

Cold War Submariner

William A Mereno, Bill,

88, Virginia Beach passed away peacefully in his sleep on Sunday December 29, 2019. Bill was born in Cleveland, Ohio on September 27, 1931. He enlisted in the US Navy in 1951 and served in the Korean War aboard the destroyer USS Perkins (DDR-877).

In 1957, Bill volunteered for the submarine squadron and qualified aboard the USS Entemedor (SS-340) in 1958 and served aboard the USS Seawolf (SSN-575). He was a RMC(SS) when he retired from the Navy.

Upon retirement from the Navy, Bill earned a Bachelor of Science in Elementary Education from Old Dominion University in 1972 and became a 6th grade teacher at Windsor Woods Elementary School in Virginia Beach for 18 years. He also taught at Creeds Elementary School for 3 years before retiring from Virginia Beach Public Schools.

Then Bill served as a volunteer for the Retired Activities Office in Norfolk and guided tours for 15 years at the Old Coast Guard Station at 24th St in Virginia Beach. Bill was a member of the US Submarine Veterans Holland Club. Bill is survived by three children Kathleen Mereno, Patricia Guyton, Timothy Mereno, eight grandchildren and six great-grandchildren.

Bill was a Holland Club and Life member of USSVI Hampton Roads Base.

Sailor, Rest your oar.