

David Christian Kehl

NAPA, Calif. — David C. Kehl, 73, of Napa, Calif., died Saturday, Feb. 9, 2013 after a period of declining health. He was born in Watertown, N.Y. to Capt. George W. Kehl (USN retired) and Laura Waddingham Kehl.

He is survived by brothers, William W. Kehl, of Greenville, S.C., and Stephen L. Kehl, of Cutts Island, Kittery Point; sisters, Laura Lee Kehl Chadwick, of Bath, and Lydia Ann Kehl of Southbury, Conn.; sons, Chris Kehl, of San Raphael, Calif., and Jonathan Kehl (Dartmouth, Class of 1994), of Eugene, Ore.; daughters, Jean DalPorto of San Raphael, and Cynthia Greenfield, of Fairfax, Calif.; and nine grandchildren.

Dave grew up on Cutts Island, Kittery Point, where he loved to fish, sail and work with the island farmer. He attended Traip Academy for two years and graduated from Phillips Exeter Academy in 1957 and Dartmouth College in 1961. Dave served on crew teams at both Exeter and Dartmouth. After college, Dave served as a naval officer for eight years, principally in submarines, including tours in Vietnamese waters.

After his naval service, Dave worked for Electronic Data Systems in San Francisco for many years. In his retirement, Dave worked for several years for Groth Winery in Napa, until declining health led to his final retirement. Dave loved returning to Maine to visit Maine siblings, always including a trip to visit brother Steve at the home place on Cutts Island.

At his request, Dave was cremated and he wished to have his ashes spread at the mouth of Brave Boat Harbor on Cutts Island. Memorials may be made to a charity of one's choice.

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