for friends at his club house out back and he was a good chef. RIP brother Bob, we will miss you.

Thomas W. Billing - July 09, 2025 at 12:10 PM