



INFORMATION PROVIDED BY LT STEVE BURNETT:

I was an FTB on the Gold Crew from Feb 78-Oct 81. We had an MT1 SS Robert W Archer with us on the Gold Crew. Bob and I became friends and I watched this former TM Launcher make Chief not long after leaving the Stimson but also make LDO and continue on to retire as a Captain. Bob was with us I believe from March 1978 followed shortly by an ERP until just after the C-4 Backfit like March 1980. He died in Fernandina Beach June 2, 2009 from Pancreatic Cancer. While Bob's stay on the 655 was short he was in the Navy almost 40 years. Thanks to you and helping memorialize the 655! My Captains were Joe Mueller and Bill Fitzpatrick. Steve Burnett, LT, USN Ret.

Obituary

Captain Robert W. (Bob) Archer, USN (Ret) of Fernandina Beach, Florida, passed away on Tuesday, June 2, 2009 at Community Hospice in Jacksonville. Mr. Archer was born and grew up in and around Indianapolis, Indiana and was a 1967 graduate of Monrovia High School. Captain Archer was the son of Norris and Margaret Archer of Indianapolis and Louise Wolsiffer of Novato, California. (deceased). Captain Archer is survived by his wife, the former Rosemary Maloney of Springfield, MA, son Robert Brian Archer and granddaughter Kathy of Virginia Beach, Virginia, and daughter Amanda Archer and grandson Josh of Melbourne, Florida. His stepchildren include Marla Ollari of Agawam, MA and Peter Ollari of Rexford, NY. Bob is also survived by two brothers: Colonel David Archer (USA, Ret) of Glen Carbon, Illinois and Timothy Archer of Shelbyville, Indiana. Captain Archer's extended family include cousins, nephews and nieces, in Indiana, Illinois and North Carolina as well as brothers and sisters-in law and their children living in Massachusetts.

He served his country faithfully during 38 years of active duty as a Submariner, in the United States Navy. Captain Archer was an accomplished golfer, member of the Amelia Island Sailing Club, and an avid fisherman. Bob was employed by the firm BAI in Arlington, Virginia as Project Manager. He will be missed by his family and friends around the world.

Funeral services will be at 11:00 am on Monday, June 8, 2009 in the Burgess Chapel of Oxley Heard Funeral Directors with Chaplain Jim Tippins, officiating. Guests and friends are invited to visit on Sunday from 5:00 - 7:00 pm at the funeral home.

Captain Archer will be laid to rest on Monday, October 19, 2009 in Arlington National Cemetery, Washington, DC, with Full Military Honors.

The family requests in lieu of flowers, memoriams should be sent to the Navy Relief Society, Bldg 1032, 926 USS James Madison Rd, Kings Bay, GA, 31547 in memory of Captain Robert W. Archer. Phone 912-573-3923.