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Martin C. Pilsch, Jr., 83, passed away at his Annapolis home November 4, 2024, after a long battle with heart disease,.

Marty was born in Baltimore on June 30, 1941 to Martin C. Pilsch, Sr. and Isabella (Denner) Pilsch. He was raised in Baltimore and after graduating from Baltimore City College High School he went on to attend Loyola (College) University. While at Loyola he was named All-American twice for his lacrosse achievements. Co-captain of the swim team, he won numerous freestyle events resulting in Mason-Dixon conference team championships for Loyola. He was proud to be inducted into the Loyola Sports Hall of Fame and maintained contact with his swim teammates and coach until he passed.

Marty was an ROTC student and upon graduation joined the U.S. Army as a commissioned officer. His military career of seven years included several overseas tours. Deployed to Viet Nam during the war he became a harbormaster and ran supply convoys up and down the Viet Nam coast. Captain Pilsch was awarded the Bronze Star and several other commendations for his exemplary service.

Honorably discharged in 1970, Marty returned to Baltimore and began a long rewarding career in the maritime industry. Positions of note included Operations Director of the Port of Baltimore and Director of the Port of Boston. He was elected president of the North Atlantic Ports Association and was named Admiral of the Chesapeake Bay by the governor of Maryland in recognition of his maritime service.

Following a stint on the West Coast as a vice president of a maritime equipment company Marty returned to the Maryland area and formed a consulting firm to advise ports on the purchase of equipment. As a consultant he was commissioned by the World Bank on several occasions to assist seaports worldwide as they were recovering from natural disasters. Marty



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enjoyed writing and for many years was the equipment editor for an industry magazine. He retired in 2015 and still occasionally receives calls from former associates asking for equipment advice.

Marty married Linda Pittman of Baltimore in 1963 and they raised their two children in the Boston area while Marty was the director of the port there. Boston is also where Mart married his current wife, Susan, in 1995.

Marty is survived by his spouse, Susan, his daughter, Nancy, his son, Michael, his daughter-in-law, Libbie, his brother Thomas and sister, Christine Hawthorne, his former wife, Linda Hiort, as well as numerous cousins, their spouses and children.

Marty will be interred in a private ceremony at the Maryland Veterans Cemetery in Crownsville. A celebration of Life will take place at a later date.

If you would like to make a donation in Marty's memory please consider the Disabled American Vets or the Alzheimer's Association.



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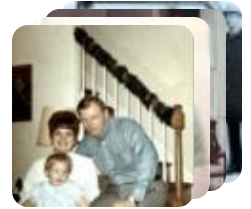
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Michael Pilsch shared 11 photos to the **Martin** album.

December 4 at 4:16 AM



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December 3 at 11:39 AM



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Bob St. Ours posted:

When I joined the Loyola Swim Team in 1963, my freshman year, Marty was already a legend, his legacy still fresh in the minds of my older teammates. I had the pleasure of knowing his younger brother, Tom in high school. It was many years later that I met Marty at a swim team alumni function. What a great guy. From that day on whenever the Seadogs got together, he offered me the same friendship he shared with the guys he knew from the old days. I admired him for his strong character, leadership qualities and warm friendship. Rest in Peace Marty. You ran a winning race and I am proud to have known you.

November 18 at 7:04 PM

KF

Ken Freimuth posted:

Marty and I swam at Loyola College 1959-1963. We were co-captains in the 62-63 season. He was no doubt the best all-around swimmer during our time together. He was also an All-American lacrosse player. He was truly a great athlete. Later he went on to serve his country in the Army. Then he applied his harbor and marine terminal management skills to solve problems related to our nation's supply chain. We lost track of each other after graduation in 1963 but thankfully got back together in the late '90s and had the pleasure of meeting Sue. We have been great friends since. Marty will be missed by many. May he Rest in Peace. Ken and Anne Freimuth Ogden, UT

November 15 at 6:18 PM



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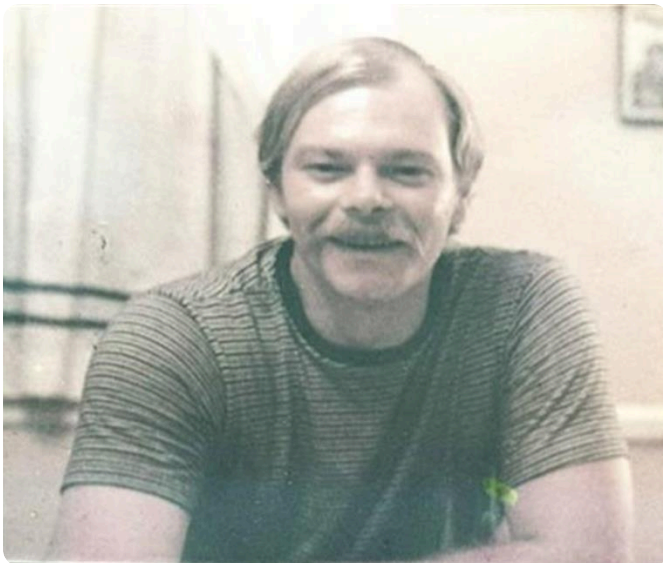




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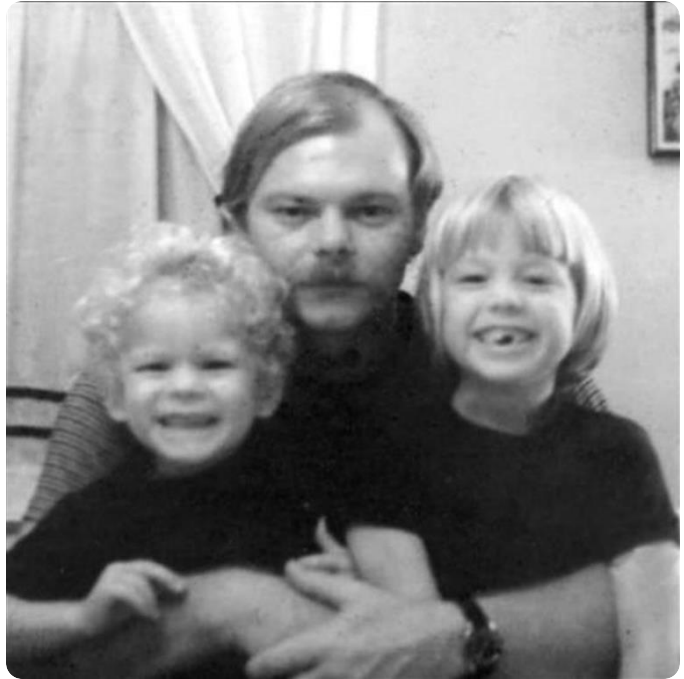
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