

## **CAPTAIN RICHARD A. MOZIER, USN RETIRED**

Richard A. Mozier (90) of Indian Trail, NC passed away peacefully surrounded by his family on April 27, 2024. A memorial service will be celebrated at Heritage Funeral Home in Indian Trail, NC on May 3, 2024.

Richard, along with his wife, Margaret, will be interred at a later date at the United States Naval Academy Columbarium. Mr. Mozier was preceded in death by his wife, Margaret, his precious baby Richard Mozier Jr. (22 mos.), his father Anthony Mozier and his mother Genevieve Mozier (both of Fairfield, CT). He is survived by his children Linda Ann Mozier, Jean DuVal Mozier Watson (Marshall) all of Indian Trail, Thomas James Mozier of Medford, NJ and seven grandchildren: Christopher Anthony Hart (Sotheary), Joshua Tyler Hart, Sarah Elizabeth Watson, Richard Gregory Watson (Fiancee Hailey Bean), Matthew Edward Watson, Amanda Lilly Mozier, John Ryan Mozier. All of whom he loved and touched deeply.

Mr. Mozier grew up in Fairfield, CT and attended Fairfield Preparatory School, followed by a year at the University of Notre Dame before receiving his appointment to the United States Naval Academy. Upon graduating from the Academy with the Class of 1956 he took his commission in the Navy as a surface line officer and spent most of his career involved with shipboard weapon systems. He first served in the missile department on the USS Boston, which had been newly recommissioned as the world's first guided missile ship, followed by subsequent tours of duty as Fire Control Officer on the USS William V. Pratt and as a Weapons Officer on both the USS Farragut and the USS Belknap. He also served on the staff of the Cruiser Division 2 and Carrier Division 4 and served as executive officer on the USS Vogelgesang, and Commanding Officer of the USS Rich. While on the USS Rich, the ship participated in shore bombardment missions in Vietnam. His shore duty assignments included Program Manager for the MK 46 Torpedo in NAVSEA and OP-98 in the Pentagon.

Richard retired from the Navy in late 1980, after achieving the rank of Captain. He then worked briefly for Lockheed Martin, Arther D. Little, and Fairchild Space Company before settling into a Project Manager position in the AEGIS program at Lockheed Martin (originally RCA) where he remained until 2000. He continued working on the AEGIS project for Northrup Grumman until retiring for the third and final time in 2003. He spent his golden years living in his dream home in Williamsburg, VA with his beloved wife of almost 60 years, Margaret. Golfing, traveling, spending time with his grandchildren and catching up with his Class of 1956 buddies filled his life with joy. In 2019 they moved to Indian Trail, NC to be closer to their daughters who along with his son took great care of him until the end.

Richard enjoyed five years in North Carolina growing closer to his children and grandchildren before the Lord called him home.