

Roger Lee Bennett



Roger L. Bennett of Cornelius, NC, passed away peacefully on 30 March 2022. He was 83 years old.

He was born in Akeley, MN, on 12 May 1938 to the late Matt and Gladys Bennett, and grew up in Klamath Falls, OR.

Roger was a 1960 graduate of the United States Naval Academy. Upon graduation, he reported to LEONARD MASON (DD-852) at Subic Bay in the Philippines, where he was ultimately chief engineer, followed by service on MANLEY (DD-940). Roger attended the Naval Postgraduate School in Monterey, CA, and received a master's degree in Mechanical Engineering. His last assignment was on the staff of DesRon 6 in Charleston, SC.

After leaving the Navy in 1970, he enjoyed a long career as vice president of sales and marketing for several companies, which

found him transferred to many parts of the United States. This instilled in him a love of travel and seeing different parts of the world.

After settling in their dream home on Lake Norman, NC, Roger and Anne felt like it was being on vacation every day and loved to entertain their family and friends. He especially loved being "Bumpa" to his granddaughters. Roger volunteered for Habitat for Humanity, enjoyed playing golf and was an avid reader. He rarely missed a weekly dinner gathering at a local restaurant with close friends who he treasured.

He was preceded in death by his wife of 57 years, Anne Brown Bennett. He is survived by their daughters, Dana Pettis (David) of Caledonia, NY, and Cameron Bennett (Angela) of Chicago, IL; granddaughter, Julia Pettis of Rochester, NY; niece/honorary daughter, Lara Mele (Don); honorary granddaughters, Darby and Tristan Mick of Boone, NC; and many nieces, nephews and friends he loved dearly.

He will be dearly missed, but he is at peace with his beloved wife.

June 2022 Shipmate