



Mr. Donald Alfred Abel

February 23, 1923 - May 10, 2018

Don Abel of High River, AB passed away on May 10, 2018 at the High River Hospital at the age of 95 years. Don is survived by his wife Joanne; children, Alan (Theresa), Dona Blaney (Moe Guevin), Vivian (Gary) Jones, Loreen (Colin) Maclsaac, Ron (Holly); 12 grandchildren, 13 great-grandchildren. Don is also survived by Joanne's children; Patricia McLarnon, Gerald and Stephen MacInnis. Don was predeceased by his loving first wife Marion, as well as one sister Hazel and four brothers Rankin, Laurence, George and Sid.

Don was born in Melville, Saskatchewan where he spent a majority of his life. He was called to serve his country during World War II. During Don's war training he was selected to attend Sandhurst Military College in southern England where he graduated as full lieutenant. Don made many close friends during his service to our country and remained a legion member. He was so proud to be a Canadian.

He was a very successful businessman in Melville owning and operating Abel's Cartage until he retired and sold the business in 1978. Don was very involved in his community. He played and coached the Melville Millionaires hockey team. He was a great mentor and coach with hockey at the heart of the Abel name. Don also served as the Mayor of Melville for four terms. As a result of his dedication to public service, he was appointed to Saskatchewan government boards for a number of years. He served as President of the

Saskatchewan Urban Municipal Association for two years.

Don and Joanne have lived happily in High River for the past 24 years where they enjoyed golfing and curling and made many friendships. Don will forever be remembered for his eternal optimism, love for family and his passion for life. A true leader and inspiration to us all.

A Memorial Service was held on Thursday, May 17, 2018 at 2:00 p.m. at the High River United Church, 123 Macleod Trail SW, High River, AB. A reception will be held after the service in the church foyer.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations can be made to the Canadian Blood Services (www.blood.ca) and the High River District Health Care Foundation (highriverhealthfoundation.ca)

To send condolences and view Don's Tribute Page please visit www.lylereeves.com. Caring for the family is Lyle Reeves Funerals of High River (Craig Snodgrass) 403.652.4242.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

MAY 17. 2:00 PM (MT)

High River United Church
123 Macleod Trail South
High River, AB (CA)
(403) 652-3168
hruc@telus.net
<http://www.highriverunitedchurch.org/>

Tribute Wall

KE

“ Wonderful man. So respected. RIP Don
Keith Milner RCMP retired. Melville Detachment.

Keith - May 21, 2018 at 10:13 PM

JB

“ We send our Deepest Sympathy Joanne to you and your Family.

Judy & Ed Benny

Judy & Ed Benny - May 18, 2018 at 10:07 PM

MA

“ So sorry for your loss, Joanne and to the entire family. We're thinking of you at this time and wishing you comfort and peace. This is a time to celebrate Don's Life and his achievements. Jim and I were very pleased that every time Don returned to Crooked Lake, you both stopped in for a visit. And that is something we both really enjoyed. With deepest sympathy

Marie and Jim Abel & family

Carol and Dan Abel & family

Marie Abel - May 15, 2018 at 10:00 PM

GM

“ So sorry for your loss Joanne, our condolences to you and your family.

Gwelda and Norman Mac Millan

G Mac Millan - May 13, 2018 at 07:59 PM

LM

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Loreen Maclsaac - May 13, 2018 at 05:14 PM

DF

“ So sorry to hear of your loss Joanne. Condolences to you and the Families.

Daphne & Pat

Daphne Feeney - May 13, 2018 at 10:47 AM

CA

*Our thoughts are with you and your family. Don was a lovely man. Always had a smile when we saw him going for a walk.
Cal and Jane Adair.*

Cal Adair - May 14, 2018 at 01:16 AM

SM

Dona so sorry to hear about your dad's passing.jan and I send our condolences to you and all your siblings and families.

sherry mortensen - May 16, 2018 at 04:00 PM

JA

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Joanne Abel - May 12, 2018 at 09:37 PM

RA

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Ron Abel - May 12, 2018 at 03:46 PM

FR

“ Our most sincere condolences to you Joanne and family. Don is at peace.

Frieda and Bill Rogers 🙏

Frieda Rogers - May 12, 2018 at 11:00 AM

SV

“ Out Thoughts are with you and your family Joanne.
May Don Rest peace,
Sherry and Ed Visosky ❤️❤️

Sherry Visosky - May 11, 2018 at 10:30 PM

WQ

“ Dearest Joanne and family, Marianne and I are so sorry to hear of the recent passing of Donald. We regret never having met Don, however from all accounts understand he was a great guy and a complete gentleman. Marianne and I send our sincere condolences to each of you.

Bill and Marianne Quigley,

William Quigley - May 11, 2018 at 09:42 PM

LB

“ So sorry for your loss Joanne! Our thoughts and prayers are with you at this time!

Bob and Lynn MacLean Berger

Lynn Berger - May 11, 2018 at 06:22 PM