



## Mr. William C. "Bill" Abel

February 12, 1943 - July 28, 2014

Mr. William C. "Bill" Abel, age 71, passed away on Monday, July 28, 2014 in the comfort of his home with his family by his side.

Bill was born in Utica to George and Elizabeth (Lorenz) Abel on February 12, 1943. His school years were spent at Oriskany Central School, where he graduated in 1961. Bill was a proud veteran of the United States Navy stationed in Puerto Rico. Although he was a 100% service-connected Disabled Veteran as a result of injuries sustained in a car accident during his enlistment, this did not hinder him from living a blessed life. At one time, he was married to the former Mary Anne Malinowski and to that relationship came the blessing of their daughter.

Bill was employed by the UNIVAC Corporation as an electrical technician, a position for which his love of math and science prevailed; he retired in 1974 upon the closing of the company. Bill was a fun-loving and adventuresome man especially with his daughter. He was a gentle, kind person who was very creative. Bill was blessed with an intellect that fascinated friends and family, and he always remembered the special occasions of those he held dear. He loved country and gospel music, the songs of his youth, and the fine arts. He was a traveler, ready to go any time, day or night. He liked to tinker, build, and repair cars, and he appreciated a good cup of coffee. He was a member of the Disabled American Veterans (DAV) and a parishioner of First Presbyterian Church.

Bill is survived by his daughter, Nicole "Nikki" Abel and Kevin "Scooter"

DePersis of Peckville, PA. He will be lovingly remembered by his sister and brother-in-law, Betty Abel-Jellencich and her husband Luigi "Gigi", with whom Bill made his home, as well as his brother, George F. Abel of Utica. He will also be missed by a special friend of the family and caregiver, Starr Tuttle, who Bill trusted and respected; and the family feline, "Keke". He was predeceased by his former wife, Mary Anne, with whom he remained a close friend until the time of her recent passing on May 22, 2014.

Bill's sister Betty, who was his primary caregiver would like to thank the staff of the Rome VA Clinic, Dr. Reddy, Dr. Padmanabhan, and Dr. Mathis and their staffs; the personnel at the Syracuse VA, especially Bonnie VerHeecke; and Dr. Dawes of the Canandaigua VA Medical Center; although the time spent with Hospice & Palliative Care, Inc. was of a short duration, they provided outstanding support, especially Julie for her kindness at the end of his journey. Bill's caretakers were exceptional and he received the highest level of service anyone could have during his time of need.

The family will be receiving visitors at a Memorial gathering which will be held on Saturday morning, August 16th from 10-11 at the Fellowship Hall (rear entrance) of the First Presbyterian Church, 1605 Genesee Street, Utica. At this gathering Bill's favorite beverage of coffee will be served along with assorted pastries. Bill's Memorial Service and Celebration of Life will continue at 11:00, with Pastor Jeanne Kumbalek officiating. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Memorial Music Fund of First Presbyterian Church; envelopes will be available at the service.

# Tribute Wall

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“ *Mary Hosey lit a candle in memory of Mr. William C. "Bill" Abel*



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