



Jerry Andrew Mammen

October 24, 1945 - February 15, 2019

Jerry A. Mammen, 73, of El Cajon, CA passed away at his home the morning of February 15, 2019 after long battles with lung cancer, heart failure, and complications of Agent Orange exposure.

A Memorial service in his honor will be held 3:00 p.m. Saturday, August 17, 2019 at Conner Colonial Chapel, 1008 1st Ave South, Northwood, IA with Reverend Rob Lanphere of Northwood United Methodist Church officiating. Inurnment will be in Kensett Cemetery, Kensett, IA. Refreshments and a time of fellowship will be held at the Kensett Town Hall following the burial.

Jerry's family will greet friends one hour prior to the funeral at the chapel.

Military honors will be presented by Our Buddies Memorial Post #6779.

Jerry Andrew Mammen was born October 24, 1945 in Mason City, IA, the son of Carl and Lillian (Stanley) Mammen. Jerry grew up in Kensett, attending Northwood-Kensett High School until his enlistment in the United States Navy on April 30, 1963. Des Moines, IA was where Jerry's Naval career began and completing boot camp in San Diego, CA. It was then that he began his service aboard a naval tugboat and deployed to Yokosuka, Japan. Here Jerry met the love of his life, Shizue Tomotaki. The two were married at the United States Embassy in Japan on October 22, 1965 by Vice Consul Hobart H. Cleveland.

Jerry's service to his country continued as he was sent on numerous deployments to Vietnam aboard the USS MAHOPAC ATA-196. In June of 1966 Jerry was assigned to the USS Persistent (MSO 491) where he served with his brother Les for two and a half years. Following his time on the USS Persistent, Jerry returned to the United States where he continued his education- learning the Vietnamese language as well as survival skills pertinent to the Vietnamese terrain. Once completed, he returned to Vietnam and was one of the few to train Vietnamese sailors to use the newly gifted war ships, given to Vietnam by the United States. Later in his career Jerry was selected to be a Recruit Company Commander based in NTC, Great Lakes, IL, a position gained by on 5% of Navy sailors. He was then selected as Command Master Chief, a coveted position given to only .5% of Navy sailors. Following this promotion, Jerry began working on the SNAP 2 program, installing non-combative computer programs aboard naval ships. This work took him all over the world. On May 31, 1989 Jerry retired from his 26 year long

career with the United States Navy in San Diego, CA. Due to the respect and love from the civilian's program of SNAP 2, he continued work as a civilian completing programming around the world.

Together with Jerry's dedication to the United States Navy was dedication to his family and the time spent at home was treasured. Through the years he and his siblings, (many of them serving all over the world) would coordinate their trips home to be together for Christmas and other family events. Jerry looked forward to hunting in rural Kensett while he was home. In his later years, Jerry found a passion for cars- particularly classic cars. He would travel all over the United States to Auto Shows in search of the next best thing. Jerry lived a full life of 73 years, but due to complications of Agent Orange exposure while serving his country, challenges began to arise.

Left to cherish his memory include his beloved wife of 53 years, Shizue of San Diego, CA; his siblings, Betty Delyea, of Madison, WI, Bill (Joyce) Mammen of Davisberg, MI, Les (Nora) Mammen of Prescott, AZ, Christy (Merle) Ruppert of Northwood, IA, and Peggy (John) Julseth, of rural Kenestt, IA; as well as numerous nieces, nephews, and extended family members.

Preceding him in death are his parents, Carl and Lillian; and a brother-in-law David Delyea.