

CAPTAIN RONALD L. NELSON
(1938-2008)

ISMA Pennant No. 10909
Initiated on March 29, 1988
Member of Detroit Lodge No. 7 for over 19 years
Lodge Marshal 1991-2007
Retired Detroit Diesel/Allison, Past Flotilla Commander of U.S.C.G. Auxiliary
Member of U.S. Merchant Marines & U.S. Navy Veteran

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Ronald L. Nelson

CLAY TWP. Ronald L. Nelson, 69, of Clay Twp., entered into Eternal Life on Thursday, March 27, 2008. He was born in Detroit on June 6, 1938, a son to the late Henry A. and Alice L. (Jacobson) Nelson. He married Dolores M. Wilson on June 19, 1964 in Detroit.

Mr. Nelson was employed by General Motors Corp. for 30 years and retired as a quality control engineer from the Detroit Diesel/Allison Engine Plant. As a youth, he was a member of the Boy Scouts of America and was a Philmont Scout Camper. He later served as a Cub Scout Master in Fair Haven and was a Boy Scout Leader and also served in the U.S. Navy.

Ron was past chairman of and served on the Clay Twp. Zoning Board of Appeals for 28 continuous years as well as serving on the Planning Commission. He was an avid boater and enjoyed fishing. He also enjoyed and loved his pets very much. He was a licensed Great Lakes captain, a member of the U.S. Merchant Marines and a member of the International Shipmasters Association. He also had served with the U.S. Naval Sea Cadets and was a member of the U.S. Coast Guard Auxiliary where he was a past Flotilla Commander. Mr. Nelson was also a member of the Idle Hour Yacht Club, Harsens Island. He loved his family very much, especially his special grandchildren.

Surviving are his beloved wife, Dolores; daughter, Margaret (Ken) Larsen of New Baltimore; son, James (Brenda Wardle) Nelson of Fair Haven; grandchildren, Kyle and Gregory Larsen; and many cousins.

Services are Monday at 11:00 a.m. in Bower-Rose Funeral Home, Marine City, with Pastor Troy G. Waite officiating. Ron's family will welcome visitors in the funeral home on Sunday 2-6 p.m. and on Monday from 10 a.m. until the time of service at 11 a.m.

Memorials may be made to "the wishes of the family".

