



## Charles "Charlie" Mahaney

January 15, 1938 - February 1, 2017

Charles (Charlie) E. Mahaney, 79, of Moses Lake, passed away February 1, 2017, at home surrounded by his loving family. Charlie was born January 15, 1938, in Dewey, Oklahoma to Charles and Velma Mahaney.

Charlie grew up in Oklahoma, later moving to Prineville, OR and finally settling in Moses Lake, WA. While in Prineville, Charlie met the love of his life, Livona Ellestad. They married on January 19, 1957, in Moses Lake, WA at Immanuel Lutheran Church. During their 58 years of marriage, Charlie and Livona focused on family, having four children, and creating a loving home where all were welcome.

Charlie enlisted in the US Navy at the age of 17 and served his country for 20+ years.

Charlie retired in 1975 as a Chief Petty Officer. He completed numerous tours in Europe and Asia. He was assigned to an Admiral's staff at the Pentagon and also worked at the American Red Cross in Washington D.C. After leaving the Navy, Charlie returned to Prineville, OR where he worked for the City of Prineville Railroad. His last move was to Moses Lake, WA where he finished his working years managing several gas station/convenience stores.

Charlie was proud of his military service, always wearing his US Navy Retired hat whenever he left home. He was often recognized and thanked for his

service. Charlie and Livona will be interred at the Washington State Veterans Cemetery in Medical Lake, WA.

Charlie's hobbies included rock hounding, hunting, and walleye fishing. He fished in many walleye tournaments and always had a fish story to tell. He also enjoyed golf, whether playing or watching. He valued his family, always having family gatherings at his home, fondly referred to as "the farm." He was a Ford man and always had a dog at his side. He doted on his grandchildren, encouraging them to always keep learning and to treat all people with respect.

Charlie is survived by his four children, Chuck (Sue) Mahaney, David (Nancy) Mahaney, Kathy (David) Rowland, and Mary (Gary) Otey, all of Moses Lake, WA; six grandchildren, Ryan (Natashia), Nick, Aubrey, Jenna, Samuel and Grace; four step-grandchildren, Becky (Mike) Radder, Heide Gibson, Richard (Amanda) Miller, and Aaron (Amy) Miller, all of Moses Lake, WA; and one great-grandchild, Gunner Mahaney. He is also survived by his sister, Mary Lou Weston, of Prineville, OR. He was preceded in death by his wife, Livona Mahaney, and his sisters, Jean (Jerry) Rosemond and Bette (Jim) Keefe.

A memorial service will be held at Immanuel Lutheran Church, Moses Lake, WA, on Saturday, February 25, 2017, at 1:00 p.m. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Department of Veterans Affairs or Assured Hospice of Moses Lake, WA. Please share a memory or leave a note for the family at [www.kayserschapel.com](http://www.kayserschapel.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Washington State Veterans Cemetery

21702 W. Espanola Road  
Medical Lake, WA

# Previous Events

## Service

FEB 25. 1:00 PM (PT)

Immanuel Lutheran Church  
1020 S. A Street  
Moses Lake, WA

# Tribute Wall

TA

“ Our condolences in your loss. During the little league days, I always waited for Charlie's signature "ducks on a pond" comment! Still makes me smile. Tiena and Jon Anderson

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**tiena and jon anderson** - February 20, 2017 at 11:20 AM

SC

“ Your parents always made me feel right at home when I visited the Farm. Mary, you are blessed that you had such a fun amazing father. That your father and mother supported and love each other and family was #1. And family is still #1 in your family circle.

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**Sheila Courtney** - February 16, 2017 at 04:34 PM

FG

“ Our Thoughts and prayers are with you Dave, Nancy and all your family in the loss of your father. Boyd & Fran Grant

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**Fran Grant** - February 14, 2017 at 05:18 PM

ES

“ Thinking of your family with the loss of Charlie, he is with his Dear Livona now.

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**Elvis & June Swisher** - February 10, 2017 at 01:34 PM

LC

“ Known Charlie long time. Have good memories when fishing walleye tourmenats with him and Dave. He will be missed. God bless his family. Lon Craghead and family.

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**Lon Craghead** - February 08, 2017 at 03:26 PM

JB

*Charlie was a great husband, father and grandfather and for me most of all a great friend! He will be greatly missed. I will never forget the many hunting camps and of course that rot gut Jim Beam!*

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**jack barker** - February 15, 2017 at 07:32 PM

WS

“ *Wendy S. lit a candle in memory of Charles "Charlie" Mahaney*



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**Wendy S.** - February 06, 2017 at 02:27 PM

BW

*I can still remember when I was in 6th grade going to school and Uncle Son was at the house because my Mom (his sister) was in the hospital hanging on to life, and he came from Italy to see her. I was wearing my black and white jumper and there he was, and he gave me the most loving hug, I could feel the love with that hug. love you Uncle Son give Mom a hug from me... Becky Welch*

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**Becky Welch** - February 15, 2017 at 02:01 AM