



Richard W. Benjamin PhD

December 8, 1935 - December 9, 2013

Richard Walter Benjamin

North Augusta, SC - Richard Walter Benjamin, beloved husband of Sally C. Benjamin passed away peacefully at home on Monday, December 9, 2013. The family will receive friends on Sunday, Dec 15, from 3 until 5 at Posey Funeral Directors. Funeral Services will be held Monday, December 16, at 2 o'clock in the Posey Funeral Chapel with Father David F.O. Thompson officiating. Interment will follow in Westover Memorial Park, 2601 Wheeler Road, Augusta, Georgia.

Celebration of Dick's life will continue at Wine World about 5 p.m. All are invited. 133 Georgia Avenue, North Augusta, S.C. 803 279-9522

Dick was born December 8, 1935 in Albany, New York, the son of Alfred H Benjamin and Ethel Byrd Benjamin. He grew up in Dallas, Texas and attended the Highland Park schools. He was an Eagle Scout.

Dick received his BA in Engineering from Lamar University in Beaumont, Texas, where he was affiliated with Sigma Nu Social Fraternity.

In between his schooling, he worked at Los Alamos National Laboratory. He earned his Master's degree in Nuclear Engineering was from Southern Methodist University in Dallas, Texas, and he earned his PhD in Physics from the University of Texas at Austin. Texas.

After a post-doc at the Swiss Federal Institute of Technology in Zurich, Switzerland, Dick came to the Savannah River Site. Projects he worked on include the Reactor Physics Group, the Meteorology Group and Weather

Station, the Advanced Planning Group, and the Accelerator Project for the Production of Tritium (APT). After his retirement, he consulted for the University Program for the APT. Many of his co-workers became good friends and highly regarded colleagues. Dick had wide interests. He was active and took leadership roles in the early 1970's in the Augusta Choral Society and in the Augusta Opera. He was a member of the Augusta Sailing Club for many years. He also enjoyed snow skiing and hiking. He was a founding partner in Wine World in 1972 and was active there to his death. He was not only an enthusiast, but a wine educator as well. He served as a wine judge for several international wine competitions.

He was co-director of the local Tasters Guild, a wine and food appreciation society.

He was also active in the American Wine Society, presenting seminars at the annual national meetings for many years and judging competitions. He was also a member of the Society of Wine Educators. Among his great pleasures was time in the field with his friends in Aiken Dove Club, which he helped to found. The Thursday Discussion Group was an activity he enjoyed immensely. It was important to him to share with others those things which gave him special pleasure. In addition to Sally, his wife of 52 years, Dick is survived by a son, Andrew H Benjamin, his wife, Amy Grove and a grandson Oliver Grove Benjamin, Asheville, NC; a sister Carroll Benjamin Swanson and her husband, Bill Swanson, Mesquite, Texas; a cousin; many nieces, nephews; grand-nieces and a grand-nephew. He was predeceased by his brother James Henry Benjamin, Dallas, Texas

In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to the American Diabetes Association. P O Box 11454, Alexandria, VA 22312, or to the American Nuclear Society, Savannah River Section Scholarship Fund, c/o Sid Keener, 271 Southbank Dr., Aiken, SC 29803.

Posey Funeral Directors of North Augusta in charge of arrangements (803.278.1181). Visit the registry online at www.poseyfuneraldirectors.com

Cemetery Details

Westover Memorial Park

2601 Wheeler Road
Augusta, GA

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC **15**. 3:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

Posey Funeral Directors
1307 Georgia Ave
North Augusta, SC 29841
(803) 278-1181
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Service

DEC **16**. 2:00 PM (ET)

Posey Funeral Chapel
1307 Georgia Avenue
North Augusta, SC 29841

Tribute Wall



“ Posey Funeral Directors created a Tribute Video in memory of Richard W. Benjamin PhD



Posey Funeral Directors - December 09, 2013 at 12:00 AM



“ Richard W. Benjamin PhD

October 06, 2023 at 06:29 AM



“ Richard W. Benjamin PhD

September 24, 2022 at 12:12 PM



“ I would have to admit that Dick was the best boss for whom I worked. He was always pleasant to me. Working with him and the people in his department, I found it to be sheer joy to go to work every day. He touched many lives.

Sally, you have my thoughts and my prayers.

Linda-Lee DiVecchia - December 16, 2013 at 06:40 PM

SC

“ Sally,
Robert and I first met you and Dick when you offered a beginners wine class at your shop back in 2000. We had just gotten married and moved to Augusta while Robert did his residency. We took the class knowing nothing about wine - but left with a "seed" planted. We attended many of your in shop tastings -soaking in all of your wine expertise. Thirteen years later we now are proud Chaine des Rotisseurs members and have built a wine room with over 1100 bottles of wine. We owe all of our love and enjoyment of wine to both of you! Thank you for all you have shared over the years - our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

Suzanne Cure - December 16, 2013 at 11:15 AM

YB

“ Dearest Sally and Andrew:
We are so saddened by Dick's passing. It is always hard to lose a loved one and cherished friend, as Dicke was loved by everyone whose life he touched. We especially will miss our annual, sometimes semi-annual get togethers to judge wine but mostly to enjoy each others company. Such fond memories from our days with Les Amis du Vin on to Wine Lovers International and finally Tasters Guild. Dick will be sorely missed but fondly remembered. Our love and prayers are with you and Andrew, Sally. We know he will be missed by all who knew him.

With much love,
Yogi & Tootie Barrett and Joe & Barbara Borrello

Yogi Barrett - December 16, 2013 at 11:02 AM

AR

“ I am saddened by Dick's death. I enjoyed his and Sally's acquaintance - their wine knowledge, the discussions and the banter for the last 22 years. His influence will be missed in the community.

Allen Roberson

Allen Roberson - December 15, 2013 at 04:12 PM

DB

“ Sally,

I have many fond memories of you, Dick and I judging wine together and enjoying each other's company outside the judging venue. His knowledge of science made me particularly fond of him since I am an old electrical engineer. I hope to see you some time in the future.

*Donald Baechler
Guilford, Connecticut*

Donald Baechler - December 15, 2013 at 03:23 PM

CC

“ Dear Sally,

I have had the privilege of knowing Dick many years, and I am proud to be a Life time Member of Les Amis du Vin-Tasters Guild. I was attracted there by his brilliant knowledge and friendly approach...It is sad to think of the loss, for you, your family, and us, but it is comforting to know he has joined the kingdom of the Justs! My heart and my prayers are with you,

Charles

Charles Combier - December 15, 2013 at 01:36 PM

AB

“ Aunt Sally , Amy, Oliver and Andrew, our thoughts and prayers are with you. Uncle Dick was a wonderful bright light in this world. We will miss him greatly.

Love, Annie, Terry, Benjamin and Evan

Annie Benjamin - December 15, 2013 at 12:27 PM

TG

“ Sally
Dick was an avid attendee of "The Lake Party". He always had a great time.

You and your family are in our prayers.

Tom & June Gorrell

Tom Gorrell - December 15, 2013 at 10:31 AM

JC

“ Très chère Sally,
What sad news. Dick was a wonderful man, knowledgeable, patient, generous, warm and I could carry on further! He will be greatly missed. You and your family will be in our hearts and prayers.

Jeanne Clavel and Michael Hurley

Jeanne Clavel - December 15, 2013 at 09:11 AM

JB

“ Sally,

Ann and I will always have beautiful memories of our times with Dick and you--lovely wine and beer tastings, good talk about nautical adventure books, and stimulating discussions on more esoteric intellectual topics. Dick will be sorely missed by us all.

Ann and James Brooke



James Brooke - December 15, 2013 at 05:35 AM

JC

“ Dearest Sally,

I will be forever indebted to you and your husband for helping me to learn to appreciate the enjoyment of wine. You and Richard are truly wonderful people and the community has experienced a great loss.

Jesse Carleton - December 14, 2013 at 06:56 PM

WB

“ *I had the fortune of working for Dick in the Advanced Planning group at the Savannah River Laboratory. Dick had an intellect to be reckoned with, and yet was always the Southern gentleman. I miss those times, and remember them fondly. My condolences go to the family.*

Wade Bickford - December 14, 2013 at 08:16 AM

CF

“ *My condolences to your family.*

Cathy Field - December 14, 2013 at 05:19 AM

EH

“ *Sally, my thoughts and prayers are with you and your family at this time. I have the fondest memories of Dick and visits to your house when I was growing up.*

Ellen Hinton Harper

Ellen Hinton Harper - December 13, 2013 at 02:53 PM

PJ

“ *I'll always remember Andrew and I coming in the door to your parent's house and your Mom and Dad sitting upstairs eating fruit and cheese tasting an array of wines. I always thought they were so sophisticated. Your Dad was so nice to me. I will be thinking about you and your family.*



Pamela Johnson - December 13, 2013 at 08:48 AM

MT

“ *My sincere condolences to you, Andrew- and your family.*



Matt Thomason - December 13, 2013 at 06:16 AM

DD

Sally and Andrew,

We are so very sorry for your loss and the loss of such a wonderful man. As you know, you and Dick helped us so much in so many ways to learn about wine, judge wine, appreciate wine, and love wine. We will be forever indebted to you both for all that you made possible for us. More than anything, Dick taught everyone that every wine deserves to be appreciated because of all of the effort that goes into producing it. Dick's loss is truly a loss for so many, many people in ways that can never be put into words. We love you Sally and Andrew. Steven and Deby DelGenio

Deby DelGenio - December 13, 2013 at 03:41 PM