



LCDR E. Sechrest,  
Weapons Officer  
From July 1969

Edward A. Sechrest, 60, a retired Navy captain who served three tours of duty in Vietnam and later was a government marketing official with Magnavox, died of cancer Feb. 9 at his home in McLean.

Capt. Sechrest was born in Washington. He graduated from Dunbar High School and then went to the U.S. Naval Academy, from which he graduated in 1956.

He later received a master's degree in electrical engineering at the Naval Postgraduate School in Monterey, Calif., and a master's degree in international affairs from George Washington University. He was a graduate of the Naval War College.

A surface weapons officer, Capt. Sechrest served at various naval bases in the United States and on various ships. He also had an assignment in Athens.

During the Vietnam War, he served his first tour as weapons officer of the cruiser USS Boston. His second tour was as executive officer of the destroyer Camp. His third tour was with the Military Assistance Group in Saigon.

Capt. Sechrest later commanded the destroyer USS Barry in the Mediterranean. He was stationed at the Navy Department when he retired in 1985.

His personal military decorations included the Bronze Star with combat "V," the Meritorious Service Medal and the Joint Services Commendation Medal.

After leaving the Navy, Capt. Sechrest worked briefly for American Telephone and Telegraph Co. and then joined Magnavox, where his duties involved marketing in the field of electronics.

Capt. Sechrest was a member of the Fairfax County school system's advisory committee for gifted and talented children, Army Navy Country Club and Kappa Alpha Psi fraternity.

Survivors include his wife of 35 years, Margaret Ann Sechrest of McLean; three children, Edward A. Sechrest Jr. of Collegeville, Pa., Lisa Ehrhardt of Reston and Kim Guillen of Washington; a sister, Gloria Alston, and a brother, John Sechrest, both of Washington, and two grandchildren.