



Don Ray

April 16, 2015

Obituary of Don Ray

Don Ray, 74, of the Villages, passed away peacefully with his loved ones at his side on Thursday April 16, 2015. Don retired from the United States Navy and lived with his wife Helen Ray, who is deceased. Don loved to fish, travel, and fly his R/C model airplanes. Numerous travels around the world kept Don young at heart. He will be truly missed by all who knew him.

Don is survived by his daughter Melinda Cooper of Leesburg Va. (husband Peter), and his son Stephen Ray of Solomon's Md. (Wife Marjoree). Don has three grandchildren, Ryan Cooper, Jessica Hodges and Stephen A.W. Ray, and 4 great grandchildren. A Memorial Service will be held on Thursday April

23, 2015 at 11:00 a.m. at Beyer's Funeral Home, Lady Lake/The Villages Chapel. A gathering of family and friends is scheduled from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. prior to the service. The family requests contributions in the memory of Don are made to The Villagers for Hospice, 601 Casa Bella, The Villages, FL 32162.

Online condolences may be left at www.beyersfuneralhome.com

Arrangements entrusted to Beyer's Funeral Home and Crematory, Lady Lake,

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Tribute Wall

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“ We have been family all along, only several years back Ben and I began our season with Don as friends. Blessed to have taken fishing trips/tournaments with Don, he joined us at our home for Christmas and other holiday celebrations, he enjoyed them so much. Your father was a remarkable story-teller. Ben and I would sit like spellbound children, fascinated by his life travels and experiences. He would have had a bestseller if he would have memorialized his adventures. In the words of the song, "who's gonna fill their shoes" and "who's gonna stand that tall". Don was a treasure and our lives better for knowing him. An amazing man, a wonderful friend with an infectious smile, we had lots of laughs. Our earthly season together is over, we will grieve the absence of him in our lives, but we celebrate his new journey and look joyfully forward to seeing our dear friend again. May he rest in God's glorious peace. All our love and deepest sympathies, God Bless. Ben & Tracy Neal.

Ben & Tracy Neal - April 21, 2015 at 12:00 AM



“ Don Ray

April 20, 2015 at 12:00 AM