



Otto Alfon Zipf

September 5, 1931 - June 4, 2019

Commander Otto A. Zipf USN (Ret) died at home of complications due to Alzheimer's and Parkinson's disease in Manassas, VA on June 4, 2019 at 87 years old.

He is survived by his wife of twenty- two years, Peggy. He is also survived by his first wife, Marion, the mother of their four children along with their spouses. Karen and Peter Filkins, Laurie and Johnny Grusha, David and Debbie Zipf and Valerie Zipf and Todd McIntyre. There are seven grandchildren and spouses and four great grandchildren. Ryan and Becky Filkins (Damian, Leia and Angel), Katie and John Kilby (Caleb), Richard McIntyre, Emilio Zipf, Carmen Zipf, William McIntyre and Quinten Grusha.

Otto attended Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute (RPI) in the NROTC program for two years prior to accepting an appointment to the Naval Academy. He graduated from the Academy with honors in the Class of 1955 as a member of the fifteenth company. He retired from the Navy in 1975 and had a full civilian career. Over the years he remained an active member of his Academy Class on the Executive Committee and as Class President. In addition, he established and sponsored a two year post graduate program in Heidelberg Germany.

When his kids were young, he did things like started a swim club on Base in Rota Spain, brought recreational lacrosse to the Braddock Road Youth Club, and served the Wakefield Chapel Recreation Association for many years.

Traveling was his hobby. He and Peggy spent the last 23 years marking things off his bucket list and it was complete!

Inurnment will take place at the Naval Academy Columbarium July 15, 2019 at 1:00. In lieu of flowers the family suggests contributions to the USNA Alumni Foundation.

Comments



“ I served with Otto on Taylor for about two years prior to mid-1957 when I left the ship. He was one of the best men I have ever known and has remained fixed in my memory ever since. Mark Lamken LTJG ret.

Mark L. Lamken - June 19 at 01:51 PM