



Michael Lyndon Rowland

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(1950 – 2024) Cmdr. Michael (“Mike”) Lyndon Rowland (74), son of a sailor who went on to have a life of remarkable adventures, died on October 2 in St. Petersburg, Florida surrounded by family.

Mike graduated from Gainesville High School in 1968, the US Naval Academy in 1973, and received a MA in Political Science from the University of Florida in 1980. He subsequently served as a commissioned officer in the US Navy for 20 years, including service as bombardier on the A-6 Intruder squadrons VA-42, VA-65, and VA-176 stationed in Virginia. His final deployed commission was “Gun Boss” of the USS Dwight D. Eisenhower (CVN-69). After retirement from the Navy, he worked as a consultant at Booz, Allen, and Hamilton

coordinating information system development between the US and NATO, prior to working directly for NATO as a civilian at SACLANT headquarters in Norfolk, VA until 2006.

In 7th grade, Mike met the “woman of his dreams,” Linda Dianne Moore, and married her in 1973. They remained loving spouses ever since. He traveled the world in the first phase of his life, gathering and appreciating different cultures, while maintaining a mindset of discipline and the meticulous attention to detail of a US naval officer. During his second phase, as a civilian, Mike and Linda gathered around them the most wonderful set of international friends and a relaxed philosophy (the “dolce vita”) focused on relationships and a great many interests, including music, travel, his alma maters, journaling, history, genealogy, piloting, sailing, and his children and grandchildren. He considered grandfather (“Ogpa”) his highest earned title. He would faithfully attend all family birthdays and grandchildren’s recitals, plays, games and other events, even if it meant hopping on a plane. He was recently accepted to the Eckerd College Academy of Senior Professionals and was looking forward to continuing his lifelong pursuit of knowledge. Mike will be remembered for his creativity, generosity, intelligence, musical skills, his love for complicated plans, and his devotion to Linda.

He is survived by his wife Linda; his children and their spouses Brian (Carrie) Rowland, Ben (Jenny) Rowland, and Lauren (Loren) Sisson; and his seven grandchildren Elise, Marianne, JP, Avery, Beau, Kennedy, and James. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made online or by check to the “Naval Academy Fund” of the US Naval Academy Foundation, Attn: Donor Relations and Stewardship, 301 King George St, Annapolis, MD 21402.