

Richard Clayton Guy

December 20, 1928 - October 25, 2014

Richard Clayton Guy, of Manassas, VA, passed away October 25, 2014 at age 85 from complications of pneumonia.

Mr. Guy was born on December 20, 1928 in Evanston, Illinois, and grew up in Chevy Chase, Maryland. He was a third generation artist and his art ability showed from a very early age. He began studying at a Georgetown studio, especially enjoying portraiture. He was graduated from Syracuse University School of Fine Arts in 1951. Following graduation, he was an illustrator for the US Air Force and then was associated with an art studio in Manhattan. He and his family lived in Westport, Connecticut, until he established his own studio specializing in advertising art in Washington, D.C.

During this period, Mr. Guy created such works as the first drawing of the Pepperidge Farm goldfish cracker package, exhibit paintings for the U.S. Department of the Interior, a permanent portrait collection for the U.S. Patent Office, drawings for the U.S. Department of State, and many renderings for Red Cross manuals. Over the years, he painted eight views of the U.S. Capitol building which were made into Christmas cards and purchased by members of Congress.

After moving to Manassas in 1967 with his wife and four children, Mr. Guy became interested in the area's history and drew Civil War historical sites

throughout the region. He created paintings of the Manassas area for the Manassas Museum, which were used as Christmas cards, as well as Liberia Plantation, the Stone House and the Stone Bridge. He went on to create pen and ink renderings and paintings of innumerable Mid-Atlantic landmarks for the National Park Service. His paintings are hung nationally and internationally in private, corporate and government collections.

Loving his Old Town Manassas home, Mr. Guy became known for his daily walks with his dog and an ever-present cup of coffee. He loved the beach at Nags Head, the family cabin at Deep Creek Lake, and fishing of any kind

Mr. Guy was a member of Sigma Nu Fraternity, Manassas Museum Associates, and Old Town Business Association and a past member of Art Beat Gallery, Manassas Architectural Review Board and Unity of Fairfax.

Survivors include his wife of 62 years, Shirley; children Marianne Pendlebury (Stephen)

Of Herndon, Stephen (Kristy) of Costa Mesa, CA, Clayton (Angelique) of Gilbert, AZ and Allan of Manassas. His grandchildren are Michael Pendlebury, Laura Delaney (CJ), Julia Guy, Evan Guy and Chase Bailey (Leah).

The family will receive friends at Pierce Funeral Home , 9609 Center Street, Manassas, VA on Wednesday, November 12, 2014 from 6-8 PM where a memorial service will be held on Thursday, November 13, 2014 at 2:00 PM.

Donations may be sent on his behalf to Manassas Museum Associates, P.O. Box 560, Manassas, VA or The Place of Peace Fund, 9535 Linton Hall Road, Bristow, VA 20136. This fund supports tranquil meditation spaces and gardens for all to enjoy.

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV **12.** 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Pierce Funeral Home
9609 Center St.
Manassas, VA 20110
(703) 257-6028
pfh@piercefh.com
<https://www.piercefh.com>

Memorial Service

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Tribute Wall

MG

“ *Minda Kaye Guy lit a candle in memory of Richard Clayton Guy*



Minda Kaye Guy - March 21, 2016 at 09:13 PM

SS

“ *Dear Shirley and family. I am so sorry to hear about the passing of Richard. I have fond memories of him and your whole family as we all grew up at Deep Creek Lake!!! May God be close to you during this time and provide comfort.*

Stephanie Smith

Stephanie Smith - November 12, 2014 at 12:20 PM

AL

“ *Dear Shirley and family, Richard was such a wonderful person and artist. His artwork has been a great asset to our gallery, and he himself was the greatest asset of all--such a sweet, kind man. We will miss him. I will miss him. I am so glad he has been a part of my life. I send my deepest sympathy for your loss. Alice Long*

Alice Long - November 12, 2014 at 11:52 AM

ED

“ Dear Mrs. Guy and family,

I have such fond memories of Mr. Guy, the kind man across the street during my Manassas childhood. I love the photo you have of him here. Every time I look at it, it makes me smile. I can still clearly picture him walking Fang down our block. And I was so deeply impressed as a child that Mr. Guy drew the Pepperidge Farm art! That made him a celebrity in my eyes. Honestly, I still think of him every time I see a Goldfish package.

I send my deepest sympathy for your loss. It's been decades since I saw Mr. Guy but I am grieving him too. He was a such a kind and neighborly presence on our block.

Elizabeth Detweiler

Elizabeth Detweiler - November 12, 2014 at 09:33 AM

RM

“ *I met Dick through spiritual circles when I lived in VA, and enjoyed visiting with Dick and Shirley in their home. They always made me feel like part of the family. When I moved to Florida on my own in the early 2000's, Dick would call me frequently to make sure that I was doing OK, and to give me words of encouragement. That is one of the kindest things anyone has ever done for me -- what a true friend. I have kept a picture of Dick with my other framed family photos for many years.*

Although I haven't seen Dick in recent years, I am so honored to have been his friend. It seems to be a theme among some of the other memories posted here, but both Dick and Shirley are honestly two of the nicest people that I have ever known, and I feel so very blessed.

~Robert McCulley

Robert McCulley - November 10, 2014 at 12:46 PM

BO

“ I am greatly saddened by the news of Richard's passing. We have been friends since the mid 1980s when I commissioned him to do the artwork for 10 beautiful note cards for the Washington County (MD) Convention Bureau. He drew another remarkable set of 10 note cards for me when I worked in Martinsburg, WV in the early 2000s. But the best was yet to come. In 2006, I asked Richard to do something he had never done before. He accepted the challenge. He ended up drawing the amazing cover artwork for my book "The Virginian Who Might Have Saved Lincoln". Richard was the most gentle man I ever knew. He always had an award winning smile. We had many good times together over the years. My prayers are with Shirley and the family. May you rest in peace, my friend. Bob O'Connor Charles Town, West Virginia

Bob O'Connor - November 09, 2014 at 09:46 PM

ND

“ Shirley and family, My deepest sympathy to you at this time. Dick was such a special person. During my time in NoVa, I so enjoyed our spiritual groups, and loved his art. I commissioned three paintings of the Blue Ridge mountains. We spent a day driving the mountains deciding on the most beautiful scenes for him to paint, and they now occupy the walls of my living room. I am so glad I will be in town this week and able to attend the memorial service. Nancy Detweiler

Nancy Detweiler - November 09, 2014 at 05:05 PM

DM

“ *Daean Balcom Menke lit a candle in memory of Richard Clayton Guy*



Daean Balcom Menke - November 06, 2014 at 08:02 PM

GD

“ *I have met Richard Guy on only one occasion here in Newport Beach, CA. with his son Steve and beautiful family. The day we spent on the harbor together with his wife Shirley will be warmly remembered by me and our friends here in CA. His kind, gentle and quiet spirit we will savor in our hearts forever. My deepest sympathy to Shirley and her family as my thoughts are with you.*

Gale Demmer

Gale Demmer - November 06, 2014 at 12:12 PM

BH

“ *Ben Hynson lit a candle in memory of Richard Clayton Guy*



Ben Hynson - November 05, 2014 at 09:46 PM

DP

“ My condolences and best wishes to Shirley and Family on their loss. I will never forget the support and friendship I received from Dick for almost 30 years. He will be missed.

Dave Purschwitz
Newport News, VA

Dave Purschwitz - November 03, 2014 at 09:13 PM

MD

“ To the Guy family,
We met Mr Richard Guy many many years ago at Deep Creek Lake where he and Shirley are our neighbors. I don't think I ever saw him without a smile on his face... our family enjoyed his artwork in the cards and so enjoyed hearing about his art work projects (he would never offer of course but I would ask and re-ask -we were always excited to hear what he was up to next) - Mr. Guy's mother was talented, Richard Guy talented and the talent continues in his children... He will be missed. Our sincere sympathy to the entire Guy family. The McLaughlin's.

Maureen Mclaughlin Dufresne - November 03, 2014 at 04:15 PM

LH

“ Allen is an institution in Old Town Manassas. I remember greeting him as he walked around Old Town. His wonderful smile and his art are memorable. His art will live on in our home, the museum, buildings around Manassas and around the region. And, we shall remember Allen as we continue to enjoy greeting Shirley around town. Larry Hughes

Lawrence D. Hughes - November 01, 2014 at 12:07 PM

DH

“ I met Dick in 1982 when I came to Manassas -first as the local artist who provided notecards and other items for the Manassas Museum shop. Over the years, we became friends and fishing buddies. I treasure our days on the rivers and Bay together and Debbie and I send our condolences and best wishes to Shirley and family.

*Doug and Debbie Harvey
Lynchburg, VA*

douglas harvey - November 01, 2014 at 09:29 AM

MB

“ I will miss this wonderful, artistic man who has touched a lot of lives. Happy always and never a cross word. He was unusually kind and sweet. May your family be comforted during such a sad time and dwell on happy memories.

Maria Briganti

Maria Briganti - October 31, 2014 at 08:15 PM

SH

“ Among my fondest memories of working at The Manassas Museum are the chances I had to work with Dick. His warmth, openness, and considerable talents made him an asset to his community and a treasure to his friends and family. I cannot recall ever seeing him without a smile on his face! Like everyone who knew and loved him, I mourn his passing but give thanks for a life well lived. Heartfelt condolences to Shirley, Marianne, Stephen, Clayton, Allan, and the rest of the family.

Scott Harris - October 31, 2014 at 08:05 PM

BA

“ *Some brief meetings spent with Alann's Dad were delightful . . . a gentle and charming soul ... with a dear presence, blessing us all.*

Barbara - October 31, 2014 at 02:57 PM

G.

“ *5 files added to the album Greystone 2014*



g.supernor - October 31, 2014 at 01:34 PM

JS

“ *Dick was such a sweet, talented, gentle man. I am so glad I got to see him this summer. My thoughts and prayers are with his family now. I know you have many good memories to share!*
Joanna

Joanna Setzler - October 31, 2014 at 07:38 AM

MM

“ Hi Allan and Family,
Please accept my condolences on the passing of your Dad. I never met him, but I'd like to think I know Mr. Guy through my friendship with Allan. Such a warm-hearted and genuine person as Allan came from the same in his parents. And I'm sure Allan's passion for fishing came from his dad. So thank you Richard and Shirley for making a good friend in your son. Maybe Mr. Guy can have a portrait sitting with General Lee now in heaven!
Peace and Prayers to the entire Guy family
Mike Mottolese

mike mottolese - October 31, 2014 at 07:09 AM

SM

“ Dear Shirley & family,

Dick was such a bright light. We'll particularly remember his brilliant smile and his sparkling eyes. Sending love & hugs to all of you. May you be comforted by your memories & each other.



Sydney & Steve Morgan

Sydney Morgan - October 30, 2014 at 08:20 PM

PR

“ Dear Mrs. Guy, Allan and the entire Guy tribe. Cynthia was kind enough to pass along a sad fact that we have lost "one of the good ones". Richard was a fascinating, warm hearted, loving and talented man. Richard and I traded creations many years ago in Westport, CT. I cherish it everyday. My sincere thoughts and love go out to you all. I love you like a brother Al. Peter Cartinelli Roland

peter roland - October 30, 2014 at 04:10 PM

JA

“ *Mrs. Guy, Marianne, Steve, Allan, and Clayton*
We are so very sorry to hear of Mr. Guy's passing. We all have very fond memories of our time together on Main St. / Washington Ave. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all at this time. With our sympathy, The Butner family

Jennifer Anderson - October 30, 2014 at 04:10 PM

GA

“ *Shirley and family -- I am so sorry for your loss. Dick was special beyond words and lit up the gallery every time he was there. He was a magnificent artist and truly a joy to know, and will be so, so missed.*

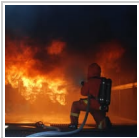
Gina Noelle Ash

Gina Noelle Ash - October 30, 2014 at 03:54 PM

MG

“ *Shirley and Family: Vera and I were so saddened to learn of Richard's passing. He was such a wonderful man and an icon in our community. Our deepest sympathy to the family.*
Maury & Vera Gerson

Maury Gerson - October 30, 2014 at 05:54 AM



“ *Our condolences to Allan, Shirley and family. We greatly admired the art Richard created and he was such a nice man. Allan, we wish we were still next door to help you in this difficult time. Thoughts sent north! Warren and Lora*

Warren Whitley - October 29, 2014 at 05:20 PM

BJ

“ We are saddened for the family of such a fine man. Respect and condolences to the Guy family...”

Brad & Carolyn Jacobs - October 29, 2014 at 04:14 PM

RM

Shirley and Family, I am so sorry to hear of the passing of Dick. He was truly one of the good guys, I always enjoyed our encounters so much. He will be deeply missed.

Rolland May

Rolland L. may - October 31, 2014 at 03:52 PM

RB

“ We moved in accross the street from the Guys 28 years ago in December. Dick was a brother Sigma Nu. There were times in those 28 years that I needed a helping hand. Dick was always there to give me one. I worked for him and with him. I mowed his lawn. We collaborated on projects incorporaring his art work. We fished together many times. I built furniture for him and made repairs to his home. I sat on his porch and drank coffee with him many times. His cat (Gus) sat and slept on my back porch just as many times. Every time I smoked salmon there was a piece reserved for my favorite fraternity brother. I believe that people exist for as long as someone remembers them. I will remember Dick until the day I follow him. Dick, I promise i will keep an eye on Shirley and the Wizard. I love you man.

Ron Beuch - October 29, 2014 at 10:49 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Richard Clayton Guy.*



October 29, 2014 at 09:26 AM



“ *I didn't know Uncle Dick well, but I will always remember his smile and the way his eyes were always lit up. I think it was the Root/Guy family gathering in 2012 when I stood next to him during Gran's blessing and he squeezed my hand so hard I thought my hand was going to break. Always so kind and sweet. I will miss him.*

Jaelyn Muir - October 29, 2014 at 09:20 AM



“ *Dick was not only an Artist, husband and father, he was one of the sweetest and kindest man I had the honor to know. A friend, Ruby Frame*

Ruby - October 29, 2014 at 08:08 AM



“ 17 files added to the album *New Album Name*



Cyndi Lou - October 29, 2014 at 07:20 AM

BC

“ *Bev And Rob Calderoni lit a candle in memory of Richard Clayton Guy*



Bev and Rob Calderoni - October 28, 2014 at 08:45 PM

BC

Mrs Guy, Marianne, Steve, Allan, Clayton & your families, I'm so very sorry to hear of Mr Guy's passing! He was a very talented artist & I really enjoyed seeing his work and talking to him about his sketches, drawings & paintings! I am very honored to have known him all these years. May your memories of him help you through this sad time. Please accept my deepest condolences!

Bev and Rob Calderoni - October 28, 2014 at 08:50 PM

JL

“ *Jennie Lee lit a candle in memory of Richard Clayton Guy*



Jennie Lee - October 28, 2014 at 04:56 PM

TF

Mr. Guy was one of the nicest men I have ever met. It was my honor to know him over the past 40 years. He always made me feel comfortable in his home even if I came in loud and unannounced (which I did many times). I'm very sorry for the loss of your Husband and Father. He was one of the very best.

Terrence Frame - October 29, 2014 at 08:41 AM

KS

Dear wonderful Shirley and family,

Thanks for sharing Dick with us---all the women and men he loved. How he called us dear ones....how he told me I was perfect just the way I was---even when life was getting me down. What a dear evolved SOUL, Sir Richard Guy---a love bug!so full of Love, an actualized human being. One consolation I feel for us, he'll be heading up the welcoming party when it's our time in Heaven.

God bless you all. Love, Kim Slevin and my daughter Hana--she loved him too!!!

Kim Slevin - November 04, 2014 at 02:42 PM