MAURICE JOSEPH MORAN

Commander Maurice J."Moe" Moran, USN (Ret.), passed away on Thursday, 4 March 2010. He was 74 years old.

After graduating from West Catholic High School in Philadelphia, PA, where he was born and raised, he attended the United States Naval Academy with the Class of 1960 and later earned his master's at the Naval Postgraduate School in Monterey, CA. Moe was proud to be an officer and loved the Navy. His 30-year naval career included sea duty aboard ESSEX, KANAKAKEE, BIDDLE and MANITOWOC, shore duty at USNPG School, Monterey and the office of the Chief of Naval Operations (OpNav 35). In his Vietnam tour, he earned the Bronze Star. After retiring from the Navy, he continued work in surface warfare and developed the electronics division for SAIC/AMSEC.

Moe was a "plank member" of Holy Family, where he served in the parish council, the church choir, Christian education and confirmation, and Habitat for Humanity. He was a member of the Ryan Club, Knights of Columbus and the USNA Class of 1960 Retirement Group.

Though Moe's time is done here, he will live on in the hearts, stories and laughter of all who love him. He is survived by his wife, Mary "Bo," the love of his life; his children, Laura Moran of Virginia Beach, VA, Doug and Laurie Moran of Richmond, VA, Leslie and Brian Baltimore of Midlothian, MD; and seven adoring grandchildren, Mary Kate, Max, Lauren, Luke, Sarah, Rhyan and Claire.

Shipmate, Stewardship 2010