



Ronald GERALD Hyson
STS1 [STSCS Ret]
B/SY1/B 70-75 Qualified 1971 B
655 Association Life Member
USSVI Hampton Roads Base / Holland Club
Born: January 10, 1950
Eternal Patrol: September 17, 2026



Ronald GEARL Hyson, 76, of Virginia Beach, Virginia, entered into eternal rest on September 17, 2026, at the Hospice House of Hampton Roads, with his beloved wife, Jean Hyson, by his side. Born on January 10, 1950, in Bridgeton, New Jersey, Ron lived a life defined by service, strength, loyalty, and an abiding love for those closest to him.

Ron proudly served his country in the United States Navy, eventually retiring after a distinguished military career. He spent 20 years serving aboard submarines as a Sonar Tech. In 1970 Ron's first boat was the USS Henry L. Stimson (SSBN655) where he qualified in the Submarines in 1971. He retired on the USS Daniel

Boone (SSBN629) in 1988 with the rank of Senior Chief. In 2021, Ron was inducted into the Holland Club for the fifty years of service he provided to the United States Navy while in the Submarine Force. Life beneath the surface required discipline, dependability, and resolve qualities Ron carried with him long after his naval career came to an end. Ron also retired from Northrop Grumman where he worked as a Functional Analyst for 26 years.

He was a Life Member of the Hampton Roads Base USSVI, United State Submarine Veterans, Inc., Veterans of Foreign Wars, VFW Post 4809, GWRRA, Goldwing Road Riders Association Chapter O, Tidewater Dirt Riders, TDR, and VCDL, Virginia Citizens Defense League.

Those who knew Ron knew that he was a no non-sense kind of man. He knew what he believed, said what he meant, and carried himself with the straightforward nature that made him unmistakably Ron. Beneath that strong exterior, however, was a man with a

tremendous capacity for love and laughter particularly when it came to his family and friends.

At the center of Ron's life was his beloved wife, Catherine "Jean" Hyson, affectionately known to him as his "Bride." Ron always loved hearing Jean sing, and in his final moments, she remained faithfully by his side. As their 35 years together drew to a close, Jean sang "You Are My Sunshine" to him, surrounding Ron with the familiar voice and love that had brought him so much happiness throughout their life together. It was a tender final expression of the bond they shared and a memory that will forever speak to the depth of their love.

Ron was the son of Benjamin C. Hyson and Sarah Frances Hyson. He will be remembered by his family, friends, fellow veterans, and all those fortunate enough to have known him. Left behind to cherish his memory is his beloved wife, Jean Hyson; his two sons, Benjamin R. Hyson (Kelley) and Reggie S. Bailey (Katherine); his four grandchildren, Dax Hyson, Jordan Bailey, Brooke Bailey and Reggie Bailey, Jr.; his step grandson, Brenden Wood; his sister, Bonnie Facemyer (Greg) and his niece, Kelly Ostwald (Tobias). His years of service, his unmistakable personality, his love for animals, and the memories he created with Jean will continue to be cherished by those he leaves behind.

Those wishing to continue honoring Ron's memory are invited to make a memorial contribution to Chesapeake Animal Services, reflecting his lifelong love for dogs and animals. Donations may be made by [clicking the donation link](#) provided on this memorial page. Each contribution is a meaningful way to celebrate Ron's life while helping animals in need.

Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to Altmeyer Funeral Home and Crematory, Southside Chapel, Virginia Beach.

Graveside Service

Tuesday, October 6, 2026

11:00AM - 11:30AM

Albert G. Horton, Jr. Memorial Veterans

5310 Milners Road

Suffolk, VA 23434

Personal Information

FIRST NAME

Ronald G.

LAST NAME

Hyson

MEMBER NAME

Ronald G. Hyson

FULL NAME

Hyson, Ronald G.

NICKNAME

Ron

NEXT OF KIN

Jean

RELATIONSHIP

Spouse

NEXT OF KIN NICKNAME

Jean

STATUS

✓ Active Member

Military Service

RATE

STSCS(SS)

RANK

E8

HULL NUMBER

SSBN-655

QUALIFYING BOAT

Henry L Stimson

YEAR QUALIFIED

1971

YEARS QUALIFIED (CALCULATED)

55

YEARS QUALIFIED (STORED)

55

HOLLAND CLUB STATUS (CALCULATED)

★ Holland Club Member

HOLLAND CLUB (STORED)

Yes

MILITARY STATUS

👤 Retired

ENTERED NAVY

1968

LEFT NAVY

1988

SPECIAL STATUS

★ Good Conduct

WAR VETERAN

👤 War Veteran

SHIPS SERVED ON

SSBN-655, SSBN-629

Sea Duty (Ships)

Ship	Hull	Crew	Patrols	Rate	Duties	Years
Henry L Stimson	SSBN-655	Blue	6	STS1(SS)	SONAR Supervisor, Intell PO, Below Decks Watch	1970–1975
Daniel Boone	SSBN-629	Gold	2	STSCS(SS)	Weapons LCPO, Sonar Officer, COB (while official COB underwent cancer surgery/recovery - 7 months)	1986–1988

2 assignments

Shore Duty (Stations)

Station	Location	Rate	Duties	Years
Boot Camp	Great Lakes, IL	SA		1968–1968
Fleet SONAR School	Key West, FL	STS3(SU)	GSSM - NEC 0427	1968–1969
Naval Submarine School	Groton, CT	STS1(SS)	NEC 9502 - Naval Instructor NEC 0428 - SSBN and Pre-594 Class SSN SONAR Awarded Master Training Sp	1975–1978
Naval Ordnance Test Unit (NOTU) Sea Contingency	Cape Canaveral, FL	STSC(SS)	SP-205 DASO Team member.	1979–1982
NAVSUBASE Maintenance & Repair	Pearl Harbor, HI	STSCS(SS)	Ship Superintendent, then Maintenance Control Officer (ARRS/MDCO Div Officer).	1983–1986

5 assignments

USSVI Membership

DATE JOINED	MEMBER TYPE	MAIL TYPE	PAID THROUGH DATE
10/27/2011	Life	Not provided	LIFE
LIFE MEMBER DATE	LIFE MEMBER NUMBER	ASSOCIATION NAME	
05/12/2016	L-10660	USSVI	

Base Information

BASE	REGION	DISTRICT
Hampton Roads	ES - Southeast	ES1