



Harry Philip Dews

November 10, 1935 - April 7, 2023

Harry Philip Dews (Ace) Jr, US Navy (Ret) Cmdr, died at home in Gainesville, VA on April 7, 2023.

He was born in Miami FL on Nov 10, 1935 and grew up in Forsyth GA. He attended Georgia Tech, Atlanta, GA and Stetson University, Deland, FL. He enlisted in the Navy in Jan 1958. He was commissioned an Ensign and designated a Naval Aviator through the NAVCAD program in 1959.

Harry's first tour of duty was with HU-2 at NAS Lakehurst. In 1962 he served as a flight instructor at NAS Whiting Field, Milton Florida. In 1965 he reported to HS-3 NAS Norfolk, VA . He participated in the Gemini II recovery on board the USS GUAM in 1966. His career included service aboard numerous East Coast aircraft carriers. He was Commanding Officer, Helicopter Combat Support Squadron Two in Jacksonville, FL, and last worked in the Naval Air Systems Command, Crystal City, VA. His decorations include the Distinguished Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal, and National Defense Medal.

He settled in Northern Virginia after retiring from the Navy with 22 ½ years of service. He was a program manager for BAE Systems, formerly TRACOR, a Washington DC Defense Contractor until 1996. In retirement he volunteered at INOVA Fair Oaks and NOVANT Haymarket Hospitals.

Harry's hobbies included bowling, where he met Pat who later became his wife. He enjoyed country western dancing, partying, and traveling to the Caribbean.

Survivors include his wife of 41 years, Patricia Denny Dews of Gainesville, VA, two children, Deborah Ann Reynolds of Murphy, NC and Robert Lawton Dews of Cashiers, NC, and three grandchildren.

Funeral Services along with full military honors will be held on Monday, October 28, 2024, at 11:00AM at Fort Myer Old Post Chapel with inurnment to following at Arlington National Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to your favorite charity.

Cemetery Details

Arlington National Cemetery

Arlington, VA 22211
<http://www.arlingtoncemetery.mil/>

Previous Events

Funeral Service

OCT 28. 11:00 AM (ET)

Ft. Myer Old Post Chapel
Arlington, VA