

## **WILLIAM ELDRIDGE CARTWRIGHT Jr.**

William E. Cartwright Jr. of Sarasota, FL, died on 22 May 2002. He was 65 years old. Born on 23 March 1937, in Elizabeth City, NC, Bill entered the Naval Academy through Bullis Prep from Portsmouth, VA, and played Plebe and JV football. His family hosted our "Oyster Bowl" parties every year when Navy ventured to Norfolk, VA. All who attended acquired lifelong memories.

Following graduation, Bill went into the Supply Corps and served most of his four years in the Mediterranean Sixth Fleet. His last eight months in the Navy were at the New York Navy Finance Office where he attended night school at NYU, gathering 18 business school credits. Upon leaving the Navy in 1964, Bill joined General Electric Technical Marketing Program. After training assignments in the Philadelphia Switchgear Plant and Rome, GA, Medium Transformer Plant, he was assigned to the international sales department in New York with Caribbean area of responsibility. Four years later, he left for project management jobs in the engineering and construction industry. He worked for Bechtel for five years on two different nuclear power projects in Arkansas and Hope Creek, NJ, concerned with planning, scheduling and cost control.

Bill then went to Saudi Arabia next as planning and scheduling manager on a large Northrop project for the Saudi Air Force to build 90 completely new facilities at three different air bases. After his first Saudi tour, he took a two-year breather as a project manager for a U.S. A/E firm in Athens, Greece, handling all the Army Corps projects in Germany and the Navy projects in Spain. He later returned again to Saudi Arabia in 1981. For the next five years, he was an offshore construction superintendent working for ARAMCO in the northernmost Saudi offshore oil fields.

In 1986, he returned to the United States and began working as an electrical engineer for the Navy Telecommunication Command in Washington, DC. When he retired from the Navy Department, Bill moved to Alabama for a few years, and then settled in Sarasota, FL, in 1999.

Bill is survived by his sister, Anne K. Little of Somerset, KY.  
A private memorial service was held.

*William E. Lewis Jr '60  
Shipmate, October 2002*