## Donald R. Miller 1947 - 2017 MM3(SS) B 67-71





Donald "Don" R. Miller, 69, a longtime resident of Hinsdale and formerly of Halifax, VT, died peacefully on Wednesday, July 12, 2017 in the comfort of his home with his wife at his side.

Donald was born the son of the late Eleanor (Rose) and Rev. Raymond Miller on December 10, 1947 in Northfield, MA. He was educated in Greenfield, MA and graduated from Greenfield High School class of 1966.

Soon after high school Don enlisted in the <u>U.S. Navy</u> where he served in

the Submarine Service during the <u>Vietnam War</u>. He was trained as a Machinist Mate / Marine Mechanic and served on the U.S.S. H.L. Stimson (SSBN-655) and the U.S.S. Francis S. Key. (SSBN-667) both based out of New London, CT. He was the recipient of the National Defense Service Medal and the SSBN Deterrent Patrol Insignia. Don was honorably discharged at the rank of Machinist Mate 3rd Class Petty Officer - E4 on January 16, 1969.

After military service Don took advantage of the G.I. Bill and graduated from the Denver Auto and Diesel College where he was on the Dean's list.

On January 5, 2002 he exchanged vows with Helen L. Wickline. They were married in a simple service with close family and friends in attendance. They have been married for fifteen years.

He worked for United Postal Service as a lead diesel mechanic in Brattleboro. His time at UPS was productive and he was a valued member of the team. Don retired in 2007 after 20 years of service.

Mr. Miller is survived by his wife, Helen L. Miller of Hinsdale, His daughter, Juline M. Winchester and her husband Greg of Putney, VT. Three grandchildren; Larissa, Lyndsey and Garret. His siblings; Thomas G. Miller and his wife Sheila of Cape Coral FL and Connie A. Miller of Halifax, VT. In addition, he leaves; great grandchildren, cousins, nieces, nephews, extended family and friends.

SERVICES: Calling hours will be held on Tuesday, July 18, 2017 from 10 to 11am in the funeral home with a celebration of life service at 11am. Burial will follow in the family lot with military honors at Pine Grove Cemetery, Depot St.w Hinsdale, NH 03451. Flowers will gladly be accepted. However, the family would prefer donations be made in memory of Donald R. Miller to: American Liver Foundation, 39 Broadway, STE 2700, N.Y., NY 10006. All services are under the care of Cheshire Family Funeral Home and Crematories, 46 South Winchester St. Swanzey, NH 03446. www.cheshirefamilyfh.com

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