

## Michael David Porter



Commander Michael D. Porter, CEC, USN (Ret.), passed away unexpectedly on Friday, 15 July 2022, at the age of 84.

“Mike” was born in Breaux Bridge, LA, to Tony and Mary Porter, and grew up in New Orleans. He graduated from Jesuit High School of New Orleans and continued his education as a midshipman at the U.S. Naval Academy, Class of 1960. At Annapolis, he was a four-year letterman and captain of the Naval Academy swim team.

After commissioning as a naval officer, he earned a Civil Engineering degree from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute and a master’s degree in Civil Engineering from Georgia Institute of Technology. He retired as a

commander in the U.S. Navy after serving for 22 years, working under numerous commands, most notably with the Naval Construction Battalion, Seabees. He served in numerous locations around the world, including two deployments to Vietnam in 1967 and 1968.

Following his retirement from active service, Mike owned and operated his own engineering firm. He loved to tell stories about everything. He and his wife enjoyed spending time with their dog, Honey, going to daily Mass and, until recently, volunteering for the Co-Cathedral of Houston. He was an avid Navy football fan, tennis player, golfer, and Appalachian trail hiker. Mike was a faithful husband, a gracious father, and a loving grandfather. He truly lived his life as a servant, and he will be greatly missed for generations to come.

Mike is survived by his loving wife of 62 years, Dorothy Villa Porter of Baltimore, MD; their four children, Michael D. Porter Jr. (Siobhan), John A. Porter (Florence), Julia Porter Lyons (George) and Charles N. Porter (Amy); 14 grandchildren, Robert, William, Thomas, Mathias (Emily), Eleonore (Ryan), Thomas (Larin), Cecilia, Vincent, Timothy, Jack (Darci), George, Olivia, Dominick and Anna; three great-grandchildren; and his brother, Moe Porter.

*September 2022 Shipmate*