



Robert John Abel

May 20, 1939 - June 9, 2020

Robert (Bob) John Abel, 81, of Medical Lake, WA passed away peacefully on June 9, 2020, surrounded in love by his children. Bob spent his formative years in Spokane and attended St. Patrick Catholic School, where he met several of his lifelong friends who still gather once a month. He was a proud member of the Coast Guard before marrying Dorothy O'Connor in 1971. He worked for Diamond Drilling, which took him all over the Pacific Northwest, the Bureau of Reclamation at Grand Coulee Dam, and retired from the National Park Service in 2001. Bob was known for his jovial nature and his mustached smile. He loved having coffee at Zip's with his friends, reading, and watching Gonzaga basketball. Anyone interacting with him rarely walked away without a smile or chuckle. Bob is survived by his children Tony, Chris, Beth Toulou, and Theresa Dunnington; and his five grandchildren Emily, Megan, Brock, Jordan, and Logan. A celebration of life will be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers, please make donations to the National Parks Foundation.

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RV

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Reg Vollmer - July 23, 2020 at 07:46 PM

CS

“ @ Beth and siblings ... Jerry & I were saddened to learn of the passing of your dad. I still vividly remember the loss of your mom and how deeply it affected your dad so the choice of photo for this obit information is a happy selection.

Loving thoughts and wishes from all the Stewarts.

May God bless each of you in a special way with every thought of your folks!

Chris & Jerry Stewart

(P.S. Geoff, Jenny and family are all doing well!)

Chris Stewart - July 09, 2020 at 02:13 PM

BB

“ I met Bob before he entered the coast guard. He had a car with tri power. That's 3 carbs! Bob was always a gentle spirit. When anyone visited Bob they came away with a smile on there face. Rest in peace dear man.

Bob Brown - June 22, 2020 at 10:15 PM

RV

“ It was so great having Bob at our monthly lunches, he always had great lines and funny thoughts. He was a bright spot in our days. He will be missed by the guys and myself.

As a fellow sailor I wish him fair winds and a following sea, I have the watch my friend.

Reg Vollmer

Reg Vollmer - June 18, 2020 at 03:18 PM

DL

“ We will miss you, Bob. I wish we lived closer to you -- it would have been wonderful to see you -- every day! You loved life, and helped others do the same.

*With love,
Diane*

Diane Legomsky - June 14, 2020 at 07:05 PM