



Robert N. Abner

May 23, 1952 - October 16, 2021

LIBERTY, Ind. – Robert N. Abner, age 69, of Liberty, Indiana, died Saturday, October 16, 2021, at Reid Health.

Robert was born on May 23, 1952, in Berea, Kentucky, to Robert J. and Irene Abney Abner. He graduated from Richmond High School in 1970. Robert served in the U.S. Air Force from 1971-1975. During his career, he was stationed at Lackland Air Force Base, Sheppard Air Force Base, and he spent his last 2 ½ years at Travis Air Force Base in California. In 1974, Robert earned his staff sergeant stripes. He worked as an aircraft maintenance specialist and was very proud to have worked on the Lockheed C-5 Galaxy, the biggest airplane in the world. Robert spent eight days in Hawaii bringing soldiers back from Vietnam in 1972 and went to Israel for the 11-Day War in 1973.

In August 1987, Robert joined the Richmond Fire Department. After serving for 24 years, he retired as an engineer at Station 5 in 2011. Robert loved telling stories about his time on the fire department. He loved his RFD family. Robert was a lifetime member of IAFF Local 1408 (International Association of Fire Fighters) and Loyal Order of Moose Lodge 167.

Robert also loved gambling, playing bingo, and playing drums for various bands. He will be missed by many.

Survivors include his wife of 48 years, Janet Ladd Abner, to whom he was married June 3, 1973; daughters, Susan (Jeramy) Mikesell and Teresa (Mark) Bell; grandchildren, Maddy Mikesell (Cody Handley), Alex Mikesell, Devan Hill, Shyanne Rader, and Grace Bell; siblings, Mary Ann (James) Eversole, Oscar (Rhonda) Abner, Andy Abner, Lisa (Tommy) White, Terry Abner, Rodney Abner, Casey Abner, Steven (Julie) Lakes, and Jimmy Abner; aunts, Doreen Tuttle and Jean (Kenny) Roberts; numerous nieces, nephews, and cousins; and many friends.

He was preceded in death by his son-in-law, Larry J. Hill Jr.; parents; sisters, Charlotte Abner and Jeanette Lakes; brother, Michael Abner; and grandparents.

Visitation for Robert N. Abner will be from 5:00 to 9:00 p.m. Wednesday, October 20, 2021, at Doan & Mills Funeral Home, 790 National Road West, Richmond. Funeral service will be held at 11:00 a.m. Thursday, October 21, 2021, at Doan & Mills Funeral Home with his nephew, Pastor Robert C. Abner, officiating. Burial will be in Goshen Cemetery with military honors provided by the Wayne County Honor Guard.

Memorial contributions may be made to: IAFF Local 1408 Scholarship Fund, P.O. Box 514, Richmond, IN 47375.

Condolences may be sent to the family via the guest book at www.doanmillsfuneralhome.com.

Cemetery Details

Goshen Cemetery

3600 North State Road 227
Richmond, IN 47374

Previous Events

Visitation

OCT **20**. 5:00 PM - 9:00 PM (ET)

Doan & Mills Funeral Home
790 National Road West
Richmond, IN

Funeral Service

OCT **21**. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Doan & Mills Funeral Home
790 National Road West
Richmond, IN

Tribute Wall



“ *Doan & Mills Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Robert N. Abner*



Doan & Mills Funeral Home - October 20, 2021 at 11:30 AM

CS

Robert was one hell of a nice guy. So proud to have known him and his whole family. I was especially attached to his father Bob. Really good people all around!

Charles W. Study - October 22, 2021 at 05:31 PM

FK

“ *Words cannot express the sorrow I feel for you and your family at this time, Janet. Only time and faith will help ease your pain. Robert will be sorely missed. He was always ready with his warm smile and help for anything he could do . God bless you all. Frances Kinder*

Frances Kinder - October 21, 2021 at 08:12 AM

JA

Frances I have tried to call you several times but get the blood center instead. I have the same number. Call me sometime. Love you

Janet - October 26, 2021 at 07:43 AM

CS

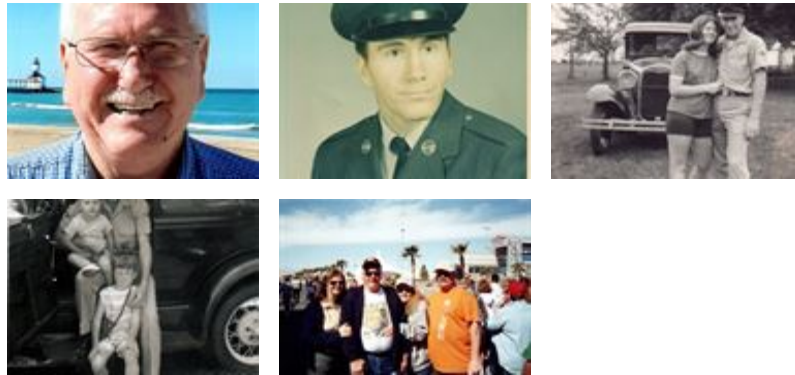
“ *My Dear Bubby
I loved you so much
You always smiled when you saw me and called me “kiddo”
With a big hug
You will be a big loss to our family
My heart goes out to Jan and the girls
They are in my prayers
You and Pee Wee and Andy Wayne were like my big brothers
Always kind, always loving
Thank you from a little curly headed girl who is now a grown woman
And loves you all very much*

*With all my love,
Your cousin Cindy*

Cindy Scanlan - October 20, 2021 at 03:50 PM



“ *49 files added to the album LifeTributes*



Doan & Mills Funeral Home - October 20, 2021 at 11:30 AM

DC

“ Janet, We are so sorry for your loss. Robert will truly be missed by all. Our prayers are with you and your family during this difficult time.

Ralph and Darlene Callahan

Darlene Callahan - October 19, 2021 at 11:54 PM

JS

“ RIP Robert. God bless!

Jennifer Shaw - October 19, 2021 at 05:53 PM

CE

“ We were so heart broken to hear about Robert's passing. I'm sorry we won't be able to attend the service. Your Florida fam will be praying for you. Sincerest condolences. Uncle Robert was the definition of a character! Always joking and looking to put everyone at ease. One of the most genuinely nice people you could have the pleasure of knowing. Until we meet again!

Chad, Faith and Mallory Eversole - October 19, 2021 at 04:25 PM

KH

“ Janet, I'm still in shock hearing of Robert's passing. He was such a delightful gentleman to be around and loved to talk. He will surely be missed by alot of family and friends. My Prayers and thoughts are with you and the family during this difficult time. Prayers and Hugs



Kim Hill - October 18, 2021 at 08:21 PM

SL

“ Love you brother. Thank you for all of the good times you shared with Mom's other family. We will miss you.

Steven Lakes - October 18, 2021 at 07:06 PM

VM

“ Sorry for your families loss. Robert was a great guy and friendly to everyone. I know he will be missed by many. Your family is in my thoughts and prayers.

Vicki Muse - October 18, 2021 at 07:01 PM

DD

“ Janet, we are very sorry and ache for you and your family. Know prayers of comfort are said for you all! He will be greatly missed, I'm sure. Love you!❤️

Doug and Dee - October 18, 2021 at 06:31 PM

AC

“ Robert was the brother I never had. He always had my back and I'll always love him for that. Robert and Josh built a ramp on our house in the snow and cold when my husband had to have a leg amputation. He would give you the shirt off his back. He is already greatly missed.
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Amy Chaple - October 18, 2021 at 05:41 PM

VI

“ I always think of Robert as smiling, and wit a positive solution for anything It has been too may years since Gracie and I had "fun" with him, but what blessed memories !!

vivian izod - October 18, 2021 at 05:20 PM

PH

“ Robert (Bubby) was very special to me! He was my cousin and I followed him around like a lost puppy! He was my hero! He use to give me his old sweatshirts and I would wear them around, even though they were way too big! He will be missed more than words can describe! I love him always! My prayers are with Janet, Susie, Teresa and his entire family! Rest in the arms of our Lord sweet cousin! I will miss you always!

Phyllis Hornbeck - October 18, 2021 at 02:38 PM

RS

My heart and prayers go out to Janet Susan, Teresa, family, friends and all that knew and loved Robert. For me he will remain many things. My other brother, an ear to listen to my soul, a shoulder to support me when I needed it. Words that made me laugh, smile and see life a little clearer. I will not say goodbye but till we meet again friend, till we meet again.

Rosemary Shindeldecker - October 18, 2021 at 05:49 PM

DS

Robert was a man, a friend, a person you could sit a listen to his stories and how his life made a lot of us a better person. Yes I will miss Robert and his Till we meet again Love you brother.

Dick Simon - October 18, 2021 at 06:47 PM

GA

Robert and his entire family has been like family for all my life, My older brother went into the Air Force at the same time Robert did. They were always friends. I remember they went out together on graduation night. Love and prayers to all of the family..

Garry - October 18, 2021 at 08:18 PM

JR

“ *Judy (Ladd) Ratliff lit a candle in memory of Robert N. Abner*



Judy (Ladd) Ratliff - October 18, 2021 at 01:37 PM

JR

“ *Robert was the greatest brother-in-law anyone could ask for. He was loved dearly by our whole family. My heart goes out to my sister, Janet and her daughters and grandkids especially. I will certainly miss his teasing ways and the laughter he always brought to family get togethers. God Bless!*

Judy (Ladd) Ratliff - October 18, 2021 at 01:36 PM

DM

“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during this difficult time.*

Dina Wagner and the Staff of Doan & Mills - October 18, 2021 at 12:42 PM