

Richard Duane Eber

Captain Richard D. Eber, USN (Ret.), CEC, passed away on 21 July 2010 in Oahu, HI, from complications relating to a broken hip. Born in South Bend, IN in 1938, Dick was raised in Detroit, MI, the youngest of nine children. In 1956 he joined the USNA Class of 1960; he was a member of the 24th Company.

While serving 28 years on active duty he did post-graduate work at RPI and Stanford, retiring in 1988. Dick's tours of duty included Viet Nam, Joint Forces Japan, two tours with the Seabees and two in Hawaii where he was the Officer-in-Charge of Construction during the building of the Arizona Memorial Shoreside Facility and the Pearl Harbor Chapel. His decorations include the Legion of Merit, Meritorious Service Medal and the Joint Services Commendation Medal. Following his career with the Navy, Dick was vice-president of Construction Management at the R.M. Towill, an engineering firm, and the secretary/treasurer of Long Term Care Hawaii. Dick was a registered engineer and a member of Tau Beta Pi, engineering honorary. For 28 years he was a member of St. John Lutheran Church, serving twice as that congregation's president.

Survivors include his wife, Laudra; son, Rich and his wife, Jan; son, David; and grandchildren: Rick (serving with the 3rd Marines in Afghanistan), Jeff, Deni and Michael (all college students); sisters: Pat Davis, of Palo Alto, CA; Beverly Tosch of Glenn Heights, TX; Bertha Myers of Orlando, FL; and Delora Yori of Garden City, MI; and brother Gene Eber of Oxford, MS, as well as many in-laws, nieces, nephews and long-time friends. He was preceded in death by brothers, Ron and Bob, and by sister, Ginny Bileti.

The family offers a special thanks to Dr. Dave Mitsunaga and Dr. Web Ross for their many years of loving care.

Internment in the VA cemetery at Hawaii Memorial Park, Kaneohe; was rendered with full military honors.

The Eber Family / Shipmate Fall 2010