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## **Rye, New Hampshire**

Oscar H. Schmidt, 79, Commander, USN (Retired); state commander, Maine and New Hampshire Submarine Veterans of World War II, of 46 Pollock Drive, Rye, passed away suddenly on Saturday, 16 August 2003, at the Portsmouth Regional Hospital.

Born in Galway, NY, on 28 February 1924, he was the son of Carl and Eva (Anibal) Schmidt. He was a graduate of Galway High School Class of 1941.

He began a career in the United States Navy after graduating from high school. He served as senior ship superintendent during the construction of the Polaris submarine John Adams. He was associated with the Regulus Program and Fleet Ballistic Missile program, including a tour of duty in the Special Projects office in Washington, DC. During his 30-year Naval career, he was a member of the commissioning crew of the Portsmouth-built USS Burrfish SS312.

He also served on the USS Haddo SS255, the USS Cochino SS345, and the U-Boat 2513 which was a captured German submarine, after World War II. He was awarded a Commendation Medal for meritorious service as a weapons officer, Naval Letter of Commendation, a Four Star Good Conduct Medal, Asiatic Pacific Theater Medal, National Defense Service Medal, American Campaign Medal, and a World War II Victory Medal. He also earned the Submarine Dolphins and the Submarine Combat Pin, and related combat stars for five war patrols during World War II.

Commander Schmidt was a member of the Submarine Veterans Holland Club, a member of the Military Officers Association, VFW, American Legion, and a life member of the Portsmouth Lodge of Elks No. 97.

In addition to his loving wife of 57 years, Ruth (Morrow) Schmidt, he is survived by a sister, Helen Robbins of Galway, N.Y.; two brothers, Carl Schmidt of Malta, N.Y., and Robert Schmidt of Ledyard, Conn.; and several nieces and nephews.

He was predeceased by his brother, Donald Schmidt.