



James Howard Abell

February 20, 1934 - January 1, 2026

James Howard Abell, 91, passed away with family by his side on New Years Day, 2026, in Louisville, Kentucky. He was born on February 20, 1934, in Marion County, Kentucky, to his late parents, Mable and Frank Abell.

James was a proud veteran who honorably served his country in both the United States Army and the United States Air Force, a commitment he carried with deep pride throughout his life. James was known for his simple joys—faithfully playing the lottery with a system he trusted, savoring meals from White Castle, and never missing the chance to order chili on every visit to Waffle House. Above all else, he cherished his family, especially his grandchildren, whom he adored and took immense pride in being their papaw. His warmth, dedication, and unmistakable character will be fondly remembered by all who knew him.

He is preceded in death by his parents; his loving wife of 50 years, Linda Abell; son, Tod Joseph Abell; sister, Geraldine Sheets; and brothers, Gilbert and Joseph Abell.

James will be lovingly remembered by his children, Sherry Seaman (Edward), Holly Jo Abell, and Bruce Thomas Abell (Dana); grandchildren, Jennifer “Annie” Wright (Michael), Katlyn “Katie” Godbey (Justin), Sara Stidham (Anthony), Tyler Hack, Brenna Abell, and Olivia Abell; great grandchildren, Dylan and Lexi Wright, Logan, Caroline, Nora, and Ethan Godbey, and Addi Stidham; brothers, Sammy, Johnny, Randall, and David Abell; and sisters, Martha Ruley, Doris Wiggs, Carol Abell, Kathy Hawthorne, and Janice

Newton.

He will have a graveside funeral service at St. Andrews Cemetery, on Friday, January 23, 2026, at 11:00 AM.

Previous Events

Graveside Service

JAN 23. 11:00 AM (est)

St. Andrew Cemetery