

Langdon A. Chamberlain

Langdon A. Chamberlain, 55, passed away on Sunday, May 15, 2005, in Oak Harbor, Wash.

Born in Atlanta, Ga., he was the son of William Clinton Johnson-Chamberlain and Dorothy Jones Chamberlain.

He lived in Chevy Chase, Md., from 1962 to 1968. He was a member of the Sea Explorers Post, manager of the soccer team and Lettermen's Club.

He graduated from Chevy Chase High School in 1968. He was on the delayed entry program for military service and joined the U.S. Navy in 1969, where he completed basic training at Great Lakes Naval Training Center.

In 1973, he left the Navy, with his final duty station aboard the USS Midway. For the next 12 years, he worked for Sailmakers, Clarke Boats and the Sailing Shop, all in North Carolina. In 1986, he re-enlisted in the Navy. He was assigned to VR-61 and sent to NAS Whidbey Island in 1995. He retired from the Navy as a first class petty officer in 2000.

He attended Skagit Valley College, marine maintenance program. West Marine of Anacortes, Wash., employed him at the time of his death.

Most of his life had been focused on the water and opportunities to enjoy it. He was also a stamp and coin collector. He was a member of the American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, the Non-Commissioned Officers Association and the Fleet Reserve Association.

He is survived by his mother, Dorothy Jones Chamberlain, formerly of Franklin and now of Lorton, Va.; his father, Clinton Johnson-Chamberlain and stepmother Shirley of Hopkinsville, Ky.; two brothers, Goodloe L. "Lowry" Chamberlain of Anacortes and Paul D. Chamberlain of Spanaway, Wash.; and four sisters, Olivia L. Chamberlain of Bellevue, Wash., Nancy Moon of Lorton, Helen L. Reed of Highlands, and Gilmer L. "Gilli" Blewett of Jacksonville, Fla.

A celebration of his life was held Sunday, June 5, at the Oak Harbor Yacht Club, with honors provided by the NAS Whidbey Island Honor Guard. Cremation was held with private family inurnment.

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