



Walter T. Bik

January 18, 1920 - April 30, 2015

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Walter T. Bik passed away peacefully on April 30, 2015 after a brief illness. Walter was born and grew up in Providence, RI, and was a standout athlete on the baseball diamond and in swimming, competing with and against some of the best in the country, as a member of the Olneyville Boy's Club swim team that hosted the 1936 US Olympic Trials and sent members to the 1936 Olympics in Berlin.

Early stints as a lifeguard and travel with the Civilian Conservation Corps preceded wartime service in both the Atlantic and Pacific theatres, and post-war throughout the world as an officer in the U.S. Merchant Marines. After meeting Edna Burke, the love of his life, at a dance in 1952, they tied the knot within six months, and he continued to dance with her for the next 62 years. They settled down in East Providence, RI to raise a family, where he became an expert craftsman and tool and die maker. These skills came in mighty handy around the house, and were appreciated by his sons during their science-fair, Boy Scout and Pinewood Derby days. He became an avid duckpin and later tenpin bowler during this time, imparting his love for the sport, if not his skill level, to the entire family.

Walt was a homebody who nevertheless loved to travel with his family on summer vacation trips, first by car and later in the beloved motorhome to Atlantic City, Canada, Florida and cross-country to California. Retirement

expanded these opportunities to travel to and reside in Louisiana and later in Germany. Most recently he lived in Washington, DC near his eldest son, frequently visiting his younger son in California for extended periods. He was preceded in death by his brother John Stanley Bik and his sister Helen Bik, and is survived by his wife Edna and sons John and Steven. A lifelong Red Sox and later Patriots fan, he will always be remembered as a devoted and loving husband, an incredible father, and for the joy and laughter that his humor and good nature engendered in everyone he met during his well-lived life.

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Tribute Wall

WG

“ So very sorry to learn of your sad loss. This note brings with it my condolences and sympathy. Wendy Gasch

Wendy Gasch - May 20, 2015 at 10:16 AM

EV

“ Dear John,
No one can prepare you for a loss; it comes like a swift wind. But take comfort in knowing that your dear father is now resting in the arms of our Lord. My deepest condolences to you and your family.
Evelyne Barchéchat



Evelyne - May 20, 2015 at 09:54 AM



“ So sorry to hear about your dad's passing. May all your wonderful memories make this sorrowful time a little bit less difficult. Take care,
Roberta Fretz

Roberta Fretz - May 13, 2015 at 06:21 PM

KS

“ *Walter and his family have been our friends for years. I have many happy memories of childhood visits to the Bik's house in R.I. and later their visits to us in Germany. What I I will always remember about Walter was his kind and gentle manner, as well as wonderful sense of humor. In my estimation, he was the very definition of a good man. My deepest sympathies are with Walter's family in their time of loss and sorrow.*

*With love,
Kathleen Smith*

Kathleen Smith - May 10, 2015 at 02:49 PM

CH

Thoughts and prayers out to the Bik family. I did not know Walter, but I know his son, John. If a son is a reflection of his dad, then Walter must have been a wonderful person. Charla Helmers

Charla - May 12, 2015 at 08:13 PM

CG

WOW, what great pictures and I'm sure there are more. Although we knew him for roughly 25 years it doesn't seem like nearly long enough. There were many things we did not know about him. One thing we did know was that he loved you all and you brought him great joy. Although you will miss him greatly you have many, many good memories to comfort you. Our thoughts are with all of you during this difficult time. Lots of love, Cathy and Doug

Cathy Grant - May 13, 2015 at 08:18 PM

SB

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Steven Bik - May 08, 2015 at 01:35 PM

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Steven Bik - May 08, 2015 at 01:30 PM

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WWII Memorial 2004

John Bik - May 12, 2015 at 04:07 PM

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Steven Bik - May 08, 2015 at 01:28 PM

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John Bik - May 12, 2015 at 04:08 PM