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James Francis Lamb, Sr., 89, of Cary, North Carolina, passed away peacefully in hospice on June 27, 2025, with his wife and son Jaime by his side.

Born in Burlington, New Jersey, Jim led a life defined by service, craftsmanship, and deep devotion to family. A proud Navy man, he served for 25 years and retired as a Utilitiesman Master Chief (UTCM). As a Seabee and combat veteran of the Vietnam War, he embodied steady resolve and technical excellence, helping construct infrastructure for military bases and facilities at locations around the world.

Following his military retirement, Jim continued to serve his community as Facilities Manager for the Medford, New Jersey, school district, where he worked for another decade before retiring.

Jim's life with his beloved wife, Patricia, took them across the globe—from Bermuda and Morocco to California and Florida—before settling in Cary. Together, they raised three sons: Thomas, Jeffrey, and James Jr., and found joy in their growing family of grandchildren.

A true craftsman and tinkerer, Jim was always building something—wooden

furniture, hand-carved decoys, and bird feeders. He loved working in his yard and garage, where there was always a project in progress. His knowledge of gardening and home maintenance was encyclopedic.

He also gave generously of his time to his local homeowners association, where his steady hand and practical wisdom helped strengthen the community he cherished, serving on its board for more than a decade.

Jim will be remembered for his easy charm, quick wit, and grounded common sense. He made friends effortlessly and never hesitated to offer help, even to those he barely knew. With a generous heart and an unshakable work ethic, Jim gave of himself freely and without fanfare. His enduring legacy is one of kindness, humility, and quiet strength—a legacy that lives on in all who had the privilege to know him.

Jim is survived by his wife of 68 years, Patricia, their three sons, and their six grandchildren, who will carry his memory forward with love and pride.