



Dr. Richard Howard Gubitz

October 5, 1949 - February 23, 2015

Dr. Richard Howard Gubitz, age 65, of Berlin died unexpectedly at his home on February 23, 2015. He was born on October 5, 1949 in Hartford CT, the son of the late Fred and Marie (Stefango) Gubitz.

Richard (Rick) spent his youth living in Connecticut. He graduated from Hartford Public High School in 1967 and Wesleyan University, Middletown, CT in 1971 having majored in German Studies. Richard spent a semester studying at the University of Bonn, Germany.

In 1975, he completed his PhD degree in Pharmacology at Michigan State University, East Lansing, Michigan. For twenty years, he taught annually updated Pharmacology courses for medical students of the College of Osteopathic Medicine of the Pacific, Pomona, CA.

In 1978, he graduated with his medical degree from Michigan State University's College of Osteopathic Medicine. For the next 30 thirty years he was dedicated to serving this area as a Family Medicine Physician in Berlin, WI, retiring in 2009.

Richard had an insatiable quest for knowledge. His diversified interests included art, science, history, theatre, geography, light houses, trains, wildlife conservation (local and globally) and world economics to mention just a few. He was a master of Trivial Pursuit and chess. Through his extensive travels, he became a true "Citizen of the World". Having grown up in an urban environment he later developed a true appreciation of nature. He loved flowers, especially roses and daffodils. He was an avid and generous

supporter of wildlife conservation and animal rescue.

Richard had been a member of several organizations including the Kiwanis Club, Grace Lutheran Church and the Berlin City Council. He served on the Board of Directors of the Brown Wilcox Home, Berlin Public Library and the Green Lake Festival of Music. He served on numerous committees at the Berlin Memorial Hospital during his three decades of medical practice there. He enjoyed teaching a variety of students (medical, nursing, nurse practitioner, physician assistant and pharmacology graduate students). His infectious laugh would resonate around a room.

Richard is survived by his wife of 40 years, Betsy (Anderson) Gubitz. She worked tirelessly by his side as a registered nurse during his decades of medical practice. He is also survived by two sister-in-laws and their husbands, Nancy (Francis) Kobylenski of Trumbull, CT and Janet (David) Towle of Black River, NY, and nephews Christopher Towle (and his fiancée Jessica Cutting) of Charlotte, NC and Daniel Towle of Orlando, FL and a niece, Arianna Tosi of Cohasset, MA.

Richard's family would like to especially thank his caregiver's team who over the past two years supported him with care, compassion, laughter and some challenging games of Stratego.

He will be greatly missed by his cats; Molly, Max, Honey and Critter.

A funeral service will be held at 11:00 a.m. at Grace English Lutheran Church of Berlin with Pastor Scott Piper officiating.

Visitation will be held at the Wiecki-Skipchak Funeral Home of Berlin on Friday, February 27, 2015 from 5-8:00 p.m. and also on Saturday, February 28, 2015 from 9:30 -11:00 a.m. at Grace English Lutheran Church of Berlin.

Burial will occur in his home state of Connecticut in the Spring.

Contributions in his memory can be made to the World Wildlife Fund, P. O. Box 97180, Washington DC 20090-7180, or the Best Friends Animal Society, 5001 Angel Canyon Rd, Kanab, UT 84741.

Dr. Gubitz's long term dedication to the people of the greater Berlin area is evidenced in many meaningful ways and will serve as an enduring memorial and legacy of his passion for lifelong learning and caring for those in need.

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB 27. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Wiecki-Skipchak Funeral Home
116 S Adams Ave
Berlin, WI 54923
(920) 361-2050

Visitation

FEB 28. 9:30 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Grace English Lutheran Church
384 Oak Street
Berlin, WI 54923
gracelutheranberlin@gmail.com
<http://www.graceberlin.org>

Funeral Service

FEB 28. 11:00 AM (CT)

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384 Oak Street
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Tribute Wall



“ *Wiecki-Skipchak Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Dr. Richard Howard Gubitz*



Wiecki-Skipchak Funeral Home - February 26, 2015 at 11:34 AM

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victor spanbauer - January 29, 2023 at 03:06 PM

WC

“ *Betsy, so sorry for your loss. I just discovered Richard's passing today when doing a Google search for him. We were room mates in graduate school at Michigan State. I always thought the world of Richard but unfortunately lost contact over the years.*

I hope you are doing well.

Bill Corsini

William Corsini - February 18, 2022 at 12:00 PM

CD

“ *Betsy and Family, Mark and I now spend our winters in LeHigh Acres, since I have retired and just heard today that Dr Gubitiz passed away. We worked side by side in offices for many years. First in the old building, with Lois Eiler etc. and then in the new addition of the hospital. Dr. Gubitiz in all the years always had a smile, did not get shook up and always was ready to talk about his recent trip you had both been on. Always to interesting and ready to share a story or something funny. The world will miss him and his personality, I know I sure am glad that I knew him in my small way. Hope you are doing ok Betsy, I know it's hard. Please accept our condolences. We will be leaving Florida soon to get back to WI and farming. If there is anything I can do please call 920-299-2200.*

Chari Draeger

Chari Draeger - March 11, 2015 at 07:22 PM

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“ *Betsy, I am so sorry for you loss! Dr. Gubitiz will always hold a very special place in my heart as he saved my life when I was just 7 years old. I was so glad to have him as a Physician and will never forget what he has done for me. May you find peace, and cherish the memories in which you shared with him. God Bless!*

Sincerely,

Tammy Olson (Haskins)

Tammy Olson - February 27, 2015 at 10:26 PM



“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of Dr. Richard Howard Gubitz.*



February 26, 2015 at 04:56 PM



“ *Betsy,
My deepest condolences on Richard's passing. I always enjoyed his visits at the investment center and chats on the Far East and especially China. Years ago when my wife Stephanie worked at the hospital, she always remarked how well she, and others, liked Dr. Gubitz. He will be a sorely missed member of our community.*

*Sincerely,
Mike Starshak*

Mike Starshak - February 26, 2015 at 04:48 PM



“ *I was so sorry to hear of your loss Betsy. Dr Gubitz was a brilliant and entertaining man. He will be missed greatly. I thoroughly enjoyed talking to Dr Gubitz, his wry, witty sense of humor and hearing his great stories and past experiences. A bright light has left this dimension and moved on to the next to inspire the universe. RIP Dr Gubitz.*

Rebecca Underwood - February 26, 2015 at 11:54 AM



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Wiecki-Skipchak Funeral Home - February 26, 2015 at 11:06 AM



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Wiecki-Skipchak Funeral Home - February 26, 2015 at 09:32 AM



“ So sorry for your loss Betsy, he was a wonderful man and did a great job with the people here in town. Dick and Judy Trochinski

Judy trochinski - February 25, 2015 at 06:15 PM

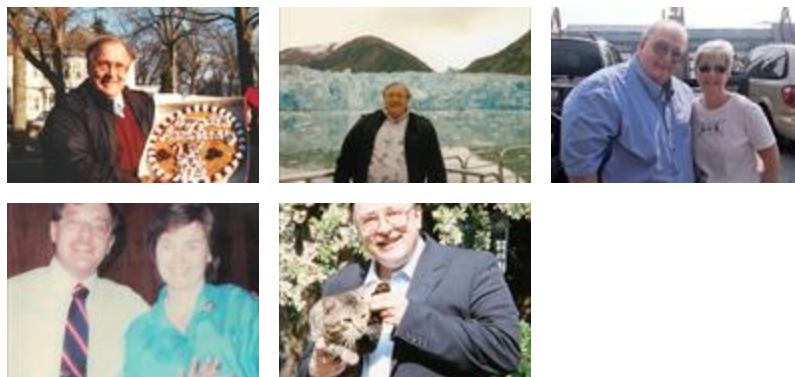
MN

“ It was a sad day for me today after finding out Dr. Gubitz passed away. I've always looked forward to my appointments with Dr. Gubitz. We'd discuss my reason for being there whether it be my blood pressure, an injury, or anything else. When time permitted, we'd share a joke or a story. The one thing I will always remember about Dr. Gubitz is the time he showed at my mother's visitation crying uncontrollably, and saying how special she was. That really touched me. He undoubtedly cared for his patients. Thank You.
Michael Newbold

Michael Newbold - February 25, 2015 at 03:30 PM



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Wiecki-Skipchak Funeral Home - February 25, 2015 at 12:33 PM

JM

Sorry for your loss Betsy. Dr. Gubitz and you were a team of professionals who served many in need with your unrelenting compassion for human suffering. We will also never forget the extremely cold winter nights when you two would stop by our rural place to feed our barn cats. RIP Rick.

Jim and Lorraine Morris.

Jim and Lorraine Morris - February 26, 2015 at 02:49 PM