

## **DAVID G. EASON**

LCDR David G. Eason, USN (Ret.), passed away on 19 February 2000, in Clinton Township, MI, after a fierce battle with cancer.

He was born in Boston, MA, on 1 June 1937. His father was a naval officer, and it prepared him for his future career in the Navy. He entered the Academy in June of 1956, with the Class of 1960. While attending the Academy, Dave was well liked and respected by his Classmates. As a member of the First Company, he was very active in sports, competing four years in bowling, fieldball and softball. He was also a member of the boat and foreign languages clubs.

Upon graduation from the Naval Academy in 1960, his first tour of duty was on FREMONT (APA44). He was then stationed shortly thereafter in Jacksonville, FL, and then in Pearl Harbor, HI, for the commissary stores as the senior assistant officer- in-charge. During the increasing intensity of the Vietnam War, Commander Eason served two duties there. One tour on MERRICK (AKA-97) and the other tour on WILLIAM V. PRATT, (DLG- 13) as supply officer between 1967 and 1972.

In 1973, Commander Eason took assignment at TACOM as contract administrator and then to DCAS in Detroit, MI, as assistant chief quality assurance administrator. While stationed in Michigan, LCDR Eason became an avid boatsman and snowmobiler. He spent many weekends out on Lake St. Clair fishing and swimming.

In 1976, he married his wife, Barbara, and in 1978, they transferred to Norfolk, VA, where he was staff supply/fiscal officer at CinCLant. He retired in 1980, just before the birth of his daughter, Stephanie.

During his 20 years in the Navy, Commander Eason received the National Defense Service Medal, Vietnam Service Medal, Vietnam Campaign Ribbon, Vietnam Cross of Gallantry, Meritorious Unit Commendation Medal and the Joint Service Commendation Medal. Once Commander Eason retired from active duty, he moved his family to the Washington, D.C., area, staying only a short time and then moving back to Detroit, MI. He took a position at Williams International, and then went to work for General Dynamics, when he decided to retire (again) to enjoy the days golfing (weather permitting). He joined a golf league at Selfridge ANG Base and spent much of his free time golfing and volunteering at his daughter's gymnastics center.

David is survived by his wife of 23 years, Barbara; daughter, Stephanie; son, David (and his wife, Shirley); and granddaughter, Bradleigh.

*Barbara Eason*

*Shipmate, July-August 2000*