Peter Albertsen, Jr., 82, of Ridge, MD, passed away on Saturday, January 3, 2015, at Hospice House of St. Mary's in Callaway, MD.

He was born on July 22, 1932 in New Haven, CT. He was the son of the late Peter Jensen Albertsen and Karen M. Somod Albertsen.

Pete enjoyed 20 years of dedicated service in the United States Navy, serving in the Vietnam War, and was honorably discharged as an AECS in 1971. He also owned Albertsen's Foodway and the Hide-A-Way Bar in Ridge. He was never one to stay idle for long and returned to the government to work for SESTF at Pax River. He sold the store in 1978 and purchased a local gas station, "The Ridge Gulf Service Center" so that his children would have the opportunity to work in the local community. Pete then went to work for Sikorsky as a field tech representative and travelled the world until he retired again in 1997.

In the 1960's the Little League in St. Mary's County was almost non-existent and Pete worked closely with the Little League to reestablish it. With his help it grew to include over 4,000 kids in St. Mary's County.

Pete loved spending time with his family at his home where he could be found enjoying crabs, fishing, and looking out at the Chesapeake Bay from his front yard. His community was also important to him as he was a member of the Fleet Reserve, Lions Club and American Legion.

He is preceded in death by his wife of 54 years, Edna Geraldine (Gerry) Cox Albertsen. He is survived by his children, Debra Ann Albertsen (Rob) of St. Mary's City, MD, Roy Jacob (Patti) of Lincolnton, GA, Michael Allen (Cindy) of California, MD, John David (Missy) of Ridge, MD, and William James (Randi) of Woodstock, MD; his sisters, Ann A. Jaeger (Bob) of Kattskill Bay, NY and Sharon L. Wells of Rome, NY; 16 grandchildren and 25 great grandchildren, and his fiancé, Linda Embach of St. Inigoes, MD.

Family will receive friends for Peter's Life Celebration on Friday, January 9, 2015 from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m., with a Memorial Service celebrated by Reverend Christina Blake at 7:00 p.m., at the Brinsfield Funeral Home, 22955 Hollywood Road, Leonardtown, MD. Interment will be held at a later date at Arlington National Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Ridge Rescue Squad, P.O. Box 456, Ridge, MD 20680.

Condolences to the family may be made at www.brinsfieldfuneral.com

Arrangements by the Brinsfield Funeral Home, P.A.