

# Earl “John” Reed

Clinton-Earl ‘John’ Reed, age 80, of Clinton passed away early Friday morning March 28, 2025 in Wynn Hospital.

He was born on April 6, 1944 in Buffalo, New York a son of the late Earl A. and Marion J. McCann Reed and was a graduate of the Vernon Verona Sherrill High School and Morrisville College where ‘John’ received his associates degree in food services.

‘John’ enlisted in the United States Navy in 1964 where he served as a Senior Chief retiring from the Navy in 1986. He served on the USS Boston SSN-703 in 1985.

On June 9, 1967 he married the love of his life Velma Charlene Sanders in San Diego, California and shared that loving vow of over fifty-seven years together until Charlene’s death on August 29, 2024.

‘John’ was a member of the International Food Service Executives and the New Hartford American Legion Post. He cherished his time spent with his family.

Surviving are his two daughters; Sheri (Duane) Edmonds, and Michele Compoli; his grandchildren, Koree, Brina, Elijah, Anthony, Patrick, Danielle, Jason, and Dylan; his five great grandchildren; one sister Nancy Bitts, and two brothers Dave Reed and Eric Reed.

He is predeceased by his wife Velma Charlene Reed and granddaughter, Jalyynn.