

JON EDWARD MORRISSEY Sr.

Commander Jon E. Morrissey Sr., USN (Ret.), of San Diego, CA, died on Wednesday, 14 November 2001, from complication of surgery for a bleeding ulcer. He was 64 years old. Born in Kansas City, KS, Jon arrived at the Naval Academy from Kansas University where he quickly adapted to sports and extracurricular activities, participating in Plebe and varsity baseball as well as other avocations. Sailing became Jon's hobby and he was amid spinnaker and genoa at every opportunity. Commander Morrissey was a member of the 14th Company and graduated with the Class of 1960.

Following graduation and crewing aboard the Naval Academy entrant in the Newport to Bermuda race, Jon reported to MITSCHER (DD-927). He then precommissioned and served on KING (DDG-3). Jon then attended the first Surface Warfare School in Newport, RI, followed by a tour of duty aboard BEATTY (DD-756) as engineering officer. Postgraduate School in Monterey, CA, was next up, where he received his master's degree in mechanical engineering. This was followed by a tour aboard ROBINSON (DDG-12) as chief engineer. He then returned to the Naval Academy to teach thermodynamics in the early 1970s. While at the Academy, he earned a master's degree in systems management from The George Washington University.

In 1973, Jon then reported to EDSON (DD-946) where he served as executive officer in Vietnam waters. After a tour in Washington on the Naval Propulsion Examining Board and Naval Engineering School in Idaho Falls, ID, he had his final tour as chief engineer on BELLEAU WOOD (LHA-3).

Commander Morrissey retired from the Navy in 1980 and went to work Diamond Shamrock, a petroleum company in Houston, TX, and later Service Engineering Co. in Long Beach, San Diego and San Francisco, CA. He subsequently retired and settled in the San Diego area until his death.

Survivors include his companion, Alice Mallote of Oakland, CA; daughter, Kathleen of Fort Collins, CO; sons, Jon Jr. and Kevin of San Diego, CA; his former wife, Joann; sisters, Janet Clark of Auburn, AL, and Irene Fleshner of Marble Falls, TX; and two grandchildren, Jack and Joe.

Following private services, Bayview Cremation Services arranged cremation.

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