



Raymond M. "Skip" Cheseldine

October 28, 1928 - June 29, 2016

Raymond Minshall "Skip" Cheseldine died on June 29, 2016 after a lengthy illness.

He was born October 28, 1928 in Walter Reed Hospital in Washington DC the son of Raymond and Estelle (Smith) Cheseldine.

He is survived by his loving wife, Adrienne; two sons, a daughter and step daughter. Cary Cheseldine of Rockville, Virginia, Raymond "Kip" Cheseldine of New Zealand, Susan Kim (Phil) Bryde of Vistas, California and Kathy Hanson of Park Ridge, Illinois, and daughter in law, Linda Cheseldine of Europe. He was proud of his many grandchildren, Sarah, Nicholas and Matthew Cheseldine, Raymond "Wyatt" Cheseldine, Samantha (Marc Mihranian) Bryde, Jonathan Bryde and Connor and Don Hanson.

Ray was a graduate of Georgetown Preparatory School and Ohio Wesleyan University where he was a member of Theta Beta Pi Fraternity.

In the 1950's Ray enlisted in the Army where he attended OCS training and then volunteered for the elite Army Ranger school where he graduated in 1953. Like his father before him the military was an important part of his life. He was involved in erecting a new armory for the California National Army Reserves.

Ray joined California Bank in their graduate training program in 1955. He was hired by the American Bankers Association where he worked in the Marketing/PR department and headed their Centennial celebration in 1963.

In 1963, Ray joined the Financial Public Relations Association (BMA) and moved to Chicago Ray was the Executive Vice President of the Bank Marketing Association from 1963-1987. He turned the Association into a family, a funny quirky one. He had a great positive influence on all who worked for him and on so many who worked in the banking industry. BMA molded so many great memories for us.

He met many United States presidents during his life starting with President Roosevelt, President Nixon, President Kennedy and President Reagan. Many, many stories to tell.

An avid catch and release fly fisherman, he traveled the world with a fly rod and, of course, shared all of these adventures with his friends.

Adrienne wants to thank Ray for being the strong ethical man that she fell in love with many years ago.

We will have a memorial service for him in the near future. We ask that you contribute to a charity of your choice or in his name to Joanne's House/Hope Hospice; 27200 Imperial Pkwy., Bonita Springs, FL 34135; who took exceptional care of him in the last days of his life and then to raise a glass in the celebration of his life.

Arrangements are being handled by Shikany's Bonita Funeral Home.

Tribute Wall



“ *Raymond M. "Skip" Cheseldine*

October 09, 2023 at 03:40 AM



“ *I worked for the Bank Marketing Association (publications department) from 1986 to 1988. Ray was affectionately known to many of the staff as "Mr. C." He was a very kind, generous man and very friendly to all. The office Christmas parties were legendary. In addition, I remember Ray returning from one of his fishing expeditions to South America, with the BMA staff piling into the conference room to see his slide show and hear his stories. I also remember the kindness Ray showed to a young banker from overseas named Freddy whom he "adopted" and helped him get an internship at the Harris Bank in Chicago. God bless you, Ray. My condolences to Ray's family.*
Austin Weber

Austin Weber - March 06, 2022 at 02:01 PM



“ *Skip and my Dad both worked at California Bank in the 50's and 60's, were good friends and lived in the same housing development in Anaheim. They commuted the 17 miles to work together....a 90 minute trip each way in traffic pre-freeway. Alcohol and many cigarettes were involved. I remember them sitting in Skip's yard leading to the orange grove behind with martinis and a .22 rifle shooting gophers. I still remember his smile and hearty laugh.*
Michael Jones.

Mike Jones - June 19, 2018 at 02:17 PM

GH

“ I remember when I first met Mr. Cheseldine. I was an unexpected visitor to Kips flat in London. Mr. Cheseldine and a few of his friends were about to go on a fishing outing in Scotland. So when I showed up they had to make room for me in the flat. I don' think Kip told him I would be there so there was a bit of miscommunication.

I met Mr. Cheseldine on two more occasions; in California and Florida and he would always bring up our first meeting in London, always in a joking manner.

My condolences to Kip and the rest of the family

Greg

Greg Harris - September 03, 2017 at 09:14 PM

PW

“ My father, Jim Watt and Ray were best friends from the BMA days. I remember as a kid when those two would get together the stories, laughs and BS that would flow, great memories indeed!! One year Ray and Dad took Kip, Kerry, my brother Brian and Me to New Orleans for a banking conference and it was one of the best times of my life. Rest in Peace my friend and thankyou so much for the great infuence you were on my Dad and his kids!

*Sincerely,
Paul Watt*

Paul Watt - December 16, 2016 at 02:43 PM

SH

“ Sharon & Pat Hart lit a candle in memory of Raymond M. "Skip" Cheseldine



Sharon & Pat Hart - July 07, 2016 at 04:22 AM

BV

“ Adrienne -- please know Victoria & I extend our most heartfelt sympathies to you.

We know because we have seen you, even when you were exhausted, working so very hard to make Rays life as full & enjoyable as humanly possible. No one could have done more! Today he's at peace, young & vibrant again & watching over you. You can be sure, he's out there with his spinning rod, catching ALL the ones that got away earlier & like before, releasing them so their lives can continue.

And so it is, your life will go on also under his ever watchful spirit & his knowing you are surrounded by those who are ready to help you. When & if you need their help, all you have to do is reach out, & they will respond.

We will keep you in our thoughts over the summer & see you in November.

Bernie & Victoria

Bernie & Victoria - July 05, 2016 at 12:08 PM

AC

“ *The Old Hat*

It was just an old hat. It had traveled to many places across the world. It's owner had a room full of pictures, some with the old hat.

The creases and crinkles came from days with the sunlight streaming down from above and reflecting up from the glassy waters below. This old hat has seen creeks, lakes, rivers, bays and oceans. It had a sort of dignity bestowed by its' experiences.

The fisherman was now old. He could no longer travel but his memories and joys of a life of fishing were ebullient in his conversations.

We had met just a couple of times. Once I asked to show me how to tie a fishing knot. A small bond was born. Later he gave me a little book of fishing knots culled from his treasure trove of memorabilia.

The old hat was his parting gift. It was given with the affection between new acquaintances sharing a common love of fishing. He said "take my hat so I can be with you fishing in spirit".

He is now gone but not before his hat was consigned forever to a life at sea. The Pacific boat crew will treat the old hat with the care and reverence it deserves.

I wish the old hat calm seas and many great fish catches and when its days are done a spiritual reunion with its owner.

Rest In Peace Ray

Sent to Adrienne by Dan McClean - Vistas friend and neighbor

Adrienne Cheseldine - July 05, 2016 at 06:43 AM

JD

“ *Adrienne,*

I wish I could have know him. So sorry for your loss.

*Jim Davy
a BB Singer*

Jim Davy - July 03, 2016 at 12:45 PM

AC

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Adrienne Cheseldine - July 03, 2016 at 09:11 AM

PB

“ *Dear Adrienne,*

I first met Ray when he came over to Riverwalk to fish. He was unassuming, and asked if it was ok to fish next to my house. Of course it was.

I always liked his sense of humor, and loved hearing stories about your fishing trips.

You gave your all to Ray. I am glad he his in peace now.

Be well, and take care.

Peg Bisgrove

Peg Bisgrove - July 03, 2016 at 07:09 AM

DO

“ A friend once asked Ray what his greatest catch was. He did not hesitate a moment and replied: Adrienne. You two were lucky and special. Rest in peace, Ray.

Diane O'Leary - July 02, 2016 at 05:19 PM

CM

“ Dearest Adrienne,
I will always remember our first Christmas Eve Dinner here with you, Ray and Rhoda.
That was 16 years ago, and we have shared many memories and lots of laughs,.
I know how ddifficult this time is for you and know that I am here to walk that path with you.
You are a strong woman and have wonderful memories to last your lifetime. Ray would want you to be happy and enjoy life. You were a wonderful role model of a loving, devoted caregiver, thank you for showing me by example .

Fondly,
Carolyn DeRobbio Murphy

I wonder if Bob and Ray are across the hall from each other still?

Carolyn Murphy - July 01, 2016 at 09:36 PM

MR

We are so sorry to hear about Ray. Hope now he is in peace. We know you have had a trying year.

Frank & Carole Ressa - 6/5/16

Mr & Mrs Frank Ressa - July 05, 2016 at 11:10 AM

CM

“ Carolyn Murphy lit a candle in memory of Raymond M. "Skip" Cheseldine



Carolyn Murphy - July 01, 2016 at 09:18 PM

BG

“ You two were a great pair, and it was our pleasure to get to know you. Ray was very special in many ways - and a great loss to our lives, for sure. So glad we had time together. Rest in peace and health, dear friend. Bruce and Karen Galbraith

bruce galbraith - July 01, 2016 at 06:51 PM

BD

“ My family was associated with Ray when I started moving through the chairs at BMA. His was a guiding, supportive hand. I particularly remember one convention that fell on the Jewish Holiday of Rosh Hashanah. He saw to it that we had a service to attend in New Orleans so that we would not miss the event. I remember being the only no vote against a project that failed and how kind he was when I stayed silent after the report of failure. In my language, he was a mensch.

Barry Deutsch - July 01, 2016 at 05:18 PM

JU

“ Ray, I was honored to be in your presence if only briefly. It was brief, but quality time and your presence and character came through to make a lasting impression. James Unland

James Unland - July 01, 2016 at 02:25 PM

EF

“ To my best friend Addie. Please accept my condolences on Ray's passing. Just think Ray can do all the fishing he wants now. Just know that I am here for you.

Love, always Eileen

Eileen Frank - June 30, 2016 at 09:38 PM

EF

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Love, always. Eileen

eileen frank - June 30, 2016 at 07:24 PM

AC

“ My dear pal, I first laid eyes on you in December of 1975 when you hired me for a BMA position that literally changed my life. Little did I know, at the time that we would become good friends and eventually thirty three years later best friends, plus an added bonus of becoming husband and wife. You are the epitome of what I always believed a partner should be: honest, ethical, sensitive, strong plus a very fine human being.

Your friends and family have become mine both in mind and heart. We have a multitude of memories that we share. Much love sent to you. You are in a better place pain free - I will miss you. Love Adrienne or as you would say, Bubbles.

Adrienne Cheseldine - June 30, 2016 at 04:56 PM

AC

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Adrienne Cheseldine - June 30, 2016 at 04:38 PM

KP

“ *Our deepest sympathy to Adrienne and the Cheseldine family. Ray was a great guy with a fun sense of adventure and a great wit. Ray and my husband, John, loved to fish and share their fishing stories. He was a good neighbor and friend and we will miss him greatly. Hugs to Adrienne and just know you are in our thoughts and prayers at this sad time. We will cherish the good times and great memories.*

*Thinking of you,
Kathy Postle*

kathy postle - June 30, 2016 at 03:57 PM

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Adrienne Cheseldine - June 30, 2016 at 09:47 AM

BS

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Bill Shikany - June 30, 2016 at 09:09 AM

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Bill Shikany - June 30, 2016 at 09:01 AM