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Subject: Death of a Classmate - RADM Mark "Guad" Guadagnini, 3rd Company

Greetings Classmates,

It is with a very heavy heart that I announce the death of one of our Classmates, RADM Mark "Guad" Guadagnini, of 3rd Company. Mark died of an apparent heart attack at his home in Virginia Beach, Va., after he and Donna had just returned from visiting their children and grandchildren, something they both loved and cherished.

Guad was a bigger than life personality and loved by one and all. He was a solid leader in the aviation community, a Flag Officer, 3rd Company Rep and a great Shipmate. He will be tremendously missed by all.

At this point, this is all the information that we have available. Several of his close friends and Classmates have already reached out to Donna and the family and they will be providing updates. As they become available, I will share them with the Class.

Please keep Guad's family in your prayers. He always closed his notes to me with the salutation, "At Altitude, Guad." We know he is now "At Altitude," where he loved to be, remembered fondly by his Shipmates, friends, and all who knew him.

In closing, this is another stark reminder of how precious life is and there is no better time to connect with each other and family. I hope that this note finds each of you healthy, happy and wiser today than yesterday. Please take a few minutes to renew a friendship, call / Teams / Zoom / Text / visit a Classmate and take care of each other. You never know what a difference you can make.

Fair winds and following seas Guad, and our love to your family!

As always, BEAT ARMY,

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