Jim McGrew – Manchineel AN-54

We have just been informed about the death of probably one of the oldest member of our Net Navy fraternity. He is Jim McGrew. Jim's first enlistment was from 1937 to 1941 serving aboard cruisers New Orleans and Augusta. When WWII broke out he was assigned to the Tiburon Net Depot as an instructor with a Carpenters Mate 2nd class rating . Later he was assigned to the Net Tender Manchineel AN-54 that maintained the nets in the Marshall Islands .After the war his navy experience led to inventing and selling splicing tools along with other business interests. Jim contributed several write-up's to our Net Tender stories. We hope you will be able to download his obituary that is attached.