



## John R. Abbate

December 23, 1938 - November 22, 2025

John R. Abbate of Willcox, AZ passed away Saturday afternoon, November 22, 2025, at the age of 86.

John was born December 23, 1938, in Chicago, Illinois, to Joseph Abbate & Olga Lang.

John was in the Army as a Specialist Fourth Class

from 1955-1958 when he was Honorable Released from Active Duty

On August 14, 1974, in Chicago He married his wife Marie Abbate (Werner)

He has lived in Arizona for over 47 years. He was retired, prior to his retirement he worked for the City of Willcox—Public Works Department He also volunteered and has umpired softball games, has done security at the festivities at Rex Allen Days, was very active in bowling tournaments and had participated in the Apple Festival for many years for the homemade crafts he has built in his garage.

His daughter's Lisa Smith (Mark) of Tucson, Michelle Ray (Kevin) of Chicago, and Nicole Farrell of Payson. His grandson Jonathan Abbate of Willcox and his grandchildren Jessica Jotzat, Marc Jotzat and Brandi Smith, survived him, along with various family members.

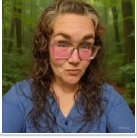
Memorial services will be held later in 2026

# Tribute Wall

LB

“ *My neighbor and a special friend. I remember him at all my boys baseball games when they were growing up!* ”

LaDonna Burgess - November 26, 2025 at 06:14 PM



“ *Kimberly Alford lit a candle in memory of John Abbate* ”



Kimberly Alford - November 26, 2025 at 12:44 PM

SA

“ *Susan Arbuthnot lit a candle in memory of John Abbate* ”



Susan Arbuthnot - November 26, 2025 at 12:44 PM

SB

“ *I'm so sorry to hear this. Our families had so many memories together. Prayers for the family during this difficult.  
\*I can see them all bowling in heaven\** ”

Sherry Beeson - November 26, 2025 at 11:47 AM

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“ *I'm so sorry to hear this. Our family has so many memories with John and Mickie. Prayers to the family for peace during this difficult time.  
\*I can see them all bowling in heaven\** ”

Sherry Beeson - November 26, 2025 at 11:44 AM

DR

“ *Denise & Gary Runyon lit a candle in memory of John Abbate*



**Denise & Gary Runyon** - November 24, 2025 at 06:48 PM

CR

“ *Christine Ramos lit a candle in memory of John Abbate*



**Christine Ramos** - November 24, 2025 at 03:14 PM



“ *Betsy Ajeman lit a candle in memory of John Abbate*



**Betsy Ajeman** - November 24, 2025 at 12:09 PM

KT

“ *Kathy Thatcher lit a candle in memory of John Abbate*



**Kathy Thatcher** - November 23, 2025 at 09:24 PM