



## Richard G. Abel, Sr.

October 14, 1926 - April 13, 2016

Richard G. "Red" Abel, Sr., age 89 of Noblesville, IN, formerly of Valparaiso, passed away peacefully at home on April 13, 2016. He was a WWII U.S. Army veteran. Richard was a graduate of Hanover College, Indiana University, and Purdue University. He served as Superintendent for the School City of Hobart and Principal of River Forest High School. Richard was a member of Heritage Baptist Church. He was a loving husband, father, grandfather, and great-grandfather. Richard will be greatly missed.

He was preceded in death by his wife of 64 years- Kathleen; 2 brothers- Claver and David.

Richard is survived by his three daughters- Barbara (Jim) Pantos, Kathy Abel, and Peggy (Doug) Pollitt; four sons- Richard, Jeffrey (Mary), Charles (Laurie), and Christopher (Kate); 14 grandchildren- Jeremy Abel, Michael (Sheryl) Abel, Charlie Abel, Christen (Tyler) Hoepfner, Patrick Abel, Sean Abel, Alex Pantos, Elizabeth (Jared Koontz) Abel, Emma and Aiden Pollitt, Sara, Jenny, Connor, and Samantha Abel; 2 great-grandsons- Gunnar Abel and A.J. Hoepfner. Friends may visit with Richard's family from 3-8 p.m. on Thursday, April 21, 2016, at Burns Funeral Home, 10101 Broadway Crown Point, IN. A funeral service will take place at 10 a.m. on Friday, April 22, at Burns Funeral Home. Interment at Calumet Park Cemetery. [www.burnsfuneral.com](http://www.burnsfuneral.com)

# Cemetery Details

## Calumet Park Cemetery

2305 W. 73rd Ave.  
Merrillville, IN 46410

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR **21**. 3:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Burns Funeral Home & Crematory - Crown Point  
10101 Broadway  
Crown Point, IN 46307  
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## Funeral Service

APR **22**. 10:00 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ Love Dave and Sharon Eng and Family purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Richard G. Abel, Sr. .



Love Dave and Sharon Eng and Family - April 21, 2016 at 12:02 PM



“ Secret Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Richard G. Abel, Sr. .



April 21, 2016 at 09:33 AM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Richard G. Abel, Sr. .



April 21, 2016 at 06:50 AM



“ Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Richard G. Abel, Sr. .



April 20, 2016 at 11:46 AM

JF

“ Jack & Linda Hart & Family purchased the Crysta I Cross Bouquet for the family of Richard G. Abel, Sr. .



Jack & Linda Hart & Family - April 20, 2016 at 10:31 AM

CJ

“ Claudia & Tim Abel and Jamie purchased the Spring Has Sprung Mixed Basket for the family of Richard G. Abel, Sr. .



Claudia & Tim Abel and Jamie - April 18, 2016 at 09:05 AM



“ Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Richard G. Abel, Sr. .



April 17, 2016 at 05:20 PM

RM

“ Richard Able served the School City of Hobart for near 15 years as Assistant, and Superintendent!! He, obviously, saw a whole class, plus, of students start and finish their local schooling. I remember him as a strong leader, and a fine person to work with, as a school board member, and board president. He will be greatly missed!  
Randal McEuen

Randal McEuen - April 17, 2016 at 10:09 AM



“ *Secret Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Richard G. Abel, Sr. .*



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April 16, 2016 at 05:56 PM



“ *Haven't seen Mr Able in many years.....but I have many great memories of times spent with him. So very sorry for your loss .*  
*Beverly Bradford /Mehok*

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**Beverly mehok** - April 15, 2016 at 07:43 PM



“ *As a kid growing up I remember Mr. Abel as a very dignified, patient and honorable Christian man. He was the one who taught me one time about how he kept his cows from wandering off with the help of a wire which would give any desperado a shock if he/she ventured off the yard. Today, as a 65 year old, I am very happy that both Mr. and Mrs. Abel are at home with a whole lot of old and new friends in the presence of their Savior.*

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**Ron Boto** - April 15, 2016 at 07:16 PM

FW

“ *First time ever met Chuck's dad was at Kiley and Zachary's Nelson homes for troops first event. I raced up to Chuck in the big squeeze and set I'm so glad to see you Chuck it's been a long time, and his dad was sitting right next to him and he looked at me like who is that crazy woman. So I asked him I said I can give you a hug too many goes no that's all right. From the stores are checking Lorie I think you had a blessed life. And having the pleasure of knowing Chuck Abel he raised such a wonderful Man.*

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**Faye Webber** - April 15, 2016 at 09:28 AM