

## **JOHN MICHAEL MCNABB**

Captain John M. McNabb, USN (Ret.), of Virginia Beach, VA, died on 24 April 2005 after suffering a cerebral hemorrhage. He was 68 years old.

John was born on 20 January 1937 in Newport, RI, the son of Franklin and Mary McNabb. After graduating from high school, he enlisted in the Navy in 1955 and attended NAPS before entering the U.S. Naval Academy in 1956. He graduated with the Class of 1960 and was designated a naval aviator in 1961.

He served operational tours of duty as a carrier pilot with VAW-33 at NAS Quonset Point, VA-45 at NAS Cecil Field, and NAS Oceana-based A-6 squadrons; VA-42, VX-5 detachment, Oceana, VA-35, VA-75 and as commanding officer of VA-34. Following his tour as commanding officer of VA-34 he reported to NIMITZ in September 1979 and served as assistant air officer. In 1980, he assumed command of VA-128 based at NAS Whidbey Island, WA. His last assignment was service with the Chief of Naval Operations in the Pentagon. He retired from active duty in January 1985.

After retirement from the Navy he was employed as the local manager of DELEX Systems, followed by seven years as a middle school math and science teacher with the Virginia Beach School System. In recent years, he was actively involved in volunteer service with Mended Hearts and MAP (Medication Assistance Program).

John was a graduate of the Naval Postgraduate School, Monterey CA. He also earned master's degrees in public administration from The George Washington University and in education from Old Dominion University

He is survived by his wife, Lois Jean; his sisters Margaret Jensen and Maryann Walton; two daughters, Elizabeth Ann McNabb of Virginia Beach, VA, and Katherine McNabb-Kirk and her husband, David Kirk and grandson, Michael Kirk all of Potomac Falls, VA. Services were held on 28 April 2005 at the H.D. Oliver Chapel, followed by interment at Princess Anne Memorial Park in Virginia Beach, VA.

*The McNabb Family*

*Shipmate, July-August 2005*