



## Robert Mitchell Abercrombie Sr.

May 12, 1927 - September 26, 2015

Robert Mitchell Abercrombie, Sr. died peacefully and comfortably in the UAB Palliative Care and Comfort Unit at 1:45 pm on September 26, 2015. He was known as Mr. White to the patrons of his White's Hardware Store, which he opened in 1966. To friends he was Mitch. To family he was Daddy, Dad, and Mick. At his favorite restaurant, The Bright Star, he was known as Mr. Ab where he enjoyed the Saturday Breakfast Club with his friend, Jimmy Koikos and the businessmen of Bessemer. Born in the Wylam community of Birmingham on May 12, 1927, he lived his entire life in Alabama. He graduated from Howard College with a degree in religion and, as an ordained minister, was compassionate to the suffering and a man of great depth. He was shrewd in business, loving to family, honest and very kind. He was a talented storyteller, singer, organist, and writer. He enjoyed the fine things in life: people, good food, wine, conversation, world travel, and beautiful music. He also loved fast cars and fast go-carts. He was often seen giving thrilling rides to customers up and down the streets of Bessemer on his go-carts. He was caring, generous, successful, hardworking, intelligent, talented, kind, gracious, gentlemanly, loving, and wise.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Jesse Edward and Laura Louanne Abercrombie, brothers, Jack Abercrombie, Jimmy Abercrombie, sisters, Drucilla Howard, Farris Gray, Joanne Abercrombie, grandsons, Derrick Mott and Jordan Cline Nelson. He is survived by his wife, Diana Taylor Abercrombie, his sisters, Frances Howard and Barbara Abercrombie, children,

Dawn Russell (Sam), Robert “Mickey” Mitchell Abercrombie, Jr., Keith Abercrombie (Delinda), Carol Abercrombie, and Keri Bush (Duane), stepchildren, Margo Edge (Rick), Stephen L. Nelson (AJ), Bonnie Wilson (Beau), and Landon Taylor Nelson, eleven grandchildren, eight great-grandchildren and numerous beloved nieces and nephews. He was truly a southern, Christian gentleman who leaves behind a great legacy. He lived a beautiful life.

Memorial Gifts may be made to the American Heart Association.

[www.donatenow.heart.org](http://www.donatenow.heart.org)

# Cemetery Details

## Jefferson Memorial Gardens South

2701 John Hawkins Parkway  
Hoover, AL 35244

# Previous Events

## Visitation

SEP **29**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Pleasant Hill United Methodist Church  
4809 Bell Hill Road  
Bessemer, AL 35022

## Funeral Service

SEP **29**. 12:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Robert Mitchell Abercrombie Sr..*



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September 29, 2015 at 09:18 AM



“ *You are all in our thoughts and prayers Shane & Sara(Bush) Roberts Portsmouth, VA*

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**sara roberts** - September 28, 2015 at 04:23 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Robert Mitchell Abercrombie Sr..*



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September 28, 2015 at 02:44 PM