



Capt. William Miller Shaw

November 23, 1928 - March 30, 2025

Obituary

Capt. William M. Shaw (USN, Ret.) passed away peacefully in his sleep on March 30 in

Sarasota, FL. Born in New York, NY on November 23, 1928, he was 96 years old and is

survived by his son, two daughters, four grandchildren and five great grandchildren.

Following his graduation from George Washington University in 1952, Bill's first deployment as

a newly commissioned officer in the Navy took him to Hawaii where he met and married Joanne

Mattison, on July 30, 1955. The only thing Bill loved more than his country was his family.

Together he and Jo spent a life that spanned continents raising their children William, Victoria

and Constance in Morocco (two tours), Germany and Okinawa. After retiring in 1978 in

McLean, VA, they eventually made their way to Sarasota, his wife's hometown.

His family and friends will always remember his infectious smile and affable and easy-going

personality. One nephew characterized him as the "kindest, funniest, most

caring person I've ever known," while another described him as "mischievous in a jolly sort-of-way." His grandchildren will forever carry the joy of knowing they were blessed with the quintessential grandfather.

Bill was a rare breed of man, often of unshakable conviction. For example, he died firmly believing that Seinfeld is the greatest television show ever created, that ketchup is not just an optional condiment but instead a necessity on any food, and that the rightful moniker for his beloved football team is the Washington Redskins.

In his free time, Bill's true passion was finding the fairways on golf courses throughout Sarasota.

He never had a bad day playing golf, no matter how many balls he lost. He also regularly

enjoyed solving the world's problems with friends and family over a glass of single malt scotch,

a glass of beer (with ice cubes), or some of the world's finest boxed wines.

Wishing for him fair winds and following seas and a warm reception at his next port of call,

reunited with the love of his life, Joanne.

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“ *The Legend lives on in memories that my family and I treasure from times spent in the mountains. He now joins Jo and her famous biscuits. RIP*

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