



Felix Roberson Abel

July 30, 1919 - September 7, 2015

Felix Roberson Abel age 96 of Dayton died early Monday morning September 7, 2015 at Rhea Medical Center. Felix was born in Dayton on July 30, 1919 the son of the late James Moss Abel and Gladys (Lowry) Abel. He was also preceded in death by his brother, Clifton Abel and sister, Helen Laher.

Felix was a graduate of Rhea Central High School, class of 1937. He earned his B.S. degree at TTU and completed one year at UTK in business. Staff Sgt. Felix Abel served his country in the United States Army Air Corp as a ground mechanic in England on B-17's and B-29's during WWII.

He retired from Robinson Mfg after 37 years in production management. He also was co-owner of Abel Hardware in Dayton which closed in 1997. He was a lifelong member of First Baptist Church where he had served as a Deacon and financial officer.

Felix is survived by his brother Elbert Abel of Dayton, his nephew Chad (Ashley) Abel of Franklin and his niece Tonya (Scott) Olson of Littleton, CO along with several other nephews, nieces and cousins.

The family would like to especially thank David Zopfi and his staff at The Courtyard for their wonderful care of Felix.

Funeral services with military honors will be held Tuesday evening at 7 pm in the funeral home chapel with his pastor, Rev. Milton Knox officiating. He will be laid to rest Wednesday at 12 noon in the Abel Cemetery.

Please share your memories of Felix on his online guest register at www.vanderwallfh.com.

The family is being cared for by the Vanderwall funeral home where they will receive friends Tuesday after 4 pm.

Memorial contributions may be made to First Baptist Church.

Tribute Wall

JA

“ I just read the obituary for Felix R. Able in the September 2015 401st BG newsletter "Poop From Group" where Forever Aloft mentions that Felix was a ground crew member for "Hell's Angel out of Chute 13", a plane that my late husband John Althoff flew as co-pilot. John always gave much credit to the maintenance men for keeping the plane in good condition. I would like to extend my sincere sympathy to Felix's family. June Althoff, South Beloit, IL



June Althoff - December 18, 2015 at 07:21 AM

DD

“ We know Felix, Elbert and Mrs. Helen from our days in Dayton and as members of First Baptist Church there.

We were saddened to learn of Felix Abel's death and are praying for his family members. We also rejoice that Felix Abel, as a Christian, is now in a better place.

Doug and Pam Davis, Murfreesboro, Tennessee

Doug Davis - September 16, 2015 at 01:50 PM

MG

“ In all his years of bowling I do not think you would be able to find one person that would say a bad word about this man. he was always a gentleman, treated people with respect and everyone treated him that way also. everyone and I do mean everyone that ever crossed his path would have done anything for him. he was just that type of person.

Melvin Gillilan

Melvin Gillilan - September 12, 2015 at 12:25 PM

JM

“ I was so sorry to see where Felix had passed away. I talked to him in June at the Golden Grads. The Abel's were life long friends of my family, having been our neighbors on Third Avenue in the 40's. I spent many Saturday's with my Daddy visiting at the hardware store. Thinking of you Elbert, Tonya and Chad. Judy Dilday Meyer, Elizabethtown, Ky.

Judy Meyer - September 11, 2015 at 01:09 PM

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Josie Navarro - September 08, 2015 at 04:43 AM

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Josie Navarro - September 08, 2015 at 04:19 AM

Andy Swinnen

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Andy Swinnen - September 08, 2015 at 03:46 AM

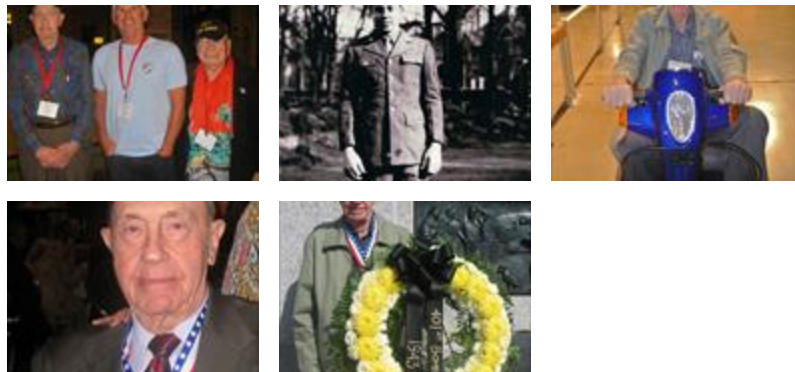
Andy Swinnen

“ I also had the honor of spending time with him at the 401st BG reunion, he was the first veteran I saw that day and he made sure he was seen the whole reunion.
Loved his stories, rest in peace, dear Felix
Andy and family from the Netherlands

Andy Swinnen - September 08, 2015 at 03:16 AM

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Josie Navarro - September 08, 2015 at 03:05 AM

JC

“ *Felix was so committed to the 401st Bombardment Group Association and rarely missed a reunion. He was always so kind and polite and I doubt he had an enemy in the world.*

Special thoughts & prayers to his family!

Jeannie Campbell

Reunion Coordinator

Jeannie Campbell - September 07, 2015 at 08:50 PM

MB

I had the privilege and honor to meet a wonderful and kind person. I meet Felix few years ago during the 401st reunion and loved his kindness and caring personality. It was a blessing to meet a very special, kind and gentle man. You will be missed Felix. Rest in peace and we will see you again.

My prayers and comfort to his family.

Milena Beckford

401st member.

Milena Beckford - September 07, 2015 at 09:19 PM

JN

Felix was a dear friend and honored member of the 401st Bomb Group. Seeing his joyful spirit show up at every reunion I have attended, except the last one, was a real highlight. He was a gentleman in the true sense of the word. We enjoyed many conversations, meals, tour bus rides and events. He enjoyed time with those he served with in WWII and Felix did an amazing job of keeping those B-17's in the air! He is a hero in my book and will be deeply missed. I still carry around the wallet size photo of him in uniform that he gave to me. I'll never forget such a dear man! Bless his heart. Please send my love to Elbert and I pray he will transition into this new phase of his life without too much pain and difficulty. I'm so glad God gave both of them so many years to bond as brothers and enjoy having family near.

Josie Navarro - September 08, 2015 at 02:59 AM

LA

I grew up in the same neighbor hood where Felix lived. I always admired him for being such a gentleman with a great personality. I also want to recognize his love for bowling. He was legendary in every sense of the word and participated in the Tennessee Senior Olympics I was really proud to let people know that we were neighbors in Dayton. I was told that he rolled a perfect game at Holiday Bowl in Chattanooga only about three years ago. Would love to know about all the medals and awards he has won in the sport. He gained a lot of respect wherever he went. I think it would be safe to say that he excelled in everything he endeavored. All his friends will miss seeing him at the bowling lanes. My condolences to the family.

Linda Bandy Arnold

Linda Bandy Arnold - September 09, 2015 at 06:05 PM