

ROBERT MARIO DEMAIO

Lieutenant Commander Robert Mario DeMaio, USN (Ret.), died suddenly on 8 July 1999 at his residence at 2404 Ship's Watch Court, Virginia Beach, VA 23451. A mass of Christian burial was held on 12 July 1999 at the Church of the Holy Family, with internment following at the Princess Anne Memorial Park.

An Army brat, Bob was the son of Colonel Mario DeMaio, USA, and with his brother, John, and sister, Patricia, followed his parents to duty stations in Oklahoma, Texas, New York, California and Nanking, China.

Born in Providence, RI, Bob returned there after Colonel DeMaio was sent to Korea, graduated from Cranston High school and joined the Navy, rising to the rate of sonar man 3rd class. In the fall of 1955, Bob was assigned to United States Naval Academy Preparatory school at NTC, Bainbridge, MD, passed competitive examinations and received a Secretary of the Navy appointment to the US Naval Academy, Class of 1960.

After graduation from the Naval Academy, Bob attended Supply school, Athens, GA, followed by sea duty on FOREST ROYAL, WRIGHT and CORONADO. Additional assignments were the submarine Base at New London and the Defense Personnel Support Center at Philadelphia Navy Yard. Between sea duty and shore duty, Bob acquired two master's degrees at North Carolina State University, where he became a member of Phi Beta Kappa. Retiring in 1980, Bob became a DOD consultant to a number of defense contractors in the Washington area. At the time of his death, he was a self-employed real estate title examiner for numerous title insurance companies in the Norfolk, VA, area. Bob had an incredible wit and charm. They were a wonderful legacy to all those who were fortunate to laugh and share life with him. He was a true character and dear friend especially to the children and grandchildren. His hope was in Christ and he will be terribly missed by his friends and adoring family.

He is survived by his wife, Eleanor Kennedy DeMaio; three daughters, Jamie Elizabeth VanBergen and her husband, Peter, of Williamsburg; Nancy DeMaio; and Robin Margaret DeMaio both of Richmond; four sons, Mark Robert DeMaio; Neil Kennedy DeMaio; Andrew Paul DeMaio of Virginia Beach; and Jonathan David DeMaio of Richmond; a sister, Patricia Sherman of Greer, SC; a brother, Dr. John DeMaio of West Hartford, CT; four grandchildren, Elizabeth, Luke and John Andrew VanBergen; and Elaina DeMaio. He was predeceased by a daughter, Ellen Anne DeMaio.

*William E. Lewis, Jr. '60
Shipmate, December 1999*