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**M**ansfield, William B., Jr., 'Captain Bill' 88 of St. Petersburg died Friday, May 4, 2007 at Hospice House Woodside. Born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, he moved here in 1978 from Newburyport, Massachusetts. He attended the Church of the Transfiguration Catholic Church. He was a WWII Veteran a Korean Veteran and retired from the United States Coast Guard after twenty years service. He also retired from the Veterans Administration Hospital in West Roxbury, Massachusetts. 'Captain Bill', as he was known, was a volunteer at Bay Pines Veterans Medical Center for over sixteen years and started the fishing program there. He was a member of the DAV Chapter 13, the VFW Post 6827, the Fleet Reserve Association and the Destroyer Escort Association. He is survived by his wife of sixty-four years, Ruth; a son, William B., III of Madeira Beach; two daughters, Ruth E. Donovan of Newburyport, Massachusetts and Barbara Mansfield-Wilson of Crawfordville, Florida; a sister, Genevieve Chartier of Florida; three Grand sons and four great grandchildren.



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**Ruth (Mansfield) Donovan** posted:

At the request of others I offer the eulogy I gave at my father's funeral.\_\_\_\_\_ Dad, You provided our family with so many memories: Christmas trees, train gardens, your attempt at ice skating. How proud you were of my high school graduation and the continuance of my education; our vacations to Baltimore, Washington, NYC, and Philadelphia with the kids sleeping in your homemade bed in the back seat of the car. I'll remember you fishing at the Artichoke River, fireworks in cans and sparklers, finding coins on the sidewalk. You taught us family values, the virtue of perseverance and patriotism. I knew I carried with me not only my ambitions but yours as well. I was blessed with great role models. You and Mom taught me marriage is a partnership that brings a lifetime of rewards. Thank your for teaching me how to make my way in the world. Memories of you will be happy ones. Anchors aweigh, Dad, and as Masefield the poet said" "May you have that tall ship and a star to steer her by." It is smooth sailing from here on in. I am sure God will hold you in the palm of his hand until we meet again. You were a great shipmate to us all! Yes, Dad is gone but he will never be forgotten by us.

December 12 at 10:09 AM

TJ

**Tommy Jones** posted:

Bill and Family ...Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family at this difficult time.Tommy & Liz

December 12 at 10:09 AM

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**The Staff At Memorial Park Funeral Home** posted:

The staff at Memorial Park Funeral Home wish to send their heartfelt condolences.

December 12 at 10:09 AM



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