

MM3(SS) Michael Blevins Gold Crew 1967-1971



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He married Olive F. Chenail 3 Jun 1967 in Brooklyn, Windham, CT.
He was buried in St. John Cemetery in Plainfield, Windham, CT.

Michael J. Blevins

Jan. 31, 1948 – Sept. 20, 2002

DANIELSON – Michael J. Blevins, 54, of Reynolds Street, Danielson, Connecticut died Friday September 20, 2002 at home. He was born in Putnam, Connecticut, on January 31, 1948, the second child of the late James Andrew and Gloria (Dubreuil) Blevins. Mr. Blevins attended St. John's School and graduated from Plainfield High School in 1966. He was an outstanding athlete, playing varsity baseball, basketball and football. On June 3, 1967, he was married at Sacred Heart Church, Wauregan, Connecticut to Olive Chenail, who survives him. Mr. Blevins was employed at Electric Boat, Groton, Connecticut for over 35 years, initially as a Machinist and later as a Project Engineering Assistant. In the family tradition, Michael enlisted in the U.S. Navy Submarine Service, serving in the Vietnam Era from March of 1967 through March of 1971. Michael served as a Machinist Mate aboard the SSBN Henry L. Stimson, stationed in Rota, Spain; Holy Loch, Scotland; Guam; and Charleston, South Carolina. Active in the community, he was a former coach in the Danielson Little League system, the "eye-in-the-sky" cameraman for the Killingly High School football team in the mid-1980's, a member of the Plainfield V.F.W., and the Danielson Lodge of Elks. He was an avid NASCAR fan, and enjoyed travel. He was also a communicant of St. James Church in Danielson. Michael's greatest passion, however, was the fire service. He joined the Danielson Fire Department in 1971. worked

his way up the ranks, and served briefly as Deputy Chief of the Department. After relinquishing that position, he became a driver. He held certificates in numerous fire technology courses and was a Connecticut Certified Fire Officer I, as well as a Connecticut Certified Training Officer. In addition to his wife of 35 years, Mr. Blevins is survived by his son, James M. Blevins of Danielson; his daughter and son-in-law, Mary Jane, and Ernie LaRose of Moosup; his treasured step-grandchildren Kathryn and Andrea LaRose; and his beloved granddaughter, Nicole LaRose, who was the light of his life. He is also survived by a brother, Douglas Blevins of Norwich; two sisters, Kathleen Bishop of Port Charlotte, Florida, and Sheila Butters of Brooklyn; his father-in-law, George Chenail of Old Saybrook; as well as numerous nieces and nephews. In addition to his parents he was predeceased by his older brother, Thomas A. Blevins, and a sister, Mary Ann Blevins, who died in infancy. Funeral from the Gagnon-Costello Funeral Home, 33 Reynolds St., Danielson, Monday at 9:00 AM with a Mass of Christian Burial at St. James Church, Danielson at 10:00 AM. Burial with military honors will be in St. John's Cemetery in Plainfield. Calling hours are Sunday 6-9 PM. The family asks in lieu of flowers that donations be made in his memory to Hospice & Palliative Care of Connecticut, 20 Furnace Street, Danielson, CT 06239.