



**Newsletter of the 6th Division
District 8 Coastal Region
Special Edition 2016**



BEFORE THE SIXTH



**Gerald "Gary" Earl Schroeder
November 14, 1936
to
March 26, 2016**



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Memorial Service for Gerald "Gary" Earl Schroeder 15 April 2016

Welcome	Chaplain Ken Espinosa
Escort of Honorary Chief	Senior Chief Boatswain's Mate {BMCS} Pierce
Present the Colors	U.S.C.G. Chief Petty Officer Assoc. {CPOA}
National Anthem	Reverend {Rev.} Don Brown & Rev. Nancy Jo Cobbs
Retire the Colors	U.S.C.G. CPOA
Words of Grace and Greeting	Rev. Don Brown
Opening Prayer	Chaplain Jace Masters, U.S.C.G. Auxiliary
U.S.C.G. Hymn	Rev. Don Brown & Rev. Nancy Jo Cobbs
Scripture Reading	

-Deuteronomy 31:7-8 {Commodore Allen Harding, U.S.C.G. Auxiliary}

-John 6:40 {Pat Cooney, Division Commander, U.S.C.G. Auxiliary}

-2 Corinthians 4:13-14; 16-5:1 {Pat Cooney, Division Commander, U.S.C.G. Auxiliary}

Psalm 23 {Congregational Reading led by Jacquie Poteet}

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul: He leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me.

Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.



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Naming

Reverend Don Brown

Speakers

Gary Roy-Dean Schroeder, Son

Hayley Aguilera, Granddaughter

Ted Ewing, U.S.C.G. Auxiliary

Ken Boncic, U.S.C.G. Auxiliary

Captain Brian Penoyer, U.S.C.G. Sector Houston-Galveston

Prayer of Thanksgiving and the Lord's Prayer **Chaplain Jace Masters, U.S.C.G. Auxiliary**

Special Music: "It is Well With My Soul" {Bella Aguilera & Rev. Nancy Jo Cobbs}

Message

Chaplain Ken Espinosa

Benediction

Chaplain Ken Espinosa

Rendering of Military Honors



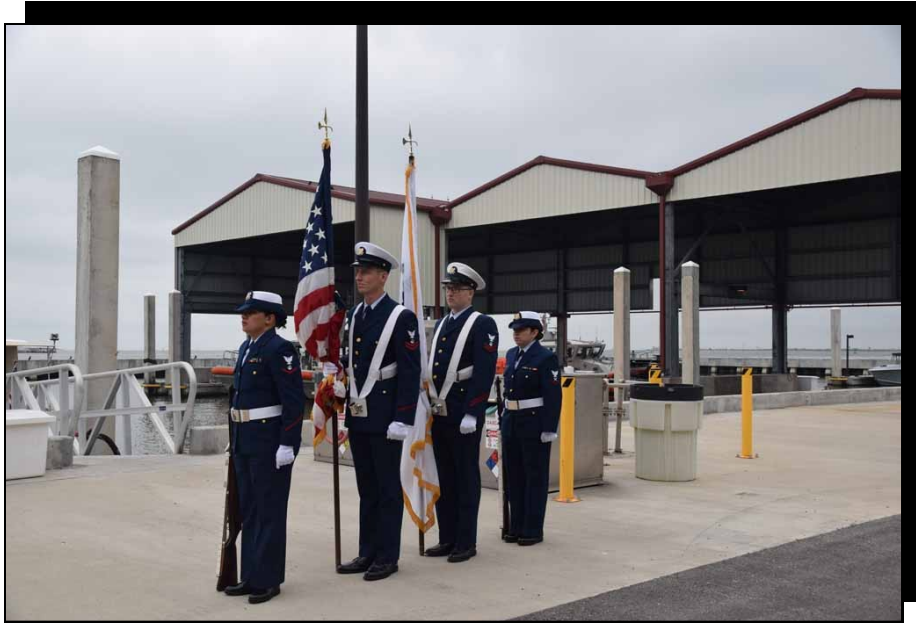
Gary Schroeder



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Presentation of Colors: U.S.C.G. Chief Petty Officer Assoc. {CPOA}



All photos of the Memorial Service taken by June Wingert, SO-PB



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United States Coast Guard Chaplain Ken Espinosa, welcomes guests at the Memorial Service held at Galveston Coast Guard Station.

*Words of Grace and Greeting
Reverend Don Brown*



From left to right, Captain Brian Penoyer, United States Coast Guard, Sector Houston-Galveston, Reverend Don Brown and Chaplain Jace Masters.





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*United States Coast
Guard Helicopter 7561
Makes a flyover during
the Memorial Service
for Gary Schroeder.*



Members of Active Duty attending the Memorial Service for Gary Schroeder.



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Gary Roy-Dean Schroeder, Son

Speakers at the Memorial Service



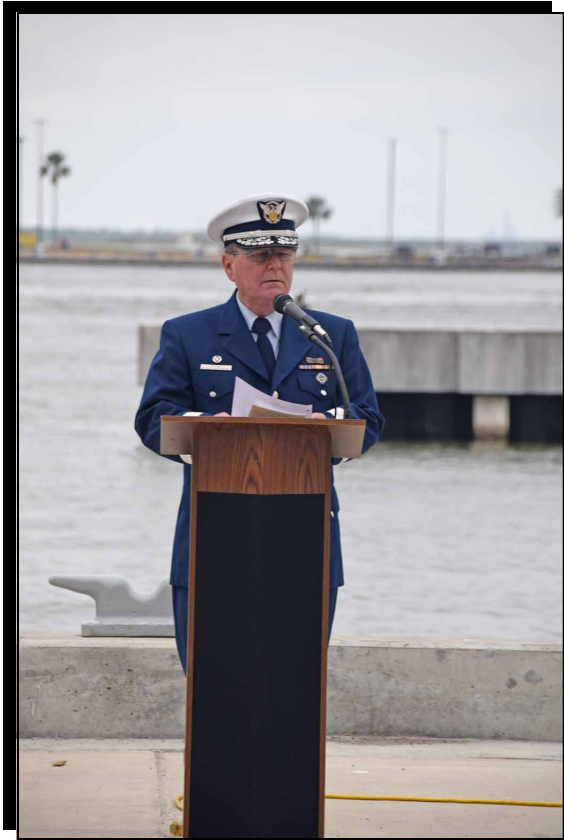
Haley Aguilera, Granddaughter



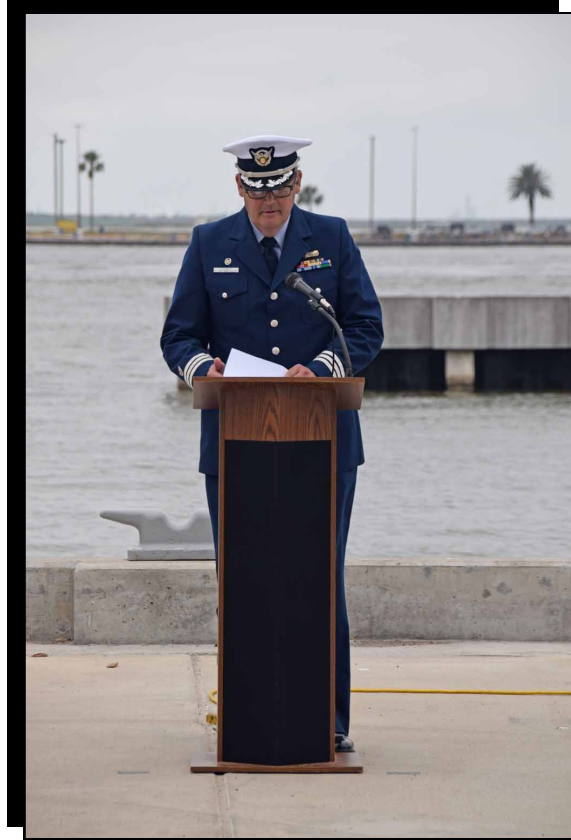
*Ted Ewing,
U.S.C.G. Auxiliary,
Flotilla 68*



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*Commodore Allen Harding, U.S.C.G. Auxiliary,
reads Scripture from Deuteronomy 31:7-8*



*Pat Cooney, Division Commander, U.S.C.G.
Auxiliary, reads Scriptures from John 6:40 and
2 Corinthians 4:13-14; 16-5:1*

*Psalm 23 (Congregational
Reading led by Jacquie
Poteet)*





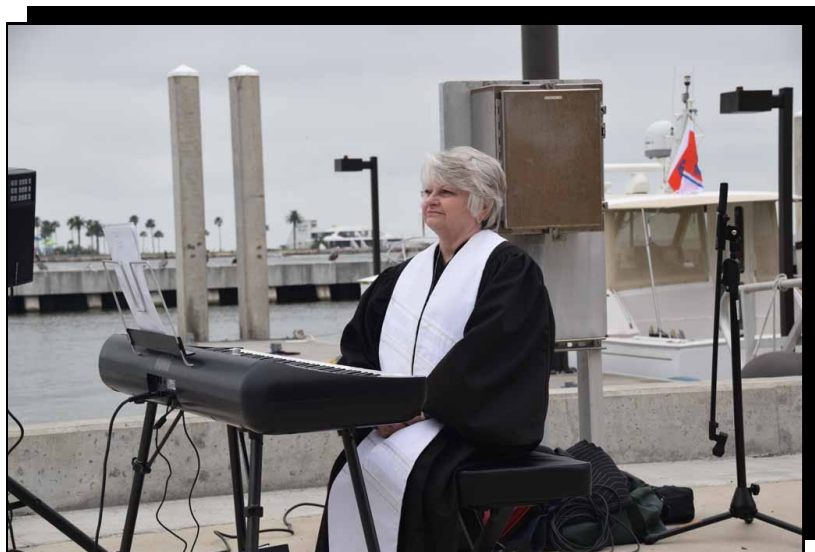
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Ken Boncic, U.S.C.G. Auxiliary, Flotilla 68



Chaplin Jace Masters, gives Prayer of Thanksgiving and the Lord's Prayer



Reverend Nancy Jo Cobbs



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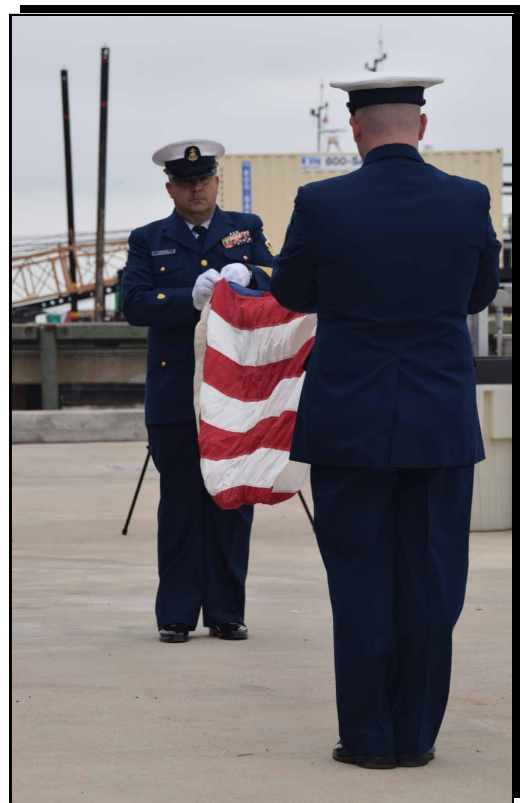


*Captain Brian Penoyer, U.S.C.G.
Sector Houston-Galveston*



Rendering of Military Honors

*Active Duty carefully folding the
United States Flag for presentation to
Debra Schroeder.*





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Jay O. Greiner, BOSN4 United States Coast Guard, presents the American Flag to Debra Schroeder, Gary's wife, as family members look on.





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Chiefs honor Gary, as family members are escorted to the U.S. Coast Guard Cutter SKIPJACK.



After boarding, Jackie Poteet waves to younger family members on shore.



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The "SKIPJACK" heads out to the designated GPS co-ordinates for Burial at Sea





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Family members can be seen making their way to the starboard side of the bow of the cutter. Coast Guard Chaplin Ken Espinosa (5th from left to right) is carrying Gary's remains.

Bottom photo shows the family in prayer as they prepare to place the remains of their beloved family member in the ocean.





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Above photo shows flowers that have been thrown overboard by family members, bottom photo Shows the "SKIPJACK" returning to base. Photo was taken from the stern of the "Bella Cosa".





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Gary Schroeder's History in the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary Information on this page taken from Memorial Service leaflet

Gary voluntarily joined the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary in 1975. His original Flotilla was 10-4. Gary quickly made his presence known within his Flotilla and Division. In 1978 he earned his coveted Auxiliary Operation insignia and this same year he was voted in as the Flotilla Vice Commander. As the Flotilla Vice Commander Gary was the second highest elected person in the Flotilla and responsible for ensuring members of the Flotilla were completing their required training and abiding by Coast Guard standards. In 1980, Gary transferred to Flotilla 10-3, and he was elected Flotilla Commander, which meant Gary was in charge. Being in charge was a definite character trait that Gary exuded. Gary spent the next several years in Flotilla 10-3 where he served in several different leadership positions. In 1989, Gary transferred to Flotilla 6-3 where he continued to climb the Auxiliary Chain of Leadership and during this year Gary earned his Auxiliary Coxswain certification. In 1993, Gary became the Division Commander for Division 6. In this position Gary, was responsible for multiple Flotillas that ranged from Lake Charles, Louisiana to Freeport, Texas, and up to Lake Conroe. In 1999, Gary transferred to Flotilla 6-8 and continued his stellar record of service. In 2005, he was selected to be the Auxiliary Sector Coordinator for Eighth Coastal Region. As the Auxiliary Sector Coordinator, Gary played a significant role as the main liaison between Auxiliary Chain of Leadership and active duty senior leadership.. Lastly in 2015, Gary was awarded his 40 year Certificate of Appreciation.

The majority of Gary's service predated our current record keeping system, but since we began our current record keeping system 1996, Gary has volunteered over 13,000 hours of work for our service and this number could easily be doubled.

Gary earned numerous certifications, competencies, and awards during his 40 year tenure with the Coast Guard Auxiliary. Some of his awards include: Auxiliary Commendation Medal, Humanitarian Award, Meritorious Service Award, Presidential Citation, Department of Transportation, Secretary's Outstanding Service Award, Auxiliary Public Education Service Award, Auxiliary Letter of Commendation, and 9 Auxiliary Operation Service Awards.

In addition to his service in the U.S.C.G. Auxiliary, Gary was a U.S. Air Force Veteran (1955-1963) serving Continental United States and overseas. He also has 33 years of service to the U.S. Postal System (1958-1991). Still, perhaps his proudest moment was being made an Honorary Chief in the United States Coast Guard.

Gary loved the years he attended Bushy Park (London Central High School). He was proud to be a member of the first graduating class (1953-1955). Gary was devoted to the monthly Bushy Tales Newsletter, which he created and published every month for over 15 years. Hundreds of alumni from all over the world received this newsletter. Gary was honored by all the alumni at the last reunion for his dedication.

Gary and Debra were married on February 2, 2005. Gary doted on Dee and took great pride in pampering her. He will be missed.

Survivors:

Wife: Debra Schroeder.

Brother: Richard A. Schroeder

Sister: Beverly Schroeder Smith

Son: Gary Roy-Dean Schroeder and wife.

Step-daughters: Jacquie Poteet and Shannon League

Grandchildren: Colton Vining, Haley Aguilera, Bella Aguilera, Colby Vining, and Jackson Zeagler

4 Grandsons, 5 Great Granddaughters, six nephews and one niece.



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In Memory of
Gerald "Gary" Schroeder
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Crossing the Bar
By Alfred Lord Tennyson

Sunset and evening star,
And one clear call for me!
And may there be no moaning of the bar,
When I put out to sea,
But such a tide as moving seems asleep,
Too full for sound and foam,
When that which drew from out the boundless deep
Turns again home.
Twilight and evening bell,
And after that the dark!
And may there be no sadness of farewell,
When I embark:
For tho' from out our bourne of Time and Place
The flood may bear me far,
I hope to see my Pilot face to face
When I have crossed the bar.

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