



DECEASED :

William Lou House, age 84 of Oviedo, passed away Sunday, January 18, 2015. He was born August 9, 1930 in Atlanta, Georgia. Inurnment will be at Florida National Cemetery at a later date.

WILLIAM LOU HOUSE COMMANDER USN RETIRED

William "Lou" House was a member of United States Submarine Veterans, Inc.(USSVI) since 1991 and a loyal member of Cyberspace Base-USSVI on the Internet. In the Navy Lou served aboard the destroyer USS Power (DD-839), battleship USS Wisconsin (BB-64), Submarines USS Tiru (SS-416), USS Ethan Allen (SSBN-608), and submarine tender USS Orian, AS-18 Lou qualified in submarines on the USS Tiru (SS-416) in 1956 and was a LCDR when he left the Navy.

Our shipmate and friend has embarked on Eternal Patrol upon Final Orders from the Supreme Commander. He has shipped out to calm seas and warm breezes in the company of his shipmates who have gone before. He is welcomed by our loving God, safely navigating the seas of eternity. These words are presented with love, esteem and honor by his fellow "Brothers of the Phin". Sailor rest your oar, we have assumed your watch. Thank you for your service in Submarines to the United States of America. "Always remembered, never forgotten!"

Cyberspace Base USSVI, The Internet, Florida

Lou House was my Leading Chief Petty Officer of the Navigation Department on the Pre commissioning Unit (PCU) Ethan Allen SSBN 608 and later on the Blue Crew of USS Ethan Allen SSBN 608. Our crew fired our nations only live nuclear warhead submerged test launch of a Polaris Missile. We were on a Polaris Deterrent Patrol during the Cuban Missile Crisis and also during the timeframe the USS Thresher SSN 593 was lost on sea trials. Lou recommended and CAPT Paul Lacy concurred with my request for the Naval Enlisted Scientific Education Program (NESEP) which gave me the opportunity to get a college degree (Purdue University BSEE "68") and a line commission via OCS. Lou was the most articulate and distinguished Chief Petty Officer I had the pleasure to serve with in my more than 40 Years of submarine service.

James (Jim) Harvey CAPT, USN (Ret)

I met Lou in 1978 in Crystal City, Arlington, VA, when we worked for the same defense contractor. We shared stories, jokes, numerous high jinx, and a few nicknames as well. I called him "Old Bull." He called me "Young Bull." I loved helping him celebrate his 50th birthday at Tiffany's Tavern in Alexandria. I loved his stories about the Navy and his childhood on the family dairy farm in Georgia. I also got a kick out of his colorful expressions. Once we were having a drink together and a really tall woman walked by. Lou said "Geez, she's tall enough to go goose hunting with a rake." Beneath the rascally behavior was a man I knew I could trust totally. A good friend. A proud Navy vet. I will miss you, Lou.

Pat Trate, *Burke, Virginia*

I met Lou during my young Sailor years while stationed in Washington, DC. He was a mentor, a hell of a sea story teller. He occupied my room at 'THE POE STREET ANNEX in Arlington when I transferred to Norfolk, VA. I am sure he will keep San Pedro busy. He will be missed.

Jaime

Jaime Ibanez-Estevez, *Virginia Beach, Virginia*

There is a season for all things even if one can not understand at the time what it might be. For I am with you but you just can't see me. In just a few short years I met and talked with Lou at some of the ship reunions. I did not know him on a personal note, but we would share some of our thoughts together. There was never a person that loved this country and the principles it stands for more than our friend and shipmate, Lou House. With the sound of two bells piercing my ears and the name of our shipmate read, I can only say Fair Winds and Following Seas my friend until we meet again at heavens gate.

Buddy Ulm

William "Lou" House was a member of United States Submarine Veterans, Inc.(USSVI) since 1991 and a loyal member of Cyberspace We have known Lou since he married my cousin Rosi. He stepped in and became a true member of our family, have missed seeing him since Rosi passed. We will miss just knowing that he is there. God Bless You Lou.

Jack & Lorna Meier

Lorna Meier,
Shiloh, Georgia

No pain, no grief, no anxious fear can reach our loved one sleeping here." Rest in Peace, Louie.

Joe Plegge,
Dickinson, North Dakota

Please accept the expression of our deepest sympathy. He left his footprints in our hearts. We highly respected the deceased. We share your pain. Lou will Stay in our hearts forever. He was a remarkable man. We will perpetuate his memory. Our thoughts and prayers got out to you.

In loving memory Lara and Sabine Wilke, Berlin, Germany

Sabine & Lara Wilke,
Berlin

So sorry to hear about Lou's passing. He will be missed at our reunions. Always enjoyed listening to his sea stories. He was a very special shipmate. God speed.

Jim & Betty Brocklebank (Tuscaloosa, AL)

While physically absent, Lou's presence will always be felt at our reunions. We are never gone as long as we are remembered. Bless you all.

Jack Jaworski,
Toledo, Ohio

Lou was a true Sailor and a good friend to many. He will be missed, but I feel blessed to have known him while he was with us. I'm sure goo has a special place for him.. Bon voyage Commander.

Richard Sturm,
Winter Park, Florida

So sorry for your loss. May God bless you and your family at this time.

Jerry Dunlap
Pilot Knob, Mo.

May God bless you and your family in this time of sorrow.

Richard E Durgin,
Bradenton, Florida

I knew Lou since 1997 when we first started the USS POWER DD839 ASSN.

Lou was Shipmate of the Year 2002 and President from 2003 to 2006 that is when I got to know him he was a great speaker a good shipmate and friend I will miss him. I am unable to attend the memorial but I will pray for him and his family .He will be remembered and honored at our reunion this year in Mobile, AL.

John & Kay Pinto

John Pinto,
Beverly Hills, Florida



Brave patriots once stepped aboard
As they saluted the deck and the colors
With skills and a sea bag forged forward
To find their place and part among others

Gaining a rack and locker and shipmates
And the path to the mess decks and showers
Filled days into months earning rates
Yet some of the minutes seemed hours

To sea the vessel went steaming
Not knowing what may lie ahead
In the sun a great ship was gleaming
Aboard was the crew, 'Nuff said'

Many a task was assigned to each
Whether seaman or captain or chief
Clean the head, patrol near the beach
Stand your watch til you have a relief

We all have our stories by letter and line
From the moments and years we embark
As memories are sweetened by time
Share your seafaring tales with spark

For love of country and shipmates
Will never be dimmed by the years
Because we trusted each other
To the end, if that was to be sans tears

Share the long, glorious Navy traditions
From the Phoenicians to the newest recruit
With care to someone who listens
All words summed up in your salute

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