



Loree A. Riggs
MM2(SS) G Commissioning 66-69 Plank Owner
Eternal Patrol May 2, 2024

Loree A. Riggs, 81, of Rochester, IL passed away on May 2, 2024, from a Naval Military Service-related illness. He is survived by his wife, Carolyn (Colter) Riggs, brother, Bruce Riggs of Youngsville, PA; sister, Becki Seymour (Gary) of Warren, PA; daughters, Ameer Lee and Kristin Vaira (Joe), four grandchildren, Alexandria Stone, Catherine Lee, Allison Vaira, and Bix Vaira; and four great-grandchildren, Kailyn, Brooklynn, Madilynn, and Braxton.

Loree graduated from Warren Area High School in 1961 and received a BS in Ed. ('74) and MS in Ed. ('76) from Southern Illinois University Edwardsville.

He enlisted in the U.S. Navy Submarine Program in 1964 and served as a Nuclear Operator on two Polaris Submarines and completed nine Polaris Patrols.

In 1974, Loree was employed as a Special Education Teacher in the Alton (IL) School District. He was also employed as a Special Education Specialist at Illinois State Board of Education in 1979 and was selected to serve as Executive Director of Illinois Governor's Purchased Care Review Board in 1986. He retired in 1994 and was employed as Business Manager at Willowglen Academy Illinois until 2016.

Loree was a member of Rochester United Methodist Church, United States Submarine Veterans, Inc., and American Legion Post 32, Springfield, IL.

Memorial Gathering: 10:00 am – 12:30 pm, Thursday, May 9, 2024 at Staab Funeral Home – Springfield.

Memorial Service: 12:30 pm, Thursday, May 9, 2024 at Staab Funeral Home – Springfield. A burial will follow at Camp Butler National Cemetery, where military honors will be conducted.

It is suggested that Memorials be sent to United States Submarine Veterans Charitable Foundation, Inc. Scholarship Fund - 1065 Coral Ridge, Eagle Point, OR 97524; www.ussvcf.org

[Obituary information for Loree A. Riggs \(staabfuneralhomes.com\)](http://staabfuneralhomes.com)



Loree A. Riggs , MM1(SS)



USSVI Life Member



Holland Club



Submarine Qualified
50 years ago

Personal Information

Nickname	
Spouse / Partner Next of Kin	Carolyn
Address	<div style="border: 1px solid black; width: 100%; height: 100%;"></div>
Phones	
E-mail Addresses	
Deceased	Yes Date went on Eternal Patrol: 5/2/2024
Doing Now	Retired, State of Illinois Business Mgr. Human Services Agency (Developmentally Disabled children and adults)
Status	Changed on: 5/2/2024 Updated by Skipton Turnbull (Sub351@aol.com)

US Navy Service Information

Years Served	Joined in 1964 left in 1972
Highest Rank - Rate	E6 - MM1(SS)
Other Military Service	Branch: ? Highest Rank:
Service Number	
USN Retired	No
Naval Service Highlights	Commissioning Crew SSBN 655G Panama Canal, Peacetime tonage SSBN 623G
Ships Served On	SSBN-655, SSBN-623

Membership in the USSVI

Member Info	Joined USSVI on: 9/1/2001
Primary Base	USS Springfield
Member Type	Holland Club Life Member since 12/19/2012
Title or Office	
Comments	
SS Qualified	in 1967 on the USS Henry L Stimson (SSBN-655)
Dual Membership	

Membership in USS Springfield Base Information

Base Info	Joined Base on: 1/1/2001
USSVI Info	Joined USSVI on: 9/1/2001 Holland Club Life Member since 12/19/2012
Title or Office	Past Newsletter Editor, Past Base Commander
Comments	
SS Qualified	in 1967 on the USS Henry L Stimson (SSBN-655)
Other Assn's	AL-POST IL0032, SSBN-655, USSVI, USSVI-USS SPRINGFIELD

Hull#	Ship's Name	Rate/Rank	Years	Special Duties	Division
SSBN-655	Henry L Stimson	MM2(SS)	1966-69	(SS) Qualified on 655	M Division
SSBN-623	Nathan Hale	MM1(SS)	1969-72	Log Room Yeoman, 3M PO	M Division

Name	Location	Rate/Rank	Years
Nuclear Power School 64-4	Mare Island, CA	MM3	1964-65
Nuclear Prototype A1W	Idaho Falls, ID	MM3	1965-65

Nickname	Association Name	Joined	Title
AL-POST IL0032	American Legion - Post 32	2004	
SSBN-655	USS Henry L Stimson SSBN655 Association	2005	Secretary/Historian
USSVI-USS SPRINGFIELD	USSVI Base - USS Springfield	2001	Past Newsletter Editor, Past Base Commander