



Jack L. Penney
QMC(SS) B 66-71
Plank Owner
QMCM(SS) Retired
DOB: July 14, 1941
Eternal Patrol: 14 March 2023

Gales Ferry- Jack L. Penney, 81, of Gales Ferry, passed away peacefully surrounded by his family on Tuesday, March 14th at L+M Hospital.

He was born on July 14, 1941, in Birmingham, AL, the son of Commodore and Mayo Penney.

Jack proudly served in the United States Navy and retired after 27 years with the rank of master chief petty officer. He went on to work for 26 years at Electric Boat before retiring to spend time rooting for the Alabama Crimson Tide football team and spoiling his dogs.

He was married for 52 years to Patricia (Carey) Penney, of Gales Ferry. She survives him.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by his son John P. Penney and wife, Kathy; son Jeffrey L. Penney; his daughter Meghan P. Mitchell and husband, Dale; and four grandchildren, Jeffrey, Aaron, Kody and Emersyn.

A graveside service with military honors will be held on Monday, March 20th at 1 p.m. at Avery Stoddard Cemetery, Route 214, Ledyard. Byles Memorial Home, 99 Huntington Street, New London is assisting the family with arrangements.

Donations in Jack's name may be made to: St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN, 38105 or the Connecticut Humane Society, 701 Russell Road, Newington, CT, 06111.

A note of condolences may be left on Jack's Tribute Wall at:

[**Obituary | Jack L. Penney of Gales Ferry, Connecticut | Byles-MacDougall Funeral Service**](#)

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We recently learned that Shipmate Jack Penney departed on Eternal Patrol on 14 March 2023. His obituary is here <https://www.byles.com/obituary/jack-penney>

Jack enlisted in the Navy in 1959 in Birmingham, Alabama. His first ship was the USS WILTSIE, a destroyer. While on a WESTPAC cruise he toured a diesel submarine in Kobe, Japan. The destroyer had normal work days in port, but the submarine did not. Lights were out in After Battery. That's when he decided to go submarines. He never regretted that decision and thoroughly enjoyed his career.

His first Submarine was USS SABLEFISH (SS 303) where he was assigned in 1964. He qualified in submarines on USS SABLEFISH in May 1965. He served on 3 additional submarines USS IREX (SS 482), USS HENRY L. STIMSON (SSBN 655) and USS GEORGE WASHINGTON CARVER (SSBN 656). He also served on the staff of Submarine Squadron Ten. Jack retired as a Master Chief Quartermaster completing 27 years active duty in 1986.

Jack joined USSVI in 2002. He upgraded to Life Member in 2004 and was inducted into the prestigious HOLLAND Club in 2015.

Jack was a frequent participant in Sunday Brunches, and the monthly Holland Club Lunch. He was also a volunteer at the Annual Holland Club Ceremony.

There will be an Honors Detail for Shipmate Penney Monday 20 March at Byles-MacDougall Funeral Home 99 Huntington Street, New London CT. The Honors Detail will muster at 1015 and pay honors at 1030. Uniform: black pants, tie, long sleeve white shirt, and garrison cap. If you do not have the uniform, you are still welcome to join us as we pay our respects to Jack and his family.

If you plan to join us for the Honors Detail, please contact me.

Hand Salutek - Master Chief Penney Rest Your Oar! - Ready Two.



Jack L. Penney , QMCM(SS)



USSVI Life Member

Holland Club



Submarine Qualified
50 years ago

Personal Information

Nickname	
Spouse / Partner Next of Kin	Patricia
Address	
Phones	
E-mail Addresses	
Doing Now	
Status	Changed on: 11/28/2022 Updated by Jeffrey Flesher (jwflesher@aol.com)

US Navy Service Information

Years Served	Joined in 1959 left in 1986
Highest Rank - Rate	E9 - QMCM(SS)
Other Military Service	Branch: ? Highest Rank:
Service Number	431-19-17
USN Retired	Yes in 1986
Naval Service Highlights	
Ships Served On	SS-303, SS-482, SSBN-655, SSBN-656

Membership in the USSVI

Member Info	Joined USSVI on: 5/6/2002
Primary Base	Groton
Member Type	Holland Club Life Member since 11/8/2004
Title or Office	
Comments	
SS Qualified	in 1965 on the USS Sablefish (SS-303)
Dual Membership	

Membership in Groton Base Information

Base Info	Joined Base on: 11/1/2018
USSVI Info	Joined USSVI on: 5/6/2002 Holland Club Life Member since 11/8/2004
Title or Office	Membership Recordkeeper
Comments	
SS Qualified	in 1965 on the USS Sablefish (SS-303)
Other Assn's	USSVI, USSVI-GROTON
CT USSVI Plate Holder	

Hall#	Ship's Name	Rate/Rank	Years	Special Duties	Division
SS-303	Sablefish	QM(SS)	1964-65	11/2/64 to 5/65	Qual date 3/18/65
SS-482	Ires	QM(SS)	1965-66		
SSBN-655	Henry L. Stimson	QMC(SS)	1966-71		
SSBN-616	George Washington Carver	QMCM(SS)	1973-78		

Nickname	Association Name	Joined	
USSVI-GROTON	USSVI Base - Groton	2018	Membership Recordkeeper