

## **WAYNE GROVER GRIFFIN**

Wayne G. Griffin died of cancer on 13 December 2003. He was 65 years old.

Born on 30 October 1938 in Chicago, IL, he was raised in New Jersey and graduated from Teaneck High School in 1956. At the Naval Academy, he was a member of the Second Company and served as the First Battalion Commander. He graduated with distinction in June 1960.

In July 1960 he married the love of his life, Brenda Bunnell, at the Naval Academy Chapel. He was commissioned in the Marine Corps and reported for duty at The Basic School in Quantico, VA. He served in several assignments in the Marine Corps including a tour at the Naval Postgraduate School, where he studied engineering electronics. He left the Marine Corps in 1969.

Following his military duty, he joined the Motorola Company in Scottsdale, AZ, as a project manager, Government Electronics Division. In 1972 he began his career in retailing with his appointment as senior vice president for finance/operations/personnel for Donaldson's Corporation in Minneapolis, MN. In 1979 he joined the Dayton's corporation and then followed with senior vice president positions at Macy's, San Francisco; B. Altman's, New York; and the May Company, Los Angeles. He retired in the mid 1990s to spend enjoyable time with his family and grandchildren.

Wayne was an avid golfer, sports fan, and bridge player. He was an expert at crossword puzzles and could regularly complete *The New York Times* puzzle in ink. He had a keen intellect, a great sense of humor and was highly respected by his Classmates, associates and peers throughout the retail industry. He could always be counted on to be a loyal friend and trusted advisor.

Wayne is survived by his wife, Brenda. They were blessed by two children, William Gregory and Dyanne. William (or "Greg") and his wife, Kathleen, live in Minneapolis, MN, with grandson, Garrett, and granddaughter, Abigail. Dyanne and her husband, Gordon Subway (son of Dick Subway '66) live in Scottsdale, AZ, with grandson, Zander, and granddaughters, Catherine and Meg.

*Duane Beck '60*

*Shipmate, September 2004*