



Nelson Lee Griffith

February 21, 1923 - July 14, 2012

Nelson Lee Griffith "GRIFF" LCDR U.S. Navy Ret Passed away peacefully at Harmony Adult Family Home in Vancouver WA., on Saturday 14 July. He was 89. Griff was born on 21 Feb 1923 in Charleston West VA to Albert, and Gladys Griffith. He was raised in Phoenix AZ and joined the Navy at age 17. He was Navy all the way, working up through the ranks to Master Chief then retiring as an LDO LCDR In 1971 after 30 years of naval service. He served in WW2, The Korean War, and 3 tours as CAG Ordnance Officer at Yankee Station off the coast of Viet Nam. His specialty was Aviation Ordnance and served on at least 11 aircraft carriers, was a plank owner on the USS Constellation, CV64, and spent over 18 years at sea. He was one of 6 nuclear Ordnance handling Officers in the Navy. Throughout his service to our country he received numerous leadership awards and commendations in recognition of his meticulous attention to detail. "Ole Griff" was known and respected by everyone in Naval Aviation. He is survived by his daughter Jeanne, sons, Jim and Gary, His sister Norma and a host of grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Predeceased by his loving wife Olive, and his daughter Janice.

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“ A man amongst men, and my Uncle

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