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Obituary

Ralph Lewis Abelow, 68, of Frederick, passed away at his home surrounded by his family and friends on Thursday, April 6, 2017 from MS. Ralph was a unique and caring individual who touched the lives of all who knew him. Ralph was the loving husband of Christine, his wife of 15 years and understood he was twice blessed with the loving support of Christine and his mother Paula. Ralph was born January 20, 1949 in Manhattan to Paula Brunner Abelow and the late Ira Abelow. He was one of the first graduates from Thomas Johnson High School in 1967, then attended Western State Colorado University in Gunnison, Colorado where he earned a Bachelor's Degree in Economics. Ralph's 36 plus years as the owner of Carpets Unlimited/Abbey Carpet in Frederick and Hagerstown gave thousands of people the opportunity to enjoy Ralph's uniquely outgoing personality. Prior to his illness, he was a member of the Carroll Creek Rotary Club, Business Network International, Mid Atlantic Floor Covering Association, Frederick County Homebuilders Association, and several County Homeowner Associations. In his spare time Ralph was a competitive triathlete who loved to be outdoors hiking, fishing, gardening, and skiing. He loved to dance, cook and listen to classical music. He also enjoyed spending time at home playing with his two dogs. In addition to his mother Paula and wife Christine, he is survived by his proudest accomplishments, children; Joshua Abelow and Elizabeth "Tisch" Abelow. Additionally he is survived by his Brother; Eugene Abelow. And numerous nieces, nephews, cousins and friends. In addition to his father he was preceded in death by brothers; Jonathan Abelow and Evan Abelow. A graveside service will be held on Thursday, April 13th at 1 pm in the Garden of Solomon at Resthaven Memorial Gardens, 9501 Catocin Mountain Highway, Frederick. In lieu of flowers donations can be made to the MS Society (www.nationalmssociety.org) or Hospice of Frederick County



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(www.hospiceoffrederick.org). To sign the online guestbook, leave condolences, and to check on the arrangements go to www.resthaven.us. Service Resthaven Memorial Gardens-Graveside 9501 Catocin Mtn Hwy Frederick, MD 21701 Thursday, April 13, 2017 1:00 PM - 1:45 PM Solomon Resthaven Memorial Gardens 9501 Catocin Mtn Hwy Frederick, MD 21701 Thursday, April 13, 2017 1:30 PM - 1:45 PM

To send flowers to the family, please visit our floral store.



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CC

Christina J. Custer posted:

I met Ralph when I babysat Josh when he was a toddler. Through the years, our paths crossed every so often... when my rental needs required carpet and at Griff's Landing where I worked. It wasn't often, but Ralph always had a smile and hello for me. My sympathies to the family.

April 13 at 8:00 PM

TL

Thomas Lansing posted:

To Christine and the Abelow family: I will always remember the wonderful time I had with Ralph over the past 20 years. Ralph started off as a client but very quickly became a very good friend of mine. We shared many fond memories over the years, worked hard and played hard. The past few years have been difficult for everyone involved and Christine, who he cherished, was always patiently there for him. I will miss him greatly Tom Lansing

April 12 at 8:00 PM

DC

Dorothy Cramer posted:

Christine, I am deeply sorry for your loss. Ralph was kind, funny, and a truly special person. My thoughts and prayers are with you.

April 11 at 8:00 PM

FW

Frank Wastler posted:

Sorry for your loss Josh & Family. I always enjoyed talking to Ralph when he came into the Barber Shop. He always kept me informed on what you were up to and it was obvious he was extremely proud. -Frank Wastler

April 10 at 8:00 PM

EC

Erin Andersen Clark posted:

We appreciate Ralph's great example and work ethic. He will be greatly missed. Our love is with Christine--we support you. Be comforted knowing how much you did for Ralph and how much you mean to him.

April 10 at 8:00 PM



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MR

Mary Reeves posted:

So sorry for your loss, Josh, Trish and family. My thoughts and prayers are with you. Mary Aylor Reeves

April 10 at 8:00 PM

GP

Gayle Petersen posted:

To the Abelow family, so sorry for your loss. We had great respect for Ralph in his business dealings. He will be missed. David & Gayle Petersen, Petersen's Carpet & Flooring

April 10 at 8:00 PM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Ralph by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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