



Frank Abel Jr.

March 16, 1927 - April 19, 2017

Loving husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather and 'old fashioned gentleman,' Frank Abel Jr. passed away on Wednesday, April 19, 2017, in Roswell, NM. A tribute of Frank's life may be found at www.andersonbethany.com where you may leave memories and expressions of sympathy for his family.

Frank was born in Carrizozo, New Mexico on March 16, 1927, to Frank Abel Sr. and Nellie V. Ayres Abel. He was a graduate of El Paso High School. On October 1, 1953, he married Roberta J. Archibald in Lordsburg, NM, and they enjoyed a marriage of over 63 years. In 1974, they moved from El Paso, TX to Ruidoso, NM.

Before retirement, Frank worked for the Standard/Chevron Oil as an oil distributor and at Sierra Blanca Golf Course. Frank and his wife built their home in El Paso, TX, with an arena for their daughter and a good friend to train for rodeos. He not only was part of her rodeo group but always tirelessly supported and encouraged her through all of it. He was a front row Baptist Church member. Frank rode motorcycles and dirt bikes and enjoyed golfing. He became a friend of Lee Trevino after sharing a game of golf with him. He easily made friends wherever he went. Watching the Dallas Cowboys and Golf Championships on TV were some of the things he enjoyed doing. Frank played the guitar and violin. He loved country western music and dancing. Surviving to cherish Frank's memory are his loving wife, Roberta J. Archibald Abel of Ruidoso, NM; daughter, Fawna Lee Abel of Houston, TX; grandson,

Coy Lynn Speer of Stephenville, TX; granddaughter, Karl and Kelly Zane Rios of El Paso, TX; and great-granddaughter, Vida Kay Rios of El Paso, TX.

Tribute Wall

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“ I have fond memories being with Frank on dirt bike rides, and even though he quit riding years ago, I can still see him standing on a trail next to his bike. I'll always remember Frank. God speed, Frank.

Mike Simpkins
Member of the Prairie Dawg Motorcycle Club

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“ I enjoyed many dirt bike rides with Frank. He was such a kind, soft spoken gentleman. I have so many great memories of riding with him. Godspeed Frank.

Jimmy Allison
Roswell, NM

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