

ROBERT GUY PEARCE

Commander Robert G. Pearce, USN (Ret.), died on 22 May 2005. He was 67 years old. He had suffered a cardiac arrest the previous Tuesday and never regained consciousness. His foursome told his family that when it occurred, he was having a good round and was just ready to tee off on #17.

Bob was born in Tulsa, OK, on 27 November 1937, to Kenneth Guy and Agnes Breland Pearce in Tulsa, OK. He attended Culver Military Institute while his family was residing South America and entered the Naval Academy in June 1956. He received his commission as an ensign in the US. Navy in June 1960 and married Katherine Josephine Dobbs in Houston, TX, just 10 days after graduation. With their two children, Robert Guy Pearce Jr. and Katherine Ardis Pearce, the family enjoyed an exciting military life during Bob's 24 years of service his country.

Bob began his career as a naval submariner aboard SEA POACHER in Key West, FL, followed by Nuclear Power School. He later took great pride in his part of the building and commissioning of FLASHER. and, returning to diesels, his command tour aboard DARTER. He retired from the Navy in 1984, going to work for Martin Marietta in Baltimore, MD. In 1992, Bob retired once more, this time to travel and play golf. He and Kathy returned to Texas, and made their home in Kerrville. They have resided for the past 12 years only yards from first tee at Riverhill, where Bob has been an avid golfer.

Survivors include his wife, Kathy Pearce of Kerrville, TX; and his son, Lieutenant Commander Guy Pearce and his wife, Sharon of Alameda, CA. His daughter, Katherine, preceded him in death in 2001. He has one sister, Barbara Dove, who lives in Corpus Christi, TX, with her husband, Joe.

A memorial service was held on 26 May 2005 in the Schreiner Chapel at First Presbyterian Church, Kerrville, with Dr. Buran Phillips officiating.

Interment will be in Arlington National Cemetery on 11 October 2005, at 1:00 p.m.

*Katherine D. Pearce
Shipmate, September 2005*