

PERRIN NEAL FARRAR



Perrin Neal Farrar, 92, of Hilliard, passed away October 4, 2022. He was born April 2, 1930 in Valley Park, Missouri to Jesse and Helen (Stout) Farrar and grew up in the outskirts of St. Louis. The Farrar line extends back to William Farrar, who emigrated from England to the Jamestown Colony in 1618.

Rather than waiting to be drafted during the Korean War, Perrin volunteered for the Naval Air Reserve October 16, 1950 and then enlisted in the regular Navy January 2, 1951, serving until November 15, 1954. Most of his military service was as a cook on the USS Robinson, DD-562, a Fletcher class destroyer. He traveled the globe and was in Korean waters near the end of the Korean War. The USS Robinson crossed the international dateline in July 1953 and the equator in December 1953.

While assigned to the USS Robinson and stationed at the Philadelphia Naval Shipyard, Perrin met the love of his life, Kathryn Kocher. They were married February 14, 1953. Kathryn passed away in January 1986 in Callahan after a fiercely-fought battle with cancer.

After separating from the Navy, Perrin became a meat cutter with the Food Fair/Pantry Pride grocery store chain in southeast Pennsylvania, while he and Kathryn raised their family in Malvern. After the grocery store chain went bankrupt in 1978, Perrin and Kathryn and Kathryn's brother Donald and wife Mary bought what was then the Quality Inn Motel in Callahan. In 1988, Perrin became sole proprietor of the motel, which he operated with help from his son Ronald and daughter Janet. The motel later changed to the Friendship Inn and Ship Inn, as it is known today. In 2002, Perrin sold the motel and moved to Hilliard.

Perrin is a retired Chippendale dancer. In 2009, he traveled to Alaska with Perry and Nancy and stepped across the Arctic Circle. His 90th birthday in 2020 was during the early days of the pandemic. The local first responders surprised him with their sirens, a parade and a cake.

The Farrars were blessed with four children, Perry (Nancy) Farrar of Maryland, Diane (David) DeGezelle of Pennsylvania, Ronald (Melissa) Farrar and Janet (Ricky) Plummer, all of Callahan. In addition, to his children, the beloved Pop Pop is survived by nine grandchildren Dawn, Gwenn, Timothy, Amber, Matthew, Hannah, Jackson, Scarlett and Ashlee; 17 great-grandchildren; and three great-great-grandchildren. His family would like to express their gratitude to his long-term caregiver, Debbie Lindsay.

A memorial service will be held at a later date at Jacksonville National Cemetery.