

Lee, Earl W.

Earl Wayne Lee, 84, died at Sarasota Memorial Hospital on Thursday, Jan. 28, 2010.

He was born May 14, 1925, in Willsboro, N.Y., son of Henry Lee and Mabel (Blanchard) Lee.

Earl served in the U.S. Navy during World War II, loving his country and remaining proud of his military service.

Earl retired from IBM in New York in 1980. Following retirement, he and his wife, Carol, owned and operated Lee's Landing Tavern in Port Austin. From 1991 to 2000, Earl and Carol were full-time R.V.ers, finally finding roots in Greenville and Arcadia, Fla. Earl loved the out of doors, fishing, hunting, camping and reading.

Earl is survived by his wife of 36 years, Carol Lee; six children, Robert Lee (Rose) of Missoula, Mont., Karen Lee Reynolds (Bob) of Binghamton, N.Y., Joanne Lee Ritchey (Bill) of Pasco, Wash., Sheri Jacobs Pelletier of Caro, Frank "Chip" Jacobs (Patti) of Waxhaw, N.C., Kelly Jacobs Draper (Tony) of Greenville. He was delighted by 13 grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; and 2 great-great-grandchildren. He also is survived by his loving sister, Alcia Lee.

A memorial service will be arranged in early summer in Willsboro, N.Y. The family requests that all memorials may be sent to your local library for purchase of large-print books.