

Nelson Royce Carter, was born February 7th 1943, in Pennsylvania, raised in St. Petersburg & graduated from St. Pete High School. Royce passed peacefully with family at the age of 81 on July 2nd 2024. He enlisted in the Navy in October 1960 and received his Commission to Warrant Officer in 1973.

He served on two aircraft carriers, one guided missile destroyer, a nuclear submarine, mine sweepers, the Joint Chief of Staff and various minor staffs; is a veteran of the Vietnam War and retired from the Navy at the U.S. Central Command at MacDill AFB, Tampa, Florida April 1983 after serving 23 years.

He was a Plank Owner of the USS Horne as well.

As a civilian he soon became a Veteran

Service Officer and eventual Director of Pinellas County Dept. of Veteran Services. He was a fierce advocate for his veterans, always working on their behalf. He was a lifelong collector of various memorabilia and loved a good joke.

He was a loving husband, brother, father, grandfather, great grandfather, friend and shipmate.

He is survived by his loving wife Kathy, sisters Linda, Brenda, Sandra, and Connie, predeceased by his brother Dennis; son Ron and wife Debbie; daughter Brenda; son Todd and wife Eleanor; step daughter Janine and husband Rick; Stepson Brian and wife Chrissy; Grandchildren; Ryan his wife Taylor, Carter, Trevor, Avery, Taylor, Anna, Ricky, Staci and husband Mark, Brett and wife Amber, Katie and husband Alex, Bobby and multiple great grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers the family requests donations be made to any veterans service organizations of your choice.

He would wish you all "Fair Winds and Following Seas"

Royce, you go ahead and take the rest of the day off.