

Gilman Long Gilman W. "Gil" Long, 76, formerly of McIndoe Falls, Vt., died Friday, Aug. 24, 2007 in Lakeland, Fla. He was the son of Elroy H. and Gertrude F. Long of Danville, Vt. He graduated from St. Johnsbury Trade School in 1949. Gil entered the U.S. Navy for four years and is a veteran of the Korean War. On Dec. 24, 1953, he married Harriet L. Paddleford of St. Johnsbury, Vt. They had four children, Kimberly J. White of St. Johnsbury, John G. Long of Detroit, Mich., Kelly A. Long of Palmdale, Calif., and Jason H. Long of Williamsburg, Va. After returning home from the Navy, Gil worked for "Marsh" Norris at Railroad Street Gulf and then continued his career at New England Power Company where he worked and retired after 39 years. Gil was active in St. Johnsbury VFW Post 793 for several years and served as post commander for one year. He was also an active member of VAST and made many friends through his winter love of snowmobiling. After retiring, he traded in the snow and he and Harriet enjoyed traveling in their motor home, spending time visiting air shows in Wisconsin and Florida. Gil enjoyed the "Sun 'n Fun" Air Show in Lakeland, Florida so much he began volunteering his knowledge and talents to the organization starting in 1998. He volunteered with this organization for nearly 10 years. Gil is survived by his children; Harriet; his sister, Lola J. Medlin and Dennis of Port Mojave, Ariz.; one grandson, Patrick B. Long of East Ryegate, Vt.; four granddaughters, Janessa L. White of Georgia, Amanda and Brittany Long of North Carolina, Brooke A. Long of Williamsburg, Va.; and one great-grandson, Dylan White of Georgia. There will be a memorial service at the Sun 'n Fun grounds in Lakeland, Fla., on Thursday, Aug. 30 at 1 p.m. The family has requested in lieu of flowers, memorial gifts be made to Sun 'n Fun, 4175 Medulla Road, Lakeland, FL 33811.