



Commander Larry W. Chassels, US Navy Retired

May 16, 1943 - October 19, 2014

Commander Larry William Chassels, US Navy Retired, age 71 of Highland, IL, died Sunday, October 19, 2014, at Legacy Place in Highland, IL.

He was born May 16, 1943, in Saint Louis, MO, the son of William F. and Edith (nee Overbeck) Chassels.

He was a member of National Eagle Scout Association.

CDR Chassels was born at St. Louis, MO; he grew up in Bellefontaine Neighbors, MO. While in high school, he and four close friends earned the Eagle Boy Scout award. He attended University of Missouri at Columbia receiving his BS in Mathematics. While in college he participated in US Navy ROTC. After graduating, he went to active duty with deployment to Vietnam. He served aboard the following ships: USS King, USS Sample, USS Fox, USS Samuel B. Roberts, and USS Ernest G. Small. He retired, as a Navy Commander, on July 1, 1991 with over 26 years of service. He lived at Cherry Hill, N.J. and worked at the Naval Shipyard in Philadelphia for Planning and Engineering for Repairs and Alterations for Cruisers and Destroyers (PERA-CRUCES) as security manager for computers and the shipyard. He retired after 30 years of work. In his retirement worked as security broker. He moved to Highland two years ago to be near his family. He had participated in church choirs in Cherry Hill, N.J and Hawaii. He enjoyed camping, scouting activities

and target shooting. (He was a Sharpshooter in the Navy).

Survivors include :

Son - Dr. Loren Jay Chassels D.O., Highland, IL

Daughter - Marla R. Chassels, Honolulu, HI

Granddaughter - Vivienne M. Chassels, Highland, IL

Sister - Eileen (Bill) Mandell, West Richland, WA

Niece - Deanna Coppeans

Nephew - Christopher Coppeans and family

Niece - Jennifer Keller and family

Former Wife - Marjorie J. Chassels nee Vermeer (married 1969, divorced 1989), Highland, IL

Close Friend & Fellow Eagle Scouts - Dave Cooper; Bill Carter; Tony Koester; Mike Benzen

He was preceded in death by:

Father - William F. Chassels

Mother - Edith Chassels nee Overbeck

Arrangements are being handled by Spengel-Boulanger Funeral Home in Highland, Illinois.

Graveside funeral service will be at 11:00 AM on Friday, November 21, 2014, in the Chapel at Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery in St. Louis, MO, with Jefferson Barracks Military Chaplain officiating.

Interment will be at Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery in St. Louis, MO.

Memorial contributions may be made to Wounded Warrior Project.

Tribute Wall



“ 4 files added to the album Chassels



Spengel-Boulanger Funeral Home - October 30, 2014 at 10:58 AM

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“ *Larry, a 1st cousin, and I were not particularly close. However, there was a moment in time - 1963 - when he was a Senior at Mizzou and I was a frightened, first time living away from home Frosh. I bugged him nearly every Sunday morning until he picked me up [he had a very classy '57 Chevy I think it was] and we would go to The UCC Chapel at the edge of campus. This sometimes led to buying a picnic at a convenience store and spending part of the afternoon in a quiet park reading or napping or just enjoying the get away from our dorms. We didn't even talk that much because we did actually do school work. It was these moments and the once a week call home that helped me make it through that first year. My payback to him was making a couple of costumes for the Savitar Frolics - a GDI musical on campus. Nadine*

Nadine - October 25, 2014 at 09:10 AM

MY

“ I worked at PERA with Larry for many years. Larry was always a gentleman, kind and caring. I have many fond memories of Larry and our PERA family. Rest in Peace friend.



Mary Jean Youngblood - October 24, 2014 at 10:34 AM

JK

“ I loved hearing his Donald Duck whenever we were able to visit. The miles have been far, but were shortened when Uncle Larry showed up in my front yard during a ship reunion trip. He saw the sign that said "Van Buren" and got out his GPS and entered our address. My children and grand children were able to meet "Birthday card Uncle Larry". My husband enjoyed hearing about his naval days and the weaponry that was used. They talked all hours of the night. Our family will keep that memory forever. Thank you for taking the time to look us up, Uncle Larry. Love, Jenni Keller and Family

Jennifer Keller - October 23, 2014 at 03:26 PM

MC

“ 1 file added to the album Chassels, 1979



Marla Chassels - October 23, 2014 at 04:08 AM

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“ 1 file added to the album Chassels Family



Marla Chassels - October 23, 2014 at 04:05 AM

MC

“ *The Comfort and Sweetness of Peace*
by Helen Steiner Rice

*After the clouds, the sunshine,
after the winter, the spring,
after the shower, the rainbow,
for life is a changeable thing.
After the night, the morning,
bidding all darkness cease,
after life's cares and sorrows,
the comfort and sweetness of peace.*

Marla Chassels - October 23, 2014 at 03:55 AM

MC

“ *Prayer of Faith*
by Unknown Author

*We trust that beyond absence there is a presence.
That beyond the pain there can be healing.
That beyond the brokenness there can be wholeness.
That beyond the anger there may be peace.
That beyond the hurting there may be forgiveness.
That beyond the silence there may be the word.
That beyond the word there may be understanding.
That through understanding there is love.*

Marla Chassels - October 23, 2014 at 03:54 AM

SM

“ *Fair winds and following seas to Commander Chassels.
I was also a shipmate aboard the USS Fox DLG-33 (1971 & 1972,
Enlisted RM2).
Quite a coincidence two "Foxmen" were in Highland. I wish I'd
known this before his passing, we could have swapped sea stories.
My condolences to the entire Chassels family.*

Stan Maroon - October 20, 2014 at 04:24 PM

WB

*We always enjoyed CMDR Chassels (Larry) when he attended USS
ERNEST G SMALL DD838 REUNIONS! Always full of sea stories and
such! Will be missed by the crew and old friends! Fair winds and seas
Larry! Bill Britton Lewis, Kansas*

William G Britton - October 28, 2014 at 10:13 AM

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We were sorry to hear the news about Larry. Our sincere sympathy to the entire Chassels Family. We remember Larry as an adult volunteer, his commitment to scouting, and his leadership role with the youth of Troop 144 in Cherry Hill. He will be missed.

*With sympathy,
Dan and Judy Ebbert
Cherry Hill, NJ*

Dan Ebbert - October 31, 2014 at 05:21 PM