



Robert Archie Archibald

August 17, 2013

LCDR RET Robert L. Archibald, age 80 left his earthly abode on 08/17/2013 to join his Heavenly Father and to reunite with those who he loved.

Born in Calexico, California Archie was the twin brother of Roberta L Corley of Whittier, California, and was the older brother of Charlene Holmes of Albuquerque, New Mexico.

He retired from the United States Navy in 1975 after 25 years of service to our country. He advanced through the ranks from Seaman to Chief Petty Officer and was commissioned as an Ensign in the Navy Supply Corps in 1964 by Admiral John S. McCain. He served on the Destroyers USS Laffey, USS Robinson, and USS Rich, the Aircraft Carriers USS Enterprise and USS Independence, as well as on the staffs of CINCLANTFLT, COMNAVAIRLANT and COMPHIBLANT. In 1952, while on the USS Laffey, he participated in a rescue mission that resulted in the longest ship to shore battle of the Korean War. The ship was trapped in Wonson Harbor during a ten hour engagement with fortified enemy gun positions, during which time the ship expended virtually it's entire load of munitions, finally escaping the harbor in the darkness of night. He was also deployed with Navy Strike Groups during the Cuban Missile Crisis, and the Lebanon Cold War Crisis, and two Vietnam War-time deployments while serving on the USS Enterprise Strike Group in the first battle engagement of a nuclear Naval Task Force.

The recipient of many service medals, he was most proud of the Navy Commendation Medal awarded to him in 1974 by Vice Admiral Michealis for his service on the USS Independence. After completing his Naval career he was active in the Tidewater Area Home building industry as a Chief Financial Officer, Senior Executive, and partner.

Archie was a member and Past Master of Churchland Masonic Lodge #276, and was affiliated with Tidal Wave Masonic Lodge #273, a 32nd Degree Scottish Rite, and a member of the Royal Arch, a Khedive Temple Shriner, and member of Centenary Methodist Church.

He is survived by his loving wife of fifty-nine years, Nellie Anne Archibald of Portsmouth, Virginia, his three sons Patrick, Paul, and Philip, seven grandchildren Aaron, Daniel, Amanda, Alea, Bryson, Andrew, and Sara, and three great grandchildren Roland, Kona, and Keegan. He love his wife and was proud of his sons, grandchildren, and great grandchildren, they filled his life with joy, sunshine, and love. From his humble beginnings he strived to constantly improve and advance himself and others in life and to serve as a living example of kindness and love to his family and those whose lives he touched.

The family extends their gratitude and blessings to Dr.'s Cohen, Saman, Atienza, and Steward, and Lori Mitchell, Tamika Womack, for their kindness and care. In lieu of flowers please make donations to the Shriners Hospitals for Children, St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, Centenary Methodist Church, or the Job's Daughters.

Visitation hours with family will be Wednesday, August 21 from 4:30 to 5:30 at Loving Funeral Home in Portsmouth, Virginia with Service, and Masonic Rites to follow

Tribute Wall



“ For your information, I feel that I need to expand on my earlier entry. I am also a commissioned officer in the U.S. Navy 1959. When I was on active duty and on my annual two weeks training I would look up the list of navy officers on active duty. I would always see Robert's name listed just below mine. Also now under the U.S. Navy Memorial's NAVY LOG website, his name appears just below mine. I would like to make entries to his navy page based on the information contained in his obituary. At present, it only has his name. I don't remember ever meeting Robert or his sisters.as our family lived in northern Calif. since 1941. Perhaps when I was a babe-in-arms when we lived in Burbank. I have met our other Archibald cousins. I appreciate Robert's dedication and service to our country. Hugs to you all. May Gof Bless! Cousin Bob: CDR, USNR Ret###imported-begin###Robert E. Archibald, Jr. ###imported-end###

August 29, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ Robert was my older cousin, by one year. We did not know each other very well, but I was fortunate that I was able to speak to him by phone a few years ago when I was researching the Archibald family history. If possible, I will attach his obituary to his name on Ancestry.com. Condolences to you, Anne, for your loss and thank you for your loving attendance upon him during the difficult years. In case you were wondering, Charlene wrote me about him passing. We send wishes for many blessings of peace and love to you and your children.###imported-begin###Diane Archibald Willems###imported-end###

August 28, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ CONDOLENCES TO ALL OF HIS FAMILY, ESPECIALLY TO HIS WIFE.

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August 28, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ Pat,
With deepest sympathy and compassion, our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. May God bless and comfort you all.##imported-begin##Modzelewski Family ##imported-end##

August 21, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ Pat,
Our hearts are saddened by your loss and our thoughts and prayers go out to you and your family. May your memories give you peace and happiness.##imported-begin##Lee & Mo Kelly##imported-end##

August 20, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ I was very sorry to see Bob's obituary in the paper. Please accept my very sincere sympathy. Back in 1964 as a young supply officer I reported to my first ship - the USS Enterprise. The Supply Officer was Cdr. Charles Todd Creekman, one of the finest and most capable men I ever worked for. I was on the Enterprise until I was released to inactive duty in March 1967. During some of that time I served with Bob in the Supply Department, and many other men many of whom became good friends. I'm sorry that I didn't know that Bob remained in the area. But I have many fond memories of the time and the adventures we all shared as proud members of the first Nuclear Powered Task Force in combat - the Enterprise, Long Beach, and Bainbridge. Somewhere there is a small silver medal we all received.

Bob's life was obviously well spent - he was a good and faithful servant and is now with the Father. He leaves a wonderful legacy for his family. May God Bless each of you and give you peace.

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