



*"He is Gone"*

*You can shed tears that he is gone,  
Or you can smile because he has lived  
You can close your eyes and pray that he will come back,  
Or you can open your eyes and see all that he has left.  
Your heart can be empty because you can't see him,  
Or you can be full of the love that you shared.  
You can turn your back on tomorrow and live yesterday,  
Or you can be happy for tomorrow because of yesterday.  
You can remember him and only that he is gone,  
Or you can cherish his memory and let it live on.  
You can cry and close your mind,  
be empty and turn your back,  
Or you can do what he'd want;  
smile, open your eyes, love and go on.*

*by David Harkins*

**In Loving Memory  
James David Abel**

*Born to Tony & Eva Abel*  
July 2, 1943  
Minot, North Dakota

*Returned to His Heavenly Father*  
November 4, 2020  
Minot, North Dakota

*Funeral Service*  
Saturday, November 7, 2020  
Bethany Lutheran Church  
Minot, North Dakota

*Officiating*  
Chaplain Luther Hanson

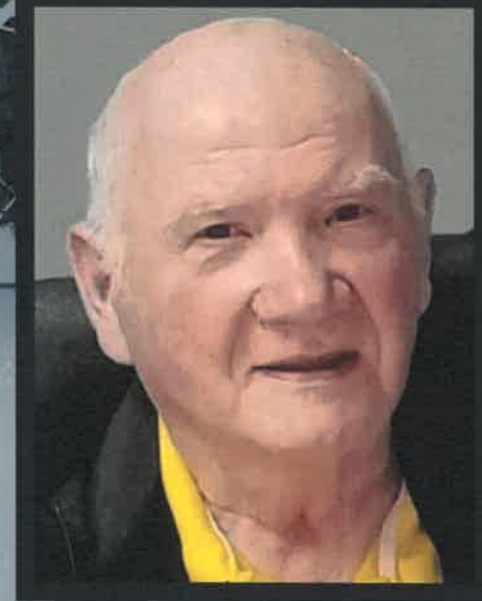
*Music*  
"Take My Hand, Precious Lord"  
"Amazing Grace, How Sweet The Sound"

*Scripture*  
Psalms 23  
Romans 6:3-9

*Honorary Urn Bearers*  
All of Jim's Family & Friends

*Final Resting Place at a Later Date*  
North Dakota Veterans Cemetery  
Mandan, North Dakota

*Arrangements*  
Springan Stevenson Funeral Home  
Stanley, North Dakota



*In Loving Memory Of*

**James David Abel**

**"Jim"**

July 2, 1943 - November 4, 2020





James David "Jim" Abel, 77 of Trinity Nursing Home, formerly of Velva, ND passed away November 4, 2020 at Trinity Hospital, Minot, ND

James was born July 2, 1943 in Minot, ND to Tony and Eva (Voller) Abel. He was raised on the family farm near Karlsruhe, ND and was the 7th of 12 children. He graduated from Karlsruhe High School in 1961. After high school he attended Wahpeton State College and graduated with a degree as an Auto Body Technician in 1963. He started working at Westlie Motors after college where he worked for fifteen years. He then worked at Power Fuels for six years before he started his own business, Jim's Auto Body & Glass Repair in Velva, ND in which he owned and operated for twenty-four years. He also worked as a custodian at Velva High School for thirteen years where he enjoyed visiting with the students on a daily basis. He was in the North Dakota National Guard from 1967 to 1970.

On June 24, 1966, James was united in marriage to Bonnie Peterson in Minot, ND. They made their home in Minot, ND, where they were blessed with two boys David and Michael. They later divorced. On July 6, 1979, James was united in marriage to Bonnie Johnson in Almont, ND. They made their home in Minot, ND, where he was blessed with two more children Brian and Malinda. They later moved to Velva, ND where he continued to live until he entered Trinity Nursing Home.

James loved the challenge of finding and purchasing old cars and trucks to work on, watching old western movies, telling a good joke, playing pinochle, spending time with his grandchildren, watching their school and sporting events along with having a cup of coffee or two or three while visiting with friends.

He was a member of the Eagles and American Legion.

His loving family includes his four children: David (Susan) Abel, Minot, ND; Michael (Jana) Abel, Minot, ND; Brian (Stephanie) Abel, Hattisburg, MS; Malinda Williams, Minot, ND. Siblings: Daniel (Margie) Abel, Cedar Park, TX; Rose Baker, Sun City West, AZ; Jo Hillstrom, Roseville, MN; Mary Shinn, Fort Collins, CO; Chuck (Nancy) Abel, Bismarck, ND, John (Jeanette) Abel, Fort Collins, CO and Claudette (Don) Parman, Lorton, VA. Eleven grandchildren: Noah, Allison, Cameron, Mariah, Sahara, Bryant, Brekken, Sayley, Ayanna, Jaliyah and Ashka along with many nieces, nephews and cousins.

James was preceded in death by his parents, first wife Bonnie Abel, second wife Bonnie Johnson, infant son John; brothers: Gerald and Richard Abel, sisters: Loraine Abel and Elizabeth Rumrey, granddaughter's Samantha Abel and Ariyah Brown.



*Living Memory*