



Norman Lemieux

January 22, 2010

Obituary of Norman Lemieux

Norman Lemieux, 91 of The Villages, FL died on Friday, January 22, 2010. He was born in New Bedford, MA and moved to The Villages from Alexandria, VA in 2006. He was a Lt. Commander in the US Navy, a WWII Veteran, serving in the Pacific. He retired from the Navy in 1964 and worked for General Dynamics, Naval Surface Weapon Center, Port Hueneme, CA Division and as a consultant with JHU/APL. He was an avid golfer.

A significant duty for Lt. Commander Lemieux was aboard the Aircraft Carrier USS Wasp CV 7, which began in 1940. During an operation in the Pacific on September 15, 1942, torpedoes, fired from a Japanese submarine, were launched at the Wasp and exploded near gas tanks and ammunition magazines. The ammunition exploded and an order was given to abandon the burning ship. The survivors were rescued by the USS Duncan after spending many hours in the oily burning water. After they were rescued the crew was briefed on how to cope with depth charges and to swim in burning water. He spent the rest of WWII serving on board USS Essex CV-9 and USS Bon Homme Richard CV-31. He also served on several other Navy ships prior to his retirement in 1964.

He is survived by his wife Mary Ann, The Villages; daughters Norma DeBill, Asheville, NC, Susie Brookshire, Cumming, GA; sisters, Doris Garrison, Peoria, AZ; Rita St. Aubin, Newberry Park, CA; Teresa Fowler, Mary Ester, FL; four grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

A memorial service will be held at 11:00 a.m. Thursday, February 25, 2010 at Beyers Funeral Home & Crematory, Lady Lake.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the U. S. Naval Memorial, 701 Pennsylvania Ave, NW, Suite 123, Washington, DC 20004

Services

A memorial service will be held at 11:00 a.m. Thursday, February 25, 2010 at Beyers Funeral Home Chapel, Lady Lake.

Memorial Donations

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Tribute Wall

CS

“ I miss you Granddaddy!! I wish during my time in the USMC I could have given you a salute! Love and miss you Sir!!

Chris Sileneck - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

CW

“ Norm hired me at NSMSES giving me a career start. He was a moving force and an inspiration. I will never forget him.

Carl V. Wade - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

KH

“ Fair winds and folowing seas from one "Old Salt" to another. A life well-lived in honor and service. Ken

Ken Holtel - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

PR

“ Mary Ann - sounds like you had a wonderful husband/friend in Norman. With deepest sympathy, Peggy & Cliff Rose

Peggy & Cliff Rose - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

SH

“ What a wonderful gentleman. I was always amazed with his optimistic outlook and great humor. Plus he was ALWAYS a NAVY man....he will certainly be missed. I am sad indeed.

Smoke Hickman - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

RL

“ Dear Mary Ann, Norm's obituary site is a lovely tribute to a special friend. We treasure our memories of countless rounds of golf and Friday night dinners at Los Posas Country Club.

Richard and Audrey Linde - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

GB

“ Norm was a great friend and great golf companion. we will miss his presence on this earth.we have many happy memories in sharing a frienship with him God bless his soul and the memories that he leaves behind!!! Glen and jean Bell . Weatherford, texas

Glen / Jean Bell - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

KB

“ Susie: What a beautiful life. My prayers are with you and your family as you celebrate his life. Love you, Kathy

Kathy Bain - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

CN

“ Susie - thoughts and prayers continue to be with you during this time. I'm so sorry for your loss.

Cammie Neal - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

EW

“ Norman was a gentleman and a friend. While he told us stories of his service in the Navy over coffee at Barns & Noble every Saturday morning, it was Mary Ann and golf that he enjoyed most and kept him going. We'll miss him.

Ed & Avis Williams - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

AH

“ *Mary Ann, I'm so sorry for your loss. You are in my thoughts and prayers. Love, Andrea*

Andrea Sadur Hostetler - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

CU

“ *Mary Ann again, Linda and I send you our warmest wishes and prayers. In reading the words about Frenchy's life I am reminded of the legacy that he helped build into the service so many of us have the privilege to serve. He certainly enriched that Navy legacy, as well as all of our lives through knowing you both. Chuck*

Chuck Vogan, Captain, USN(Ret) - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

GM

“ *A wonderful obit for a wonderful guy, Mary Ann. Frenchy loved you dearly, and your time together made his life rich indeed. I believe Frenchy went to Heaven a happy man because of you. God Bless...George*

George Meinig - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

JJ

“ *MaryAnn We are so grateful to have spent some time with Norman and that he welcomed us as friends in the 2 short years that we have met you both. A gracious, warm and interesting man to talk with and a great person in the service of his Country. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and Norman's family. Your friends in Alpena, MI Jerry & Ethel & sister, Kaye & Bill Our thoughts and prayers are with you and his family.*

Jerry & Ethel Janeski - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

HM

“ Those many of us who worked with Norm over the years at the Naval Ship Missile Systems Engineering Station, Port Hueneme CA will fondly remember his many contributions. Norm was inducted into "the hall of fame" as a Distinguished Alumni a while after his retirement. Additionally, he was one of the founding members of the NEMESIS ALUMNI ASSOCIATION, the name "nemesis" being the "pronunciation" of the initials ...NSMSES... of the organization. I also remember Norm from our employment with General Dynamics/Pomona (CA) during the early 1960s. He was fresh from the US Navy, having retired as a LCDR with major experience in our field. Hank Morris NEMESIS Alumni Association

Hank Morris - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

BJ

“ John and I will miss Norman a lot. He was definately one of the "good guys." I also know he liked my hugs! Bev

Bev and John - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

DR

“ Susie and David: You and your family are in our thoughts and prayers. We appreciate Norman's service to our country.

Debbie Rondem - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

MW

“ Susie- I am thinking of you and your family during this hard time. I am so sorry for your loss. I know your dad will be greatly missed. My thought are with you. Love Mary

Mary Work - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

GW

“ *MaryAnn, again, I send you my very sincere condolences, I know the pain. May he rest in peace. Love, geni January 25, 2010*

Geni Wilson-Howard - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM

DS

“ *My prayers are with you during this time of loss. I have so many stories about Norman from Susie that he was one of those larger-than-life kind of guys. My thoughts will continue to be with you today and days ahead.*

David L. Smith - October 01, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ *Norman Lemieux*

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