



## Marvin F. Schlenker

September 15, 1927 - January 16, 2013

Marvin F. Schlenker of Chestertown, MD, passed away on January 16, 2013, in Vero Beach, FL. Born in Berks County, PA, in 1927, to Florence and Herbert Schlenker, he was a graduate of Kutztown High School, Mansfield University, and served in the United States Navy during World War II on the U.S.S. Saratoga. Enlisted as a trumpet player, he scored high in technical areas, earning a spot as a radio operator, a skill that he then applied to the beginning of his career at a radio station in Reading, PA.

His career then took him to NYC where he landed a position as a television director for Johnny Carson's "Who Do You Trust?" leading him to later enjoy a 42-year tenure with the ABC News Network in New York. His work as a director included broadcasting for ABC World News Tonight, ABC News Special Events, and Wide World of Sports. In 1980, he was hand selected to be the lead director for Nightline until his retirement in the early 1990s. He was the recipient of a Peabody Award, an Academy Award for Outstanding Achievement in Sports and Sports Programming, and a Distinguished Alumni Award from both Kutztown Area High School and Mansfield University. He enjoyed music, woodworking, fishing, boating, and traveling.

Marvin is survived by his daughter, Sally Schlenker Pfabe, and a granddaughter, Charlotte Pfabe. He is predeceased by his parents; sister, Eleanor Siegfried; his wife, LaRue Kistler Schlenker; and his eldest daughter,

Amy L. Schlenker.

A memorial service will be held at Trinity Lutheran Church in Chestertown on Saturday, February 16 at 11 a.m.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Trinity Lutheran Church Building Fund.

# Cemetery Details

**Private**

# Previous Events

## Service

FEB 16. 11:00 AM (ET)

Trinity Lutheran Church  
101 Greenwood Avenue  
Chestertown, MD

# Tribute Wall



“ *Marvin F. Schlenker*

October 26, 2023 at 06:42 PM



“ *Marvin F. Schlenker*

January 28, 2023 at 12:44 PM



“ *Marvin F. Schlenker*

January 28, 2023 at 08:03 AM



“ *Mr. Schlenker was one of the most interesting people I ever met. He was a true gentleman and so very accomplished. Our Education Foundation Board of Directors was so fortunate to have him among us. He will be missed.*

**Brenda Winkler** - February 12, 2013 at 08:24 AM