

Piper Newspaper Clippings



13,000th—Men of the USS Piper (SS-409) celebrated the Piper's 13,000th dive with a cake last Tuesday. Seated, l. to r., Q. Comier, EM2; L. Nuvayestewa, MM2; C. Whittier, IC3; R. Endoza, TN; L. Cardier, TMI; A. Cross, QM2; and K. Waring, EMI. Standing, J. Burke, CSI; and M. Bates, EN1.

Sailor learns hard way: Swimmer can't catch sub

GROTON, Conn. (AP) - Renato Mendoza, 22, a sailor, nearly drowned Sunday when he tried swimming to his submarine as it moved down the Thames River out to sea.

Police said Mendoza, anxious to avoid an AWOL mark on his record, jumped into the water to intercept the submarine Piper.

He became exhausted a quarter mile out and shouted for help. A police launch was called out, but he made it to shore by himself.

Police said Mendoza had been on leave in Philadelphia and returned to New London Sunday as the Piper pulled out to sea without him.

Mendoza is helping out at the submarine base until the Piper returns in a week.

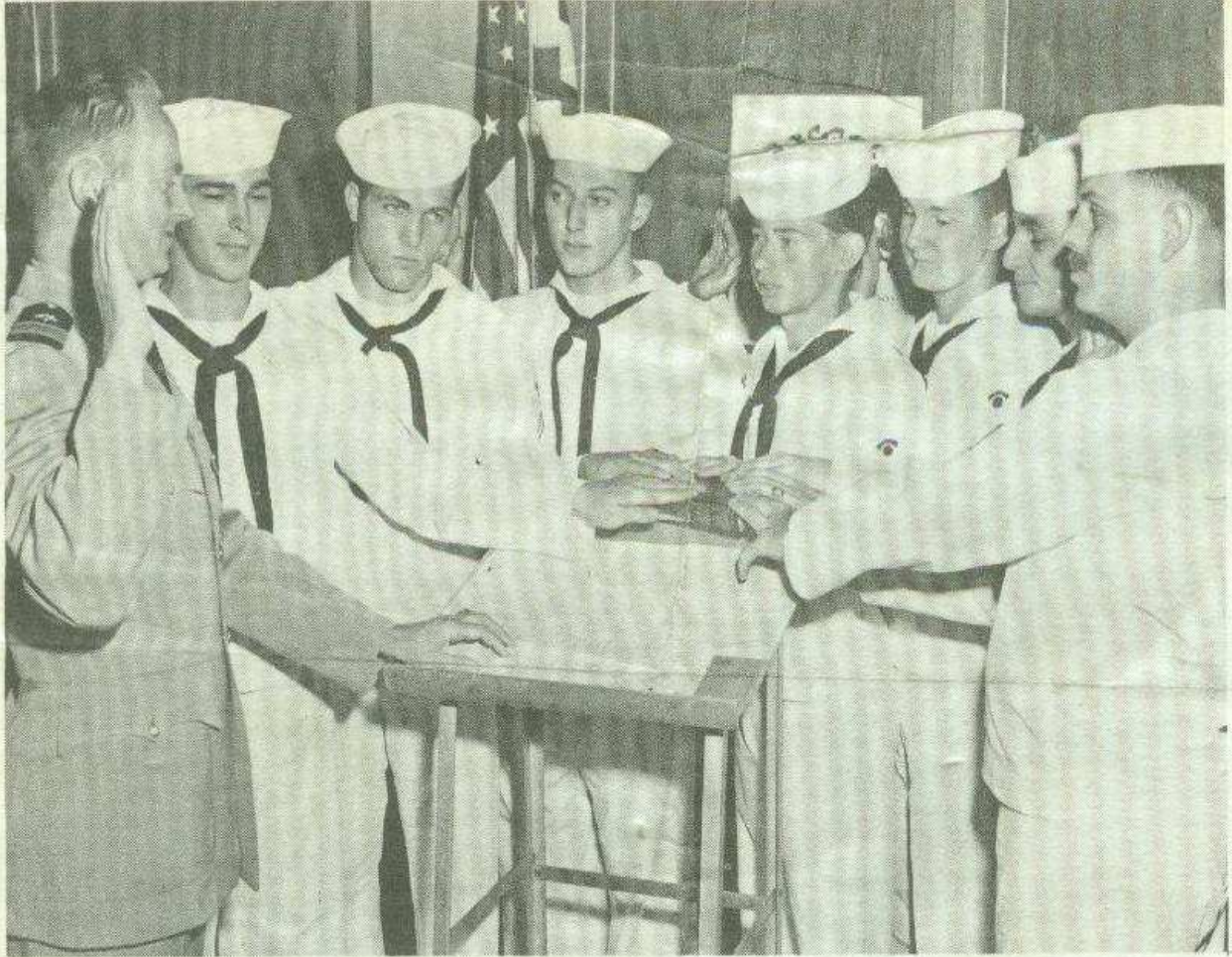
Claims Dive Record

USS PIPER—This flotilla submarine, homeported at New London, Conn., claims she leads the active subs in the Atlantic and Pacific fleets in total number of dives. She has made 13,120 dives as of late August.

The highest number recorded in the Submarine Library of the Naval Submarine Base, New London, is 13,851, by the submarine Sarda at the time of her decommissioning in 1964.

The record came to light when her skipper, Lt. Comdr. R. A. Preble Jr. ordered a special celebration on the occasion of her "Lucky 13 Grandeur." She broke the surface for the 13,000th time on the return leg of a Submarine School training cruise to Bermuda.

All diving stations for the "Lucky 13 Grandeur" were manned by crew members with more than three years aboard. Conning officer was commissaryman First J. C. Burke, who has served aboard since July 1958. Burke was assisted by Quartermaster Second A. A. Cross, diving officer.



WELL COVERED--The Bible aboard the USS Piper (SS-409) is just about covered as seven first cruise men are administered the re-enlistment oath by the Commanding Officer. Shown (from left to right) with Lieutenant Commander V.O. Harkness, Jr., are R.P. Moore MMFN, W.D. Deryck MMFN, L.J. Heckelsmiller MMFN, R.J. Hobel ICFN, C.H. Munzner ICFN, J.R. Reeves EM2(SS), and A.D. MCMakin MMFN. All men re-enlisted under the provisions of the STAR (Selective Training And Retention) Program and have helped to maintain Piper as the re-enlistment leader of Submarine Squadron TWO.

Navy Times Article
Photo taken at Philadelphia Naval Shipyard—1962

Welcome Aboard . . .

**USS PIPER
(AGSS-409)**

DETROIT, MICHIGAN

BRODHEAD NAVAL ARMORY DOCK
7600 E. Jefferson Avenue



Ninth Naval District Reserve Training Submarine

Decommissioning Of Sub Set Friday

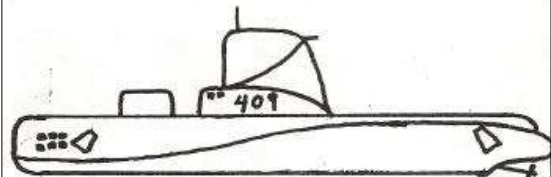
PORTSMOUTH (AP) - The submarine Piper will be decommissioned Friday at the Norfolk Naval Shipyard and her crew will depart for new assignments.

The Piper will be sent to Detroit, Mich., where she will be used to train naval reserve personnel.

Commissioned here in 1944, the Piper has compiled a record of 13,724 dives, more than other active submarines in the fleet.

In June 1967, after many years of fleet operations, and after more than 13,000 dives, Piper was decommissioned at Norfolk, VA and assigned as a Naval Reserve Training Submarine arriving at Detroit, Michigan in July 1967. She is moored at Brodhead Naval Armory Dock, 7600 E. Jefferson Ave.

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Lt. A. E. Smith and the Piper: Submarine is doomed unless ...

2 Seek to Save Sub

By Howard Kohn
Free Press Staff Writer

After 125,000 visitors in the past four years, the submarine Piper is scheduled to be scuttled and sold by the U. S. Navy unless the city of Detroit comes to her rescue.

The 311-foot long sub, moored since 1966 at the Brodhead Naval Armory near the Belle Isle Bridge, was closed to the public last month as a money-saving effort by the Navy.

She and a sister submarine also moored at Brodhead are scheduled to be sold next month as scrap for about \$3 million each.

But two Common Council members hope they can arrange to preserve Piper as a dry-dock memorial.

Carl Levin and David Eberhard are expected to plead their case in Tuesday morning's council meeting. Sources in the Department of Parks and Recreation, which would have to care for the memorial, say department officials have so far discouraged the idea.

The Piper's sister sub, the Cero, was

retired from the Navy in 1958 and officially "killed" in 1967. Efforts since then to auction it have been unsuccessful.

The 1,650-ton Piper was retired in August 1966. The two subs have floated side-by-side, moored to dock with steel cables. The Cero was stripped down in 1967; the Piper is now being dismantled.

Up until mid-June the Piper was open to tours by anyone interested in seeing the vintage diesel-engine craft. More than 125,000 people toured its cramped quarters in the four years it was on exhibit.

That was more attention than the Piper got when it was active. Commissioned in 1944, as one of the last 100 subs built specifically for the Pacific Theater, the Piper never engaged the enemy in its patrols.

Later it was outfitted with sonar equipment as a submarine-hunter but never got to use its fancy equipment in war.

IN RETIREMENT the Piper was

used by the Naval Reserve Training Center to give first-hand instructions to young reservists.

The Piper and Cero each cost about \$4 million when they were mass-produced. Today, when nuclear-powered subs cost \$100-plus million, the Piper and Cero are worth \$3 million each in scrap metal.

In their prime each sub commanded a crew of 80 and an officer team of seven. Even in retirement the Piper had a seven member crew and a captain to handle the tours and maintain equipment.

The utility bill alone for the Piper—lights and ventilation—runs about \$11,000 a year.

Lieutenant A.E. Smith, the last commander of the Piper, said the subs can only be sold to salvage firms or as memorials.

"The sentimental value of the men who have served on a sub prevents us from selling it to someone who would turn it into a restaurant, for instance," Smith said.

Obituaries

Herbert C. Crane

VIRGINIA BEACH—Herbert C. Crane, 74, passed away at his residence Dec. 27, 2004, after a courageous battle with cancer. Herb was born March 13, 1930, in La Grange, Va., to Joe C. Crane and Hazel Brown Crane. He retired from the U.S. Navy as a captain with 39 years of service and more recently retired from Waddell and Reed Investment Co. Herb was a graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy, class of 1954 and proudly served as a submarine officer on the USS Sarda, USS Dogfish and the USS Piper. He reported to Norfolk for various duty stations in 1968 and retired in 1985 after serving nine years as commanding officer, Naval Sea Combat Systems Engineering Station. He received his master's degree from George Washington University and was a Mason in the Union Masonic Lodge, New London, Conn. Herb was faithful to his church. As a longtime member of St. Timothy Lutheran Church in Norfolk, he served as past president and was currently a trustee.

Herb leaves behind his loving wife of 50 years, Barbara Crane; two sons, William Joseph Crane and wife Ruth of Stuttgart, Germany and David Lawrence Crane and wife



Nancy of Virginia Beach; his daughter, Ann Durham and husband Richard of El Cajon, Calif.; two brothers, Roy Samuel Crane and Allen Thomas Crane, both of Warrenton, Va.; and three grandchildren, Lisa Crane, Matthew and Michael Durham.

A service of remembrance will be held Thursday at 11 a.m. in St. Timothy Lutheran Church, 1051 Kempsville Road, Norfolk, VA 23502, by the Rev. Dr. Sidney K. Nelson. Burial with full military honors will be held at a later date in Arlington National Cemetery. The family will receive friends Wednesday from 6 to 8 p.m. at Rosewood Kellum Funeral Home, 601 N. Witchduck Road, Virginia Beach. The family asks that contributions be made to St. Timothy in honor of Herb. Condolences may also be made to www.kellumfuneralhome.com.

Herbert C. Crane was XO of Piper 1964 - 1966

Paul Baker Sr.

East Lyme — A memorial service celebrating the life of Paul J. Baker Sr. will be held at 11 a.m. Oct. 17, 2006, in Union Baptist Church on High St., in Mystic.

Born June 26, 1924, in Ludlow, Pa., Mr. Baker died at home Oct. 11, 2006, after a lengthy illness.

A long time Niantic resident, Mr. Baker earned his living as a master plumber.

A veteran of World War II, he served as a member of the first crew aboard the USS Piper in the South Pacific where he saw much action. The USS Piper and its crew earned four battle stars during Mr. Baker's war service on the ship.

Mr. Baker is survived by his wife, Paulette Thibodeau-Baker. He leaves behind five adult children, Paulette Baker, Stephen Baker, Paul J. Baker Jr., Eleanor Pettus Havens, and Thomas Baker. Mr. Baker is also survived by 13 grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren.

His family will hold a private funeral following the memorial service.

Donations, in lieu of flowers, may be made to the Mystic Area Shelter and Hospitality, 119 High St., Mystic CT 06355.



Obituaries

Irving L. "Irv" Voyer

passed away on December 26, 2006, at the age of 76. Irv was born in Wakefield, Michigan on July 20, 1930. He married Kathleen McKinney in 1957 who predeceased him.

Irv attended the University of Michigan for one year and then went on to graduate at the Naval Academy in Annapolis in 1953. Irv later earned his Masters Degree at the University of Wisconsin Oshkosh.

LCDR Irv Voyer retired from the Navy in 1973, after a distinguished military career that included the Navy Expeditionary Medal, the National Defense Service Medal with Star, Republic of Vietnam Campaign with Device, Meritorious Unit Commendation Ribbon, Vietnam Service Medal, Navy Achievement Medal, Antarctica Service Medal, and the United Nations Service Medal.

Irv worked at J.I. Case for seventeen years and then spent the last twenty years with the following service organizations: the Chamber of Commerce, the Rotary, Kiwanis, EAA, Camp 5 Foundation, Oshkosh Symphony, and Choral Singers.

Irv was well known for his photography skills and donations. Irv received the Governors Commendation on his 70th birthday.

Irv is survived and loved by daughters: Theresa of Yanceyville, North Carolina, Mary of Oshkosh, and Susan of Edgewater, Maryland. He is also survived by three grandchildren: Jerod of Greensboro, North Carolina, Christian of Maryland, and Shane of Yanceyville, North Carolina.

Funeral services for Irv will be held at 12:00 Noon today at Seefeld Family of Funeral Chapels, 300 North Eagle Street, December 29, 2006,. Family and friends are invited to attend a time of visitation and support at the funeral chapel from 10:00 A.M. until the time of the service.



J. Howard Plimpton

September 5, 1932—February 22, 2007

It is with great sadness that I inform you that Howard peacefully passed away on Thursday, February 22nd at his home. He was under the care of Home Hospice with the help and love of his family and friends.

Howard was a devoted husband, father, brother, uncle, grandfather and friend. He leaves me, his son Gregg and daughter Julie, their spouses Theresa and Tim and 5 grandchildren. Also, his brothers Kenneth and Allan of Old Lyme, CT and uncle of Carol, Toledo, OH.

We would like you to join us in a Celebration of Howard's Life on Saturday, May 12th at 1:30pm. This will be held at the Meydenbauer Bay Yacht Club, 9927 Meydenbauer Way S.E., Bellevue, WA. For those of you who may prefer to join us in Tucson, AZ the date will be March 31st at 1:30pm at the SaddleBrooke Golf Clubhouse, 64500 SaddleBrooke Blvd. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Fred Hutchinson Cancer Research Center, Contributions, J5-200, P. O. Box 19024, Seattle, WA. 98109 or a charity of your choice.

"The Circle of Life begins before birth, yet at death, it continues in memory, as a circle never ends". written by: James Gomez

Gail Plimpton and Family

Howard was stationed aboard USS Piper in 1952 and 1953. He was an ET3.

THE DAY (New London, CT)

MONDAY, JULY 23, 2007

John M. Nazarchyk Sr., 80, of Niantic, died peacefully July 19, 2007.

He was born July 25, 1926, in Catawissa, Pa., to John and Antonia Strenietska Nazarchyk. John, or "Jiggs" as he was nicknamed since childhood, was the youngest of 12 children. He was the much beloved husband of Maryann Pierangelo Nazarchyk. They had recently celebrated, on May 31st, their 60th wedding anniversary.

Mr. Nazarchyk proudly served in the U.S. Navy during World War II aboard the USS Piper and the USS Orion. He was a lifetime member of the VFW, Karl Hill Post, and a member of American Legion Post 128.

He was a member of St. Agnes Church and served as an usher and intercedent for the sick at Bride Brook. John was employed for many years at Suburban Propane. Many will remember him as a gate attendant at McCook's Point Beach in Niantic, where his warm personality made him many friends. He also devoted many years to coaching Little League and softball teams in Niantic. In 2006, he completed a Community Service Response Training Program to become a member of the President's Citizens Corps. He also volunteered for many civic activities, including the Tall Ships and Celebrate East Lyme Day.

John was a wonderful neighbor and family man who always made time to help out whenever asked. Along with his wife, Mary Ann, he is survived by sons, Michael and his wife, Ingrid, of Vancouver, Wash., John and his wife, Diane, of Athens, Ala., and Richard and his wife, Jodie, of Waterford; and daughter, Maryann, of Niantic. He is further survived by a sister, Sophie Lynn, and a brother, Thomas Nazarchyk, both of Catawissa, Pa.; 10 grandchildren and four great grandchildren.

The funeral will assemble at 9:15 a.m. Wednesday at the Thomas L. Neilan & Sons East Lyme Funeral Home, 48 Grand Street, Niantic, and proceed to a Mass of Christian Burial in St. Agnes Church, scheduled for 10 a.m. Interment will follow in East Lyme Cemetery. For directions or to sign Mr. Nazarchyk's online guest book, please visit www.neilanfuneralhome.com. The family wishes to extend their appreciation to the nurses and health-care providers who were involved in his care, The Community Cancer Center at Lawrence & Memorial Hospital, and Hospice of SECT. Donations in his memory may be made to these organizations.

THE DAY (New London, CT)

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 21, 2007

Barney Delwin Wixom



Kent, Wash. - Barney Delwin Wixom, 83, of Kent, Wash., passed away on Oct. 10, 2007, at the Washington Soldiers Home in Orting, Wash.

He was born on Jan. 27, 1924, in Columbus, N.D., the son of Robert J. and Alma (Reeter) Wixom.

Barney had a long career in the Navy serving as a radioman and retired at the rank of lieutenant. He was a crew member of the USS Nautilus from 1958 to 1961 and served as Chief of the Boat. During World War II, he served on the Battleship North Carolina which participated in every major naval offensive in the Pacific and was struck by a Japanese torpedo in September 1942. He also served on the USS Quillback during and following the war and was Last Plank Owner and also served on the USS Piper.

Barney was a member of the Submarine Veterans of World War II and the American Legion. He enjoyed gardening and painting and had served as editor of the Charles A. Lockwood Jr. Chapter of Subvets newsletter, "Blow and Vent".

Local survivors include his daughter, Barbara Ford and her husband, Jerry, of Waterford; a grandson, Anthony Ford of New London, and granddaughter, Sarah Ford of Waterford; stepson, Fred Davis and stepdaughter, Carol Davies, both of Waterford. He is also survived by his wife, Sylvia Wixom of Kent, Wash.; son, Robert Wixom; daughter, Lori Holmes; and many grandchildren.

Funeral services were held in Kent, Wash., with interment at Tahoma National Cemetery.

Donations in Barney's memory may be made to the Washington Soldiers Home, 1301 Orting-Kapowsin Hwy., Orting WA 98360.

Clarence Paul Hoover

Clarence Paul Hoover, age 90, of Bradenton, Fla., died on March 1, 2008.

Memorial services will be held at Griffith-Cline Chapel, 720 Manatee Avenue West, Bradenton, Fla. 34205, beginning Tuesday, March 4, 2008, with viewing from 5-7 p.m., and a 6 p.m. Masonic service to be held by the Sahib Shrine Temple (Rose Croix) Masonic Lodge No. 31 of Bradenton.



The memorial service will be held 10 a.m. on Wednesday, March 5, 2008, Chaplain Todd Gordon, officiating.

Military graveside rites will be held at the Florida National Cemetery, 6502 102 Street SW, Bushnell, Fla. at 1 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Almas Temple Children's Speech Hospital, 1-800-241-4438, or TideWell Hospice and Palliative Care Fund Development, 5955 Rand Boulevard, Sarasota, Fla. 34233, 941-721-7894.

Mr. Hoover was born in Whitley County, Ind., September 11, 1917, the son of Melvin and Edna Rupert Hoover.

He came to Manatee County from Fort Washington, Md., in 1992. Lt. Commander Hoover retired after 26 years in the Navy.

His naval duties included service in the North Atlantic, escorting merchant ships to Iceland 1939-1941.

He served aboard the following battleships: USS Idaho, USS New Mexico, and the USS Maryland.

With the advent of World War II, he began submarine combat duty, which carried him to the South Pacific, South China Sea, Indian Ocean, Japan Sea, from 1943-1945.

During his Naval career he served on the following submarines: USS O2, USS Bowfin, USS Dentuda, USS Seadragon, USS Odax (SS-484), USS Piper, USS Haddock, I-201, USS Tarpon and the submarine tender

USS Proteus; as Executive Officer on the USS Petrel and as Commanding Officer of the USS Greenlet.

He also served as Officer in Charge of the Deep Sea Diving School in Washington, DC from 1952-1954, and Officer in Charge of the Inactive Service Craft Facility in Honolulu, HI, from 1955-1959.

He completed his Naval career at the Naval Communication Station, Cheltenham, MD in 1961.

Lt. Commander Hoover received 12 combat ribbons including the Bronze Star with Battle "V", Navy Unit Commendation, Presidential Unit Citation, Philippine Presidential Unit Citation, four stars for Good Conduct, plus seven engagement and war area ribbons, Gold Submarine Officer Qualification Insignia (Dolphins), Submarine Combat Insignia, Command Insignia and the Deep Sea Diver Qualification Pin.

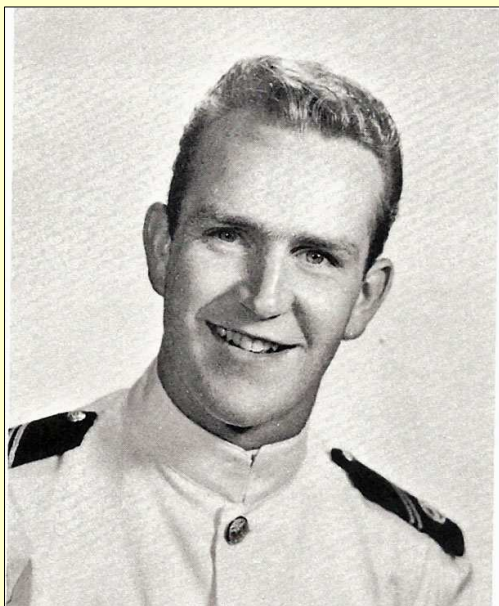
He was a life member of: VFW Post 9616, Morning-side, Md.; American Legion Stewart Kirby Post 24; Sahib Temple No. 4499, Sarasota, Fla.; Scottish Rite Freemasonry, Washington, DC; Almas Temple, Washington, DC; Columbia City Masonic Lodge No. 189 AFAM; Submarine Veterans WW II No. 990, Thames River Chapter, New London, Conn.; ASR/ARS, Fleet Reserve Association N. 5629; USS Idaho Association, Disabled American Veterans Chapter FL No. 18, the WW II Navy Memorial, National, WW II Memorial Charter (plank owner).

He was a member of the Redeemer Lutheran Church of Bradenton, Fla.

He is survived by his wife of 63 years and three sons, Stephen L. of Bradenton, Fla. twin sons Mark G. of Sunderland, Md. And Scott M. of Burtonsville, Md.; Kimberly D. Benson of Friendship, Md., Stephanie L. and Mark G., Jr. of Sunderland, Md.; a sister Hazel Simon of Ranoke, Ind.; a brother Eugene, of Chantilly, Va.; and nieces and nephews.

Clarence P. Hoover was a Life Member of the USS Piper Veterans Association. He served aboard Piper from April 1947 to August 1948.

**William Albert Huston - LT USN
USS Piper SS-409**



Feb. 4, 1940 - Sept. 15, 1964

While serving as the "1st LT" aboard the submarine USS Piper SS-409, LT HUSTON was lost at sea on 15 September 1964 in the Mid- Atlantic Ocean.

LT HUSTON and several enlisted men were sent on deck in heavy seas to sever a loose mooring line that was trailing behind the submarine and was in danger of fouling the propellers.

After severing the mooring line, the men were attempting entry into the superstructure when one enlisted man was washed off of his feet by waves. LT HUSTON was able to pull the man to safety, but then he was struck by a wave and washed overboard when his safety line became undone.

The lookouts maintained sight of the man while the submarine maneuvered into a position where a line could be thrown to him. On the second try, the thrown line landed very close but the man made no attempt to grasp it. The effects of the cold water had probably disoriented and weakened him by that time. Despite losing visual contact with the man the searching continued for several more hours, but they were unable to recover LT HUSTON.

"Sailor, Rest Your Oar"

Chester A. Berryman

DURHAM - Mr. Chester Allen Berryman, 78, of Durham, died on Saturday, August 8, 2009.

Chester was a native of Alexandria, Virginia, the son of the late Lambert G. and Ruth Copeland Berryman. Serving in the U. S. Army during the Korean Conflict he received a Purple Heart and continued his military career and later retired from the U. S. Navy. After retirement he worked as a Durham County Magistrate and at Avis Car Rental at RDU for 23 years. Chester was a member of Bethesda Baptist Church where he was a member of the Discipleship Sunday School Class, a former Deacon and a member of the Primitives. He was a former Captain on the Bethesda Volunteer Fire Department and also helped form the Redwood Volunteer Fire Department. He was preceded in death by a son, William Edward Berryman, brothers, Leroy Berryman and Monroe Dixon and a sister, Florence Bolton.

He is survived by his wife, Patricia J. Berryman; one son, Richard Allen and wife, Kimberly, of Clayton; three daughters, Robin B. Elliott and husband, Marvin, of Oxford, Cindy B. Hutch, of Durham and Marjorie B. Tye and husband, Michael, of Columbia, S.C.; one brother, Bobby Berryman; four sisters, Evelyn Treger, Mary Skillman, Peggy Barden and Frances White and seven grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held on Tuesday at 11 a.m. at Bethesda Baptist Church, officiated by Rev. Jacob Green and Rev. Hugh O'Shields. Interment with military rites will be in Raleigh Memorial Park. Honorary pallbearers will be the members of the Discipleship Sunday School Class.

The family will receive friends on Monday from 6 to 8 p.m. at Hudson Funeral Home and other times at the home. Flowers are acceptable or memorial gifts may be made to Bethesda Baptist Church, 1914 S. Miami Blvd, Durham, N.C. 27703. Arrangements are being handled by Hudson Funeral Home.

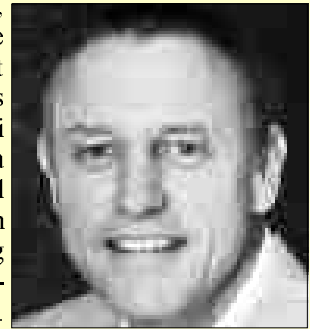
William Ripley “Rip” Harrison, 86 of Indianapolis passed away October 27, 2009. A lifelong resident of Indianapolis, he was always very grateful for all his friends and acquaintances that he made over the years. He was the loving husband of Mary Elaine (Aukerman) Harrison and they were married for 59 years. From their marriage they have two sons; Thomas Manford Harrison and Mark William Harrison. They also have four grandchildren-Ripley James, John Paul, Hunter and Sarah. He was the son of the late Ralph and Clementine (Victor) Harrison and was born on December 17, 1922 in Martinsville, IN. He graduated from Shortridge High School in 1939 at age 16, attended Wabash College from 1939 to 1941 and graduated from Indiana University with a B.S. in business in 1943. He studied Electronics and Electrical Engineering at Harvard University, Massachusetts Institute of Technology and U.S. Naval Submarine School while on active duty with the U.S. Navy. Other graduate studies include Law and Accounting at Indiana University and gained his Certified Public Accountant designation in 1949.

Rip was a Navy veteran and served on active duty from 1943 to 1946 and a member of the reserves from 1947 to 1967. He was attached to the USS Piper (SS-409), an operating submarine in the Pacific theater during World War II. He served as an electronics officer and assistant navigator attaining rank of Lieutenant while on active duty. He was awarded the Submarine Combat Medal three times and the Pacific Combat medal with three stars. He retired in 1967 with the rank of Commander of the Naval Reserve after 26 years of service.

Rip was a C.P.A. and was a principal or partner in Indianapolis accounting firms since 1949. He retired from Bagley, Hoage & Harrison Accountants after more than 50 years service to many of his clients. He was very active in the community and believed that service was an important part of his life. He was a member of Second Presbyterian Church, Mystic Tie Masonic Lodge, Indianapolis Valley of Scottish Rite, former member of the Indianapolis Athletic Club and was a past vice-president and board of directors member. He also was a member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, Past President of the Indianapolis Chapter of Certified Public Accountants, past Vice President of Indiana Association of Certified Public Accountants, past President of the Indiana Association of Certified Public Accountants Educational Foundation, past President of the Gyro Club of Indianapolis, former Commodore and Treasurer of the Indianapolis Sailing Club, past National President of Interlake Sailing Class Association, and a former financial advisory board member of the Indianapolis Retirement Home, Inc. former director of the Little Red Door Cancer Agency and a member of the Service Club of Indianapolis. An avid sailor, he spent his best days on Geist Reservoir racing his sailboat until age 80. Buried in Crown Hill Cemetery, 700 W 38th St, Indianapolis, IN 46208

Don Marten Rippe, 82, of Oak Grove, MO, passed away February 22, 2010 in Sun City West, AZ.

Don was born January 22, 1928, in Clayton, MO. He graduated from Roosevelt High School in St. Louis and attended Missouri School of Mines in Rolla focusing on Mechanical Engineering. He served in the US Navy during WWII aboard the submarine USS Piper (SS-409).



Don owned 18 US and foreign patents and was the founder of Magnum Piering, Inc. He also worked at Emmenegger Construction, Eaton Corp. and Von Weise Gear Co. He enjoyed spending time with his children and grandchildren. Don was preceded in death by his wife, Delores M. Rippe, April 8, 1974. He is survived by his fiancée, Nelda Walker of Sun City West, AZ.; son, Don M. Rippe Jr. and his wife Sue, of Arvada CO., daughter, Kimberly A. Barnett and her husband Bob, of Grain Valley, MO.; grandchildren, Alex Rippe, Lorrie Barnett and Marten Barnett.

Services: Funeral services will be 2:00 p.m., Monday March 1, 2010 at Chapel of Memories Funeral Home, 30000 East Valor Drive, Grain Valley, MO with a visitation prior to services at the funeral home at 1:00 p.m. He will be laid to rest with military honors in Jackson County Veteran's Field of Honor at Swan Lake Memorial Park, Grain Valley, MO. In lieu of flowers, please send donations to U.S. Navy Memorial Foundation. Arrangements: Chapel of Memories Funeral Home 816-463-4030.

Robert E. Harris

DECATUR - Robert E. Harris, 69, of Decatur, IL, died 4:15 P.M., Sunday, July 18, 2010, of complications from Mesothelioma, at Decatur Memorial Hospital, Decatur, IL.

Memorial services will be 11:00 A.M., Saturday, July 24, at Brintlinger and Earl Funeral Home, Decatur, IL, with visitation one hour prior to service time at the funeral home. Memorials may be made to the Wounded Warriors Project.

Robert was born August 12, 1940, in Queens, NY, the son of Robert John and Anna (Kalkan) Harris. He married Linnea Davis on June 20, 1964 in Enfield, CT. Robert graduated from the University of Hartford. He owned and operated ICAL, Inc. and was involved with nuclear instrumentation and calibration. Robert was also a radiological engineering consultant for the nuclear industry. He was a U.S. Navy veteran who served on the submarines, the USS Piper and USS Halibut. Robert had a love of trains, model trains, his 57 Chevy's and Corvettes, was a member of the Rolling Prairie Corvette Club, and enjoyed going to car shows.

He is survived by his wife Linnea of Decatur, IL; daughters Lynn (Rick) Eades of Decatur, IL, Kristin (David) Dempster of Fulton, MO; son Karl Harris of Decatur, IL; grandchildren Christopher Finley of Springfield, IL, Kolton, Kayleigh, and Karley Harris, all of Decatur, IL; sister Gail Harris of Plainview, NY; niece Danielle Harris of Studio City, CA; mother-in-law Alice Davis of Decatur, IL. He was preceded in death by his parents, and brother Bruce Harris. Condolences may be left to the family at www.brintlingerandearl.com. Obituary written by family members. Online guest book at www.legacy.com/herald-review/Obituaries. Asp



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**Harry E. Rhoads**

FAIRFAX - Harry E. Rhoads, died on Tuesday, August 3, 2010 at INOVA Fairfax Hospital. "Dusty" was a longtime resident of Fairfax City.

Born in Hermann, MO in 1922, he was raised in Gray Summit, MO and attended Westminster College until he was accepted into the United States Naval Academy. He graduated from the USNA in 1945, with the accelerated class of 1946, then trained in the submarine school in New London. He served on three submarines, the Sablefish, Piper, and Sirago (51-52). On November 4, 1946 he was officer of the deck when the Sablefish, sailing off the coast of Greenland in frigid waters, took a roll of 63 degrees, the most a sub of that class had experienced and survived. After submarine service, he was the engineering officer aboard the presidential yacht, the Williamsburg, and administrator of Camp Shangri-La, now known as Camp David. He served 24 years with the Central Intelligence Agency as an analyst of the Soviet navy. In retirement he lived for several years in Carrizo Springs, TX, where he served as the director of the Dimmit County Public Library.

He is survived by his beloved wife of 62 years, Joel S. Rhoads of Fairfax, VA; adoring children, Harry E. Rhoads, Jr. of Alexandria, VA and Jeni Houston and her husband Gary of San Antonio, TX; cherished grandchildren, Mary Kathryn Rhoads and Emily Ann Rhoads; devoted sister, Ann Sheridan of Peoria, IL; dear brother, John Rhoads of Belleville, IL; loving nieces, nephews, other family members and a host of friends. Interment will be in Hondo, Texas. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Dimmit County Public Library, 200 N. 9th Street, Carrizo Springs, TX 78834. Arrangements entrusted to Everly Funeral Home, Fairfax, VA.

www.everlyfuneralhomes.com



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Tom Russell
Base Chaplain
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Shipmates,

It is our sad duty to inform you all of the passing of a Shipmate. Peter "Honey" F. McCormack, 84, formerly of Oakdale, CT passed away peacefully on Jan. 10, 2011, after a brief illness. Peter was born on Oct. 1, 1928, in Queens, N.Y. Peter married Helen McCormack, who predeceased him in June of 1990. Peter then married Arlene McCormack in July of 1992, who predeceased him on Dec. 20, 2010.

Peter joined the Navy in 1948 and qualified in submarines onboard the USS CORSAIR (SS 435) in 1949. He also served onboard the USS SEA POACHER (SS 406), USS PIPER (SS 409), USS MACKREL (SST 1), and USS SEAROBIN (SS 407). Peter retired a YNCS(SS) in 1970.

Peter joined USSVI Groton Base in 1999, he was a Life and Holland Club member. He was also a member of St. John Parish in Uncasville and was a very devoted Mason and Shriner.

Peter is survived by a daughter, Sandra Radford and her husband, Dave, of Oakdale; three grandchildren, Sherri Sheetz and her husband, Garry, of New York, David Radford II and his wife, Stacy, of Uncasville, and Tonja Hillyer and her husband, Matt, of Massachusetts; and six great-grandchildren, Jessica, Samantha and Dustun Sheetz, Rebecca and Tyler Radford, and Bray Turner.

Burial was private in North Carolina. Donations in Peter's memory can be made to The Shriners Hospitals for Children, 51 Blossom St., Boston MA 02114 or the American Cancer Society, 238 West Town St., Norwich CT 06360.

***"There is a port of no return, where ships may ride at anchor for a little space.
And then some starless night the cable slips, leaving only an eddy at the mooring place.
Gulls veer no longer, Sailor rest your oar.
No tangled wreckage will be washed ashore."***

**Hand Salute
YNCS(SS) Peter F. McCormack. . . Rest your oar.**

Ready Two

To: All hands, Long Island Base
From: Mike Carmody, Vice Cdr., by dir of
Cdr. Michael Zemser
Subj: Passing of Shipmate Michael Lally

**Mike Lally
22 Jan 1941 to 12 Feb 2011**

It is with sad duty to report the passing of Shipmate Michael Lally who went on Eternal Patrol this morning after a long illness. Mike served as Base Treasurer for many years and continued to hold that office until his



passing. Mike was a faithful and dedicated member of Long Island Base and will be missed by all of us who knew him. Our deepest condolences go out to his wife, Patricia, and their three sons. Also in our thoughts is Mike's brother, John Lally, who also is a member of Long Island Base. Mike qualified on the submarine Piper (SS409) in 1961. Just recently, several of Mike's shipmates visited him and presented Mike with the U.S. Submarine Veterans "Holland Club Award." The award is given to those members who have been qualified in submarines for 50 years. The award was presented to him by Chief John Hendry, USN (Ret). Chief Hendry served on the USS Piper with Mike in the 1960's.

Since Mike's wake service will be held on the evening of our scheduled monthly meeting, said meeting will be cancelled. A new meeting date will be forthcoming. All hands are urged to attend Mike's wake on Monday evening. Uniform of the day will be base vests and/or jackets or attire that will identify you as a fellow submariner. See below for wake and funeral arrangements:

Maloney's Holbrook Funeral Home 825 Main St., Holbrook, NY 11741 (631) 981-7500

Date & time of viewing: Mon., 14 Feb 2011
1400 hrs. to 1600 hrs & 1900 hrs to 2100 hrs.
Military Service will commence at 2000 hrs.
Please muster at funeral home on or before 1945 hrs.

Mass service will be at Our Lady of Snow
175 Blue Point Ave., Blue Point, NY
Tues., 0945 hrs., 15 Feb 2011

Robert N. Sollenberger

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Shipmates,

It is our sad duty to inform you all of the passing of a Shipmate. Robert N. Sollenberger, 81, beloved husband of Marie (Lawrence) Sollenberger, of Kingswood Drive, North Stonington, passed away at Fairview Nursing Home in Groton on Thursday, March 31, 2011. Born in Alabama, he was the son of the late Earl and Harriet Sollenberger.

Robert joined the Navy In 1948 and retired in 1977 as a Commander. He qualified in submarines onboard the USS PIPER (SS 409) in 1950. He also served onboard the USS GROUPER (SS 214), and the USS NAUTILUS (SSN 571).

After retiring from the Navy, he taught mathematics at Choate Rosemary Hall for three years. He also taught mathematics at Wheeler High School. Robert Joined us at USSVI Groton Base in 2002. He was a Life and Holland Club member. He was also a member and past President of the Nautilus Alumni Association Inc. He was a communicant of St. Thomas More Church. Robert enjoyed reading and working with computers.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by his sons, Robert N. Sollenberger, Timothy D. Sollenberger, Christopher T. Sollenberger, Michael L. Sollenberger, and Paul N. Sollenberger; his daughters, Cynthia Ferritto and Theresa Masinter; 13 grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

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anchor for a little space.*

*And then some starless night the cable slips, leaving
only an eddy at the mooring place.*

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No tangled wreckage will be washed ashore."*

Hand Salute
CDR Robert N. Sollenberger. . .Rest your oar.

Ready Two

Robert A. Smith, Sr.

Robert A. Smith, Sr., age 77, of Wildwood Road in East Wakefield, died March 15, 2011, at home.

Born June 8, 1933 in Boston, MA, the son of Arthur E. and Verna (MacDonald) Smith, he resided the past 4 years in East Wakefield, having previously resided in Sanbornville for over 15 years and also in Union.

A veteran of the United States Navy, he served for 11 years, having served on U.S.S. Piper 409. He was a life member of V.F.W. Post #7663 in Union, a life member of the Disabled American Veterans and a life member of American Legion Post #19 in Sanford, Maine.

Bob was the former owner and operator of Longmeadow Farm and Home Supplies, co-owner of Sunnyside Restaurant, Union Meadows Restaurant and The Hen House Restaurant.

He enjoyed old military movies, gardening, farming and raising chickens.

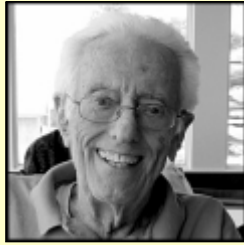
"It is a poor day when I can't find someone to aggravate".

Survivors include his wife of 28 years Cecile "CeCe" (Dion) Smith, of E. Wakefield, his 4 sons: Robert Andrew Smith, Jr. "Andy", Thomas Smith, Russell Smith and Timothy Smith, all of Sanbornville, 2 step daughters: Christina M. Cloutier of Sanbornville and Bobbie Jean Mercer of Kennebunk, Maine, several Grandchildren and Great Grandchildren, 3 brothers: James Smith of Rochester, Carl Smith of Washington state and Arthur Smith of Texas, a sister Carol "Sissy" Manley of NC, also several Nieces and Nephews. He was predeceased by his son William Smith.

A Memorial Service will be celebrated on Saturday, May 14, 2011 at 10:00 at the United Methodist Church on Meadow Street in Sanbornville, NH with Rev. Lee Elliott, pastor, officiating. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made in his memory to Hospice of Southern Carroll County and Vicinity, PO Box 1620, Wolfeboro, NH 03894. Arrangements are in the care of Peaslee Funeral Home, 2079 Wakefield Road in Sanbornville (Wakefield), NH. To express condolences, please visit: www.peasleefuneralhome.com

Wallace W. Hankins Jr.,

Wallace W. Hankins Jr., CAPT, USN, Ret., died September 24 from complications of heart and pulmonary disease at his home in Annapolis, surrounded by his family. He was born in Minnesota to Wallace W. Hankins Sr. and Beatrice Hankins. He was raised in Duluth, where he attended high school and junior college until July 1942, when he entered the U.S. Navy as a midshipman at the U.S. Naval Academy in Annapolis. He graduated with the Class of 1946, was commissioned as Ensign, and married Kathleen Giddings of Severna Park, all on June 6, 1945. With her he embarked on a varied career of twenty-five years on active duty that spanned the entire period from the last months of World War II, most of the Cold War, the Korean Conflict and Vietnam. Captain Hankins's first ship was the USS FARGO (CL106) 1945-1947 during that cruiser's contribution to the balance of power in the Mediterranean between Marshal Tito's Yugoslav troops and those of the U.S. and U.K. Occupation Forces in Italy. Following that protracted foreign cruise (11 months), he served on the small craft USS PCE 903 operating from Hawaii to the northwest Pacific Ocean until 1949, when he began submarine training in New London, Connecticut. Except for two years as an instructor at the U.S. Naval Academy, 1953-1955, his early submarine duty was served in Fleet-type and snorkel-equipped diesel submarines, USS PIPER, USS GUAVINA and USS ATULE. It culminated in command of the USS GROUPER (SSK 214) 1957-1959. Then he was assigned to the U.S. Naval War College, Newport, Rhode Island, first as a student and then as a faculty member writing and teaching courses in strategy and tactics. In 1963, then-Commander Hankins was detailed to war requirements planning in the staff of the U.S. Navy Antisubmarine Warfare Force Pacific Fleet, in Hawaii. While on the faculty of the Naval War College, he concurrently earned his MA degree in international relations from Boston University. In 1964, Commander Hankins served aboard the carrier USS YORKTOWN (CV S 10) on the staff of Commander Antisubmarine Group Three, primarily operating in the Western Pacific and South China Sea. Completing that tour, he assumed command of Submarine Division Twelve in Hawaii. Following that command tour, Commander Hankins joined the Naval Inspector General's branch of the Chief of Naval Operations staff in Washington, in which position he was privileged to participate in the inspections (management audits) of all of the top command (four-star) echelons and a number of others. Con-



currently he earned his MBA degree from Southern Illinois University in addition to his Navy duties during that tour. At the close of his Washington tour of duty, Captain Hankins retired from active duty and resumed residence in Severna Park. After his retirement from active duty, Captain Hankins became a registered representative for Legg, Mason, leaving in 1974 to join the management analysis group in the Department of Budget and Fiscal Planning in the State of Maryland government, serving until 1980. Captain Hankins was an active member of Woods Memorial Presbyterian Church in Severna Park and enjoyed singing in their choir for forty-one years. He was ordained elder in 1970. His other interests included sailing, fitness swimming, community leadership, creative writing, and family gatherings. In October 2002, he and Kathie moved from Severna Park to the Ginger Cove Retirement Community in Annapolis. He is survived by his wife of 66 years, Kathleen of Annapolis and formerly of Severna Park; three daughters and their husbands, Linda Hankins Dukes and Frank Dukes of Charlottesville, VA, Professor Leslie Kathleen Hankins and Cliff Rappoport of Iowa City, IA, and Laurette Hankins-O'Connell and Kevin O'Connell of Severna Park; three sisters, Margaret Hanson and Jane Haglund of Minnesota, and Katherine Saylor of Tennessee; nine grandchildren, Clarissa, Lenore, Lydia Rose, Jesse, Patrick, Daniel, Roderick, Megan and Brendan; and eight great-grandchildren. The funeral, originally scheduled for Thursday, September 29th, has been postponed and will be rescheduled for a later date. For updated information please call Woods Memorial Presbyterian Church at 410-647-2550. Memorial contributions may be sent to Woods Church, 611 Baltimore Annapolis Blvd, Severna Park, MD 21146, or to the Severna Park Community Center, P.O. Box 691, Severna Park, MD 21146. Published in The Capital on September 26, 2011

Robert Hailey

Robert Hailey, CAPT, USN, Ret., 93, died in Williamsburg, Va., on Sept. 26, 2011. Bob graduated from high school in Big Spring, Texas, attended McMurry College for one year and worked for a year in the oil fields of West Texas, before entering the United States Naval Academy in July 1937. His 1941 Academy class graduated Feb. 7, 1941. His 28 years of service in the Navy included many varied assignments. He served on the INDIANAPOLIS in the Pacific until September 1943, commanded two submarines R-5 and PIPER [1948-1950], the destroyer WALLER and the attack transport SANDOVAL. He also served as District Intelligence Officer of the 15th Naval District in the Panama Canal Zone. After retirement in 1965, he taught mathematics in the Norfolk Public Schools for 12 years. A lifelong Methodist, he was active in church, scouting and community affairs. He served as President of the Education Association of Norfolk and President of the Citizens Association for Justice in Virginia. A second retirement gave time for travel and the opportunity to serve as President of the Norview Lions Club and Tidewater Childrens Foundation, to work with Habitat for Humanity, Meals on Wheels, and the Chesapeake Bay Foundation. After moving to Williamsburg in 1992, he continued working with the Lions Club and worked with the Housing Partnership, engaged in repairing homes of elderly and low income persons. His wife, the former Evelyn Momsen, daughter of Vice Admiral and Mrs. Charles 'Swede' Momsen, died March 29, 2011, just three days after their 68th wedding anniversary. He is survived by two children, a daughter, Mrs. Anne Bartee of Staunton, Va.; and a son, Christopher Hailey and his wife, Esther of Pennington, N.J.; a dear daughter-in-law, Susan Hailey of Germantown, Tenn.; six grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. His son, Robert preceded him in death in 1996. A service will be held at 4:30 p.m., Oct. 1, 2011, at Chambrel Retirement Community, 3800 Treyburn Dr., Williamsburg, Va. Robert and Evelyn will be interred in the Naval Academy Columbarium. Online condolences may be registered at bucktroutfuneralhome.net View and post condolences on our online guestbook at dailypress.com/guestbooks. Published in Daily Press from September 27 to September 28, 2011



George William Holst

PRESQUE ISLE - George William Holst passed away peacefully Friday, Oct. 14, 2011, surrounded by his family at his home. He was born Jan. 20, 1937, in Newark, N.J., to George and Irma (Grimme) Holst. He shared a long and happy life with his wife of more than 50 years, Jacquelyne, and their daughter, Janet.

At the age of 17, he followed in his father's footsteps by joining the U.S. Navy. His two brothers later followed him into the service, and for many years his parents were proud to say they had three sons serving their country aboard U.S. Navy submarines. During his 20-year career as a submariner, he served aboard the USS Guavina, USS Mackerel, USS Hardhead, USS Piper and USS Fulton. He volunteered for a tour in Vietnam and retired as a senior chief petty officer.

In 1967 George and his family moved to Presque Isle, where he served a tour as the U.S. Naval recruiter. They grew to love the County and the people, and decided to make Presque Isle their home after George's retirement from the Navy. His first job in the County was at Aroostook Communications, now Aroostook Technologies. George went on to work for the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration - NOAA, and finished his career at the National Weather Service station, Caribou. He was a charter member of MARS - Military Affiliate Radio System, which allowed military members and their families to keep in touch before the advent of email and the Internet. George was a lifelong ham radio operator. He was co-founder of Aroostook Amateur Radio Club and taught many classes and helped others enjoy ham radio. He could often be found in his "shack" in the evenings, talking to people around the world. With his rich bass voice, George loved singing in four-part harmony. He was a longtime member of a local barbershop quartet and encouraged others to join them. For the last 2 1/2 years of his life, he had a service dog named Sunshine. She was a dedicated companion and brought him a great deal of joy. George embraced the values and life of the "greatest generation." He was a patriot. He loved his country. He lived his life as a man who tried to always be honest and do the right thing. He always did his best at any job, never cutting corners. He will be remembered for his sense of duty and honor. Few people knew of George's quiet generosity; when he saw a need, he tried to meet it.

He cherished the memories he made with his family; spending time with his daughter, welcoming new babies into the family, taking honeymoons with his bride. George remained very much in love with her until his final breath. He is survived by his wife, Jacquelyne (Maloy) Holst; daughter, Janet (Holst) Morrow and son-

George William Holst (cont'd)

in-law, Mark Morrow; his two brothers, Robert Holst and wife, Gail, and Richard Holst and wife, Cindy; 14 grandchildren, Rachel (Morrow) Rice and husband, Raymond, Sharon (Morrow) Thibault and husband, Noah, Leeann (Morrow) Ward and husband, William, Jacquelyne Morrow, Seth Morrow, Elizabeth (Morrow) Spragg and husband, Caleb, Tiffany Morrow, Sarah Morrow, James Morrow, Kimberly Morrow, Joshua Morrow, Ansumana Morrow, Faith Morrow and Emily Morrow; and six great-grandchildren, Zachary and Naomi Rice, and Belle, Rylan, Finn and Zane Thibault. He was predeceased by his parents; and sister, Carol (Holst) Fredette. George was a son, brother, husband, father, Opa, and great-grandfather. He will be greatly missed



George "Sandy" Sanderson at his son Bruce's Dolphin Pinning ceremony June 2011

GEORGE HOWARD SANDERSON, JR.

"Skip" (Age 67)

Died [Friday, November 25, 2011]. [found] Wednesday, November 30, 2011 at his residence. He was born August 14, 1944 in Kenton, Ohio to George Howard and Betty Lou (Kelly) Sanderson, Sr. His father survives in Kenton. Also surviving are three sons, Joseph Sanderson of Alexandria, VA, Bruce Sanderson of Pearl Harbor, HI and Michael Sanderson of California; one daughter, Kristina Sanderson of California; a sister, Joyce Heilshorn of Defiance, and two brothers, David Sanderson of [Cygnet] [not -] Sycamore, OH and Jeffrey Sanderson of [Columbus,] Dublin, OH. He was preceded in death by his mother. He spent 21 years in the Navy in submarine services retiring as a Naval Officer. He was a member of the Amvets Post 1994, VFW Post 3816, and a life member of the United States Submarine Veterans Incorporated [USSVI].

Graveside services for George Howard "Skip" Sanderson, Jr. will be at 1 p.m., Monday, December 5, 2011 at Grove Cemetery [Kenton, OH]. Military graveside rites by Amvets Post #1994. Price Funeral Home, Kenton, OH is handling arrangements.

Ralph Henry (Hank) Wiley

Ralph Henry Wiley, 69, of Santa Maria, CA departed on Eternal Patrol on February 2, 2012 after a courageous battle with ALS (Lou Gehrig's disease).



Hank was born to the late Joseph and Marian Wiley on January 4, 1943 in San Bernardino, CA. He attended many grade schools while his father was in the U.S. Air Force. He graduated from Rubidoux High School in Riverside, CA. Hank joined the U.S. Navy in 1965 and served his country for five years in the submarine service aboard the USS Piper and the USS Hardhead. As a Submarine Veteran he was a member of the San Diego SubVets Base, a Charter Member/Plankowner and Treasurer of the SLO Subvets Base – Central Coast of California, and a Life Member of the United States Submarine Veterans, Inc. He was also a member of the American Legion Post 56. Hank was a hardwood flooring contractor for over 30 years in Connecticut and San Diego, CA. "The Sandman" was well known for his skill, reputation and friendliness.

He moved to the Central Coast in 2001 for his retirement years, but in 2009 he was diagnosed with ALS. The computer became his friend with lots of e-mails and Facebook to keep in touch with family and friends. Before the disease he enjoyed traveling and finding new places to eat, especially if they had rare prime rib. Friends and family were his pride and joy. Hank is survived by his wife Nancy of Santa Maria, his daughters, Ellen, Linda (Joseph), Lori, Jodee, Tammy, Darcie, Shannon (Jim), and Erin (Paul), his sons, Corey, Steven (Suzy) and Dean (Jo Ann), 25 grandchildren and 9 great-grandchildren. He is survived by his sister Sandy (Paul), his brothers Bill (Barbara) and Joel (Mary), and many nieces, nephews and cousins. He was preceded in death by his son-in-law Jack Bolding, and granddaughter Delaney Starcher.

A memorial service will be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers the family requests donations be made to the MDA (Muscular Dystrophy Association) at Santa Barbara District of MDA, 402 East Carillo Street, #C, Santa Barbara, CA 93101. Please specify for ALS Research.

Published in Santa Maria Times on February 8, 2012

Thomas John Calabrese



Thomas John Calabrese, of Hilo, Hawaii, passed away February 8, 2012 after a lengthy battle with cancer. Born in Pittston [PA], on October 28, 1938, he was the son of the late Michael and Pauline Falzone Calabrese, of Kingston.

He attended Pittston High School until his enlistment in the Navy. He graduated from Great Lakes Naval Training Center in Illinois and served aboard the USS FORESTAL CVA59. He had the honor of service next on the naval cruiser, the USS NORTHAMPTON CC1, which was the flagship of the entire Atlantic Fleet at the time. He continued his career in the Navy by attending school at "the world's first and finest submarine base" in Groton, Connecticut. On completion of his studies, he was stationed aboard the USS PIPER SS409. His next assignment was aboard the nuclear powered submarine the USS GRANT SSBN631 as a plank owner. He concluded his naval career as an interior communications specialist aboard the destroyer the USS MADDOX DD731. Upon his honorable discharge from the Navy, he continued his education at Cerritos College in California, obtaining a degree in business administration. He went on to California State College in Long Beach, where he was awarded a BA in Political Science. Throughout his civilian career in California, he held many positions in local government as city manager in Arista, Willits City, Patterson and Colton City. Besides being a member of the Western Government Research Association, he was also employed by the General Telephone Company of Pomona.

Tom spent his retirement near the ocean in Hawaii with his wife, the former Sharon Nishimoto. He is survived by his sons, Thomas, Michael and Nicholas; his nine grandchildren; his one great-grandchild and stepchildren, Stephen, Harry and Jan. He is also survived by his brothers, Charles, who resides in Arizona; John Michael, of Swoyersville; and Anthony, of Hughestown. A memorial service was held in Hilo and at his request, he was cremated and his ashes were returned to the sea he loved so much.

Published in Times Leader on February 19, 2012

Milton R. Gaedt Sr.



Montville - Milton R. Gaedt Sr., 82, of Uncasville, entered into eternal life on Thursday, June 21, 2012.

He was born Nov. 21, 1929, in Rochester, N.Y., the son of the late Erhardt and Frieda (Tessnow) Gaedt. He was the loving husband of the late Marion D'Onofrio Gaedt for 31 years. Milton retired from the U.S. Navy as a chief quarter master in 1967 and later retired from General Dynamics after 25 years of service.

Milton was a lifetime member of The Elks Lodge 1537 in West Haven, Fleet Reserve and a member of the U.S. Submarine Veterans Life and Holland Club.

He is survived by his four children, Louis Gaedt and wife, Jane, of Oakdale, Milton Gaedt Jr. of Niantic, Allison Keefe and husband, Michael, of Griswold and Paul Gaedt of Mass. He is also survived by ten grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

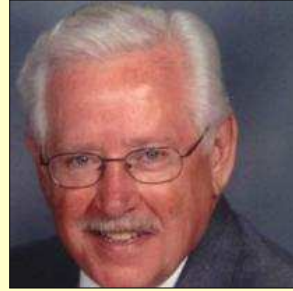
His family will receive relatives and friends from 9 to 10:30 a.m. Saturday, at the Impellitteri Malia Funeral Home, 84 Montauk Ave., New London, followed by a Mass of Christian Burial at 11 a.m. in St. John the Evangelist Church, Montville. Interment with military honors will be in St. Patrick's Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Hospice, Branford, CT.

Published in The Day on June 22, 2012

Milton Gaedt Sr. served on Piper 1950-1951 and again 1960-1961.

George A Lock



George A. Lock, 76, of Mansfield, passed away on Friday, December 14, 2012, at Mifflin Care Center, after a long battle with Alzheimers.

George was born on September 6, 1936, in Dyersburg, TN to Joseph R. and

Mary L. Hardin Lock. He proudly served his country in the U.S. Navy aboard the submarine USS Piper during the Korean Conflict. George was ordained into the ministry in 1967 and graduated from Lexington Baptist College in 1969. He was a pastor for 43 years in various churches throughout Kentucky, Michigan, Ohio and Florida. He loved people and wanted them to come to know Christ on a personal level and preached many sermons on the joy of living a Christ-centered life.

He is survived by his wife Judy Lumpkin Lock, whom he married on February 14, 1959. Also surviving are one daughter, Karen (Tim) Campbell of Mansfield; one daughter-in-law, Kimberly Clever Lock of Valrico, FL; seven grandchildren, Tara (Angel) Rojas of Valrico, FL, David (Joelle) Campbell of Lucas, John (Kate) Lock of Lakeland, FL, Jessica (Paul) Green of Mansfield, Adam Lock of Riverview, FL, Amber (Justin) Hays of Plant City, FL, and Ashley (Joshua) Velazquez of Valrico, FL; ten great-grandchildren; two siblings, Joe R. Lock of Mulberry, FL and Shelby Scholz of Fraser, MI, and a foster son, Jeff Doucette, of Traverse City, MI, who was raised by the Lock's.

George was preceded in death by his parents; one son, Michael Lock; and one sister, Sandy Lock.

Calling hours will be from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. on Tuesday, December 18, 2012 at Werner-Gompf Funeral Services, LTD., 1106 Park Avenue East (St. Rt. 430E), Mansfield. Funeral services will follow at 12:30 p.m. with Pastor Richard Folger officiating. Burial with full military honors will be held in Ohio Western Reserve National Cemetery, Rittman, OH.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Baptist Faith Missions, George Sledd, Treasurer, P.O. Box 471280, Lake Monroe, FL 32747.

Obituary for Earl N. Oster, Jr.

Earl Norton Oster, Jr., 67 of Beaumont [Texas], died Friday, January 6, 2012, at Memorial Herman Hospital in Houston.

A native of Santa Rosa California, and resident of Beaumont since 1954, Mr. Oster was born November 14, 1944, to Earline Bauer Oster and Earl Oster, Sr. He served as a Police Officer with the city of Beaumont Police Department, before his retirement from Lamar Institute of Technology as Lab Technician. Mr. Oster was a United States Navy veteran and was very active in Beaumont Amateur Radio Club.

Earl qualified in submarines on the USS Piper (SS-409) in 1963 and was a MM1(SS) when he left the Navy.

Survivors include his wife, Carolyn Oster of Beaumont; daughter, Kimberly Oster LeBlanc and her husband, James of Nederland; son, Earl "Trey" Norton Oster III and his wife Stacye of Silsbee; four wonderful grandchildren; brother, Michael Aaron Oster of Richardson.

He is preceded in death by his parents and two brothers.

Thomas Leo Granger


Thomas Leo Granger of Lehigh Acres, Florida died on February 15, 2013. He served on Piper 1945 - 1947 as a TM2(SS).

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CPD Thomas Granger

Hear Mike,
I'm sadly informing
you of the death of my
husband - THOMAS LEO
GRANGER ON Feb 15, 2013.
His parents signed papers
so he could join the Navy
on his 17th birthday.
He was in Tokyo Bay
when the papers were
signed ending the war.
We both always read
and enjoyed "The Piper
Report". He was always so
proud ^{to} be in Submarines.
He was 8'6" at the time of
his death. Sadly.
Nancy Granger

We the People



Obituary for Harry R. Macdonald

Harry R. Macdonald, 90, a long time resident of the Princeton, New Jersey area died suddenly in Hilton Head Hospital, Hilton Head Island, SC on January 30, 2013.

Mr. Macdonald was born in Princeton, NJ, the son of Mr. & Mrs. Harry R. Macdonald, Sr. He graduated from Princeton High School where he was President of his senior class, attended Princeton University with the class of 1944 and transferred to the United States Naval Academy with the Class of 1946 from which he graduated in 1945. His naval career was primarily in submarines, including recall during the Korean conflict.

He married Alma Lewis of Rocky Hill, NJ in 1946. She died in 1983 and he married Suzanne Myers in 1988. Following naval service, he worked briefly for Proctor & Gamble and then Lever Brothers Company, New York, New York for 35 years, 12 of which were in Hammond, Indiana where he managed the factory before being transferred to NYC. He was active in civic and community affairs as Chairman of the Planning Board and as President of the Board of School Trustees in Munster, Indiana. He retired in 1985 from Lever House in NYC as Director of Manufacturing Services.

After returning to NJ in 1969, he was active in the Reformed Church in America, locally as an elder, regionally as President of the Classis of Raritan and as President of the Reformed Church Ministries to the Aging. Since moving to Hilton Head in 1996, Mr. Macdonald has been active in the Presbyterian Men of the Church, an organization of men of the area churches, as director, as its President and in chairing an annual College Ethics Symposium and in initial planning of an annual Christian Heritage Breakfast during the Heritage of Golf. He has also served as Treasurer for ten years of the Hilton Head Chapter of the United States Navy League. Long active in Princeton University alumni affairs, he chaired 1944's annual reunions from 1989-2004, and served the class as Secretary, Vice-President and until 2010 as President.

He is survived by his wife, Suzanne; three children of his first marriage; Jan Smith of Alton Bay, NH; Suzanne Horan of Martinsville, IN; and CDR Kim Donahue, USN Chaplain, of Baltimore, MD, currently serving at Marine Air Group 31, Marine Corps Air Station, Beaufort, SC; and four step children: E. Peter Myers of Bonney Lake, WA; Elizabeth Myers of Falmouth, ME; Jeffery Myers of Oceanside, CA; Sarah McNaughton

of Hallowell, ME; 6 grandchildren, 7 step-grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held on Saturday, February 9th at 2 p.m. at the Providence Presbyterian Church, Cordillo Parkway, Hilton Head with the Reverend Lifer officiating. A reception will follow at the Cypress, 20 Lady Slipper Lane, Hilton Head Plantation, HHI, SC. Following cremation, his ashes will be divided between Rocky Hill Cemetery, Rocky Hill, NJ and the U.S. Naval Academy Columbarium, Annapolis, MD.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the First Reformed Church, Rocky Hill, NJ, 08553; Providence Presbyterian Church, 171 Cordillo Parkway, Hilton Head, SC, 29928 or Princeton University, Box 1946, Princeton, NJ 08544.

Obituary for Edward R. Young

Edward R. Young, 76, of Tully [NY], passed away peacefully on Saturday, March 16, 2013 at Francis House surrounded lovingly by family.

Ed qualified in submarines on the USS Piper (SS-409) in 1955 and was a EN2(SS) when he left the Navy.

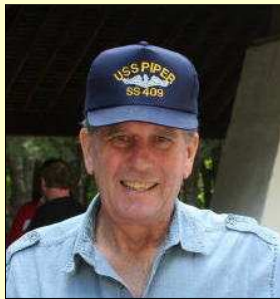
Ed proudly served in the Submarine service of the Navy from 1955 to 1959, was a volunteer fireman in Warners and Tully, a member of the Camillus Masonic Lodge, Warners Methodist Church, and the NYS Draft Horse Club. In younger days Ed loved to golf, and bowl, but his family and animals were most important to him.

Ed was predeceased by his daughter, Christine Young his sister, Diane Schwarzmeier; and his most beloved pet and best friend, Rosie.

Surviving are Sharon, his loving wife of 56 years; his children, Sheila Bowes, James (Dawn) Young, Rebekah (Karen) Kellogg; his mother, Angela Young; his sisters, Dolores (Jack) Kissel, Pam (John) Belifore, Wendy Young; his brothers, John (Sheree) Young, Mark (MaryEllen) Young; three grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; several beloved nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Ross McKinnon Morrison Jr.

HARRISBURG Ross Morrison Jr., 81, of Harrisburg, passed away Saturday, Oct. 5, 2013, at University Hospital CMC, following several years of declining health. Ross was born May 7, 1932, in Charlotte, the son of the late Ross M. Morrison Sr. and Beatrice Blackwelder Morrison. He retired as the owner and operator of Ross Morrison Machinery Company. Ross served as President of the Grandfather Mountain Highland Games, for sixteen years. In recognition of his many years of service to the Grandfather Games, he was awarded the North Carolina Order of the Long Leaf Pine, the Agnes MacRae Morton Award and the Founders Award. In addition to his contributions to the Grandfather Mountain Games, Ross judged Scottish Athletics at Highland Games, throughout the southeast. In recognition of his service, he was awarded the title of Kentucky Colonel from the Glasgow Highland Games in Kentucky, the Order of Merit from the Alabama Highland Games in Montgomery, an Athletic Judge Award from the Jacksonville Highland Games in Florida and the Loch Norman Highland Games "Hairy Coo" Award, for ten years of service, as Scottish Heavy Athletics Director. Ross was a member and elder of Rocky River Presbyterian Church. In recognition of his dedication to the church, he was awarded the Faithful Servant Commendation. He was an active member of the Charlotte Chapter of the Robert Burns Society and the Kingdom of Raknar. He was an Eagle Scout and a Korean War Veteran, having served in the U.S. Navy on the U.S.S. Polaris AF-11 and the U.S.S. Piper SS-409. His wife of 49 years, Ruth Angelovich Morrison; and sister, Reba Florence Morrison, preceded him in death. Survivors include his three children and their spouses, Ross "Kinny" McKinnon Morrison III (Deatry Bost) of Harrisburg, Johnna Ritchie (Dale) and Krista Eason (Malcolm) of Concord. His grandchildren are Melissa Morrison of Walnut Creek, Calif., Mark Morrison of Harrisburg, Ethan Ritchie of Cary and Kendal Ritchie,



Joseph Eason and Micheal Eason of Concord. Survivors also include his sister-in-law, Gianna d'Angelo of Mint Hill. The family will receive friends Friday, Oct. 11, from 6 to 8 p.m., at Wilkinson Funeral Home. Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m., at Rocky River Presbyterian Church, Saturday, Oct. 12, with the Rev. Dr. Kyle Hite officiating. The burial will follow in the church cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Grandfather Mountain Highland Games, P.O. Box 1095, Linville, NC 28646 or Rocky River Presbyterian Church Cemetery Fund, 7940 Rocky River Rd., Concord, NC 28025.

Floyd A. Windle, Jr.

GROTON - Floyd A. Windle Jr., 70, of 13 Liberty Drive, Groton, died Tuesday, Nov. 19, 2013, at Lawrence and Memorial Hospital.



He was born April 15, 1943, in Philadelphia, Pa., the son of Frances (Gray) Windle and Floyd A. Windle Sr. He is married to Young Sun Lee Windle.

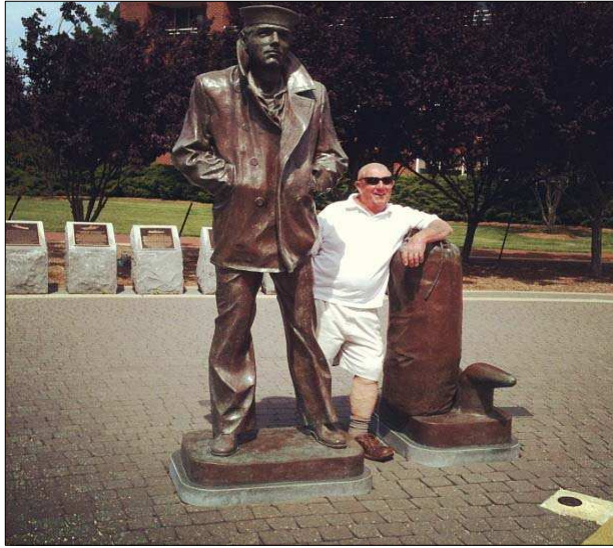
Mr. Windle served in the U.S. Navy and retired in 1985 as a Senior Chief Torpedoman. He is a veteran of Vietnam, Lebanon Peace Keeping, and the Invasion of Grenada. Following his military service, he worked at Walmart in Groton. He is a member of the Pawcatuck VFW.

In addition to his wife, Young, he is survived by a daughter, Amy Windle of Pawcatuck; a son, Floyd A. Windle III of Sebastian, Fla.; and a granddaughter, Elizabeth A. Windle.

A Memorial Service will be held 11 a.m. Tuesday, at Pilgrim Baptist Church, 27 Chase Hill Road, Ashaway, R.I. Burial is private.

Byles-Groton Memorial Home, 310 Thames St., Groton, is assisting with the arrangements. Please visit www.Byles.com to sign the guestbook or to share a memory.

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Chet during his visit to The Lone Sailor Statue in Norfolk, VA in 2012.

CHESTER S. FULLER

January 29, 1926 – October 8, 2014

Chester S. Fuller died peacefully on October 8, 2014 with his family at his side after a brief illness. His wife, Patricia, died in 1993.

Chet is survived by his three children, Thomas (Liza), Susan (Thomas Ohrum), and Cathleen (Cheryl Copleland). He is also survived by five grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Chet served in the United States Navy from December 1943 to May 1946. He served aboard the USS Piper as a Ship's Cook Third Class. During his service he received the American Theater Medal, the Asiatic Pacific Medal 1 Star, the Victory Medal, and the Submarine Combat Insignia.

Chet worked as a master electrician before his retirement in the early 1990's. During retirement he enjoyed spending time with his family, riding his Harley Davidson, finding adventure on his ATV, and savoring the beauty of nature.

Jonnie C. (Doc) Bowman

Mr. Jonnie C. Bowman, age 81, passed away on December 3, 2015 at Evergreen Nursing Home. Mr. Bowman is survived by his wife Phyllis Bowman of Evergreen [Alabama], his sister Marynell Morgan (Lee) of Louisiana, his sister-in-laws Peggy Bowman of Louisiana, and Gail Bowman of Tennessee. A memorial service for Mr. Bowman will held at a later date.

John I. Clarkin

John I. Clarkin, age 91, of Erie, PA and formerly of Conneaut Lake, PA passed away on Wednesday, October 21, 2015 at the Elmwood Gardens in Erie.



He was born May 5, 1924 in Norwalk, CT the son of the late William Clarkin and Pearl Irving Clarkin. He married Anita

Palamides on May 3, 1949. She survives.

Joining the US Navy at age 17, he spent 4 years serving our country, aboard the USS Livermore (destroyer) with his brother and USS Piper (submarine) during WWII. His pride in those service years was the inspiration for him to write many articles for the USS Piper Association. He was also the subject of many interviews and gave presentations to several groups about his experiences. While attending a USS Piper reunion in Groton, Connecticut (the only attendee from WWII), he even became an impromptu tour guide at the Navy's Submarine Force Museum.

He enjoyed writing, whether it was a letter to a company regarding a consumer issue or a poem in a greeting card. His political and current event editorials were also frequently published in the Meadville Tribune.

As a retiree from not one but three jobs, his employment resume was quite diverse: Streetcar motorman, Whitehall Borough police lieutenant, and Allegheny County homicide lieutenant in Pittsburgh; then, an optician, PPG glassworker, Country Fair manager, Academy movie theater manager, and guard at the Crawford County jail.

He enjoyed feeding the birds, and scoring birdies on the links at courses in Pittsburgh and Conneaut Lake. He

and Anita, his wife of 66 years, spent many, many summers golfing, and were "mupfers" to Conneaut Lake before moving there in 1974.

He is survived by his wife of 66 years, Anita Clarkin of Erie, PA, a daughter: Lisa Rawson and her husband Scott of Lake City, PA, two sons: John Clarkin and his wife Carol of Edgewood, KY, and William Clarkin and his wife Cathy of Hickory, PA and several grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his brother William Clarkin.

Family and friends are welcome to call on Saturday from 9 AM until 11 AM at Our Lady Queen of the Americas Catholic Church, 155 South Ninth Street, Conneaut Lake, PA.

All are welcome to attend the Mass of Christian Burial at 11 AM on Saturday at Our Lady Queen of the America's Catholic Church, with Father Jeffrey Lucas as Celebrant. Burial, with Full Military Honors provided by VFW Post 2006, will follow in Our Lady Queen of the America's Church Cemetery.

Given his dedication to preserving submarine history, the family is requesting that in lieu of flowers, memorial gifts be sent in his honor to Carnegie Museums of Pittsburgh, 4400 Forbes Ave, Pittsburgh PA 15213 for the support and maintenance of the USS Requin. May he rest in peace on Eternal Patrol. Sailor, Rest Your Oar.

Please sign John's online guestbook at hatheway-tesesco.com

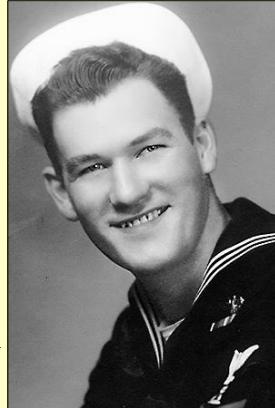
Arrangements have been entrusted to the Dickson Funeral Home & Crematory, Rocco R. Tedesco III, Supervisor, 130 N Second Street, Conneaut Lake, PA 16316

Robert Charles Kuhn

1935 – 2017

WATERVILLE - Robert "Bob" Charles Kuhn, 82, died on Oct. 1, 2017, at Lakewood in Waterville.

Bob was born on March 12, 1935, in Newark, N.J., to parents John L. Kuhn and Irene Procter. He graduated from Skowhegan High School in 1953, and joined the US Navy in January 1954 and retired in 1978.



Bob married Sandra Sanderson in 1958 and had two children, son Robert Kuhn, who passed in 2016, and daughter Jan LaCroix of Winslow. Robert remarried the love of his life Brenda Hinkley in 1982 and remained together until she passed in 1986.

Bob enjoyed his weekly visits from family and friends and loved showing off his great-granddaughter, Spencer. Bob enjoyed playing cards and being with his friends at the Winslow VFW.

He is survived by his daughter Jan LaCroix of Winslow; his granddaughter Jessica Rogers and her daughter Aria of Waterville; grandsons Robert LaCroix of Winslow and Joseph LaCroix and his wife Eliana and daughter Spencer of Winslow; and long time friend Tom Jones of South China.

A celebration of life is scheduled for Wednesday, Oct. 11, in the lounge of the Winslow VFW between 6 p.m. and 8 p.m. This will be a casual event as Bob would have wanted. If you would like to bring a dish please contact Jan LaCroix at 376-7578 or the Winslow VFW at 872-9850.

A graveside ceremony will be at a later date.