

Donald George Foery



Donald G. Foery passed away on 3 September 2022 from a heart condition called Cardiac Amyloidosis.

“Don” was born in 1937 to George and Pearl (Shaffer) Foery in Bryn Mawr, PA. He grew up in Haverford Township, a suburb of Philadelphia, and graduated from Haverford High School. Following a year studying engineering at Drexel University, he was nominated for the U.S. Naval Academy, which he accepted, graduating with the Class of 1960.

His is the story of a successful life as a naval officer and businessman, building upon the many skills he had developed in order to live life to its fullest.

His career in naval aviation was in patrol aircraft, where he was named a plane commander and logged over 1,000 command hours, deploying several times to Alaska. He married his high school sweetheart, Louise Ann Dougherty in 1961 and they were together for 22 years, producing three wonderful children, Keith, John and Elise. During his time in the Navy, the family lived in Pensacola, FL; Corpus Christi, TX; and San Diego, Alameda and Sunnyvale, CA. On completion of his obligated service, Don resigned his commission as a lieutenant and moved to Potomac, MD, where he continued raising his three children and enjoyed involvement in the community.

He soon found himself in a successful land development business in Montgomery, MD. After 20 years, he sold the business and began enjoying the end to work.

In 1989, he married Annabel Reader Harris in Annapolis, MD, where they built a new home on the water and enjoyed visits by friends and family. They also purchased a farmhouse in Pech Bernou, France, where they lived part time through 2012. They then moved to Alexandria, VA, for a while and finally relocated to Lakewood, CO, to enjoy the final years of retirement. Living in Alexandria, Donald and Annabel found pleasure in volunteering at the Cedars Fellowship House, which gave focus to their spiritual life. Included in this was their participation and support of the National Prayer Breakfast in Washington, DC.

Donald was devoted to his children and grandchildren. He loved sharing a cocktail, good conversation, memories of time spent together and laughter. He is missed every day.

November-December 2022 Shipmate