



ET2(SS) Wayne Ford
655 B 1965 – 1968
Commissioning Plank Owner
Eternal Patrol April 7, 2026

Sad news. My good friend from Stimson passed away April 7, 2026.

Wayne Ford ET2SS was aboard Stimson during new construction and a few patrols out of Rota. Wayne was the Stimson's initial reactor criticality RO.

Of note: Because he was assigned to perform the initial Stimson reactor startup, he was ordered to Washington DC to be interviewed by ADM Rickover's staff. The only enlisted man I knew of that went through the Rickover meat grinder. He served in the blue crew '65 - '68 and was part of the commissioning crew.

Wayne left the Navy in 1968 and pursued a career as an attorney. He served on the staff of the attorney general of the state of Arizona until his retirement. His wife remains in their home in Phoenix.

Wayne and his wife Colleen remained good friends with a number of Stimson shipmates all these years. I know many will be saddened by this loss.

Wayne suffered a fall at his home, breaking his hip. An injury from which he did not (or could not) recover.

Regarding Wayne Ford's passing; there is not an obituary for Wayne, nor is there a memorial service planned. These were Wayne's wishes. His wife says she may have a party of sorts down the road.

Regards,

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