



Richard Dorsey Owings

April 16, 1950 - November 25, 2009

Richard Dorsey Owings, of Millington, MD, a lifelong farmer and sailor, died November 25, 2009 at Johns Hopkins Hospital in Baltimore. His family was at his side at the time of his passing. He was 59.

Born in Baltimore's Union Memorial Hospital, the son of Mary Francis and Meredith Dorsey Owings, Dorsey moved to Maryland's Eastern Shore with his family in 1962 following a year's adventure aboard a 40-foot sailboat between Annapolis and the Bahamas. That trip, which included competition in the Southern Ocean Racing Circuit with his father, instilled a love of sailing that Dorsey enjoyed throughout his life. He reached the peak of his sailing prowess in 1997 when he and his Seabiscuit team won the J30 national championship staged at Newport Rhode Island. Dorsey and Seabiscuit team won a second J30 National Championship in 2000. Following the family's move to the Eastern Shore, Mr. Owings worked side-by-side with his father and sons growing corn, soybeans, wheat, alfalfa, tomatoes, spinach and hogs on several Kent and Queen Anne county farms. When he wasn't planting, harvesting or sailing, Mr. Owings enjoyed hunting, fishing and crabbing on the Chester River and being with his friends and family.

Mr. Owings was widely recognized for his invention of the Seabiscuit cocktail, named for his boat, a vodka and tonic drink flavored with a slice of cucumber.

He is survived by his wife of 22 years, Gail Webb Owings; two sons, Marshall Dorsey Owings of Chestertown, MD and Casey Clinton Owings and his wife, Megan of Centreville, MD; his father, Meredith Dorsey Owings of Millington; two sisters, Rebecca Owings Forney and her husband, Dennis, of Lewes, DE and Elizabeth Howard Owings of Chestertown; a brother, Samuel Sheridan Owings of Church Hill, Md; and his beloved hound dog, Rosie.

A memorial service for Mr. Owings will be held 1P. M.on Saturday, December 5,2009 at Shrewsbury Parrish Hall, Kennedyville, MD. Donations may be made to Johns Hopkins University (memo) Dorsey Owings Memorial, Dept. of Medicine, Johns Hopkins Medical Center, 100 N. Charles St., Suite 440-C, Baltimore, MD 21201; the Eastern Shore Land Conservancy, or the Chester River Association.

Tribute Wall



“ *Richard Dorsey Owings*

October 26, 2023 at 06:42 PM



“ *Richard Dorsey Owings*

January 28, 2023 at 12:44 PM



“ *Richard Dorsey Owings*

January 28, 2023 at 08:03 AM



“ *Dear Gail,*

So sorry to hear the news. Let Terry and me know if there is anything we can do. We're visiting my mother in Florida and won't be back in time for the services but we're with you in spirit.

Terry and Bruce##imported-begin##Bruce Galloway##imported-end##

December 03, 2009 at 03:46 PM



“ *My prayers and deepest sympathies go out to the family.##imported-begin##Martin Hall##imported-end##*

December 03, 2009 at 02:21 PM



“ *Dorsey you will be sadly missed by all of us on the race course and in life but never will you be forgotten.##imported-begin##Steve Reeves##imported-end##*

December 03, 2009 at 01:28 AM



“ *Dear Gail,
My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. May your wonderful memories and the love of our Lord give you peace and comfort in the days and weeks to come. Harriette##imported-begin##Harriette Lowery##imported-end##*

December 01, 2009 at 11:07 PM



“ *My condolences.##imported-begin##Steve Atkinson##imported-end##*

December 01, 2009 at 09:08 PM



“ *Gail and Family,
Dorsey will be greatly missed by many people. We really did enjoy seeing him at the Graduation Party this past summer. We will be praying for your family and hoping that you can remember all the good memories and as the days go on the pain gets lesser for all of you. Gail please know that you are in my thoughts as you go through this difficult period.##imported-begin##George and Candy Wilson##imported-end##*

December 01, 2009 at 12:20 PM



“ A terrible loss. Please accept our most sincere sympathy.##imported-begin##Todd & Diane Smith##imported-end##

December 01, 2009 at 09:19 AM



“ Gail and family, our thoughts and prayers are with you all. I am forever grateful for the opportunity given to me at Owings & Sons and the time Dorsey took with my son, Eric. He touched our lives and will always be remembered.##imported-begin##Debbie Dove Maloney##imported-end##

December 01, 2009 at 07:43 AM



“ Marshall and Casey, you have a wonderful legacy left by your Dad of hard work and his love of all things Eastern Shore. He was truly a man of the soil and sea. Gail, our heartfelt sympathy to you (and Rosie) at this sad time. Somewhere Dorsey is sailing wing and wing down the Bay on a perfect day. May this thought give you some comfort
We love you,
Shelly (Mom) and Fred##imported-begin##Shelly and Fred Spsoato##imported-end##

December 01, 2009 at 02:43 AM



“ We pray that the Lord will give you and your family peace and comfort. Our sincere condolences to all who will miss Dorsey.##imported-begin##William and Vita Pickrum##imported-end##

December 01, 2009 at 12:01 AM



“ God Bless Dorsey and his family in this time of sorrow. I wish him "Fair Winds and Following Seas" as he continues on his great journey at the side of our Lord.

Dick Newcomb##imported-begin##Richard Newcomb##imported-end##

November 30, 2009 at 10:43 PM



“ You have to miss a man like Dorsey because he was always so much a part of everything, wherever he happened to be. To his family, my sympathy.##imported-begin##Monty Baker##imported-end##

November 30, 2009 at 05:41 PM



“ We were so saddened to hear that Dorsey had passed. Dorsey was such a good man and such a likable fellow. I know we will miss him very much at the CRYC events; although I have to admit he kept his schedule very full doing all the things he loved to do. Gail, I hope you will continue to be a part of us here at CRYC and we hope we can be some comfort to you in some small way. God Bless, Cathy, Sandy and Kate##imported-begin##Cathy, Sandy and Kate Downes##imported-end##

November 30, 2009 at 05:32 PM



“ deepest condolences.##imported-begin##Scott Burleson##imported-end##

November 30, 2009 at 05:26 PM



“ *Your friendship will be greatly missed.
With Love from Arcadia Farm.##imported-begin##Pete & Joyce
Brice##imported-end##*

November 30, 2009 at 01:26 PM



“ *Not sure how many people knew this, but Dorsey was one of 2
people who saved my life during a blustery fall mumm30 race
several years ago. Just another standup thing he did as part of his
everyday standup guy way. Thanks for being you
Dorsey.##imported-begin##Diane Hoyns##imported-end##*

November 30, 2009 at 12:40 PM



“ *Gail and family: We want to extend our deepest sympathy and
prayers to you in your loss. We know the memories you have will
always remain in your hearts. God will give you the strength to face
each new day and may you have much love and peace in your
hearts. God Bless. Gene and Lynda Palmatary, 221 Hope Road,
Centreville, Md.##imported-begin##Lynda Palmatary##imported-
end##*

November 30, 2009 at 12:31 PM



“ *The sailing world & the world in general has lost a truly GREAT
GUY! My sincere condolences to his family. I raise my Sea Bisuit to
you Dorsey, one more time...*

Jim & Linda Cullen##imported-begin##Jim Cullen##imported-end##

November 30, 2009 at 10:43 AM



“ Dorsey was a great friend and sailing buddy. We will always remember the pre race ritual and post race Sea Biscuits As part of the Sea Biscuit crew, we wish Gail and family our deepest condolences.##imported-begin##Terry and Mary Rapp##imported-end##

November 30, 2009 at 10:23 AM



“ We are very sorry to hear about Dorsey. We all will miss his big smile. Take care and may God bless you and your family.##imported-begin##Tom and Nancy Lee Jewell##imported-end##

November 30, 2009 at 09:47 AM



“ I am so sorry for your loss. My prayers are with the family.##imported-begin##Anna Riggini##imported-end##

November 29, 2009 at 05:47 PM



“ Dorsey, you will be missed.##imported-begin##Jerry Atwell##imported-end##

November 28, 2009 at 12:44 PM