

## Dr. Edmund Shimberg

Edmund Shimberg, Ph.D. of Haddonfield NJ on March 21, 2020 at age 94.

Born Bronx, NY August 23, 1925

BS Long Island University 1948

Ph.D. New York University 1956

From internship to his retirement at age 93, Dr. Shimberg practiced psychology two weeks shy of 70 years. He was one of the first in private practice in Southern New Jersey and, among other numerous publications, penned *The Handbook of Private Practice in Psychology* (Brunner/Mazel 1979) which went to a second printing and was used by universities as a textbook.

Dr. Shimberg spent 42 years in the United States Navy retiring as a Captain. He entered the Navy in October of 1943 and served as a corpsman with the United States Marines. He landed and served with the Marines at the Battle of Okinawa. When the war ended, he continued to serve with the Marines as a Navy Corpsman in Tientsin, China for six months. Dr. Shimberg later received his commission as a Naval Officer in 1951. He served during the Korean War at the Marine Corps Recruit Depot in San Diego, California. Captain Shimberg retired after completing his last tour of duty as Commanding Officer CMCHS 104 at the Philadelphia Naval Hospital in October 1985.

He reentered private life in 1953, serving over the course of his career at various hospitals and clinics as Chief Psychologist. These included: Rehabilitation Center, Children's Hospital, Buffalo, NY; MH Beeman Child Guidance Clinic, Niagara Falls, NY; Psychiatric Clinic for Gloucester County, Woodbury, NJ and the Child Guidance Clinic, Lankenau Hospital, Philadelphia, PA. He was then in full time private practice from 1974 until his retirement in June of 2019. During his long career, he served on various boards and was a member of the Board of Psychological Examiners, the licensing board for New Jersey, in 1978.

Dr. Shimberg loved to read, travel and cook, and he engaged in these activities with gusto. Although his grandkids likely never read an encyclopedia, their grandfather was a human substitute for one. They would joke "Who needs Google?" With a quick wit and a knack for story- and joke-telling he made an impact on all he encountered – and he would talk to everyone.

He is survived by his wife of 58 years Betty S. (Seiff), his daughter Ellen of Philadelphia, PA, son Charles of Haddonfield, NJ, and four grandsons-Joshua Blass, Jacob DeBlecourt, Harrison Shimberg and Zachary Shimberg.

Funeral was private on March 24, 2020. Donations in his memory to Interfaith Caregivers. 20 Chestnut St, Haddonfield, NJ 08033