

SOTC – OPERATION BARNABAS
Veteran of the Month Prayer Card
March 2022

Ray Yenchko



US Navy: 1955 - 1966

Ray grew up in Hazleton, PA. He joined the Navy in 1955. As a Naval Aviator, he served in Attack Squadron 36 aboard the aircraft carrier, Saratoga.

He also served as an instructor in VT-22 in Kingsville, TX, training new pilots for assignment to aircraft carriers. During his time in the Navy, he advanced to Lieutenant.

After the military he worked as an Airline Captain for National Airlines and Pan Am World Airways in Jacksonville and Miami, FL, for 38 years.

Ray coached their church's boys' basketball team when the Yenchko's lived in Hollywood, FL.

Ray and Pat moved to Palm Coast in 2003 from Miami. An avid sports fan, he became a recreational swimmer after they moved to Palm Coast and swims a mile, three days a week.

Ray and Pat are both involved in church life at Shepherd of the Coast. Ray is an Elder and Scripture Reader Coordinator, while Pat serves on the Altar Guild. They just celebrated their 59th wedding anniversary in February.

Their life has been blessed with three children and six grandchildren.