



## Eugene (Gene) R. Chritensen

August 1, 1933 - January 13, 2009

Eugene (Gene) R. Christensen, of Punta Gorda, Florida, formerly of Hazlet, passed away on January 13, 2009. He was born in Perth Amboy August 1, 1933 to the late Reynold and Alice Chritensen. Gene was a veteran of the Korean War serving in the U.S. Navy. He earned an Associate degree from the Newark College of Engineering. He was a member of local 1456 Dock Builders and Pile Drivers Union. He owned and operated the Cherry Mountain KOA campground in Twin Mountain, NH and the Louisville Metro KOA campground in Clarksville, Indiana. He had served as president of the National KOA Owners Association. He was very active in the National Audubon Society, the YMCA, a member and Exhibiting artist with the Visual Arts Center of Punta Gorda. He was an avid outdoorsman and had hiked the entire Appalachian Trail.

He is survived by his wife, Gloria of Punta Gorda, Fla; his son, Kurt and his wife Mary of Tinton Falls; his daughter, Karen Judd and her husband Chet of Bristol, CT.; three wonderful grandchildren, Kyle, Christopher and Sara. He is predeceased by his sister, Laurine Mantz and his brother Richard. Gene was a kind and generous man who was always willing to lend a hand. He will be greatly missed by all.