

Captain Robert E. Duck

Robert Edmond Duck, age 76, of Upland, California passed away on Monday, March 18, 2019, in the City of Rancho Cucamonga, California. Robert was a previous long time resident of Newport Beach.

A burial service will take place at the Riverside National Cemetery located at 22495 Van Buren Boulevard, Riverside, CA 92518. The date and time of service will be determined by the Riverside National Cemetery, and further detailed inquiries may be made by calling the cemetery at +1 (951) 653-8417.

Bob was born on April 2, 1942, in Queens, New York to Herbert Edmond Duck and Rosina Savelli Duck (nee Agnolucci). He is survived by his "Angel", Cynthia Colburn, his son Robert Tait Duck, daughter-in-law Mari Lynn Duck, a granddaughter, Emerald "Emmy" Duck, and a brother, Thomas George Denton.

Bob was a lifelong sailor and learned to sail at the young age of eight years under the tutelage of Cornelius Shields in Huntington Harbor, Long Island, New York. Bob graduated from the State University of New York Maritime College located in Bronx, New York and was a licensed Sea Captain who held a license to Captain any vessel in any ocean and of any tonnage.

Following his graduation, he was commissioned by the US Navy and was assigned to the USS Great Sitkin (AE-17) as the ship's navigator. He was then assigned to shore duty as the Operations Officer at the U.S. Naval Academy at Annapolis, Maryland, where he was responsible for 200 watercraft and the major waterfront facility. He had collateral duties as a Sailing Instructor of Midshipmen. He also did a significant amount of offshore sailboat racing during this assignment.

Upon completion of his Naval Service, his career paths lead to Wall Street where became an auditor at the brokerage firm of Hayden Stone and Coats and Clark Textile as National Sales Manager. For almost a decade, he was involved with alternate energy projects in Europe.

After coming to California , Bob became the Managing Partner in the Newport Sailing Club. He loved to teach sailing to those who were interested in learning and had an encyclopedic knowledge of all things sailing, especially safety at sea. Bob was an accomplished sailor and former member of the New York Yacht Club. He was known to many in Newport Harbor for his participation in various boating activities.

In lieu of flowers, please kindly donate in the name of Robert Duck to help fund research that will lead to a cure for Parkinson's disease. For online giving, please go to <https://www.uclahealth.org/neurology/giving> or you may write checks made payable to the Regents of the University of California and designated by memo for Parkinson's research. Please mail your checks to UCLA Neurology, 710 Westwood Plaza, Los Angeles, CA 90095 and Attention: Dr. Jeff Bronstein, M.D., Ph.D.,

The world has lost a true gentleman, a good friend and proud veteran.