



## William Canning Perry

March 10, 1939 - September 27, 2025

William C. 'Bill' Perry was born March 10, 1939 in New Orleans to Patrick and Bernadine [Andrews] Perry.

After graduating from Wichita High School West [KS], he joined the Navy as a submariner. In 1959, he married Sharon Graff of Glen Elder, KS, and had two daughters: Julie Janutis and Deborah Parks.

In 1960, while he was assigned to the USS Seadragon, a Skate-class nuclear submarine, he was among the first to sail under ice and surface at the North Pole. The seamen playing baseball on the ice at the Pole made newspapers worldwide.

After ten years of service, he left the Navy as an Electrical Engineer with the rank of Chief. He went to work for Texas Instruments and then Teradyne as a Field Engineer, traveling the world to assist their customers.

Bill was also a Master Mason. In 2002, he married Marsha Cromwell of Wichita, KS. They moved to Laurie in 2003.

He died Sept. 27, 2025, at Lake Regional Hospital after suffering a stroke. He leaves behind wife Marsha, his two daughters, three grandchildren and three great-granddaughters.

Cremation arrangements are under the direction and care of the Kidwell-Garber Laurie/Sunrise Beach Chapel.