



## Tony Martin Cheesebrew

June 29, 1943 - February 8, 2019

Tony Martin Cheesebrew, Sr., CWO4, U.S. Navy (retired) of Leesburg, Florida, age 75, went to be with the Lord on February 8, 2019. He was the devoted husband for 56 years to loving wife Linda K. (Hunt) Cheesebrew of Berwyn Heights, MD, dearest father to sons Tony Jr. of California, MD and Christopher "Scott" and his wife Amy of Winter Garden, FL and the proud grandfather of Matthew and Alexandra Cheesebrew. He was preceded in death by his parents John S. Cheesebrew and Pearl V. (Martin) Cheesebrew; five brothers Gerald, Tensil "Pete", Sammie, John "Red", and Richard, and one sister Virginia. He is survived by one brother James of Point Pleasant, WV and two sisters Claudette (Jane) and Linda of Columbus, OH. Mr. Cheesebrew began his distinguished U.S. Navy career in 1960 where he would proudly serve 26 years before retiring. While advancing through the ranks of all nine enlisted pay grades, and three commissioned officer pay grades; he earned numerous personal unit, and campaign medals and citations for his meritorious and professional accomplishments. Mr. Cheesebrew proudly served our country during the Viet Nam War and Cold War hostilities throughout the Atlantic and Pacific Theaters of Operations. He was an aviation enthusiast and truly enjoyed aircraft maintenance and aircrew duties while flying in the Navy's P-3 Orion aircraft as a Flight Engineer. After his retirement from the U.S. Navy, he continued a pursuit of enhancements to aviation technologies and patriotism for our country by remaining in the national defense industry. He was employed as a Regional Manager by Columbia Research Corporation (CRC) and as a Vice President of Operations by Eagle Systems Incorporated (ESI), two premier defense contractors. While with CRC and ESI, he managed Engineering and Technical Support Services Contracts with the U.S. Navy for development, acquisition, test and evaluation, and fleet support of aircraft systems and equipment. Mr. Cheesebrew was a member of the Military Officers Association of America, the Fleet Reserve Association, the Veterans of Foreign Wars, and the American Legion. Mr. Cheesebrew always demonstrated enormous kindness to everyone he came in contact with and he was loved and respected by family, friends and professional associates alike. A Memorial Service will be held on Friday, February 22, 2019 at 12:00PM (Noon) at Page-Theus Funeral Home, Leesburg Chapel with Inurnment to follow at Florida National Cemetery, Bushnell, Florida with full Military Honors by the U.S. Navy. In lieu of flowers the family has requested

donations be made to The American Heart Association at [www.heart.org](http://www.heart.org). Online condolences may be shared by visiting [www.pagetheus.com](http://www.pagetheus.com). Arrangements are entrusted to Page-Theus Funeral Home and Cremation Services, Leesburg.

# Events

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**FEB** **Memorial Service** 12:00PM - 01:00PM

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Page Theus Funeral Home Chapel

914 W. Main Street, Leesburg, FL, US, 34748

**FEB** **Inurnment** 02:00PM - 02:30PM

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Florida National Cemetery

6502 S.W. 102nd Avenue, Bushnell, FL, US, 33513

# Comments

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“ Our thoughts, prayers and condolences to Linda, Tony Jr, Scott and families. Tony was a true gentleman, a great neighbor and is missed by many. Robin and I are very proud to be considered among Tony's long list of friends. Tom & Robin Carr, Leesburg, FL

**Tom carr** - February 27 at 04:41 PM

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“ Linda, our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Tony was such a great guy and we really enjoyed our visits with you guys. Rest In Peace Tony.

Nancy and Howard

**Nancy Booth** - February 23 at 09:08 PM

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“ I will always be thankful to Tony & Linda and I am extremely thankful that Tony did whatever Linda said or I wouldn't be where I am now . I owe you both so much. When I think of Tony, I picture him giving me the side look with a smirk and laughing that unique A”Tony” laugh. I got that one a lot. Whether at work or out at night you could always rely on Tony to be Tony. He was very genuine and truly a GOOD person. The world lost a good man, but God gained an angel that I'm sure will not only be watching over Linda, Tony Jr & Scott, but all of his family, blood or not. Rest In Peace now Papa Cheese. I will see you again one day.

**Karen Wathen** - February 21 at 12:24 PM

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“ Love, Karen purchased the European Sympathy Dish Garden for the family of Tony Martin Cheesebrew.



**Love, Karen** - February 21 at 12:00 PM

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“ Don and Corrine purchased the Red & White Sympathy Standing Spray for the family of Tony Martin Cheesebrew.



Don and Corrine - February 21 at 09:09 AM

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“ Affectionately known as Pappa Cheese, Tony was the essence of what it means to be a true friend and respected leader. I first knew him at his last duty station in Pax River supporting the new E-6 program. He later became my co-worker and close friend at Eagle. Together we conquered some near impossible challenges. Many was the time we spent weekends and worked all night writing proposals for new contracts. His first week at Eagle, he worked around the clock to win a Lakehurst New Jersey logistics support effort. Linda was not happy to say the least, so we sent her roses to calm her down and get her forgiveness. Another time, Tony, Linda, and I went to a five year celebration party at Lakehurst. Tony had a few too many and we could not find him. We searched everywhere and finally found him at the bar in a happy-go-lucky mood with a big smile and his necktie hanging from his forehead. Linda was once again a unhappy camper and escorted him with his tie in hand to their room while chastising him every step of the way. And finally there was the time we went on travel together and had to share a room. Was I ever shocked when he began snoring. It sounded like a bear had wandered into the other bed. After an hour of covering my ears with two pillows, I gave up and slept in the car.

On a serious note, Tony was a consummate professional who quietly and effectively handled all situations. You could always count on him for solid advice or a stern kick in the butt when you needed it. Many a time he put me on the right road when I was about to stray. He was the calm in the storm with his disarming smile and witty sense of humor. He was well liked and loved by all that knew him, peers and subordinates alike. Regardless of what I did, he had my back and sung my praises to put me on a pedestal, even when I did not deserve it. He was also there as a personal friend, lending a hand to help me with all the little jobs it took to get into a new house I bought close to him and Linda. Women shop at Belk's and Tony and I spent hours on end shopping at Loews. I will miss my BEST FRIEND and never forget the many good and memorable times we shared.

Rest in God's arms my freind, you deserve it.

Don Peeling

Don Peeling - February 21 at 01:42 AM

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“ Danny and Julie Sharp purchased the Peace, Prayers, & Blessings- Lavender and White for the family of Tony Martin Cheesebrew.



Danny and Julie Sharp - February 19 at 11:52 AM

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“ It has been a great blessing in my life to have Tony for a friend. Tony and I were both stationed in Hawaii with Patrol Squadron 22 in 1971 - 1972 and have been friends ever since. I can still see Tony leaning on the maintenance control counter in the hangar, all suited up to fly, with that big "signature" smile on his face. Tony has always been a happy, good natured person and enjoyable to be with. Tony is a man who loves the Lord, his family, his country, and his friends. He is dedicated to all of them. I am very sad that I won't see Tony for a while, but I rejoice knowing that Tony is living with the Lord now in Paradise. I am sure Tony is there and happy, and I look forward to seeing him again one day in the future.

Linda, Tony, and Scott, I share your sorrow that Tony is not with us right now but we can take solace knowing that Tony lives and will never die.

Danny and Julie Sharp

Danny Sharp - February 19 at 11:35 AM

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“ I knew Tony for 57 years, because my sister was his beloved wife. He loved everyone and was loved in return. In the last few years when we would meet for lunch, Tony and I would have a great discussion of the things of the Lord and how He impacted our lives. We probably got on everyone else's nerves, but he and I always went home full of joy. I will miss our great talks, but will always hold them in my heart. Save a place for me, my brother!

Linda, Tony and Scott, know I will be here for you.  
Love, Jeanne

Jeanne Huth - February 16 at 09:53 AM

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“ Linda, Tony Jr., and Scott:

We thank God for the privilege of knowing and enjoying Tony's friendship. He was one of the finest men we've ever known. Tony was an honorable man with a gentle soul and a sharp but sly sense of humor...always had that special twinkle in his eyes. Tony cherished Linda, his wife and love of his life; and, he dearly loved his sons and grandchildren. Although we are saddened by his passing, we rejoice as we are sure he is now joyously singing with the angels in the heavenly choir and happily serving his Lord and Master.

Please know that you're in our thoughts and prayers as you grieve.

With our deepest sympathy,  
Earnie & Anita James

Anita James - February 15 at 05:21 PM

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“ Peace, Prayers & Blessings - Blue and White was purchased for the family of Tony Martin Cheesebrew.



February 15 at 04:46 PM

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“ Papa Cheese, I will never forget you as we worked together at Eagle Systems. I know you are at peace. Thought about you often and asked about you when I could. RIP Sir.

Oleta Copsey  
Former Receptionist of Eagle Systems

Oleta Copsey - February 15 at 01:14 PM

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“ Classic Sympathy Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Tony Martin Cheesebrew.



February 15 at 12:51 PM

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“ Always felt safe with "Cheese" in the middle seat. I can remember setting on the forward radar behind the pilot and hearing him remind the pilot when we were down low banking and yanking "remember we have 50 ft of wing out there". He was a good role model for us young'uns on the crew. We trained hard, flew hard and played hard and in the end we always got home. RIP Tony.

Ken Kriner - February 14 at 05:55 PM

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“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Lori Moore - February 13 at 03:51 PM



“ Love this picture!

Woody - February 13 at 08:52 PM

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“ Red, White & Blue Sympathy Standing Basket was purchased for the family of Tony Martin Cheesebrew.



February 13 at 02:06 PM



“ Our hearts go out to you. Tony Sr was like a second dad for a number of years. He is deeply missed but will live on in our hearts and memories. He loved his family, never had an unkind word, and had a smile and laugh that was contagious and unforgettable. Our thoughts and prayers and with you.

Don and Bonnie Van Meter

Don and Bonnie Van Meter - February 13 at 06:39 AM

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“ RIP Uncle Tony. I can still hear your contagious laugh and can't help but to smile when I do. I always enjoyed our conversations and your advice. We lost an incredible man, husband, father and uncle. You will be missed. Keep them laughing up there. Aunt Linda, Tony Jr and Scott, may God keep you and guide you through these hard times. You have my prayers and deepest condolences. God Bless.

Ken Hunt - February 12 at 07:18 PM

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“ 1 file added to the album Memories Album



Woody Crandall - February 12 at 06:26 PM



“ Tony at the 2003 VP-22 Reunion in Wash DC

Woody - February 13 at 09:43 AM

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Woody Crandall - February 12 at 06:23 PM



“ The smile we will always remember!

Woody - February 13 at 09:42 AM

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Woody Crandall - February 12 at 06:22 PM



“ My VP-22 Crew's Flight Engineer from 69-72

Woody - February 13 at 09:38 AM

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Woody Crandall - February 12 at 06:21 PM



“ Tony in VP-1 Maintenance Control in Hawaii from 77-80

Woody - February 13 at 09:40 AM

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Woody Crandall - February 12 at 06:20 PM



“ Tony with Russ, Woody, Alan and Kent from our VP-22 crew during the 2003 VP-22 Reunion in Wash DC

**Woody** - February 13 at 09:41 AM

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“ The best neighbors and friends anyone could ever have. Always loved watching and listening to Tony Sr. and my dad joke and cut up. Great memories. Always had a kind word and a helping hand. Love to the Cheesebrew's.

Love,  
Jason Pugh & Family

**Jason Pugh** - February 12 at 03:24 PM

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“ Linda, Tony Jr. and Scott,

I'm very sorry to hear the news of Tony Sr. We spent many nights chatting across the table at one of Tony Jr's shows; he was always genuine, kind and had a laugh that never failed to bring a smile to my face. Please know Veronica and I have you all in our prayers.

Love,

Frank and Veronica Lancaster

**Frank Lancaster** - February 12 at 09:49 AM

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“ Peace, Prayers, & Blessings- All White was purchased for the family of Tony Martin Cheesebrew.



February 12 at 09:33 AM

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“ Linda, Tony Jr., Scott,

Although I never had the chance to meet you guys, Tony was always very proud of his family and spoke of you often.

Tony and I never met while in the Navy and our first meeting was at Eagle. Once we discovered that we were both Flight Engineers in our previous lives, the ribbing began and continued. We shared a lot of laughs together and I will forever cherish those memories.

Tony was a special man with a special heart and thank you for sharing him with the Eagle family. He will be sorely missed and world is now a little less fun with his departure.

Our thoughts and prayers go out to you in this most trying time.

George and Marty Pate

**George Pate** - February 12 at 07:11 AM

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“ Linda, Tony Jr. and Scott,  
Tony Sr. and I spent many hours sharing old memories from the US Navy, talking family and sharing retirement dreams. He was truly a wonderful man with a love for family and friends. We will miss him and please know he was a true professional who made a difference in many peoples lives. Rest in Peace shipmate.

Rick, Candy and Family

Rick Rives

**Rick Rives** - February 12 at 07:04 AM

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“ Linda, Tony Jr., Scott,  
  
Tony Sr. was the only person that ever got my husband to get up and sing with him at Karaoke! They laughed a lot when they were together! They will both be deeply missed.

Love,  
Peggy, Darren, Jason Pugh, and Family

**Peggy Y. Pugh** - February 11 at 08:53 PM