

## **GORDON CHARLES CASWELL**

CDR Gordon Charles Caswell, USN (Ret.), a long-time resident of Springfield, VA, died of congestive heart failure in his sleep on 28 March in Richmond, VA. He was in Richmond, partaking of his avocation, Volksmarching when he failed to awaken for the days walk. Born in Escanaba, MI, he graduated from the Naval Academy and later received a master's degree in electrical engineering from the U.S. Naval Postgraduate School in Monterey, CA. A member of the 24th Company, Gordon started out after graduation by managing the Naval Academy 1960 Olympic Crew team. Following the Olympics he reported to ZEELARS. Later in his military career he served on board several destroyers and was executive officer of KEPPLER. CDR Caswell served in Danang, Vietnam, during the Vietnam War. He came to Washington, D.C., and had tours with the Air Force in Satellite Communications and in the Navy Space Project within the Naval Electronic System Command as well as at the Defense Intelligence Agency. He was awarded the Legion of Merit Medal.

After his retirement from the service, he worked most of the remainder of his career with ESL and TRW. He was able to spend much of his career and post-Navy time in the Washington area being there for his family. Several years ago he was diagnosed with cardiomyopathy and life took on new meaning.

His second retirement provided an opportunity to discover the joys of recreational walking. To that end, he joined the Pentagon Pacesetters, finding sincere enjoyment Volksmarching. He had completed walks in 48 states, and also traveled to the British Isles with a group of walkers. Recently, Gordon traveled to Crazy Horse for a walk to celebrate 50 years of construction on the monument, and was about to finish a two-year quest to have walked the entire C & O Canal, this May.

Survivors include his wife of 39 years, Sally; a daughter, Janet L. Caswell, of Old Greenwich, CT; his mother, Leone Davis, of Florida; a sister, Gayle Wallin, of Illinois; a stepbrother, Fred Barton; and a step sister, Sally Wilson.

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Shipmate, December 1999*