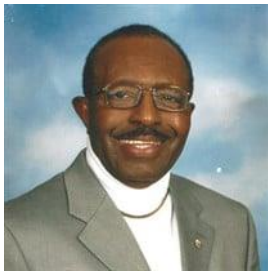




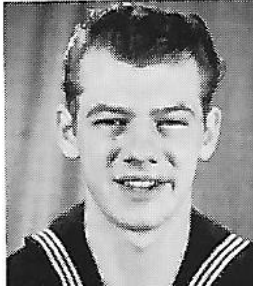
David "Duck" Heckadon was a Life member who passed away April 12, 2018, at the age of 65 in Lee's Summit, MO. While on board TICO in 1971-73, he was a FN in M Division. He joined the Navy February 1971 and retired March 1989. He served in Vietnam and was on both USS TICONDEROGA (CVS-14) and the USS CONSTELLATION (CV-64). He was on the recovery missions for Apollo 16, 17, and Skylab II. David was a great help during the Branson Reunion in 2004. Survivors include his wife of 35 years, Diana; sons, Robert (Jaimi), Christopher (Tobey) and James (Laci) brother, Larry, sister, Susie Stark, and 9 grandchildren; and 2 great-grandchildren.



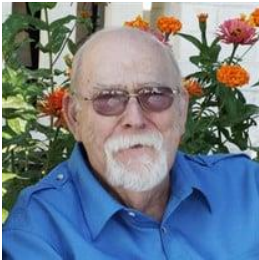
Robert L. "Bob" Carpenter, was a Regular member who passed away on December 4, 2019, at the age of 66, in Holley, NY. While on board in 1971-73, he was a FN in M Division. He was on the recovery missions for Apollo 16, 17, and Skylab II. After he left the Navy he was a member of VFW Post 202 and American Legion Post 529. He was also a volunteer fireman for the Clarendon Volunteer Fire Company. Bob is survived by his wife Paula; children, Sean Carpenter, Orissa (Mike) Hill, John Carpenter and Matthew Carpenter and 3 grandchildren, and 3 brothers, Skip (Cindy), Bill (Ann), Rusty (Mary) and Paul (Kathy); several nieces, nephews and cousins.



Stanley James Young was a Life member who passed away on May 6, 2022, at age of 87 in San Diego, CA. While on board in 1965-67 he was an MM in M Division. Stanley joined the Navy in 1955. He sailed on numerous U.S. Naval Ships including tours of duty in Korea, Vietnam and the Middle East. He retired from the United States Navy in 1974. After retiring from the Navy in 1974, Stanley was employed by UCSD for 25 years where he retired as an Operating Engineer, then retired again after working part-time at Naval Station 32nd Street. His wife, Louise died in 2001. He is survived by 5 children: Cynthia (Cleo) Thompson, Andre Young, Cheryl Stafford, Kimberly (Ephraim) Lee, and Rhonda (Jason) Baker, thirteen Grandchildren, and 10 Great-Grandchildren, and one Great-great Grandchild.



Terrance "Terry" H. Holle, was a Life member who passed away on July 3, 2012, at age 67 in Fayetteville, PA. While on board in 1962-1965 he was a MM3 in M Division. He was preceded in death by his wife, Bonny Kay Holle and he is survived by two children, Wes S. Holle and Ginger Holle; two brothers, Doug and Rick Hollinger; three sisters, Barb Arnsperger, Bonny Sue Hollinger and Vicky Hollinger; six grandchildren; and a number of nieces and nephews.



James Edward Dersch was a Regular member who passed away on April 27, 2021, at the age of 80 in Pleasant Grove, UT. We were notified of his death by his son, Brody Dersch. While on board he was in M Division in 1959. After leaving the ship he worked at various jobs in the Defense Industry and retired while working as a computer consultant at State Farm. Jim is survived by his wife Mary, son William Brody Dersch and daughter Susan Tong and grandson Andrew Chavis.

Stanley Richard Mattson was a Life member who passed away in May 2015 in Manatee, FL, at the age of 87. While on board he was an EM 3/C in E Division in 1945-1946.

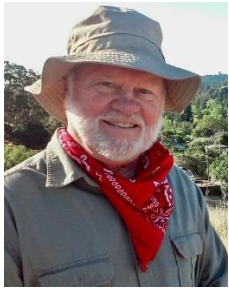


John H. Songster was a not a member who died October 15, 2009, in Cape May Court House, NJ, at the age of 75. While on board he was a LTJG in M Division from 1957-1959. He was also the Cruise Book Editor in 1959. He stayed in the NAVY and retired as a CDR with 20 years of service. He is survived by two brothers: William F. and Charles E. Songster and many nieces and nephews.



Noel Newton Dees was a Life member who passed away in Grand Junction, Co, on January 20, 2020, at the age of 101. While on board he was an ADCR in CAG5 in 1960. Noel served 21 years in the Navy attaining the rank of Chief Petty Officer in the field of aircraft maintenance. Following his Navy career, Noel became a firefighter at Edwards AFB and attained the rank of Station Captain. The Dees family moved to California in 1925 and eventually settled in the Antelope Valley. Noel graduated from Antelope Valley High School (Lancaster) in 1937. Noel also attended Antelope Valley College and enlisted in the U.S. Navy in 1940.

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George Lawrence Mills was a Life member who passed away peacefully at home in San Rafael, CA, on November 18, 2022, at age 83 following a 14-month battle with cholangiocarcinoma. We were notified of his death by his wife Gayle. While on board he was an LTJG in G Division from 1962-1964. On August 4, 1964, he was the Officer of the Deck during the alleged attack on a destroyer which led to the Gulf of Tonkin Resolution and a ten year war. Upon release from active duty, in early November, 1964, George returned to the San Francisco Bay Area and entered St. Patrick Catholic Seminary in Menlo Park, earning a BA in Philosophy. After leaving the seminary, he earned his teaching credentials at USF and in 1968 was employed to teach at the Continuation School in San Rafael. He enjoyed a 32-year career teaching English, Yearbook and Journalism in the San Rafael High School District. In 1978 he earned his MA in Education from USF by establishing a Title I Language Arts Learning Center at San Rafael High School. In 1983 he received the award for "Classroom Excellence" from the California Association of Teachers of English. In 1985 he became a fellow of the Bay Area Writing Project at UC, Berkeley. In 1997 he was selected as one of the "Outstanding Teachers" in Marin County. George was active in the San Rafael Federation of Teachers throughout his teaching career. We were happy he was able to make the 2000 reunion in Concord, CA, and the 2010 reunion in San Francisco. He is survived by his wife Gale, son Christopher and daughter Claire and 2 grandchildren.



William E. Laderer, Jr., was a Life member who passed away July 17, 2021, at the age of 92. We were notified of his death by his son in law, John O'Malley. While on board he was a SN in GN Division from 1954-1955. After the Navy he worked at Curtain Matheson Scientific in Harahan, LA, until retirement in 1990. He had been a member of the American Legion Post and Italian American Marching Club. He is survived by his wife Camille, his son William III, and daughters Melissa and Janelle and 7 grandchildren and 6 great grandchildren.



Robert A. Hachler was a Life member who passed away in December 2020 in Pine Bush, NY, at age 96. While on board he was a CS2 in S-2 Division in 1957. After the Navy he worked for LEDERLE Laboratories in Pearl River, NY, until he retired. He is survived by his daughters Debi Hachler and Robyn Bergin, grandchildren Amanda Shaw and Liam Bergin, and great grandson Warren Shaw.