

James Crane – BS 1971, MS 1978 Pharmacy

James A. Crane, 68, of Summerville, SC, died Wednesday, June 7, 2017, from ALS. Memorial service Sunday, July 2, 2pm St. Luke's Lutheran Church, Summerville with reception following. Inurnment at Arlington National Cemetery later. He is survived by his wife of 47 yrs., Cynthia (Liudahl) Crane; son, Christopher (Alison) Crane (James Island, SC); daughter, Alexa (Casey) Tomich (Maple Valley, WA); and grandchildren, Bailey, Porter, Lauren, & Julia. Jim grew-up in Leeds and Devils Lake, ND, graduating high school in 1966 and as a pharmacist in 1971 from NDSU. He was then awarded a direct commission into the Navy and served as a pharmacist for 20 years. Commander Crane retired in 1991 as the Chief of Pharmacy Services Naval Hospital Charleston. He then continued his career as a Pharmacy Manager in Seattle, WA. until 2010 when he and Cynthy retired and moved to Summerville. He enjoyed golfing but most of all volunteering on Thursdays, affectionately known as "Crane Day", at the Naval Weapons Clinic pharmacy. He is also survived by his Mother, Livonia Crane (Devils Lake), Jerry (Monica) Crane (Fargo, ND), Jean (Jim) Jurgens (Hamilton, MI), and Jane (Roger) Gage (Marysville, WA). He was preceded in death by his Father, Walter "Red" Crane, and his sister, Joanne File. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to a charity of your choice, ALS or USO.