

RICHARD JOHN LAVERY III

Richard J. Lavery III of Gainesville, FL, died on 6 November 2003 after a lengthy battle with cancer. He was 65 year old.

“Chip,” a Navy junior, was born in Chicago, IL, and entered the Naval Academy from Chevy Chase, MD. His roommates and friends remember him as a man with a fine sense of responsibility, honor, and reliability. Well-known for his ability on the handball court, Chip was a constant asset to the Third Battalion team.

Upon graduation in June 1960 from the U.S. Naval Academy in Annapolis, MD, he served aboard the destroyer O'BANNON (DDE-450), and submarines, JAMES MONROE (SSBN-622) and CHIVO (SS-341) for the next seven years.

He then left the service to pursue a career where he worked as an engineer supporting DOD activities at Otis AFB and Woods Hole. After a number of years Chip moved to the Middle East where he worked as an industrial engineer and was employed by Dallah Avco and Parsons in Saudi Arabia. Following completion of that project, he was employed as a consultant at Kings Bay, GA, Submarine Base and Diego Garcia Naval Base. Following these years of trekking all over the globe, he achieved a dream, finally moving to Gainesville, FL, in 1991. He was the founder of TPC Payroll and Timekeeping Services in Gainesville. He was a senior warden in the Gainesville Masonic Lodge No. 41, and a member of Trinity United Methodist Church in Gainesville. He enjoyed fishing and Gator sports. He was preceded in death by his first wife, Patricia.

Survivors include his wife, Linda Lavery of Gainesville, FL; sons, Rick Lavery of Gainesville, FL, William Lavery of Alachua, FL, Stephen Lavery of Lake City, FL, Timothy Lavery of West Palm Beach, FL, and Christopher Lavery of Gainesville, FL; stepsons, Mark Piotrowski of Gainesville, FL, Eric Piotrowski of Madison, WI; brother, Daniel Lavery of Los Angeles, CA; sister, Valerie Sadd of Sanibel Island, FL; stepsisters, Paige Titterton of New York and Valerie O'Regan of Virginia; and nine grandchildren.

*Linda Lavery & William Lewis '60
Shipmate, May 2004*