



## Charles R. Abel

December 17, 1933 - January 1, 2021

HAMLET – Charles R. Abel of Hamlet, formerly of Koontz Lake, passed away Friday, January 1, 2021 in St. Joseph Regional Medical Center, Plymouth following an illness. He was born December 17, 1933 in Kokomo, IN to the late Charles M. and Lulua (Irwin) Abel and was 87 years-old at the time of his death.

He was a Veteran of the US Navy, retiring after 32 years of service as a Chief Petty Officer. On July 7, 1960 in Yokohama, Japan he married the late Mieko M. Manabe.

He is survived by one son Jim (Jackie) Mathis of California; two grandchildren Daniel Mathis of California and Emily Golding of Massachusetts; one brother Frank “Butch” (Barb) Abel of Hamlet; and several nieces and one nephew. He is preceded in death by his parents, wife, and two sisters Beverly Whaley and Carolyn Hickman.

Charles’ wishes were to be cremated. A private Graveside Service will be held at a later date. The Rannells Funeral Home, Koontz Lake Chapel is honored to be entrusted with Charles’ care and arrangements.

# Cemetery Details

## Grovertown Cemetery

State Road 23  
Grovertown, IN 46531

# Tribute Wall

RB

“ I will always remember Chief, he was a great man. When I was told that he was at Ancilla I would do my best to visit him every week after I got off work and was disappointed when I was not able to visit him after COVID it. Chief and I were friends that served our country in different time periods, so when I seen him I would call him squid because that was what the NAVY sailors were called. Rest In Peace Chief. Prayers of strength, comfort, & encouragement to your family.

Robert Borton - January 09, 2021 at 12:33 PM

SG

“ Oh, I have another memory!!!  
Who remembers that Every Truck he had ,he had that Baooga horn. Hahaha 😂 He always got a big ole laugh when he could press his lock button and set that horn off when you least expected..... He got me several times . The stinker😂 Fun times.

Sheila Good - January 05, 2021 at 06:41 PM

DA

“ Sorry for your loss Butch and Barb and Chuck, Fair winds and following seas. Don Adams

Donald J Adams - January 05, 2021 at 06:13 PM

SG

“ Charlie was my friend for the past 15 years. He always brightened my day at the Koontz Lake gas station. He always had a way of causing laughter. I hated that I couldn't visit him this last year. I'm so sorry to Charlie and his family. He will be deeply missed. RIP my friend.

Love and miss you, Sheila Good

Sheila Good - January 05, 2021 at 03:36 PM

DP

“ Charlie and I use to talk at C.R. About his school days,I had 10 Aunts and Uncles,that went to the Grovertown school ,and he knew some of them and there last name was Blad , and he was familiar with them. I and many others enjoyed talking and laughing with him. Rest In Peace Charlie, from Donna Porter

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**donna porter** - January 03, 2021 at 10:50 PM