
Arthur Dorman

DORMAN ARTHUR DORMAN (DOCTOR and STATE SENATOR) Dr. Arthur Dorman, 85, died peacefully on Friday, February 17, 2012, at his home in Charlottesville, Virginia. He was born in Brooklyn, New York, the son of the late Harry and Stella Dorman and is survived by his wife of 63 years, Betty Jean Dorman, of Charlottesville, Virginia, his children, Pam Dorman and Jerry Langer, Jan Dorman and Elliott Weiss, Matthew Dorman and Beth Dorman and grandchildren Miriam and LeeAnn Dorman Langer, David Weiss and his wife Christina Weiss, Zachary, Anna, and Zeke Weiss, Benjamin Moss, Blake and Chase Dorman. He was preceded in death by his daughter, Barbara Susan Dorman. Art enjoyed a raucous boyhood with friendships that lasted his lifetime. He served in the Merchant Marines and the U.S. Army in [World War II](#). Benefitting from the GI Bill he attended George Washington University, and Pennsylvania College of Optometry, graduating in 1953 to start his optometric practice and his family with his bride, best friend and love of his life, Betty Jean (Twery) Dorman. Dr. Dorman was a memorable optometrist and Maryland legislator. He was President of the Vision Institute of America, Maryland's Optometrist of the Year (1967), National Optometrist of the Year (1968). He served as a Member of the Maryland House of Delegates for 10 years, Speaker Pro Tem (1971-75), and another 28 years in Maryland's State Senate 'til 2003. He was a member of the Southern Regional Education Board and chaired the Chesapeake Bay Trust. In a lifetime advocating for education, environment, and health, Art was committed to public service while keeping his family his first priority. He left the world a far better place while helping those he could. He was a member of the American Legion, [VFW](#), Kiwanis, as well as member and former president of Beth Torah Congregation. A funeral service will be held 11 a.m. Monday, February 20, 2012 at Beth Torah Congregation in Adelphi, Maryland. Burial will follow at the Mt. Lebanon Cemetery. Donations may be made to the Chesapeake Bay Trust, Sen. Arthur Dorman Scholarship Fund or a [charity of your choice](#) . Arrangements entrusted to TORCHINSKY HEBREW FUNERAL HOME, 202-541-1001.



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