

## Harry Colson Lewis



Lieutenant Commander Harry C. Lewis, USN (Ret.), passed away peacefully at his home in Saint Marys, GA, in the presence of family on 15 June 2024. He was 86 years old.

Harry was born on 11 June 1938 in Claremont, NH. He graduated from Valley Forge Military Academy in Wayne, PA, where he was valedictorian of his class in 1956. He was appointed as a midshipman and graduated from the United States Naval Academy in 1960.

Upon graduation, he was selected to serve on submarines and completed Sub School in Groton, CT, in December 1960. He served onboard Odax (SS-484)

and Trout (SS-566) from January 1961 until May 1965. He was then selected to complete his Master of Engineering degree at MIT (June 1965-1968). He completed his 20 years of service as an engineering duty officer and project engineer at Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard. He retired in June of 1980 from naval service at the Philadelphia Naval Shipyard.

Harry loved his life and his faith. His hobbies were loving his family, golf, chair caning and music. Music was his passion—he had played the cornet since he was 17 years old and sang in many church choirs up until he passed away. Recently, he sang with the Amelia Island Singers and at Our Lady Star of the Sea Catholic Church. He was also a member of the Marshes of Glynn Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution for more than 15 years (SAR); the Kings Bay, GA, Chapter of the Military's Officers Association of America (MOAA) for nearly 20 years; and the Knights of Columbus for over 40 years (two councils as Grand Knight). He had been honored to visit Washington, DC, to participate in an Honor Flight, which he said was the most emotional event he had ever been a part of in his life.

He leaves behind his beloved wife, Mimi; four children, Noreen Kolwicz (Robin), Paul Lewis '87 (Heidi), Moira White (Ronald) and Mathew Lewis (and his service dog, Bo); 13 grandchildren; ten great-grandchildren; and his dog, Teddy.

*May-June 2025 Shipmate*