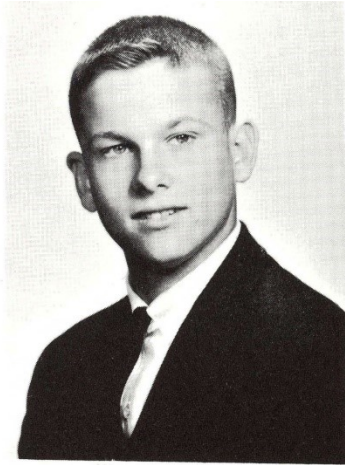


Okemos Senior 1966



RICHARD B. SCHIFF

Richard Benjamin "Rick" Schiff, son of Leonard Lionel (1917-1995) and Harriet Ruth (Stern) (1921-2005) Schiff, was born 14 September 1944, Joliet, Will County, Illinois. Rick had three sisters; Jan

University of Michigan 1966

Schiff (Fleckner) (OHS '64), Amy (Peterson) and Sally (Maguire).



Rick graduated in 1962 from Okemos High School and furthered his education at the University of Michigan and George Washington University. On 15 May 1966 Rick married Judith Nina Weil and together, in 1969, they embarked on a nearly 3-decade career as Rick joined the US Navy and rose through the ranks to Rear Admiral.

The Philadelphia Inquirer, December 12, 1965

SCHIFF-WEIL

The engagement of Miss Judith Nina Weil to Mr. Richard Benjamin Schiff, son of Mr. and Mrs. Leonard S. Schiff, of Columbus, O., is announced by the prospective bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert M. Weil, of Elkins Park.

Miss Weil and her fiance are seniors at the University of Michigan.



After retiring from the Navy Rick went on to work for the National Indian Gaming Commission and to later serve, during the Iraq War, with the Department of Defense. He and Judi fully retired to Maryland where Rick, always active, plunged into a variety of community services.

Rick died of cancer 18 September 2015, Oakland, Garrett County, Maryland.

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Schiff Richard B. Schiff, Rear Admiral, U.S. Navy (Retired), "Rick", 71, of Oakland, MD, died Friday, September 18, 2015, at his residence. Born September 14, 1944, in Joliet, IL, he was the son of the late Leonard and Harriet (Stern) Schiff. Rick grew up mostly in Michigan and attended the University of Michigan. It was there that he met Judi Weil of Philadelphia whose love and presence he was to treasure above all else until the end. Rick and Judi married after graduation and headed off to George Washington University for law school. With the draft on, Rick decided to join the Navy's Judge Advocate General's Corps to do the four-year minimum (a wise choice since his birthday, September 14, was drawn first in the draft lottery) and return to civilian life. Four years of heroic Navy and Marine Corps clients, and he simply could not go back to the private practice of law right away; he stayed for 28 years.

The Navy took Judi and Rick to Newport, RI, Boston, MA, where daughter Karen was born, San Diego, CA, where son Dan was born, Naples, Italy, Charlottesville, Iceland, Pensacola, FL, the Pentagon,

The Press Tribune, February 12, 1988

Soviets bump U.S. ships in dispute

From United Press International

WASHINGTON — Two Soviet warships deliberately bumped two U.S. Navy ships in international waters in the Black Sea Friday after warning they would do so, Navy officials said, adding the United States will file a protest.

The two U.S. ships were "shouldered out of the way" after the Soviets had warned, "Soviet ships have orders to prevent violations of territorial waters. I am authorized to strike your ship with one of ours," Capt. Jerry Flynn said.

The operations officer in the chief of naval operations office told a Pentagon press conference the American ships responded only by maintaining their course and speed.

Flynn and Cmdr. Rick Schiff, a Navy legal expert, said the dispute was over the "right of innocent passage" within the 12-mile territorial limit claimed by the Soviets.

The United States only recognizes a 3 mile limit, and the U.S. Navy periodically tests their right to operate within the 12 mile limit in a non-provocative way, Schiff said.

back to Naples, Norfolk, VA and Back to Washington, DC. Their house in Garrett County is number seventeen. Professionally Rick had a diverse and rewarding Navy career. He spent a lot of time in the courtroom, off and on, and as a young military judge he rode the Navy's ships and planes to try cases at sea and ashore throughout the Mediterranean, Europe, the Middle East and North Africa. The Navy sent Rick to the University of Virginia for Master of Laws in Law of the Sea and International Law. He would use that expertise dealing with treaty issues overseas and as an advisor to senior naval operational commanders.

Retiring from the Navy, he was hired by the National Indian Gaming Commission, which regulates tribal casinos. Just as he was attracted to the naval service by its people and honored to serve them, he was honored to get to know and work with the diverse and accomplished people who make up Native America and the people who worked on their issues.

At the start of the Iraq War, though, Rick wanted to again serve Sailors and Marines getting shot at, and went back to the Department of Defense, serving as a general counsel in the intelligence community. After retirement with the world to choose from, Judi and Rick eventually settled on Garrett County, with its idiosyncratic climate, natural beauty and wonderful people.



of reading.

Rick was active in his adopted community. He served on the board of directors of Garrett Mentors, with two terms as president, and he **mentored in the elementary schools**. Rick was Secretary of Deep Creek Lake Lions, a Mountain Host at Wisp, a state park volunteer and a member of Garrett County Planning Commission. He filled his idle time with newfound interests in skiing, pickleball, sporting clays and bridge, and when he sat still he indulged his love

In addition to Judi, Rick is survived by daughter, Karen Freeman, her husband, Barry and their children, Rebecca, Jarrett and Lexi of Solon, OH and son, Dan and his wife, Dr. Jennifer Schiff, who reside in Waynesville, NC. He is also survived by sisters, Jan Flecker, Amy Peterson and Sally Maguire; and numerous cousins, nieces, nephews and grand-nieces and nephews.

Friends will be received for visitation on Wednesday, September 30, 2015 at NEWMAN FUNERAL HOMES, P.A., 26722 Garrett Hwy., Accident (McHenry), MD from 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. A memorial service will be held in his daughter's home in Solon, OH on Sunday, September 27, 2015 at 12:30 p.m. A ceremony will be held at a later date in the Arlington National Cemetery. Expressions of sympathy may be directed to Garrett Mentors, Inc., www.garrettmentors.org.

Jewish Generals and Admirals in America's Military

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Rear Admiral Richard B. Schiff: Assistant Judge Advocate General by Seymour "Sy" Brody

Rear Admiral Richard B. Schiff was a lawyer who served the Navy as a Judge Advocate General lawyer and as a judge.

He was born on September 14, 1944, in Joliet, Illinois. His parents were Harriet (Stern) and Leonard L. Schiff. The family was constantly moving around, and he found himself going to many different elementary schools in different states.

He received a B.A. degree from the University of Michigan, in 1966, a JD degree from George Washington University, 1969, and a L.L.M. degree from the University of Virginia, in 1980.

He entered the U. S. Navy in October 1969, as a "direct commission" judge Advocate and with a commission as a Lieutenant. Through the years, he went through the ranks: Lieutenant Commander, 1975, Commander, 1981, Captain, 1988 and when he retired in December 1997, he was promoted to Rear Admiral.

His Navy assignments:

- **General attorney First Naval District, Boston, Massachusetts, 1979-1972**

- Assigned to the Commander of the Amphibious Force, Pacific Fleet, 1972-1975
- Military Judge, Transatlantic Judicial Circuit, Naples, Italy, which included traveling through Europe, the Mediterranean, Middle East North Africa and Marine Corps special court-marital, 1975-1979
- Base lawyer, Naval Station, Keflavik, Iceland, 1980-1981
- Legal Advisor to Commander of the Iceland Defense Force, 1981-1982
- Executive Officer, Naval Legal Service Office, Pensacola, Florida. 1981-1985
- Office of Ocean Policy, Navy staff in the pentagon. This assignment involved Schiff with the “Black Sea bumping,” 1985-1988
- Commanding Officer, Navy Legal Service Office, in Naples, Italy, 1988-1991
- Staff Commanding Officer, Naval Legal Service Office, Italy and supported U.S. personnel during Desert Storm, 1988-1991
- Staff judge advocate for Commander in Chief, U.S. Atlantic Fleet, Commander, U.S. Atlantic Command and Supreme Allied Command, Atlantic, in Norfolk, Virginia, 1991-1994
- Assistant Judge Advocate General (civil law), 1994-1997
- Served six months as Chief Judge, Navy Marine Corps Trial Judiciary, 1997

Military Awards:

- Defense Superior Service Medal
- Legion of Merit (twice)
- Meritorious Service Medal
- Joint Commendation Medal
- Navy Commendation Medal

After his retirement, Schiff went to work for the National Indian Gaming Commission, After 9/11, he went back to the Department of Defense as a civilian lawyer.

Rear Admiral Richard is married to Judi (Weil), of Elkins Park, Pennsylvania. They have two children, Karen and Daniel and they are currently living in Virginia.

Editor’s Notes:

Rear Admiral Schiff was interred Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, Arlington County, Virginia. His remains are in section 55, grave 6184.

Richard ‘s passing was reported by his sister, [Jan Schiff Fleckner](#) ‘64

Both pictures were from his published obituary. The little boy was a student Rick Schiff mentored in the Garrett Mentors program.

Sherrie Paty Barber ‘66