

A Brief Bio of David Kennedy's Life

Prepared by his brother Brian Kennedy

David N. Kennedy

Born: 21 May, 1945 - Died: 02 April, 2023

Father: Donald R. Kennedy, Colonel, United States Marine Corps (1938-1969:d WWII, Korea, Lebanon) Born in Montana.

Mother: Barbara Mary Strickland - Born in Dublin Ireland and raised in County Wicklow. In WWII Captain, then Major Kennedy was attached to the 1st Provisional Battalion, Londonderry, Northern Ireland when he was introduced to Barbara Strickland. They were married in the Catholic Cathedral, Londonderry.

David was born at the Oaknoll Naval Hospital, Oakland, CA.

David is survived by his younger brother, Brian.

Note: As a military family we moved every 6 months to 3 years, starting in California in San Francisco, then Oceanside (Camp Pendleton) before going east.

We spent 7 years at three different duty stations in Virginia before Lt/Col. Kennedy's assignment to Naval Forces NATO (1957).

David attended École Bilingue, Paris, France for a few months before two years at Avisford, an English boarding school near Arundel, Sussex. The family lived in London and developed strong bonds with their maternal cousins. In 1959 David transferred as a sophomore at Beaufort High School, Beaufort, South Carolina. David's English accent was a novelty. David was a member of the National Honor Society and graduated in 1962.

David attended Belmont Abbey College, North Carolina and University of Florida at Gainesville, receiving his B.A. in history in 1967.

David enlisted in the Navy in 1968. He went through radar school at Treasure Island, SF, CA and served two tours in Viet Nam on the LPH-5 Princeton and the LST-821 Harnett County.

At the conclusion of his active-duty obligation David continued serving in the Naval Reserve, accepted a commission and retired as a Lieutenant Commander (O-4) with 30 years of service.

David attended post graduate courses at Univ. of San Francisco before taking employment with the Inspector General's Office of the Department of Education. David investigated numerous cases of fraud and corrupt practices in the use of federal funds by students and administrators in our schools of higher education. He worked out of Washington D.C., San Francisco and Long Beach. Under the Reagan Administration David was cited as one of 34 "Civil Service Employee of the Year". David retired from the Dept. of Ed. after 27 years of service. David has lived in Long Beach since the Dept. of Education moved the SF Office to Long Beach 25 years ago.