



19 October 2022

Dear Classmates,

It is my sad duty to report that Donald "Don" Lamar Griffin II passed away on Saturday, October 15th after a prolonged illness. He was surrounded by his loving family.

Don was an Alabama native, a plebe in 34th Co., and a graduating member of 10th Company. He loved alternative music, was a member of the Rugby Team, and served as a company honor rep. A Systems Engineer, Don was nuclear trained in Orlando, Ballston Spa and Groton. He earned his Gold Dolphins (and his Bluenose) on USS WHALE (SSN 638). Don received his MBA from U of MD while serving at the Defense Nuclear Agency and, after leaving the Navy, worked for the DOE and later earned a Masters in IT, for good measure. Don spent most of his civilian career in the tech sector, culminating as a VP and CTO of City of Hope Hospital in Los Angeles.

He is survived by his loving wife, Karine (DeGraw) and their three sons, Zachary, Samuel Connor, and Capt. Jared Griffin, USMC (a 2014 grad); his mother, Mrs. Doris Griffin; his brother, Todd; and his nieces and nephews.

On Friday, 28 October 2022, a Celebration of Life service will be held from 1500-1800 at the Burbage Funeral Home in Berlin, MD.

A Memorial Service will be held at the Naval Academy Chapel on Monday, 12 December 2022 at 1400. Following the service, Don's remains will be interred at the Naval Academy Columbarium.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Paralyzed Veterans Association or the American Brain Tumor Association. The Class will make a donation in Don's honor.

Please take a moment and join me in remembering Don. RIP Classmate.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'S. Herbener'.

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