

Michael R. Mumley Sr.
B Comm 65-69
MM1(SS) reported onboard as EN3
Born: January 29, 1945
Eternal Patrol January 3, 2024

Knoxville, Tennessee - Ahoy there, mates! Michael Roland Mumley SR, affectionately known as Pops and Papa, has set sail on his final voyage on January 3, 2024, at the age of 78. Born on January 29, 1945, in Burlington, Vermont, he was the proud captain of his own destiny.

Michael served his country with honor and distinction in the United States Navy for a whopping 20 years. He navigated the treacherous waters aboard submarines like the legendary USS Raton, USS Stimpson, and USS Rayburn. A true submariner, he even taught his fellow Sailors as an instructor at the Basic Submarine School. After retiring as a Chief in 1983, Michael continued his love affair with the Navy by working at the Power Plant on the submarine base in Groton, CT.

But that's not all! Michael had more tricks up his sleeve. He decided to chart a new course and pursue his passion for antiques. With an eye sharper than a seagull spotting a fish, he opened an antique shop and became the captain of collecting hidden treasures. From broken chairs to random lamp shades, he saw the value in things others overlooked. He even had a knack for finding gems by the side of the road and made a pilgrimage to the recycle center at the dump in Richmond. Now that's what we call a true treasure hunter!

In the midst of his adventures, Michael and his first mate, Jean (Bear), embarked on a new journey as the proprietors of the 1804 Potter House Bed and Breakfast. They welcomed countless guests, feeding and entertaining them with warm hospitality. And just when you thought he couldn't surprise you any further, Michael discovered his true passion for navigating the roads as a school bus driver. Parents and kids alike adored him, but alas, Parkinson's disease brought his bus-driving days to an end. Ever resourceful, he turned his attention back to his beloved collection of hidden treasures.

While Michael's heart was as big as the ocean, his faith anchored him in various Baptist Churches throughout his life. And let's not forget his role as a Bible teacher to his fellow Sailors during his submarine days. He truly had a heavenly connection!

When he wasn't busy conquering the seas or unearthing forgotten gems, Michael enjoyed a good round of bowling, hunting, fishing, camping, poker, cribbage, and indulging his passion for collecting used things. He had a knack for turning the old into gold!

Michael leaves behind his beloved wife, Jean Mumley, of 60 years who was his anchor in life's storms. He also leaves behind his children Lori, Michael Jr., and Brian, his brother David McKinstry, his 12 grandchildren, and 11 great-grandchildren. His memory will forever sail on in the hearts of all who were fortunate enough to know and love him.

<https://www.legacy.com/us/obituaries/legacyremembers/michael-mumley-sr-obituary?id=54015632>

Association Chaplain initially reported this on 4 January 2024 from a FaceBook Post by Mike's son, which read: Mike Mumley passed away yesterday 1/3/24. Mike a MM1(SS) and later CPO on the Rayburn, was a Plank Owner and a member of the Blue Crew commissioning crew [of the Henry

L. Stimson]. Mike an A ganger on Stimson did at least 7 patrols. Mike was diagnosed with service-related asbestoses and for a number years with Parkinson's Disease. The end came recently when he contacted Covid. Anyone who knew or had any contact with Mike could not help but like the big bear. His sense of humor and ability to make people laugh made a long patrol enjoyable. Sailor, Rest Your Oar, We Have The Watch.




Webmaster Comments: I found Mike's name on the Commissioning list:

Mumley, M.R.- EN3(SS)(Mike). According to Decklog, Mike was on the Stimson 1965 and 7 patrols would put him leaving around 1969, so unless someone can tell me different that's the dates that will be used.

	Michael R Mumley, Sr , MMC(SS)	 	
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Personal Information	
Nickname	
Spouse / Partner Next of Kin	Jean
Address	Contact Information available only to USSVI MEMBERS (Log in Member / Crew menu)
Deceased	Yes Date went on Eternal Patrol: 1/3/2024
Doing Now	Born on January 29, 1945 - Entered into Eternal Patrol on January 3, 2024.
Status	Changed on: 1/5/2024 Updated by Frederick W. Borgmann ()

US Navy Service Information	
Years Served	Joined in 1963 left in 1983
Highest Rank - Rate	E7 - MMC(SS)
Service Number	<input type="text"/>
USN Retired	Yes in 1983
Naval Service Highlights	
Ships Served On	SS-270, SSBN-655, SSBN-635

Hull#	Ship's Name	Rate/Rank	Years	Special Duties
SS-SSR/AGSS-270 	Raton	ENFN(SS)	1964-65	Oct 1964 CH Desig to SS
SSBN-655 	Henry L Stimson	EN3(SS)	1965-67	Final rating level and full time period onboard not known.
SSBN-635 	Sam Rayburn	MMC	1978-78	Actual time period onboard and rating level not known.