

Herman Richard (Dick) Gaumer  
(11/17/1941- 7/9/2012)

Dick came to Dartmouth from Wilmington (Delaware) Friends School where he participated on the baseball and football and tennis teams, the glee club and was class president. He was imbued with a strong sense of peace and justice acquired from the Quaker tradition of his high school. At Dartmouth Dick joined majored in biology and continued his musical interest in the glee club. He was a member of the rugby club and a brother at Theta Delta Chi.

After graduation he attended the University of Delaware where he earned a masters degree in marine biology. Subsequently he attended the University of North Carolina where he earned a Ph.D. in bacteriology. He did post-doctoral studies at the University of Colorado, followed by a research position at the University of Minnesota.

He had a long academic career at Tulane University and later Louisiana State University Medical School (New Orleans), where he was professor in the pathology department. The focus of his career was investigations into HIV-AIDS. Beyond his career he chaired the HIV-AIDS Commission in the Episcopal Diocese of Louisiana. Dick sang in Episcopal Church choirs. He was involved with restoration of medical services in New Orleans after hurricane Katrina. He was known for his dry wit and daily bike-riding on the Mississippi River levee.

Dick and his wife, Reverend Susan Gaumer, have two children, Catherine and Matthew and a granddaughter.

His wife shared the following greeting card from the family.

## 2010 MERRY CHRISTMAS & HAPPY NEW YEAR 2011



Merry Christmas and Happy New Year from Susie and Dick Gaumer, Matt Gaumer, and Cricket, Hank, and Elizabeth Farr.

This year has been significant in several ways. We started the year with great sadness as Susie's Dad, Nevin Salot, passed away just two weeks after his 100th birthday. He was visiting for the holidays and we planned to all return to his home in Ft. Myers, FL for his Jan 7th birthday. Sudden onset of pneumonia caused us to change plans; his birthday was celebrated in New Orleans at Lambeth House. A long, well-lived life! Dick's sister, Judy, also died this past winter. An artist, she was 70 years old.

We traveled to both the east and west coasts this past summer, visiting family and friends in North Carolina and Maryland and on Vashon Island in Seattle and in Port Townsend on the Olympic Peninsula. We also had great fun attending Susie's 50-year high school reunion in Arlington Virginia (Washington-Lee High School) and Dick's 50th at Wilmington Friends School in Wilmington, Delaware. Amazing to have been out of high school that long! We must be older than we think!

Dick retires from Charity Hospital/Interim LSU Hospital in January 2011 after a long and productive career. He has helped more HIV patients than is possible to count! Susan is still rector at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church and serves on many diocesan boards. Ministering in a parish that has a school and a day care center is an ongoing challenge!

Cricket works hard to get her sewing and craft company, Fuzzy Star, up and running. At a show in November she sold out of so many items she didn't have enough left to list on her website! Lizzy, now in 5th grade, plays violin and soccer and is a voracious reader. Hank continues doing research at UW, but spends many hours working on his convertible MC. Their family goes hiking and camping when they can.

Matt has worked in both New Orleans and Atlanta making movies this past year. He can be found in aquariums and other larger bodies of water SCUBA diving when not on location—or in the air skydiving!

We pray for peace in this troubled world and for God's continued blessings upon our family, and upon yours. May God bless and keep us all.