



Russel Newlin Abel

October 22, 1930 - April 11, 2022

Russell Newlin Abel, age 91, of Church Hill, MD, passed away on April 11, 2022, of natural causes.

He was born in Upper Darby, PA, on October 22, 1930. He is preceded in death by his parents, father Carlton Henry Abel and mother Grace Cecelia Williams Abel; his brother, William (Bill) Dunlap Abel; first wife, Mary Elizabeth (Mary Beth) Appleby Abel; and his second wife, Helen Margarett Crook Abel.

Russell is survived by his two daughters, Sharon Elizabeth Abel and Elizabeth (Betsy) Anne Abel -Talbott; his son-in law, James Steven Talbott; and his grandsons, Logan Forrest Talbott and Duncan Rhys Talbott.

Russ Abel graduated from the University of Delaware with a BS in Agriculture in 1952, where he met his first wife of 47 years, Mary Elizabeth Appleby.

Russell N. Abel was a Private in the Army for two years during the Korean War, stationed in the Panama Canal Zone. His wife, Mary Beth, later joined him in Panama where their first daughter, Sharon E. Abel, was born. Later, after returning home to the US, his second daughter, Elizabeth (Betsy) Anne Abel, was born in Wilmington, DE.

Russ Abel earned his living as a gas station attendant at Abel's Garage,

Elwyn, PA; a supervisor for New Castle Co., DE; a Food and Drug Administration Inspector; Consumer Product Safety Regional Director; Water Tester for Hydro Test Inc.; Manager for Rock Hall Lumber Company; Pastor at New Covenant Church in Queenstown, MD; Head Master of the New Covenant Christian Academy in Queenstown, MD; and a Leader in the Royal Rangers Scouting Organization. He retired to his home in Church Hill, MD, to enjoy the view from his front porch and faithfully feed all the birds that came to visit his property.

Together, with a master carpenter and a small crew, Russ was able to build his Church Hill residence.

Russ and Mary Beth shared a common interest in genealogy and history which resulted in the writing of Mendenhall – Newlin Alliance, self-published in 1989, a book on the Mendenhall / Newlin families as they are related to the Abel family history in the United States.

Russ had a keen interest in travel and visited much of the United States including Alaska and Hawaii, touring the National Park systems with his family, and, in later years, travels to Costa Rica, Panama, Ireland, Peru, Galapagos Islands, and Africa.

A Celebration of Life will be held at Hope Fellowship, 892 Washington Ave., Chestertown, MD 21620 on May 28, 2022, at 11:00 am followed by lunch at the church.

Contributions in lieu of flowers can be made to Hope Fellowship, Chestertown, MD.

Previous Events

celebration of life

MAY 28. 11:00 AM (ET)

Hope Fellowship Church
Washington Ave
Chestertown, MD 21620

Tribute Wall



“ *Russel Newlin Abel*

October 26, 2023 at 06:42 PM



“ *Russel Newlin Abel*

January 28, 2023 at 12:44 PM



“ *Russel Newlin Abel*

January 28, 2023 at 08:03 AM



“ *Russ was always so kind and welcoming to me and my family when we visited him. His spirit will always be present in the beautiful views we saw from his house. Peace Russ.*

David Kelly - May 26, 2022 at 06:33 PM



“ *Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Russel Newlin Abel.*



May 22, 2022 at 08:50 PM

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“ Truly a blessing to study the Bible with Rus and worship Jesus with him. Looking forward to fellowship with him for eternity.

Michael Francis - May 06, 2022 at 04:02 PM