

# Carl Jerome Glassford

TM2(SS), USN, Retired

July 3, 1925 - December 5, 2011

Carl J Glassford was born in Brantford, Ontario, Canada on July Third, 1925. In 1930, his family moved to Port Huron, Michigan, where he attended grade and high school at St. Stevens Catholic School. He graduated high school at the age of 17 and shortly after graduating he joined the US Navy in September 1943.

After completing Boot Camp at Great Lakes Naval Training Center, Great Lakes, Illinois, he went to WC Sound School also at Great Lakes. He served in World War II in the Pacific Theater as a Submarine Torpedoman. After the war, he was Honorably Discharged from the US Navy in April 1946 and moved back to Port Huron, Michigan.

On September 3rd, 1946, he married Connie Miller of Port Huron, Michigan. They were married almost 64 years, when Connie passed away on April 15, 2010. They were the proud parents, grandparents, and great-grandparents of 8 children, 16 grandchildren, and 17 great-grandchildren.

CJ had broken service in the US Navy and re-enlisted in May 1948. He had re-enlist 3 more time to complete 20 years and 10 months in the Navy. He retired from the US Navy and transferred to the Fleet Reserve in October 1966. On July 1, 1975, he was transferred from the FLTRES to fully retired from the US Navy.

During CJs Naval career, he served on 9 Diesel Submarines: USS BLOWER (SS325), USS CATFISH (SS339), USS ASPRO (SS309), USS POMODON (SS486), USS TENCH (SS417), USS SPIKEFISH (SS404), USS PICUDA (SS382), USS BALAO (AGSS285), and his twilight tour on USS BUGARA (SS331). His other duty stations included: Field Torpedo Unit Augmentation US Naval Station Group 1, US Naval Air Station Whidbey Island Washington, and US Naval Administration Station San Diego. He earned the following awards/medals during his career: 2 Navy Commendation Medals, 2 Navy Good Conduct medals, 2 National Defense Medals, Vietnam Service Medal, Korean Service Medal, American Theatre Medal, Asiatic Pacific Theatre Campaign Medal, China Service Medal, Navy Occupation Service Medal, Philippine Liberation Medal, and World War II Victory Medal.

CJ was very active in Naval and Veteran activities. He was a Life Member of United States Submarine Veterans WWII, United State Submarine Veterans, Inc San Diego & Scamp Base, International Submarine Association-USA, and Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 3787. He was also a member of the Naval Submarine League and Fleet Reserve Association. He was the Chaplin for SubVets WWII, SubVets Inc San Diego & Scamp Base, and VFW Post 3787. He was the past Base Commander of the SubVets Inc San Diego Base and Recording Secretary of the San Diego Chapter of SubVets WWII. He enjoyed the close working

relationship with COMSUBRON 11, Naval Station Point Loma, and various commands of the Submarine Navy.

In the SubVets Inc organization, there is a special group of members who get inducted, honored and recognized for being Qualified in Submarines for greater than 50 years. This club is the "Holland Club". He was very proud to be a member of this club and proud of the fact he was part of the greatest Submarine Navy in the World.