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Senior Class 4.

FORMERLY OF ITHACA – Sheldon Carl Shipman, 65, of Jacksonville, FL, passed away peacefully on Saturday, September 22, 2007. He was born February 1, 1942 in Cuba, New York to Carl E. Shipman and Mildred R. Norton Shipman. As a teenager his parents moved to Ithaca, New York where Sheldon graduated from Ithaca High School. Sheldon had served 3 years in the Naval Reserve while in high school and joined the Regular Navy upon graduation. He enjoyed a 23 year career in the Naval Air Force. He spent most of those years on Air Craft Carriers and in Helicopters. He had a hobby of collecting antique electric trains which he started when he was a boy, as an adult he belonged to a train club in Jacksonville, FL.

He is survived by his wife, Judith Johnson Shipman, formerly of Jacksonville, New York; daughter, Erica Shipman Simpson of Jacksonville, Florida; sons, Kyle Shipman, Jacksonville, FL, Sheldon Carl Shipman, Jr., Virginia Beach, Virginia; a sister, Diane (Don) Sharpsteen, Spencer, NY; brothers, Edward (EJ) (Brigid) Shipman, Ithaca, NY, Wayne Shipman, Ithaca, NY. He is also survived by several very loving grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held at Tillie Fowler Regional Park (across from the main gate of NAS Jax) at 1:00 p.m. Sunday, September 30, 2007, for family and friends. Rain date is set for Saturday, October 6, 2007 at 1:00 p.m. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Community Hospice of Northeast Florida (Acosta Rua Center), 4206 Sunbeam RD, Jacksonville, FL 32257.

Funeral arrangements are under the care of Hardage-Gliddens Blanding Funeral Home Chapel, 5753 Blanding Blvd., Jacksonville, FL 32244.

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The following information was received from Sheldon's sister, Diane.

Sheldon was a Petty Officer 1st Class in the U.S. Navy and served as Aircrew and a Rescue Swimmer. His family is very proud of his dedication.