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Richard “Dick” H. Imus, 84, of Ocean View, DE passed away peacefully on Saturday, June 12, 2010 at his residence in Bethany Bay, with his wife and his faithful dog "Shorty" by his side. He was born May 19, 1926 in Berlin Township, Michigan, son of the late Henry Alfred Imus and Ruth Isabel (Lerkins) Imus.

Mr. Imus enlisted in the Navy in World War II, where he served as a 3rd Class Radarman on the USS Boxer in the Pacific theatre, then returned to join the Naval Reserve. He attended Dartmouth College (Class of '50) and graduated from the University of New Hampshire, with a degree in Psychology. While attending college, he met his lovely wife Betty-Jean (Cooke) Imus at the Hanover Inn, where they both worked to pay for school. They were married on Thanksgiving Day in 1948 by Betty-Jean’s father, Edwin T. Cooke. Dick then spent his entire career with the Office of Naval Research as a Special Assistant for International Programs. In this position, he was afforded the opportunity to travel the world, supporting scientific research. He was an avid sailor, skier, a naturalist, and was thrilled caring for countless generations of feeder birds. After he retired to Bethany Bay, multiple generations of ducks came to his doorstep for their evening meal, and taught their young to do the same. “Papa” was a loving husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, and companion to his childhood dog, Patsy and his constant partner for the last eight years, Shorty.

Mr. Imus is survived by his wife of 61 years, Betty-Jean (Cooke) Imus; daughter, Ski and husband Bill Bennof of Herald Harbor, MD; son, Mark Imus and wife Laura of Mill Valley, CA; granddaughter, Courtney Bennof of Millersville, MD; grandson, Jake Bennof of Herald Harbor, MD; great granddaughter Kaelyn Jett of Millersville, MD and Shorty, his Corgie. He had many, many friends across the globe, most recently in Delaware, where he was known as “the Mayor” of Bethany Bay. He will be greatly missed by all - neighbors, friends, and his furred or feathered companions. He was truly a happy, friendly, genuine and trustworthy man. He had provided for a final Happy Hour for invitees to celebrate his life.



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All services will be private and will include scattering at sea. Arrangements are being handled by Parsell Funeral Homes & Crematorium, Ocean View, DE.

Memorial contributions may be made to WWII Memorial Bus Trips, Kingsway Engineering, 1331 State Avenue, Coraopolis, PA 15108 or the American Battlefield Memorial Commission, Courthouse Plaza II, Suite 500, 2300 Clarendon Blvd., Arlington, VA 22201-3367.

Please sign online guestbook at www.parsellfuneralhomes.com

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CB

Courtney Bennof posted:

To my hero, Papa: Here I sit, wishing you were here to talk to... I was lucky enough to have spent 27 years of my life under your guidance, love, and support... Not many kids get the chance to have such a close relationship with their grandparents. You were my second dad, you were my mentor, my driving instructor, my walking encyclopedia. There aren't enough words contained in all of the languages of the world combined, to express the love I have for you, nor could they describe the incredible trench that is within the thickest part of my heart. You ingrained me with so many stories, morals, expectations, and memories. Grammy, Mom, Dad, Jake, Kaelyn and I miss you something terrible.....I will leave you with something you always told me: "May you have strong winds, and following seas....." I will love you eternally, Papa, and don't worry, when we miss you, we just look at the moon, and know that you're looking at it, too. Always, Courtney Cooke

August 16 at 8:00 PM

MT

Michele Brooks Treptow posted:

Mr. Imus, Susan, and Mark: Stillwater Ave. was THE best place to grow up, because of our parents. Mr. Imus' smile and laugh ran from your house up to ours. He was one of the sweetest, kindest people ever. His look never changed. He loved his family dearly. And he was always there for the Brooks girls. My deepest sympathy to all of you. And you know how happy Corinne was on June 12. Love and kisses, Michou

June 25 at 8:00 PM

MT

Michele Brooks Treptow posted:

How lame of me! My entry should have been addressed to Mrs. Imus, Susan, and Mark. What an idiot. I was so upset. Michou

June 25 at 8:00 PM

MM

Mark & Susan Murphy posted:

Mark, We would like to send our deepest sympathy to you and your family at this time of your Father's passing. We certainly understand his influence in your life and may you treasure that forever! Sincerely, Mark & Susan

June 20 at 8:00 PM



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Anonymous posted:

A sympathy card has been sent to the family of Richard H. Imus.

June 19 at 8:00 PM



Dayton & Connie Geranen posted:

When a person dies, it's important to remember his life here on earth, his relationships, his accomplishments, his good deeds. We have fond memories of Dick in the time that we knew him. We spent time with Dick and BJ in Hawaii as they celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary. We had a wonderful adventure with them when we both visited with Mark and Laura in Fiji. Some great memories to have. We know that his family will miss him greatly, and we offer our sympathy to them as they mourn Dick's passing.

June 19 at 8:00 PM



Loretta Simon posted:

I will miss you, dear friend, but I am comforted by the memories of our time at Bethany Bay. So many fascinating stories of your endeavors enjoyed by all at our countless happy hours. I am fortunate to have known such an extraordinary man and will cherish our friendship always. I know you are orchestrating Happy Hour somewhere. From my heart - Loretta

June 18 at 8:00 PM



Mark H. Imus posted:

My beloved father who helped make me independent and outgoing will be greatly missed. Thanks for your love and support in life dad.

June 16 at 8:00 PM



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Mark H. Imus posted:

Obituary:Richard H. "Dick" Imus was born on May 19, 1926 to Henry A. and Ruth Imus. Following his father's career and duties Dick traveled from Holland, Michigan to Rochester, NY to Dartmouth, NH and Pompano Beach, FL by the time he graduated High School. Dick attended Dartmouth College, enlisted in the Navy and experienced WWII from the USS Boxer, which visited ports of call including Tsingtao, which he found to be fascinating. Dick completed his degree at UNH in Durham during the time that he met his wife, Betty-Jean, working a summer job at a lovely hotel at Hampton Beach, New Hampshire where he was renowned for swift delivery of room service. His career as a civilian at the Office of Naval Research took him around the world and gave him the opportunity to meet and support scientists funded by ONR all over the world. After years of retirement Dick and Betty-Jean moved to Oceanview, Delaware and shared their home with Shorty, a wonderful Corgie that looked after him as well as his dog Patsy which saw him through his teenage years. Dick is survived by his wife of over 62 years, his son Mark and a daughter Susan.

June 16 at 8:00 PM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Richard by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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