



## Paul W Bennett

April 8, 1940 - November 13, 2018

Paul Wayne Bennett, age 78, of St. Augustine, passed away on November 13, 2018 at Flagler Hospital. He was retired from the US Navy. He was born and raised in Irwin, West Virginia to James and Esta Ellen (Helmick) Bennett. Paul was one of 14 children; their father was a trapper and hunter and the family traveled throughout West Virginia. At the end of his childhood, they moved to Quiet Dell, WV. After graduating high school, Paul enlisted in the US Navy in 1958. While in the Navy, he was a flight meteorologist for the Hurricane Hunters and served as a meteorologist onboard the USS Taconic (AGC-17). Paul retired honorably after 27 years of service as a Chief Warrant Officer (CWO4). After retiring, Paul bought a 130-acre farm in West Virginia. He designed, engineered, and built a beautiful home and developed the land with his family in mind. He married the “love of his life,” Barbara and they spent 31 happy years together. After splitting time between West Virginia and Florida, he and Barbara permanently moved to St. Augustine in 2006. He is survived by his wife, Barbara; son, James (wife Renee) Bennett; daughter, Sherri (husband Joe) Dembowski; grandchildren, Michael, Katharyn, Kristen and Julia; goddaughter, Bianca; siblings, Dorothy, Evelina, Elettra, and Lindy.

In Lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Wounded Warrior Project, 4899 Belfort Road, Suite 300, Jacksonville, FL 32256. St. Johns Family Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

# Tribute Wall

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“ So sorry to hear of Paul’s passing. We miss all of the family gatherings with everyone. We have many happy memories with Paul. Love and prayers for the family.

Regina Allawat (Burton) - November 19, 2018 at 12:00 AM

RB

“ So many years of great memories. From the farm house in WV to the beach house in St Augustine for over 31 years...my Father-in-law and our childrens Grandpop. You will surely be missed by us all. We love you! ??

Renee Bennett - November 19, 2018 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ I have always been so very proud of my father! I was always amazed at his abilities to be able to build and to do, and amazed at how well he could tan my hide when I was little! I’ve always been very proud of him for all of his naval service and his service to our country seeing him dressed in his white Navy dress uniform was always very special for me. I will miss him greatly! I appreciate all the discipline he instilled in me and I wish he was still around, We had great conversations on the phone, and I will really miss being able to talk with him. I wish him peace in his travels over the rainbow bridge, Bye bye daddy!! I love you!!!

James Bennett - November 16, 2018 at 12:00 AM

EB

“ Thank u for your service you will be truly missed

Elizabeth bennett - November 15, 2018 at 12:00 AM

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“ We are so sorry to hear of Paul's passing and the family's loss. We and our children have fond memories of family events on Paul and Barbara's farm in West Virginia. He will be missed.

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**Tim and Dawn Ashcraft** - November 15, 2018 at 12:00 AM

JB

“ Sure wish I could go back at this time when I could see dad

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**James Bennett** - November 15, 2018 at 12:00 AM