

William Taylor Perlette



William T. Parlette of Thun, Switzerland, passed away peacefully from congestive heart failure on 7 September 2016 in the arms of his loving partner of many years, Silvia Robbiani. He was 78 years old.

“Bill” was born on 12 August 1938 in Toledo, OH, the son of William and Althea Parlette. He was a 1956 graduate of DeVilbiss High School and a 1960 graduate of the U.S. Naval Academy in Annapolis, Md. He rowed bow on the outstanding USNA Plebe crew that won the Intercollegiate Rowing Championship in 1957 and

participated in varsity rowing thereafter.

After graduation, Bill was stationed at Long Beach Naval Station and served on PICKING (DD-685) and later at Newport, RI. He was a candidate for a master’s degree in Indonesian studies at the University of Hawaii and sold computers for IBM in the late 1960s.

Bill became an ex-pat and moved to Europe in the early 1970s and lived for a time in Denmark, France and Germany before finally settling in Switzerland, where he followed his hobbies of history and train travel. He worked as a tour guide, photographer and was instrumental in starting up a European based foundation to support research to solve the riddle of the causation for ALS. Through this work, he started a business selling products using computer aided devices to assist the disabled.

Bill was had a loving, forthright and lively personality. He was a peripatetic with many friends throughout the world and had an unbridled sense of humor and curiosity for different places and people. He didn’t pass through life unnoticed and his ready smile will not be soon forgotten.

He is survived by two brothers, Robert and Carl; a sister, Willathea; two children, Russel and Suzanne; and three stepchildren, Stefan Brunnschweiler ’93, Michael Brunnschweiler and Christa Valente-Brunnschweiler.

The Parlette Family

November-December 2016 Shipmate