



George Blyn Ph.D.

May 2, 1919 - January 29, 2019

George Blyn, Ph.D., age 99, of Merion Station, Pa., passed away on January 29, 2019, at Lankenau Hospital. Born May 2, 1919, in Brooklyn, NY, he attended Erasmus Hall High School. After serving as a Sergeant in the U.S. Army, he attended the University of Pennsylvania where he earned his B.A. (1951) and M.A. (1953) in South Asia Regional Studies, and his Ph.D. (1961) in Economics.

Dr. Blyn started his teaching career at Villanova University (Economic Geography, 1954-1962). He taught Economics at Rutgers University-Camden from 1962 to 1989, when he retired as Professor Emeritus. His major publication was a book, *Agricultural Trends in India, 1891-1947: Output, Availability, and Productivity* (U. of Pa. Press, 1966), which remains a classic in its field. He also published many journal and encyclopedia articles and participated in professional organizations (American Economics Association, Association American Geographers, Association Indian Economics Studies, Delaware Valley Geographers Association-Executive Committee, 1970-1989, and Economics of New Jersey--Vice President, 1986-89). Dr. Blyn was a Senior Faculty Research Fellow (American Institute Indian Studies, 1965-1966, 1979).

In addition to his academic work, Dr. Blyn was a devoted thespian and opera buff, performing in shows ranging from Aida to The Fantasticks (Rutgers U.; Delaware Valley Lyric Opera Guild). At age 70, he took up competitive running, participating in many Broad Street Runs and Senior Olympics, continuing until age 94.

Perhaps the biggest adventures of his life were two trips to India with his family. These included driving over 2500 miles (Pune to Shimla and back), combining his field research with side-trips for sightseeing.

George Blyn, aka "Tiger" in his military years, was also known for his witty and insightful writing. He penned a regular column "Getting the Range" and wrote a theme song ("Moonlight Cavalry") for his Battery's "Searchlight Gremlins" to the tune of "The Caisson Song." He served in France, Germany, and England in WWII.

George was the son of Philip and Rose (Faiby) Blyn and is survived by his loving wife, Dr. Charlotte Lilly Blyn, three devoted daughters, Stefany Blyn Jacobs, Roslyn Blyn-LaDrew, and Corliann Blyn, two grandsons, Timothy-Rae Blyn Jacobs and Steven-Alan Blyn Jacobs, a sister Eleanor Masser, and a niece, Kathy Blyn. Cheerful and active until his final illness, he will be very sorely missed.

Viewing 11:30 am, Wed., Feb. 6, Chadwick & McKinney Funeral Home,
Ardmore, Pa., followed by 1 pm burial at Westminster Cemetery.

Cemetery Details

Westminster Cemetery

701 Belmont Avenue
Bala Cynwyd, PA 19004

Previous Events

Viewing

FEB 6. 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM (ET)

Chadwick & McKinney Funeral Home, Inc.
30 East Athens Avenue
Ardmore, PA 19003
(610) 642-6303

Tribute Wall

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“ *Dr Blyn was my Econ 101 and Econ 102 professor at Rutgers Camden in 1984 and 1985. He was a great teacher, a big influence on my decision to minor in Economics, and helped me enroll in Omicron Delta Epsilon honor society. From my recollection of Dr Blyn, the description of his long and full life is not surprising as he conveyed a sense of worldliness, wisdom and curiosity. Jim, CCAS '88*

Jim - February 03, 2019 at 11:45 AM

RO

Dear Jim, Thank you very much for sharing your memories and for your thoughtfulness in writing. -- Roslyn

RozB - February 04, 2019 at 05:03 AM



Dr. Blyn was one of my economics professors at Rutgers in the 1980s, and he was both an excellent teacher and someone who was available to answer questions and provide advice in his office. I am sad to hear of his passing.

Robert Borrelli - October 27, 2019 at 08:27 PM

RB

Dear Robert, I'm sorry that I just now saw your kind note. I could add that as a father he was also an excellent teacher and was someone who was available to answer questions and provide advice. He is sorely missed. - RozB

Roslyn Blyn - October 11, 2022 at 01:56 PM