



The Golden Eagles®

Passing of Golden Eagle Spouse Diane Bennitt

Gentlemen,

It is my sad duty to report that Diane Bennitt, wife of Golden Eagle VADM Brent Bennitt, USN (Ret), passed away peacefully on Monday morning, 09 November 2020, at home under hospice care, due to complications from recurrent pancreatic cancer with Brent, their daughter Sarah, and grandson Wesley there at her side.

Brent and Diane were blessed with 64 wonderful years together and in these final days they were so appreciative of all of the gifts of friendship, caring and love they received as Diane continued to battle this disease. Her wishes were that in lieu of flowers, she would greatly appreciate donations to the Navy-Marine Corps Relief Society which she always promoted and supported, both while Brent was on active duty and for more than 16 years following his retirement.

A viewing was planned for 19 November, but recently imposed COVID-19 restrictions have put that on hold. When it becomes appropriate for people to gather the family intends to conduct a Celebration of Life service, and interment is tentatively being planned at the U.S. Naval Academy. When dates are known they will be published in a subsequent Special Notice.

In Sadness,

Jay A. Campbell
Pilot