



TM2(SS)/LCDR Retired Gary C. Beale
Blue 67-70 Qualified Stimson Blue 1967
March 12, 1947 – December 3, 2024

LT CDR Gary C. Beale, 77, of Honey Grove, passed away Tuesday, Dec. 3, 2024 at the Hollidaysburg Veterans Home.

Born March 12, 1947, he was a son of the late Lawrence S. and Donetta (Knotts) Beale.

He is survived by his wife of 57 years, Bonita G. (Haubert) Beale, whom he married May 21, 1967. Also surviving are one son, Scott A. Beale and wife, Judy, of Virginia Beach, three grandchildren, Zachary Beale, Jessica Cassell and husband, Tom, and Ryan Wilde and wife, Lissa, two great-granddaughters, Sonya and Chloe Wilde, one brother,

Lawrence S. Beale, and one sister, Delores "Katie" Stone.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by one daughter, Penelope Susan Rorrer on Oct. 31, 2017.

He was a submariner who served in the U.S. Navy as a weapons officer for more than 28 years until he retired.

He was a member of the V.F.W. and American Legion in Mifflintown.

Gary collected antique cars and was a DIY repairman and jack of all trades around the house.

A memorial service will be held at 1 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 13 at McCulloch's Mills Cemetery with Pastor Caleb Burd officiating and full military honors provided by the Juniata County Veterans Council. If you wish to be seated for the service, please bring a chair.

At a future time, following his wishes, his cremated remains will be buried at sea by the US Navy.

In lieu of flowers, please consider making a donation to Pennsylvania Wounded Warriors Inc., 1013 Mumma Road, Suite 203, Wormleysburg PA 17043.

Guss Funeral Home, Inc., 20 S. Third St., Mifflintown is assisting the family. Condolences may be left at www.gussfh.com.

To [send flowers](#) to the family or [plant a tree](#) in memory of LT CDR Gary C. Beale, please [visit our floral store](#).

From SUBVETS in Groton

I learned today from one of his shipmates Rick Mitchell that Shipmate Gary Beale departed on Eternal Patrol on 03 December 2024. His obituary is located here

<https://www.gussfh.com/obituary/LTCDRGary-Beale>

Gary joined the U.S. Navy in 1966 and he Qualified in Submarines in 1967 on the USS Henry L Stimson (SSBN-655). Additional Sea Duty assignments included USS JAMES MONROE (SSBN 622); USS NATHANAEL GREENE (SSBN 636); USS SEA DEVIL (SSN 664); USS SPADEFISH (SSN 668) and USS HYMAN G RICKOVER (SSN 709). Gary retired from the U.S. Navy in 1994 as a LCDR.

Mr. Beale joined USSVI in 2008 as a Regular member and upgraded to Life Member in 2014. Gary was inducted into the prestigious Holland Club in 2017.

There will be no Honors Detail for Shipmate Beale.

Please join me as we offer our condolences to Shipmate Beale's family.

Hand Salute

"There is a port of no return where ships may lay at anchor for a little space.

And then some starless night the cable slips leaving only an eddy at the mooring space.

Gulls veer no longer, Sailor rest your oar.

No tangled wreckage will be washed ashore."

LCDR Beale
Rest Your Oar!

Ready Two.

Sincerely
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Gary C Beale , LCDR



USSVI Life Member



Holland Club
Submarine Qualified
50 years ago

Personal Information

Nickname	
Spouse / Partner Next of Kin	Bonita
Address	
Phones	
E-mail Addresses	
Doing Now	
Status	

US Navy Service Information

Years Served	Joined in 1966 left in 1994
Highest Rank - Rate	O4 - LCDR
Other Military Service	Branch: ? Highest Rank:
Service Number	
USN Retired	Yes in 1994
Naval Service Highlights	
Ships Served On	SSBN-655, SSBN-622, SSBN-636, SSN-664, SSN-668, SSN-709

Membership in the USSVI

Member Info	Joined USSVI on: 5/8/2008
Primary Base	Groton
Member Type	Holland Club Life Member since 5/1/2014
Title or Office	
Comments	
SS Qualified	in 1967 on the USS Henry L Stimson (SSBN-655)

Membership in Groton Base Information

Base Info	Joined Base on: 4/16/2008
USSVI Info	Joined USSVI on: 5/8/2008 Holland Club Life Member since 5/1/2014
Title or Office	
Comments	
SS Qualified	in 1967 on the USS Henry L Stimson (SSBN-655)
Other Assn's	USSVI, USSVI-GROTON
CT USSVI Plate Holder	

Hull#	Ship's Name	Rate/Rank	Years	Spe
SSBN-655 🚢	Henry L Stimson	TM2(SS)	1967-70	02/67 to 04/70
SSBN-622 🚢	James Monroe	TM1(SS)	1970-77	05/71 to 09/77
SSBN-636 🚢	Nathanael Greene	TMC(SS)	1977-77	07/77 to 10/77
SSN-664 🚢	Sea Devil	TMCS(SS)	1977-80	10/77 to 05/80
SSN-668 🚢	Spadefish	TMCS(SS)	1980-83	05/80 to 02/83
SSN-709 🚢	Hyman G Rickover	LT	1985-88	02/85 to 05/88

Nickname	Association Name	Joined
USSVI-GROTON 🚢	USSVI Base - Groton	2008