

MURRAY HAMILTON WITCHER Jr.

Murray Hamilton Witcher, Jr., 69, died Saturday October 6. He was the son of the late Mary Sue Pound Witcher from Cordele, GA and the late Murray H. Witcher from Vienna, GA. His only sibling, Ronald E. Witcher died in Feb of 2006.

Mr. Witcher attended school in Marietta, GA, graduating from Marietta High School in June, 1956. While at MHS, Murray participated in football and track, receiving a total of 5 letters. Mr. Witcher was appointed to the U. S. Naval Academy at Annapolis, MD by Sen. Walter George and was sworn in as a Midshipman on June 24, 1956.

While at the Academy, he participated in the varsity sports gymnastics (flying rings) and ocean sailing on the Class A yacht HIGHLAND LIGHT. The major ocean races that he participated in during this time were the Marblehead to Halifax race in 1958 and the Annapolis to Bermuda race in 1960.

Upon graduation, he reported to the USS INTREPID (CVA-11) as Assistant Navigator and, in the fall of '57 he was admitted to the U.S. Submarine School at Groton, CT.

Upon graduation from SS school, he was posted to the USS BREEM (SS214) in Pearl Harbor, Hawaii. After two years in Pearl, he was transferred to the USS ALEXANDER HAMILTON (SSBM 617).

He resigned his regular commission in 1966 and went to work for DuPont at Seaford, DE. He worked in several locations for the Textile Fibers Department and the Logistics Department ending up in Wilmington, DE before retiring in 2005. He maintained his Naval reserve commission and retired with the rank of Captain after 30 years.

He is survived by his loving family, wife, Barbara, his son and daughter-in-law, David and Hannah Witcher of Wilmington and his daughter and son-in-law Stephanie and Michael Stewart of London England, his step-daughter and son-in-law, Tina and B.J. Craun of Gaithersburg, Md, and his step-daughter and her partner Taniya Hossain and Joe Goshert of Los Angeles, CA. He is also survived by his 5 grandchildren, Mason Witcher, Sophia Witcher, Madison Stewart, Kendall Stewart, and Harley Craun. He is also survived by his cousin Betty Sue Spinner of Jessup, GA and niece Pam Frazier of Canton, GA.

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