



## David J. Abrams

April 28, 1958 - July 25, 2015

David J. Abrams, 57 of New Street, Amsterdam died unexpectedly Saturday morning July 25, 2015 at home.

He was born in Amsterdam on April 28, 1958 a son of the late John and Patricia Weaver Abrams and was a 1977 graduate of Galway High School. Dave attended FMCC and was a lifelong area resident.

He owned and operated Dave's Tavern in Galway for twenty five years. During this time, Dave sponsored several sports teams and was a quiet driving force behind numerous charitable causes. He enjoyed the camaraderie and companionship of the local patrons, and always made them feel like part of his family. Dave cared deeply about his family and his community, and was always ready to lend a hand.

At the time of his death, Mr. Abrams was employed as a Teacher's Assistant at the Broadalbin-Perth School District. He enjoyed working with students and always tried to encourage and support them. Dave established the travel basketball for the district and also coached several soccer, basketball, and baseball teams with the Youth Commission. Dave was a dedicated Boston Red Sox fan and enjoyed sports and music. His greatest delight was spending time with family and friends, living quietly with no fanfare, yet providing strength and protection for those he loved.

Survivors include his loving wife, the former Helen M. Hoffman, whom he married on May 5, 1984; two sons, David R. Abrams, Sr. of Broadalbin and Michael J. Abrams of Amsterdam; two brothers, Thomas Abrams of Yonkers and William Abrams of Murfreesboro, TN; two sisters, Carrie Jones of Gloversville and Theresa Porcello of Hagaman; and two grandchildren, Kaydence Miles and David R. Abrams, Jr..

Cremation was performed at Park View Crematorium, Schenectady. Calling hours will be held on Thursday from 4 -7 at the Robert M. Halgas Funeral Home, Inc. 111 County Highway 106 (Corner of Route 29 & Black Street) Johnstown. A memorial service will be held on Friday at 10 am at the funeral home with Linda Eastman, trustee of the Hemlock Independent Gospel Church. Final burial will take place at St. Mary's Cemetery, Galway. Memorial contributions may be made to the Sports Booster Club at Broadalbin-Perth, in care of the funeral home.

# Cemetery Details

## St. Mary's Cemetery

Galway, NY

# Previous Events

## Calling Hours

**JUL 30.** 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Halgas Funeral Home  
111 County Highway 106  
Johnstown, NY 12095  
(518) 883-5323  
debbie@halgasfuneralhome.com  
<https://www.halgasfuneralhome.com/>

## Memorial Service

**JUL 31.** 10:00 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

DL

“ *Helen our condolences with you and your kids . your in our prayers don loveless and kids.*

donald loveless - July 31, 2015 at 10:11 AM

JI

“ *Michael and David,*

*Your dad and I often spoke about our families and he told me many times that he was so very proud of all that you have become. Speaking with both of you tonight clarified that for me. I will keep you in my thoughts and prayers.*

*Jed Ingersoll*

jed ingersoll - July 30, 2015 at 09:10 PM

MD

“ *Marcia Donohue lit a candle in memory of David J. Abrams*



marcia donohue - July 30, 2015 at 01:09 PM

MD

*You were a great, kind, wonderful loving man and you will be greatly missed by us all ! Prayers and peace to your family thru this most difficult time and may God bless you all always and forever !*

marcia donohue - July 30, 2015 at 01:11 PM

MM

“ *So shocking and so very sad ! Our long time memories of Dave's place, Mitch Frazier, Val Gray, all the good times, laughter, endless pool games, friends, family, the best of times all do to a very special person and the party's and games down below with the all day events were life time special memories we will never forget. You were an amazing person, the greatest friend, the kindest soul, and you will be dearly missed ! May God bless your wife Helen and children and family through this most difficult time, always, and forever, With our deepest sympathy, Marcia Donohue-McCoy and family*

marcia mccoy - July 30, 2015 at 08:30 AM

SN

“ THERESA AND CARRIE, SORRY ABOUT THE LOSS OF YOUR BROTHER. HE WAS A VERY GOOD MAN

Steve Nichols - July 30, 2015 at 05:58 AM



“ Dish Garden with Fresh Cut Flowers was purchased for the family of David J. Abrams.



July 29, 2015 at 04:39 PM

TF

“ Tom Burton and family purchased the Peace, Prayers & Blessings - Blue and White for the family of David J. Abrams.



Tom Burton and family - July 29, 2015 at 10:46 AM

NB

“ My condolences mat he rest in peace.

Norma Barrett



Norma Barrett - July 28, 2015 at 07:01 PM

LW

“ RIP Mr. Abrams  
The Broadalbin-Perth Central School District will truly never be the same without you! Keep rocking up in heaven!



Lisa Walendziak - July 28, 2015 at 04:24 PM

JB

“ I would like to express my condolences to Helen and his family. I'm saddened at your loss and pray that you are given strength throughout this time of mourning his loss. Sincerely,  
James J. Bolduc

James J. Bolduc - July 28, 2015 at 12:00 PM

RK

“ Rick & Rose Kenyon lit a candle in memory of David J. Abrams



Rick & Rose Kenyon - July 28, 2015 at 11:08 AM

SP

“ Helen, you are in my thoughts and prayers. I remember Dave as a loving, fun and caring person. My memories of Dave are from High School. He always brought laughter and joy to the classroom. Keep his memories forever in your mind and heart and you will feel him with you at all times.

Sandie Paul



Sandie Paul - July 28, 2015 at 10:10 AM

 Beth Clink

“ Beth Clink lit a candle in memory of David J. Abrams



Beth Clink - July 28, 2015 at 09:55 AM

KW

“ Kathi W. purchased a sympathy card for the family of David J. Abrams.



Kathi W. - July 28, 2015 at 08:25 AM

HA

“ 1 file added to the album *In memory of Dave from your loving family*



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**Helen Abrams** - July 28, 2015 at 06:17 AM

AL

“ *Helen and family, I was so shocked to hear this news, and am so sorry for your loss. I met Dave in College, he, and friend, Don would always be there when we played anywhere, I remember he particularly loved our UFO stuff. I had just been talking to him about an ELJER BAND Reunion, he wanted to be a big part of it, unfortunately it could not happen.. He had me come down and play solo at Dave's Place. He always had a smile on his face, and that's how I will always remember him. We had a ball together. Adrian Lizotte/Eljer Band.*

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**Adrian Lizotte** - July 27, 2015 at 11:06 PM

LS

“ *RIP Dave!*  
*To the family- I'm so sorry for your loss. As you know he was a great guy! I have many fond memories of Dave and Dave's Place late 80's early 90's. My corner seat (under the TV), softball team scorekeeping, watching Days of Our Lives with the laid off construction guys (I won't list names- they know who they are) Toga parties, Mitch night, just to list a few.*  
*Remember Dave and smile*

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**LeeAnn (Hicks) Salisbury** - July 27, 2015 at 09:33 PM

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**Helen Abrams** - July 27, 2015 at 08:33 PM

PR

“ He was a great guy had him in high school don't think he ever had a frown on his face. God bless the family.



Pam Russell - July 27, 2015 at 07:45 PM



“ He always made my mornings better with his jokes. And he made me feel welcome and at home when I started my 1st and last year at broadalbin. Thank you so much for being there. You are truly missed. R.I.P



Lauren Wilsey - July 27, 2015 at 07:20 PM



“ So sorry to hear this news. Dave always had the greatest smile and I loved seeing him when I went back to Broadalbin to visit. From the memories shared here, he certainly made a difference in the student's lives too. My sincere condolences.

*Kelly (Gaydusek) Prendergast*

Kelly Prendergast - July 27, 2015 at 06:42 PM

LS

“ Rest In Peace to a great Person , Thanking you for all you have contributed .

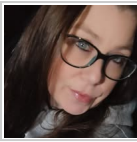
Lorie Sherman - July 27, 2015 at 06:39 PM

TM

“ Tami Montgomery lit a candle in memory of David J. Abrams



Tami Montgomery - July 27, 2015 at 05:29 PM



“ *I love how Mr. A would give me high fives in the hall on my way to my next class !  
And always told me to keep my head held high and i can do this ... and i did!  
Gonna miss u lots! <3*

Tammi Kane - July 27, 2015 at 04:20 PM



“ *Always remember him in the halls. Always have a smile on  
his face! Will definitely miss him!*



Theresa Marie Sultan - July 27, 2015 at 02:15 PM

BB

“ *Bryan Baia purchased the Healing Tears - All White for the  
family of David J. Abrams.*



Bryan Baia - July 27, 2015 at 11:30 AM



“ *Carrie Jones lit a candle in memory of David J. Abrams*



Carrie Jones - July 27, 2015 at 11:19 AM

WM

*Carrie, so sorry for your loss. Prayers being sent your way! Wanita & Marty!*

Wanita Gasner-Foley & Marty - July 27, 2015 at 03:15 PM

TF

“ *The Rigo Family purchased the Healing Tears - Blue and White  
for the family of David J. Abrams.*




The Rigo Family - July 27, 2015 at 10:10 AM

HA

“ From one sports fan to another. From a Yankee to a Red Sox. You were a champion in Fantasy FB and BB, but most of all in life. To quote a famous line from a movie " A heart is not judged by how much you love but how much you are loved by others!" You were certainly loved by many! Condolences to your family.  
Harrie

Harrie - July 27, 2015 at 09:56 AM

 Michelle Lynch

“ David Abrams was a family friend and also a great person! I had a lot of issues in high school and he would always tell me "if anyone ever causes you problems just come to me." He always was looking out for me and I will always be thankful! He will be missed.

Michelle Lynch - July 27, 2015 at 09:48 AM

LL

“ My prayers go out to Dave and his family. May he rest in peace  
Laurie Leahey Strikeforce Security at SPAC



Laurie Leahey - July 27, 2015 at 09:07 AM

S(

“ Sarah Kruger (ahrens) lit a candle in memory of David J. Abrams



sarah kruger (ahrens) - July 27, 2015 at 07:32 AM

BB

“ Prayers and fond memories are what we have to remember our dearly departed. May the love of family and friends comfort you during these difficult days, our/my most heartfelt condolences.

Brenda Bartholoma - July 27, 2015 at 07:02 AM

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DO

*You both look so happy here. May the Memories of your Happy times together help you and your family through this difficult time. My thoughts and prayers are with you all. Deb Oare*

Deb Oare - July 28, 2015 at 09:36 AM

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**Helen Abrams** - July 27, 2015 at 06:49 AM