



Theodore Edwin Morton

November 17, 1932 - November 25, 2012

Theodore "Ted" Edwin Morton, 80, died Sunday, November 25, 2012 surrounded in love by his wife Patti and four children Linda, Scott, Maggie and Allison.

Ted was born November 17, 1932 in Indianapolis, Indiana, a son of Harry and Helen (Eaker) Morton. After finishing high school, Ted joined the NROTC and attended the University of Rochester in New York, where he received his Bachelor of Science degree in Business Administration in 1954. During his time at the University of Rochester Ted was a member of the Delta Kappa Epsilon fraternity and worked on the yearbook.

Upon college graduation he went on to active duty in the United States Navy where he graduated from flight school and began a twenty year career as a Navy pilot. During his time on active duty in the Navy Ted flew multiple aircraft including the Grumman A6 Intruder, from the USS America and USS Enterprise and later served as the ship's Air Boss' assistant.

On August 18, 1973, Ted married Patricia "Patti" Watson in Alexandria, Virginia. In 1978, he retired from the Navy and began his civilian career as a practicing mechanical engineer. During his career he worked as a project manager for defense contracting firms.

Ted always had a love for the water. Even after retiring from the Navy he still found ways to escape back to the water whenever he could. Ted owned several sail boats and a lake house at Lake Anna where he would spend time hosting friends and family and teaching his kids to water ski.

After retiring from his career in engineering, Ted volunteered regularly at the Inova Mount Vernon Hospital and at the information desk at Reagan National Airport. He genuinely enjoyed the comradery he shared with the friends he volunteered with as well as the people he was there to assist.

Ted's children often refer to him as "The Commander," as he ran a "tight ship," and provided "tough love" at times. He had strong opinions (no matter what the topic was) and was always ready for a debate. He was always there as both the critic and the biggest fan. Though his words were sometimes harsh, the love for his family was deep and kind. He adored his wife Patti and his children and smiled with pride at their accomplishments. There were good times and sad times but through every joyful moment or sorrowful tear, he was always there for his family.

His wife of 39 years, Patti Morton of Alexandria, survives him, as well as his children: Linda Morton of Denver, Colorado; Sally Morton and her husband Bernie Gast of Stevensville, Maryland; Scott Morton and his wife Nancy of Cincinnati, Ohio.; Maggie Colucci and her husband Jim of Leesburg, Virginia; Allison Day and her husband Darren of Fairfax, Virginia and grandchildren Bryan Morton, Bruce Morton, Jennifer Morton, Craig Morton, Jonathan Morton, Peter Morton, Joseph Colucci, Jacqueline Colucci, Taylor Day, Ashley Day, Maureen Gast, Catherine Gast, and Nora Gast. Ted was predeceased by his mother Helen, father Harry, brother Jerry and sister Sue.

A service celebrating his life will be held at the Old Post Chapel, Arlington, VA followed by interment ceremony with full Military Honors. Once we receive the date for the service we will announce this on this website.

Donations may be made in Ted's name to the Inova Mount Vernon Hospital Auxiliary.

Tribute Wall



“ *Theodore Edwin Morton*

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“ *Over the years, Teg, Greg Preston and I would share political views, disagreements and stories. He was fun to debate in part because he was so passionate in his views. November saw his last landing and I am certain he did it the Navy-way....tail low, with a little power..... Feel free to buzz us occasionally. Love Always, Brett*

May 20, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ *Well, old roomie, you've "gone west" as all aviators must eventually do. We had some really good days at the DKE house (U of Rochester) and always looked out for each other. I am very glad we got to visit and catch up, in recent years. Farewell and following seas---*

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“ I very much enjoyed working with Ted as a volunteer escort at Inova Mount Vernon Hospital every Tuesday, as we appreciated his irreverent sense of humor and knowledge of a broad range of topics. Ted and I had several things in common: we both attended the University of Rochester, although I started a few years after he finished; we both worked as engineers; and he sold me his beloved snow thrower earlier this year. From now on, whenever I use that snow thrower, I'll think of Ted.

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“ I just read the book *Proof of Heaven*. A quote from the book: "to know that deep and comforting truth: that our eternal spiritual self is more real than anything we perceive in this physical realm, and has a divine connection to the infinite love of the Creator: He may not have known this in his lifetime, but he knows it now. I am thankful to have been with my Dad on his last days, with the love of his family with him, helped him on his way home.

December 10, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ Ted was a big influence on me when I worked for him in the 1980s. He taught me how to work in the consulting business in Washington. Ted and I stayed in touch over the years and he was always a positive advocate. He made a difference in my life and career.

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“ Looking back on my childhood, I don't remember an event in my life where my Dad wasn't right beside me. He was there to cheer me on, coach me and lift me up when I needed it. I miss him with all of my heart, but am thankful he is no longer in any pain. I love you Dad!

December 08, 2012 at 12:00 AM



“ Though our paths never crossed has much as one could have wished, I was very honored to have shaken your hand .
Coach Dan Higgins

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“ I have always been so proud of my dad and all he had accomplished. He is my hero and I owe so much of who I am to him. While he was often misunderstood by those who didn't know him, and sometimes offended those that did, I understood and accepted him as he had unconditionally accepted and loved me from birth.
I take great peace in knowing that he is now reunited with those who have left this earth before him. When I see him now, his smile is as bright as the sun, since the physical pains that burdened him over the last few years have been lifted.
He was so proud of his family and loved his wife and children so deeply. I know he waits for us and will be with us in spirit until we can again be reunited in heaven.
I love you daddy.
Your daughter and biggest fan,
Maggie

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