

Joseph Davies Jaap



Captain Joseph D. Jaap, USN (Ret.), passed away peacefully with his family by his side on 1 February 2021.

“Joe” was born on 2 October 1937 in Coronado, CA, to Frances (Davies) and Rear Admiral Joseph Abraham Jaap ’32. He graduated from the Naval Academy in 1960 and three days later, married Rowena Stanley at the Naval Academy Chapel. Married for 27 years, together they raised three children.

Joe began his naval career on INTREPID (CVA 11), then transferred to submarines. He joined the Supply Corps in 1963 and pioneered the transition of the Supply Officer billet on nuclear submarines to Supply

Corps Officers. He served at PMOLant Charleston and NSD Yokosuka, Japan. He earned an MBA (University of Michigan) and served in Vietnam (1971-1972). Joe served as chief of a Defense Contract Management Agency office in Oklahoma City. He attended the Industrial College of the Armed Forces (1975-1976), then served as supply officer of LY SPEAR (AS-36) and ComSubRon Two. He finished his distinguished 23-year Navy career as inventory control officer at Naval Supply Center, Norfolk.

In 1983, he and Rowena co-founded Rowena’s and Captain Jaap’s Jam and Jelly Factory, famous for its Wonderful Almond Pound Cake. Later, he was president of the Swiss Hospitality Institute in Washington, CT, a junior college for hotel/restaurant management, and in 1996, was named president of Cooper Career Institute in Virginia Beach.

In 1995, Joe married Christy Hagan. They enjoyed travel and their grandchildren. Together, they moved to Colonial Heritage in Williamsburg, VA. After Christy’s death in 2009, Joe moved to Patriot’s Colony, where he enjoyed all aspects of life with his friend Martha Frakes.

Beloved father and Grumpa, Joe will be remembered for his great faith, quiet generosity, and dry sense of humor. He was a great listener; enjoyed golf and sailing; served his community delivering Meals-on-Wheels; and was a Hospice House and Patriot’s Colony Health Center volunteer. He was parish council president at Sacred Heart Church, Norfolk, and an active member at St. Bede, Williamsburg.

Joe is survived by his children, Mary Frances Bellman (Tim), Rowena Post (Brett) and Joseph “Jody” (Lori); grandchildren, Grace, Josephine, Ethan, Payton and Zachary; and his sister, Anne Jacobson (and family).

March-April 2021 Shipmate