



Pelham Ables

July 23, 1929 - March 22, 2008

Pelham Gaynor Ables passed away on March 22, 2008, at Trinity Medical Center in Birmingham, Alabama. Mr. Ables was born on July 23, 1929, in Gadsden, Alabama. Pelham graduated from Glencoe High School in 1947. He entered the Navy in January of 1948 and served his country during the Korean Conflict on the USS Oberon...a group that bonded so closely that they continue to meet yearly till this day. After being discharged from the service in December of 1951, he attended Jacksonville State University. There he received a B.S. degree in business. Pelham later obtained a Master's Degree in Business Education from the University of Mississippi, a Master of Public Administration from Jacksonville State University, and then continued his education by earning a AA Certificate from Auburn University. Later, Pelham received his school administration certificate from Alabama A&M University. Mr. Ables taught school for thirty years. He felt blessed to spend most of his career as a beloved teacher at Plainview High School. He also taught at Gadsden State and Northeast State Community College. Pelham was a private pilot, a member, and past president of the Experimental Aircraft Association. One of his proudest achievements was building his own airplane. Pelham was married to Jane Cole of Fort Payne. He leaves behind a son, Steven Ried Ables of Madison along with a daughter and son-in-law, Travis and Jennifer Ables Benefield of Hazel Green. In addition he is survived by two granddaughters, Anna Elizabeth Benefield and Emily Caroline Benefield, also of Hazel Green. Other survivors include a sister Monda Bailey of Hokes Bluff

and a brother Joseph Ables of Lakeland, Florida. Visitation for Pelham Gaynor Ables will be at Wilson's Funeral Home in Fort Payne, Alabama, on March 23rd from 5:00 until 8:00 p.m. He will lie in state on Monday, March 24th from 10:00 until 12:00. A graveside service will be held on Monday afternoon at 1:00 p.m. at Loveless Cemetery, (McNutt Memorial Methodist Church), on Lookout Mountain.

Tribute Wall



“ *Pelham Ables*

January 12, 2023 at 10:45 AM



“ *Some of my fondest memories are of our senior year ('69) when 'y'all were our Sponsors. You probably should have pinched most of our heads off for all the trouble we were, but you instead helped us through the year with wisdom, dignity, and as much grace as you could pull from us!! My prayers are with your family.*

Brenda Jones Dean - April 12, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ *Hi Mrs Able, so sorry for your loss. I am sorry we didn't get to see you @ the hospital. I love you both. My prayers are with you. Darby Scott Tyndall*

Darby Scott Tyndall - April 03, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ *Mrs. Ables, We are so sorry for your loss. Pelham was so precious to our family, especially to my dad. I know they are glorifying God together now in heaven! I loved Mr. Ables' typing class in high school. He was so funny. He will be missed. Please take care of yourself. We love you and you are in our prayers. The Van Scott Family*

Nacole Scott Baxley - March 31, 2008 at 12:00 AM

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“ Jane and family, I am so sorry at your loss, both you and Mr. Ables have been so special to me when I was a student at Plainview. May God's love bring you peace at this time in your lifes.

Sue Traffansted Culver - March 28, 2008 at 12:00 AM

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“ I am so sorry for your loss. Pelham was so helpful to me when I was a first year teacher at Plainview. He would always joke with me about my physical education classes. I know you have many wonderful memories of your life together. Sandra McGullion

Sandra McGullion - March 25, 2008 at 12:00 AM