

Leeland Milard Bathrick

Leeland M. Bathrick of North Barrington, IL, passed away peacefully on 25 July 2009 as a result of lung cancer. He was 70 years old.

Born on 30 November 1938 in Hartford, CT, "Lee" spent most of his growing up years in Barrington, IL, graduating from Ela-Vernon High School. He had been twice selected to the Illinois All-State Football team. Matriculating at the Naval Academy at the tender age of 17, Lee's athletic interests changed to boxing and soccer, in which he proudly represented his battalion throughout his time there.

Upon graduation with the Class of 1960, Lee went into the Supply Corps, fulfilling his four-year service commitment aboard WILLIAM V. PRATT (DLG-13) and ENTERPRISE (CVN-65) in the Caribbean and Mediterranean seas. During this period, he took a brief respite to marry the love of his life, Monnet Smith on 28 January 1961 in Arlington Heights, IL.

Following his military service, Lee pursued a career in the manufacturing disciplines of quality, engineering, and management and as an inventor. He eventually founded his own company, Hubbell Corporation, in 1983, in Mundelein, IL, with offices in Kenosha, WI, and Wujiang, China. Prior to starting his own company, Lee spent a number of years with major corporations, relocating as though he was on active duty in the Navy - ten years with General Electric in Largo, FL, Decatur, IL, and Cincinnati, OH; then four years with Brunswick in St. Louis, MO, and Commerce, TX; and five years with Emerson Electric in St. Louis, MO, and Crystal Lake, IL. After a heart attack and triple bypass surgery in 1995, Lee retired, leaving the family business in the trusty hands of his son, Chandler, and promptly became a snowbird - splitting his time between Stuart, FL, and North Barrington, IL. During his retirement, his children, grandchildren, boating, golf, and classic cars kept both his wife and him more than busy. The Naval Academy and the Navy were always an important part of his life.

Survivors include his wife, Monnet; children, Chandler Bathrick (Margaret) of Wauconda, IL, and Emily Scoby (Ed) of Barrington, IL; grandchildren, Andrew, Will and Isabella Scoby; and a twin brother, Alton Bathrick (Blythe) of Oconomowoc, WI.

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