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PASSING OF RADM PAUL E. FARRELL, DC, USN, RETIRED

15 November 1926 - 19 October 2012

Rear Admiral Paul E. Farrell, DC, USN died October 19, 2012 in Virginia Beach, Virginia, following complications from a stroke and chronic leukemia. Born November 15, 1926 in Upper Darby, Pennsylvania, he was the second youngest of eight children born to James P. Farrell and Edith Kerk Farrell. RADM Farrell attended West Catholic High School and LaSalle University in Philadelphia. During WWII, he served as a Navy Hospital Corpsman, and was a member of the crew of the cruiser USS FARGO after the war. He graduated from the University of Pennsylvania School of Dentistry in 1951, and served in the U.S. Navy Dental Corps until his retirement in 1980. His Navy assignments included: Oakland; San Diego; Bethesda; Key West, aboard the USS GILMORE; U.S. Naval Academy; Port Lyautey, Morocco; Washington Navy Yard; Norfolk; and Bureau of Medicine and Surgery. During the Vietnam War, he was senior dentist on board the battleship USS NEW JERSEY. In 1976, he was promoted to flag rank, and served as Inspector General and as Chief, Navy Dental Corps and Assistant Chief, BUMED. After his retirement from the Navy, he was a Professor of Dentistry at Temple University in Philadelphia for 10 years.



His wife Romaine Farrell, a former Navy Nurse, died in 1993. He is survived by his daughter Anne Marie Gersch of Richmond, VA, and his son CAPT Paul Farrell, Jr, MC, USN (ret) of Collegeville, PA, and three grandchildren, Megan Gersch, Karen Farrell, and Joseph Gersch.

There will be a local Catholic funeral service October 22, 2012 at 3PM at the chapel of H.D.Oliver Funeral Home, 2002 Laskin Road, Virginia Beach, Virginia 23454 (757-428-7800). Burial will be at the Arlington National Cemetery, the date to be determined.

In lieu of flowers, the family has suggested a donation be made to the Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society, 875 North Randolph Street, suite 225, Arlington, VA 22203. <http://www.nmcrcs.org/donation2.html>

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