

Robert John Colegrove



Robert John Colegrove, Lieutenant Commander, U.S. Navy (ret.), passed into the loving arms of his Savior on Tuesday, February 25, 2014 after fighting a valiant five month battle against malignant pleural mesothelioma. He was born the second son of DeForest William Colegrove and Lucy Augusta Sherman Colegrove, in 1937 in Rochester, New York.

Mr. Colegrove was a 1960 graduate of the United States Naval Academy, retiring in 1979 after 25 years of honorable service aboard such ships as the USS Bigelow, USS Drum, USS Trutta, and USS Baya. He participated in operations from Key West, Florida during the Cuban Missile Crisis. His final duty station was as Officer in Charge, Atlantic Underwater Test and Evaluation Center, Andros Island, Bahamas.

Mr. Colegrove was predeceased by his parents in 1973 and 1986. He is survived by his brother, Dr. DeForest William Colegrove, Jr., of Belen, New Mexico. Also surviving are his three adult children: daughter Melanie (son-in-law Michael) O'Connell,

grandsons Lance Corporal Sean O'Connell, U.S. Marine Corps, and Nathan and Daniel O'Connell, of Poulsbo, Washington; son Dr. Eric (wife Colleen) Colegrove and grandchildren Evan and Brianna of Demorest, Georgia; and son Dr. John (wife Dr. Ruthie) Colegrove and granddaughters Savannah and Dallas of Peachtree Corner, Georgia.

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