

We are pleased to honor Shipmate and Association Member



1958-1964

William "Moon" "Bill" Mullins

Bill, affectionately known in the Navy as "Moon," was born in Champaign, IL, in 1940, where he lived until November, 1958, when he joined the Navy and was sent to Great Lakes for training, ETA School, and C School. Upon completion of training,



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Bill was assigned to the USS Boston CAG-1 in the Mediterranean. Subsequently, he was assigned to the USS Des Moines CA-134 until its return from the Mediterranean for decommissioning in 1961. Bill obtained further schooling and served aboard both the USS Little Rock CLG-7 and the USS North Hampton. While aboard the USS North Hampton in 1962 Bill participated in the Cuban Missile Crisis. Upon his return to the US, Bill was released from active duty.

Bill married Ann Witter in 1963, and had a daughter, Denise. During his life, Bill worked at the University of Illinois as a Computer Tech, at Magnavox as a Senior Tech, at Alloy Engineering & Casting as Chief Electrician, and at Best Western Sea Wake Resorts as Chief Engineer. Bill also had his own business, Mullins Electrical Maintenance, which he successfully ran for 15 years.

In 1977 Bill married Barbara Lamendola and they have lived in Largo, FL, since 1990 where, until his retirement in 2010, Bill worked at Cabot Cove Assisted Living Facility as Chief Engineer.

Bill is an avid University of Illinois fan and attends Homecoming every fall. Until his hip replacement in 2008, Bill also enjoyed speed skating and golf. He loves model trains and is a current member of the Suncoast Model Railroad Club.

Bill has attended USS Des Moines Reunion Association reunions since 2008!