



John W. Chesley, Jr.

June 21, 1918 - February 22, 2018

John W. Chesley, Jr. COL USA (Ret.)

On Thursday, February 22, 2018 Col Chesley passed away at home in Falls Church, VA.

Col Chesley is survived by his wife Cynthia Heerwagen Chesley; son Jack Chesley; daughters Carol Merritt Chesley and Deborah Lloyd Chesley; grandchildren John W.F. Chesley "Sean" and Kolya Hanson Chesley; great-grandchildren John William Chesley "Hunter" and Macayle Jewel Chesley and a host of beloved nieces, nephews, step-children and step-grandchildren. Col Chesley is predeceased by his first wife Ellyn Viehoever Chesley; parents John William and Henrietta Elizabeth Chesley and sister Elizabeth Chesley Schultheis.

A memorial service will be held at Goodwin House Baileys Crossroads, 3440 South Jefferson St., Falls Church, Saturday, April 7 at 3 pm. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Children's Hospital.

Tribute Wall



“ *John W. Chesley, Jr.*

October 27, 2022 at 09:45 PM



“ *COL Chesley Jr was Professor of Military Science at South Dakota Mines when I was in ROTC. He was instrumental in keeping me in the program, providing wise counsel in mentoring me, and taught me well about military history. When he chose me as the Outstanding Company Commander and Distinguished Military Graduate in that program, I asked him why. He replied "You never quit when others were ahead of you." Although I didn't stay in the Army, his lessons and demeanor served me for 38 years in industry. God bless such a wonderful man. Dr Doug Aldrich, Arvada CO.*

December 15, 2018 at 12:00 AM



“ *John Chesley was a remarkable man! He will be truly missed by all of us at Christ Church , Alexandria.
John, Cynthia and I met 8 years ago at Goodwin House Bailey's. Through our Church luncheons and regular visits, we became friends. John was always a true gentleman. He greeted you with a hug, a huge smile and always a compliment. John had a "twinkle" in his eye as he teased or joked with you. He enjoyed life and we all enjoyed knowing him. May John Rest In Peace. With Love, Pam Broka*

March 15, 2018 at 12:00 AM



“ *Lloyd and family -*

My sincere condolences and prayers on your great loss. Please let me know if you need anything.

God bless.

*Wade Turner
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February 28, 2018 at 12:00 AM



“ *John W. Chesley, Jr.*

Written in the Stars - February 23, 2018 at 12:00 AM