



Captain William Francis Chaires USN%2C Ret

December 24, 2007

Captain William Francis Chaires, USN, Retired died on Monday, December 24, 2007 at the Heartland House in Grasonville, MD. He was 85 years old.

He was born on March 3, 1922 in Queen Anne, Maryland to John Wesley and Bertha MacNamee Chaires. He attended Washington College and graduated in the accelerated class of 1945 from the United States Naval Academy. He was Captain of the National Championship Navy Soccer Team, and was a first team All-American enshrined in the Naval Academy Hall of Fame.

Captain Chaires served in World War II, the Korean and Vietnam Wars. His closest friend while in service was astronaut Alan Shepard. He graduated from Naval War College and was among the first Navy jet test pilots. His first command was the Arcturus and executive officer of the USS Forrestal, and was commanding officer of the "Fighting Lady", the USS Yorktown. He also served as Pentagon Liaison to the White House.

Upon retirement, he founded Wye River Realty and was instrumental in the development of Bennett Point in Queenstown. He enjoyed playing golf, watching his grandchildren play sports and debating politics. He was a devoted father and grandfather.

He is survived by his daughter Susan, grandchildren Ryan, Wesley, Meghan,

Kyle, Harrison and Haley, wife Jeanne and two sons Bill and Greg. Services will be private. Captain Chaires will be inurned at the United States Naval Academy in Annapolis, Maryland. Family request donations may be made to Alzheimer's Association Eastern Shore Chapter 209C Milford Street Salisbury, MD 21804 Arrangements by Fellows, Helfenbein and Newnam Funeral Home, P. A. On line condolences may be made at www.fhnfuneralhome.com

Tribute Wall



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