

## Nicholas Joseph Stasko



Captain Nicholas J. Stasko, USN (Ret.), died 17 June 2018 in Chesapeake, VA, following a long illness. He was 80 years old.

Originally from Edwardsville, PA, “Nick” graduated from the Naval Academy with the Class of 1960. He had a 26-year naval career including three commands, SHAKORI (ATF-162), JOHN PAUL JONES (DDG-32) and SIERRA (AD-18). He also served aboard BARRY (DD-933), JOHN KING (DDG-3), KING (DLG-10) and as chief engineer on KITTY HAWK (CV-63). Ashore, he was an officer recruiter at

BuPers; attended Destroyer School; earned an MS in operations research from the Naval Postgraduate School in Monterey; and completed the courses at the Armed Forces Staff College at Norfolk and the Naval War College in Newport. He served as an analyst at ComThirdFlt and training director at Surface Warfare Officer School. From The Netherlands to Washington, DC, California, Hawaii, the South China Sea, Indian Ocean, Newport and Charleston, Nick gave his best to his country.

After his retirement in 1987, Nick worked for First Marine in Norfolk, VA, and was an active golfer.

He is survived by his loving wife of 28 years, Christine; five children, Kate, Greg, Tita, Vickie and Francis; and nine grandchildren, Thomas, Anna, Sophie, Sean, Kevin, Russell, Tori, Andrew and Stephanie. He will also be remembered and missed by friends, extended family and shipmates.

*October 2018 Shipmate*