

Walter Roy Abel, 88, of Ledford Road, Franklin, passed away Wednesday, Oct. 17, 2007, at a local nursing home.

He was born in Norwood, Ohio, the son of the late Walter T. and Georgia Slack Abel. He was a U.S. Army veteran of WWII, where he served as a Master Sergeant. He served in the Northern Apennines, Po-Valley-Rome Arno, European, African, Middle East Ribbon with three Battle Stars, Good Conduct Medal and American Defense Service Medal. He was owner of Vel-Roy Stables, where he boarded and trained show horses. Mr. Abel was also a broker for real estate.

He is survived by his wife, Velma A. Abel; a daughter, Judith Ann Abel of Franklin; a sister, Dorothy Tassler of Lincoln, Neb.; and a brother, Donald Abel of Flagler Beach, Fla.

He was preceded in death by a son, Robert R. Abel.

No services are planned.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to one's favorite charity.

Bryant Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

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