

Raymond John Tortorigi



Preston - Raymond John Tortorigi, 73, of Preston, passed away on Monday, Oct. 30, 2012, at Chest Elm Rehabilitation Center in Moodus.

He was born in Manchester, on Jan. 30, 1939. He was raised in Plainville and in 1952 was the youngest Boy Scout in Connecticut to earn the rank of Eagle Scout. After graduating from Plainville High School in 1956, Ray enlisted in the [U.S. Navy](#) and proudly served his country for 20 years in the submarine service. In 2007, he was inducted into the Holland Club, an exclusive group within the SUBVETS organization that recognizes members who reach the milestone of a minimum of 50 years qualified in submarines. Ray also volunteered his time as a Nautilus Museum docent.

Ray had a big heart and could always be counted on to help a friend in need. He belonged to a Trivial Pursuit group for more than 20 years and was well known for his sense of humor. After retirement, Ray became a general contractor and was the CEO of RJT Builders, LLC. He enjoyed golfing as a member of the Pautipaug Country Club and spent quite a few winters golfing at the Navy Marine Golf Course in Honolulu, Hawaii. When he wasn't golfing or building homes, he could be found playing Texas Holdem at Foxwoods.

Ray is survived by his wife, Patricia Reid; his daughter, Elayne Pons and husband, Daniel, of Gales Ferry; his son, John Tortorigi and his wife, Sheila, of Colchester; his daughter, SGM Amanda Baldwin and her husband, MAJ Tripp Baldwin of Fort Belvoir, Va.; a stepson, Kevin Reid and his wife, Leah; a stepdaughter, Nancy Carr and her husband, Michael; as well as eight grandchildren.

A burial at sea will be held at 11 a.m. on Nov. 17, at the Historic Ship Nautilus, 1 Crystal Lake Road, Groton.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions in Ray's name may be made to USSVI-Groton Base, 40 School St., Groton, CT 06340.

Please visit www.Byles.com for directions, to sign the guest book, or to share a memory.

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Hull#	Ship's Name	Rate/Rank	Years
SS-347	Cubera	STS3(SS)	1957-59
SS-423	Torsk	STS2(SS)	1959-61
SS/SSK/AGSS-244	Cavalla	STS2(SS)	1961-61
SSBN/SSN-609	Sam Houston	STS1(SS)	1961-65
SSBN/SSN-611	John Marshall	STSCS(SS)	1968-71
SSBN-655	Henry L Stimson	STSC(SS)	1970-73