

**MMCM(SS) Robert 'Bob' Whalen - Departed on Eternal Patrol 24 January 2015 - Ord, NE  
Gold Crew Bull Nuke 1983-1987**

Buried in Mount Hope Cemetery in Scotia, Greeley Co., Nebraska



Robert J. Whalen, 69, of Ord passed away on Saturday, January 24, 2015 at his home in Ord.

Funeral services will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Thursday, January 29, 2015, at the Ord Assembly of God Church with Pastor Tom Burkholder officiating. Burial will be in the Mt. Hope Cemetery at Scotia. Military Honors will be provided by the Ord VFW 38 and American Legion Post #7029. Visitation will be held from 5:00-7:00 p.m. on Wednesday at the Ord Memorial Chapel. Memorials may be given to the Mesothelioma Foundation. Ord Memorial Chapel is in charge of arrangements.

Robert Joseph Whalen was born February 3, 1945, in Valley County to Edward and Marguerite (Murphy) Whalen. He was raised in the Davis Creek area in Valley County and graduated from North Loup Scotia High School.

Shortly after high school he entered the United State Navy and served on a nuclear submarine. He retired from the Navy after 26 years of service.

Robert married Linda Bright on October 3, 1969, at Fort Smith, AR. Following Robert's discharge from the Navy the couple moved to Ord. In August of 1990, Robert began working for the City of Ord in the Utilities Department. Following his retirement from the city of Ord in August of 2014, they continued to make their home in Ord.

Survivors include his wife, Linda of Ord; two step-sons, and their wives Mark and Sharleen Beasley of Hot Springs, AR, and Thomas and Jody Beasley of Biloxi, MS; five step-grandchildren; a brother and sister-in-law, Edward and Linda Whalen of Lincoln; a niece, Andrea Fowler of Hordville, and a nephew, Steven Marshall of Grand Island.

Robert was preceded in death by his parents; and a sister, Patricia Pearson.



**Stimson - Galiley & Whalen** (photo by Steven Laughlin - MM1/SS - Gold - 1982-1987)

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**Posted: Monday, January 26, 2015 8:25 am**

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From: <whitledge@windstream.net>

To: 655webmaster@ssbn655.org

Subject: MMCM(ss) Bob Whalen

I am very saddened to inform you of the passing of MMCM Robert (Bob) Whalen. Bob passed this morning at his home in Nebraska. Bob served on the Gold crew from 1983-86 or 87. He was called the "CRAFTSMAN" by his shipmates. He will be missed. I will send more info when I get it. Edward Whitlege, USN Ret.

From: Patrick Toelle <patricktoelle@icloud.com>

Subject: MMCM(SS) Robert Whalen

To: Nick Nichols <jenichols@netzero.net>

Ed Whitledge informed me yesterday that Bob Whalen passed away yesterday. I served with him on the Stimson. I don't recall the exact time but it was from about 1983 to 1986 or 87. He was the bull nuke. I did not see his name on the Stimson roster in [SSBN655.org](http://SSBN655.org). He lived in Ord, Nebraska. He had nicknames for all of us and that is how he would call us. His was the Craftsman, mine Tollhouse. Great shipmate and mentor. Ed Whitledge was the COB at the time we were on board.