

David Mayers

Major David Mayers III, USMCR (Ret.), 86, died on 2 April 2022 in Silverdale, WA, from pancreatic cancer.

Born on 5 March 1936 in Orange, NJ, to David and Katharine Mayers, "Dave" graduated from Lewis and Clark High School in Spokane, WA, in 1953, enlisted in the Marine Corps, then received a fleet appointment to the Naval Academy, where he was assigned to the 15th Company. He attended Airborne School in the summer of 1958 and graduated with USNA Class of 1960 as a Marine Corps second lieutenant.

After graduation from The Basic School in Quantico, VA, Dave served as a rifle platoon commander and company executive officer with the 2nd Battalion, 7th Marine Regiment. He served as battalion adjutant/personnel officer during deployment for the Cuban Missile Crisis. During the battalion's yearlong deployment to the Western Pacific as 1st Battalion, 9th Marine Regiment, Dave again served as company executive officer and commanding officer of Company B. Upon returning to the States, he was assigned to Marine Corps Air Station, El Toro, CA. He retired from the Reserve in 1982 with the rank of major.

Dave received an MBA from the University of California Berkeley in 1967. After receiving his PhD in business administration from the University of Rochester in 1972, he sailed his cutter-rigged sloop, INDRA, from New York to Puerto Rico before assuming a position as assistant professor at the University of California, Los Angeles.

After 14 years at UCLA, Dave became the Arthur E. Shephard Professor of Insurance at The Ohio State University in 1986. From 1995, he was the Phillip L. Boyd Endowed Chair in Finance and served as Dean of the A. Gary Anderson Graduate School of Management, University of California Riverside (1997-1999). He retired in 2008 but continued working as an emeritus professor until 2013.

He is a recipient of the Distinguished Alumnus award from the Simon Graduate School of Business University of Rochester (1987). He published more than 40 articles in numerous journals, including the Journal of Financial Economics, the Journal of Business, and the Journal of Finance.

Dave most enjoyed flying the Long-EZ plane he built, and later, his Grumman Tiger, hunting, fishing, traveling, and reading. He is survived by his wife, Marisel; siblings, Bill and Judy; daughter, Melissa; and grandchildren, Aiden, Reese and Quinn (born on 23 June 2022). He is immensely missed by all.

July-August 2022 Shipmate