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**Memorial Services Set for First
AbioCor Totally Implantable Heart Recipient – Robert Tools**

(Louisville, Kentucky) Memorial services to celebrate the life of Robert (Bob) Tools, the world's first AbioCor totally implantable heart recipient have been scheduled. Tools received his new heart at Jewish Hospital on July 2, 2001. He died 151 days later on November 30 at the age of 59.

The first memorial service will be held in Louisville at the Jewish Hospital Rudd Heart and Lung Center, Conference Center, on Friday, December 7 at 3 p.m. (EST). The following day, a memorial service will be held in Mr. Tool's hometown of Franklin, Kentucky. The service will be held at St. Mary of the Woods Catholic Church at 1 p.m. (CST). Both services will be for the family and friends of the Tool's family.

Tools is survived by his wife Carol, a son Carlin Tools, a daughter Chandra Williams, and grandsons Tavaughn and Ahmad Tools.

University of Louisville physicians Laman A. Gray, MD and Rob D. Dowling, MD were deeply saddened by his death, along with the staff at Jewish Hospital. Mr. Tools died due to multi-organ failure that resulted from abdominal bleeding.

Arch L. Heady-Cralle Funeral Home, who has donated their services, will cremate the body. The family has requested that expressions of sympathy take the form of donations to the Robert Tools Benefit Fund at Integra Bank, 303 N. Main Street, Franklin, KY 42134. Words of sympathy may be expressed at www.jewishhospital.org.

Media are welcome to attend the services to express their sympathy, but **cameras will not be permitted at either service**. The physicians and the Tools family will not be available for interviews following the services. They appreciate your continued respect for their privacy.

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