

Ira Eustace Parry

Lieutenant Commander Ira E. Parry, USN (Ret.), died after a brief illness at his home in North Berwick, ME.

“Buz” graduated from the Naval Academy with the Class of 1960 and two weeks later, married Jane Whitehurst.

He enjoyed a naval career that saw service on the aircraft carrier RANDOLPH out of Norfolk, VA; U.S. Naval Submarine School in Groton, CT; deployment on GRAMPUS; Guided Missile School in Dam Neck, VA; and assignment as weapons officer aboard the Fleet Ballistic Missile submarine LEWIS AND CLARK. From 1968 until 1971, Buz was liaison for the U.S. Navy to the United Kingdom Ministry of Defense in Couplort, Scotland. He served with Strategic Systems Project in Washington, DC, and was the Navy’s representative to Draper Labs in Cambridge, MA.

Upon retirement from the Navy in 1978, Buz joined the engineering department at Bath Iron Works and provided expertise to the AEGIS Program.

Final retirement found Buz channeling time and energy into numerous community volunteer endeavors, which included starting and coaching a high school lacrosse team, working with Jane as they mentored youth groups and opening their B&B to visitors from all over the world. Recently, Buz and Jane moved from Bath to an in-law apartment in their daughter and son-in-law’s home in North Berwick.

Buz leaves behind his wife, Jane, and four grown children, Julia O’Neil, Blane Parry, Keith Parry and Douglas Parry.

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