



WILLIAM A. CROSS JR.
MMCM (SS) USN, RET.
MAY 15, 1929 – JULY 4, 2009
AGE 80

MMC(SS) BLUE 1968-1970
MMCS(SS) BLUE COB 1969-1970

LEDYARD: WILLIAM A. CROSS, JR. MMCM(SS), USN, RET. WENT OUT WITH A BANG ON JULY 4, 2009.

HE IS SURVIVED BY HIS WIFE OF 59 YEARS, IRENE M. (DOLLARD) CROSS; HIS FOUR CHILDREN WILLIAM, THOMAS(LAURA), RITA(PAUL) VAN STEENBERGEN, AND JOHN(PEG) ALL OF CONNECTICUT; 9 GRANDCHILDREN AND 5 GREAT GRANDCHILDREN.

HE WILL BE SADLY MISSED BY HIS SISTERS: KATHLEEN(LES) CRUMP OF TROY NY; BARBARA(CHARLES) FOY; ALICE DORIGUZZI OF ARVADA COLORADO, AND MANY NIECES AND NEPHEWS.

BORN MAY15, 1929, THE SON OF GERTRUDE (SHOEMAKER) AND DR. WILLIAM A. CROSS, DDS IN JAMAICA, LI, NY, HE GRADUATED FROM POWER MEMORIAL HIGH IN NYC. ENLISTING IN THE NAVY IN OCTOBER, 1950, HE STARTED A CAREER OF 30 YEARS TRANSITING THE WORLD. HE WAS STATIONED ON THE USS WISCONSIN(BB-64) DURING THE KOREAN WAR AND GRADUATED SUB SCHOOL(GROTON) IN 1960. KNOWN THROUGHOUT HIS LIFE AS "RED", HE WAS KNOWN BY HIS MEN AS "COB" CHIEF OF THE BOAT ON HIS LAST TWO SUBS, USS H.L. STIMSON AND USS BEN FRANKLIN. UPON HIS NAVY RETIREMENT IN JANUARY, 1981, HE WORKED FOR SUPERVISOR SHIPBUILDING (SUPSHIP) GROTON AS A GOVERNMENT INSPECTOR FOR THE TRIDENT CLASS SUBS, RETIRING AGAIN IN OCTOBER, 1999.

HIS DEDICATION AND LOVE OF COUNTRY GUIDED HIM AS A CONSUMMATE PROFESSIONAL GAINING THE RESPECT OF HIS MEN AND THE MANY OFFICERS HE SERVED WITH WHO WILLINGLY SOUGHT HIS GUIDANCE. THEY ALL THOUGHT THE WORLD OF HIM. HE WAS WELL REGARDED AS A KNOWLEDGEABLE PROFESSIONAL IN EVERYTHING HE DID. THERE WILL ONLY BE ONE "RED" CROSS.

RED'S FAMILY WILL GREET RELATIVES AND FRIENDS AT THE DINOTO FUNERAL HOME, 17 PEARL ST., HISTORIC DOWNTOWN MYSTIC ON TUESDAY, JULY 7TH FROM 5 TO 7PM. A FUNERAL MASS WILL BE CELEBRATED ON WEDNESDAY, JULY 8TH AT 10:30AM AT OUR LADY OF LOURDES CHURCH, RTE. 12, GALES FERRY. BURIAL WITH PRESENTATION OF MILITARY HONORS WILL FOLLOW AT AVERY-STODDARD CEMETERY, LEDYARD CT.

TO SHARE A MESSAGE OF REMEMBRANCE OR CONDOLENCE WITH RED'S FAMILY, PLEASE CLICK THE LINK BELOW.

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RETIREMENT CEREMONY
MMCM(SS) WILLIAM A. CROSS
U.S. NAVY



30 JANUARY 1981

PROGRAM

MASTER OF CEREMONIES -

- ✓ COMMANDER B.L. HEID, USN
DIRECTOR, ENLISTED ADVANCED TRAINING

REMARKS AND PRESENTATIONS -

- ✓ REAR ADMIRAL A.B. SCOTT, JR., USN
COMMANDER SUBMARINE GROUP TWO
- ✓ CAPTAIN W.J. HOLLAND, JR., USN
COMMANDING OFFICER, NAVAL SUBMARINE SCHOOL
- ✓ CAPTAIN J.N. DARBY, USN
COMMANDER SUBMARINE SQUADRON TWO

SIDEBOYS -

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|-------------------|---------------------|
| ✓ MMCM(SS) WALSH | ✓ MMCM(SS) MUMFORD |
| FTCM(SS) RIMBEY | ETCM(SS) CLARK |
| ✓ ETCM(SS) KUHN | ETCM(SS) GRIFFIN |
| ✓ TMCM(SS) LAMB | TMCM(SS) KROPACK |
| ✓ IDCM(SS) ALLEN | FTCM(SS) NORDSTROM |
| FTCM(SS) POW | ETCM(SS) COTE |
| ETCM(SS) HARVEY | MSCM(SS) MCLAIN |
| ✓ ETCM(SS) BEAGLE | ✓ HMCM(SS) CONNERS |
| ETCS(SS) COLEMAN | ✓ ETCS(SS) REYNOLDS |

PIPING OVER THE SIDE -

- ✓ MAC HART (K.B.)

ENTRY				
6OCT60	THIRD	208	1,050.00	1,897.28
15AUG66	THIRD	208	2.72	2,000.00
RECDUT				
21 DEC 66	USS GRO WASHINGTON	OF RATE MMC(SS)	TRAN 19DEC67	RET
RECDUT	USS HENRY L. STIMSON (SSBN655) (BLUE) LANTFLT	OF RATE MMC(SS)		
16JAN68				
RECDUT				
5MAY68	FLORACON, HB, NPT, RI	STUDENT	0 MAY 68	RET
RECDUT	USS HENRY L. STIMSON (SSBN655) (BLUE)	OF RATE MMC(SS)	8AUG70	C.L.W.
8MAY68			DISCH	C.L.W.
	SEA TOUR COMMENCED: NOV 61 SEA TOUR EXPIRES: AUG 1970			
RECDUT	USS HENRY L. STIMSON (SSBN655) (BLUE)	OF RATE MMCS(SS)	TRAN 30OCT70	C.L.W.
4AUG70				
RECDUT	NAVSUBSCOL, GRTN, CONN	STUDENT MMCS(SS)	TRANS 18DEC70	
RECDUT		OF RATE MMCS(SS) MMCM(SS)	TRANS 27DEC73	
18DEC70	NAVSUBSCOL	36 IDNL		
	COMMENCED NORMSHOR TOUR TOUR EXPIRES: JUL 73.	INST DUTY DEC 70.		
RECDUT	USS B. FRANKLIN (SSBN640) (GOLD) (LANT/NLON)	OF RATE MMCM(SS)	03AUG74	LFB
27 DEC 1973	SEA TOUR COMMENCED:	DEC 1973	DISCH	
04 AUG 74	USS BENJAMIN FRANKLIN (LANTFLT/NLON)	(SSBN640) GOLD OF RATE MMCM(SS)		LFB
EXTENL	PRD: MAR 77. SDGD:	DEC 73.		

Certified to be
a true copy
B. L. Heid
B. L. HEID, LCDR, USN
Executive Officer

UNITED STATES SHIP HENRY L. STIMSON
SSBN 655



COMMANDING OFFICER USS HENRY L. STIMSON (SSBN 655) TAKES PLEASURE IN COMMENDING:

SENIOR CHIEF MACHINIST MATE

WILLIAM A. CROSS

COMMENDATION

For superior performance in the field of Leadership. During the period May 1968 to October 1970 Senior Chief Machinist Mate CROSS first as Auxiliary Division Leading Petty Officer and then as Chief of the Boat of USS HENRY L. STIMSON (SSBN 655) BLUE, consistently displayed strong and decisive leadership aimed at improving the technical performance of the ship and the military performance of the crew. His work, characterized by positive, forceful and effective control of personnel, anticipation of requirements and flexibility of action contributed in a large measure to STIMSON's ability to successfully carry out her mission. Of particular note in Senior Chief Machinist Mate CROSS's performance is the high standard of personnel appearance which he uncompromisingly maintained and his continuing concern that STIMSON's non-rated personnel be assigned duties which best allowed for their professional advancement. His untiring efforts and scrupulous attention to detail are in the highest tradition of the Naval Service. Senior Chief Machinist Mate CROSS is commended for a job well done.

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