



Donald "Don" Payton Basham (1943 – 2013)

Born at home in Drumright, Oklahoma on June 1, 1943. Moved to Tulsa and attended Will Rogers High School, graduating in 1961. Avid interest in electronics and ham radio placed him in the U.S. Navy as a submarine Radioman in 1962. Served aboard diesel, nuclear fast attack and fleet ballistic missile submarines during his 20 year career. Achieved the rank of Senior Chief Radioman (submarine qualified). Retired from the U.S. Department of Justice with 37 years government service.

Married to Yuko for 45 years, they enjoyed many activities together including square dancing, traveling and boating. Don was an active member of Potomac River Yacht Club Association, Landmark Yacht Club and Mt Vernon Yacht Club.

After a full and fun life he passed peacefully on 15 August 2013 at Alexandria Hospital in Virginia. Special thanks to all our friends for support, the nurses and doctors at Fort Belvoir, the Veterans Administration, Woodbine Rehabilitation & Healthcare Center, Specialty Hospital of Washington and Alexandria Hospital for taking wonderful care of Don.