

## LAWRENCE VAL COVINGTON



“Larry” Covington, baptized into the hope of Christ’s resurrection, passed away at his home in Chesterfield, MO, on 10 August 2014 following a bout with prostate cancer. He was 75 years old.

Upon graduation from the Naval Academy with the Class of 1960, his first duty assignment was aboard MAGOFFIN (APA-199) out of San Diego, CA. From there, he moved to NAS Patuxent River, MD.

In 1965, he completed his service and moved home to St. Louis, MO, where he went to work for Boeing as an engineer.

In the mid-1970s, he left Boeing to start his first company in the area of healthcare information systems. In the early 1980s, that company was purchased by EDS. He launched another company, Unibased Systems Architecture (USA) in the early 1990s. Over the next 20+ years, USA became a leader in the development of software to support hospital operations.

Not having quite enough to keep themselves busy, Larry and his wife, Joan became foster parents to 180 children over a 30+ year period! Larry loved to coach kids’ sports teams and was an accomplished piano player.

In his later years, he took up golf, but by his own admission, he never really had the patience for it. He enjoyed good red wine and an occasional margarita.

A man’s success in life can be measured in many ways. Larry devoted his life to service to God, family and country. By those metrics, he was successful in every way, with the possible exception of golf.

He is survived by his wife of 54 years, Joan; seven children; and 15 grandchildren. Larry was interred in Holy Cross Cemetery, St. Louis County on 22 August 2014.

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