Philip E. Simpson

East Lyme - Philip E. Simpson, 71, formerly of Niantic and Bonita Springs, Fla., passed away peacefully on Wed., July 22, 2015, after a courageous battle with pancreatic cancer.

He was born on April 19, 1944, in Graceville, Fla. He met and married Patricia Harper, they resided in Niantic until his retirement. Philip served his country as a chief petty officer in the U.S. Navy as well as General Dynamics. He was an avid gardener who cherished his time with his family, especially his nine grandchildren. Philip is remembered by all as a very kind and gentle soul; who had a loving and generous heart, and was always giving to others.

Philip will be lovingly cherished by his wife, Patti; their three children, Heather and her husband, Scott West, of Stoneham, Mass., Patria Palmerone of Niantic and Sara and her husband, Rusty Ginn, of Asheville, N.C.; and his treasured grandchildren, Madeline, Olivia, Colin, Sophia, Stone, Hadlai, Bryce, Jake and Harrison. He is also survived by his brother, Andy Simpson and his wife, Meredith, of Cedar Hills, Utah.

Interment will be private.

Those who desire may make memorial donations in memory of Philip to Joanne's House at Hope Hospice, 27200 Imperial Parkway, Bonita Springs, FL 34135.

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