



Billy "Bill" J. Abel

January 31, 1942 - February 13, 2026

Bill J. Abel, age 84, of Ann Arbor, Michigan, passed away peacefully in his sleep on Friday, February 13, 2026.

Bill was born on January 31, 1942, to the late Earl J. Abel and Helen Ruth (Casebeer) Abel. On September 30, 1961, after completing boot camp for the United States Marine Corps, he returned home to marry his high school sweetheart and the love of his life, Sharon Ann Dodge.

He was preceded in death by his beloved wife, Sharon Abel; his parents; and his brother, Robert.

Bill is survived by his three daughters: Teresa (Matthew) Hagood of Milan; Lesli (Scott) Bicknell of Colorado; and Michelle (Brian) Riggs of Ann Arbor. He was a proud grandfather to Mollie (Joshua) McGuire; Emma (Brandon) Bell; Hannah (Adam) Pummell; Garrett (Megan) Bicknell; Gavin Bicknell; and Marz J. Riggs. He was also blessed with five great-grandchildren: Colton, Hunter, Harper, Owen, and Emmitt.

He is further survived by his siblings, Earlene Wooden, Thomas Abel, and Katie (Roger) Saylor, along with many cherished nieces and nephews.

Bill worked as a manager at Jackson Welding Supply before beginning a second career as a millwright at Ford Motor Company, where he later retired. A man of many talents, Bill loved the outdoors and enjoyed fishing, running, and training for numerous 5Ks and even a half marathon. For many years, attending the Indy 500 became a treasured family tradition. He loved music and was often found singing and dancing—sometimes making up his own

lyrics, much to the delight of those around him.

Bill especially enjoyed watching his grandchildren compete in sports and was always their biggest supporter. His greatest joy was spending time with family and friends. He had a remarkable ability to make anyone feel welcome and never missed an opportunity to strike up a conversation with someone new.

He will be deeply missed and lovingly remembered by all who knew him.

Friends may join the family for a time of visitation on Friday, February 20, 2026 from 9:30 A.M. to 12:00 Noon at the Robison-Bahnmler Funeral Home in Saline. Funeral Services will take place at 12:00 P.M. with Pastor Amy Triebwasser officiating. Following the service, burial and military honors will take place at Riverside Cemetery in Tekonsha, Michigan.

Memorial contributions in Bill's name are encouraged to: the Wounded Warrior Project, P.O. Box 758516, Topeka, KS 66675-8516 www.woundedwarriorproject.org; Fisher House Michigan, P.O. Box 130466, Ann Arbor, MI 48113 <https://www.fisherhousemichigan.org>; or Arbor Hospice, 2366 Oak Valley Drive, Ann Arbor, MI 48103-8944 <https://arborhospice.org>.

To leave a memory you have of Bill, to sign his online guestbook, or for directions, please visit www.rbfhsaline.com

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 20. 9:30 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Robison-Bahnmler Funeral Home & Cremation Services
301 E Michigan Ave
Saline, MI 48176
(734) 429-9760
rbfhsaline@hotmail.com
<https://www.rbfhsaline.com>

Funeral Service

FEB 20. 12:00 PM - 12:45 PM (ET)

Robison-Bahnmler Funeral Home & Cremation Services
301 E Michigan Ave
Saline, MI 48176
(734) 429-9760
rbfhsaline@hotmail.com
<https://www.rbfhsaline.com>

Graveside Service

FEB 20. 2:45 PM - 3:20 PM (ET)

Riverside Cemetery
Section 26 V-Drive South
Tekonsha Township, MI 49092
<https://tekonshatownship.com/cemetery-sexton>

Tribute Wall

CC

“ *Much love to your family from ours during this huge loss. -Connie Combs and family*

Connie Combs - February 20 at 10:21 AM

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“ *Uncle Bill had a magic gift of making others feel good and contributed to society.... Truly grateful for all the laughs and great times. He supported me in all my endeavors and help shape me into a great man*

Scott J Saylor - February 19 at 06:49 PM

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“ *Eddie and Cheryl purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Billy "Bill" J. Abel.*



Eddie and Cheryl - February 19 at 05:52 PM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Billy "Bill" J. Abel.*

February 19 at 02:17 PM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of Billy "Bill" J. Abel.*



February 18 at 02:28 PM



“ *Our condolences to the family thank you for your service to our country. Leslie , I hope good memories help, I was your elementary teacher many years ago . Our deepest sympathy, Roger and Ruth Lockwood*

Ruth Lockwood - February 17 at 06:13 PM



“ *Concord High School Class of 1961 planted several Memorial Trees to honor Bill Abel. Bill was truely a "Good Guy"*

Roger C Smith - February 17 at 12:44 PM



“ *Roger C. planted a grove of 5 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Billy "Bill" J. Abel.*

Roger C. - February 17 at 12:35 PM



“ *Kelli, Dawn & Marty Dodge purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Billy "Bill" J. Abel.*



Kelli, Dawn & Marty Dodge - February 16 at 05:01 PM

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“ *Kelli, Dawn & Marty Dodge planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Billy "Bill" J. Abel.*

Kelli, Dawn & Marty Dodge - February 16 at 05:01 PM