

ELLIS LOVE TURNER

Ellis "Les" Turner died after a long illness 11 September 2001 at the Heartland Hospice in Towson, MD.

Les was born in Prospect Hill, NC, graduated from Prospect Hill High School and Mars Hill College with an A.A. degree. Ellis attended Duke University prior to entering the Navy and served aboard PATRICK ORIEN before receiving a fleet nomination to attend the Naval Academy Preparatory School in Bainbridge, MD. He received a Congressional Appointment from North Carolina, entering the Naval Academy in 1956. Upon graduation on 8 June 1960 as a member of the 14th Company, Les selected naval aviation as his designation. Ellis was required to drop out after completing aviation indoctrination and primary flight training due to a ruptured eardrum. He transferred to Navy Line and served aboard NEWPORT NEWS, seeing action during the Cuban Crisis.

After four years of active service, Les left the Navy and worked for Southern Bank of Virginia in Norfolk, VA, and remained active in the Naval Reserve. Les was called back to active duty during the Vietnam War and was sent to Vallejo, CA, for training in Talos missiles. Completing his training he reported to Fleet Training Group, Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, for four years. After Cuba, Les served aboard VERMILLION and ASHLAND. He completed his naval career at the Naval Manpower Center, Bainbridge, MD, in 1973, and retired from the Navy Reserve in 1993 after 22 years of service to his country.

Ellis graduated from the Johns Hopkins University with a bachelor's degree in civil engineering and a master's degree in administrative science. He worked for the State of Maryland as a civil engineer for highway design when he retired in 1993 after a serious accident.

Ellis married Margaret Beggs on 8 June 1960, and she survives him. Besides his wife of 41 years, he is survived by two sons, Michael and Charles both of Timonium, MD; three sisters, and two brothers.

A funeral was held on 14 September 2001 followed by interment at Dulaney Valley Memorial Gardens in Timonium, MD.

*Margaret Turner & Bill Lewis
Shipmate January-February 2002*