



Dr. Richard U. Delp M.D.

April 8, 1937 - October 25, 2021

Richard U. Delp, M.D. Family Doctor, devoted husband, father, and grandfather

Dr. Richard U. Delp, M.D (“Dick”) passed away peacefully on October 25th, 2021, surrounded by his family.

Dr. Delp was born on a farm in Lititz, Pennsylvania in 1937. The son of Robert Huber Delp and Laura May Delp (née Wike), he spent his childhood on the tobacco farm and his adolescence working at a peach orchard and in a shoe factory. He graduated from Franklin and Marshall College in 1959, receiving Magna Cum Laude and Phi Beta Kappa honors, and from Jefferson Medical College in 1963, with membership in the Alpha Omega Alpha medical honor society.

Dick married Mary Margaret Reardon on June 15, 1963, the day after his graduation from medical school. In 1966, after serving as a US Army physician at Fort Meade and Indiantown Gap during the Vietnam War, Dr. Delp opened his family medical practice in Bloomsburg, PA. He served as Chief of Staff of the Bloomsburg Hospital and President of the Columbia County PA Medical Society. He practiced for over 30 years until his retirement in 1997. Dr. Delp spoke with great fondness of his patients and friends and of his gratitude and admiration for the doctors, nurses, and medical staff in Bloomsburg.

Dick and Mary raised their four children in the beautiful countryside in Orangeville, PA. They spent countless vacations in Lewes, Delaware at Mary’s family beach cottage. In 2000, they sold their farm in Orangeville to retire in Lewes. After 58 years of marriage, Dick said of Mary that she was his right arm and his reason for being. He was a devoted and proud father and grandfather.

A lifelong craftsman, Dick built Mission-style furniture from trees grown on his Pennsylvania farm. He enjoyed fishing, sailing, and playing the violin. One of the highlights of his life was spending time in Oregon and visiting Crater Lake with his brother, Jim.

In addition to his parents, Dick was preceded in death by his brother, Robert W. Delp. He is survived by his wife, Mary; his brother, James R. Delp and wife Dory; his four children: Timothy Delp, John Delp and wife Michelle, Margaret Delp and husband Evan Callahan, and Christopher Delp; and his eight grandchildren: Stephanie Nay and husband Scott, Maggie Delp, Adam Delp, Jack Delp, Lucy Delp, Fiona Callahan, Grace Callahan, and Emma Callahan.

No formal memorial services will be held.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests making a donation to the American Red Cross, www.redcross.org

Please sign the virtual guestbook located on the tribute page.

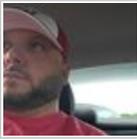
Tribute Wall

TS

“ My condolences to Dr. Delp’s family. I worked for him and Dr. Campbell, starting in the Old Berwick Road office and stayed with them when they joined Geisinger. Dr. Delp actually hired me and was a very kind man. He used to tell us stories of his growing up years and I remember a rubber band gun being shot at me in the front office one time, he had a good sense of humor. I’ve retired to the Lewis, DE area and am enjoying the beauty of this area as I’m sure he did with his wife. Rest In Peace Dr. Delp.

Trudy Schwartz

trudy schwartz - November 19, 2021 at 03:54 PM



“ Uncle Dick, I will always have the fondest and most loving memories of vacations in Lewes and Bloomsburg. You have given me a lot of advice and helped me throughout life more than you ever knew. I wish I had made time to see you and Aunt Mary these last few years, but w raising kids it was so hard. I loved you, appreciated you, and will miss you.

Alex Tomlinson - November 11, 2021 at 07:10 PM

DM

“ I had the honor of working with Dick at the Bloomsburg office. Dick was a role model, mentor and friend. Dick was the ultimate Family Doctor and was always a gentle man to his patients and staff. I always have to laugh when Geisinger gave us the option of learning the computer or leaving and Dick decided it was time to retire. Dick and Ernie Campbell had used small 5x7 cards for their patient records for years. I will miss Dick's kind words and his dry humor.

Dean Christian

Dean Christian MD - November 08, 2021 at 08:25 AM

JB

“ With heavy hearts we would like to express our sympathies to Mary and the entire Delp family. Dr. Delp was a much loved member of our group of friends "The Beach Gang". We have fond memories of our gatherings over the past couple decades, and we will miss his wonderful sense of humor. We often turned to Dick for sage advice. We admired his many accomplishments including his musical and woodworking talents. He was a devoted family man and a much loved friend. Lewes DE will not be the same without him.

Jim & Wanda Berrigan



James J Berrigan - November 05, 2021 at 05:30 PM

JR

“ Following Dr. C Perry Cleavers retirement. we adopted Dr. Delp as our family physician. He Doctored all of us. James, Jeanne, Jeffrey, and Jay With his amiable, friendly, compassionate, and warm 'bedside' manner he allayed many a worry and eased my parents concerns for their children. His comportment and temperament was second to none, always ready with his humor to help ease the tension in a sick-room as he flashed that winning smile. He is GREATLY missed. Thank God for Doctors like Richard U. Delp. Definitively a credit to his profession. With all attendant love and respect, We remain, the Roberts's

Jay A Roberts - November 03, 2021 at 05:40 PM

AH

“ I am so very sorry for your loss. I remember Dr. Delp from my childhood as such a kind man as both neighbor and doctor. Praying for peace and comfort for you all.

Ann (Yastishock) Hufnagle

Ann Hufnagle - November 02, 2021 at 09:43 AM



“ A sympathy card was purchased for the family of Dr. Richard U. Delp M.D..



November 01, 2021 at 07:15 PM

ME

“ I was sorry to hear of Dr. Delp's passing. He and Dr. Campbell were my doctors since I was born in 1971 until the times of their retirement. I was never afraid of going to the doctor when I went to see them in their little office on Old Berwick Road. I remember the zebra skin on the wall, Nurse Baker in her white uniform and hat, and the Monday's Child poem in the exam room. Dr. Delp was always kind and funny and helped me to feel better. He used to look in my ears and say he saw bunny rabbits in there. He was a great doctor.

May you look to God for comfort and peace during this sad time.

Melissa Hess

Melissa - November 01, 2021 at 12:51 PM

BO

“ Mary,

It was with great sadness to learn about Dick's passing. We extend our deepest sympathies to you and you family.

Bill and Melva O'Bruba

Bill and Melva O'Bruba - November 01, 2021 at 08:38 AM

JW

“ would like to extend my sympathies to Mary and the rest of the family. Dick became our family doc shortly after he arrived to Bloomsburg. my Mother was one of his greatest fans and he cared for her on many occasions. Dick's knowledge and care was one of the major reasons i became a physician. i have a picture of Dick with 12 premedical students that i display prominently on my office desk. i had the chance to mention that to Dick in a phone conversation several years ago and was surprised that he also had a copy of that photo from the Morning Press from 1973. he was always a class act and his Bloomsburg community misses him

john widger

John Widger - October 31, 2021 at 07:22 PM

PB

“ I have fond memories of seeing Dick at the beach in Lewes. Will remember Dick, and your family in my prayers.

Pat Berrigan - October 31, 2021 at 04:43 PM

HW

“ Dr. Delp was my physician for 30 years. I will always remember his calm, caring manner and how easily he put you at ease. He was a wonderful doctor and I felt a huge loss when he retired. You knew you were in the best of hands with him. My condolences to his family, a wonderful man has passed.

Holly Waltman - October 31, 2021 at 12:20 PM

MR

“ Heaven has surely gained a kind soul. One of the best. Prayers to his family and loved ones. May he rest in eternal peace

Melinda (Leiby) Reed - October 31, 2021 at 09:06 AM

CM

“ Dr. Delp was my family Dr along with Dr. Campbell on Old Berwick Rd when I was a little girl up until I married and moved away. I always remember his kind and soothing way. Thoughts and prayers for his family.
Sincerely, Cindi Carl Musselman, Lancaster, PA.



Cindi Musselman - October 31, 2021 at 01:49 AM



“ I have fond memories of Dr. Delp (and all of you) as neighbors, and as a wonderful doctor as well. He had a calm, comforting presence that was very reassuring to a child, and I always appreciated that. Please know my heart goes out to all of you, and I pray that you will find comfort in the coming days through God's peace.

In sincere sympathy, Amy Yastishock Kacyon

Amy Kacyon - October 30, 2021 at 10:04 PM

SN

“ To Mary and family,

We are saddened to learn of Dr. Delp's passing. He was a wonderful doctor and a caring, good-natured individual. You are in our prayers.

*With Sincere sympathy,
Louise and Scott Naus*

Scott Naus - October 30, 2021 at 10:59 AM

LC

“ Dr. Delp was a wonderful man and doctor. My father was afflicted with ALS and passed away over 40 years ago. During my father's illness, Dr. Delp was always there for our family. He would come to our home to provide treatment to my father for minor illnesses and to provide flu shots, etc. At times it was just for check in with our family to see how things were going. A caregiver in every sense of the word. My God bless your family and may Dr. Delp rest in peace.

Lori McCurley Clemens - October 30, 2021 at 09:02 AM

BP

“ Dick was my doctor in Bloomsburg for many years--beginning at his practice on Old Berwick Rd. and then Reichard Rd. He was a very compassionate person with a great sense of humor. Praying for comfort and peace. Sincerely, Brenda Huff Pitonyak and family

Brenda Pitonyak - October 30, 2021 at 08:42 AM

BP

“ *Brenda Pitonyak lit a candle in memory of Dr. Richard U. Delp M.D.*



Brenda Pitonyak - October 30, 2021 at 08:37 AM

JA

“ *I will remember Dr. Delp fondly as a kind friend and neighbor that we saw each summer in Lewes with his family. Sending love and hugs to all the family as he is remembered.*

Janet - October 29, 2021 at 04:12 PM

MS

“ *Dick was a beloved neighbor on Lewes Beach, and will be missed greatly. He raised a beautiful family for which he and Mary can be very proud. Mike and Jackie*

Mike and Jackie Siegfried - October 29, 2021 at 03:05 PM



“ *Diana Bilbrough lit a candle in memory of Dr. Richard U. Delp M.D.*



Diana Bilbrough - October 27, 2021 at 07:42 PM