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**R**etired Navy Commander Cecil Carl Liljenstein Holstrom, 89, of Rehoboth Beach, DE died October 18, 2005 at the Snow Hill Nursing Home after a long illness.

Cmdr. Holstrom was born in New London, CT and graduated from the Bulkeley School there. He received his BA from Middlebury College where he was a member of the football team and Kappa Delta Rho Fraternity. He received his MS in Physics from Haverford College.

Mr. Holstrom was on active duty in the U.S. Navy from 1941-1946 and remained in the Naval Reserves for 35 years, retiring as a Commander. He worked for the Department of the Navy in the Naval Air Systems Command as a civilian in Washington, D.C. for 31 years and was involved in the development of missile and anti-submarine warfare aviation electronics.

He lived in Riverdale and Seabrook, MD for 32 years and was a member of St. John's Lutheran Church. He moved to Riva, MD in 1976 where his first wife, Grace Holstrom, died in 1985. He had been an active member of St. Martin's Lutheran Church in Annapolis and served as an Assistant Chaplain at the Lutheran Mission Society in Annapolis. He also volunteered at the Lighthouse Shelter in Annapolis from its inception. He was an avid Navy football fan and attended all home games until he moved to Rehoboth Beach, DE in 1999. There he was an active member of The Lutheran Church of Our Savior and served as a greeter, a crafter, and a member of the men's weekly Bible study.

Surviving are his wife of 14 years, Kathy Shinn Holstrom, of the home; a daughter Lynn Dolinger and her husband Colin, of Lansdale, PA; a son, Kenneth Holstrom and his former wife Cathy, of Annapolis, MD; a grandson Ian Holstrom; three granddaughters: Allison Holstrom, Laura Dolinger Few, and Amy Dolinger; and a great-grandson Grayson Dolinger Few; as well as two step-daughters: Wendy Duckett and Jeanne Noblitt; four step grandchildren: Karen Noblitt-Turell, Jeremy Noblitt, Dylan Duckett, and Georgia Louise Duckett; and one step great-grandchild, Sierra



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Noblitt-Turell. Also surviving are three sisters: Alice Davis of Enfield, CT; Geraldine Roberts of Hendersonville, NC; and Lucie MacArthur of Groton, CT.

A memorial service will be held at 11:00 am on October 29, 2005 at the Lutheran Church of Our Savior, Rehoboth Beach, DE.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Building Fund at the Lutheran Church of Our Savior, 7 Bay Vista Road, Rehoboth Beach, DE 19971.

Arrangements by Parsell Funeral Homes & Crematorium, Atkins-Lodge Chapel, 16961 Kings Highway, Lewes, DE. On-line condolences may be sent to:  
[condolences@parsellfuneralhomes.com](mailto:condolences@parsellfuneralhomes.com).

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