



## Harry Jefferson Reeves, III

May 31, 1945 - November 14, 2011

66, longtime resident of Indianapolis, passed away at home on November 14, 2011, after a courageous eight-year battle with head and neck cancer. Harry was born to Harry Jefferson, Jr. and Orena Carden Reeves on May 31, 1945 in Knoxville, TN. His father preceded him in death. Harry married Sharon G. Williams on July 2, 1991 in Indianapolis, Indiana. Senior Chief Petty Officer Reeves retired from the U.S. Navy in October 1986, immediately transferring to the Fleet Reserve and completing 30 years of service in 1993. During his tenure, he earned Associate of Science Degrees in vocational/technical education and industrial management from the State Technical Institute (Memphis, TN), Industrial Engineering Certificate (U.S. Navy), Bachelor of Science in Management from Park College (MO) and never quite finished a Master of Science degree from Central Michigan University. His service citations, medals and ribbons include the Navy's Commendation Medal, Combat Action Ribbon, Naval Expeditionary Medal, the Battle Efficiency **E**, two Humanitarian Service Medals, three Sea Service Deployment Ribbons, Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross Unit Citation, Republic of Vietnam Civil Action Unit Citation, the Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal, and five Good Conduct Awards. SCPO Reeves also earned Aviation Warfare Specialist Wings and the Naval Aircrew Wings where his classification was Senior Chief Aircraft Structural Mechanic. After Navy retirement, he spent 15 years working in both the defense and automotive industries as a consultant at the Navy Manpower Center (Washington, D.C.), Naval Avionics Center

(Indianapolis), Crane Naval Warfare Center (Bloomfield, IN), and Delphi Automotive (Kokomo, IN). Harry was a member of the American Legion (Bloomfield, IN), Fleet Reserve Association, and an alumnus of Fairbanks Hospital. He was also a member of Indian Creek Christian Church where he delighted in being the only male member of the Wednesday night First Place class. Next to rocking Charli Ann and Harry Jay, Harry enjoyed Sundays spent with his wife and friends in Sunday School and church, followed by a good lunch and couples Bible Study. Immediate survivors include wife, Sharon; son and daughter-in-law, Scott and Michelle Reeves; grandchildren, Charli Ann Reeves and Harry Jefferson Reeves, IV, all of Hollywood, MD. He is also survived by mother, Orena Reeves of Clarksville, TN; brother, Larry A. Reeves, Clarksville, TN; aunts, uncles, cousins, nephews, and his Indian Creek family. Harry's former wife, Shirley Reeves, also survives along with daughters, Lynne Molen and Debbie Weinrich and many grandchildren and great-grandchildren. The family wishes to thank family, friends, and neighbors, and our team of healthcare professionals, including Drs. John Goldenberg, Daniel Salvas, Cary Zietlow, David Wolf, and Jan Peterson and their staffs. We are particularly grateful to our hospice team from Community Home Health Care especially Marsha, Kenny and Kimball. Visitation will be Saturday, November 19, 2011 from 11:00 a.m. until the time of services at 1:00 p.m. at Shirley Brothers Washington Memorial Chapel, 9606 E. Washington St. with Charles Coon of Indian Creek Christian Church officiating. Burial will be at Washington Park East Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to Fairbanks Hospital, Indianapolis, Indiana and/or World Vision International. Senior Chief, you will be sorely missed but our joy will be complete when we reunite at God's Heavenly Throne. Until then, Sailor, fair winds and following seas.