



DAVID ARNOLD FUDGE '53

Commander David A. Fudge, USN (Ret.), passed away on 4 November 2010 in Palm Bay, FL, after a long battle with small cell lung cancer. He was 80 years old.

"Dave" was born in Haskell County TX, to Alma May Elliot Fudge and David Albert Fudge. He received a congressional appointment to the Naval Academy and graduated in 1953 as a

member of Fifth Battalion, 18th Company.

His first duty was aboard FRANK E. EVANS, after which he was accepted into the 99th Submarine School class. His first submarine duty was aboard CATFISH, followed by CAPITAIN.

He earned a postgraduate degree in electrical engineering from the Naval Postgraduate School in Monterey CA, before becoming XO of ROCK. He was a plankowner and Blue Crew navigator on STONEWALL JACKSON. He then commanded SEGUNDO in San Diego, followed by six years in Lisbon, Portugal, on the ComblberLant-NATO staff.

David retired in 1979 after an assignment as the Navy representative at the Westinghouse plant in Annapolis, MD.

Soon after retirement, he went to work for GE on the AUTEK Project, Bahamas.

It was there he met Kathryn Joyce Gray, whom he married in 1981. Joyce brought four children into their union to join his daughter and son by his first wife, Wanda Neves Fudge.

Dave Fudge was a gifted craftsman and was always willing to assist anyone who needed help. He was also a computer wizard. He was a unique individual with a big heart and an abundance of patriotism.

He is greatly missed by his wife, Joyce; daughter, Diana McDonough; son, David A. Fudge II; stepdaughters, Sherry Wharton and Roxanne Leitzke; stepsons, Todd and Don Gray; 11 grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; and many friends and extended family.

A memorial service was held on 14 November 2010 at the Church of Our Savior Episcopal Church in Palm Bay, FL.

David will be interred, at Arlington National Cemetery on 17 June 2011 at 9:00 a.m.