

# William James Secord

August, 1926 - March, 2015



**William James Secord, Captain US Navy (Ret), passed away March 29, 2015 at the age of 88. He was born August, 1926 to William F. and Alice Secord in Denver, Colorado. Bill attended Holy Family Grade School and High School in North Denver and received a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration from The University of Denver in 1950.**

**Bill had worked for Travelers Insurance Company where he earned the Order of the Tower twice and was a member of the National Leaders Club for 7 years. He also worked for The Talbert Corporation and National Health Administration. Bill then formed his own company, The Secord Corporation, which sold insurance and annuities. At different times in his life, he owned a partnership in a turkey farm, a cattle ranch and The Score -2 (a discotheque in Arvada). He was on the Arvada Planning Commission for four years in the late 60's.**

**Bill's military career, both active and reserve, spanned 30 years. It began in 1944 during WWII, when he enlisted in the Navy at age 17. He was called to active duty during the Korean War and was based at Sangley Point in the Philippines' where he flew a PBY5 amphibious aircraft. During the Cuban Missile Crisis, Bill was stationed in Maryland and flew P2V reconnaissance missions over Cuba to track submarines and cargo ships coming into the waters around the island. Bill was Squadron Commander of VP48K1 for the active reserves in Olathe, Kansas involved in antisubmarine warfare for 7 years. During this time, he would also conduct night flight training out of Buckley. Bill received his promotion to Captain in 1972.**

**Bill was a resident of Heather Ridge for over 25 years and was an avid skier and golfer. He was preceded in death by brothers Don and Ken Secord, sister Beverly Hart, son Craig Secord and brother-in-law Charles Reickhoff.**

**He is survived by his wife Bette Secord, son Bill Secord II, daughter Cathy Secord, stepson Nathan Wayman, stepdaughter Xena Eckert, 9 grandchildren, 3 great grandchildren, sister Bernadine Langfield, sister Loretta Rieckhoff and multiple nieces and nephews.**