



Rudolph W. Kulisch

June 4, 1924 - November 12, 2013

RUDOLPH WALTER KULISCH

1924-2013

Rudolph Walter Kulisch, who exemplified the post-World War II Greatest Generation and the possibilities of immigrant success in America, moved to his eternal resting place on Nov. 12, 2013. He experienced several lifetimes in one.

Rudi was born in 1924 and grew up in Berlin, Germany, as a single child and was drafted into the army during World War II. He was sent to the Russian front, where he suffered a bullet wound and shrapnel injuries on two separate occasions, and was taken prisoner. After his release and the end of the war, Rudi landed an internship at the giant manufacturing conglomerate Siemens. His engineering and mechanical skills enabled him to enroll at the Technical University of Berlin where he played the key role in negotiating with the American and British occupation authorities to lend resources for the construction of an international student union.

Upon graduation, he came to the United States and worked for a contractor in Columbus, Ohio, as an electrical estimator. U.S. officials in Berlin, who collaborated with him at the Technical University, were able to secure a visa that allowed him to work in the United States.

Eventually, Rudi would become a U.S. citizen. His company deployed him to Spain and Kansas where he proudly helped develop U.S. nuclear missile facilities to help protect his adopted homeland. In Columbus, he met his wife, Rosina, who was attending graduate school at Ohio State University from Greece. They were married in 1959.

They moved to Washington when Rudi got a job with Fishback & Moore and had two sons.

During his career with PRC, Rudi worked in Houston, London and Riyadh, Saudi Arabia. Although separation from his family was difficult, it was the type of sacrifice he routinely made to help provide his children a better life.

Rudi is remembered for his quiet fortitude. He never complained about the injuries he received in war that limited the use of one hand. If he was ill, or feeling bad, it was hard to know because Rudi kept that to himself. He let bad luck roll off his back and focused on

the next task at hand. Rudi stubbornly fought off one ailment after another in recent years, and true to his stoic character, he rarely complained about his poor health. He may have been small in stature, but his inner strength was immense. He is one of the few patients to ever recover enough to be removed from dialysis treatment.

Rudi's favorite pastime was boating on the Chesapeake Bay. He owned three boats over the past 40 years. He started boating with a small, 17-foot motorboat on the Potomac River. Then he bought a 21-footer, which he named "Osprey" and docked at various marinas on the South River and West River in Maryland. Rudi loved to go fishing, but he never was a master fisherman. But catching fish wasn't the object. As far as he was concerned, as long as he was on the water and enjoying the sun and breeze each day was a success.

Rudi eventually bought a 25-foot boat with a cabin so he could stay overnight more comfortably. He called it "The Dreamer." It was a lot of work to maintain, but it was his pride and joy. He loved to putter around cleaning and fixing up his "home away from home." He frequently tied up to floating platforms in nearby rivers, whipped out his little gas grill and cooked steak, crabs, corn or whatever else came to mind – and always accompanied by a cold beer.

On their 50th anniversary, Rudi and Rosina took a Caribbean cruise with their extended family.

Rudi enjoyed traveling and was an avid stamp collector.

Rudi is survived by his loving wife, Rosina, his sons Socrates Eric and Raymond Otto Christos, and two grand-daughters, Briana and Erika.

Charitable contributions, in lieu of flowers, may be sent in Rudi's name to the:

Chesapeake Bay Foundation

Attn: Memorial Gifts

6 Herndon Ave.

Annapolis, MD 21403

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Comments



“ I'm sorry to hear about your recent passing. I know Mr. Kulisch was a dear loved one. I didnt know Mr. Kulisch personally but I just wanted to leave you and your family some encouraging words during this trying time. Even though the future looks grim the Bible brings out a time when death will be no more and soon we will see our dead relatives again. (Revelation 21:4, Acts 24:15) So, when you feel as if times are getting hard just turn to the Bible. I hope this message leaves some sort of encouragement and I'm praying for your family.

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