

## **GILBERT THOMAS MARIANO, JR.**

Gilbert T. Mariano died 6 August 1995 at home in Pittsburgh Pennsylvania, of a heart attack. Born 4 May 1937 in Hummelstown, PA, Tom entered the Naval Academy with the Class of 1960 following a year of preparatory school at Wyoming Seminary in Wilkes Barre, PA.

While at the Naval Academy, Tom was involved with many sports, including quarterback for the 150 lb football team. His love of athletics and desire to win never waned. He was a friend to many and well liked by all. He was a leader on and off the field.

Following graduation, Tom entered flight training, receiving his wings in 1961. He was assigned to VP-8 at NAS Patuxent River, Maryland, where he became Plane Commander in P3V anti-submarine aircraft.

Tom left the Naval Service in 1965 when he joined the Washington, DC sales office of the Trane Company as a sales engineer, under the direction of Mr. Louis J. Boland, USNA Class of 1948. He was promoted to Sales Manager of the Baltimore Sales Office in 1970 and to Office Manager of the Pittsburgh Sales Office in 1982.

Tom is survived by his wife, Judith Quigg Mariano of Pittsburgh; children Michael Mariano, Jill Wheeler, Gilbert Mariano III, and Leigh Sistik; and seven grandchildren, all of Baltimore, MD.

At the time of his death, Tom was Acting Secretary of the Rotary Club of Pittsburgh, Acting Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Pittsburgh Guild for the Blind, and owner and CEO of three Rivers Trane Service Companies, as well as manager of the Trane Commercial Sales Office. He was also a member of the Chartiers Country Club.

*Shipmate, October 1995*