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John Meyer, 96, passed away on April 27, 2021, surrounded by loved ones. John was born on February 15, 1925, in the old mining town of Oatman, Arizona. He was the youngest of four children born to Robert and Anne Meyer. John was a man who knew what he wanted and patriot at heart. After the attack on Pearl Harbor, John was inspired to take action and serve his country. In March 1942, John dropped out of high school at the mere age of 17 and joined the US Navy. He proudly served his country on several submarines during his career and retired from active duty as a Drillmaster at RTC, USNTC, San Diego, Ca. John earned several awards during his naval career. While serving his country, John met his wife Mary Margaret and married her in 1949. Together they had four children: John, Patrick, Dennis, and Mary Ellen. After John retired from the Navy he worked for the San Diego County Department of Weights and Measures. He also became a pilot and taught flying in the 1960s. John then served 13 years as a member of the San Diego Sheriff's Aero Squadron. Flying solo on innumerable search and rescue missions for lost hunters, hikers, and off-road explorers. John was an avid hunter and gun enthusiast. He was a member of a Beagle Club that raised beagles and trained them for hunting and competition games. John also served as a past President of the San Diego Aircraft Pilot's Association. And he participated in flight competitions where he won several awards. John loved the outdoors and took his wife and children camping every chance he could, especially during the summers. In his later years, he took his grandsons camping and taught them how to hunt and fish. John's surviving grandchildren: Jared, Ron, Roger, John, Brandon, Jeremy, and Katherine. His surviving great-grandchildren include Talan, Kaden, Draven, and Waylon. John was deeply loved by his family and will be greatly missed.