



## Gerard Batchelder

October 6, 1922 - November 9, 2008

Gerard Francis Batchelder was born October 6, 1922 in Dorchester, Massachusetts, the son of William and Mary (Averbeck) Batchelder. He graduated from Dorchester and later work for the CCC in New Hampshire. In 1942, he entered the United States Navy where he served in the South Pacific, Antarctica, and the Mediterranean. He retired in 1974, as Master Chief Petty Officer, AFCM.

Gerard was united in marriage to Doris Ryan on April 4, 1954 in Brighton, Massachusetts. After retiring from the Navy, they made their home in Orange Park, where Gerard worked for the US Post Office in Jacksonville, Florida. He was also involved as an umpire and referee for area sports for 30 years. Doris died November 4, 1993. He continued to make his home in Orange Park.

Gerard was an avid gardener.

He is survived by five children, Gerard Batchelder, Chatham, Massachusetts; Mary (Douglas) Engle, Rogers, North Dakota; their children, Ryan, Bobby, Joshua, and grandchildren, Blake and Grant Engle; Judy (Peter) Tuebner, Fairfax Station, Virginia, their children, Michael, Christine and John; Phyllis Batchelder, Amsterdam, Netherlands; and Phillip (Margaret) Batchelder, Ponte Vedra Beach, Florida. A sister, Claire Gaciaia, of Massachusetts also survives.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

NOV **12.** 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Oliver-Nathan Funeral Chapel  
251 Central Ave. S.  
Valley City, ND

# Tribute Wall



“ Doug, Mary and boys,  
I am very sorry to hear of your loss. Our thoughts and prayers are  
with you.  
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“ Judy,  
Your Sangster family is holding you in our hearts and sending our  
sympathies on the loss of your father. Hold memories of the man  
who loved his family close to you during this difficult time.  
  
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