

Classmates,

I unfortunately have to pass along news about fallen Classmate, 2nd Company member and former Napster Jack Stem yesterday morning. Here is what I received last night from someone close to Jack:

"It is with profound sadness that the passing of our dear shipmate, outstanding leader, accomplished defense professional, beloved husband and doting father; Lieutenant Commander Jack Stem passed today after an abrupt, unexpected illness.

His passing was peaceful with wife, Shannon and daughter, Jackie by his side at Inova Fairfax Hospital; approximately 3:30PM. The family wants everyone who knew and cared about him to be aware.

We will send out information about his memorial service, anticipated ceremonies at Arlington National Cemetery, and family desires when arrangements are known."

I will pass along more information as I get it from Jack's family, for now, I ask you to please keep Jack, his wife Shannon and his family in your thoughts and prayers. For those of us who knew him, Jack was always one of the funniest and nicest guys we all knew. I have some very fond memories of the time I spent with Jack and will certainly miss him. I am sure anyone who knows Jack feels the same way. He attended our Class of '85 tailgate just last weekend and was an avid supporter of our Class and of the USNA Midshipmen. Rest in Peace Jack, Fair winds and Following Seas, we will miss you.

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