



Philip Merchant

December 31, 1969 - September 18, 2009

Obituary of Philip Merchant Mr. Philip Austin "Phil" Merchant, age 86, of Ocala, Florida, a 20 year retiree of the U.S. Navy, he continued working for the U.S. Government as a Communication Specialist for the Social Security Administration. Philip passed away on the 18th of September, 2009, peacefully in his home. He was born in Lynn, Massachusetts, and spent most of his life in the Washington, D.C. and Maryland areas. He moved to Clearwater, FL. in 1978 following his retirement. Philip and Hazel moved to Ocala (Top Of the World) in 1986. He was an avid golfer, played bridge and bowled. Philip and Hazel also enjoyed traveling and went to Europe many times over the years, but most of all he loved spending time with his loving family. He is survived by his loving wife of (62) years, Hazel S. Merchant of Ocala, FL.; his daughter Lynn and husband Bruce Hale of Bedford, N.H.; his son Steve and wife Georgia Merchant of Crofton, MD.; his (4) grandchildren, Kelly Hale, Brad Merchant, Meredith Merchant and Courtney Merchant; also his sister Florence Nance of Clearwater, FL. A "Celebration of Life" service will be held at Ocala West United Methodist Church at 11:00 A.M. on Saturday, September 26, 2009. The family request, in lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the West Marion Hospice or the Ocala West United Methodist Church in memory of, Mr. Philip Austin Merchant.

Tribute Wall

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“ *All the staff here at Roberts Funeral Home want to express our condolences to the family of Mr. Philip Austin Merchant at this difficult time.*

Rosemary Arthur - September 25, 2009 at 12:00 AM