



## Dr. Richard Stanley Tobey, Jr.

December 24, 1945 - August 26, 2022

Dr. Richard S. Tobey, Jr., 76, a beloved husband and a great friend to so many, died on August 26, 2022 while hiking on Mont Blanc in France.

Rich was truly a Renaissance man – there was nothing that he would not try or could not do. His talents and interests were vast – sailing, playing golf, squash, bocce and croquet, hunting, hiking, wine collecting, gardening, and traveling to name a few. Rich was a talented sculptor, as well as visionary and builder of the many additions to his property. He lived his life to the fullest, exploring Europe on a motorcycle, ski bumming for a season in Vermont, restoring and enjoying his beloved classic sports cars, and globetrotting with his wife. During the Pandemic, Rich embraced the art of cooking and delighted in sharing his dishes with friends. Most evenings, he and his wife Paddy toasted to their joyous life with their Jameson's while enjoying the sunset from their terrace. As a proud Scot, Rich wore his tartan whenever the occasion warranted. As a proud American, he was a member of the Sons of the American Revolution.

Born in Wilmington, Delaware on Christmas Eve in 1945, Rich was the son of the late Richard S. and Virginia L. Tobey. This is also where he met his future bride, Paddy Moore, when he was 5 years old.

Rich attended college at the University of Virginia, served 3 years in the U.S.

Army Military Counter Intelligence Corps and then attended the University of Pennsylvania School of Dental Medicine where he graduated with a DMD degree with honors. He was one of two who were accepted into Penn's Periodontal Prosthesis in the Graduate Dental Specialty School, a three-year dual specialty program where he received Periodontal and Prosthodontic Specialty Certification. In addition, he received a MS degree in Education from the Graduate School of Education at Penn.

Rich then joined the faculty at the U of Penn's School of Dental Medicine where he was Director of Clinical Studies. He taught for 15 years and lectured around the US as well as several foreign countries. His love of teaching was instrumental in so many of his students' love for the profession and they kept in touch with him throughout his life. He also had a specialty practice in dentistry in Philadelphia until his retirement in 2012.

Rich was a consummate teacher and mentor in both personal and professional realms. For himself and those he taught, Rich had high expectations. In return, he modeled an extraordinary work ethic and provided remarkable patience, guidance and ingenuity. He also taught others about all things wonderful without preaching or making anyone feel insecure. Plus, he always listened deeply to what others said.

Rich's love of sailing brought him to the Eastern Shore of Maryland in 1988. He was an avid sailboat racer and even raced his boat in several Bermuda Races. He became a full time resident of Kent County after his retirement and taught sailing at the Chester River Yacht and Country Club where he had also served as Vice Commodore and on the Board of Directors. Rich was instrumental in the beginning of the Chestertown Bocce League, started the Bocce League at the Chester River Yacht and Country Club and even built a bocce court on his property. He had also served as a board member of the Kent County Library Foundation and was a member of the Corinthian Yacht

Club of Philadelphia. Rich's charitable heart led him to support a number of Kent County charities over the years, including the Special Olympics, The Sultana Foundation and the Kent County Animal Shelter. He and his wife welcomed to their home for years "their boys", musicians who participated in the National Music Festival.

Rich was interested in everyone and loved to talk about shared interests. Rich made friends wherever he went – he kept in close touch with his high school buddies, his dental friends in Philadelphia as well as many of his patients, his hunting and sailing pals, golfing partners and especially his close friends with whom he and his wife traveled. He was a gentleman who lived his life with integrity and touched many lives with his passion, generosity and style.

Rich is survived by the love of his life, soul mate and wife of almost 14 years, Patricia M. Tobey 'Paddy'; his loving sister Pamela T. Reilly; his niece Sarah L. Reilly, nephew Richard T. Reilly (Christie), grandnieces Montana F. Reilly and Mia T. Reilly; his two step-daughters Robyn F. Herbert (Joe), Jamie B. Crockett (Zack), and his and Paddy's granddaughter Indigo Q. Crockett 'Quinn' whom he mentored when she stayed with them over many summers from ages 9 to 16. He is also survived by his brother-in-law John C. Moore (Marilyn) with whom he was very close. A long-time animal lover, he is also survived by his dogs Alli, Cinder and Kayla, and his cat Brandy.

Funeral Services for Dr. Tobey will be private. A Celebration of Life service will be held on Sunday, September 18, 2022 at 5:00 PM at Chester River Golf & Country Club, 7738 Quaker Neck Road, Chestertown, MD 21620.

In lieu of flowers, please make a donation in memory of Dr. Richard S. Tobey, Jr. to The Animal Care Shelter of Kent County (Humane Society of Kent County, 10720 Augustine Herman Hwy, Chestertown, MD 21620), the Kent

Cultural Alliance (101 Spring Avenue, Chestertown, MD 21620) or to Penn Dental Medicine (University of Pennsylvania School of Dental Medicine, 240 South 40th Street, Philadelphia, PA 19104-6030).

# Previous Events

## Celebration of Life

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SEP **18.** 5:00 PM (ET)

Chester River Yacht & Country Club  
Chestertown, MD

# Tribute Wall

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Gail Tobey - Yesterday at 11:17 AM Sent from my iPhone

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**Dr. Yates Tobey** - August 20, 2025 at 08:26 PM

KS

“ It's regrettable that Dr. Tobey's first wife, Gail Yates Toney—his wife of 37 years—goes unmentioned in his obituary.

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**Kathy Snodgrass** - August 14, 2025 at 11:59 PM



“ *Dr. Richard Stanley Tobey, Jr.*

October 26, 2023 at 06:42 PM



“ *Dr. Richard Stanley Tobey, Jr.*

January 28, 2023 at 12:44 PM



“ *Dr. Richard Stanley Tobey, Jr.*

January 28, 2023 at 08:03 AM

BF

“ To the family of Dr. Richard Stanley Tobey,

*I learned of Dr. Tobey's passing from Dr. Jay Liu, who took over his practice and is currently my dentist. Dr. Tobey would be happy to know that Dr. Liu. is as detail oriented as he was and also very caring.*

*I was originally a patient of Dr. Charles Keil, from childhood until Dr. Tobey took over the practice. I was in my early 20's when Dr. Tobey became my dentist and was amazed that he used novocaine, because Dr. Keil never did!*

*Dr. Tobey was my dentist for thirty years. He saw me grow up, get married, have a daughter ( who also was his patient!) and he was extremely caring and kind when I went through a very serious health crisis in my late 40's.*

*Dr. Tobey and I talked about many things: his interesting vacations hunting, fishing, exploring, traveling, the Eastern shore. We talked about his pets, food ( sushi), art, sculpture and other aesthetic endeavors, such as his love of vintage classic cars and Chris Craft wooden boats. Dr. Tobey was affable, funny and always made me feel relaxed and cared for. A plus: the magazines in his office reflected his cultured and refined tastes, a class act.*

*When, at age 52, I got the letter that Dr. Tobey was retiring, I sat at my kitchen table in shock. He took such good care of me for so long, it was a real loss. The last time I saw him, we hugged goodbye, I cried, and he gave me his address in MD. Is possible to love your dentist?.... Yes!*

*I think Dr.Tobey embodied the statement, " Living well is the best revenge."*

*I send my sincerest heartfelt condolences to his family and friends.*

*May Dr. Tobey's memory be for a blessing.*

*Most Sincerely,  
Bella Eve Friesel*

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**Bella Eve Friesel** - October 01, 2022 at 06:09 PM

PT

*Thank you so very much for your kind and loving words. My husband loved his practice and his patients and it was a very difficult decision for him to retire. But he put every moment of those retirement years to good use and enjoyed life to the fullest. Paddy Tobey*

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**Paddy Tobey** - November 06, 2022 at 03:38 PM

GT

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**Gail Tobey** - August 18, 2025 at 11:17 AM

DD

“ Dear Rich,  
RIP my friend. Please know that I help you in the highest regard  
with respect and admiration.  
Danny DeCrescenzo, DMD

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Dante DeCrescenzo, DMD - September 21, 2022 at 02:15 PM

DA

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Dante - September 21, 2022 at 02:57 PM



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Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home - September 20, 2022 at 10:02 AM

BB

“ Rich and I graduated Brandywine HS together in 1963, and along with 6 other close friends and classmates, have been holding mini-reunions roughly semi-annually, pandemic permitting. We last met in Savannah Sept 2019, and prior to that, in Rock Hall to enjoy the Chestertown area in what was probably the best of the mini-reunions since 2006. We were all looking forward to seeing Rich & Paddy in Louisville in a few weeks, until the shocking news came that he had died suddenly on a hiking expedition. This unthinkable tragedy has saddened everyone in the group, and we feel most for Paddy in what she has been through and what lies ahead. We are grateful that there are many friends who will be able to attend the Sept 18 celebration of Rich's life.

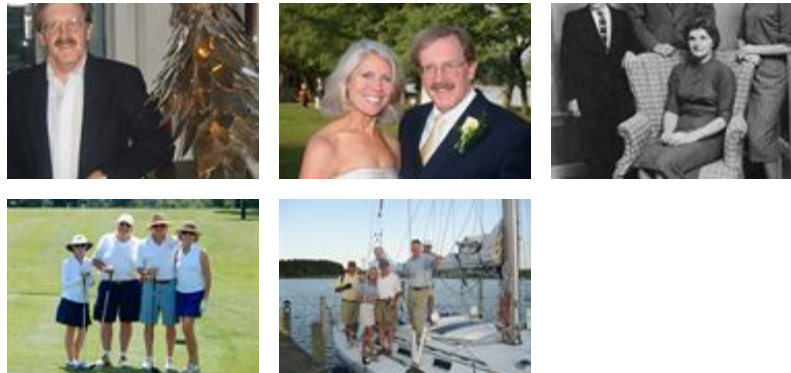


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**Bill Breen** - September 08, 2022 at 03:36 PM



“ 85 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home - September 08, 2022 at 02:51 PM



“ Your Borleis cousins purchased the *Rose Remembrance* for the family of Dr. Richard Stanley Tobey, Jr..



Your Borleis cousins - September 07, 2022 at 05:39 PM



“ My husband, Kirk Wade, considered Rich his best friend. They had so much in common and always enjoyed each other's company. His passing is a terrible loss for both of us. Rich was a gentleman, always there when one needed him. We will so miss that sweet smile when he greeted you. Our hearts are breaking for Paddy, the love of his life. *Laura L. Wade*

Laura L Wade - September 06, 2022 at 04:15 PM



“ *Days of Sunshine Bouquet was purchased for the family of Dr. Richard Stanley Tobey, Jr..*



September 06, 2022 at 12:16 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Dr. Richard Stanley Tobey, Jr..*



September 06, 2022 at 09:47 AM



“ *He was really nice to me and said good things to me about my pictures a lot. He came to my birthday party and showed me his neat craziness cars at his house at dinner. I am sad and sorry about this alot. He knew my Mom because they were neighbors in Deerhurst Wilmington Delaware too*

**JP Henry** - September 05, 2022 at 07:37 PM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Dr. Richard Stanley Tobey, Jr..*



September 05, 2022 at 09:52 AM

TC

“ Paddy, Robyn, and Jamie, Jim and I send our love and deepest sympathy. There are no words for such a shocking loss! Our hearts go out to all of you. We hope that all of your wonderful times together will sustain you in the months ahead. He was a wonderful husband and step dad.  
With love, Jim and Trish Christian

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**trish christian** - September 04, 2022 at 03:20 PM



“ Here is a Pic of Rich in his finest attire. I will miss his flair for life, his friendly company, and caring friendship. Hanson Robbins



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**Hanson Robbins** - September 04, 2022 at 02:58 PM

JM

“ So sad to hear about Rich's passing. We spent many fun days sharing and competing in our Morgans. John Moffatt

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**John Moffatt** - September 04, 2022 at 02:24 PM

SB

“ I grew up in Deerhurst (Wilmington) with Richard (and Paddy). I and my two older brothers have fond memories of our childhood together.  
Then, in kind of a shock, I ran into him at the University of Virginia where we were both enrolled after military life interrupted our academic careers. A great surprise.  
What a sweet guy.

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**stephen brown** - August 30, 2022 at 01:49 PM

LS

“ *Liz Smith lit a candle in memory of Dr. Richard Stanley Tobey, Jr.*



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**Liz Smith** - August 30, 2022 at 10:41 AM

MR

“ *Max & Maryann Ruehrmund lit a candle in memory of Dr. Richard Stanley Tobey, Jr.*



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**Max & Maryann Ruehrmund** - August 30, 2022 at 10:31 AM

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