Robert L. Hooper, Sr. age 79, of 9134 Fox Lane, Two Rivers, died Tuesday afternoon, Aug. 3, 2004 at his residence, surrounded by his loving family, following a short battle with cancer. Funeral services were held at 11 a.m. Friday, Aug. 6, 2004, at Emanuel United Methodiest Church, Two Rivers. Rev. Sonya Alvarado officiated with burial following at Knollwood Memorial Gardens, Highway 310, Manitowoc, where military rites were accorded by members of the Two Rivers American Legion and VFW Posts. Pallbearers are Tim Klein, Wayne Klein, Jesse Klein, Kris. Klein, Nathan Klein and Danny Klein Jr. Robert was born Oct. 17, 1924 in Simms, Texas, son of the late George W. and Sally V. (Fezell) Hooper. He served in World War II in the U.S. Navy from 1941-1945 as a Fireman First Class on the Narwhal and the Mero, which was the last submarine built in Manitowoc. He also served in the Korean War from 1949-1951 on the USS Catamount. Robert served two terms as State Commander of Submarine Veterans of WWII.

On Jan. 26, 1946 he married the former Harriet A. Klein in Manitowoc. Robert was employed at Manitowoc Engineering, Mirro Aluminum Company and Hamilton Manufacturing Company, retiring from Homes for Independent Living. Robert was a lifetime member of Veterans in Manitowoc, lifetime member of Submarine Veterans of WWII, lifetime member of USS Catamount, a member of the American Legion and a lifetime member of Submarine Vets, Inc.

Survivors include his wife: Harriet A. (Klein) Hooper; seven children: Bill and Judy Hooper, Thomas Lee Hooper (deceased), Sally and Ron Kornely, Barb Egbert (Hooper), Patti and Ken Kubichka, Robert L. Jr and Crystal Hooper (Rhodes), Deanna B. Hooper; and 30 grandchildren, and 3 great-grandchildren.