



## Robert Andrew Yuhas

February 1, 1940 - January 24, 2017

Robert Andrew Yuhas, Capt. USCG (Ret.), 76, of Bonita Springs, FL, passed away on Tuesday, January 24, 2017. Formerly of Smithsburg, MD, he had been a Bonita Springs resident since 2013. He was born February 1, 1940 in Cleveland, OH, the son of Andrew J. and Mary I. (née Bodnar) Yuhas.

Capt. Yuhas retired from the United States Coast Guard in 1993 after 30 years of distinguished service. In Bonita Springs, he was a member of the American Legion and the Eagles. He was a life member of ASNE (American Society of Naval Engineers). A life member of AWS (America Welding Society). Served on the Board of USCG Southwind Assoc. a Windclass Polar Icebreaker. He graduated from John Adams High School in Cleveland, Ohio in 1957 attending college in Flint, MI at General Motors Institute (now Kettering University) graduating in 1961, after graduation was employed by General Motors at the Fisher Body Division, Cleveland, OH. In 1963 he became a USCG Officer upon graduating from OCS Yorktown, VA beginning his love of the sea and ships. He spent multiple tours of duty at USCG HQ designing and writing repair specs using his degrees in welding and metallurgy. His shipboard service on cutters include: Ingham (Medium Endurance Cutter) (1964), Southwind (Polar Icebreaker), chief engineer (1967-1970) 2 operation Deep Freeze trips with one being around the world and 1 Arctic trip, Mellon (High Endurance Cutter) Alaska Patrols and Ocean Station November, chief engineer (1973-1975). Shore billets include: Merchant Marine Technical

(1963-1967), Project Engineer welding design Polar Star and Polar Sea (1970-1973), USCG 17th Dist ( Alaska), Chief Naval Engineer (1975-1979), USCG Yard (Baltimore, MD), Chief Industrial Department (1979-1984), USCG 17th District(Alaska), Chief Engineer (1984-1987) USCG Maintenance & Logistics Command Pacific (Alameda, CA), Chief Naval Engineer (1987-1989) US Coast Guard Yard (Ship Building and Repair Facility) Baltimore, MD Commanding Officer (1989-1993). After retiring from the Coast Guard he worked as a consultant to MARAD, SECOR, CENTURY ENGINEERING/QUADRA either closing shipyards around the world or inspecting ships under construction. In retirement his love of travel continued with trips to Ireland, Argentina, South Africa (twice) to hunt and tour and many locations in the U.S.

Capt. Yuhas is survived by his beloved wife of 48 years, Karen Elizabeth (née Rapping) Yuhas; his loving children, Jennifer Susan Yuhas (Paul Keech) of Fairbanks, AK and Stephen Anthony (Jennifer) Yuhas of Berlin, MD; sister-in-law, Judith (Ronald) Kercheval of Harrison, OH; and nephews, Scott and Curtis Kercheval.

A funeral service will be held Tuesday, February 7, 2017 at 4:00 p.m. at Shikany's Bonita Funeral Home, 28300 Tamiami Trail South, Bonita Springs. Visitation will take place from 3:00 p.m. until the time of the service. Private burial services with Military Honors will take place at the Sarasota National Cemetery, Sarasota, Florida.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests that memorial contributions be made to the Fisher House Foundation, [www.fisherhouse.org](http://www.fisherhouse.org).

Arrangements are being handled by Shikany's Bonita Funeral Home.

# Cemetery Details

## Sarasota National Cemetery

9810 State Road 72  
Sarasota, FL 34241  
<http://www.cem.va.gov/>

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB 7. 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

Shikany's Bonita Funeral Home  
28300 Tamiami Trail So.  
Bonita Springs, FL 34134  
(239) 992-4982  
[bonitafhbill@comcast.net](mailto:bonitafhbill@comcast.net)

## Funeral Service

FEB 7. 4:00 PM (ET)

Shikany's Bonita Funeral Home  
28300 Tamiami Trail So.  
Bonita Springs, FL 34134  
(239) 992-4982  
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# Tribute Wall



“ *Robert Andrew Yuhas*

October 09, 2023 at 03:40 AM



“ *CAPT Yuhas was the CO of the Coast Guard Yard back when I reported in as a Seaman Apprentice, back in 1992. I remember him as a tough, yet caring leader who took the time to sit down with us during the late watches and tell stories of his earlier years in service. He was an outstanding role model and Coast Guard officer. They do not make them like him anymore. My thoughts and prayers are with his family and loved ones.*

*LT SPReck*

Shannon Reck - May 22, 2017 at 07:16 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Robert Andrew Yuhas.*



February 05, 2017 at 08:46 PM

RH

“ Karen and Family,

*My prayers and thoughts are with you. Bob was always a highly respected officer with everyone! Easy to talk to and "Coast Guard" all the way. He will always be with the crew of the Southwind! It was an honor to know Bob and to serve under him. Fair Winds to our shipmate! The Southwind association will really miss him.*

*CWO-2 (ENG) Ronald A. Henderson USCG (Ret)*

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**Ronald A Henderson** - February 01, 2017 at 06:13 PM



Heather Bahrami

“ We are so sorry to hear the news, but am thankful we had a chance to meet such a wonderful man at Steve and Jen's wedding. We are thinking of you all and hold you in our prayers.

*Kayvan and Heather Bahrami*

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**Heather Bahrami** - February 01, 2017 at 10:47 AM

RM

“ I served under Capt Yuhas while he was Commanding Officer at the CG Yard. A fair and good man. Fair Winds and Following Seas Captain. You stood the watch well. You stand relieved, we have the watch sir. Rest in Peace. MKC Regis (MAC) McClosky USCG (RET)

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**Regis McClosky** - January 31, 2017 at 05:12 PM

CH

“ Karen and family,

*We were so sorry to hear of Bob's passing. We always enjoyed both of your company at the Southwind reunions. He will be deeply missed.*

*Cindy & Mitch Hanna*

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**Cindy Hanna** - January 31, 2017 at 03:53 PM

JD

“ Karen and family,

*Our prayers and thoughts are with you. I was so sorry to hear about Bob's passing. I was just getting to know Bob having the pleasure of fishing with him once last fall. It was just he and I having a wonderful morning in the back bay. Caught a few fish and had great conversation getting to know each other. He was also a great conversationalist at the Monday breakfasts. He will be missed!*

*Joe and Carole Davio*

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**joe davio** - January 30, 2017 at 07:15 PM

WH

“ To the family of Captain Yuhas. When I started in the yard, Captain Yuhas was my CO and he was truly a people person. Captain Yuhas was always fair and equitable and would listen to any concern that you may have, as an employee. For those of us that remembers Captain Yuhas the conversation is always good natured and with respect. So for the personnel that is still here at the UNITED STATES COAST GUARD YARD, and for those that have retired. We SALUTE.



*Andre' Harrington*

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**Willie A. Harrington** - January 30, 2017 at 12:02 PM

SF

“ Simpson Family purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Robert Andrew Yuhas.



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**Simpson Family** - January 30, 2017 at 10:15 AM

JB

“ Karen,

*So sorry to hear of Bob's passing. It was a pleasure working under him on Southwind. Linda and I enjoyed the times we spent with you and Bob at the reunions. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.*

*John and Linda*

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**John Behr** - January 29, 2017 at 09:24 PM

EJ

“ Dear Karen and family,

*On behalf of the USCGC Southwind Association please accept our heartfelt sympathy and sincere condolences for your family's recent loss. Our thoughts are with you and your family during these difficult times. Bob was a unique individual who was well known, highly respected, and will live on in the memories of his fellow USCGC Southwind shipmates forever; he will be sorely missed at future Southwind reunion.*

*With Deepest Sympathy,*

*CWO-4 (BOSN) Edward F. Clancy, Jr. USCG (Ret.)  
Chairman, USCGC Southwind Association*

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**Edward F. Clancy, Jr.** - January 29, 2017 at 11:37 AM

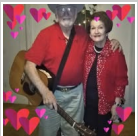
DB

“ *I have many great memories of my fishing trips with Bob during the brief couple of years that we knew each other. And then there were the weekly breakfast meetings where he entertained us with his stories of days gone by. Bob will be greatly missed! Our sympathies and condolences to Karen and family.*

*Dave and Connie Bergsven*

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**Dave Bergsven** - January 29, 2017 at 01:52 AM



“ *Karen and Family, Our hearts go to you, and our prayers and thoughts are with you. Bob was a good man, even more he was a good sailor. Hank & Sue Ann Roesing.*

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**Hank Roesing** - January 28, 2017 at 08:55 PM

PS

“ Karen and Family,  
Just learned about Bob....in shock. I had the good fortune of knowing Bob for the last 18 years and a finer gentleman and friend is hard to find. Bob was very creative and very caring. I will miss our phone conversations and travel stories and I will mostly miss his sense of humor. Our prayers for your family to get strength during this time of profound loss. Please remember that you are welcome to our home whenever you are in the Washington, DC area.

Regards,  
Perry Singh

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**Perry Singh** - January 28, 2017 at 08:45 PM

DJ

“ Karen,  
Our thoughts, prayers and support are with you during this difficult time.  
Bob was a great neighbor and had a terrific sense of humor....we loved his stories and believed every word he said: we're still feeling the sting and after burn from the red peppers he brought over shortly after we moved in (yes, the same ones he convinced us were "not too hot"). Still can't help but think he was testing an old 'Naval officer' to see if he was as tough as his Coast Guard counterparts . ....Coast Guard won this round!  
He will be missed .  
Dick & Jan

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**Dick and Jan** - January 28, 2017 at 07:14 PM

WJ

“ I do remember going fishing with LT Bob when we were in Punta Arenas on our first Southwind Deep Freeze trip. I had a photo with him fly fishing on a river down there. One of the Good Guys, for sure.

Warren, LCDR (ret)

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Warren Johns - January 28, 2017 at 12:04 PM

RB

“ Found a friend and fishing "buddy" from our first meeting at USCG Hdq. Many great memories of our sharing a 16 ft. bay built skiff fishing for Rockfish and Blues on the Chesapeake Bay and reuniting years later with visits and fishing on Lake Erie. Mary Ellen and I enjoyed our visits at our home and theirs in MD and especially our trip to Ireland inspired and organized by his lovely wife Karen. Our deepest sympathy to Karen, and family. Will miss our e-mails keeping our friendship going. Ron and Mary Ellen Braun, Ft. Thomas, KY

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Ron Braun - January 28, 2017 at 09:22 AM

RK

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Ron Kowalyk - January 27, 2017 at 06:16 PM

RK

*Two Oaks in the forest of men!*

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Ron Kowalyk - January 29, 2017 at 10:40 AM

RK

“ Bob "Iceman" as I called refers to his stories as a Coast Guard diver into the Antarctic. I don't think many men, or women, could have withstood the rigors of his treacherous duty. We fished together a number of times and he liked to run the boat and make fun of Ed "Popeye" Zabo our fishing buddy. "EdZo" always got very excited when he hooked up and Bob would tease him about the nasty catfish bites and raze me about being " the Great Fishing Guide " from Florida Sportsman Magazine. Bob christened my beat up old flats and bay skiff "the African Queen". Smooth sailing partner, I keep Popeye on my over-watch. THANKS FOR THE GREAT GOOD TIMES !!

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**Ron Kowalyk** - January 27, 2017 at 06:00 PM

FP

“ I'M SORRY FOR YOUR LOSS, I WAS ON THE SOUTHWIND WITH BOB,HE WAS A GREAT GUY. FRANK PARSONS

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**FRANK PARSONS** - January 27, 2017 at 03:53 PM

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“ Karen and Family,  
My heart goes out to all of you. As part of the Southwind Association, he will be GREATLY missed. Smitty

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**H. Scott Smith (Smitty)** - January 27, 2017 at 02:18 PM

RB

“ Karen and Family,  
Our thoughts and prayers are with you all.  
Sincerely,  
Maryan & Richard Bing

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**Richard Bing** - January 27, 2017 at 12:56 PM

TD

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



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**Tim Delaney** - January 27, 2017 at 11:06 AM

TD

“ 1 file added to the album New Album Name



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**Tim Delaney** - January 27, 2017 at 11:02 AM

DR

“ Karen, Jennifer and Stephen,

*So sorry to hear of Bob's passing. Enjoyed my many years of service with him. Especially carpooling from Alameda Coast Guard Base to Hamilton housing. Always needed a stop at the base exchange prior to heading home. Will toast him with a Bud.*

*My thoughts are prayers are with you.*

*Dave Reichl*

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**Dave Reichl** - January 27, 2017 at 10:57 AM