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CDR (RET) PAUL DONALD WALKER

1928-2009

CDR (Ret) Paul Donald Walker, age 80, peacefully passed from this life on April 7, 2009.

Paul was born May 30, 1928 in Dover, New Hampshire and left school in his senior year at Dover High School to join the Navy on November 7, 1945. Paul served 11 years as an enlisted man, advancing to Chief Petty Officer, and 17 years as an officer, retiring 1 June 1973 as a Commander. After graduating Cum Laude from the University of West Florida in 1976, he became a teacher at the high school level for 15 years, retiring in June of 1990.

He was preceded in death by his parents Catherine and Ralph Walker in addition to his brother Mickey and his sisters, Dotty and Evie.

He is survived by his lovely bride of 59 years, Mary Ann (Bicker) Walker and daughters Pam Froom, Tina Simpson and Stacey Bartkowski, and their husbands, Matt, Rob and Scott, respectively, and grandchildren Jason, Mallory, Dillon, Amy, Megan and Jack, all of Pensacola; his sisters Kay Sabol of Dover, New Hampshire and Honey Carroll of Anaheim, California.

He was a member of Myrtle Grove Baptist Church and an avid golfer with the Sandcrabs and Pen Seekers. He enjoyed many social activities with Elks 2108, Krewe of LaFitte, and Karnival Cavaliers. A proud member of Pensacola Chapter Florida Society of the Sons of American Revolution, 5 For Life, Red Cross Volunteer at the Naval Hospital and a 10 year volunteer at the Emerald Coast Senior Golf Tournament. He was very interested in the genealogy of his family for he once quoted Burke: "They who never look back to their ancestors, will never look forward to posterity."

Paul was dearly loved and respected and will be greatly missed by family and friends.

A Celebration of Life will be held Friday, April 10, 2009 at Oak Lawn Funeral Home with visitation starting at 10:00 a.m. and services at 11:00 a.m. followed by a graveside burial ceremony at Barrancas National Cemetery at 11:45 a.m.

Pallbearers will be immediate family members.

In lieu of flowers, the family asks that you make a memorial contribution to Emerald Coast Hospice.

Arrangements made by Oak Lawn Funeral Home.