

## George Roland Weeks



Commander George R. Weeks Jr., USN (Ret.), passed away in the company of his beloved wife and youngest daughter on Saturday, 8 February 2020, in Fairfax, VA. He was 81 years old. "Skip" was born on 5 July 1938 in Parris Island, SC, to Lieutenant Colonel George Roland Weeks, USMC, and Caroline Louise Burnett. His father was a World War II POW and subsequently died in Japan after surviving the Bataan Death March. His mother later remarried Rear Admiral Martin J. Lawrence '27, USN.

Skip graduated from the U.S. Naval Academy in 1960, a member of the Seventh Company, with a Surface Navy service selection, particularly destroyers. Following graduation, Skip

married the love of his life, Elizabeth "Libby" Fahy on 12 November 1960.

His first tour was as a junior officer on SPRINGFIELD (CLG-7), flagship of the Sixth Fleet, homeported in Nice, France, where his daughter, Jacqueline, was born. He later attended Destroyer School in Vallejo, CA, where his daughter, Jennifer, was born.

He also attended Naval Postgraduate School in Monterey, CA, where he received a BSME. He went on to be the chief engineer on WALKER (DD-723) and TATTNALL (DDG-19). After various tours at sea on PacFlt and LantFlt destroyers, Skip changed his career path to Engineering Duty Only, which resulted in tours to ComCruDesLant Staff, Philadelphia and Norfolk Naval Shipyards, and NavSea. During this time, Skip earned an MS in engineering management from Drexel University.

After his final tour with NavSea 07 in Washington, DC, Skip retired from the Navy with 20 years of service. He worked for the next 20 years for defense contractors in the Washington, DC, area.

Skip was a devoted family man and an avid sports fan. He enjoyed refereeing basketball games, playing golf and watching all types of sports. He proudly supported and enthusiastically followed his granddaughters' high school and collegiate volleyball and golf careers.

Skip is survived by his loving wife of 59 years, Libby; their two daughters, Jacqueline Weeks Brooks (Robert) and Jennifer Diane Connatser (Scott); and three granddaughters, Tiffany Connatser, Shannon Brooks and Brittany Connatser. He is also survived by his stepsister, Sally Lawrence Ward; her three children; and grandchildren.

*April-May 2020 Shipmate*