

## **EARLE GODFREY SCHWEIZER**

Captain Earle G. Schweizer, USN (Ret.), age 59, died of a heart attack in Sharp Cabrillo Hospital on 5 August. A memorial Mass was celebrated on 12 August at the Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Ocean Beach, followed by inurnment with military honors at Fort Rosencrans National Cemetery.

“Schweiz” came to Navy via the well traveled road of the Fleet and NAPS. Like all Navy juniors, he claimed a multitude of home towns, but San Diego, in his beloved land of sunshine, was his favorite. When he wasn’t battling the academic departments, he made good use of his hard earned free time, contributing his talents to a large variety of sports. Captain Schweizer graduated from the Naval Academy in 1960. While on graduation leave he met and later married, Marge, his bride of 33 years. He reported on BRADFORD (DD-545) in San Diego. Following his second tour, abroad HENRY W. TUCKER (DDR-875), he reported to the US Naval Post Graduate School where he earned a mechanical engineering degree in October 1966.

From 1966 to 1969 he served as Chief Engineer in MAHAN (DLG- 11). He assumed command of ENERGY (MSO-436) in July 1969, serving as Commanding Officer until December 1970. He became a DD-963 Assistant Project Officer on-site at Litton Ship Systems in 1971, and in 1972 assumed additional duty as Resident Supervisor of Shipbuilding, USN.

From March 1974 until June 1976 Captain Schweizer was Executive Officer of JUNEAU (LPD10). He next reported to CARON (DD-970) where he served as pro-commissioning unit officer-in-charge, Commissioning Commanding Officer and Commanding Officer.

In August 1979, he began study at the National Defense University, Industrial College of the Armed Forces, graduating in June 1980. He also received his M.S. degree in administration from George Washington University in 1980.

His next assignment was at Naval Sea Systems Command in the Mine Warfare project and as Aegis fleet introduction division officer for the Aegis shipbuilding project. He then served as Commanding Officer of Coronado (AGF-11), flagship for Commander, Sixth Fleet. His final tour of duty was as Commanding Officer, Naval Ocean Systems Center, Point Loma, CA, where he was involved in oceanographic and anti-submarine research. He was most proud of being a surface warrior who made significant impact in introducing new capabilities into the Fleet in the SPRUANCE, TICONDEROGA, and ARLEIGH BURKE ship classes.

His decorations include the Legion of Merit, the Meritorious Service Medal with gold star, the Navy Commendation Medal, the Navy Achievement Medal, the Navy Unit Commendation, and Service Medals from Vietnam and Korea.

He is survived by his wife, Margaret; two daughters, Karen Scoggins, of Fairfax, VA, and Kristin Schweizer, of Aliso Viejo; a son, Navy Lt. Earle G, III, of San Diego; His parents, retired Navy CDR Earle and Florence of Tampa, FL; a brother George, of St Louis, and a

granddaughter.

*William E. Lewis, Jr '60*  
*Shipmate, November 1996*