

Lennis Larry Lammers



Captain Lennis L. Lammers, USN (Ret.), passed away on 31 May 2022 of natural causes, with his family at his bedside in Knoxville, TN.

“Len” was born 1937 in Harden, MT, to the late George and Mayma Lammers. To his USNA Fourth Company Classmates, he was always the promoter of Big Sky Country to flyfish, hunt and all other outdoor activities. At Navy, Len was known for his trumpet and music in the NA-10 and the Drum & Bugle Corps.

After graduation, Len went to the fleet in the submarines, HALIBUT and RAZORBACK. He served for eight years on board submarines as weapons officer, engineer, and operations/navigator. Len then

earned an MS in Ocean Engineering from the Naval Postgraduate School. The next 16 years of his career were spent as an engineering duty officer, supporting the Naval Sea Systems Command and shipyards at various locations and duty stations. Len’s last tour of three years was as commanding officer of the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard, a nuclear submarine shipyard. After his retirement from the Navy in 1987, Len stepped into senior management positions. First on the operational side of the nuclear power industry, managing plant material, maintenance, and reliability; and then boarding to consulting in other industries. Len and his son, Steve (USMA ’91 and an Army Ranger), founded and operated a successful maintenance and reliability company, “Advisory First, LLC.” Len authored a book of short stories, *A Razorback Submariner* (reprinted under the title, *Dive! Dive!*), on his submarine crew experiences. The take-away of these stories was that leadership, a highly trained crew and experience were essential to operate submarines safely in a deadly and unforgiving environment.

In November 1961, Len married the love of his life, Bea Jones of Pipestone, MN. Len is survived by his wife of 61 years, Bea; daughter, Laura; daughter-in-law, Naoko; and granddaughter, Julia. He was preceded in death by his son, Steven; brothers, Harold, and Gale; and sister, Joanne.

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