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Samuel Loring Morison

BIRTH 30 Oct 1944

London, City of London, Greater London, England

DEATH 14 Jan 2018 (aged 73)

BURIAL Arlington National Cemetery

Arlington, Arlington County, Virginia, USA

PLOT Columbarium Court N70-II Column 11 Niche 3

MEMORIAL ID 199872300

Convicted of Espionage

At one time convicted of espionage and theft of government property, he was pardoned by President Bill Clinton in 2001. He served in the United States Navy, attaining the rank of Lt(jg). Following military service, he worked as an intelligence analyst at the Naval Intelligence Support Center in Suitland, Maryland, from 1974 to 1984, as a specialist in Soviet amphibious and mine-laying vessels. He also was a part-time contributor and editor of the American section of the London-based "Jane's Fighting Ships", an annual reference work on the world's navies. In 1985, he was convicted of leaking spy satellite photographs to the British military magazine "Jane's Defence Weekly". He was convicted of two counts of espionage and two counts of theft of government property and sentenced to two years in prison. He served eight months of that sentence, and his pardon for those charges, granted by President Clinton at the end of his presidency, was opposed by the CIA. Then, in 2014, he was arrested for stealing 34 boxes of records that were related to his grandfather, Samuel Eliot Morison, a retired United States Navy Rear Admiral, Harvard professor, prominent historian and two-time Pulitzer Prize recipient. On that charge, he was sentenced to two years of probation with the condition that he assist in returning all of the records. As a result of his case, government policy guidelines for adjudicating security clearances were changed to include consideration of outside activities that present potential conflict of interest.

Interment on June 7, 2019.

Family Members

Parents



Peter Greene Morison
1917–1969

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