

Henry Anthony Morgan Jr.

Commander Henry A “Hank” Morgan Jr. passed away on 25 March 2016 at Joanne’s House of Hospice in Bonita Springs, FL. He had been diagnosed with ALS in 2013. He was 79 years old. Hank was born on 22 June 1936 in Everett, MA and was raised in Winchester MA, the son of Henry A. Morgan Sr. and Elanor Tenggren Morgan. After graduation from the Naval Academy in 1959, where he was a member of the Fourth Company, Hank married his college sweetheart, Marcella “Marcy” Kirwan. He completed Submarine School in New London, CT in September 1961 before being ordered to his first submarine, USS Greenling (SS-213). He also served in USS Piper (SS-409) and USS Entemedor (SS-340).

He was ordered to Navy Nuclear Power School and then to MIT to earn a Master’s Degree in Mechanical Engineering. He later served as a plank-owner and Engineering Officer on USS Greenling (SSN-614). Following a tour as Executive Officer of USS Stonewall Jackson (SSBN-634), he took command of USS Nathan Hale (SSBN-623) on 27 June 1975 – 20 years to the day from his having entered the Naval Academy. Hank retired from the Navy in 1979.

Upon retirement, Hank and Marcy settled in Rockport, MA, and Hank went to work for the Stone & Webster Engineering firm and later, MIT. Sadly, his wife Marcy died in 1986.

He married Sue Dumaine in 1994. They were both Rockport town selectmen. In 1998 they moved to Florida. In retirement, Hank served 10 years as tennis commissioner for the Lee County men’s 50+ league, was active in the Florida USNA Alumni Chapter and enjoyed woodworking.

Hank is survived by his loving wife Sue of Bonita Springs, FL; his children (and their spouses), Henry II (Susana) of Dallas TX, Elizabeth (Holly) of Newton, MA; and Katherine Carr (David) of Washington DC; brother, Peter (Nancy) of Ithaca, NY; sister Sue Modena (Paul) of North Adams, MA; four stepchildren; and six grandchildren.

A memorial service was held on 4 April 2016 at the Bay Presbyterian Church in Bonita Springs, FL, with interment at the Naval Academy Columbarium on 9 June, 2016.

Sailor, Rest your oar.