

Clarence Abeln

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C.H.R. "Abe" Abeln, 82, 1790 Fountain Head Road, Hagerstown, Maryland, died Tuesday, June 25 at Washington County Hospital.

Born in Groton, S.D., he was the son of the late Joe and Elisabeth Abeln.

As a young man he was a aviation enthusiast operating his own flying school in Aberdeen, S.D. He also was pioneer photographer for the Agricultural Association in South Dakota.

He was a veteran of World War II serving with the U.S. Navy as a commander of a flight training squadron and later served two years in the Bureau of Aeronautics in Washington, D.C. He was member of the Quiet Birdman and D.X. 5 Club.

He was a retired employee of Fairchild Aircraft and had been a technical writer for Grove Manufacturing of Waynesboro, Penn.

He was a member of St. John's Episcopal Church, Hagerstown.

He is survived by his wife, Eleanore Kyllingstad Abeln; one son, Gregory B. Abeln, Carlisle, Penn.; three grandchildren; two nephews, Eugene and Alvin Abeln, Groton, S.D.; and two nieces, Mrs. Margaret Bennett, Lake Tahoe, Calif.; and Mrs. Magdalen Taylor, Bell, Calif.

Services were held at St. John's Episcopal Church with the Rev. John H. Diehl III officiating.

Arrangements were handled by the Gerald N. Minnich Funeral Home.

Burial was held at the Groton Union Cemetery, Groton, S.D., with Father John Garvey conducting the graveside service.