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Jimmy E. Crosby, age 68, of Satsuma, Florida, passed away on Sunday, August 10, 2014 at UF Health in Gainesville, Florida. Jimmy was born on February 19, 1946 in Surrency, Georgia, and moved to Crescent City, FL as a teenager. He joined the U.S. Navy in Sept. 1963 on the very day that President John Kennedy was shot. He served as a Hull Maintenance Technician and was serving on the U.S.S. Forrestal when it erupted on fire. He retired from the Navy in 1985 as a Senior Chief Petty Officer after 23 years of service. After his retirement, he worked for Price Brothers Company in Palatka for nine years, before becoming the owner and operator of Crosby Tree and Stump Removal Company. Jimmy was a member of the Moose Lodge, #1641, and Eagles Lodge, both located in Crescent City, and he enjoyed hunting and fishing in his free time. Above all, he was a devoted husband, father and grandfather, and he will be deeply missed. He was preceded in death by his father, Johnnie Crosby. He is survived by his wife, Mary L. Crosby of Satsuma, FL; sons, Jonathan Crosby (Jessica Crews) of Fruitland, FL, and Jeffrey Crosby of Satsuma, FL; daughters, Theresa Egli (Michael), Stephanie Potts (Danny Leech) of Baltimore, MD, and Holly Crosby (Randy Bolen) of Satsuma; his mother, Josephine Crosby of Lake Como, FL; "adopted" daughters, Rae Rae Hiley (Shawn) of New Port Richie, FL, Julie Haas of Palatka, FL, and Maggie Willis (Bobby); sisters, Evone Wells of Ohio,

Peggy Middleton of Lake Como, FL; eighteen grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren. A celebration of Jimmy's life with military honors, will be held at 3:00 p.m. on Saturday, August 16, 2014 at his home: 125 Viceroy Dr., Satsuma, FL 32189. St. Johns Family Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.