



David J. (Bear) Graver, 82, of Chesapeake, passed away on Wednesday August 2, 2023 at the Chesapeake Regional Medical Facility.

David was born on August 7, 1940 in Lancaster, PA. He was the son of David and Jeanne (Wolf) Graver. David attended McKaskey High School in Lancaster.

David joined the United States Navy in 1958 and served 30 years until his retirement in 1988 as a Master Chief Petty Officer Photographer Mate/Diver.

David loved being a Navy diver and underwater photographer. After retiring from the Navy, David worked as Captain on a commercial diving vessel.

David enjoyed woodworking, fishing, traveling, and spending time with his family, especially his grandchildren.

David is survived by his wife Georgia Graver of Chesapeake, son Scott Graver of Virginia Beach, son Todd and wife Kim Graver of Chesapeake, and daughter Dawn and husband Doug Lahey of Chesapeake, and grandchildren Nathan and Ryan Graver of Chesapeake.

David is preceded in death by his parents David Graver and Jeanne (Graver) Gockley, and sister Deborah (Graver) Sarbaugh.

The family has chosen to honor David's wish not to have a funeral service. The family is planning to have a celebration of life gathering. In accordance with his wishes and Navy tradition, David's final resting place will be at sea. May he have eternal fair winds and following seas.