



Harold Guckes Jr.

June 22, 1926 - June 4, 2021

Harold Guckes, Jr. died on June 4, 2021 at the age of 94. He had lived in St. Michaels, MD and Bonita Beach, FL for many years before moving to Chester County to be close to his daughters. His beloved wife, Phebe Lukens Guckes, predeceased him in 2015. Harold grew up in Bala Cynwyd, Pa, and graduated from Lower Merion HS in 1944.

He served in the U.S. Navy from 1944 to 1946 in Communications Intelligence, primarily in Recife, Brazil tracking German Subs. He then went on to attend the Wharton School of the Univ. of Pennsylvania. He played on the varsity tennis team while there, and graduated in 3 years. He spent 37 years in the automobile business, partnering with Bernard Van Wyk in 1953 at Van Wyk Oldsmobile of Media, Pa. Harold finished out his career as sole owner of the business after the death of Mr. Van Wyk.

Harold is survived by 4 daughters from his first marriage to Nancy Sparks Guckes, Anne L. Ottley (David); Kathleen S. Goemans (Scott); Wendy G. Brown (Ken); and Marjorie V. Basta (Joe). He is also survived by five grandchildren, 2 great grandchildren, and 5 stepchildren. He was never without a faithful four-legged companion, and later thoroughly enjoyed visits from his many "Grand-dogs."

Harold belonged to many clubs over the years, including the Cynwyd Club,

the Merion Cricket Club and the Corinthian Yacht Club. He had a lifetime love of boats, especially sailboats, and enjoyed sailing and racing on the Chesapeake. He also loved all racket sports and especially excelled at tennis and squash. Equally important was his love of music and incredible ability to play piano and guitar by ear, and remember the lyrics to thousands of songs.

The final wish of Harold was to have his daughters sprinkle his ashes in both the Gulf of Florida and the Chesapeake (preferably to leeward).

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“ Harold was always nice to my daughters (Pamela, Patricia and Kristina) and spent special moments reading to them and playing his piano. They loved going on his sailboat when he and Phebe lived in Maryland.

He lived a great life.

My condolences to his family,

Jeanine Welsh Mohammed

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