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Dear Ron

Just wanted you to know that Ed passed away 17 Jan. He'd been battling multiple myeloma these past two yrs but he died of a massive coronary. It was very quick and for that the family is grateful. We walked into the house from shopping at 10:30 & by 11:30 he was gone.

An interesting note. One of his oncology nurses suggested he put in for disability due to Agent Orange. They were seeing so many Viet Nam Vets, both Army as well as Navy contracting this disease. Ed said they were close enough to the shoreline to see the plumes from it & they could have blown out to sea. He started working on papers but didn't have time to follow thru.

He was buried 26 Jan with full military honors at Arlington. It was a better cold, dry day so he couldn't have the horses but he had 2 platoons? (85-90) many people at attention at the

gravesite. Also, 9 police cars from
Henrico County & Richmond with officers
in uniform. Our second son, Chris, is
a Lt in Henrico County police force.

Ed so enjoyed his time in the Navy
especially aboard the Richard B. Anderson.
His first love of the sea was destroyers.
We had a wonderful 50 yrs together
(celebrated our 50th on 11 Sept 99). I
miss him terribly, my companion,
my friend, my love.

Sincerely,
Grace O. Alberta