



## Richard Alan Biggs

December 2, 1945 - December 25, 2021

Richard “Dick” Alan Biggs of Chestertown, MD passed away on December 25, 2021. The son of Archibald and Mildred Biggs, he was born on December 2, 1945, in the District of Columbia.

Dick grew up in Colesville, MD on the family farm and attended Sherwood High School. He earned a B.S. in Horticulture from the University of Maryland in 1968. During those college summers he rented a peach orchard and developed a love of growing peaches. He later became the Horticultural Extension Agent for Montgomery County, where he worked closely with local growers to promote fruit and vegetable cultivation during a time that farm markets began to pop up across Montgomery County.

Dick had a love of the land and growing was his passion. In 1982 he left the Maryland Extension Service to start his own farm and market, Rock Hill Orchard, in Mt. Airy, MD. Customers came from near and far, especially during strawberry and peach seasons. In addition, schools from throughout the area brought their students to experience farming from his large tractor-driven hay wagon. His employees came back season after season, learning from and respecting his mentorship. When retirement neared, he made sure his farm would never be developed by committing his land in perpetuity to the Maryland Agricultural Land Preservation Foundation.

After retiring in 2010 and moving to Chestertown with his wife, he enjoyed landscaping with ornamentals and putting in his garden. He was an amateur cook with a small repertoire of dishes. Most notable was his chili, which was

award-winning in certain circles. Nothing made “Pop” happier than visiting with his daughter and grandchildren, as well as his extended family and friends. His kindness, generosity, humor, and gentle spirit will be greatly missed by all who knew him.

He was predeceased by his son, Andrew, in 2006.

He is survived by his wife, Nancy; his daughter, Julie and grandsons Oliver and Jack of Mt. Pleasant, SC; his sister Martha English and brother-in-law Alden of Olney; and a large extended family.

A celebration of life will be held in Chestertown in the spring. In lieu of flowers, please consider making a memorial contribution in his name to the Kent County Historical Society, P.O. Box 665, Chestertown, MD 21620.

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

APR 11. 11:00 AM (ET)

Fellows, Helfenbein, and Newnam Funeral Home  
130 Speer Road  
Chestertown, MD 21620  
<http://www.fhnfuneralhome.com>

# Tribute Wall



“ *Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Richard Alan Biggs*



Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home - April 11, 2022 at 01:43 PM



“ *Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home created a Webcast in memory of Richard Alan Biggs*



Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home - April 11, 2022 at 09:31 AM



“ *Richard Alan Biggs*

October 26, 2023 at 06:42 PM



“ *Richard Alan Biggs*

January 28, 2023 at 12:44 PM

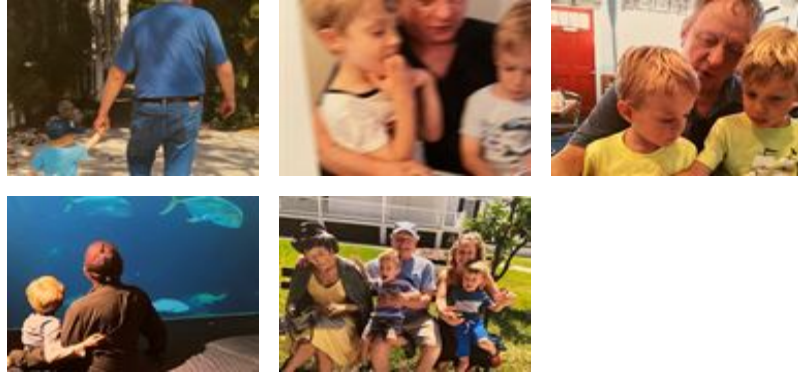


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“ *Eastern Shore Dental Care lit a candle in memory of Richard Alan Biggs*



Eastern Shore Dental Care - January 11, 2022 at 12:33 PM

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“ Cody & Cindy Clark lit a candle in memory of  
Richard Alan Biggs



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**Cody & Cindy Clark** - December 30, 2021 at 08:41 PM

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“ I grew up in Colesville, MD and counted "Dickie" (as we used to call him) among my good friends. We attended Colesville Elementary together and our end of year class picnics were often on his family's farm. I remember being in the farmhouse kitchen when his mom was baking cookies for us, swinging on the tire swing in a big tree that allowed us to swing out over the pasture where the bull was kept, and playing games with classmates on his lawn. As we grew into middle/high school ages we were often found at sledding parties on his farm, Everyday we rode the same school bus to Sherwood and often chatted along the route. Dick was always a loyal, thoughtful, kind and generous friend. My family moved from Maryland my sophomore year in college and I lost track of him and many of my friends from my youth. I was saddened to learn of Dick's passing. I send caring thoughts to his family as I know his kind and loving ways will be greatly missed by everyone whose lives he touched.

*Judy Heller Knauer  
Cape Cod, MA*

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**Judy Knauer** - December 30, 2021 at 02:26 PM