



MARVIN L SCHENKER

April 26, 1928 - March 18, 2021

Marvin L. Schenker, a New York native, was born April 26, 1928 to Jewish immigrant parents. Appointed to the U S Naval Academy from New York, he became an intercollegiate gymnastic champion for the Navy. Upon graduation in 1950, he served in USS Helena (CA75) in the Korean conflict.

After submarine school graduation, in 1952, he operated in Atlantic, Mediterranean and Caribbean waters in various diesel submarines. Qualifications achieved included submariner, Navy diver, technical air observer, and submarine commander.

Following a tour as Navigator in 1962 in USS George Washington, the world's first nuclear powered ballistic missile firing submarine, he commanded USS Quillback 1962-1964. Subsequently, after nuclear power training, he commanded Polaris and Poseidon missile submarines USS Lafayette and Nathanael Greene in succession 1966-69.

His efforts in command of the Submarine Training Center, Charleston, S.C., 1969-72 were distinguished by award of the first Navy Meritorious Unit Citation to a training facility.

Next followed a tour as Ass't Chief of Staff to Commander of Pacific Submarine Forces at Pearl Harbor, with responsibilities including coordinating all missile submarine operations in the Pacific. He commanded Naval Station, Mare Island, CA prior to retirement in 1977.

Since retirement, Capt. Schenker has resided in South Florida with his wife, Helene. Involving himself in marine related pursuits, he operated a small fleet of freighters from Miami, served as an assistant to the Director of the Port of Miami, and ran the service function of a large marine electronics firm.

Heavily involved in sailboat racing, he collected silver both as skipper of small yachts and navigator of larger vessels. Also occupying time and energy was his more recent landlubber hobby of growing rare tropical fruits (in a salt air locale). Since 1989, he has considered himself semi-retired while actively engaged in adjusting compasses on ships

and yachts worldwide.

He is survived by the former Helene Garth who has been his spouse since May 1954, and their two sons, Harold G. Schenker and Allan L. Schenker.

Cemetery

Van Orsdel Crematory

3333 NE 2nd Avenue

Miami, FL, 33137

Comments



“ The Schenkers have been my summer neighbors in Hendersonville, NC for 20 years. Rest in peace, Marvin, and thank you for your extraordinary service to our country.

Cynthia Bantsolas

Cynthia Bantsolas - March 25 at 09:45 AM



“ Sorry to here this. I knew him from the Coconut Grove Sailing Club in Miami. He often worked race committee and calibrated the members compasses, including mine. Had some interesting conversations with him about his career as a submarine captain. Smooth seas and following winds Captain Schenker.

Mike Arnold - March 24 at 02:46 PM



“ I remember Marvin as a top notch timer in the Coconut Grove sailing club races. He distinguished himself By using two watches to time starts. He had an amazing life. My condolences to his lovely wife Helene.

karen young - March 25 at 04:01 PM



“ Marvin was one of my very best friends. We worked Race Committee together for the Coconut Grove Sailing Club so many times. Marvin was my navigator aboard Samurai, (a Peterson 34) for a number of ocean races including Ft. Lauderdale to Key West. He was a great guy. I will miss him!

Art - March 28 at 11:15 AM



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Harold - March 19 at 03:46 PM