



JON MICHAEL BARR OBITUARY

RADM Jon Michael Barr, Mike, 84, passed away suddenly on October 26, 2022, of a brain hemorrhage, in Santa Fe, NM. He is survived by his wife of 61 years, Marcia, their three daughters, Susan Davis (Scott), Diana Wisniewski (Dan), and Jillian Joncas (Michael); seven grandchildren, Lindsay Davis (Scott), Julia Handalian (Marc), Drew Davis, Tessa Wisniewski, Sydney Wisniewski, Riley Joncas, Kallie Joncas; one great grandchild; sister Gillian Thorne (Bill) and brother Dave Barr (Joanie); and numerous nieces and nephews.

Born in Plainfield, NJ, to Frank and Hope Barr in 1938, Mike realized his dream of attending the United States Naval Academy after a year at Cornell. He was awarded the Military Order of Foreign Wars prize for highest standing in mathematics for the graduating class of 1961. His best prize, however, was marrying his high school sweetheart and best friend, Marcia.

Mike and Marcia moved their family over 20 times during his 35-year career in the submarine force. He commanded three nuclear-powered submarines; served as Deputy Assistant Secretary of Military Applications, Department of Energy; as Commander of Naval Recruiting, and as Commander, Submarine Force, U.S. Pacific Fleet in Pearl Harbor, HI. Upon retiring from the Navy, Mike spent seven years as President and General Manager of Johnson Controls Northern New Mexico, Los Alamos.

Mike tutored students at the local high school in advanced math and physics, traveled the world, visited family and friends, and went on cruises with the USNA 15th company. He was a problem-solver who loved math, history, and current affairs. He enjoyed his "Speak Easy," a group of friends in Santa Fe who gathered to give presentations, debate, learn from each other.

He was a selfless gentleman, a devoted and loving husband, father, grandfather, and great grandfather. He was a connoisseur of fruit, especially cherries, a Civil War buff, and a die-hard Dallas Cowboys fan. Mike had a gift of making every person he met feel important and valued.

Rear Admiral Barr will be buried at Santa Fe National Cemetery with full military honors in January 2023.