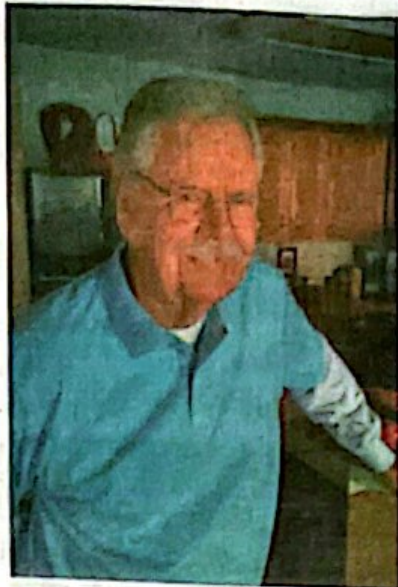


Obituaries



Richard "Dick" Christian

Richard "Dick" Christian passed away peacefully on February 14, surrounded by his family. He was 95 years old.

Dick was a Princeton resident from 1981 to 2004, when he moved to Stonebridge at Montgomery.

Born in Omaha, Nebraska, he grew up in Berkeley, California, where he and Mary Lou Neidenbach were married in April 1950. In September 1950, he joined the Navy, serving until March 1952.

On his return, he graduated from San Francisco State College and began to work for station KQED, the first public broadcasting television station in California. He had his own live jazz program hosting some of the great musicians of that era and produced and directed educational and public affairs programs.

In 1961, he and his family moved to Montclair, New Jersey, when he was offered a position in New York City with television station WNET, helping to launch the first metropolitan public broadcasting station.

While directing live television productions at the RCA Pavilion at the New York World's Fair in 1964, he was recruited by Visual Information Systems, early video pioneers credited with filming the Liston/Clay champion fight and the original Woodstock concert.

In 1980, Dick joined the sales and marketing department of Excerpta Medica, a full service global medical communications agency headquartered in Amsterdam, with a Princeton office, from which he retired in 1994.

His travels with the company and with his family took him to Japan, Australia, and Singapore, London, Paris, and Amsterdam, as well as Alaska, Mexico, Italy, and Greece. As a sailor and Bay Area native, his favorite city was always Venice.

Dick was active in the Unitarian Church in Montclair and Princeton. In Princeton, he was involved with the men's group and played in the bell choir. He was also an enthusiastic advocate for The Princeton Festival, twice playing non-singing roles in their operas. At Stonebridge, he belonged to several social groups and committees, and created and hosted many popular activities with such zest and attention to detail that they became lasting traditions. As Commodore of the Stonebridge Yacht Club (a

position he once held with the Lake Carnegie Sailing Club), he was responsible for its annual Regatta ("anything that floats") on the Great Pond, a fall favorite of residents, their families, and friends.

Sailing, following his beloved Yankees' games, even going occasionally to their spring training in Florida, playing poker and gin rummy were a few of his many pleasures. But music, especially jazz, was his true love. After playing the violin as a boy, he turned to the piano, taking lessons and concentrating on jazz.

Dick was predeceased by his wife, Mary Lou. He is survived by his son, Murray and daughter-in-law, Tricia, his sons, Andrew and Matthew, five grandchildren, and one great-grandchild.

He leaves a huge hole in the hearts of his family and countless number of friends. His unfailing optimism, warmth, and incomparable sense of humor touched everyone around him and brought new life to any party or group. As one of his friends so aptly said, "Everybody loved that guy."

A celebration of Dick's life will be held at Stonebridge on Saturday, April 23, at 4 p.m.



Elizabeth Cooper

Early on the morning of March 29, Betty Cooper died peacefully.

She was born Elizabeth Lyles Edwards on April 4, 1925 and welcomed into a big multigenerational house in Tarboro, North Carolina. It's there she undoubtedly learned to always welcome everyone and anyone into her home and life.

She was always driven academically, graduating from Tarboro High School as the Valedictorian of her class, followed by two years at St Mary's Junior College where she was active, in what seems like all the appropriate clubs, as well as being elected Student Body President. She then went on to earn her BA in Mathematics from Chapel Hill in 1945 in one of the first graduating classes that included women.

She married at a young age to a theologian and minister. It was during this time she was exposed to the bigger world, with trips to Europe as well as the experience of living at several top universities along the East Coast. They also had a son we called Mac.

She later landed in Philadelphia where, while she was working for Towers Perrin, she met her second husband and started another chapter. Together they had two children, Grant and Lucy. They became pioneers of the, then newly-built, planned community of Reston, VA, and then moved to Princeton, NJ, in 1972.