

Robert Joseph White



December 25, 1923 - January 18, 2014

WHITE, Robert J. "Bob" 90, passed away at home in Seminole, on Saturday, Jan. 18, 2014. He was born on Dec. 25, 1923, to Leopoldo and Myrtle White in Worcester, MA. Myrtle later married Homer Valliere. He married Arline D Frick of Hartford, CT in 1945. Bob is survived by Arline, his wife of 68 years; sons, Kenneth and Robert; daughters, Karen and Christy; six grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren. Bob attended Bulkeley HS in Hartford, CT, before joining the US Navy in 1941. While serving in the Navy he was awarded the Asiatic-Pacific Campaign Medal with one Silver and four Bronze Stars for services aboard the USS Balch (DD-363), USS Boston (CA-69) and the USS Bladen (APA-63). Naval engagements included the Pacific Raids of the Marshall-Gilbert and Wake Islands, Midway, Guadalcanal-Tulagi landings, Eastern Solomons, Marshall Island occupations of Kwajalein and Majuro Atolls, and Eniwetok Atoll, assault and occupation of Iwo Jima and Okinawa Gunto. Following Naval service, Bob transferred to the US Army Air Corps and completed his military career with the US Air Force, retiring to Florida in 1968. Bob was a lifelong amateur radio operator (K4QGC / W1QMW) spending much of his spare time "on the Ham bands". Visitation will be held between 6-8 pm on Wednesday, Jan. 22, 2014 at Mohn Funeral Home, 9700 Seminole Blvd, Seminole, FL. A service will be held at 10:30 on Thursday, Jan. 23, 2014 at First Baptist Church of Indian Rocks, 12685 Ulmerton Rd, Largo, FL. Burial with Full Military Honors will be held at 2:30 on Thursday, Jan. 23, 2014 at The Florida National Cemetery, 6502 SW 102nd Ave., Bushnell, FL. Memorial donations can be made to the Suncoast Hospice in the name of Robert J White. www.thehospicefoundation.org.