

BREWER, Bobby Albert, 83, took his leave from this mortal coil May 13, 2009. Born September 10, 1925, to William B. and Violet in Auburndale, Fla., he considered himself a Tampa native, graduated at age 16 from Hillsborough High School class of 1942, and joined the U.S. Navy on his 17th birthday where he served aboard the aircraft carrier Essex from it's shakedown cruise in 1942, until the Japanese surrender in 1945, began a near 40 year teaching career after graduating from University of Florida and was instrumental in founding and helping to lead the Hillsborough Classroom Teachers Association and it's rise to prominence as one of the largest independent unions in the United States. He is preceded in death by his parents; and brother, Bryan, U.S.S. Barbel February, 1945. He is survived by his wife, Elsie; son and daughter, Bryan and Beverly of Tampa; grandsons, Brenden, Liam and Trevor; and great-grandsons, Marty, Lian and Gunner. "Dad you will be missed and not forgotten and now have the best seat in the swamp to watch your gators run the table in 2009!"