

Ledyard - Frank C. White of Gales Ferry, beloved husband of Irene (Smith) White, passed away on Dec. 29, 2010, at Lawrence & Memorial Hospital in New London.

Born in Albany, N.Y., he was the son of the late Gilbert and Robia White. Frank resided in Gales Ferry for the past 45 years, previously residing in Wilton, N.Y. He was a graduate of Saratoga High School, the class of 1957 in Saratoga Springs, N.Y.

Following high school he entered the U.S. Navy. He attended Electronics (A) School and Submarine School. He then was assigned to the USS Carbonaro SS-337 where he earned his silver dolphins. He also served on the USS Lizardfish SS-373, USS Abraham Lincoln, SSBN-602 Blue, USS Henry L. Stimson SSBN-665 Gold, USS Dace SSN-607, where he earned his gold dolphins. During his 22 years of Navy service he went from

seaman recruit to master chief electronics technician(SS), warrant office to chief warrant(W-4), to lieutenant junior grade. He was one of the few chief warrant officers to earn gold dolphins on a nuclear attack submarine.

After retiring from the Navy, he went to work for Rockwell International as a field engineer working out of the Groton office at Electric Boat. His last six and half years before retiring from Rockwell, he was the Representative-In-Charge of the Rockwell International Field Engineering Office at Electric Boat. After his retirement from Rockwell, he attended the University of

Connecticut Cooperative Extension Systems Master Gardener Training program. He was a Certified Advance Master Gardener with a Gold Badge. He was a life member of the Military Officer Association, the Submarine Veterans Association, and Trout Unlimited.

He leaves behind his wife, Irene; son, Michael and wife, Dolly; daughter, Denise (White) Burgo and husband, Manny; and son, Frank Jr. and wife, Ann; and loved and beloved three grandchildren, Daniel, Rebecca, and Nicholas. He was predeceased by his sister, Miriam Louise White.

A funeral service will be held at 10 a.m. on Friday at the Byles-Groton Memorial Home, 310 Thames St. Interment will be in Avery Stoddard Cemetery, Ledyard. Visiting hours are today from 5 until 7 p.m. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Frank's honor to Trout in the Classroom, Thames Valley Trout Unlimited, PO Box 76, Yantic, CT 06389 or to the donor's choice.

Please visit www.byles.com to leave a condolence note for the family or for directions. **Published in The Day on Dec. 30, 2010**