



Robert Otey Abshire

December 31, 1939 - July 29, 2024

Robert Otey Abshire, age 84, of Cottontown, passed away Monday, July 29, 2024 at his home surrounded by his loving family. Funeral services will be conducted at 12pm Saturday, August 3rd at The Church at Grace Park, with Pastor Tim Abshire and Pastor Eddie Hodges officiating. Burial will follow in White House Memorial Gardens with Chris Abshire, Tim Abshire, Matt Tucker, Roger DeSheles, Sam Abshire, and Grant Anderson serving as pallbearers. Honorary pallbearer will be Ron Ballard.

The family will receive friends from 4-8pm Friday at the Austin & Bell Funeral Home in White House, and again from 10am until time of the service at 12pm Saturday, at the church.

Mr. Abshire was born December 31, 1939 in Franklin County, VA, the 4th of 9 children to the late James Willie Abshire and Reva Wright Abshire. He was a U.S. Army veteran, having served almost 3 years in Germany where he was a tank driver and on the rifle marksmanship team. Mr. Abshire lived in Roanoke County, VA where in 1971 he wrote and performed the original song "Virginia Is For Lovers". Today a copy of the record is in the Smithsonian National Museum of American History in Washington DC.

Bob moved to Nashville in 1973 signing a songwriting contract with Screen Gems Columbia Music, Inc., having songs recorded by George Jones, Johnny

Tillotson, Roy Head, and the McPeak Brothers. He recorded and sang a song in the movie "China Syndrome" and "Police Story".

He loved his family and grandchildren, always making sure he always had candy bars and Hershey's Kisses (which his grandchildren called "One Mores") for them. All chocolate of course. Bob loved to travel, and he looked forward to going on a yearly vacation with his sister, Bonnie and her husband Ron. Ron and Bob sitting on the balcony at the beach with binoculars watching the "ships" come in.

In addition to his parents, Mr. Abshire was preceded in death by 2 of his grandchildren, Gracie and Jonathan; and brothers, Herbert, Curt and Jim Abshire.

He is survived by his wife of 59 years, Daris Abshire; sons, Chris Abshire, and Tim (Tammy) Abshire; daughter, Terina "Tee" (Roger) DeSheles; 9 grandchildren, Christopher, Jeremy, Magan, Heather, Sam, Ciah, Kayla, Keylee, and Tess; 10 great grandchildren; brother, Jack Abshire; and sisters, Josie Shockley, Dorothy Shockley, Joyce Akers, and Bonnie (Ron) Ballard.

Austin & Bell Funeral Home in White House is in charge of these arrangements.

AUSTIN & BELL FUNERAL HOME-
533 HIGHWAY 76 E, WHITE HOUSE, TN (615) 672-5000

Cemetery Details

White House Memorial Gardens

3629 Hwy 31 W
White House, TN 37188

Previous Events

Visitation

AUG 2. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Austin & Bell Funeral Home White House
533 TN-76
White House, TN 37188
(615) 672-5000
<https://austinandbell.com>

Visitation

AUG 3. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

The Church at Grace Park
506 Hester Dr
White House, TN 37188

Funeral Service

AUG 3. 12:00 PM (CT)

The Church at Grace Park
506 Hester Dr
White House, TN 37188

Tribute Wall

TF

“ We are so sorry to hear about Robert's passing. You are all in our thoughts and prayers.

The Anderson Family - August 03, 2024 at 04:10 PM

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From the Anderson family

Anderson Family - August 03, 2024 at 04:10 PM



“ Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Robert Otey Abshire.



August 02, 2024 at 01:47 PM

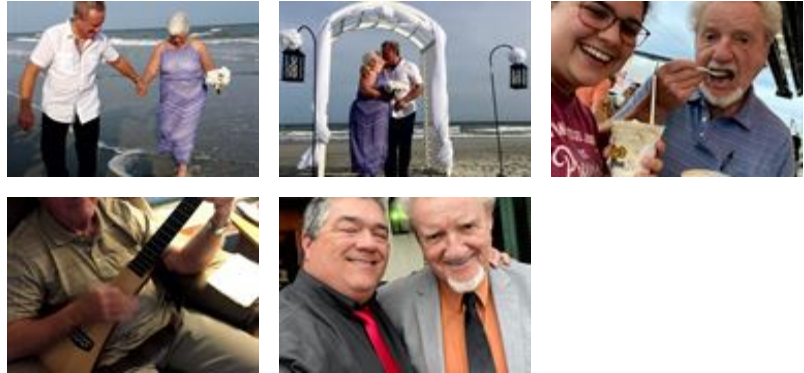
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“ Pastor Tom & Barb Gresham planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Robert Otey Abshire.

Pastor Tom & Barb Gresham - August 02, 2024 at 01:47 PM



“ 126 files added to the album *LifeTributes*



Austin & Bell Funeral Home - August 02, 2024 at 11:02 AM



“ SCRI coworkers purchased the *Enchanted Cottage* for the family of Robert Otey Abshire.



SCRI coworkers - August 02, 2024 at 09:57 AM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet* was purchased for the family of Robert Otey Abshire.



July 31, 2024 at 02:59 PM

BF

“ *Becca Stockton & Family purchased the Sweet Tenderness for the family of Robert Otey Abshire.*



Becca Stockton & Family - July 31, 2024 at 01:47 PM

JC

“ *Jake and Patti Cauley purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Robert Otey Abshire.*



Jake and Patti Cauley - July 31, 2024 at 12:56 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Robert Otey Abshire.*



July 31, 2024 at 12:00 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Robert Otey Abshire.*



July 31, 2024 at 11:25 AM

GF

“ Goldie and family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Robert Otey Abshire.

Goldie and family - July 31, 2024 at 11:25 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Robert Otey Abshire.



July 30, 2024 at 11:56 PM

JO

“ Joan and Ken Owen purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Robert Otey Abshire.



Joan and Ken Owen - July 30, 2024 at 04:26 PM