

## **Frederick C. Kretz**

Sadly, I have to pass the word along that 'Corky' Kretz passed away. His son-in-law called me yesterday and said that Corky died after a battle with cancer. Corky and I met (1955) and were roommates at The Bullis School the year before we entered USNA with the Class of 1960. We were roommates, along with Bill Truesdell until half way through Youngster year when - in his words - 'quadratic equations' got the best of him. His Dad and mine were classmates - USNA 1932. The last time I saw Corky was in the summer of 2001 at his home near Santa Cruz, California - he was still flying his twin engine plane at the time. Soon thereafter he moved to his daughter's home in Marina del Rey, California. I was glad and proud to be his friend and Shipmate. He always held the U.S. Naval Academy and the mates in the 20th Company in high regard.

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