



**Joseph E. Earley Sr.**, 79, of St. Petersburg, FL passed away Saturday, January 31st surrounded by his family. He was born and raised in Portland, ME on November 20, 1946, to parents John Edward Sr & Arlene (Reynolds) Earley.

After graduating from Portland High School, he served 13 years in the US Navy as a chef and baker which became a lifelong endeavor. He and his wife retired to Florida in 2010.

He enjoyed reading, traveling, golfing, photography, listening to 50/60's music, bowling, and spending time with his military brothers and sisters.

He was proud to serve as an officer of American Legion Post 104 for many years.

Mr. Earley is survived by his loving wife of 52 years, Doreen (Adams) Earley; son, Joseph Jr and his fiancé Peggie Chouinard; daughter, June and husband David Ellicott; Step daughters, Jamie Ann and husband Michael Cook and Melissa and husband Shawn Wiley; siblings, June Wilkinson, Arlene Pulk, James Earley, and Joanne and husband Bob Lorraine; grandchildren, SSG Jason Earley and his wife Tricia, Justin Tabor, Zachary Cook, Cooper Wiley, Ella Wiley, and great-grandchildren Jenna and Annabell Tabor, Daniel and Isabelle Earley. Mr. Earley was predeceased by brothers John Jr, William Earley, and great-grandchildren Joseph C. and Henry J. Earley.

His ashes will be buried at sea by the US Navy with military honors.