

GEORGE SAMPLE GROSSMAN III

George S. Grossman died on Monday, 1 April 2002 in Fitchburg, MA, after a lengthy illness. He was 64 years old.

George was born in Wilmington, DE, son of Dorothy (Veasey) and George S. Grossman Jr. '34. He graduated from St. Andrew's School in Middletown, DE, in 1956, and from the U.S. Naval Academy with the Class of 1960.

His Academy Classmates considered him a friend and one of life's characters that many will never forget. George made an art of optimizing his academic efforts to achieve exactly a 2.5 grade point average. One of his roommates felt that his own grade point was improved by George's demand for last minute and lights out cramming assistance. It was no accident he was Anchor Man for '60. George also hated to fold and put away his laundry. He would spend significant time hiding it and then enjoyed the game of getting away with it or the occasional pain of getting caught. Exchanging Christmas cards with Classmates, George would always end his Christmas card with, "My laundry is folded and stowed, what's your status?" It's hard to believe George has folded his laundry for the last time.

Following graduation, George served three years in the Navy aboard BOSTON (CAG-1), and later POCONO (AGC-16).

After leaving the service, he entered the chemical industry, working for Dupont in Pennsgrove, NJ, for three years and later BASF in Ramsey, NJ, for 15 years as a pigments sales engineer. Subsequently, George went into business for himself serving as a manufacturer's sales engineer for several pigments companies in New England and elsewhere in the Northeast.

Surviving are his sons, George S. Grossman IV of Templeton, MA, and Scott V. Grossman of North Kingstown, RI; sister, Carla G. Lantier of Tiburon, CA; brother-in-law, Brian Lantier '65; two grandchildren; his former wife, Mechthilde (Scheict) Grossman of Kingston, RI; and nephews, including Brian Lantier '93.

A memorial service was held on Friday, 5 April 2002. After cremation, burial was in the family lot in Intercourse, PA.

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