

Gregory A. Brown, Captain, SC, USN, Retired, of Smithfield, VA passed away at his home on September 3, 2014 surrounded by his wife and children. Greg was born September 2, 1947 in Studio City, Los Angeles, CA. He grew up in San Mateo, CA and attended Mont La Salle Cristian Brother's school in Napa, CA. He graduated from St. Mary's College in 1970. Drafted into the United States Navy, he served initially as a personnel man and over time was promoted to Captain, U.S. Navy Supply Corps, in a career spanning 32 years. He proudly served his country, as a Naval Officer and in Civil Service, for a total 40 years. While in the Navy he met Sarah Elliott, his beloved wife and companion of 31 years. They were married in 1983. Greg's Active Duty assignments took him and his family to many places around the world. His Duty at Sea included tours onboard the USS Forrestal (CV-59), USS Constellation (CV-64), and USS Tarawa (LHA-1). Captain Brown was honored to have served, and continued to serve following his retirement from the Naval Audit Service. His personal military awards include the Defense Meritorious Service Medal, the Navy Meritorious Service Medal, and Navy Commendation Medal. Greg is survived by his wife Sarah of Smithfield, VA, and his loving children: son Christopher and his wife Lauren, daughter Katherine and her husband Sean, and daughter Lisa and her partner Alexander. A funeral mass will be held 10 am, Saturday, September 6, in the Church of the Good Shepherd, 300 Smithfield Blvd, Smithfield, VA, with Rev. Fr. Oscar Paraiso officiating. Interment will take place in Arlington National Cemetery at a later date. The family suggests memorial contributions to the Wounded Warrior Project, P.O. Box 758517, Topeka, Kansas 66675. Arrangements are in the care of Colonial Funeral Home, Smithfield, VA.