



WILLIAM A. CROSS JR.
MMCM (SS) USN, RET.
MAY 15, 1929 – JULY 4, 2009
AGE 80

MMC(SS) BLUE 1968-1970
MMCS(SS) BLUE COB 1969-1970

LEDYARD: WILLIAM A. CROSS, JR. MMCM(SS), USN, RET. WENT OUT WITH A BANG ON JULY 4, 2009.

HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE OF 59 YEARS, IRENE M. (DOLLARD) CROSS; HIS FOUR CHILDREN WILLIAM, THOMAS(LAURA), RITA(PAUL) VAN STEENBERGEN, AND JOHN(PEG) ALL OF CONNECTICUT; 9 GRANDCHILDREN AND 5 GREAT GRANDCHILDREN.

HE WILL BE SADLY MISSED BY HIS SISTERS: KATHLEEN(LES) CRUMP OF TROY NY; BARBARA(CHARLES) FOY; ALICE DORIGUZZI OF ARVADA COLORADO, AND MANY NIECES AND NEPHEWS.

BORN MAY15, 1929, THE SON OF GERTRUDE (SHOEMAKER) AND DR. WILLIAM A. CROSS, DDS IN JAMAICA, LI, NY, HE GRADUATED FROM POWER MEMORIAL HIGH IN NYC. ENLISTING IN THE NAVY IN OCTOBER, 1950, HE STARTED A CAREER OF 30 YEARS TRANSITING THE WORLD. HE WAS STATIONED ON THE USS WISCONSIN(BB-64) DURING THE KOREAN WAR AND GRADUATED SUB SCHOOL(GROTON) IN 1960. KNOWN THROUGHOUT HIS LIFE AS "RED", HE WAS KNOWN BY HIS MEN AS "COB" CHIEF OF THE BOAT ON HIS LAST TWO SUBS, USS H.L. STIMSON AND USS BEN FRANKLIN. UPON HIS NAVY RETIREMENT IN JANUARY, 1981, HE WORKED FOR SUPERVISOR SHIPBUILDING (SUPSHIP) GROTON AS A GOVERNMENT INSPECTOR FOR THE TRIDENT CLASS SUBS, RETIRING AGAIN IN OCTOBER, 1999.

HIS DEDICATION AND LOVE OF COUNTRY GUIDED HIM AS A CONSUMMATE PROFESSIONAL GAINING THE RESPECT OF HIS MEN AND THE MANY OFFICERS HE SERVED WITH WHO WILLINGLY SOUGHT HIS GUIDANCE. THEY ALL THOUGHT THE WORLD OF HIM. HE WAS WELL REGARDED AS A KNOWLEDGEABLE PROFESSIONAL IN EVERYTHING HE DID. THERE WILL ONLY BE ONE "RED" CROSS.

RED'S FAMILY WILL GREET RELATIVES AND FRIENDS AT THE DINOTO FUNERAL HOME, 17 PEARL ST., HISTORIC DOWNTOWN MYSTIC ON TUESDAY, JULY 7TH FROM 5 TO 7PM. A FUNERAL MASS WILL BE CELEBRATED ON WEDNESDAY, JULY 8TH AT 10:30AM AT OUR LADY OF LOURDES CHURCH, RTE. 12, GALES FERRY. BURIAL WITH PRESENTATION OF MILITARY HONORS WILL FOLLOW AT AVERY-STODDARD CEMETERY, LEDYARD CT.

TO SHARE A MESSAGE OF REMEMBRANCE OR CONDOLENCE WITH RED'S FAMILY, PLEASE CLICK THE LINK BELOW.

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RETIREMENT CEREMONY
MMCM(SS) WILLIAM A. CROSS
U.S. NAVY



30 JANUARY 1981

PROGRAM

MASTER OF CEREMONIES -

- ✓ COMMANDER B.L. HEID, USN
DIRECTOR, ENLISTED ADVANCED TRAINING

REMARKS AND PRESENTATIONS -

- ✓ REAR ADMIRAL A.B. SCOTT, JR., USN
COMMANDER SUBMARINE GROUP TWO
- ✓ CAPTAIN W.J. HOLLAND, JR., USN
COMMANDING OFFICER, NAVAL SUBMARINE SCHOOL
- ✓ CAPTAIN J.N. DARBY, USN
COMMANDER SUBMARINE SQUADRON TWO

SIDEBOYS -

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|-------------------|---------------------|
| ✓ MMCM(SS) WALSH | ✓ MMCM(SS) MUMFORD |
| FTCM(SS) RIMBEY | ETCM(SS) CLARK |
| ✓ ETCM(SS) KUHN | ETCM(SS) GRIFFIN |
| ✓ TMCM(SS) LAMB | TMCM(SS) KROPACK |
| ✓ IDCM(SS) ALLEN | FTCM(SS) NORDSTROM |
| FTCM(SS) POW | ETCM(SS) COTE |
| ETCM(SS) HARVEY | MSCM(SS) MCLAIN |
| ✓ ETCM(SS) BEAGLE | ✓ HMCM(SS) CONNERS |
| ETCS(SS) COLEMAN | ✓ ETCS(SS) REYNOLDS |

PIPING OVER THE SIDE -

- ✓ MAC HART (K.B.)

6OCT60	THIRD	208		1,050.00	1,897.28
15AUG66	THIRD	208	17734, P. 1/16 JTB4	2.72	2,000.00
RECDUT				TRAN	
21 DEC 66	USS GRO WASHINGTON	OF RATE MMC(SS)		19DEC67	LET
RECDUT	USS HENRY L. STIMSON				
16JAN68	(SSBN655) (BLUE) LANT FLT	OF RATE MMC(SS)			
RECDUT					
5MAY68	FLORHAGEN, HB, HPT, RI	STUDENT		0 MAY 68	2.38
RECDUT	USS HENRY L. STIMSON			8AUG70	
8MAY68	(SSBN655) (BLUE)	OF RATE MMC(SS)		DISCH	C.L.W.
	SEA TOUR COMMENCED: NOV 61				
	SEA TOUR EXPIRES: AUG 1970				
REEN	USS HENRY L. STIMSON			TRAN	
4AUG70	(SSBN655) (BLUE)	OF RATE MMCS(SS)		30OCT70	C.L.W.
RECDUT					
RECDUT	NAVSUBSCOL, GRTN, CONN	STUDENT MMCS(SS)		TRANS	
03NOV70		OF RATE MMCS(SS) MMCM(SS)		18DEC70	
RECDUT		36 IDNL		TRANS	
18DEC70	NAVSUBSCOL	INST DUTY DEC 70.		27DEC73	AMB
	COMMENCED NORMSHOR TOUR				
	TOUR EXPIRES: JUL 73.				
RECDUT	USS B. FRANKLIN (SSBN640)			03AUG74	
27 DEC 1973	(GOLD) (LANT/NLON)	OF Rate MMCM(SS)		DISCH	LFB
	SEA TOUR COMMENCED:	DEC 1973			
04 AUG 74	USS BENJAMIN FRANKLIN (SSBN640) GOLD				
EXTENL	(LANTELT/NLON)	OF RATE MMCM(SS)			LFB
	PRD: MAR 77. SDGD: DEC 73.				

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Executive Officer