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Captain H. L. “Matty” Matthews Jr. was born on December 30, 1925 to H. L. and Elsa Bargmann Matthews in Charleston, South Carolina. Matty was raised in Charleston, attended local schools and graduated from high school at the age of fifteen. He enrolled as a cadet at The Citadel, The Military College of South Carolina in 1941 for two years, and later enrolled as a plebe at the US Naval Academy graduating as a member of the class of 1947. Matty attended Submarine school in 1948 and served as an officer on a number of submarines including the USS Amberjack, the USS Grouper, and the USS Harder through the early 1950’s. He also served as the engineering officer on the US Presidential Yacht, the USS Williamsburg, serving both the Truman and Eisenhower presidencies. He met his wife of 54 years, Rosemary Virginia Carnes, in New London, Connecticut in 1951. They were married at the Coast Guard Academy Chapel on July 5, 1952 and had three children, Howard L. Matthews III, Susan Virginia Matthews, and Hammond Drew Matthews. Matty received his first command as the commanding officer of the submarine USS Clamagore in 1960. In the mid 1960’s he completed his Masters Degree in International Relations at George Washington University after previously attending both the United States Air and Naval War Colleges. In 1967, he became the Commanding Officer of the amphibious ship, USS La Salle. In 1969, he was transferred to Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, where he became responsible for submarine operations in the Pacific on the COMSUBPAC staff. In 1971, he was appointed as the Commanding Officer of Submarine Squadron Three, based in San Diego, CA. His final command was Commanding Officer of the Administrative command at the Naval Training Center in San Diego where he retired from the Navy in 1976. In his retirement, he made his permanent home in San Diego. Matty became an accomplished squash player, traveling to many senior tournaments for several years across the country. He thoroughly enjoyed getting together with his fellow Naval



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Academy classmates and shipmates, many of whom reside in the San Diego area. He took particular delight in following the careers of his grown children and later enjoyed attending his grandchildren's school, social and sporting events. Captain Matthews was preceded in death by his wife Rosemary and his son Hammond, and he is survived by his son and daughter-in-law, Howard and Terri Matthews, his daughter Susan Perez, his sister Jean Freeman, his brother Clay Matthews, his grandchildren, Jason Matthews, Tyler Matthews, and Jessica Hawley, and his great grandchildren, Jack W. Hawley III and Jordan Hawley. Matty Matthews died on May 17, 2010. Arrangements under the direction of Greenwood Memorial Park and Mortuary, San Diego, California.



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