

PATRICK JOHN CARISON

Pat Carlson passed away peacefully on July 26 at his home in Hawaii after a long bout with a not well known form of cancer. During 1968, Pat had voluntarily participated in Marine Corps ground operations and flown FACFAC missions in South Vietnam during the intense period of operations in 1968. He was medically grounded in 1976, after just having screened for command and with orders to VA-125, the A-4 RAG, in Lemoore.

Pat received his wings in December 1961, and reported to Aviation Maintenance School in Memphis. Next was the A-4 RAG, VA-43, at Oceana and a tour with VA-83. From there it was NPGS Monterey in '65 to '67 followed by Instructor duty in VA- 125. He joined VA-195 onboard ORISKENY, followed by duty at OPTEVFORPAC, Coronado at NAS North Island from '72 to '74. Next, Pat was at NPT, Singapore where he advised the Singapore Government on their procurement of the A-4S. Then it was CRUDESGRU 3 on board LONG BEACH and CHICAGO. Medically grounded out of this tour, Pat continued to contribute to the Navy as a member of the COMVAVAIRPAC Staff until his disability retirement in November 1979.

Pat and Lynn moved from San Diego to Hawaii where Pat got a job with Pacific Analysis Corporation. He then transferred to Grumman Corporation from 1983 to 1984 until he was forced to discontinue full employment. Karmel works for Continental Airlines, Kyle is in the construction business and Kurt plans to open up his own printing business: all in Hawaii. Lynn plans to attend our Thirtieth reunion knowing that Pat really wanted to be with us at that time.

Shipmate, January 1993