

### WILLIAM FRANKLIN HRABAL



William Franklin Hrabal, 83, of Bryceville, went home to be with the Lord on March 11. He was born on August 25, 1934 in Bowling Green, Florida, to Lois Franklin and Zella Mae Hrabal. He served in the US Navy and was stationed in New York City where he met the love of his life Josephine Ramos. On January 19, 1957, they were married and came back to Florida to start their family. They were known by all as Bill and Jo and were devoted to each other for 60 years till her death in 2017. He was a retired Mechanical Inspector of Jacksonville and continued to work in Air & Refrigeration till 1994. Bill and Jo moved to St. Croix, Virgin Islands and he worked for Hess Refinery for 6 years. While in the islands he became an avid scuba diver. They returned to their residence in Bryceville in 2001 to his family and friends. He never met a stranger and was always ready to help his neighbor when needed. He will be missed by all, especially his daughter Deidra.

William is survived by his daughter Deidre H. (Frank) Mercer; four grandchildren Steven J. Mercer, William Hrabal, Dutch Hrabal and Russel Moore; six great-grandchildren; sister Lois Faye (Norman) Langston; and brother Sammy Hrabal; many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents; his wife Josephine; and son Kevin Joseph Hrabal; sisters Sherry Halter and Louise Mosley; and a brother Floyd Hrabal.

Graveside services will be held at a later date in Bowling Green, Florida.

Condolences may be expressed at [www.nassaufh.com](http://www.nassaufh.com).

Arrangements were under the direction of Nassau Funeral Home, Callahan, 904-879-1770.