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SUBJ/LOSS OF OTCM (RET) ED SMOCK//

GENTEXT/IT IS WITH THE UTMOST SADNESS AND SYMPATHY THAT I MUST INFORM THE IUSS COMMUNITY THAT OUR TREASURED LEGACY, OCEAN TECHNICIAN MASTER CHIEF (RET) EDWIN (ED) K. SMOCK PASSED AWAY PEACEFULLY AT HOME TUESDAY MORNING, JULY 18TH, 2023. ED'S CAREER IN WHAT IS NOW IUSS BEGAN WITH HIS GRADUATION OF SOUND SEARCH SCHOOL IN 1954 AND CONTINUED THROUGH THE NEXT 69 YEARS UNTIL DETERIORATING HEALTH ISSUES FORCED HIM AWAY FROM HIS CONSOLE IN JUNE OF THIS YEAR. ED'S LIFELONG CONTRIBUTIONS TO, AS HE CALLED IT, "OUR SYSTEM", ENSURED IUSS WAS, AND ALWAYS WILL BE, A CRITICAL CAPABILITY SUPPORTING THE UNITED STATES NAVY'S MISSION OF PROTECTING OUR NATION'S SECURITY AND FREEDOM. HIS SUPPORT TO THE NAVY AND IUSS FOR 21 YEARS IN UNIFORM, FOLLOWED BY ANOTHER FIVE DECADES AS A CIVILIAN ANALYST, PROVIDED AN IMMEASURABLE POSITIVE IMPACT TO GENERATIONS OF SAILORS, IUSS PROFESSIONALS, AND THE EQUIPMENT WE OPERATE TODAY. IT IS WITH COMPLETE CERTAINTY THAT UPON THIS SAD TIME, ED WOULD WANT US ALL TO GET BACK TO OUR DISPLAYS, WALK THE BEAMS, AND DO THE JOB WITH AN INTENSITY AND PASSION HE FREELY GAVE TO "OUR SYSTEM" EVERY DAY OF HIS LONG AND VALUED LIFE. ONE OF ED'S MANY LASTING GIFTS TO IUSS IS A NEARLY 400 PAGE BOOK CHRONICLING THE HISTORY AND EVENTS THAT SHAPED THE IUSS OF TODAY. AS ED WAS HEARD FREQUENTLY SAYING "THE SYSTEM IS NOT THE EQUIPMENT, IT'S THE PEOPLE". WITH THAT IN MIND, PLEASE KEEP THE SMOCK FAMILY IN YOUR THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS. REMEMBRANCE SERVICE AND FUNERAL DETAILS WILL BE PROVIDED WHEN MADE AVAILABLE. COMMODORE STEVEN FAULK SENDS.//

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