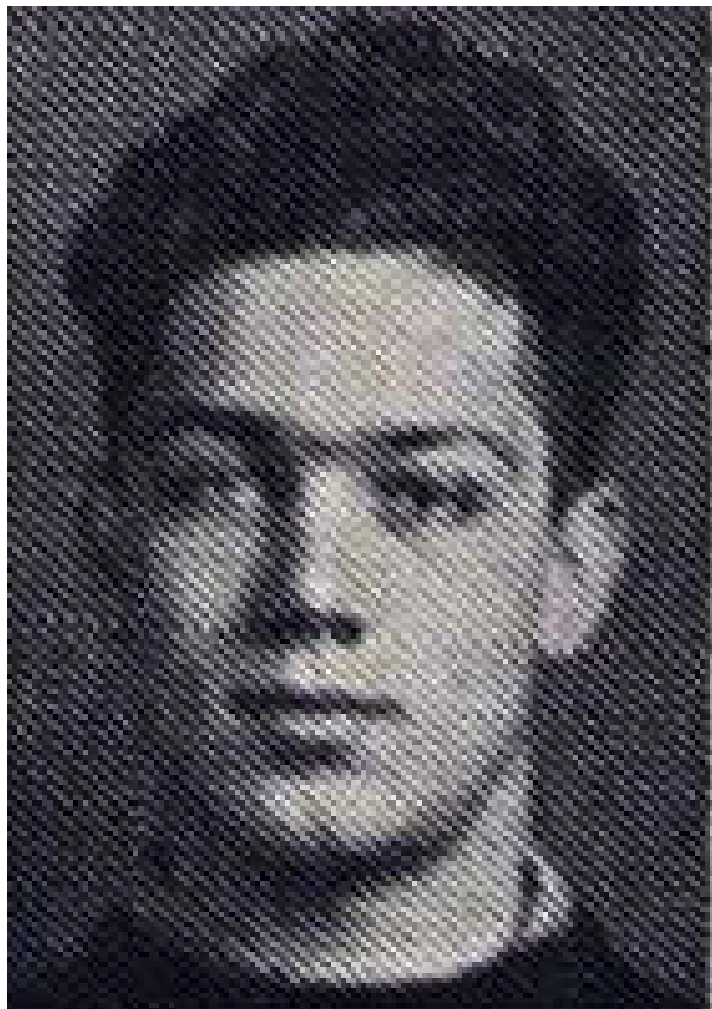


1LT William G. Cheney

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William George Cheney

Mr. William George Cheney of Charlotte died at home on Tuesday, February 20, 2001. Mr. Cheney was born November 3, 1920 in Oshkosh, Wisconsin. He attended public schools and the University of Wisconsin in Oshkosh. He served in the WWII and flew 50 missions as a B51 pilot in Europe.

He worked in the paper industry most of his life. He was active in the Southern Paper Trade Association and served as President. He retired in 1985 after 20 years with Bay West Paper Company. He was an active member of the Charlotte Bridge Association.

He is survived by his wife Rose Cheney, and children;

Susan Nagel of California, Lee Cheney of Nevada, Steve Cheney of California, Les and Donna Vidcan of Indiana, Horace and Bobbie Hudson of Georgia, a brother, Charles Cheney and his wife Joyce of Wisconsin, and by his beloved seven grand-children and one great-grandchild.

Visitation was held at the Cheney home on Wednesday, February 21, 2001 from 7-9PM. Services and interment will be private and held at a later date in Oshkosh, Wisconsin. The family requests memorials to Hospice of Charlotte, 1420 East Seventh Street, Charlotte NC 28204.

Arrangements are in the care of Heritage Funeral Home.



First Lt. William G. Cheney,
219 Winnebago street,
was with the 225th
fighter group of the
317th fighter squad-
ron in Italy as pilot and won the
distinguished flying cross, air
medal with three oak leaf clusters,
European-African-Middle Eastern
theater ribbon with four bronze
stars. He joined the service Dec.
5, 1942.

First Lt. William G. Cheney, son of Mr. and Mrs. Leo E. Cheney, 219 Winnebago street, has passed the 200 hour mark of combat flying against the enemy. He has been awarded the air medal and three oak leaf clusters. A graduate of Oshkosh High school and former Oshkosh State Teachers college student, he was employed by the Wisconsin Axle division before entering the air force in August 1942. He received his pilot's wings Dec. 5, 1943, and left for foreign service in July, 1944.

The Santa Ana, Calif., army air force redistribution station has announced that First Lt. William G. Cheney, son of Mr. and Mrs. Leo E. Cheney, 219 Winnebago street, is currently assigned there. A P-51 Mustang fighter pilot with the Fifteenth air force in Italy, Lieutenant Cheney went into service in February, 1943, and overseas in July, 1944, flying his first mission in August, 1944. He flew a total of 50 combat missions and has been awarded the distinguished flying cross, air medal with four oak leaf clusters and the European theater ribbon with three battle stars and a presidential citation. He was home recently on a 30-day leave.