

Albert George Chase (USN Ret.), 97, of Pensacola, went to be with his Lord and Savior on Tuesday, March 31, 2015. Al was born on July 20, 1917, in St. Johnsbury, Vermont. He was the son of Ralph Hiram Chase and Helen Holt Fisher Chase.

Al attended St. Johnsbury Academy and joined the United States Navy at the age of 17. He retired from the Navy as Chief Boatswain's Mate. He served from 1941 - 1943 at Algiers Naval Station in Louisiana, then served on the USS Hinsdale APA-120 to the Pacific Theater transporting troops. Action included going in with the first wave at Iwo Jima. His unit delivered troops and heavy equipment during the Battle at Okinawa. He also served aboard the USS Coral Sea CVA 43, USS Nevada, USS Utah, USS Franklin D. Roosevelt CVB-42, USS Wharton, and USS Chaumont. He earned campaign ribbons for: American Area, Asiatic-Pacific Area, World War II Victory, Occupation Medal-Asia, China Service Medal, European-African Middle Eastern Campaign Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Navy Occupation Service Medal, and a Good Conduct Medal. After serving 24 years in the Navy he worked for the Santa Rosa Island Authority as a Pensacola Beach bridge tender for many years. He was also a self-taught artist and enjoyed painting landscapes as well as entertained family and friends with his cartoons.

He was preceded in death by his parents, sister (Catherine Chase) and brother (Ralph F. Chase) and niece, Patty Chase Pilette.

He is survived by his loving wife of 57 years, Joan Louiza Chase, daughters: Joanne Martina Chase (husband, Curtis L. Carter, Jr.), granddaughter Amie H. Chase, and great grandson, Caleb J.H. Chase of Hickory, NC; and Nancy Chase Hamilton (husband, Homer R. "Trey" Hamilton III) grandsons, Travis B. Hamilton of Austin, TX and Logan C. Hamilton of Gainesville, FL. He is also survived by two daughters from a previous marriage union: Linda Chase DeGeus (husband, Leslie) and their four children, seven grandchildren, and two great-grand children of Santa Maria, CA, and Joanne Helen Chase Gibson, her two children and two grandchildren of Cookeville, TN. He will also be

missed by his nephew, David Chase of East St. Johnsbury, VT and his son, Ched Chase of Estero, FL.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to: Little Flower Catholic Church, Pensacola, Florida 32506; or Joyce Goldenberg Hospice, 10075 Hillview Drive, Pensacola, FL 32514.