



John Helbling

October 3, 1944 - September 7, 2012

John E. Helbling, of Safety Harbor, FL and Woodruff, WI, passed from this earth unexpectedly on September 7, 2012. Services will be on Saturday, September 15, 2012 at the Schmidt & Bartelt Funeral Home at 3:00 PM with visitation from 2:00 PM until time of service. A reception will follow the service. Internment will take place at Hillcrest Cemetery, Louisa, VA., at a later date. Memorial donations may be made to the Parkinson's Disease Foundation or a charity of your choice.

John was born on October 3, 1944 in Pittsburgh, PA, son of Raymond & Mary (Doyle) Helbling. He was preceded in death by his first wife of 38 years, Nancy Mae (Schnoll) Helbling. He later happily married Judy (Archer) Helbling on July 7, 2007. He is also survived by his son Howard (Laura) Helbling and his stepsons Alan (Debbie) Archer & Jay (Mindy) Archer. He was the proud Grandpa of Nathan & Heather Helbling and Patrick & Emily Archer; cherished brother of Raymond (late Virginia), Donna Bartsch, Barbara Sobolewski (Ron), and Kerry Hughes. He is also survived by nieces, nephews, other relatives, and friends.

John proudly served in the United States Navy for 22 years. His duty stations included many in the United States and around the world. John was granted many prestigious awards over the course of his military career. John retired from the US Navy in 1991 at the rank of Senior Chief (MMCS). John was later

employed at Illinois Wesleyan University in Bloomington Illinois, in the Power Plant Maintenance Department until retirement.

He was truly an exceptional man, generous in nature and he touched the lives of everyone he met. He will greatly be missed by all that knew him.