

Classmates,

As we sadly passed along earlier this week, we lost Classmate and 23rd Company member John Hefti to a car accident in VA Beach, VA, on Monday evening October 4th. I have been informed that there is a private memorial service this weekend for his family and that on November 5th, there will be a memorial service held at NAS Oceana, Va. We will pass along more specifics when we have them. Also, John's brother, Jim Hefti, has started the ***Capt John "Bag" Hefti Memorial Scholarship Fund*** on the GoFundMe website. Here is the link if you want to donate to this Fund:

<https://www.gofundme.com/f/capt-john-bag-hefti-memorial-scholarship-fund>

Please keep John and his family in your thoughts and prayers as we all come to grips with the tragic loss of a beloved Classmate and friend. Many of us got to see and spend time with John at the Reunion Golf outing and are very deeply touched. I am going to borrow the words of Pastor and Classmate Stan Newton:

***O Savior, whose almighty word
The winds and waves submissive heard,
Who walked upon the foaming deep,
And calm amid the rage did sleep;
O hear us when we cry to Thee
For the family of our shipmate gone to Thee.***

Please take the opportunity to remember John today and reflect on this great gift we call life. It can pass at a moments notice and we should never wait until tomorrow to seize an opportunity to live it today. God Bless and Go Navy. We will miss you Bag!

Regards,
Bob Smith '85