



## Andrew R Buist

May 15, 2017

Buist, Andrew R. Mr. Andrew Robertson Buist, 86, died peacefully May 15, 2017 surrounded by his family in St. Louis Park, MN. Mr. Buist was born on January 17, 1931, in Brooklyn, NY. He spent his early childhood in Glasgow, Scotland following his mother's death. He was raised by his grandparents and four fraternal aunts Margaret (Peggy), May, Isabelle (Isa), Jeanette (Nettie) during WWII. Andrew is survived by his beloved wife of 49 years Sheila Ann Buist (nee Loftus) of Edina, MN; four nieces of his late sister Janet (Bob) Krall and their children Karen DeMayo, Jeanine Larson, Suzanne Gavin, Bonnie Krall and their spouses and children; sister-in-law Mary "Mollie" Loftus of Edina, MN and nieces Gwen Gautsch (Philip Blyskal) of Princeton, NJ and Annette (Mark) Stanek as well as great-niece Sarah (John) Kane and great-nephew Matthew Stanek of Hopkins, MN; God-daughter Laurel Tyler (Mike Batterden) of Annapolis MD. Andrew was preceded in death by his parents Andrew and Annie Robertson Buist and his mother-in-law Myrtle "Gummie" Loftus. Andrew had a distinguished US Naval career and retired at the rank of Lieutenant in September 1987. He entered the Navy in 1948 at the age of 17 as a Seaman. Andrew was very proud of his accomplishment as a "Mustang"; having risen to the ranks of commissioned officer from an enlisted service member. Andrew received his Bachelor of Arts from the Naval Postgraduate School in Monterey, CA in December 1974. Andrew served in US Naval Security Group in communications and made significant contributions to submarine towed arrays. During these years he was stationed at the Naval

Security Group at National Security Agency in Fort Meade, MD. Upon retiring from the Navy, Sheila and Andy moved to Annapolis, MD where they made significant contributions to the US Naval Academy Midshipmen Sponsorship Program and sponsored many midshipmen including James Tron, Michael Teal, Michael Hanson, Oscar Aveilla and others. Significant Duty Stations Navradsta Imperial Beach, CA \* Navcommsta Guam\* USS Kitty Hawk CVA-63 USS Colonial Lsd-18 \* Navy Reserve Training Center, Mare Island, CA Naval Postgraduate School, Monterey, CA \* NSA Ft Meade, MD USS Constellation CVA-64 \* Navsecgruact Misawa, Japan Navcommsta San Miguel, P.I. \* Navsecgruact Kami Seya, Japan Significant Awards Meritorious Service Medal \* Navy Unit Commendation (3) Navy Meritorious Commendation (2) \* Navy Good Conduct Medal (3) Korean Service (6) & Korean War Service Medals \* Vietnam Campaign Medal (3). As a point of note, Andrew successfully led the rescue of a downed naval pilot behind enemy lines in the Korean War. National Defense Service Medal (2) \* Korean Presidential Unit Citation Certificate of recognition by the Director, National Reconnaissance Office for participation in the development and operation of the Poppy Electronic Satellite Reconnaissance Program. Andrew was responsible for implementing some of the first naval reconnaissance satellites. Naval Security Group Command Headquarters, Meritorious Service Award Citation "For exceptionally meritorious service and sustained outstanding performance of duty while serving with the naval security group from November 1960 to September 1978." The funeral, including a luncheon, will be held on Thursday, May 25, from 11:00 to 1:00 pm at the Washburn-McReavy Edina Chapel in Edina, MN. Andrew's Honor Guard Military burial will follow at 1:45 pm at Fort Snelling National Cemetery, 7601 34th Ave. S., Mpls., MN 55450. In lieu of flowers, a memorial may be made to the Navy-Marine Corp Relief Society at nmcrs.org. Condolences may be expressed to the family online at washburn-mcreavy.com. The family has entrusted the Washburn-McReavy Edina Funeral Chapel with the arrangements. Washburn-McReavy.com Edina Chapel 952-920-3996 West 50th St. & Hwy 100



# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAY **25**. 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (CT)

Edina Chapel  
5000 West 50th & Highway 100  
Edina, MN 55436  
(952) 920-3996  
info@washburn-mcreavy.com

## Honor Guard Military Burial

MAY **25**. 1:45 PM (CT)

Fort Snelling National Cemetery  
7601 34th Avenue South  
Minneapolis, MN 55450

# Tribute Wall



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Andrew R Buist.* ”



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May 23, 2017 at 03:15 PM



“ *Anne and John Crowley purchased the Beautiful i  
n Blue for the family of Andrew R Buist.* ”



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**Anne and John Crowley** - May 20, 2017 at 08:31 PM