

**Jeffrey A. Abbott**  
November 20, 1960- June 17, 2009



**MALONE — Jeffrey A. Abbott, 48, of 1551 County Route 25, Malone, died suddenly Wednesday, June 17, 2009, in Malone, N.Y.**

**He was born in Ogdensburg, N.Y., Nov. 20, 1960, the son of the late William R. and Mary Ellen (Missert) Abbott.**

**He graduated in 1979 from Franklin Academy in Malone and attended Plattsburgh State University, prior to joining his father at A&M Beverages in Malone. In 1985, he married Janine (nee Johnson) at Notre Dame Church in Malone. In 1990, he succeeded his father as owner/president of A&M Beverages and together with his wife Janine, had continued to build the strong community involvement of this local business.**

**An avid scuba diver and skier, he was captain of his Lake Placid Budweiser Cottage Ski team. His passion was flying, developed over many years with the Malone Flying Club, culminating in his commercial pilot's license. In 2003, he accomplished a long-held ambition, flying solo coast-to-coast across the United States in 13 days.**

**Devoted to friends and family, he was intensely proud of his children, Kimberly and Billy and was their biggest fan, cheerleader and supporter.**

**He is survived by his wife of 23 years, Janine (Johnson) Abbott; his son, William R. Abbott; daughter, Kimberly C. Abbott; mother, Mary Ellen (Missert) Abbott; two sisters, Mrs. Robert (Ellen) Legault of Ottawa, Ontario, and Mrs. David (Patricia) Graham of Mendon, N.Y.; as well as three nieces, Mrs. Robert (Jennifer Legault) Hopkinson, Karen E. Legault, and Erin P. Graham; and uncle, John H. Missert of Ogdensburg, N.Y., and Marco Island, Fla.**

**He was predeceased by his father, William R. Abbott; brother, William K. Abbott Jr.; and a sister, Mary Ann Abbott.**

*“ FOR THOSE OF YOU WHO NEVER MET JEFF I WOULD LIKE YOU TO KNOW THAT SINCE THE 80's HE WAS OUR MOST IMPORTANT BOOSTER.*

*MOREOVER, HE BACKED US UP WHEN NO ONE, AND I MEAN NO ONE ELSE WOULD HAVE ANYTHING TO DO WITH RUGBY.*

*WHEN THE SPORT HAD LESS THAN A STELLAR IMAGE HE PUT HIS MONEY, BUSINESS AND PERSONAL REPUTATION ON THE LINE TO HELP BUILD THE CANAM INTO THE PREMIER EVENT THAT IT IS TODAY.*

*WITHOUT JEFF ABBOTT THE CLUB AND TOURNAMENT MAY HAVE FADED AWAY LIKE SO MANY OTHERS BEFORE IT.*

*HE NEVER PLACED A FOOT ON THE PITCH BUT HE WAS AS MUCH A RUGGER AS ANYONE.*

*REST IN PEACE TO A GREAT MOUNTAINEER.”*

*GODFATHER (Tom Sciacca)*