

## **Gene Francis Kishel**

Dr. Gene Francis Kishel, MD, passed away peacefully on Tuesday, 7 March 2017, at his home in Britt, MN, after a courageous battle with cancer. He was 79 years old.

A native of Virginia, MN, Gene was born on 2 June 1937 to Clarence “Bud” and Lillian (Swedman) Kishel. He was a 1955 graduate of Virginia (MN) High School and the U.S. Naval Academy, Class of 1960, Seventh Company. Gene chose to complete four years of obligated service in lieu of making the U.S. Navy a career. After completing his naval service, he attended medical school at the University of Minnesota, followed by a pediatric residency at Milwaukee (WI) Children’s Hospital and a pediatric fellowship from the Mayo Clinic in Rochester, MN. In 1974, Gene returned to his hometown to begin 30 years of pediatric practice. Gene enjoyed living on Lake Vermillion and summer visits with his grandchildren. When the snow started to fly, he reveled on the ski slopes and Nordic trails in Minnesota and Colorado. Gene was an avid reader and relished daily walks in the woods with his dog. He was a quiet, sincere friend who cared about people; a perfect type to be a doctor. All who knew him would certainly agree.

He is survived by his wife of 54 years, Brynhild (Holmesland) Kishel of Britt, MN; four children (and their spouses), Eric Kishel (Lori) of Florida, Karen Adler (Jim) of Colorado, Bud Kishel of Britt, MN, and Paul Kishel of Florida; nine grandchildren; and two siblings, Colette Johnson (Peter) of Tower, MN, and Deane Kishel (Diane) of Golden Valley, MN.

*August 2017 Shipmate*