

## Timothy Elizabeth Woodbury (wife of Jeff '91)

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Rear Admiral (ret.) Mark Daniel Guadagnini, "Guad"; Naval Aviator, leader, beloved husband, father, and "Guad Dad" died on June 11, 2022, at the age of 64.

Guad was born in Long Beach, California on December 1, 1957, to Frank and Rosemarie Guadagnini. He graduated from the United States Naval Academy in 1980 with a Bachelor of Science in Economics.

After a brief tour with the Navy Fighter Weapons School, he entered flight training, earning his wings in 1982.

During his initial operational tours, he operated from the decks of 12 different aircraft carriers, participating in combat Operations Desert Storm, Provide Comfort, Deliberate Force, Southern Watch, Enduring Freedom, and Iraqi Freedom. He took great pride in commanding Strike Fighter Attack Squadron 15 and Carrier Wing 17.

During his shore duty assignments... Guad was bored so we won't bore you.

As a flag officer, he commanded Carrier Strike Group NINE, served as the Chief of Naval Air Training; head of Human Resources for the Naval Aviation Enterprise; Deputy Commander for Fleet Management at U.S. Fleet Forces Command; and was the Director, Maritime Headquarters at U.S. Fleet Forces Command.

A devoted husband, father, and grandfather, Guad's love for Donna, his beloved Frenchy, lit up every room they graced. His energy, support and passion for his children naturally flowed into his dedication to his grandchildren, whether rolling around on the floor, cheering them on or sharing his great passions of fishing, gardening and cooking with them. Guad shared his love through food. There was always a pot bubbling or a grill sizzling with his latest experiment or attempt to perfect a recipe, and everyone was always welcome, particularly as there was usually twice as much food as any occasion would require, with leftovers always enjoyed for days.

Guad's passion for people, learning and life was second to none.

Everything and everyone was a true marvel in his eyes, and if you had the opportunity to share a conversation with him, you knew both he and you were better off having had it. He walked into rooms across the world and always walked out with new friends and stories to share.

The impact Guad made on everyone around him cannot be overstated. His influence is felt across continents and generations.

Guad is survived by his wife, Donna; his children, Christine, Casey (Matt), Mark (Joy), Michael (Ashley); his grandchildren, Gavin, Eliana, Ethan, Brooke, Desmond, & Nash; his father Frank and mother Rosemarie; his siblings Frank and Cristi; and numerous aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews and cousins.

A celebration of life is scheduled for 11:00 A.M. on June 23, 2022, at NAS Oceana.

In lieu of flowers, the family has set up a GoFundMe for Christine's continued care at Hopewell, which can be found at this link: <a href="https://www.gofund.me/f5aa7adf">https://www.gofund.me/f5aa7adf</a>. Online condolences may be made at hdoliver.com.

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