



William Marcus Luoma

April 8, 1957 - March 6, 2021

Capt. William Marcus (Marc) Luoma, U.S. Navy, age 63, of Arnold, Maryland died of liver disease on Saturday, March 6, 2021.

Marc was born in Jackson, MS on April 8, 1957 to William and Mada Luoma. He was one of 5 children and grew up on Mobile Bay in Alabama. As a young boy, he could be found reading a volume of the World Book Encyclopedia which honed his intelligence. He could also be found swimming, boating, and lifeguarding which contributed to his love of the water. After graduating from Fairhope (AL) High School and receiving a BA from the University of South Alabama, he fulfilled his love of the water with the career decision to join the Navy and was commissioned in 1980.

Marc began his Navy career as a Knightrider squadron intelligence officer in VA-52 stationed at Whidbey Island, WA. He had follow-on assignments around the world: from Stuttgart, Germany and Rota, Spain - where he met his wife Suzanne, to Atsugi, Japan. Stateside assignments included Newport, RI; San Diego, CA; Alexandria, VA; Cambridge, MA; and Key West, FL.

As the Carrier Air Wing Five intelligence officer during Operation Desert Storm, Marc played a key role in integration of intelligence and operations efforts of Battle Force Zulu, which included four aircraft carriers, two battleships, and 120 ships from a dozen countries. For his indispensable

work, he was awarded the bronze star medal. Marc concluded his 27-year Navy career at the Joint Inter-Agency Task Force – South in Key West, FL. After the Navy, he continued his public service at the Joint Improvised Explosive Device Defeat Organization which brought about critical solutions to combat the primary killer of U.S. and allied service members in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Marc is survived by his loving wife of nearly 31 years, Suzanne and their children, Austin and Everett; sister Emily Loiselle (Robert), brother Chris Luoma (Lori), and their families; and paternal aunt, Mrs. Betty Chapman. He is preceded in death by his parents; step-father, Henry Edmonds; and sisters Lynn Hedl and Jan Randel.

A memorial service and Holy Communion will be held on Saturday, November 13, 2021 at 11:00 AM at St. Paul's Anglican Church, 1505 Crownsville Road, Crownsville, MD 21032.

Tribute Wall

DO

“ I miss your company and our discussions my friend. The winds that filled let me learn to sail with you; continue filling the sails of our friendship. God speed. //oz

David Osband - February 27, 2022 at 12:07 PM

JM

“ Having learned of Marc's passing only yesterday, I was incredibly saddened at his untimely loss. Marc was an exceptional human being and I consider myself very fortunate to have known him. He impressed me from our very first meeting at JIATF-South; so much so that I declined another position for the opportunity to stay and work with him. His professionalism, skills, and personality were enough to convince me to join him again at JIEDDO some years later. The world is, indeed, a darker place with his passing. Nancy and I send our most heart-felt condolences to Marc's family and hope that the memories of him will brighten your thoughts and hearts forever.

John Myrick - May 21, 2021 at 12:21 PM

JC

“ I knew Marc in high school and even the he was smart, funny and wise. Everyone knew he would go far. Prayers for his family in this time of great loss.

Jane Calton - April 04, 2021 at 02:51 PM

DO

“ Until Valhala Marc. See you on the other side.

Dave Osband - April 02, 2021 at 04:05 PM

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“ *William Marcus Luoma*

David Osband - April 02, 2021 at 04:01 PM

PJ

“ *Throughout my naval career, Marc always seemed to drop in from out of nowhere. Rota, Bahrain, Virginia Beach, Newport, Washington. Each time he would bring that infectious smile, along with wisdom, guidance, humor and a selfless friendship and helping hand. Marc was always ready to laugh, and have some laughs, but would also gently rein things in if necessary. He was soft spoken, but what he said made you stand up and take notice. He made us all better by having known him, worked with him, and shared good times with him. Such an untimely loss, especially to Suzanne and the kids. I had known Marc grew up in Alabama, but never much beyond that other than he knew W.E.B Griffin from there. The last few months I have spent considerable time on Alabama's eastern shore, looking at possible retirement locations. It is strangely comforting to now learn that same area was once Marc's old stomping grounds. Fair winds, friend. I know there will be only following seas for you.*

Parker Jones - April 01, 2021 at 04:07 PM

Jl

“ *With heartfelt condolences, there are no words to adequately capture our sadness for your loss. May God always walk with you.*

John and Diana Ives - April 01, 2021 at 04:04 PM

LC

“ *A fine Naval Intelligence Officer for whom I had great respect and called professional friend. Way too young to leave us!!!!!! Larry and Carol Clarke.*

Lawrence Clarke - March 30, 2021 at 04:47 PM

DS

“ *Mark was and always will be my hero. I worked JIATFS WITH HIM AS THE J-3 while he was the j-2. We made a great team and enjoyed our time together fishing and sailing out in our off hours. And who could forget the many hurricanes and in Key West.*

David sherry - March 22, 2021 at 12:52 PM

JM

“ *Everett, Suzanne, and Family, My deepest condolences for your loss. Troop 450 said a prayer tonight for the passing of Mr. Luoma. We are here for you, call on us if you need anything at all.*

Jake Miller - March 11, 2021 at 08:28 PM

JS

“ *Shipmate, after the turbulence of life I wish your spirit nothing but fair winds and following seas. Suzanne, my memories are of that happy day in Gibraltar when the two of you got married. Please accept my deepest condolences Semper Fidelis, John Shissler*

John Shissler - March 11, 2021 at 06:27 PM

DA

“ Suzanne, I agree with John Shissler. The tour at FOSIF Rota was a Special one, that scores of people to this day, 33 years later, Still reflect upon and acknowledge as one of, it not THE best of their Careers. And the weekend all of us JO's decamped to Gibraltar to celebrate you and Marc's wedding, was one of The Best Memories, of a Best Tour. Devastation is the word I am hearing most about Marc's passing, and I'm right there. This one is heartrending. Ray Cross, another of our FOSIF Alums just said this about Marc in another forum. Marc, No pretensions, but always the smartest man in the room! That's Perfect! Love you always Marc, and you too Suzanne. Semper Fi, Dale

Dale Armstrong - March 11, 2021 at 02:33 PM

DA

“ Love these two pictures of Marc. Got them from Patrick Lueb, they're his.

Dale Armstrong - March 11, 2021 at 02:27 PM