



Mr. James Ainsworth Effinger

August 2, 1946 - November 13, 2015

James Ainsworth Effinger, 69, of Salisbury, NC, passed away Friday, November 13, 2015 at his residence.

Born August 2, 1946 in Cleveland, Ohio he was a son of the late Paul Effinger and Doris Thomson Effinger.

He was a 1964 graduate of Berea High School, Berea, Ohio and a graduate of Baldwin Wallace College, Berea, Ohio with an associate degree in applied science. He served in the Merchant Marines working on lake freighters on the Great Lakes for three years, and was a Veteran of the US Navy serving his country for six years on nuclear submarines. He was employed with Duke Energy for over thirty years and was owner/operator of Effinger Enterprises since 2004.

He was a member of Spencer Presbyterian Church where he served as an elder for nine years, a Sunday School Teacher for two years, and sang in the choir for twelve years. He was president of the Bonsai Society of the Carolinas for 15 years.

Surviving is his wife, Nancy McNeely Effinger whom he married October 25, 1998; sons, Paul Effinger and wife Cara of Spencer, William Effinger and wife Tiffany of Charlotte; grandson, Jonah Effinger of Spencer; brother, Paul

Effinger of Phoenix, AZ; sister, Lynne Schaefer and husband Bill of Tampa, FL; nieces, Rachel Schaefer and Shannon Lacey; nephew, Chad Lacey, great niece Reagan Lacey and great nephew, Logan McNeely.

The funeral service will be conducted at 3:00 pm Sunday, November 15, 2015 at Spencer Presbyterian Church with Rev. Dr. Barrie Kirby, Pastor officiating and Military Honors by the Rowan County Veterans Honor Guard. The family will receive friends in the church fellowship hall following the service.

Memorials may be given to Spencer Presbyterian Church, PO Box 4, Spencer, NC 28159.

Summersett Funeral Home is serving the Effinger family. Online condolences may be made at www.summersettfuneralhome.com.

Tribute Wall

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“ On behalf of the United States Submarine Veterans (USSVI), I offer our sincere condolences on James’ passing. You and your loved ones are in our thoughts and prayers. We are forever grateful for James’ service to our country in the U.S. Submarine Service. To our Brother of the Phin we say, “Sailor, rest your oar. We have the watch. May you rest in peace and may God bless your loved ones who remain. Thank you for your service to our country.”
“Now may the Lord of peace Himself give you peace always in every way.” - 2 Thess 3:16.

James Ainsworth Effinger MM1(SS), US Navy, Now on Eternal Patrol.

Fair Winds and Following Seas Shipmate

His record is now posted online in the Eternal Patrol file on the USSVI website.

Bill Dixon, National Chaplain United States Submarine Veterans, USSVI.

Bill Dixon - November 16, 2015 at 02:40 AM

JS

“ *To Jim's Family,*

I have fond memories of having breakfast with Jim at Cagney's Restaurant in Winston-Salem prior to attending our Nathanael Greene Base meetings at the American Legion on Miller Street. We had some pretty intelligent conversations and Jim always espoused his leadership abilities, especially as a follower of Jesus. Although we did not serve at the same duty stations as Submariners, we did share some of our time in uniform. I encourage all young people that want the ultimate challenge, to matriculate the U.S. Navy's Nuclear Power School and then join the fleet of Nuclear Submarines in order to experience some of the difficult courses of this genre that as many as 50% are not able to graduate from. The attached picture is a portion of the Maneuvering Room where Jim worked aboard Submarines. I vouch for Jim's character, integrity, patriotism and love of life and his family; you will be missed by your brothers. Vaya Con Dios, Jim - Thank you for your stellar service - We have the watch - See you later, brother, Jim Schenk, Chaplain Nathanael Greene Base.



Jim Schenk - November 15, 2015 at 08:07 AM

RM

“ *I'm so sorry for your loss. Your family is in my thoughts and prayers.*

Rhonda Millward - November 14, 2015 at 10:31 PM

CW

“ *As Chaplain of the U.S. Submarine Veterans of North Carolina, I take this means to extend condolences to James' Family. Be assured, his oar is at rest. Chaplain Bill*

Chaplain William Whelan - November 14, 2015 at 04:01 PM

HS

“ *Such a short time. There's never enough time to ready oneself but the One from whence your strength comes will continue in His faithfulness. Thinking of you with prayers for you and Jim and all the family. Hall and "Ronney" Steele*

Hall Steele - November 14, 2015 at 02:56 PM

JH

“ *Jane Kistler Halweg and Jack Halweg purchased the Pink Tribute Spray for the family of Mr. James Ainsworth Effinger.*



Jane Kistler Halweg and Jack Halweg - November 14, 2015 at 07:33 AM