

## **Terry Irgens – BS 1969, MS 1975 Pharmacy**

On Tuesday June 27th, 2017, Captain Terry Richard Irgens MSC, USN (Ret.) of Myersville, MD (hometown Williston, ND) passed away after a brief and courageous battle with appendiceal cancer at Frederick Memorial Hospital. He was 70 years old. He was proud of his family, his country and his many friends and colleagues. While he left this earth way before his time, he lived his life with honor, courage and faith to the very end and will be remembered for his extreme kindness and generosity in always trying to help others before himself.

Left behind to cherish his memory are his wife of 49 years, Karen Idamarie Irgens (Hovland); Son, Terry Richard Irgens Jr. "Rick" (Barbara) of Spencer, IA; Son, Bradley Keith Irgens (Michelle) of Gerradstown, WV; Daughter, Kimberly Jean Marie (Irgens) Rollison (Justin) of Leesburg, VA. Grandchildren Katlyn and Nathaniel (Rick); Hollin and Marit (Brad); James and Julia (Kimberly); Brother, Thomas Irgens (Judy) of Epping ND; Brother, Jim Irgens (Linda) Horseshoe Bay, TX; Sister, Linda Miller (Larry Kucera) of Williston, ND; Sister Lori Lutz (Tracy) of Williston ND. Brother in Law, Keith Hovland (Jean) of Canon City, CO; Brother In Law Rick Miller of Williston, ND; and 8 nieces and 7 nephews. Terry was preceded in death by his parents James T. and Nora A. (Johnson) Irgens of Williston, ND and his in laws Elmer and Irene (Borg) Hovland of Williston, ND.

Terry Graduated from North Dakota State University in 1969 with a Bachelors Degree in Pharmacy and then on July 30th, 1969, was commissioned as a LTJG into the United States Navy (Minneapolis, MN), ultimately serving almost 27 years, retiring on May 31, 1996 as Commanding Officer, Naval Medical Logistics Command at Fort Detrick, MD. Terry served in numerous locations including; Charleston, SC Naval Hospital, Newport, RI Naval Hospital, Bethesda Naval Hospital, Philadelphia Naval Hospital, The Defense Personnel Support Center (DPSC) Philadelphia, PA, the Navy Inspector General Team, Washington D.C., Groton, CT Naval Hospital and the Naval Medical Logistics Command, Fort Detrick, MD. In 1975 he earned his Master's Degree in Hospital Administration and developed one of the first ever Computerized Pharmacy Dispensing Programs as his thesis project. Terry was inducted into the DPSC Hall of Fame in 1996 for his extraordinary leadership and support as Director of DPSC's Medical Materiel Directorate and for his continuous outstanding mission support throughout his tenure at DPSC - from 1990 to 1994. He led his Medical Materiel Directorate to refocus and reorganize its efforts to surpass all medical sales predictions. He implemented electronic data interchange and Prime Vendor into the directorate, which have become synonymous throughout the federal government for saving money and improving customer service. He earned the National Defense Service Medal, Navy Commendation Medal (2), the Defense Meritorious Service Medal (2) and the Defense Superior Service Medal

After retirement from the Navy his many "second careers" included working for; Northrop Grumman; President, DynPort Vaccine Company; Director, The Armed Forces Institute of Regenerative Medicine (AFIRM); Program Manager, IBM and most recently he had returned to Pharmacy part time at Sam's Club where he loved to help his patients. Terry's parents owned a farm in ND and in 2004 he was able to purchase a farm directly adjacent to his parent's farm and began a wheat growing operation that he continued to operate with his family until his death.

Terry's dedicated service to his country and family were never overshadowed by his desire to help people in the Community and he was a proud member of Rotary, Boys Town and spent years working with youth sports as league administrator, coach and referee in Washington Twp, NJ. He loved watching his Grandchildren participate in many school and sporting activities.

Terry's life will be celebrated on Monday July 3rd, 2017 at Zion Lutheran Church in Middletown, MD at 11:00 am with a family reception to follow at the church. Interment is planned at Arlington National

Cemetery, at a later date. Donald B. Thompson Funeral Home, Middletown, MD is in charge of arrangements. A memorial service will be held in Williston, ND in August during harvest which was his favorite time of the year. In lieu of flowers, we ask that memorials be considered for; Rotary International ([my.rotary.org](http://my.rotary.org)), The Wounded Warrior Project ([woundedwarriorproject.org](http://woundedwarriorproject.org)) or Farm Rescue of ND ([farmrescue.org](http://farmrescue.org)).