

David Gary Chew



David Gary Chew (called Gary) passed away peacefully at Maplewood Senior Living, Plainsboro, NJ, on November 14, 2023, with his children by his side. Gary was born February 3, 1938, in Washington, DC, the second son of Frederick D. and Annette (Trott) Chew. At age eleven, he travelled with his mother and brothers to live outside of Heidelberg, Germany, for a year while his father was stationed there in the U.S. Army. This was a major highlight of his young life. He graduated from Falls Church High School in 1954 and then attended the U.S. Naval Academy in Annapolis, graduating in 1960. On October 1st that year he married his sweetheart, Jane Hollister. They would be together 60 years until her passing in 2020. Gary's naval career would take him and his family to many ports

over the years—San Diego, Arlington, Virginia Beach and Annandale, VA, Groton, CT, Key West, and Honolulu. Two years into his service, he attended Submarine School. Gary was discharged from the Navy as a lieutenant commander. He and Jane then relocated their family to Portsmouth, RI, in 1971, where Gary began a career with defense contractors—initially Raytheon and Ocean Technology, Inc. (OTI). In 1992, Gary and Jane moved to Moorestown, NJ, where he continued his career in submarine technology at Lockheed Martin. He retired in 2010.

Gary had a full life serving his country, raising his family, and enjoying time with friends. He loved sports and was a true athlete as a young man. He sang in the choir in high school, at the Naval Academy, and in church. He and Jane loved playing bridge and cribbage, dancing, and entertaining in the Men's Gourmet Club in Moorestown. He was also an active Rotarian in Portsmouth for many years. Gary loved to tell stories of his life in Germany, his experiences at the Naval Academy, and his adventures at sea. He was a loving and devoted husband, father, granddad, and brother. He endeared himself to whomever he met with his good nature and sense of humor, to the end of his days.

Gary was preceded in death by his parents, wife Jane, and brothers Fred and Mike. He is survived by son David H. Chew of Tiverton, RI; daughters and sons-in-law Melanie D. Chew and Joseph Klett of Hopewell, NJ, and Stephanie R. and James Melvin of Little Compton, RI; grandchildren Amy, Stephen, and Michael Melvin (wife Jeni), Joshua Chew, and Kiele and Nathan Chew; brothers Bobby, Ronny, and Tommy; sister Jeanne Ford; and sister- and brother-in-law Melanie and Bill Boecklen.

Services will be private, with inurnment at the U.S. Naval Academy Cemetery and Columbarium, Annapolis.

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