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Scott E. Drummond Jr., Capt., USN (Ret.) passed away peacefully on January 7, 2019, from cancer in Alexandria, Virginia at the age of 88. The son of Marion and Scott E. Drummond Sr. and younger brother to Kaye and Marion, he grew up on Long Island, New York. He graduated from Huntington High School in 1948, where he played junior varsity and varsity football. Scott played soccer for SUNY Maritime College, where he graduated in 1952 with a BS Degree, a commission in the Navy as ensign, and a 3rd Mate's license in the Merchant Marine. His first naval assignment was aboard a landing ship tank (LST) out of Little Creek, Virginia, training for the next two years at the Island of Vieques, Puerto Rico.

Having met his required military service, Scott left the Navy and sailed with the United Fruit Company carrying cargo (aka bananas) in and out of Central America. Quickly recognizing that U.S. Navy service was more fulfilling, Scott returned to active duty. His first tour was as executive officer (second in command) on a patrol craft out of Chicago, Illinois, training reservists on the Great Lakes. It was a fun two-year tour for him, but not exactly what he had in mind, so he requested transfer and soon was in Yokosuka, Japan, on a destroyer deployed to the 7th Fleet (Western Pacific). He was now in the Navy on a fighting ship in a hostile area of the world, and he loved it. He was home ported in Long Beach, California, and spent two deployments in the Western Pacific. When his last deployment ended, the ship was sent to Australia for R&R before coming home. He crossed the Equator en route to Australia, earning the designation of "Shellback," which is a sailor who has crossed the equator.

Young "Shellback" Drummond then suggested to the Navy Department that he be sent to graduate school, thinking War College. But fate and the Navy had other ideas, and he was sent to Ohio State University to study hydrographic engineering. There he earned his Master's Degree and became a Cartographer and, more importantly, met the love of his life, June (Carty) Drummond. June and Scott soon married and raised 8 children together. With June by his side, Scott continued on to various assignments, including aboard the

USS Tanner out of Brooklyn, NY, doing surveys in the Caribbean, Jacksonville, the Florida Keys, and in the Barents Sea north of the USSR. During this tour, Scott crossed the Arctic Circle and became a “Bluenose.” Scott was now a “Shellback,” a “Bluenose,” a husband, a father and somewhere along the line, he had reached the rank of captain, USN. The rest of Capt. Drummond’s career was spent in tours related to mapping and charting. He and June were stationed in the Washington, D.C., area, Tampa, Florida; and Hawaii, with a return to Washington, D.C., eventually settling in Northern Virginia. His assignments included command of the Hydrographic Center in Suitland, Maryland, and stints at the Department of Commerce and National Oceanic and Atmospheric Agency (NOAA.) After a full and well-traveled career in the Navy, Capt. Scott E. Drummond, Jr., retired from the Navy in June 1979. He then went on to work at various mapping and defense contracting companies, including SEACO and SAIC, until he fully retired in 1996.

Scott was the beloved husband for 57 years of June E. Drummond, who pre-deceased him in 2018, and a loving and steadfast father to Scott, Peter (who pre-deceased him in 2016), Jann, Colin, Robin, Susi, Cindy and Buck, as well as grandfather of 12 and great-grandfather of 9. He is also survived by his sisters Kaye Gavin and Marion Johnson, and many nieces and nephews, who knew him as “Uncle Buddy.” He will be lovingly remembered by all for his kindness, integrity, loyalty, a dry wit and, above all, his unconditional love and support to his friends and family. Capt. Drummond was the epitome of an honorable man.

June and Scott will be inurned together at Arlington National Cemetery at a later date. A memorial service honoring June and Scott will be held on Saturday, March 16, at 11 a.m. at Jefferson Funeral Chapel, 5755 Castlewellan Drive, Alexandria, VA, 22315.

In lieu of flowers, the family has requested that donations be made in Scott’s memory to LA Animal Rescue and to Paws of Honor.

Cemetery

Arlington National Cemetery

1 Memorial Drive
Arlington, VA, 22211

Events

MAR 16 **Service** 11:00AM

Jefferson Funeral Chapel
5755 Castlewellan Drive, Alexandria, VA, US, 22315

Comments



“ Capt Drummond was one of the best bosses I ever had in my career. We had a few disagreements from time to time, but they all turned out well. I will remember him fondly. Ken Sutton, former Civilian Personnel Officer, DMA Hydrographic Center.

Ken Sutton - March 12 at 09:09 PM



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