



Marsha Susan Cheney

August 17, 1945 - September 7, 2020

Marsha Susan Cheney, 75, our sweet wife, mother, sister, grandmother and great-grandmother passed away in Intensive Care at Utah Valley Hospital after fighting atrial fibrillation and kidney and lung cancer. As a Jackson Hole native, she was strong and determined until the end and is greatly missed by her husband, her large posterity and her many good friends and neighbors.

She had many accomplishments during her life of service to family and her country. Her favorites were her husband and 6 sons with whom she traveled in 48 states during her husband's military service. She was always so proud of her sons' progress in Church, scouting, community, college and their careers. They also gave her 19 grandkids and 10 great-grandkids to love and nurture. She excelled in music, earned a B.A. in French at BYU and later an M.S. in Strategic Intelligence while serving her country in the Defense Intelligence Agency in Washington, DC. On the side, she studied art at City Colleges of Chicago and later under a German master painter, Albert Helzfeld. While living in Germany with her family, she created original watercolors and old master technique oil paintings and produced limited edition prints, including complete matting and framing.

Her lifetime of LDS Church service included Primary president, Relief Society president twice, ward and stake Young Women's president, seminary and gospel doctrine teacher, and two French-speaking senior missions to Quebec, Canada and Ghana, West Africa. She especially loved being a temple worker in Washington, DC, Friedrichsdorf, Germany, Montreal, Canada, Provo, Utah, and Ghana. On this last mission, she taught Primary again, this time to the humble, faithful children of West Africa. In the Ghana Temple, she enjoyed working daily with French- and English-speaking families who had traveled far to obtain the blessing of temple marriages and sealings. During her lifetime, she experienced 20 years of foreign residency.

She is survived by her husband, Colonel Craig Cheney, sons Douglas (Melanie), Daryl (Kimberlee), Daryn (Rebecca), David (Mylla), Dan (Katie), and Derek (April); sisters Judy Kortum (Rick), Peggy Mathiesen (Jan), Bertie Eastman (Mike), and Christine Eastman

(Rod). Her parents Robert and Barbara VanDeburg of Jackson, Wyoming pre-deceased her.

Marsha's legacy is a composite of unselfishness, hard work, service, compassion for the underprivileged, patriotism, optimism, and a strong religious commitment. As she passes to the other side of the veil, she bids a fond goodbye to her husband of 52 years, her large family, and many associates, students, neighbors and friends throughout the world.

Marsha, nous t'aimons!

A public viewing will be held on Thursday, September 10th from 6:00 to 9:00 pm at Utah Valley Mortuary, 1966 West 700 North, Lindon, Utah. A private family viewing and funeral service will be held the following day, Friday, September 11th. The funeral service will be viewable online on Friday, September 11th at 11:00 am at the following link: <https://zoom.us/j/96519840779?pwd=NmZqYkUvSVF6cmF5cGlqOFVPdXFrdz09>

Alternate: <https://www.zoom.com> Meeting ID: 965 1984 0779 Passcode: sixboys

Interment in Utah Veterans Cemetery, 17111 S. Camp Williams Rd, Bluffdale, Utah.

Cemetery

Utah Veterans Memorial Park
17111 S. Camp Williams Road
Bluffdale, UT, 84065

Events

SEP 10 **Viewing** 06:00PM - 09:00PM

Utah Valley Mortuary
1966 West 700 North, Lindon, UT, US, 84042

SEP 11 **Funeral Service** 11:00AM - 12:00PM

Online Streaming
UT, US

Comments



“ A webcast video has been added.



Utah Valley Mortuary - September 08, 2020 at 03:47 PM



“ It was a privilege to know Marsha. She was a great disciple of Jesus Christ and a wonderful Gospel Doctrine teacher while we were both members of the Heidelberg ward. It saddens me greatly that she had to fight cancer at the end of her life. Congratulations Marsha for graduating earth life with the highest honors. May all the Cheney clan be blessed with comfort and peace at this time.

Victoria Carlson - September 09, 2020 at 05:44 PM



“ I will miss her going down life's path. She was/is great in my eyes. She was a wonderful example to everyone in her sphere of influence and I could tell by her Facebook posts that she really loved serving a mission in Africa for our Savior Jesus Christ. And she loved this great land in which we live. I have some of her drawings and now considered them treasures to remember her by. I hope my Maureen, among many others, is there to greet her and help her find her way. I bless you Bro Cheney and your family with peace and comfort during this most difficult time. You are the greatest. Love you all.

Jack Gore - September 10, 2020 at 02:19 AM



“ Our hearts are sad. After so many years Craig and Marsha are like our extended family. She was a talented and amazing lady who can move on with no regrets. Our love to the family.

Sandra and Jim Shaw

Sandra M Shaw - September 11, 2020 at 10:35 AM



“ A free bird leaps
on the back of the wind
and floats downstream
till the current ends
and dips his wing
in the orange sun rays
and dares to claim the sky.

But a bird that stalks
down his narrow cage
can seldom see through
his bars of rage
his wings are clipped and
his feet are tied
so he opens his throat to sing.

The caged bird sings
with a fearful trill
of things unknown
but longed for still
and his tune is heard
on the distant hill
for the caged bird
sings of freedom.

The free bird thinks of another breeze
and the trade winds soft through the sighing trees
and the fat worms waiting on a dawn bright lawn
and he names the sky his own

But a caged bird stands on the grave of dreams
his shadow shouts on a nightmare scream
his wings are clipped and his feet are tied
so he opens his throat to sing.

The caged bird sings
with a fearful trill
of things unknown
but longed for still
and his tune is heard
on the distant hill
for the caged bird
sings of freedom.

Caged Bird
BY MAYA ANGELOU



“ I’m grateful to have served with my friend, Marsha, in the Provo Temple on Friday evenings. She was always so kind and radiant and full of love and light.

Nan Allen - September 13, 2020 at 05:24 AM



“ 6 files added to the album Memories Album



Rebecca Cheney - September 09, 2020 at 03:36 PM



“ I was privileged to be a ministering sister with Marsha in the Pleasant View 5th ward during the past year. I loved hearing about her missionary experiences in Ghana and I was impressed with her courage and optimism. She was a great example and I am really going to miss her.

With love and admiration,
Kathryn Shirts

Kathryn Shirts - September 09, 2020 at 04:41 PM



“ Dear Craig & Family,

It with sadness that I learned of Marsha's passing. She is a fine example of the type of woman that the Lord intends all of his daughters to become. May the Lord's comforting hand be upon you and assuage your grief. I am in St. George and Marsha is in South Jordan. Come down and warm up when the snow flies!

With sincere condolences,

John Edgel

John Edgel - September 09, 2020 at 03:30 PM