Roy G. Riley



Capt. Roy G. "Luke" Riley, 78, of Gold Hill, passed away Wednesday, Sept. 7, 2016 at his home.

Born Jan. 3, 1938 in Marlette, Mich., he was the son of the late Wilmont John "Mike" and Joyce Cripps Riley.

He was a 1956 graduate of Marlette High School, a 1960 graduate of the United States Naval Academy in Annapolis, Md., and a 1967 graduate of the United States Naval Postgraduate School in Montery, Calif., with a master's degree in management. He served in the United States submarine force aboard five submarines - USS Sea Poacher (SS406), USS Nathan Hale (SSBN-

623G), USS Albacore (AGSS569), USS Wahoo (SS565) and commanded the USS Bonefish (SS582) from Sept. 1972 – Sept. 1974, followed by duty Submarine Chief of Staff in Guam, MI.

He was trained in both the Polaris/Poseidon navigation and missile weapons systems and was a team leader certifying crews for missile launch at Cape Canaveral, Fla. From 1976-1986 he was assigned Director Naval Intelligence at the Pentagon as Project Officer for a special submarine program and was also Director Naval Intelligence R+D Programs and Director Intelligence Budget Division. In 1986, he retired as Captain, USN.

Upon retirement he was a Mt. Pleasant High School bus driver and substitute teacher for 12 years. He was also a self-employed handyman and he loved to hunt and fish with his sons.

He is survived by his wife, Linda Cline Riley, whom he married Feb. 1, 1974; daughter Katrina and husband Karl Wolff of Baldwinsville, N.Y.; sons, Clay Riley of Springfield, Va. and Lance Riley of Charlotte; grandsons, Scott Wolff and Sean Brazel; granddaughters, Sharon Wolff, Murphy Riley, Taylor Riley and Casey Riley; brothers, Joe Riley and wife Carole of Montriss, Va. and Rex and Dottie Riley of Harrisburg, Pa.

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