

RONALD GEORGE OVERSTROM

Ronald George Overstrom, 69, of Corning, N.Y., died Monday morning, Dec. 31, 2007, in Buckeye, Ariz.

He and his wife Miriam Overstrom were approaching their 36th year of marriage Feb. 16, 2008. Born in Corning, N.Y., son of the late George and Bernice Overstrom, he was a resident of Las Vegas since 1965, before moving to Buckeye, Ariz., in the summer of 2005, for retirement with his wife Miriam.

Ronald attended the U.S. Naval Academy in Annapolis, Md., became a lieutenant and received a bachelor of science degree in 1960. He graduated 80th in a class of 800 cadets. His senior year he was a sub-commander of 120 men and a member of the Naval Academy Christian Association. As a Naval lieutenant, Ronald commissioned an ensign upon graduation. He served on three ships in destroyer-type operations in the Atlantic and Mediterranean areas as communications operations and cryptographic officer. His last duties on staff as operations scheduling officer were competitive exercises and upkeep of communication of five ships and signaled all squadron functions over 25 men.

Ronald also participated in the Bay of Pigs blockade during the Cuban Missile Crisis. In 1965, he moved to Las Vegas and began a 40 year career in the gaming industry. During the mid 1970's, Ronald embarked on his dream of opening his own retail business and Vikings Health Foods store opened its doors. An avid chess player, Ronald was a tournament and earned high ranking in West Coast Level Division play.

Ronald is survived by his wife, of almost 36 years, Miriam; his daughters, Annabelle (Jack) Vergiels and Lauren Christine Overstrom; four grandchildren, McKenna and Olivia and Steven and Erik Vergiels. He is also survived by his sister, Jeanene H. Nealon; and brother, David R. Overstrom; and several nieces and nephews.

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