



MMCM(SS) N.D. 'Shorty' Garoutte
MMCM(SS) G/B 70-74
November 28, 1937 – October 29, 2017

Posted by David Huckeba MM1(SS) B 71-75

Some of you have heard that Shorty Garoutte passed away last Sunday (October 29, 2017). Details surrounding his death are still sketchy. Initial reporting had Shorty on his boat working on something and they found him there after a neighbor boat smelled fumes. If you want to send a card or note, here is the address: 3070 NE Lincoln Rd., Poulsbo, WA 98370

Several M Div folks were with Shorty in AZ for a week in Oct celebrating the retirement of John Glaub. He was as lively as ever and Jan was with him.

The family has decided to have a Memorial Service on Monday Nov 6th with just family invited. There will be a Celebration of Life event on Jan 13th 2018. More info should be coming about this. The obit should be out soon and have more details.

Norman Dale Garoutte, 78

Poulsbo, WA

Nov. 28, 1938 to Oct. 29, 2017

Navy Veteran

N.D. "Shorty" Garoutte journeyed to be with his heavenly Father on Oct. 29, 2017 at the age of 78. Shorty was born Nov. 28, 1938 in Boise, Idaho to Dale and Helen Garoutte.

Shorty joined the Navy at the age of 17 and served honorably and with distinction for 34 years until his retirement in January 1990.

Shorty was preceded in death by his father, Dale; wife, Karen; and son, Kenny. He is survived by his mother, Helen; sister, Clarice; life-long partner, Jan; sons, Michael (Shannon) and Bryan; and daughter, Stacey (J.R.); Jan's children, who he loved and was loved like a father: Curtis, Steve (Terry), Michelle, and Lisa (Joe); numerous grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

A career Naval man, MMCM(SS) Shorty Garoutte, Submariner, served aboard the U.S.S. Firedrake, U.S.S. Grayback, U.S.S. Andrew Jackson, U.S.S. James K. Polk, U.S.S. Cabezon, U.S.S. Henry L. Stimson, and the U.S.S. Kamehameha. He served as C.O.B., CM/C, Force M/C, and Fleet M/C retiring from the Navy as CM/C from NUWES Keyport, Washington, spending a total of nine years under the water; an eternal member of the Goat Locker and the U.S.N. "U" Unity, "S" Service, "N" Navigation. A true Patriot, he loved his country, his family and friends and his fellow man.

Following a storied and distinguished military career, he made his home in Poulsbo, Washington and served in the civil service for 16 years at NUWES Bangor/Keyport Naval base before his retirement in 2006. He had dedicated nearly 51 years of service to the Navy.

Shorty's children have the greatest of memories growing up with him and Mom; traveling, camping, hunting, fishing, and boating; he taught them an appreciation and love of the outdoors, our country, and to respect our fellow man. Shorty's wife, Karen, passed away in March 2001 after a long illness.

After a time he met a life-long partner with similar loves in Janice Saenz of Poulsbo, Washington. Since, Shorty and Jan have enjoyed life, each other and their families doing the things they love to do.


He was an active member in the local community with much time spent dedicated to the Masonic Lodge, Bremerton Submarine Vets, Agate Pass Power Squadron, Poulsbo Sons of Norway Vikings, Brownsville Yacht Club and the Cascade Cortez RV Club.

You would never see Shorty without his dachshunds, wherever he went.

Shorty was a man with the biggest of hearts, willing to assist anyone in need, especially his family and friends. He was a man of high integrity, character, energy, enthusiasm and strived for excellence in all he did. He loved and was loved; he will be dearly and terribly missed.

The service to celebrate Shorty's life will be Jan. 13, 2018 at 1 p.m. at the Sons of Norway in Poulsbo, Washington. In lieu of flowers, please make donations to Poulsbo Sons of Norway or the Shriners Children's hospital.

"The Naval Anchor is emblematic of all the hope and glory of the fulfillment of God's promises to our souls. The golden and precious Anchor by which we must be kept steadfast in faith and encouraged to abide in our proper station amidst The storm of temptation, affliction and persecution."

GAROUTTE Norman D. mmx(ss) 3703011	
WIFE'S NAME <u>KAREN L</u>	
	CHILDREN'S NAMES 1. <u>KENNETH</u> 5. _____
	2. <u>MICHAEL</u> 6. _____
	3. <u>BRYON</u> 7. _____
	4. <u>STACEY</u> 8. _____
HOME STATE & TOWN <u>IDAHO</u> <u>BOISE</u>	
(STATE) (TOWN)	
PREVIOUS DUTY STATIONS <u>USS FIREDRAKE</u>	
<u>USS GRAYBACK</u> <u>AIW</u>	
<u>USS ANDREW JACKSON</u> <u>USS JAMES K POLK</u>	
<u>USS CABEZON</u>	
HIS INTERESTS: <u>HUNTING & FISHING</u>	
BOAT/MISSILE TRAINING: <u>AIW</u>	
NATION ACTIVE OBLI SERVICE <u>14 JAN 1973</u> AsbD _____	
REGION <u>PROST</u> TOTAL ACTIVE SERVICE <u>13+</u>	
C/DIV ASSIGNMENT <u>M</u> DATE REPORTED <u>30 JUNE 1970</u>	
SPECIAL QUALIFICATIONS _____ CREW ASSIGNMENT <u>GOLD</u>	
DATE OF BIRTH <u>11/28/38</u> WIFE'S LOCAL ADDRESS; _____	
PLACE OF BIRTH <u>BOISE IDA</u>	



N. D. Garoutte , CMDCM(SS)



USSVI Life Member



Holland Club



Submarine
Qualified
50 years ago

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US Navy Service Information

Years Served	Joined in 1958 left in 1977
Highest Rank - Rate	E9 - CMDCM(SS)
Service Number	
USN Retired	Yes in 1990
Naval Service Highlights	Master Chief N. D. "Shorty" Garoutte is a career submariner who has had a highly diversified career since 1955. He is the son of Dr. and Mrs. D. B. Garoutte of Boise, Idaho, born on 28 November 1917. He attended Caldwell High School, Caldwell, Idaho. Af
Ships Served On	SSG-574, SSBN-619, SSBN-645, SSN-592, SS-334, SSBN-655, SSBN-642

Membership in the USSVI

Member Info	Joined USSVI on: 10/15/2001
Primary Base	Bremerton
Member Type	Holland Club Life Member since 10/15/2001
Title or Office	
Comments	
SS Qualified	in 1958 on the USS Grayback (SSG/LPSS/APSS/SS-574)
Dual Membership	

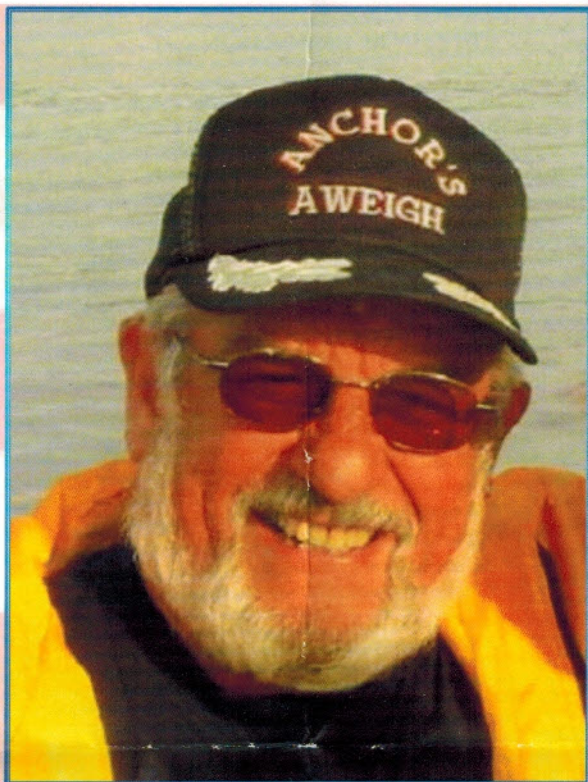
Membership in Bremerton Base Information

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USSVI Info	Joined USSVI on: 10/15/2001 Holland Club Life Member since 10/15/2001
Title or Office	
Comments	
SS Qualified	in 1958 on the USS Grayback (SSG/LPSS/APSS/SS-574)
Other Assn's	NSL, NSL-PACIFIC NORTHWEST, USSVI, USSVI-BREMERTON

Hull#	Ship's Name	Rate/Rank	Years	Special Duties	Division
SSG/LPSS/APSS/SS-574	Grayback	EN2(SS)	1958-59		
SSBN-619	Andrew Jackson	MM1(SS)	1962-64		M
SSBN-SSN-645	James K Polk	MM1(SS)	1965-66		M
SSN-592	Snook	MM1C(SS)	1966-66		M
SS-334	Cabezon	MM1C(SS)	1967-68	COB	A
SSBN-615	Henry I. Stimson	MM1CM(SS)	1969-71, 1980-80		M
SSBN-SSN-642	Kamehameha	MM1CM(SS)	1975-77	COB	

Name	Location	Rate/Rank	Years	Special Duties
NPTU	Idaho Falls, ID	CMDCM(SS)	1972-74	Command Master Chief & Senior Instructor
COMSUBLANT	NORFOLK, VA	CMDCM(SS)	1979-82	Force Master Chief
OPNAV	Washington, DC	CMDCM(SS)	1983-85	Fleet Master Chief of NAVSHORE
NUWC	Keyport, WA	CMDCM(SS)	1986-89	Command Master Chief

Nickname	Association Name	Joined	Title
NSL-PACIFIC NORTHWEST	NSL Chapter - Pacific Northwest	1991	President(3 yrs) & Vice President(3yrs)
USSVI-BREMERTON	USSVI Base - Bremerton	2001	



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Celebration of Life

Son's of Norway, Poulsbo WA

Saturday, January 13, 2018 1:00p

"And behold, I tell you these things that ye may learn wisdom; that ye may learn that when ye are in the service of your fellow beings ye are only in the service of your God." Mosiah 2: 17



THE FINAL INSPECTION

The soldier stood and faced God,
Which must always come to pass.
He hoped his shoes were shining,
Just as brightly as his brass.

"Step forward now, you soldier,
How shall I deal with you?
Have you always turned the other cheek?
To my Church have you been true?"

The soldier squared his shoulders and said,
"No, Lord, I guess I ain't.
Because those of us who carry guns,
Can't always be a saint.

I've had to work most Sundays,
And at times my talk was tough.
And sometimes I've been violent,
Because the world is awfully rough.

But, I never took a penny,
That wasn't mine to keep...
Though I worked a lot of overtime,
When the bills just got too steep.

And I never passed a cry for help,
Though at times I shook with fear.
And sometimes, God, forgive me,
I've wept unmanly tears.

I know I don't deserve a place,
Among the people here.
They never wanted me around,
Except to calm their fears.

If you've a place for me here, Lord,
It needn't be so grand.
I never expected or had too much,
But if you don't, I'll understand."

There was a silence all around the throne,
Where the saints had often trod.
As the soldier waited quietly,
For the judgement of his God.

"Step forward now, you soldier,
You've borne your burdens well.
Walk peacefully on Heaven's streets,
You've done your time in Hell."

Author: Sgt Joshua Heltzerbran



Opening Song: Navy Hymn "Eternal Father, Strong to Save"

Opening Prayer: Jan Hillman

Welcome: Bryan Garoutte

Military Honors

Life Sketch: Michael Garoutte and Michelle Saenz

Song: "Wind Beneath My Wings" Dedicated to Shorty from Jan

Memories: Bryan Garoutte, Stacey Swiger, Jesse Garoutte and Jan Saenz

Special Music Number: " Michael and Kellen Garoutte

Sharing of Memories: Open to Friends and Family

Song: "Proud to Be an American"

Closing Prayer: Nichelle Saenz-Goedel

Per Shorty's wishes, he will be buried at sea with full military honors joining his brethren.

Please stay for food and refreshments after the celebration along with a special Viking Ceremony honoring Shorty

Music sung by Stephan Plummer

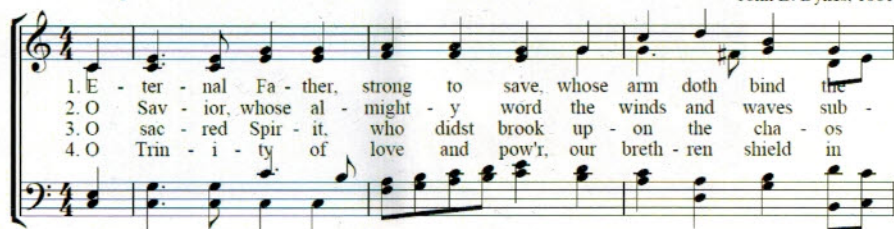
Pianist Jan Peterson

Eternal Father, Strong to Save

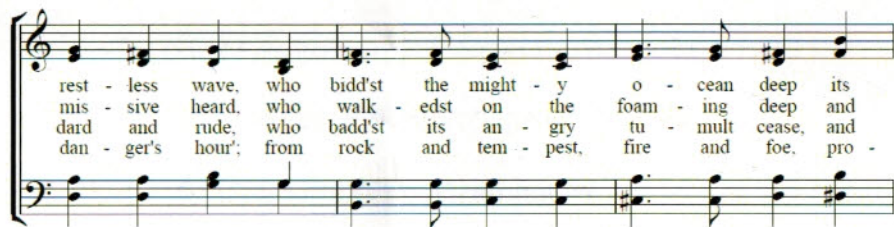
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William Whiting, 1860, 1869

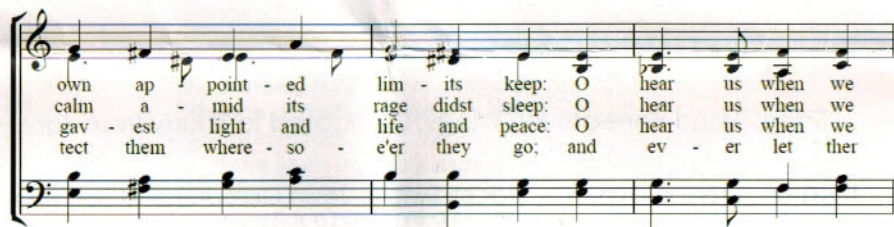
John B. Dykes, 1861



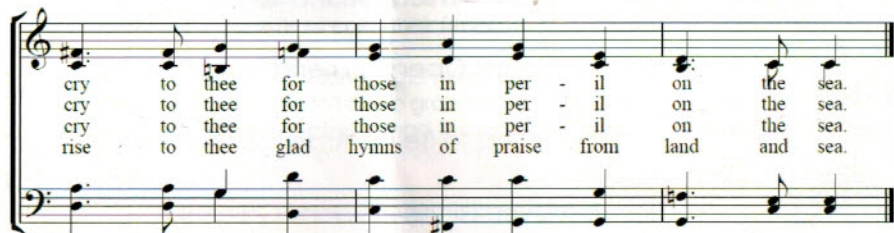
1. E - ter - nal Fa - ther, strong to save, whose arm doth bind the
2. O Sav - ior, whose al - might - y word the winds and waves sub -
3. O sac - red Spir - it, who didst brook up - on the cha - os
4. O Trin - i - ty of love and pow'r, our breth - ren shield in



rest - less wave, who bidd'st the might - y o - cean deep its
mis - sive heard, who walk - edst on the foam - ing deep and
dard and rude, who badd'st its an - gry tu - mult cease, and
dan - ger's hour'; from rock and tem - pest, fire and foe, pro -



own ap - point - ed lim - its keep: O hear us when we
calm a - mid its rage didst sleep: O hear us when we
gav - est light and life and peace: O hear us when we
tect them where - so - e'er they go; and ev - er let ther



cry to thee for those in per - il on the sea.
cry to thee for those in per - il on the sea.
cry to thee for those in per - il on the sea.
rise to thee glad hymns of praise from land and sea.

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Special Thank You

We would like to express our thanks to all of you who have given their love and support to Shorty, his family and extended family over the years.