



# Mr Oral Bilderback

September 26, 2016

Arrangements are pending

# Tribute Wall

JG

“ I just learned of Captain Bilderback's passing. He was a very good man and a good commanding officer. I really liked him and thought of him often in the decades since I served under him. He commanded the respect befitting a commanding officer while also being human enough to be approachable and willing to listen. He was one you could talk to on the same level without feeling intimidated by the stigma of commanding officer versus enlisted man.

Aloha, Captain. Although I served with the flippancy of one who very reluctantly joined the Navy as an alternative to being drafted and was vehemently opposed to the war in Vietnam, I had great respect for you. I would like to believe that in some way we were friends even though we never knew each other beyond our association in the Navy. In subsequent years I graduated from college as I recall telling you I wanted to do and became a journalist and I would like to think that my education and career, as opposed to my being the "bum" that one chief petty officer said I was, might have been a source of pride for you had you known.

God bless you, Captain. Have a wonderful, peaceful eternity.

Jim Gardner  
SH3, USS Kawishiwi

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**Jim Gardner** - September 12, 2018 at 04:33 PM

JB

“ I'm so sorry to learn of John's passing. He and Dorothy were very special people. Joanne Beckwith GCCC Foley

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**Joanne Beckwith** - October 03, 2016 at 02:08 PM