



## 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.

# Previous Events

## Inurnment

JUL **15**. 1:00 PM (ET)

Naval Academy Columbarium

Cromwell Way

Annapolis, MD 21402

<https://www.usna.edu/Cemetery/index.php>

# Tribute Wall

SC

“ Just read this (catching up on back issues of USS Taylor Reunion Association). I remember Otto fondly. He borrowed my dad's personal memorial album and copied it so that the Reunion would have a copy of it. He was also always very friendly to my family and me. With deepest sympathy and fond memories, Susan Katz Clark (daughter of Benjamin Katz, Rear Adm., USN-Ret., former Taylor skipper)

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**Susan Katz Clark** - April 01, 2020 at 11:23 AM

AA

“ When people pass like Otto, a part of all of us is lost I think. I enjoyed Otto when we talked at the Heron Bend Homeowners meetings and our Fall picnic. He always had a good word to say and make you feel like what you did was important. His Navy career was exemplary and i am so glad I knew him. I wish Peggy and all his family our heartfelt sympathy. He was a friend. I only wished I were a better friend to him.

*Roger Anzzolin  
Manassas, VA.*

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**A.Roger Anzzolin** - July 29, 2019 at 10:46 PM

ML

“ 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.

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**Mark L. Lamken** - June 19, 2019 at 01:51 PM

VZ

*Thank you for your service and your kind words about our Dad. The Navy and his Shipmates meant a great deal to him*

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**Valerie Zipf** - July 08, 2019 at 03:48 PM

CB

*Our Dad and Mom, Bill and Ramona Chamberlain, attended so many USS Taylor reunions that Otto and Peggy organized. They shared so many fun memories with us. We were able to attend a few of them and enjoyed getting to know the men he had been telling stories of for a long time.*

*We especially enjoyed the trip to Oahu and the visit to the Missouri where the veterans were treated with so much respect and honor.*

*Peggy, we are so sorry to hear about your loss of Otto. We hope all your sweet memories will help you during this time of grief.*

*Cindy Chamberlain Black*

*Jan Emerson*

*Steve Chamberlain*

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**Cindy Black** - August 10, 2019 at 08:49 PM