

Paul Gray



M. Paul Gray, 64, of Middletown RI, died unexpectedly Sunday, December 11, 2011 at Newport Hospital, surrounded by his family. Paul, was born in Gloucester MA, March 7, 1947 to the late Manly Percy "Buddy" and Mary (Caffery) Gray.

Paul joined the US Navy doing a tour in Vietnam captaining the Captains Gig for the US Enterprise before returning to Newport RI. Paul fished commercially with his father in local waters for 20 years before beginning his second career as one of the premier mechanics on the Aquidneck Island. Reigning cribbage champion in a house full of adoring females, he was our best friend and biggest fan as we were his.

He was dedicated to his wife, girls and grandchildren. Known for his bright eyes and quick wit, he will be missed by family and friends. He is survived by his wife of 40 years, Eleanor (Sampson) Gray. His daughters Allison Ann Barr, of Bristol, RI and her husband Robert Barr, Andrea G Gray McDonald, of Newport RI, and Paula Gray, of Bristol RI. His grandchildren, Cameron McDonald, Makaela Impagliazzo, Mackenzie McDonald, Abbey Gray and Adriana Barr. His sisters Maryann Whitten and Leeann Sandstrom of New Hampshire, Cathy Crevier of Warwick, Peggy Johnson of Florida. Also numerous great nieces and nephews who will miss him greatly.

Visiting hours were held Saturday December 17, 2011 at the O'Neill-Hayes Funeral Home, 465 Spring Street, Newport RI. Burial was private.

Donations to the Seamen's Church Institute of Newport, 18 Market Square, Newport, RI 02840 or the Potter League for Animals, P.O. Box 412, Newport, RI 02840