

## **RICHARD GEORGE HOECKER**

Commander Richard G. Hoecker, USN (Ret.), passed away on 3 February 2006 at his home in Virginia Beach, VA. He was 69 years old.

“Richie” was born in New York City and raised in New Rochelle, NY. After graduating from high school in 1955, he enlisted in the Naval Reserve and went to Bullis Prep School for a year in preparation for a competitive appointment to the Naval Academy. He succeeded and entered the Academy with the Class of 1960. There, he was active in sports, including Plebe football and baseball, varsity baseball and a myriad of Second Company intramural teams.

Upon graduation in 1960, he was commissioned as an ensign and began a distinguished career as a surface line officer, which included tours aboard RANDOLPH, HAVERFIELD, MOUNT WHITNEY and SHENANDOAH. His sea and shore tours took him to Norfolk, San Diego, Monterey, Seattle, Pearl Harbor, Washington, DC, and ultimately back to Norfolk. He retired in 1981 and settled in Virginia Beach, VA.

Richard met his wife, the former Jean Allan Milne, in 1957 and they were married in February 1961. Their first child, Nona Jean, was born in San Diego in 1964. In 1966, their second daughter, Shawn Marion was born in Seattle. Their son, Ian Milne, was born in 1972 in Bethesda, MD. Nona is married to Ben Gonse and has two beautiful children, Gavin and Graicen. Ian married Melody Horton and they gave Richard and Jean two more beautiful grandchildren, Jordan and Aidan. Shawn is a “bachlorette,” as Richie would say. All of the Hoecker children and grandchildren reside in Virginia Beach.

Upon retirement from the Navy, Richard was employed by Norfolk Shipbuilding and Drydock Company in the quality assurance department and subsequently as planning officer, working primarily on U.S. naval vessels undergoing repair and overhaul. After leaving NORSHIPCO, Richie decided to concentrate on golf. He was a member of Stumpy Lake Men’s Golf Association for 28 years, serving as secretary, treasurer, president and board member at various times during his membership. In addition to his immediate family, Richard is also survived by two sisters, Marion Amoroso of Florida and Kathy Dexter of Connecticut; and a brother, Werner Hoecker of Florida. He was predeceased by his sister, Inge Mancusi.

A memorial service was held on 9 February 2006, attended by numerous family members, friends and Classmates. Richie’s ashes have been spread into the Atlantic Ocean, at his request.

*Maurice J. Moran '60  
Shipmate, April 2006*