



Richard E. Huss, Jr.

June 1, 2020

Richard E. Huss Jr., 87, of Willow Street, Pa., passed away Monday, June 1, 2020 at the Inpatient Hospice Center at Mount Joy after a brief illness.

Along with the previous eight generations of his maternal family, Richard (“Dick”) was a lifelong resident of Lancaster County. Growing up in the city, on East Orange Street, Dick was an active Boy Scout and member of the Pathfinders of the Golden Trail Honor Society. He graduated from McCaskey High School in 1950 and went to work as a typesetter for the Lancaster Newspapers before joining the U.S. Navy in 1951. He served on the USS Quincy until it was decommissioned in 1955, working as one of six seamen operating the ship’s print shop. He was also stationed at the Guam Naval Base during that time, where he worked as a printer, writer and editor for the Navy newspaper.

While in the service, Dick met his wife Norma in Washington State. They were married in September 1955 at the chapel in Valley Forge, Pa., and settled in Lancaster. He joined the small printing business his father had operated in the family’s basement and helped grow the company into a full-service trade bindery in Willow Street, Pa., called Graphic Crafts, Inc. Dick eventually took the helm as CEO and Chairman of the company. After 50 years in business, he retired at the age of 73 and passed the reins to the company’s current leadership, but continued to help out as an advisor, bindery worker, and even

floor-sweeper.

Dick's family fondly remembers the many camping vacations they took throughout the U.S. Later in his life, he discovered a love of boating inspired by sailing vacations in the Caribbean. After earning his captain's license, he and his wife enjoyed adventures sailing and piloting their own boats on the Chesapeake Bay, the Intercoastal Waterway, and the Canadian canals and waterways. The couple also traveled to Antarctica, the Galapagos Islands, the British Isles and other destinations around the world. Dick kept active in more recent years playing on senior bowling and softball teams and supporting his wife's passion for writing mystery novels and stories.

Dick Huss will be remembered by friends and family as a map and geography aficionado, an avid non-fiction reader, an expert planner, a successful business entrepreneur, a loyal friend, a role model for being hard-working and honest, and a devoted husband, father, and grandfather.

He is survived by his wife of 64 years, Norma Collins Huss, his four daughters, Diane Bock (husband Kerry), Donna Hedricks, Patricia Traynor, Sharon Roat, his son, Robert Huss (wife Cindi), and his grandchildren Matthew Traynor (wife Courtney), Eric Traynor, Grant Hedricks (fiancé Hannah), Leah Lucas (husband Garrett), Linore Huss, Jana Huss, Sebastian Roat, Anna Roat, and his great-grandchildren Maisy and Theodore Traynor. Preceding him in death were his parents Richard and Anna Huss and his son-in-law, Rich Roat.

A private burial event will be scheduled in the future.

Tribute Wall



“ *Richard E. Huss, Jr.*

October 22, 2023 at 11:34 PM



“ *Michael and I have many fond memories visiting with Norma and Dick at the Hockessin Roats' home. We remember discussing some pretty erudite subjects--how to run a print factory, how to find the position of any ship currently on the high seas, how to use your new iPhone. Dick wanted to follow our progress on seagoing cruises and we were happy to hook him up with Le Champlain most recently while we cruised the Yucatan Peninsula and the western Caribbean. Dick and Norma graciously hosted us on their boat as they were cruising the Chesapeake Bay one summer. We remember a wonderful time including a visit to charming Solomons Island at the mouth of the Patuxent River. Dick Huss will be sorely missed by us and by all who came in contact with this lovely man. Sincerely, Michael and Rosette Malone.*

Rosette Roat Malone - June 10, 2020 at 05:12 PM



“ *Dick & Norma were wonderful neighbors and friends. Our families camped together and the parents went on trips together, here to the Bahamas in 1973 . They went on a 3 mast sailing ship. Maybe it was one of those trips that led to Dick becoming the captain of his own boat?*



Marti Huber Mylin - June 09, 2020 at 02:40 PM

DB

What a great picture, Thanks Marti! --Diane

Diane Bock - June 11, 2020 at 04:17 PM

CM

“ *My prayers are with the family. So many memories growing up with the Huss family- sharing many adventures led by Dick, my Dad’s best friend. I sailed with Dick and Norma for 2 weeks aboard their 36 ft Cape Dory down the intercostal waterway from the Chesapeake Bay to North Carolina. One of the most amazing adventures I’ve ever had! I’m so glad I had that opportunity! Dick always completed what he set his sights on and followed his dreams!*



Cathy Martin - June 06, 2020 at 09:49 AM

DB

Cathy, thank you so much for your note and sharing the great picture of dad on Cloud Nine! I have so many fond memories of our great times with all the Martins! Diane

Diane Bock - June 06, 2020 at 01:18 PM

DH

“ *I grew up with Mr. Huss’s children. He and his wife were so gracious to all of the neighborhood kids. When we were in high school, Mr. and Mrs. Huss hosted the cast party for our musical, “The Music Man.” I remember him as being kind, quietly confident, well spoken and having a great sense of humor. Sending love and prayers to his loving wife and family. He will wait for you ❤️*

Doreen Hershey - June 05, 2020 at 03:07 PM



“ Sweet Tranquility Basket was purchased for the family of Richard E. Huss, Jr..



June 05, 2020 at 02:43 PM



“ Dear Norma and family,
We wish to extend our sympathy in the passing of your husband and father. While we did not have a great deal of contact with you and your family, the few times we were in your company, are fondly remembered. Especially the times that your in laws would bring your children to Longeneckers. Richard and Anna's son and family had a very special place in their heart. They would often talk about "Dickie" and his family. They were a hard working couple but most of all, it was their faith, that stood out as the most important part of their life. May these sobering events give cause for reflection on the grace of God, which appears to all men.
Fondly,
Sam and Sue Eshelman

Samuel Eshelman - June 05, 2020 at 10:25 AM



Thank you so much for your kind note. I have many happy memories of joining my grandparents at Longeneckers and being among all the kind people there. Diane (oldest daughter of Dick and Norma)

Diane Bock - June 06, 2020 at 01:21 PM