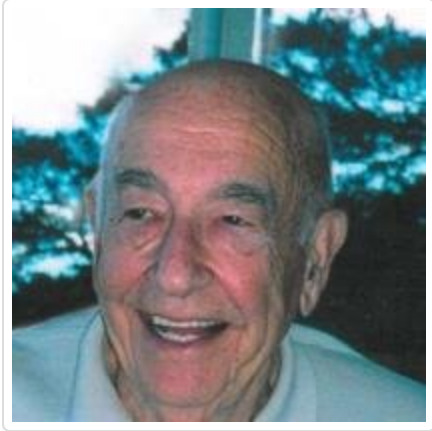




Ivan "Ike" Izenberg

March 20, 1922 - April 23, 2014

Ivan "Ike" Izenberg, age 92, passed away Wednesday, April 23, 2014. He is survived by his wife of 64 years, Edith Levin Izenberg; son, Brian Izenberg and his wife Deborah; daughter, Janice Lynn Izenberg; and grandchildren, Hallie and Eric. Ike was born in Paterson, NJ. He served in the United States Army Signal Intelligence Corps during WWII. Ike was a Diplomat with the State Department, serving in the Far East. More recently, he was a consultant with Sandia National Labs. Ike will be interred at Santa Fe National Cemetery. A Memorial Service will be held on Tuesday, April 29, 2014, 11:30 a.m., at the Jewish Community Center, 5520 Wyoming Blvd. NE. Memorial contributions may be made to the Autism Society of America.

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Cemetery Details

Santa Fe National Cemetery

501 N. Guadalupe St.
NM 87504

Previous Events

Memorial Service

APR **29**. 11:30 AM (MT)

Jewish Community Center
5520 Wyoming Blvd. NE
Albuquerque, NM 87109

Tribute Wall

BA

“It was my pleasure to work with Ike during his final career at Sandia Labs. In fact, I was privileged to be the one to introduce him to Sandia after meeting him at a talk I gave shortly after Ike moved to Albuquerque. Ike and I put on a few seminars at Sandia and he soon had plenty of work to do with others who attended them since he had so much to contribute.

Perhaps more important to Ike was that I was privileged to invite him to join our local chapter of the Laurel and Hardy Fan Club. I'm not sure who laughed louder, Ike or my grandkids.

Ike made some rather important contributions to a number of projects I worked on with what is euphemistically referred to as "other government agencies". He didn't just help Sandia, though. While I won't mention any details about the work, I will note that our friends at NSA called him the "Ike Man", and they knew that even in his 80's the best way to get in touch with Ike was by e-mail.

After returning from one of his trips to D.C. to help out his "old" group at the State Department, Ike mentioned that one of the memos he had reviewed for possible declassification (Ike was an original classifier which meant he could decide based on his own authority if something was classified or not) was a message from Eisenhower to DeGaulle. He thought it was noteworthy since he had been the one to classify it in the first place when it was originally sent. He declassified it. He noted that "everyone associated with it is dead, except me".

Ike had mentioned that he got his nickname of Ike since some of his friends thought Izenberg was similar in sound to Eisenhower. I told him I was a big Eisenhower fan and that my Mom had given me an "I like Ike" button and I wore it for Eisenhower's campaign. (I was three at the time.) Say hi to Ike for me Ike.

Brandon Ahrens - May 01, 2014 at 11:31 AM

DW

“My wife, Dorothy, and Edie worked together at a private firm but more importantly worked together as volunteers at the National Gallery of Art. It is through their friendship that I met Ike. When Edie and Ike were looking at places to live after Ike retired, Dorothy urged them to look at Albuquerque where we planned to live after I retired. They came to Albuquerque ahead of us in 1993, we came in 1995. Ike and I both with careers in the federal government, Ike in the Foreign Service, me with domestic agencies, always had a lot to talk about when we met occasionally for lunch. As others have already noted, Ike had a wonderful sense of humor. I enjoyed hearing about his demanding and rewarding life in the foreign service. He was "young at heart." it was just a few years ago when the two of us drove to Moriarity so Ike could take a flight on a glider. He was thrilled by that experience and the two of us talked about becoming glider pilots. What a man!

Don Wortman - May 01, 2014 at 11:03 AM

GR

“My heart is broken at the passing of such an amazing man...truly a national treasure. Everyone knows the friendly, corny-joke telling side of Ike, but I wanted to also acknowledge his more serious side. I was lucky enough to work with him on issues that he felt great concern about. We did important things on that project, driven by his patriotism and energy. On a lighter side, he also introduced me to the simple but brilliant organizational trick of using different colors of paper to differentiate documents by topic. I am blessed that every time I see brightly colored printer paper, I will think of him and what a humble but powerful mentor he was to me.

Gina Rightley - April 30, 2014 at 03:08 PM

AH

“ The day that Ike passed away, I wrote a tribute of sorts on my Facebook wall - I would like to re-post it here as a further tribute to share with his family and friends: "Today we lost Ike. An amazing man whose experience and stories spanned military intelligence service in WWII, a foreign service career in southeast Asia where he was fluent in Chinese and Japanese, a retirement that blessed us at Sandia with his insight, knowledge and smiles just to hit the highlights. This is a man who after all of his amazing experiences and accomplishments counted one of his biggest contributions was helping a poor virginia vet get his pension instated with back pay when bureaucracy had let him fall through the cracks. To say I'll miss him seems inadequate. I hope to honor his memory by striving to be the best at everything I do, find humor in even the most mundane, and to serve those around me with the same compassion that Ike showed through his life and stories. a bientot Ike....."

Anna Hadley

Anna Hadley - April 29, 2014 at 05:52 PM

CS

“ It was a true honor working with Ike. In 1989 and 1990 he served on the board of directors of the American Society of Access Professionals (ASAP). He was instrumental in our training programs and outreach to embassies on their information access laws. He continued to keep in touch with us during his visits to D.C. while he was working with US Dept. of State. He led by example and perfected the art of effective leadership with a kind and gentle nature. I learned a lot from him and continue to be influenced by his kindness to this day. He is remembered so fondly by many people still associated with ASAP today. I will certainly miss him.

Claire Shanley, Executive Director

Claire Shanley - April 28, 2014 at 12:22 PM

TC

“ In memory of Ivan or better known to his friends as "Ike" . We first met Ike and Edith in Bangkok , Thailand at Madam Prapee's boarding house with its cast of characters . That was in 1957 . Although we never served at the same Post again , we remained friends thru the years until his deasth . Farewell Ike .
Charles McGinley " Chuck" and Tere

Teresita and Charles - April 28, 2014 at 11:37 AM

YP

“ When I think of Ike it brings a smile to my face. There wasn't a time that he wasn't smiling or telling a joke. I was lucky to have met him and I will always remember the laughter and joy he brought into my day. RIP my friend - you are missed dearly.

Yvonne Pacheco - April 28, 2014 at 10:34 AM

JA

“ Ike was full of joy for life and always a joy to work with. We shared a common bond in many areas starting with his stories from the South Pacific that I related to based upon those shared by my own father during WW - II. Then later on with my own time at DOS in 2001-2. And finally during our overlap at Sandia Labs with friends and colleagues in common, some now retired but with vivid fond memories of Ike. RIP old friend.
John Anthes

john Anthes - April 27, 2014 at 08:42 PM

DC

“ I had the privilege of working with Ike before I retired from Sandia in 2009. He always stopped by my office to brighten my day. He will be greatly missed!
Diane Cline

Diane Cline - April 27, 2014 at 04:59 PM

IC

“ We miss Ike every day--he was a great raconteur and had an interesting story to tell about just any topic--and he did have many adventures around the world.

Irene Dubicka-Christensen

Irene Christensen - April 26, 2014 at 10:58 AM

FM

“ On behalf of the French Family of Companies, we express our deepest condolences.

Faith Miner - April 25, 2014 at 04:47 PM

LF

It was a privilege to work with Ike and call him my friend. He was a joy to work with and I thoroughly enjoyed hearing his stories about his work experience with the State Department and life experiences overseas. Work was never dull or boring if you had Ike on your team. He always made me laugh with his "hair" jokes. Ike was a young-spirited man that was full of life who will be deeply missed.

Linda Flores - April 28, 2014 at 11:19 AM