



CAPT Richard Calvert Keenan, Jr. (USN, Ret.)

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14 July 1942 – 9 November 2023

Captain Richard Calvert Keenan, Jr. (USN, Ret.), 81, passed away on November 9, 2023. He was born on July 14, 1942 in Biloxi, Mississippi, to the late Richard and Alma (Nenette) Keenan.

Rich graduated from Tulane University and was commissioned in the US Navy in 1964. That same year, he and Ann Barbour were married in New Orleans, Louisiana. After flight school he was assigned to Helicopter Antisubmarine Squadron Six where he made several deployments to the South China Sea aboard the USS Kearsarge. His naval assignments included flying the H-1 Huey Helicopter with HAL-3 based in Viet Nam, Assistant Naval Attache in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, command of Training Squadron Six, and Air Officer aboard the USS Guam. Among other decorations, he was awarded the Meritorious Medal, Strike Flight Air Medal, and the Navy Commendation Medal.

After 27 years of service in the Navy, Rich served as a Vice President at Tidewater Family Services.

He spent countless volunteer hours at the Catholic Church of Saint Mark, serving on the Parish Council and working in the Food Pantry.

Rich grew up in New Orleans, Louisiana, as the oldest of five boys. He was an avid sailor and woodworker, both passions borne from hours spent with his father and brothers building a 36-foot sailboat in their grandfather's backyard. Rich enjoyed reading, photography, working outside and spending time with family and his friends. He held a special place in his heart for the US military friends he and Ann met while stationed in Brazil.

He is survived by his wife of 58 years, Ann Barbour Keenan; his children Erin Schmucker and her husband Fred, Courtney Bounassi and her husband Jim, and Bayne Keenan and his wife Amy; his grandchildren, Lindsey and Kate Schmucker, Nick and Michael Bounassi, and Hollis and West Keenan; brothers Peter and A. Baldwin Keenan; along with countless extended family and friends. He was predeceased by his brothers George and T. Bayne Keenan.

A funeral service will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Thursday, November 16, 2023, at the Catholic Church of Saint Mark in Virginia Beach, with a visitation one hour prior.

He will be buried at Arlington National Cemetery at a later date. Condolences may be offered to the family at [www.hollomon-brown.com](http://www.hollomon-brown.com). In lieu of flowers, please consider donating to the Alzheimer's Association: <https://act.alz.org>.

## FROM THE BLUE BOOK

**1.7.3.1.1 Richard Calvert Keenan Jr.** was born on 14 July 1942 in Biloxi, Mississippi. He attended Jesuit High School in New Orleans, Brophy Academy, Phoenix, Arizona, and graduated in 1964 from Tulane University. He was a Commander in the United States Navy and a designated naval aviator.

He was married on 19 December 1964 in New Orleans to Ann Louise Barbour, born on 24 August 1943 in Crowley, Louisiana (daughter of Price Cawthorne Barbour and Louise Loretta LeBlanc Barbour). Her father was an oil man, and Ann had her early education at English schools in Africa (in Mozambique and Swaziland), attended high school in Houston, and graduated from St. Martin's School in Metairie, Louisiana (New Orleans). She graduated from the University of Southwestern Louisiana in Lafayette in 1964.

During his service in the navy, he had three tours of duty in Vietnam (two carrier deployments, one in-country), and was awarded the Meritorious Service Medal, seven Air Medals, and two Navy Commendation Medals. They have been stationed in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil (1974-77), where he was assistant Naval Attache; Jacksonville, Florida (1977-1979); Virginia Beach, Virginia (1979-1981); Pensacola, Florida (1981-1983), where he was commanding officer of Training Squadron Six,

In September 1983 Commander Keenan reported to the USS Guam (LPH-9), a large helicopter carrier, which handles the air transport of United States marines in an amphibious assault. He was Air Officer, in charge of flight deck, hangar deck, and the launching and recovery of helicopters. In 1983 his ship was on its way to the Mediterranean when it was turned around and sent to Grenada, supporting the invasion of the United States Marines there. After Grenada the USS Guam went on to Lebanon, in support of the marines there, and in October of 1984, into drydock at Philadelphia for eight months.

In 1986 Commander Keenan was promoted to Captain, and he retired from the Navy at that rank in 1991. He was then employed by Tidewater First Financial Group, Inc. in Virginia Beach, Virginia. Three children:

1.7.3.1.1.1 Erin Price Keenan

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