



# Harlan Lon Cheney

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**H**arlan Lon Cheney, 93, Naval Officer, University Professor. Born to Harrison and Cornelia Cheney on December 19, 1918 on a ranch in Lemon, South Dakota where his father, a civil engineer, had left Iowa to homestead. He is survived by his devoted wife of 64 years, Elinor; children Prof. Christine Cheney (Zachary Gross) of Reno, Nevada; Sara Strom (John) of Ponte Vedra Beach, Florida; and William of Reston; four grandchildren; one great grandchild; and brother, Prof. Bruce Cheney of Lansing, Michigan. He was a graduate of Yankton College in Yankton, SD. He was a 23 year veteran of the U.S. Navy where he served at sea during WWII in the Aleutian Island campaign and later in salvage operations in northern Europe. He served on destroyers throughout the Pacific covering the evacuation of Nationalist forces from Shanghai and the landing at Inchon Bay during the Korean War. He ended his naval career as the captain of the destroyer, USS Walke. After retiring from the Navy, he earned a doctoral degree from George Washington University and taught finance at Georgetown University. He went on to teach at the newly formed University of the District of Columbia, becoming Chairman of the Department of Finance. He was an avid golfer, outdoorsman, woodworker, birdwatcher and gardener. He was a 40 year member of Mount Olivet United Methodist Church in Arlington, Virginia, and a long-time volunteer for Habitat for Humanity and Joseph's Coat. He is remembered by friends and loved ones as a kind and generous man with a wonderful sense of humor and a joyful, playful love of life. A memorial service will be held at Falcon's Landing Chapel on Monday, September 17 at 1:00 followed by a reception. Graveside services will be held privately at a later date with full military honors in Arlington National Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Wounded Warrior Project, 7020 A.C. Skinner Parkway, Suite 100, Jacksonville, FL 32256.



# Events


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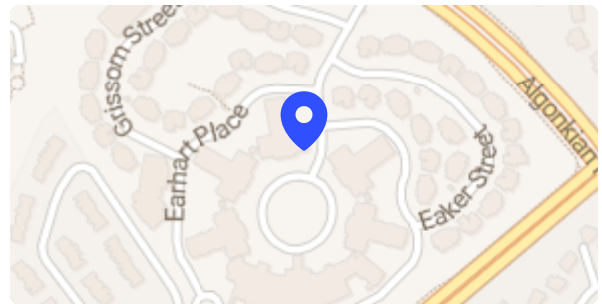
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## Service

 **Monday**, September 17, 2012

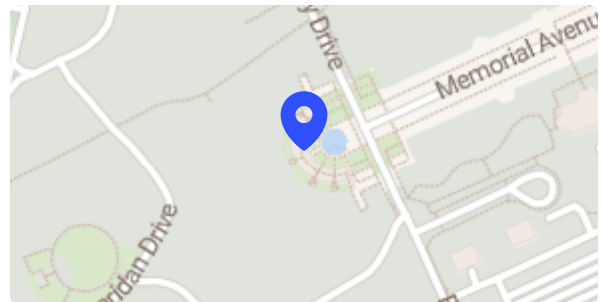
 1:00 PM ET

 **Falcons Landing Memorial Chapel**  
20522 Falcons Landing Circle, Sterling VA



## Cemetery Details

 **Arlington National Cemetery**  
1 Memorial Ave. , Arlington VA 22211





## Tribute Wall

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**Anonymous** sent an Always Remembered Garden Basket to the Cheney family.



September 14 at 10:33 AM



**Christine Jackson** posted:

To the Cheney Family: I wanted to take this time to extend my most deepest condolences. I read about the loss of your father in the obituary today and I am truly sorry. Death is not easy for us as humans to face, and sometimes we may find it a struggle to endure. It's comforting to know that we can always turn to God and his Word the Bible to give us the right words of encouragement at the right time, like the scripture found at Revelation 21:3,4 which in part reads:"And God himself will be with them. And he will wipe out every tear from their eyes and death will be no more, neither will mourning nor outcry nor pain be anymore. The former things have passed away." Your family will be in my prayers, my sincere condolences.

September 12 at 4:00 AM



# Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Harlan by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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