



Edward I Bennett Jr

May 24, 2026

EDWARD INSLEY HUNT BENNETT, JR. '56

Commander Edward I. H. Bennett, Jr., USNR (Ret.) passed away at age 92 in Daphne, AL, on Sunday, May 24th from natural causes.

Ted was born in 1934 in Orange, NJ, graduated from Mt. Lebanon High School (Pennsylvania) in 1952, then entered the Academy as a member of the 10th Company. After graduating in June 1956, Ted attended the Navy Postgraduate School (Intelligence) in Washington, DC, then headed the Submarine Intelligence Desk at the National Security Agency. He next served in the N-2 Division of CINCUSNAVEUR and as liaison officer with Royal Navy Intelligence in London, England. After finishing Special Agents' School, Ted's was OinC, Field Intelligence Office, Long Beach, CA. He transferred to the Naval Reserve in 1964 and remained active until 1968.

His civilian career began as an investment analyst with J.P. Morgan Co. in New York. Subsequently, he was with United Funds (Director of Research) in Kansas City, VP of Regan-Melamed Investment Counseling in Minneapolis, VP of Federated Investors in Pittsburgh and VP-Finance of Okabena Company (the Family Office of Target Corp. founders) in Minneapolis. In 1985, Ted became CEO of Shiloh Oil & Gas, a small exploration company in Jackson, MS. After selling Shiloh, he was one of the founders and President

of Magnolia Venture Capital in Jackson. He and Mary Jo (MJ) retired to the Alabama Gulf Coast and opened an art gallery in Foley, AL in 1996. They later became Agent/Partners with ERA Real Estate until retiring for the third, and final, time in 2006.

Ted enjoyed volunteering for the YMCA and was the Foley Y board chair three times, Chief Volunteer Officer of the YMCA of South Alabama in Mobile for four years and served on the Alabama Alliance of YMCAs. Ted also volunteered at the Naval Aviation Museum (NAS Pensacola) and the South Baldwin Medical Center, was President of the St. Margaret of Scotland Men's Club and a extraordinary minister at the church plus, together with wife MJ, delivered "Meals on Wheels".

Ted was predeceased by his parents and sister, Betsy. Survivors include his beloved wife, Mary Jo; daughters Karen Hasseldeck of Milwaukee and Anne Adams of Brandon,MS; four grandchildren & four great grandchildren

A funeral mass will be held on June 23rd at 10:00am at St. Margaret of Scotland Catholic Church in Foley with internment at the St. Margaret of Scotland Columbarium in Foley, AL.

Arrangements are entrusted to Cason Funeral Service in Foley Al

Upcoming Events

Funeral Mass

JUN **23**. 10:00 AM (CT)

St. Margaret of Scotland Catholic Church
601 W Laurel Ave
Foley, AL 36535

Tribute Wall

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“ *In Lieu of flowers donate to*

Naval Museum in Pensacola Florida

Meals on Wheels in Foley Alabama

Snook YMCA Foley, Alabama

karen hasseldeck - June 01 at 03:18 PM

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“ *Ted and I met in the 70's when he dated a co-worker of mine, MJ. There was a group of us from Apache Corporation that worked and partied together. Ted because one of us. Cocktails at The Stab afterwork; to playing air hockey at Ichabods, to broom hockey on Lake Minnetonka, to the tribe venturing north to Lutsen Minnesota to ski. MJ had an uncle who had "Molar Manor" (yes he was a dentist) and about 9 of us took over for fun and games. It was 40 below zero at the top of the ski lift one day and thankfully the ski resort closed it! Many other memories of them as well!*

We have missed seeing them in Minnesota the last few years in August for their regular camping trip. We still plan a yearly meet up and our numbers are dwindling. It is with great affection remembering all the memories. We kept up no matter where the Bennett's moved. I was able to hang out with Ted and MJ one weekend in Foley many years ago when I drove from a job in Atlanta to their home. We just slipped back into our lives as if we had seen each other a week ago. True friendship... that didn't matter how many years or miles separated us. Ted will be missed greatly. Carol Ann (CAT) Thomas

Carol Ann - May 31 at 05:29 PM

MJ

Thank you so much ❤️

MJ - June 14 at 07:22 PM

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“ *Ben and Lisa Olson purchased the Enchanted Cottage for the family of Edward I Bennett Jr.*



Ben and Lisa Olson - May 30 at 09:42 PM

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“ *Ben and Lisa Olson planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Edward I Bennett Jr.*

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