

Peter Skelton - Spalding Branch



Shipmate Peter John Skelton crossed the bar in Pilgrim Hospital on 30 May 2022 at the age of 88.

He joined the Royal Navy in May 1952 at 17 years of age and served on the following ships.

HMS Superb (25) – 1952/53 America & West Indies Cruise, Able Seaman in F.X. Division arriving in Bermuda the day after his 18th birthday. Returned to the UK for fleet review at Spithead in June 1953 for the Queen's Coronation

HMS Delight (D119) – 1954 home fleet, passed Leading Seaman in 1956

HMS Agincourt (D86) – 1957 home fleet

HMS Adamant (A164) – 1959 Faslane, Scotland 3rd Submarine Squadron

HMS Dartington M1203 – 1961 104th Mine Sweeping Squadron, Far East

HMS Highburton M1130 – 1963 Portland and Scotland

He was awarded the Pingat Jasa Malaysia medal in 2005 for serving in the conflict in Malaya.

Photo 1 September 1962

His service expired on the 14th November 1963 and he moved to Spalding in 1968. He was awarded life membership of the Royal Naval Association in 2012 as he retired from many years of service including acting as the branch secretary and area delegate. Peter was branch secretary when the bell from submarine Taku was found after being lost for 50 years and restored (pictured with the bell). Spalding adopted the Taku in 1942 during National Warship Week.

A celebration of life took place at South Lincolnshire crematorium on 11th July where branch members formed a guard of honor, and the Branch Standard was paraded. Afterwards glasses were raised at the Cley Hall Hotel in Spalding.

