



Wallace M. Riggs

August 25, 1923 - December 20, 2006

Captain Wallace M. Riggs, USN Ret passed away on December 20th, 2006 of natural causes after a long and productive life. He was eighty three years old. Captain Riggs was born on a farm in Ohio on August 25th, 1923. He graduated from high school in Pomeroy, Ohio and attended Rio Grande University for one year prior to entering the United States Naval Academy in July, 1942. He graduated with the class of 1946 and began thirty years of commissioned service. During those thirty years, he had three ship commands: USS Chelan County LST542, USS Charles H. Roan DD853, and new construction ammunition ship, USS Butte AE27. Other ship assignments were Engineering Officer on the USS Warrington DD843, Executive Officer on the USS Hawkins DDR873, and as Five Inch Battery Officer on the USS Newport News CA148. Captain Riggs' shore assignments included: instructor at the U.S. Naval Academy, Department of Marine Engineering, U.S. Naval Post Graduate School on naval intelligence, National Security Agency and Joint Alternate Command Element of the Joint Chiefs of Staff. Overseas assignments included: Joint U.S. Military Aid Group in Athens, Greece, and U.S. Embassy in Mexico City, Mexico as Naval Attaché to Mexico and Central America. His last assignment was in the Panama Canal Zone as Chief of staff at U.S. Naval Forces Southern Command and 15th Naval District. He retired in June, 1975 and settled in San Antonio, Texas where he enjoyed a second career in real estate. He leaves behind wife of 60 years, Rosemarie Riggs; sons, Ronald Marshall Riggs and his wife, Mary; Steven Noel Riggs and his

wife Teresa as well as five granddaughters, Emily, Kathleen, Meredith, Marie, and Margaret.

Tribute Wall

LU

“ Served With Capt Riggs as XO on board USS Butte AE 27 . Our condolences to the Riggs family . I think of him frwquently and have some pleasant memories of our service together . Jim Mulvihill and family

Lcdr James Mulvihill USN - January 07, 2007 at 12:00 AM

WD

“ Dearest Rosemarie: The holiday card we sent to you was returned marked undeliverable and I went online to see if I could find an address and instead found the sad news of Wally\\'s passing. We are so very sad to hear of your loss. My own father passed

Wendy&Elias Dickerman - January 05, 2007 at 12:00 AM

VR

“ Rosemarie,

We were in Mexico with you, stationed in Veracruz. Just read the notice on the USNA Website and wanted to pass our sincere condolences. We remember your many kindnesses to us.

May God grant you His special peace.

Scott and Donna Redd

VADM Scott Redd - January 01, 2007 at 12:00 AM

MG

“ Our sincerest condolences. Know the USNA family is here if your family needs anything.

Mike & Linda Goodwin

Mike Goodwin - December 26, 2006 at 12:00 AM

PM

“ Ron Shaw just called and passed me the news. I am in Florida visiting my son and am so sorry that I missed the services. I send my deep regrets and want you to know if you need any assistance in this trying time that I and the rest of the Alumni are here

Philip A Meurer - December 25, 2006 at 12:00 AM

DF

“ Rosemarie & Family: What a beautiful and moving Graveside Service and a beautiful day and site to enjoy it! Wally was very special to both of us, and fondly remember our dog, Rudy, rushing in the office to jump up to him at his desk. Wally would throw a b

Doris and Roy Follett - December 24, 2006 at 12:00 AM

DN

“ Please accept our most heartfelt sympathies for your loss. Our thoughts are with you during this difficult time.

Directors and Staff at Mission Park Funeral Chapels North - December 23, 2006 at 12:00 AM

LK

“ God bless you and your family Rosemarie.

Larry Kinzie - December 23, 2006 at 12:00 AM