

Isaac Francis Bonifay

Colonel Isaac F. Bonifay Jr., USA (Ret.), passed away peacefully at his home in Norman, OK, on 25 May 2017.

After graduation from Deland High School in Deland, FL, "Buck" attended the United States Naval Academy and graduated with the Class of 1960.

He selected a commission in the Army upon graduation and completed a stellar 30-year military career as a field artillery officer. He served two command tours and a number of operational assignments and foreign military advisor positions including Commander, 2nd Battalion/ 18th Field Artillery and Deputy Installation Commander of Fort Sill, OK. He served overseas tours in Greece, Germany, Iran and Vietnam. He retired in 1990 as the Senior Military Advisor to the Oklahoma National Guard.

In retirement, he loved playing golf, travelling, snow skiing, attending USNA Alumni reunions and spoiling his grandchildren. Although he went Army, he still loved his connection to the Navy and rooted for the Midshipmen during the Army-Navy games. He was the president of the Oklahoma City USNA Alumni Association Chapter for five years and served in a number of other community volunteer positions. He had an undying love and compassion for family, friends and country and a complete zest for life. He is now with our Heavenly Father; playing golf again and agonizing over those two-foot putts.

Buck is survived by his beautiful bride and loving wife, Gail; their two sons and cherished daughters-in-law, Brad and Karen Bonifay of Keller, TX, and Brett and Rhonda Bonifay of San Diego, CA. He completely treasured and loved his grandchildren, Calyssa, Tristan, Brecken, Braden, Boston and Cannon. He is also survived by his younger brother, Bill Bonifay of Tyler, TX.

August 2017 Shipmate