

## RADM JAMES A. PALMER USCG-RET

Retired Rear Adm. James A. Palmer of Gainesville died Wednesday at Shands at AGH. He was 88.

Mr. Palmer was born in Climax Springs, Mo., and moved to Gainesville in 2002 from Melbourne.

He graduated from the U.S. Coast Guard Academy and served in the U.S. Coast Guard for 35 years. He was involved in helicopter aviation and was an experienced fixed wing pilot.

He served as an assistant superintendent of the U.S. Coast Guard Academy in New London, Conn., and was commander of the Alaskan Coast Guard District. He was awarded the Coast Guard Commendation Medal and the Legion of Merit.

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