



Benjamin W. Abell

January 27, 1935 - April 8, 2007

Benjamin W. Abell, age 72, of Delmar, died Sunday, April 8, 2007 at Peninsula Regional Medical Center in Salisbury.

He was born January 27, 1935 in Leonardtown, MD, a son of the late Charles Richley Abell and Martha Alberta Wilkinson Abell.

Ben was a member of Holy Redeemer Catholic Church in Delmar. For over 15 years he worked as a firefighter for the District of Columbia Fire Department, where he was a life member of the DC Firefighters Association, Local 36. He was also a member of Bi-State Ruritans, Salisbury Elks Lodge, The DCFD Emerald Society, Guns & Hoses, Golden Techites of McKinley Tech High School, Eastern Shore Threshermen's Association. He also enjoyed blacksmithing at Furnace Town in Snow Hill.

He is survived by his beloved wife, Jacqueline L. Abell; 4 children, Michael Paul Abell and his wife Kimberly of Pasadena, MD, Laura Altman of Wilmington, DE, Carolyn Harney and her husband John of Delmar, and Wendy Bingham of Delmar; 8 grandchildren, Blaine, Melissa, Nena, Mandy, Meghan, Marcella, Robert and Ben; 7 great-grandchildren, Sianna, Vincent, Nito, Isaiah, Javier, Selma and Donovan; brothers, Maurice, William, and Michael; and sisters, Edna, Elizabeth, Mary, Martha, Angela, Judy, Linda and Margaret. He is also survived by many brothers and sisters in law and

numerous nieces and nephews.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by 3 brothers, Charles, Joseph and John Richley; a sister, Phyllis; and a son-in-law, William "Skip" Bingham.

Visitation for family and friends will be held from 3:00 to 5:00 and 7:00 to 9:00 on Wednesday, April 11, 2007 at Short Funeral Home, 13 E. Grove Street, Delmar. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Thursday, April 12, 2007 at Holy Redeemer Catholic Church on the corner of Bi-State Blvd. and Chestnut Street in Delmar. Interment will follow the services at Melson Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made in his memory to: Heroes, Inc., 666 11th Street, NW, Washington, DC 20001 to Washington Hospital Center Foundation/ Burn Unit, 110 Irving Street, NW, East Building-Suite 1001, Washington, DC 20010.

Online condolences may be sent to the family by visiting www.shortfh.com .

Previous Events

Visitation

APR **11**. 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

Short Funeral Home
13 East Grove St
Delmar, DE

Visitation

APR **11**. 7:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

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Service

APR **12**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Holy Redeemer Catholic Church
Bi-State Blvd. & Chestnut Street
Delmar, MD

Tribute Wall



“ *Benjamin W. Abell*

January 29, 2023 at 01:28 PM



“ *I will never forget Ben. You could not know him without considering him either a friend or a mentor. To me, he was both. We will always miss him, but can take comfort in memories shared and look foreward to seeing him again some day.##imported-begin##Brian Spencer##imported-end##*

May 23, 2007 at 12:06 AM



“ *Our heartfelt sympathies. Mr. and Mrs. David Shaw (Loydell Jones and David Shaw).##imported-begin##Loydell Jones and David Shaw##imported-end##*

April 13, 2007 at 08:36 PM



“ Dear Mrs. Jackie and family: We were sad to hear of Mr. Ben's passing. Ali particularly was saddened as both you and Mr. Ben made her feel so welcomed and cared for the times she was able to see you both last summer. While unfortunately we did not know Mr. Ben better the times we were in his presence it was very obvious he was a special person. Mr. Ben and you made the girls and I feel like we were "home" the evening we popped in unexpectedly to use the "necessary" :). That is a true gift and we are blessed that we had the opportunity to be the recipients of that gift. Please know our thoughts and prayers are with you. May God bless and give you his peace in the days to come.##imported-begin##Debbie Meeks##imported-end##

April 12, 2007 at 02:24 PM



“ I've known Ben for more than 15 years both at Furnace Town in the forge and at the Thresherman's show every August. Ben had a good sense of humor and was always willing to lend a helping hand where ever he could. I was pleased to inaugurate his blacksmith shop. We have too few friends who are like Ben. I will miss him greatly.##imported-begin##Dr. Mark E. Williams##imported-end##

April 12, 2007 at 09:46 AM



“ I only met him a few times, the man I considered Meghan's grandfather, but within those few times, I can honestly say that he accepted me immediately as a part of his family. I learned much about him through Meghan, and will cherish the few talks that we had... the few handshakes that he offered me. I did not know him well, but he offered me instant kindness and acceptance. His legacy in the family will live on for ages... he was just that type of person. I cannot speak from too much experience, but he was a true gentleman. I know his grandchildren well enough to say that he was as good of a father, grandfather, husband and friend that anyone could ever dream of. I am assured that he is looking down and smiling upon the wonderful family he has made possible. Your family has been so kind to me, I appreciate it with every bit of my heart. God Bless :)###imported-begin###Bobby Louis###imported-end##

April 12, 2007 at 03:10 AM



“ Ben was a very special cousin and friend to me, and I am so sad at the loss of this good man. It is not possible for mere words to express deep and heartfelt sympathy, Jackie, but please know that you and your family are in my thoughts and prayers. May God be with all of us in the coming days to ease our sorrow and comfort us with His presence. Ben will always live on, in the beautiful memories we have of him.

Love,

Mary Anne###imported-begin###Mary Anne Patchan###imported-end##

April 12, 2007 at 12:47 AM



“ Dear Jackie,
It is with sadness that I write this note. Please accept my sympathy in the passing of your husband, Ben. Janet and I have often thought of you and wondered how you were doing on the eastern shore.

You brought a lot of joy to the fieldroom and we always appreciated your stories about Ben.

Again please accept my sympathy.

Sincerely,

Dennis DeRycke##imported-begin##Dennis DeRycke##imported-end##

April 11, 2007 at 05:59 PM



“ I recall, as a rookie firefighter, getting turned around and lost in the rear of a supermarket on a 2nd alarm on Eastern Ave, N.E. The bell on my 15 min. Scott Bottle was sounding that I was out of air. They sent RS 2 in to find me and it was Ben who located me and led me to safety. It's likely than Ben saved my life.

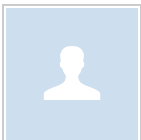
And so, on behalf of myself, I bid farewell to an old friend. I thank the Almighty for Ben's life, and I ask for God's blessings on Ben and his family.##imported-begin##Jack Fletcher##imported-end##

April 11, 2007 at 06:44 AM



“ Dear Jackie and family,
I miss Ben. I looked forward to seeing him Monday, Wednesday & Fridays at Cadiac. Rehab. We laughed alot. When he would wait for you to pick him up he would joke and say "well Tam I wonder if this will be the day she decideds not to come get me?" Of corse I offered to take him home with me and told him he could stay in my garage with the other strays that did'nt get picked up!! Ben use to also say if you ever got in a jam you can call Tam. I remember him coming to the dance in January a few years dressed in his suit with you looking beautiful as usual. Ben enjoyed when his grandson was working on getting his drivers license. He told me his grandson would drive places working on getting his hours. I have two hooks Ben gave me that he made with his own hands, and my valentine card you two made I will cherish them. I will also cherish my memories of my friend Ben with those blue, blue eyes, a great smile and laugh. Always saying some kind of cheerful hello when he arrived and good-bye when he left.
I will miss Ben.
Love to you- Tammy###imported-begin##Tammy
Betterton###imported-end##

April 10, 2007 at 10:07 PM



“ Ben was a neighbor and dear friend since our early teens. I'm proud to say that I introduced Jackie and Ben in high school. Although we lived on opposite coasts for years, we have never apart for long. Their friendship is much cherished. Ben's humor, sense of fair-play, and great caring will always be remembered. We send our deepest affection and love to Jackie and the entire family,
Sherry Miller Hughes and Walter W. Hughes, Jr.###imported-begin##Sherry Miller Hughes###imported-end##

April 10, 2007 at 06:44 PM



“ I knew Benny from the firehouse days, he was a good man, a funny man and a good firefighter. Please pass my condolences oo his family---

Arthur Tudge-E-16 ret 1983##imported-begin##Arthur
Tudge##imported-end##

April 10, 2007 at 05:43 PM