

Mark Melvyn Golden



Captain Mark M. Golden, USN (Ret.), of Bloomsburg, PA, died on 11 June 2023 of heart failure, due to complications from a cancer treatment, with his wife by his side.

Mark was born on 1 June 1937 in Chicago, IL, to Colonel William C. Golden, USA, and Sarah Lieberman. He graduated from Valley Forge Military Academy and attended Tufts University for a year before his appointment to the Naval Academy, where he graduated in the top quarter of the Class of 1960.

Selected by Admiral Hyman Rickover for the nuclear Navy, he reported to his first submarine, SCORPION, then to JAMES MONROE and as engineer of NATHAN HALE. The next two years were spent in Madrid, Spain, as an Olmsted Scholar attending the University of Madrid. On his return, he reported as navigator aboard ROBERT E. LEE and THEODORE ROOSEVELT. He was then the executive officer of HAMMERHEAD and commanding officer of TECUMSEH for four years. Between these two tours, he was ComSubLant maintenance officer and deep submergence rescue officer. After his command tour, Mark was Assistant Chief of Staff for Tactical Weapons Readiness.

Mutual friends told him about someone he should meet. He met Jeanie Barringer Loucks, and they were married in 1983. Jeanie's family became Mark's family, and he was "Grandpa Mark" to numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren, providing magic and card tricks to a delighted audience.

Mark retired in May 1984 after serving as chief staff officer of ComSubRon 18. He then worked for PPL Susquehanna Nuclear Plant in Berwick, PA, for 18 years, retiring as manager of security.

He enjoyed his nearly 20 years spent as the Northeastern Pennsylvania Blue & Gold officer, covering 24 high schools. He was an elder in his church and was on the board of Valley Forge Military Academy, as well as the Bloomsburg Theater Ensemble. Mark and Jeanie spent many years cruising extensively around the world, visiting over 80 countries.

Mark is survived by his beloved wife of 40 years, Jeanie; two sons, Steven Golden of Singapore and Michael Golden of Shanghai; as well as two stepchildren, Brian Loucks and Deborah Moon of Cherry Valley, NY; 12 grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren.

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