

Ron Nicolen

Obituary

Ron Nicolen passed over to a better life on November 2, 2009. Ron's life began July 24, 1934. He was the second son of Richard and Ruth Nicolen. He spent his early years in Ohio and Blissfield, MI, with his grandparents, Harv and Elsie Nicolen. He moved to Paw Paw, MI when he was 12 years old to live with his father and stepmother, Helen. He leaves behind a brother, Don (Teresa), a half sister and brother, Lynn and Rick Nicolen. Ron graduated from Paw Paw High School in 1952 and joined the Navy. He was assigned to the 7th fleet. In 1956, Ron and Nancy were married. They lived in Kalamazoo, MI for 42 years, where he was employed by New York Air Brake and Kalamazoo Tool. In 1998, they made their home in St. James City, FL. He was a devoted father and grandfather. Ron leaves behind a wife, Nancy; a daughter, Jan Alexander and her husband, Jim; a grandson, Aaron J. Helman and his wife, Kelly; a great-grandson, Austin J.; a son, Wayne Nicolen and his wife, Ann Alisa; a grandson, Shawn and his wife, Sarah; a stepson, Scott Johnson and two grandsons, Dan and Derek Johnson; two great-grandsons and a host of friends. Ron touched many lives with his kindness, compassion and humor. He will be sadly missed by his family and friends.