

Commander David S. Bary, SC, USN (Ret.) passed away on Oct. 24, 2016 at the age of 74 years at Harborview Medical Center in Seattle, Washington.

He was born on Nov. 16, 1941 in Fort Bragg, North Carolina to Robert and Bertha Bary. He married Brenda Thalheimer of Batesville, Indiana on May 22, 1971. Their daughter, Rachel, was born on April 17, 1975.

The son of a career Army officer, "Dave" traveled extensively growing up, attending ten different schools in the United States, Japan and Europe. He graduated from Paris American High School, Paris, France in 1959. He received a Presidential appointment to the Naval Academy and graduated with the class of 1964. He was a member of the 18th Company.

After graduating, Dave attended the Navy Supply Corps School in Athens, Georgia and then was assigned as the Supply Officer of the USS Sarsfield (DD837). He next attended the Navy Submarine School, Groton, Connecticut and then served as the Supply Officer, Alexander Hamilton (SSBN-617). His subsequent assignments included positions at the Naval Supply Systems Command Headquarters, Alexandria, Virginia; Staff, Commander-in-Chief, U.S. Pacific Fleet, Pearl Harbor, Hawaii; and at the Polaris Material Office, Bremerton, Washington. Dave's final tour was at the Navy Supply Center, Puget Sound in Bremerton, where he served as the Planning Officer and the Comptroller. He retired from the Navy in 1984. While in the Navy, he received a master's degree in business administration, with Distinction, from the University of Michigan in 1974.

After retiring from the Navy, Dave enjoyed administrative positions in the pediatrics department, School of Medicine, University of Washington, Seattle, Washington for the next 23 years, before retiring in 2007. For 18 of those years, he was the department director, where he was responsible for all financial and administrative functions of the large medical department, whose mission entailed extensive research, teaching and clinical care. In 2006 he was nominated to receive the Distinguished Staff Award and was recognized at the annual University of Washington Recognition Ceremony. During his 23 years with the University of Washington, Dave commuted from Bremerton to Seattle, a commute that included a one-hour ferry trip across Puget Sound each way. He apparently needed to make up for having only two shipboard assignments in the Navy.

Dave enjoyed all sports, watching them and playing them. He loved travelling and once he retired, he and Brenda went on several cruises, road trips and some vacations with Rachel and her family. His hobbies included photography, reading and using his smart phone where he had numerous apps. He loved spending time with his daughter, Rachel; son-in-law, Brian; and grandchildren, Alex (13 years) and Natalie (9 years). He especially enjoyed watching the whole family take part in the Chelan Man races at Lake Chelan, Washington in July 2015. Dave loved visiting and spending time with friends, especially when the talk was about the Seahawks.

Dave is survived by his wife of 45 years, Brenda Kay Thalheimer Bary of Bremerton, Washington; daughter, Rachel Oathout (Brian) of Bremerton, Washington; grandchildren, Alex and Natalie Oathout of Bremerton, Washington; sister, Susan Alexander of Lake Wales, Florida; and brother, Mark Bary of Mt. Airy, Maryland.

Memorial services will be conducted on Nov. 12, 2016 at 1 p.m. at Sylvan Way Baptist Church in Bremerton, Washington with inurnment at Tahoma National Cemetery in Kent, Washington.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Department of Neurology at the University of Washington Medical Center.

Dave loved life and enjoyed it to the fullest. He will be missed deeply by his family and friends.