

# M.J. Fields

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M.J. Fields, 79, of Waxahachie passed away July 5, 2011, at Baylor University Medical Center in Dallas.






M.J. was born Sept. 25, 1931, in Muse, Okla. to James and Dessie Fields. The family moved to Munday, Texas, where he grew up, graduating from Munday High School. He joined the U.S. Navy in 1954. He spent 20 years as a nuclear submarine electrician during the Cold War and earned numerous medals for his service. He retired after 20 years in November 1974. M.J. lived in numerous places during his adventurous life, but he was always proud to call Texas home. He was a member of Alcoholics Anonymous for 37 years, devoting his life to mentoring and being a role model for thousands of people, proving sobriety works. He married his best friend, Lois Larkin, in 1984. Together they enjoyed traveling, dancing, bowling and spending time with beloved family and friends.

M.J. is survived by his wife of 27 years, Lois Fields; three siblings, Bill Fields, Hoke and Laverne Fields, and Barbara and Alex Jack; his four children, Larry Fields, Jim Fields, Steve and Rhonda Fields and Billie and Steve Johnson; his five stepchildren, Steve Larkin, Donnie Larkin, Ronnie and Charlotte Larkin, Mark and Sandee Larkin, and Fran and Chuck Leddy; 27 grandchildren and 26 great-grandchildren; and a multitude of nieces, nephews, and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents, James and Dessie Fields; the mother of his children, Betty Jean Thompson; his daughter, Terry Malone; brother, Cleburne Fields; sister and brother-in-law, Dorothy and Bob Barton; sister-in-law, Bertha Fields; and stepdaughter-in-law, Patti Larkin.

A visitation and a celebration of life will be held from 2-4 p.m. Sunday, July 10, at Midlothian Funeral Home, 200 E. Ave. E, Midlothian. M.J. will be honored with a full military graveside service at 11:15 a.m. Tuesday, July 12, at DFW National Cemetery in Dallas.

Memorial donations in his name in lieu of flowers may be made to [www.fisherhouse.org/donate](http://www.fisherhouse.org/donate) or any local Alcoholics Anonymous group.

Contact	Navy	SSBN-655	Other Ships	Other Duty	Associations
Hull#	Ship's Name	Rate/Rank	Years		
<a href="#">SSBN/SSN-598</a> 	George Washington				
<a href="#">SSBN-655</a> 	Henry L Stimson				
<a href="#">SSBN-657</a> 	Francis Scott Key				
<a href="#">SSBN-610</a> 	Thomas A Edison	EMC(SS)	1961-63		
<a href="#">SSN-613</a> 	Flasher	EMC(SS)	1963-66		