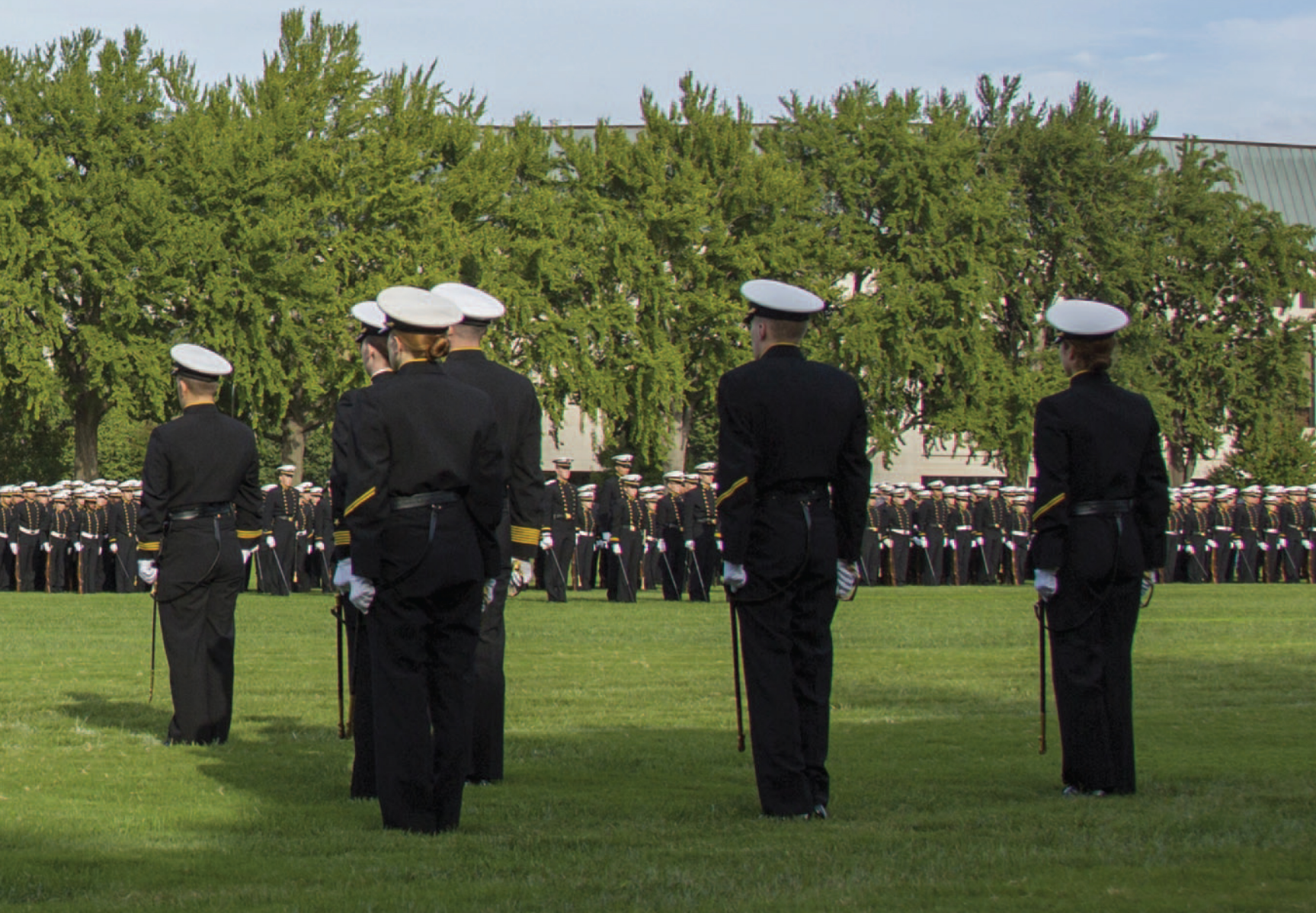


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reunion classes in seats close to their tailgate location. You can, of course, purchase your own tickets outside of Section 1, but you must have a ticket to get into the N* Room which is INSIDE the stadium. Now, you have a number of options: **First** if you want to sit with particular classmates, then I suggest that you get organized and have one person buy all of them. A **Second** option is to find a classmate or acquaintance who happens to have extra season tickets and get them from that classmate (longshot). **Third** option is to go on Stub Hub. A Link will be provided later. These tickets are usually offered by season ticket holders who are not going to use them. They cost more but will likely be in a better location. **Fourth** option for classmates or spouses who don't want to watch the game in the stadium, you can buy Standing Room Only tickets and watch on TV inside the N* room.

Bus service will be available to and from both hotels. Stadium parking passes are sold **exclusively to season tickets holders**. There are instructions for getting tickets on the Navy Online website but the link is too ugly to place here. Contact Mike Epprecht at: mike.epprecht65@gmail.com if you need the link. If you purchased tickets a year ago for the 2020 reunion and agreed to let NAAA keep the money, you will be hearing from Jordan Albright individually with information on your tickets for the game this year. Also, contact Mike for the gouge and signup form for the reunion in case you have misplaced it or more likely, forgot where you placed it.

Looking forward to September. Mike

From **Gordy Clarke**, 15 Mar

✉ There is little different to update here in Norfolk for **Frankie** and me. When we retired years ago, we decided we wanted to live where there was no or very little snow. After working and living in Toronto, Detroit, Connecticut, and Vermont we were ready to avoid snow. Snow even came to Paris once in the three years we lived there. So, on retirement we settled in SC, then NC and now in Norfolk, VA, avoiding snow mostly.

As of 10 days ago we completed our vaccine shots and most of our family has been able to receive theirs with the exception of our son and daughter-in-law in NY. Since we have not seen our son's family in NY for a year, they plan to drive down for a 4-day visit over Easter and stay at a hotel around the corner from our nearby daughter's family. We are worried for them as they still cannot get the vaccine but they insist on coming as it has been over year since we have been together. This is complicated because of teenage boys in our daughter's household, who have been in school since September. One of the boys is a German exchange student who arrived last September and of course, boys are in activities with lots of kids, band and football. We are praying for Easter warm weather so we can gather our mask-wearing family group out in the backyard and on porches at our daughter's home in Suffolk.

Besides all the webinars we tune into, most days we still walk by the harbor in the early morning. Today we go to the Chrysler Art Museum where the curator will take a small group of us through a new exhibit of America's art in Spain. Tonight we participate in a Zoom meeting of our downtown civic group. Our downtown's beautiful indoor 3-level mall along with restaurants are suffering and many restaurants are closed down. We are reading a lot of books, non-fiction and some fiction and we do some Zoom sessions with family to review books. We look forward to watching – with **Fred** and **Anne Hufnagel** the exciting upcoming Men's National Basketball Finals. Frankie's UNC team barely made it and Fred and Anne's UVA team is much higher ranked, but they're quarantined presently.

That's it, guys!
Need INPUT – break out those keyboards! Aloha, Dave

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'66

Life Membership: 65%
Donor Participation: 4.39%

Pres: **Gen Carlton W. Fulford, USMC (Ret.)**

Sec'y: **CDR Mike Baird, USN (Ret.)**

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Ah, June! Finally! I hope most of you have been vaccinated and are looking forward to returning to some form of normalcy after all the turmoil of the COVID 19 pandemic. Though the mailbox hasn't been as full as usual, I do have some information to convey.

Carl McCullough recently published a new book titled ***Sid and the Boys***. It's a story about oil and high school basketball in Oklahoma. The book is available from Amazon in paperback or eBook form. If you would like to know more, go to: sidandtheboys.com or contact Carl at: carl_mccullough@hotmail.com.

Sadly, I report that Linda and **Oke Shannon** lost their son, Christopher, to a heart attack on 1 March 2021. He was 50 years old. Services were held at Calvary of Albuquerque on 25 March 2021. Christopher attended Los Alamos High School and swam competitively in long-distance events for the Aquatomics and Los Alamos High School Varsity Swimming. He moved to Albuquerque to attend the University of New Mexico and National American University where he studied computer science and systems security. He then spent his career working as a Computer Engineer contractor for the Department of Defense and Department of Energy. Christopher is survived by his wife Tawnya, son Tyler (age 6), his parents, brothers Jason and wife Lori, with nieces Jaden and Katelynn, and nephew Logan, brother Kevin and wife Shauna, along with many uncles, aunts, and cousins. I know you join me in extending condolences and prayers to Linda, Oke, and their family.

Jim Hough has informed me that his beloved bride and best friend of 53 years, Marky (Mary), died on 8 February 2021, after a courageous 8-year battle with Alzheimer's. Within a year of Jim's graduation from the Academy, he and Marky met and were wed a year later. Marky was the epitome of a great Navy wife, serving in numerous roles supporting Jim's 28 years of active duty, including his year "in-country" in Vietnam, two afloat Executive Officer postings, two shore command assignments, and three afloat command tours. Apart from accompanying him to Armed Forces Staff College in Norfolk and the Destroyer School and War College in Newport, RI, the Pacific theater was her home with postings in San Diego, Long Beach, and Okinawa as well as Sasebo, Japan. Known as "the lady in blue on the pier" while following the ship on each deployment, Marky tirelessly and enthusiastically served in various command wives' club positions afloat and ashore; was most respected, trusted, and welcomed in innumerable advisory postings; diligently participated in copious personnel support and foreign relations activities; and most notably in Japan, where she studied the language and customs, and always fervently supported our USMC and Navy communities. Upon Jim's Navy retirement, Marky ardently supported him in his second career in City and Municipality Management starting in Kansas and in due course, settling down and retiring in Oregon. In addition to traveling with him throughout the Pacific and Indian Ocean areas, she became a Certified Travel Consult organizing tours throughout the world but specializing in Europe. She energetically engaged with Jim in Navy alumni functions throughout their marriage and was a committed Navy football fan. Marky was interred on 22 February 2021 at Portland's Willamette National Cemetery with a beautiful ceremony attended by several friends and fellow-residents of their Mary's Woods retirement community in Lake Oswego, OR and by our

66/67 CLASS NEWS

Classmates **Mike Young** and **Frank Swientek**, accompanied by wife Diane. A formal Celebration of Life is planned for this Fall. Jim, thanks! Please accept the prayers of the Class on Marky's behalf. I might also add that Jim has been the 35th Company Rep for many years. He recently retired from that position and persuaded **Tom Eubanks** to take up that function. Many thanks to Jim for his service to the Class and thanks to Tom for stepping in to replace Jim.



FRANK, JIM, AND MIKE

Therese Long (**Larry Fish**) sent the following piece on the Classmate wives, widows, and partners group.

✉ "The Class of 1966 "Band of Sisters" celebrated St. Patrick's Day in style. Twenty-one wives, widows, partners, and friends of USNA '66 participated in the weekly Zoom to share Irish proverbs, limericks, poems, sayings, and stories...plus a lovely song by Maureen Callahan. It was indeed a "Great Green Day" and no matter our heritage, everyone was "Irish for a day!"

For those '66 wives, widows, and partners who have not heard of the Wednesday Zooms, or want more information, please send an email to: usna.66.ladies@gmail.com. The USNA Class of '66 Ladies Zoom has been an extraordinary gift from COVID. We hope that our Band of Sisters will continue to grow."

Thanks Therese! Great update.

Because large gatherings are probably not going to be permitted until the fall, the Executive Committee Officers; **Clay Spikes**, **Chuck Grutzius**, and I; decided to cancel the remaining 2021 Class luncheons in May and

August. Perhaps we'll be able to gather at tailgates for the football games. I sent an email in mid-March to the DC area luncheon group. This is a follow-up for the rest of the Class. **Chuck Grutzius** has already signed a contract with the Army-Navy Country Club for 2022 luncheons with the dates of 9 February and 10 August. The 11 May luncheon will most probably occur in Annapolis. Please keep these dates for future planning.

That's it for June. Hope you all have a great summer. Until August—All the best—Mike!!!

'67

Life Membership: 76%

Donor Participation: 5.09%

Pres: **CDR David E. Church, USN (Ret.)**

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When I wrote the last column, I had just received word of the death of **Glenn Ewing** but had few details.

Glenn passed away on 15 February 2021. He lived in Maple Valley, WA at the time of his death. After graduation, he went Navy Air, flying helicopters in Vietnam. He also had a tour as an instructor. Glenn received a masters in engineering and left active naval service in 1977. Following his service, Glenn was an electrical engineer at Microphonics in California and later an owner of The Geneva Group, a computer consulting business. Glenn married Kathleen on 15 June 1985. Together they raised a blended family and grew in their faith. Glenn was a missionary associate, going on several mission trips around the world and working with Latin America Child Care and Healthcare Ministries. With Kathleen, he supported more than 20 children worldwide. He will be remembered as a prayer warrior, mentor, encourager, generous with money, confidence keeper and a man of integrity and honesty. He loved Christian music, to make people laugh (at least 10 times a day) and had a soft spot for dogs.

He's survived by, Kathleen; daughters, Carlinda Carmichael, Raylene Elliot (David); son Travis Hoefling; five grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. Kathleen's email is Nurse@missionary.to, phone: 206-384-9618 or 16702 Cedar Grove Road SE, Maple Valley, WA 98038.

Dick Collins said that **Ron Waddell**, Laura and Willie **Idsinga** and he attended the Memorial Service for Glenn. Kathleen told him that it made her day to see the '67 contingent there to represent the Class.

Shortly before this column's deadline I received word of the death of Dr. Porter Vine Laird III of Lakeway, TX on 13 March 2021. He left Navy in January of our Plebe Year and then served in the Army, including a three year tour in Germany. He then earned a PhD in psychology from the University of Houston in 1974. Subsequently he was a psychologist with the Texas Department of Corrections and Brenham State School, followed by work with the Texas State Legislature. Leaving the field entirely in 1983 Porter started a company, Doc's Lawn Service, which he owned and operated for over ten years. Returning to psychology, he worked for the state until his retirement, then started another successful company, Psychological Services. He consulted in the care of the intellectually disabled with psychiatric problems in the Austin, TX area until 2020. He is survived by his wife Peggy of Colfax, LA and three children: William, Rebecca, and Ella.

I stole a bit of catch-up information from **Wayne Olsen**:

✉ Between our shuttered existence the last year and missing both the Alumni summer picnic and Army-Navy get-together the year before that, I've really missed seeing (everybody). We shouldn't be relying on memorial services as our only method of getting together. After 20 years of living at Bonney Lake, WA after Navy retirement, Betsy and I moved two years ago to the Panorama senior community in Lacey, WA. What a great place.

Wayne also said he'd had his second COVID shot which left him feeling "blah, achy, and worn out." I've heard reactions from all over the map to that second one. Most (including me) have had no reaction at all but others vary from a bit of fatigue to a real butt-kicking. Hope everybody's been shot by now and are looking forward to better days.

Dave Church received this pretty amazing note from one of his and Charlotte's sponsored mids - **Shannon Lacy Murray '92**.

✉ Anyone else go antiquing, find an academy related personal item and look up the alpha code or name in the alumni directory to see whose it was? I found a parade jacket at the antique mall in a booth geared toward steam punk cosplayers. Turns out the grad was **Gregg Owens '67** who was killed in an aircraft accident in 1983 and whose name is on the wall in Memorial Hall. It's also awesome that I found a picture of him from 1967 wearing this exact jacket. (Check your *Lucky Bag* to see it...jm67)

Barry Pollara and **Burly Brunson** ran into one another at the 2021 Ligonier National Conference in Orlando, FL. in March Barry was good enough to send a photo...I think...at least there are two masked men in it.



Which masked man carries the silver bullet?

Speaking of bullets, Dave Church sent some for me to include for your information:

- We are planning a traditional Annapolis area I-Day observance on Saturday 26 June. The current plan is have it indoors at a restaurant with a big back room (right now it's Smashing Grapes).

- At this time we are planning on normal 67 Village Ops for home football games—more details coming.

- We are continuing on our final class fund-raising project of

Wayne Alvin Barner '62
19 March 2021

Russell Elliott Berry Jr. '63
CAPT, USN (Ret.)
26 March 2021

Thomas Daniel Buckley '63
CAPT, USN (Ret.)
30 March 2021

Terry Richard Sloan '63
1 March 2021

Gary Leonard Wyke '63
10 April 2021

William Albert Fries '65
8 April 2021

Elden Louis Ploof '65
CDR, USN (Ret.)
6 April 2021

Lloyd Ted Holley '66 ■
23 February 2021

Porter Vine Laird III '67
13 March 2021

Lawrence Milford Berg '69
10 January 2021

William Ralph Medford '69
28 March 2021

David Victor Stoddard '70
CDR, USN (Ret.)
30 March 2021

James Barrett Miller '71
24 December 2019

Richard John Frawley '72 ■
13 March 2021

Bruce Michael Bachman '73 ■
18 March 2021

Raymond Burl Herring '73
23 March 2021

Terrence Michael McGovern '75
29 March 2021

Michael James Sullivan '75
25 March 2021

Elliott Lawrence Bloxom '76 ■
CAPT, USN (Ret.)
25 March 2021

Michael Francis Dailey '76 ■
7 March 2021

Mark Patrick DePompa III '76
9 January 2021

Paul Brian Paskey '76
18 February 2021

Kenneth Duff Lewis '79
17 March 2021

Elizabeth Susan Unger '80
11 December 2020

Bruce Bushong '82 ■
16 March 2021

Samuel Thomas Scaffo '88
CDR, USNR (Ret.)
29 March 2021

Shannon Dean Willits '96 ■
LCDR, USN (Ret.)
27 March 2021



ARTHUR MAJOR '44

Commander Arthur Major, USN (Ret.), died on Saturday, 20 March 2021.

"Art" was born in South Bend, IN, where he graduated from James Whitcomb Riley High School, and after two years in engineering at Purdue University, he won a congressional appointment to the U.S. Naval Academy, entering on 6 June 1940 and graduating on 9 June 1943.

Following graduation with the Class of 1944, he served in FORREST (DD-461), participating in the D-Day landing at Utah Beach, Normandy, then in the invasion of Southern France at St. Tropez on 15 August 1944, and in the invasion of Okinawa in April 1945, where FORREST was substantially damaged by a Japanese kamikaze attack.

After World War II, he served as executive officer of MERVINE (DMS-31), DALY (DD-519) and CALVERT (APA-32). He also served tours of duty in FARGO (CL-106) and SICILY (CVE-118). His shore duty assignments included teaching Plebe steam at the Naval Academy, teaching marine engineering at the Naval Postgraduate School in Monterey, CA, and three years in a diplomatic status in the American Embassy in Copenhagen, Denmark, as a member of the Military Assistance Advisory Group to the Danish Navy. He completed a course in Work Study (industrial engineering) at HMS VICTORY in Portsmouth, England, and served as the officer-in-charge, Fleet Work Study Group, Atlantic, in Norfolk, VA, where the Navy's Material Maintenance Management Program was developed under his guidance. He attended postgraduate school at Stanford University in Palo Alto, CA, where he earned a master's degree in personnel administration. He retired from the Navy on 1 August 1964.

Following retirement, he and his wife, Joan, and their family made their home in Tarzana, CA, and then in Calabasas, where he was employed as director of Real Estate and Construction for Abbey Rents, then as facility

engineer for Rain Bird Sprinkler Manufacturing Corp., and finally as facility engineer for Occidental College, retiring fully in 1986. Their last place of residence was at Blue Skies Ranch in Tarzana.

Art was predeceased by Joan, his wife of 71 years, in January 2021. They are survived by three loving daughters, Beth Phillips (Randy), Susan Kingsley (Robert) and Pati Zaccaria (David); five grandchildren, Adam, Samantha, Allison, Jennifer and McKenna; and eight great-grandchildren, Hunter, Madison, Kingsley, Rocco, Isabella, Juliet, Cade and Henley.

The Major Family ★



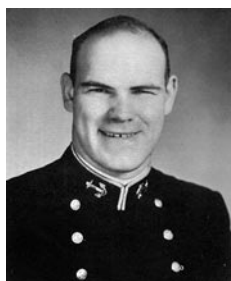
MILTON JOHN SCHULTZ JR. '50

Rear Admiral Milton J. Schultz Jr., USN (Ret.), passed peacefully in his sleep on 26 February 2021 at his home in Falls Church, VA.

Born in Salina, KS, in 1926, "Milt" was raised with his five brothers and sisters during the Great Depression. The challenges overcome by his family laid the foundation for his faith, incomparable work ethic and abiding commitment to helping others, strengths that carried him through a vibrant family life and an exemplary naval career.

Graduating with the Naval Academy Class of 1950, he married the love of his life, Mary Jane Strowig, in the USNA Chapel on 2 June 1950.

Attaining the first of his several at sea commands very early in his Navy career, his final seagoing command was as Commander, Destroyer Squadron 22. His decisive leadership as on scene commander following the horrific collision between JOHN F. KENNEDY (CV-67) and BELKNAP (CG-26) was credited with the saving of many lives. Upon his promotion to rear admiral, he served with distinction in key positions in Naval, Joint and International combined military communications assignments, earning both the Defense Superior Service Medal and the Defense Distinguished Service Medal.



ROBERT WILLIAM EASTON '64

Robert W. Easton passed away peacefully in his sleep during the early morning of 1 January 2021. Bob had health battles with Crohn's disease, congestive heart failure resulting from a viral infection of his heart in 1995, and continuing issues with COPD over the last 30 years, which severely restricted his activities.

"Bob" was born on 15 September 1940 and grew up in Hawthorne, CA. He attended El Camino

Junior College for one year prior to being recruited for entry into the Naval Academy's Class of 1963, one of 13 Southern California junior college and high school football players recruited that year. He loved playing football and lettered at Navy. When his eligibility ended prior to his First Class year, he volunteered to help coach the Plebe team. Bob was in the 19th Company and graduated with the Class of 1964.

After graduating, Bob served aboard DIACENKO (APD-23) and spent two years working with UDT units conducting beach surveys and Market Time operations off the coast of Vietnam. He was next assigned to BRULE (AKL-28), supporting the Brown Water Navy in the Mekong River Delta. He completed his Vietnam service with the 3rd Battalion 7th Marines as naval gunfire liaison officer outside Da Nang. On shore duty, Bob was first lieutenant of the Anti-Submarine Warfare School in San Diego, during which he earned a master's degree in Management Science from United States International University.

Upon leaving the Navy in 1973, Bob sailed on San Diego's tuna fleet ships as a navigator and transit captain. With Pacific tuna fishing declines, he went to work as a marine engineer for Planning Research Corporation (PRC) and successor companies for the next 17 years as a program manager.

After retiring, a gig as a substitute teacher led to his working as an assistant football coach for Vern Von Sydow '63 at Mar Vista High School. Bob also worked with H&R Block Associates as a Master Tax Preparer for 15 years.

Bob is survived by his wife of 51 years, Susan Holmquist Easton; daughters, Marcella of Oregon and Lara, an attorney for the San Diego Police Department.

Bob's Funeral Mass and interment at Holy Cross Cemetery in Culver City took place on 27 March 2021, allowing family members and close family friends to attend due to eased COVID-19 restrictions. ★



WALTER PATRICK DONNELLY JR. '66

Commander Walter P. Donnelly Jr., USN (Ret.), passed away on 28 March 2021 after a 22-month battle with mesothelioma. He was 76 years old.

Walter graduated from St. Augustine High School in Brooklyn, NY, and earned a Bachelor of Science degree from the U.S. Naval Academy in 1966 (16th Company). He later earned a Master of Science degree (with distinction) at the Naval Postgraduate School and was elected to Sigma Xi, the Scientific Research Society, in 1975.

Walter retired from the Navy in 1986 and subsequently worked in engineering management and information technology in the private sector. In retirement, he co-founded a citizen advocacy organization and volunteered his research and managerial skills to the City of St. Petersburg, FL, to support infrastructure sustainability projects.

Walter was preceded in death by his parents, Walter P. Donnelly Sr. and Rosalie (Basuino) Donnelly; his first wife, Ann (2007); and his sister, Rory (2008).

He is survived by his soulmate and wife, Elizabeth O'Connell; sister, Patricia (Don Frischmann); daughters, Kristin, Erin (Patrick Krischel) and

Megan (Al Rudkin); four grandchildren, Kaitlyn, Julia, Louis and Noah; and ten nieces and nephews.

Walter is also survived by his USNA roommate/best man/best friend, Bob Temme '66, who (with his wife, Kay) were stalwart companions to the end.

A Funeral Mass and interment in Bay Pines National Cemetery are scheduled for 14 June 2021. ★



LLOYD TED HOLLEY '66

"Ted" Holley was born in Columbus, KS on 27 December 1942, to Lloyd and Ruth Holley. The family moved to Independence, KS, where he graduated from Independence High School. He excelled in many sports while there but was most notably the quarterback for the Independence Bulldogs, who were best known for winning 40 straight games with his leadership and skill. Ted attended prep school in Bainbridge, MD, before

entering the Naval Academy where he was in the old 12th Company for two years, then moved to the new 18th Company when the Brigade expanded to 36 companies.

After leaving the Academy, he lived and worked in New York City for Spatz Brothers. In 1970, he moved with his wife to Birmingham, AL, where he worked as an electrical engineer for Reliance Electric and Motion Industries until his retirement.

He was diagnosed with prostate cancer in 2019 and fought the good fight until his death from pneumonia on 23 February 2021. He passed peacefully with his children by his side.

Ted is survived by his sons (and their spouses), Paton Ted Holley (Stephanie) of Jacksonville, FL, and Tucker Ryan Holley (Josh) of Louisville, KY; his ex-wife and caregiver, Susan Holley of Birmingham, AL; sister, Cass Bruening of Independence, KS; grandson, PJ; granddaughter, Piper; and many nieces, nephews and friends.

The family would be grateful for memorial donations to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital (www.stjude.org) or the American Cancer Society (donate3.cancer.org).

Since the day he got his wings – life has never been the same.

The Holley Family ★



BRUCE WILLIAM ROSSING '67

Bruce W. Rossing passed away on Saturday, 23 January 2021, in Palatine, IL.

He was born on 23 February 1944, in Greenfield, MA, to William and Mary Ellen Rossing. Bruce was born while his father, a career Army officer, was fighting in the Pacific in World War II. Bruce graduated from Pallotti High School, in Laurel, MD, in 1962.

After graduating from USNA, he served in the Navy Advisory Group in Vietnam and subsequently served at-sea in several destroyer squadrons, home-ported in the U.S and overseas. Due to his naval warfare expertise, he was chosen to be a course coordinator at the Fleet Combat Systems Training Center, Dam Neck, VA. He had very successful tours of duty as operations officer on SAMPSON (DDG-10) and executive officer on VOGELGESANG (DD-862). Because of his early career experience in Vietnam, and a DIA tour in the China Branch, Bruce had a commitment and expertise in conventional and Special Operations warfare in the Asian Theater. As a