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Florida, **Fred Koberlein** is the only classmate somewhat nearby to me at 35 miles away. He is a retired Florida Circuit Judge. My health is excellent. I ride 4 miles daily on a CaTrike recumbent bike on the nearby roads and use a Nordic Flex for upper body exercise. Hope to see some of you at the Atlanta Army-Navy alumni showing in December. Steve



From **Steve Chubb**, 23 Oct

✉ It's "leaf peeping" season again here in New England. To honor the occasion, the **Hap Hadds** and the **Mike Epprechts** cruised into Boston Harbor recently to check out the Fall foliage first hand. We enjoyed a great, if brief, mini-reunion including dinner together at a local Boston establishment. Pictured here are Kayleen and Hap, my friend Patricia Gray, yours truly, and Pam and Mike. We all were in great spirits and grateful to renew acquaintances after a few years apart. Looking forward to the 55th reunion next year



In November **Mike Epprecht** provided a ton of gouge on the 55th Reunion. There's waaaaaay too much put out by Mike on our 55th Reunion to get into these columns. He's sent several emails about this on our Wardroom eForum. If you didn't get them, contact Mike at mike.epprecht65@gmail.com. Hotels have alerted him that they are taking reservations. Get on those ASAP if you plan to attend!

From **Dave Miller**, 12 Nov

✉ We had a large contingent at the North Texas monthly luncheon. Left to right: **John Wroten**,

John Thompson, Gordon Peterson, Leon Chester, Thomas Howell, me and **Jim Huff**. Cheers, Dave



From **Bob Snelling**, 12 Nov

✉ **Paula** and I are moving into an active-adult/over-55 community, requiring the sifting of 22 years' worth of stuff, some more valuable than others. Every once and a while I stumble onto something that is just plain fun. One is a copy of an article I wrote for the Douglas County (Georgia) Sentinel in December 1997 – a tribute to Paul Reason on the occasion of his 4-star change of command ceremony. Bob has it on his Facebook page or you can contact Bob at: rjsnelling@att.net for a PDF copy of it, if interested.

Thazzit, guys! Aloha, Dave

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Welcome to 2020, everyone. I hope you all had a great holiday and I hope the new year has started out well for you. There are several vignettes and events to relate, so I'll get to it.

First, **Jim Angel** provided the following brief update and photo.

✉ Linda and I had lunch with Nancy and **Orlin Scrivener** in Niceville, FL. We were there for the memorial service of my NAPS roommate, Kurt Eichorst. The Scriveners were in Ft. Walton Beach visiting their daughter and son-in-law. Go Navy!

Thanks, Jim.



ORLIN, NANCY, JIM AND LINDA

Andy Sosnicky provided the next news. Here's his recount.

✉ "Still when two or three shall meet...." **Andy Sosnicky** and wife Joan began a transatlantic cruise aboard the CROWN PRINCESS in September, celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary. Near the very end of the cruise Andy spotted a passenger wearing a USNA shirt. It turned out to be Classmate **Jon Barton** who was aboard with his wife Jan. They were travelling with 12th Company mates **Ken Smith**, his wife Mary, and **Will Wood** with his wife Catherine. The four Classmates arranged to spend an hour or so together telling sea stories. It was a very nice unexpected memory of the cruise."

Jon Barton further related that Andy kept them all entertained with often hilarious sea stories. Thanks, Andy and Jon.



ANDY, JON, KEN AND WILL

Jim Beesley also chimed in with this input.

✉ "Jim Beesley's granddaughter Jamie Beesley-Wadzinski received her R.I. OCS Supply Corps Commission on 18 October 2019. Jim, his daughter Shannon, and youngest granddaughter Dana witnessed. In her class of 83 she was one of only 3 who earned the Expert Pistol

ribbon. Jamie will receive her fleet assignment after a five-month Supply school term."

Thanks, Jim and congratulations to Jamie.



ENS JAMIE BEESLEY WADZINSKI



JIM, JAMIE, SHANNON AND DANA

Hank Herrera was recently honored during celebrations for Veterans Day in Aiken, SC. The picture below was displayed in the city. As you recall Hank was buried in the Naval Academy cemetery. Ruth Herrera reports that the banner will stay in place through Veterans Day. When they are taken down they'll be stored at the Aiken County Building. They will be reinstalled in mid-May through 4 July. Next fall they will go back up the third week in October and so on. Thanks Ruth.



HANK HERRERA HONORED IN AIKEN, SC

Tom Eubanks enjoys fly fishing and sent the following story and picture.

✉ "The Attached picture is a brown trout caught (and then released) in Yellowstone National Park, late afternoon, just down-river from Madison Junction (local guides call this spot "11 mile") on 31 October 2019. The temperature was around 10 degrees F and overcast (great conditions for fly fishing - except for occasional frozen rod line guides and reel). The trout measured at 23 inches. It took over 20 min from strike to net. It made this year's end of season trip well worth it despite the cold - it was around minus 7 degrees F at the start of each day. I caught well over three dozen during the three days I fished, mostly browns and rainbows, and most over 15 inches. A great guide gets you into the right spots, and our guide did that regularly under somewhat difficult conditions. I should also note that my companion, a better fly fisher than I, caught many more.



TOM EUBANKS AND HIS PRIZE CATCH

Sadly I must report the deaths of five Classmates; **Bob Cheek** (2nd Company), **Lance Wilmarth** (33rd Company), **Joe Mandich** (10th Company), **Tom Kimmel** (4th Company), and **Jack Richards** (18th Company). I sent email messages on all but Bob Cheek because the only fact learned about his death is he died on 4 October 2019. **Will Gabber** notified me of Bob's death. He has been working diligently to obtain further information. Meanwhile, please keep all the families in your prayers.

In closing I will mention two upcoming events; the first Class luncheon of 2020 and the Florida Comearound. The Class luncheon will be held on 12 February at the Army-Navy Country Club in Arlington, VA. The guest speaker is slated to be **LtCol Roger G. Charles, USMC (Ret.) ('67)**. LtCol Charles is an award-winning investigative journalist, and co-author of the book **Oklahoma City - What the Investigation Missed - and Why It Still Matters.** He has testified before Congress on Veterans issues, and he has appeared on several TV news programs as an investigative journalist. He has served with and knows several of our Marine Corps Classmates, as well as our Honorary Classmate, LtCol William R. Corson, USMC (Ret.). Note, the next Class Luncheon will be held at the Annapolis Yacht Club in Annapolis, MD.

The Florida Comearound is scheduled for 15-17 April 2020 in Tampa, FL. **Wayne Lynn** has been actively planning the even and has a great itinerary established. For more details, go to our Class web site or contact Wayne at: wrlynn66@gmail.com.

And that wraps up this issue. Many thanks to everyone who contributed. Until March...All the best...Mike!!!



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Happy New Year, Shipmates!

2019 was certainly an interesting year for most of us. Politically dynamic. Navy safety record improved. New Supt. at the Academy, and buildings continuing to be erected.

Considering buildings in The Yard, have you ever considered the significant change that has gone into Mother B. over the years? It has been there a Long Time, and the outsides never seems to vary from traditional. Yet, frequently there is a wing under major renovation on the inside changing the entire layout, adding provision for computerization, and even air conditioning! The provision for heat, was before even My Time. These Bancroft renovations often are the cause of changes in the number of companies, despite a total population that varies little. And there may have been minor modifications to provide for enhanced TV reception. TVs were rare in the 60's (one per company, and of course no Internet). I do remember

that we had to provide our own antenna- and this was accomplished on the roof by scaling the 8th wing on the outside. Company Officer recognized that the method violated everything but it was complete, and no injuries, so he elected to let it pass.

2019 also was a better year than 2018 for the football team. Many wins early in the season, tougher contests followed. I, and several roommates from the class of '67 have made past UCONN vs. Navy away games a reason for reunion. This year, and perhaps our last with UCONN for some time, was no exception, and **Rick Davis, Alan (and Kat) Nilsen and Dave and Sandy Candler** (hosts and your scribe) did it again. And Navy won handsomely as you might expect with a very nice crowd supporting Navy!

And this vacationing with classmates will happen again starting tomorrow when we cruise the Caribbean with two other roommates. If you have not picked traveling with Shipmates as a good reunion opportunity, I certainly recommend it. No better company will you ever find.

Hope 2020 will be a wonderful year for you and your family. Find a New tradition to start!

'67 at the Navy vs UCONN game in East Hartford 1 Nov. 2019. T'was brisk.

Edmund Herman Keranen '55
7 December 2019

Billy Gene McSwain '55
CDR, USN (Ret.)
18 October 2019

Harold Clark Pabst Jr. '55
13 November 2019

Clarence Jefferson Thurston '55
22 October 2019

Frederick Lester Walker Jr. '55
12 August 2019

George David Broyles '56
Col, USAF (Ret.)
8 November 2019

Joel Stuart Dougherty '56
13 November 2019

Charles Louis Mitri Jr. '56
Col, USAF (Ret.)
22 November 2019

Edward Joseph Parent '56
13 December 2019

Robert Joseph Scanlon '56
11 December 2019

Herbert Alton Schick '56 ♦
CAPT, USNR (Ret.)
16 October 2019

Samuel Henry Hall '57
15 December 2019

Robert Noel Liston '57
26 November 2019

Arthur Thomas Spring '57 ♦
9 November 2019

George Frederick Warren '57 ♦
LtCol, USMC (Ret.)
8 October 2019

David Lee Allard '58
30 November 2019

Ronald Ellis Brence '58
Col, USAF (Ret.)
23 October 2019

Stanley W. Dargis Jr. '58
9 October 2019

Keith Pierson Garland '58
CAPT, USN (Ret.)
1 July 2017

Jarvis Dean Girard '58
7 November 2019

Owen Major Kirkley '58
CDR, USN (Ret.)
26 August 2019

John Hutchison MacKinnon '58
CDR, USN (Ret.)
22 November 2019

Robert Charles McKenna '58
2d Lt, USAF
23 October 2019

Ralph Michael Neely '58
24 October 2019

Anthony William Stremic '58
LtCol, USMC (Ret.)
19 November 2019

Allen Keith Taylor '58
14 November 2019

David Dee Troyer '59
LCDR, USN (Ret.)
24 October 2019

Daniel Joseph Affourtit Jr. '60
24 November 2019

Eugene Joseph Chancy '60
14 November 2019

Lawrence Raymond Nielsen '60
6 November 2019

Roy Campbell Smith IV '60 ♦
15 November 2019

David Paul Topp '60
LCDR, USN (Ret.)
13 November 2019

Thomas Francis Halloran '61
8 November 2019

Robert Ernst Seyfarth '61 ♦
LCDR, USN (Ret.)
9 November 2019

William Andrew Slezak Jr. '61
30 October 2019

Robert Wayne Chasteen '62
CDR, USN (Ret.)
12 November 2019

William Wallace Lindsay Jr. '62
Col, USMC (Ret.)
24 October 2019

Thomas John Mikulis Jr. '63
13 December 2019

Clifford Wayne Wexler Jr. '64
31 October 2019

Edwin Paul Geiger Jr. '65
CDR, USNR
17 October 2019

S. Steven Karalekas '65
CAPT, USNR (Ret.)
28 November 2019

Charles Arthur Saldarini '65
15 December 2019

Robert Lewis Cheek '66
LTJG, USNR
4 October 2019

John Joseph Felizzi '66
13 June 2019

Thomas Kinkaid Kimmel Jr. '66 ♦
23 October 2019

Joseph Mandich '66 ♦
CAPT, USNR (Ret.)
10 October 2019

Douglas Craig Metz '66
14 November 2019

Clarence E. Richards '66
13 November 2019

Lance Alan Wilmarth '66 ♦
11 October 2019

John William Fisher '68
8 November 2019

Brian Shearer Dalby '72
CAPT, USNR (Ret.)
5 November 2019

Peter Michael Drobnak '72
LT, USNR
9 November 2019

James Odell Pierce '72
14 November 2019

Kevin Bruce Kenyon '74 ♦
LT, USN (Ret.)
25 November 2019

William Howard Dixon Jr. '75 ♦
LtCol, USMC (Ret.)
7 November 2019

Robert Douglas Kuncel '76
15 November 2019

Ronald Melvin Bardarson '79
4 November 2019

Charles Leslie Meyers Jr. '80
26 October 2019

Charles Thomas Murphy Jr. '82 ♦
21 August 2019

Christopher Lawrence Campion '86 ♦
Maj, USMCR (Ret.)
29 October 2019

Michelle Louise Daxer '91
13 October 2019

Jonathan Quentin Adams '94
CDR, USN
8 December 2019

Joshua Kaleb Watson '19
ENS, USN
6 December 2019



BRADFORD DONALD SMITH '62

Captain "Brad" Smith, USNR (Ret.), passed away peacefully at home on 25 September 2019 after a courageous 18-year battle with cardiac disease with his wife, Stephanie, and hospice nurse, John Steinman, by his side.

Brad was born in Denver, CO, on 17 May 1940 to Irene Wiggins Smith and Harold Smith. His dad owned newspapers, and the family relocated often. Brad lived his high school years in Blackfoot, ID,

graduating from Blackfoot High School.

After graduation, Senator Frank Church, (known as the Environmental Senator from Idaho) selected Brad to enter the Naval Academy.

In 1962, just prior to graduation from USNA, Brad was selected by Admiral Hyman G. Rickover to join the Navy's nuclear operations and attend Nuclear Power School, then serving for nine years on nuclear submarines.

Brad joined the Navy Reserves in 1971 serving 20 years. He also completed a Harvard University MBA in 1973. Brad served as a National Maritime Historical Society trustee. Brad loved sea history and supported education of students on the value of the sea and its story.

Brad retired from the Equitable Life Assurance Society.

Though he had many accomplishments, Brad entertained family and friends with his quick wit and clever sense of humor. He had a special place in his heart for Brandy, the little abused cocker spaniel he rescued and restored to good health and peace. They were a love duo.

Surviving are his wife, Stephanie Begley-Smith; his devoted son from his first marriage, Robert Bradford Smith; brothers, Spencer Smith (Cherri) and Barry Smith (Judy); niece, Natalie Smith; nephews, Toby and Adam Smith (Chelsea); loving stepchildren, Mary Patricia McGovern, Frank J. Cuccia (Kathy) and Cathryn Mary Northen (Chris); and five step-grandchildren, Joseph, Robert, Sarah (Travis), Holly and Shannon.

Providence Hospital Hospice chose Brad to be the Veteran of the Month and a party was held in his home on 20 September 2019, attended by family, friends and his many loving caretakers, nurses and support staff. Also attending were the coordinator of Band of Brothers and a photographer and reporter noting the event. The Vietnam motorcycle riders presented Brad with a challenge coin and certificate.

Memorial donations may be made to either Knight Cardiovascular Institute (www.ohsu.edu/knight-cardiovascular-institute) or Providence Hospital Hospice and Palliative Care, 1515 Portland Road, Newberg, OR 97132.

A celebration of life took place at St. James Catholic Church, McMinnville, OR, and interment will take place at the Naval Academy Columbarium on 8 May 2020. ★



THOMAS KINKAID KIMMEL JR. '66

Thomas K. Kimmel Jr. died of cancer on 23 October 2019 peacefully at his home in Cocoa Beach, FL, with his family at his side. He was 75 years old.

"Tom" was born on 15 November 1943 to Nancy (Cookson) and Captain Thomas K. Kimmel '36. Following his graduation with the Naval Academy Class of 1966, Tom served on multiple warships during the Vietnam War, including TAUSSIG, BORDELON and MANITOWOC. He separated from the Navy as a lieutenant commander in 1971.

After attending John Marshall Law School, Tom joined the FBI, where he served more than 25 years as a Special Agent, working on criminal and

espionage matters and investigating major spy scandals in the Cleveland, Dallas and Philadelphia offices, as well as at CIA and FBI Headquarters.

Tom was the eldest grandson of the late Rear Admiral Husband E. Kimmel, USNA 1904, who was commander of the Pacific Fleet at Pearl Harbor when the Japanese attacked on 7 December 1941. In retirement, Tom passionately worked to restore the honor of his grandfather, who was blamed for the success of the Japanese attack and manipulated into retirement. The struggle continues today, and more information regarding Tom's efforts can be found online.

Tom was preceded in death by his first wife, Kathryn Lewis Kimmel.

Survivors include his wife, Judith of Cocoa Beach, FL; three children, Thomas III, Cassin and John; two stepchildren, Ryan and Jillian; his siblings, Virginia, Husband II and William; and 13 grandchildren.

A memorial service was held on 2 November 2019 in Cocoa Beach, FL, followed by a private burial at Cape Canaveral National Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, Tom requested that memorial donations be made to charities of your choice. ★



JOSEPH MANDICH '66

Captain Joseph Mandich, USNR (Ret.), passed away 10 days after being diagnosed with sepsis in Split, Croatia, on 10 October 2019. He was 78 years old.

"Joe" was born in Yugoslavia and was adopted after an uncle who lived in the United States visited and saw the poverty in that Communist country. It took over four years to grant Joe entry into the United States since he would be leaving five siblings and his parents behind. Joe quickly adapted to life

in Aberdeen, WA, and became an excellent student. He joined the Naval Reserve in high school with the hope of obtaining a Navy ROTC scholarship. Because Joe's family lived in a Communist country, he could not get the clearance needed to qualify for the scholarship. Instead, Joe joined the Navy.

While Joe was serving on COCKRELL (DE-366), the XO encouraged Joe to take the USNA fleet exam saying, "A lot of Plebes wash out, so they don't initiate clearances until the second year. By that time, it'd be too late to kick you out. What do you say, want to give it a shot?" Joe did.

Following graduation from Annapolis, Joe served four years active duty before joining the Naval Reserve. Joe's first child, Kristen, was born with a serious heart defect and was in heart failure when Joe needed to resign from active duty and transition to the Reserve.

Joe settled in the Seattle, WA, area and held various management positions until his retirement.

Just the week before his passing, Joe was lecturing guests about the history and culture of his beloved Croatia. Joe was so proud of his homeland that he had started a tour company, Croatia Only Tours.

Joe is survived by his wife of 53 years, Bette Pearl Mandich; daughters, Kristen Mandich and Monya Mandich (Vjeko Ivankovic); daughter-in-law, Carolyn Mandich; granddaughter, Mia; brother, Boro; sisters, Slava and Jaka; 14 nieces and nephews; and 29 great-nieces and nephews, all who told us they considered Uncle Joe a super-hero, and all living in Croatia. Joe was predeceased by his son, Marc Bernard Mandich; three brothers; and his parents.

Services were held in Zagreb, Croatia, Joe's village in Bosnia-Herzegovina, where he is buried with his siblings and parents; and at Saint James Cathedral in Seattle.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Joe's memory to the Disabled American Veterans (www.dav.org) or the Hunthausen Fund (www.stjames-cathedral.org/contribute/hunthausenfund.aspx). ★



LANCE ALAN WILMARTH '66

Lance A. Wilmarth died of cancer on 11 October 2019 at his home in Spring, TX. He was 74 years old.

Born in Portland, OR, Lance was the son of Wilma and Richard Wilmarth. After graduating from David Douglas High School in Portland, Lance entered the U.S. Naval Academy in 1962. He brought his love for wrestling, tennis and baseball to USNA, and almost every afternoon he could be found on the tennis court, in the gym, or on the

baseball diamond. He excelled in academics and graduated in 1966 with a Bachelor of Naval Science degree. Throughout his four years as a Midshipman, Lance always wanted to be a naval aviator and upon graduation, he was ordered to report for flight training in Pensacola, FL.

After earning his Navy Wings, Lance then reported to Patrol Squadron Sixteen in Jacksonville, FL, and was later assigned to Attack Squadron Forty-Two, based in Virginia Beach, VA. He subsequently served on deployments to Bermuda, Sicily and Argentina, Newfoundland.

Upon completing his naval service in 1973, Lance joined Delta Airlines. He retired from Delta after 30 years as a 767/757 captain.

Lance and Hope have been members of St. Philip Presbyterian Church in Houston, TX, since the early 1970s, continuing to serve to the present day. Lance served St. Philip in many ways, including as deacon, Sunday School teacher for many years, and on numerous church committees, culminating in his active participation in the service of Kids Against Hunger. Additionally, Lance enjoyed being a Big Brother for many years and a Northwest Assistance Ministries volunteer. He delighted in playing golf in all 50 states and was an avid fly fisherman.

Lance leaves behind the love of his life, Hope, after 51 years of marriage. He is also survived by his daughters, Heather Burkhart of Houston, TX, Jill Hermann-Wilmarth of Kalamazoo, MI, and Emily Wilmarth of Highlands, NC; and his grandchildren, Isabelle and Jeb Burkhart, Arden and Gertrude Hermann-Wilmarth and Clara Gates-Wilmarth. He is also survived by his two brothers, Rande Wilmarth and Tim Wilmarth, both of Oregon.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests making contributions to The Mission Committee of St. Philip Presbyterian Church, 4807 San Felipe Street, Houston, TX 77056 (www.saintphilip.net/Mission.html). ★



ROBERT JOHN SHIELDS III '67

Captain Robert J. Shields, MC, USN (Ret.), died after a lengthy illness on 30 September 2019 in Jacksonville, FL. He was 76 years old.

"Jack" was born in Durham, NC, to Robert and Melba Shields. He enlisted in the Naval Reserve in 1962 and completed a year at Texas A&M University before receiving an appointment to the Naval Academy, graduating in 1967 with a degree in aeronautical engineering. He was a member of the

22nd Company.

After graduation, Jack reported to Pensacola, FL, to begin flight training, earning his Wings in November 1968 and fulfilling one of his lifetime goals.

He served in VA-105 as an A7 pilot and as an instructor pilot in VT-22, flying the A4.

Jack left the Navy in 1973 to pursue a medical career, graduating from the Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine in 1978. After completing his internship at Naval Hospital Pensacola, he attended flight surgeon school and was designated a naval flight surgeon in 1980.

During his assignment to VA-174, he served as a "dual designator" flight surgeon/aviator with a subsequent career that satisfied both of his loves, flying and medicine. As an instructor pilot in the F/A18, he transitioned several naval aviators who later became members of the famed Blue Angels. Flying high performance aircraft well into his fifties, Jack was one of the last in his USNA class to do so. At the end of his naval career, he had seen thousands of patients, flown nine types of aircraft and logged 4,400 flight hours. He loved being a flight surgeon and naval aviator.

After retirement from the Navy, Jack completed four medical mission trips to the Amazon under the auspices of Central Brazil Missions, traveling the Amazon on a mission boat and making numerous stops along the way.

Jack was married for 52 years to the love of his life, Sophia, whom he met in the Netherlands on Youngster Cruise in 1964. Their marriage was blessed with three children and four grandchildren.

A memorial service celebrating the extraordinary life of this remarkable man was held at Cypress Village in Jacksonville on 5 October 2019.

Donations in his memory may be made to Central Brazil Missions, PO Box 420, McCoy VA 24111 or Community Hospice, 4266 Sunbeam Rd, Jacksonville, FL 32257.

...To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God. ~Micah 6:8 ★



MARK JOHN BROUSSEAU '73

Colonel Mark J. Brousseau, USMC (Ret.), passed away at his home in Mission Viejo, CA, on 13 July 2019 after a long illness. He was 67 years old.

Mark grew up in Upper Montclair, NJ, the son of Colonel and Mrs. Robert Brousseau, USAR (Ret). A gymnast in high school, he attended the U.S. Naval Academy, where he majored in Operations Analysis, and completed parachute training at Naval Air Technical Training Center, Lakehurst, NJ.

At the Academy, Mark was quiet, unflappable and a friend to all. He was a proud member of the 19th Company.

Upon graduation with the Class of 1973, Mark received his commission as a second lieutenant in the U. S. Marine Corps. He became a CH-53 pilot; spent time at Marine Corps Air Stations Santa Anna and Tustin; was a T-34C instructor at Pensacola; participated in Operation Desert Storm; and was commanding officer of Marine Aircraft Group 24. He retired in 2004. His last assignment was as commanding officer of the USC and UCLA NROTC units.

Mark obtained master's degrees in Systems Management from the University of Southern California in Los Angeles, CA, and in National Security and Strategic Studies from the Naval War College in Newport, RI.

He was awarded, among other medals, the Legion of Merit (4), Bronze Star and the Defense Meritorious Service Medal.

Mark will be remembered as a remarkably strong, moral, intelligent, disciplined and generous leader of men; his bosses called him 'superhuman' for his ability to turn around amazingly difficult situations; and those who worked for him loved him.

He is survived by his sister, Robin Brousseau, of Vienna, VA.

Interment will take place at Arlington National Cemetery at a later date. ★

So long as the memory of certain beloved friends lives in my heart, I shall say that life is good.

—Helen Keller