

# WEEKLY DENTAL UPDATE



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#### PASSING OF RADM RICHARD G. SHAFFER, DC, USN, RETIRED

July 27, 1934 - July 18, 2012

Born July 27, 1934, in Canton, Ohio, RADM Richard “Dick” G. Shaffer’s first loves were his Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, and his family to include: Barbara, his wife of 55 years; his three sons, Richard, Russell and Robert and their wives; and his nine grandchildren. Dick was the son of Lee and Katherine Shaffer, and brother of Lee, Jr. He served as high school class president and was a graduate of Ohio Wesleyan University. He earned his Doctor of Dental Surgery degree from Case Western Reserve University School of Dentistry. In 1960, he began a distinguished career in the U.S. Navy as an intern at Portsmouth, VA. In 1984 he was promoted to Rear Admiral and selected to serve as Chief, Navy Dental Corps. He and Barbara loved the Navy and the countless lifelong friends they made. After retiring in 1989, he spent “10 fantastic years” with the International College of Dentists. McLean Bible Church became his cherished church home. In retirement, he was an avid volunteer, dedicating 13 years to a variety of community organizations including the Red Cross at Naval Hospital, Bethesda. This was particularly significant since he served as Commander, Naval Hospital, Bethesda, at the end of his Navy career. Most of all, “Bop”, as his family called him, loved being with his grandkids and spending as much time as possible at Little Point Sable, Michigan. Characterized by untiring energy, enthusiasm, and a gift of communicating and mentoring, he was a leader all of his life: to his family, to the Navy, to dental and community organizations and first and foremost to the people.



In lieu of flowers, Dick asked that donations be made to Jill’s House [jillshouse.org](http://jillshouse.org), International College of Dentists USA Section Foundation [www.usa-icd.org](http://www.usa-icd.org), or to Hospice of Maryland [www.hnmd.org](http://www.hnmd.org).

A celebration of his life and worship of the Lord Jesus will be held at McLean Bible Church, 8925 Leesburg Pike, Vienna, VA 22182 on Saturday, Aug 4 at 11AM. Interment at Arlington National Cemetery will be announced at a future date.

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