



## Gordon B. Abels

June 1, 1929 - January 1, 2013

Gordon B. Abels, age 83, of Storm Lake, Iowa died January 1, 2013 at the Buena Vista Regional Medical Center in Storm Lake. Gordon B. Abels was born June 1, 1929 in Cherokee, Iowa the son of Bernard Ipps and Marian Adelaide (Culp) Abels. He was baptized, received 1st communion and was confirmed at the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Cherokee. Growing up, he attended school in Cherokee where he graduated from Washington High School. On November 22, 1950, Gordon was united in marriage to Dolores Abels. Together, they were blessed with four children: Kurt, Bernard, Stephen, and Chris. In January of 1951, Gordon enlisted in the United States Air Force where he served his country until he was honorably discharge in December of 1955. Gordon worked as a Farm Bureau Insurance salesman and then as an Electrolux Vacuum Cleaner salesman from house to house. He owned his own tree service and upholstery business for ten years before retiring in 1995. Gordon enjoyed deer hunting with friends, and giving away garden vegetables and lap quilts to his friends as well. Those left to cherish his memory include his sons: Stephen Abels and Chris Abels both of Storm Lake, Iowa; four nieces and seven nephews; extended family and friends. Gordon was preceded in death by his parents; wife, Dolores Abels in 2008; two sons: Ben in 1981 and Kurt in 2009; two infant sons; sister, Janice Lawrence; and brother, Gale Abels.