

MMCM(SS) N.D. 'Shorty' Garoutte
MMCM(SS) G 70-73
November 28, 1937 – October 29, 2017

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Some of you have heard that Shorty Garoutte passed away last Sunday (October 29, 2017). Details surrounding his death are still sketchy. Initial reporting had Shorty on his boat working on something and they found him there after a neighbor boat smelled fumes. If you want to send a card or note, here is the address: 3070 NE Lincoln Rd., Poulsbo, WA 98370

Several M Div folks were with Shorty in AZ for a week in Oct celebrating the retirement of John Glaub. He was as lively as ever and Jan was with him.

The family has decided to have a Memorial Service on Monday Nov 6th with just family invited. There will be a Celebration of Life event on Jan 13th 2018. More info should be coming about this. The obit should be out soon and have more details.

Norman Dale Garoutte, 78

Poulsbo, WA

Nov. 28, 1938 to Oct. 29, 2017

Navy Veteran

N.D. "Shorty" Garoutte journeyed to be with his heavenly Father on Oct. 29, 2017 at the age of 78. Shorty was born Nov. 28, 1938 in Boise, Idaho to Dale and Helen Garoutte.

Shorty joined the Navy at the age of 17 and served honorably and with distinction for 34 years until his retirement in January 1990.

Shorty was preceded in death by his father, Dale; wife, Karen; and son, Kenny. He is survived by his mother, Helen; sister, Clarice; life-long partner, Jan; sons, Michael (Shannon) and Bryan; and daughter, Stacey (J.R.); Jan's children, who he loved and was loved like a father: Curtis, Steve (Terry), Michelle, and Lisa (Joe); numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

A career Naval man, MMCM(SS) Shorty Garoutte, Submariner, served aboard the U.S.S. Firedrake, U.S.S. Grayback, U.S.S. Andrew Jackson, U.S.S. James K. Polk, U.S.S. Cabezon, U.S.S. Henry L. Stimson, and the U.S.S. Kamehameha. He served as C.O.B., CM/C, Force M/C, and Fleet M/C retiring from the Navy as CM/C from NUWES Keyport, Washington, spending a total of nine years under the water; an eternal member of the Goat Locker and the U.S.N. "U" Unity, "S" Service, "N" Navigation. A true Patriot, he loved his country, his family and friends and his fellow man.

Following a storied and distinguished military career, he made his home in Poulsbo, Washington and served in the civil service for 16 years at NUWES Bangor/Keyport Naval base before his retirement in 2006. He had dedicated nearly 51 years of service to the Navy.

Shorty's children have the greatest of memories growing up with him and Mom; traveling, camping, hunting, fishing, and boating; he taught them an appreciation and love of the outdoors, our country, and to respect our fellow man. Shorty's wife, Karen, passed away in March 2001 after a long illness.

After a time he met a life-long partner with similar loves in Janice Saenz of Poulsbo, Washington. Since, Shorty and Jan have enjoyed life, each other and their families doing the things they love to do.

He was an active member in the local community with much time spent dedicated to the Masonic Lodge, Bremerton Submarine Vets, Agate Pass Power Squadron, Poulsbo Sons of Norway Vikings, Brownsville Yacht Club and the Cascade Cortez RV Club.

You would never see Shorty without his dachshunds, wherever he went.

Shorty was a man with the biggest of hearts, willing to assist anyone in need, especially his family and friends. He was a man of high integrity, character, energy, enthusiasm and strived for excellence in all he did. He loved and was loved; he will be dearly and terribly missed.

The service to celebrate Shorty's life will be Jan. 13, 2018 at 1 p.m. at the Sons of Norway in Poulsbo, Washington. In lieu of flowers, please make donations to Poulsbo Sons of Norway or the Shriners Children's hospital.

"The Naval Anchor is emblematic of all the hope and glory of the fulfillment of God's promises to our souls. The golden and precious Anchor by which we must be kept steadfast in faith and encouraged to abide in our proper station amidst The storm of temptation, affliction and persecution."

GAROLITE NORMAN D. mmc(ss) 3703011

WIFE'S NAME KAREN L

CHILDREN'S NAMES 1. KENNETH 5. _____
 2. MICHAEL 6. _____
 3. BRYON 7. _____
 4. STACEY 8. _____

HOME STATE & TOWN IDAHO BOISE
 (STATE) (TOWN)

PREVIOUS DUTY STATIONS USS FIREDRAKE
USS GRAYBACK AIW
USS ANDREW JACKSON USS JAMES K POLK
USS CABEZON

MAJOR INTERESTS: HUNTING & FISHING

BOAT TYPE/MISSILE TRAINING: AIW

DATE OF ENTRY INTO ACTIVE OBLI SERVICE 14 JAN 1973 AsstD _____


REGION PROST TOTAL ACTIVE SERVICE 13+

COMP/DIV ASSIGNMENT M DATE REPORTED 30 JUNE 1970

SPECIAL QUALIFICATIONS _____ CREW ASSIGNMENT GOLD

DATE OF BIRTH 11/28/38 WIFE'S LOCAL ADDRESS; _____

PLACE OF BIRTH BOISE IDA

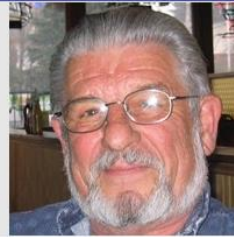




N. D. Garoutte , CMDCM(SS)



USSVI Life Member



Holland Club



Submarine Qualified
50 years ago

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US Navy Service Information

Years Served	Joined in 1958 left in 1977
Highest Rank - Rate	E9 - CMDCM(SS)
Service Number	
USN Retired	Yes in 1990
Naval Service Highlights	Master Chief N. D. "Shorty" Garoutte is a career submariner who has had a highly diversified career since 1955. He is the son of Dr. and Mrs. D. B. Garoutte of Boise, Idaho, born on 28 November 1937. He attended Caldwell High School, Caldwell, Idaho. Af
Ships Served On	SSG-574, SSBN-619, SSBN-645, SSN-592, SS-334, SSBN-655, SSBN-642

Membership in the USSVI

Member Info	Joined USSVI on: 10/15/2001
Primary Base	Bremerton
Member Type	Holland Club Life Member since 10/15/2001
Title or Office	
Comments	
SS Qualified	in 1958 on the USS Grayback (SSG/LPSS/APSS/SS-574)
Dual Membership	

Membership in Bremerton Base Information

Base Info	Joined Base on:
USSVI Info	Joined USSVI on: 10/15/2001 Holland Club Life Member since 10/15/2001
Title or Office	
Comments	
SS Qualified	in 1958 on the USS Grayback (SSG/LPSS/APSS/SS-574)
Other Assn's	NSL, NSL-PACIFIC NORTHWEST, USSVI, USSVI-BREMERTON

Hull#	Ship's Name	Rate/Rank	Years	Special Duties	Division
SSG/LPSS/APSS/SS-574	Grayback	EN2(SS)	1958-59		
SSBN-619	Andrew Jackson	MM1(SS)	1962-64		M
SSBN/SSN-645	James K Polk	MM1(SS)	1965-66		M
SSN-592	Snook	MMC(SS)	1966-66		M
SS-334	Cabezon	MMC(SS)	1967-68	COB	A
SSBN-655	Henry L Stimson	MMCM(SS)	1969-71, 1980-80		M
SSBN/SSN-642	Kamehameha	MMCM(SS)	1975-77	COB	

Name	Location	Rate/Rank	Years	Special Duties
NPTU	Idaho Falls , ID	CMDCM(SS)	1972-74	Command Master Chief & Senior Instructor
COMSUBLANT	NORFOLK, VA	CMDCM(SS)	1979-82	Force Master Chief
OPNAV	Washington, DC	CMDCM(SS)	1983-85	Fleet Master Chief of NAVSHORE
NUWC	Keyport , WA	CMDCM(SS)	1986-89	Command Master Chief

Nickname	Association Name	Joined	Title
NSL-PACIFIC NORTHWEST	NSL Chapter - Pacific Northwest	1991	President(5 yrs) & Vice President(3yrs)
USSVI-BREMERTON	USSVI Base - Bremerton	2001	