

JOSEPH EVERETT BONNEVILLE JR.

Joseph E. Bonneville Jr. of Savannah, GA, passed away on Thursday, 11 October 1984 after a short illness. He was 45 years old.

He was born and raised in Sterling, IL, from where he brought his good humor and ever-present smile. He brought a skill with golf to the Academy and played during his entire four years.

He entered the Naval Academy in 1956 with the Class of 1960 and following graduation, entered the Navy. Although he originally thought of a career in submarines, it was not to be and he spent most of his service on the West Coast in destroyers. Part of his time on the West Coast was deployments to WestPac and serving in the Vietnam area.

In 1963 and 1964 he served as CiC and operations officer on WILTSIE (DD-716) having come aboard WILTSIE as the CiC officer a couple of years earlier and fleeting up to ops boss about six months before he left.

Shortly thereafter, Joe left the service to pursue opportunities in the civilian world. After work for several companies, Joe undertook to further his education at Creighton University, in Omaha, NE, pursuing advanced studies. After completion, he formed his own company in the construction industry.

Joe lived for some time in Wisconsin raising a family, which included three sons. He later moved south to Savannah, GA, where he ultimately settled. He was a member of Trinity Lutheran Church in Savannah and was active in the work there.

Joe is survived by his three sons, Jeff Bonneville of Savannah, GA, Jason Bonneville of Barron, WI, and Jamie Bonneville of Barron, WI. He was also survived by his mother, Mrs. Viola R. Bonneville of Sterling, IL, and brother, John Bonneville of Rock Falls, IL.

*William E. Lewis Jr. '60
Shipmate, May 2004*