

Roger William Lloyd



Captain Roger William Lloyd, USN (Ret.), died on 8 October 2021 from natural causes at his home in El Cajon, CA.

“Bill” was born in Atlantic City, NJ, and was raised in Harrisburg, PA. He enlisted in the Navy in June 1953 and attended the Naval Academy Preparatory School, earning an appointment to the Naval Academy.

Bill graduated from the Naval Academy with the Class of 1960 and was designated a naval aviator in February 1962. As a helicopter pilot, he served in numerous positions, including flying with Helicopter Antisubmarine Warfare Squadron Four and Ten while deployed to the Western Pacific on YORKTOWN (CVS-10); and as fireteam leader in Helicopter Attack (Light) Squadron Three, flying

UH-1B helicopters in support of the U.S. Navy brown water operations in the Mekong Delta (credited with 395 combat flights in Vietnam).

After Vietnam, Bill was a helicopter project pilot and participated in the initiation of the Navy’s Light Airborne Multi-Purpose System (LAMPS) development program; deputy program manager for the LAMPS MK III Project and worked at the Naval Air Rework Facility, North Island. Bill’s final assignments were as commanding officer of the Naval Plant Representative Office, Stratford, CT, and as commanding officer of the Naval Air Rework Facility, Alameda. Bill was still flying when he retired in 1986. His career included 61 months of command.

Bill accumulated over 5,150 aircraft flight hours, including over 4,450 hours of helicopter flight time. He was awarded the Legion of Merit w/Gold Star, Distinguished Flying Cross, 23 Air Medals, the Navy Commendation Medal, Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry, and numerous campaign medals.

Bill earned a BS from the Naval Academy; a BS degree in Aeronautical Engineering; and MS degrees in Financial Management and Material Management.

In retirement, he traveled extensively with his wife, Connie. Bill served as chairman of the board of NHA; president, Kiwanis Club of ECV; president, USNA Alumni Coronado/SD Chapter; national trustee, USNA Alumni Association; commander, American Legion San Diego Downtown Post 492; and voting member of the SD Veterans Council.

Bill is survived by his beloved wife of 52 years, the former Connie Zeller; their nine children (and spouses), Holly (Bruce), Lori, Patty, Ernie (Margaret), Jeff (Amy), Russ (Lisa), Roger (Kristin), Nancy and William (Christine); 20 grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren. He was predeceased by his parents, Roger and Helen; his first wife, Nancy; and sons-in-law, Dennis and John.

November-December 2022 Shipmate