



David Holland Fiske

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David Holland Fiske age 80 of Rehoboth Beach, DE passed away on Tuesday, December 15, 2020, at his home, surrounded by family. He was born on April 14, 1940 in Philadelphia, PA, son of the late Edward Ransom Fiske, Jr. and Jean Bogardus Fiske.

Mr. Fiske attended William Penn Charter School in Philadelphia, Wesleyan University CT and UPenn Law School. He was a proud veteran, having honorably served in the US Navy. After his service, he built a career as a Government employee with time spent in the US Senate, FEC and retiring with the FCC. Above all, Mr. Fiske cherished time spent with those he held most dear. He was a loving and devoted husband, father, grandfather, and friend who will be deeply missed by all who knew him.

Mr. Fiske is survived by his beloved wife of 52 years, Mary Ann Fiske of Rehoboth Beach; his grateful children: Alexander H. Fiske of Washington, DC; Benjamin B. Fiske (Katherine McElhinny) of Washington, DC; his granddaughter Quinn Fiske of Washington, DC; and his brother, Edward B. Fiske of Durham, NC.

Due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, services will be postponed until the spring when it is safe for friends and family.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations to Delaware Food Bank www.fbd.org

Please visit Mr. Fiske's Life Memorial Webpage and sign his online guest book at www.parsellfuneralhomes.com



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John Hamilton posted:

I was stunned to read today in a PC magazine that David had passed away! My condolences at David's passing. I knew David while we were at Penn Charter. Well, we never really spoke to each other, but I recognized his talents back then.

June 12 at 3:36 PM



Susan Ness posted:

To David's family, I have fond memories of working with David during my time at the Federal Communications Commission. He was such a good natured person and a highly effective professional member of the FCC staff. May he rest in peace, Susan Ness

December 31 at 7:16 PM



Joyce Deroy posted:

Mary Ann, Alexander, Benjamin and families, We are very sorry to hear of the recent passing of David. We were close friends during the late sixties and early seventies when the Fiskes lived on Capitol Hill. We celebrated birthdays, holidays and other occasions at the Fiske apartment on 2nd Street SE. The Fiskes were generous hosts for all of the neighborhood gatherings. We remember staying at the Fiske cabin in the South Mountains of Pennsylvania where we talked and laughed and hiked and ate wonderful meals prepared by our hosts. David introduced us to hiking by leading us on the Appalachian Trail near the cabin. We remember Willie and David building a fence after the Fiskes purchased their first house on Capitol Hill. After we all ended up moving to Northwest DC, we enjoyed catching up with David when we encountered him on our walks in Chevy Chase where David regaled us with stories about Mary Ann and his sons... Sadly, David, a wonderful and peaceful soul, is gone far too soon. May he rest in peace. Willie King and Joyce Deroy and family

December 31 at 12:23 PM



Leslie Stimson posted:

To the Fiske Family and friends: My condolences at David's passing. I got to know David in the mid-1980's when he was the chief spokesman at the FCC and I was working for a radio trade newsletter. He was always helpful, professional and funny. My thoughts and prayers are with you. Leslie Stimson

December 28 at 12:40 PM



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Anonymous sent a Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum to the Fiske family.



December 23 at 4:19 AM



Carolyn Dixon posted:

Mary Ann, Zan and Ben, I look at this picture and it brings to mind the optimistic and smiling David. He was a gem and made our lives better. We will remember his shoulder shrug after telling him his shirt had seen better days, his car was a mess or his justification for saving the rusty broken shovel! The stories of David and his numerous shrugs or laughs over his clothes, compulsive lists for the things in the freezer, etc. are what will help you with your grief. I loved him as your husband, father and a most excellent brother in law. Carolyn

December 22 at 1:34 PM



Dennis Wharton posted:

To the Fiske Family and friends: Heartfelt condolences on the passing of David. I got to know David first when I worked as a DC reporter for Variety, and then when I became spokesman for the National Association of Broadcasters. David was the head spokesman for the FCC at the time. We had quite a few lunches and adult beverages over the years, where we shared off-the-record stories about the challenging life of the PR professional. David always spoke kindly of his family. If I recall correctly, David told me that one of his sons worked for the company then known as Airborne Express, which handled the Technicolor Account when films were delivered in cannisters to movie theaters each Thursday night before Friday film openings. The reason I remember this is that my sister Marilyn handled the Technicolor account for Airborne Express at the time. Small world. David was a class act individual, a superb human being, and a tremendous public servant. He served journalists and his bosses at the Federal Communications Commission very well. Godspeed to all of you as you remember him fondly. Dennis Wharton

December 21 at 10:32 AM



Maria Ryan posted:

Dear Fiske Family, My deepest sympathy on learning of David's passing. He will be missed by all in NARFE 1690 who knew him. You are in my thoughts & prayers at this difficult time. Maria Ryan

December 21 at 9:43 AM



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John & Theresa Pitman/Narfe 1690 lit a candle in honor of David.

December 20 at 4:28 PM



SB

Sheryl Bender posted:

Mary Ann, David and their family have become part our lives for the past 14 years. David loved being around people and was always giving back to the community. He was a smart and kind man who loved his family dearly. He will be missed by all who knew him.

December 20 at 1:21 PM

SS

Sharon Stewart posted:

Dear Fiske Family,I learned of David's passing on Friday. It seems unbelievable. I'm heartbroken. David was my former and absolute best supervisor ever. He was also kind, very humble and a great mentor. I'm still utilizing his valuable guidance. Please know that you're in my thoughts and prayers. May David rest in heavenly peace. GOD Bless, Sharon Stewart

December 20 at 11:01 AM

MR

Michelle Russo posted:

Dear Mary Ann, Zander and Ben, I was heartbroken to learn of David's passing. After losing touch for several years, David and I had reconnected last Fall and spoke of getting together the next time he came to DC. I was really looking forward to seeing him again. He meant so much to me as a mentor and a friend. I hope to gather with all of you in the Spring to celebrate his life and legacy when it is safe to do so. Meantime, I wish all of you peace and hope you feel the support that so many are sending your way. With deep condolences, Michelle Russo

December 20 at 9:53 AM

PG

Peter Giaquinto posted:

Mary Ann and Family, Jimmy and I are so saddened to hear of David's passing, you are all in our thoughts and prayers.

December 20 at 6:51 AM



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Jose Morales posted:

Mary Ann, I'm so shocked about David's passing, We never go to KCCC hardly at all this. We don't hear the local news about our friends anymore. David was a very generous man with his personal time. I knew he was a well-respected writer, I asked if I could employ him to write a professional letter for me. He did, and he did a great job, but he refused any payment from me. God Bless your family, and may David RIP.

December 19 at 1:04 PM



Memories only last if you share them

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



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