



Raphael Antonio Reiner

March 17, 1927 - October 13, 2008

R.A. (Ray) Reiner died on October 13, 2008. He was born in New Jersey on March 17, 1927. During World War II, he volunteered to serve in the United States Army as an Infantry private. He performed active federal military service in the United States Army for over 25 years, retiring as a Lieutenant Colonel of Artillery in 1970. Following the earning of a doctorate at New Mexico State University in 1973, he was employed by the Office of Academic Affairs at Sam Houston State University. He retired from Sam Houston State University in 1995 as Associate Vice President for Academic Affairs, Emeritus. He desired that immediately following his death his body be cremated and that his remains be interred at the Federal Cemetery at Fort Bliss, Texas.

Tribute Wall



“ *Raphael Antonio Reiner*

November 15, 2022 at 08:33 PM



“ *Dear Mrs. Reiner,
I am so sorry to hear about Dr. Reiner's passing. I knew Dr. Reiner when I worked in Human Resources in the late 80's & early 90's. His happiness & friendliness was so obvious that it was contagious; he was a real joy to be around & work for. Please accept my condolences to you & your family. God bless, Jacqueline Nobani*

Jacqueline Nobani - December 23, 2008 at 02:20 PM



“ *We send our condolence to the family.
We enjoyed his humor and will miss him.
The Pate's*

Gaston and Helen Pate - October 21, 2008 at 11:17 PM



“ *Dear Leta, I am so sorry for your unimaginable loss. I know comfort will not come to you for some time...may your grief pass through you gently,*

Maureen Samuels - October 16, 2008 at 09:21 PM

NJ

“ Leta, Dr. Ray touched so many lives during his tenure at Sam. I do appreciate so much the working relationship and the thoughtfulness you both gave to me while I was at Sam as the Alumni Director (1977-1992). He will be greatly missed. I send you my love and prayers. Norma Dell

Norma Dell Jones - October 16, 2008 at 03:48 PM

BN

“ Leta, So sorry to read of Dr. Reiner's passing. He was a special person. I enjoyed working with him at Sam Houston. My prayers will be with you during your time of sorrow.

Beverly Conner Niederhofer - October 16, 2008 at 02:55 PM

RD

“ Leta & family, We are so saddened at the loss of Ray. He was an extraordinarily gifted leader who maintained high standards, integrity, loyalty, family values, and a deep compassionate attitude towards humanity. His life impacted many for the greater good. He will always be loved by his friends and fondly remembered as a true, decent, honest, wonderful person. May God Bless and comfort you all.

Robert & Ruverna Dunning - October 15, 2008 at 07:08 PM

TK

“ Leta--
You and your family are in my thoughts and prayers. May God grant you strength and courage in the days ahead and may you be blessed by wonderful memories of Dr. Reiner, your life together and his contributions to Huntsville and higher education.

Twila A Kirkpatrick - October 15, 2008 at 02:20 PM

AU

“ Dear Leta,

John and I send our warmest thoughts to you at this time. You know how much we cared for Ray. He was an amazing person, and we held, and still hold, the deepest affection for him. We will miss him always.

His bravery was not confined to the military or his courage in dealing with his illness. His volunteering to take me on as a kid sister after my Brother Bernie died is another example of true courage. Ray grew up in our small town of South Amboy, New Jersey. Ray was considered part of our family and spent many days in our home. He and Bernie were best buddies growing up and remained close until death took Bernie away. The best inheritance I received from my eldest brother was his best friend. For the past nine years, Ray supported me in true brotherly fashion. Each day I looked forward to receiving the most entertaining and informative emails from him. His wry and sophisticated sense of humor still brings a smile to my face, including our duet in singing the Whiffenpoof Song. He is etched in my heart forever.

When Ray chose a wife...he chose the very best. I am so happy that he was able to spend these many decades of his life with you.

With love,

Anita and John Usmiani

Anita Usmiani - October 15, 2008 at 02:20 PM

DW

“ Leta, Lisa and family,

I am so sorry for your loss and extend my deepest sympathy. I have many fond memories of my association with Dr. Reiner on the second floor of the Administration Building. His smile and the twinkle in his eyes always brightened the days. I always looked forward to seeing him at the the annual Christmas lunch and will now miss his presence at this event.

Dorothy Wooten - October 15, 2008 at 02:04 PM

AJ

“ Our memory of Dr. Reiner go back to the early 1960's when we were stationed together at Sam Houston State University in the Military Science Department. Dr. Reiner was a major then. Later, I enjoyed working with him at the university. Dr. Reiner will be remembered by us as a good, kind man and seemed always be happy. Our prayers are with you, Mrs. Reiner.

Art and Jeannine Jacoby - October 15, 2008 at 12:19 PM

SC

“ Leta, so sorry to learn of Ray's passing. He was a very special person whom I know will be missed by many. My heart felt prayers are with you. It was nice seeing both of you recently in the hospital lobby. Never dreamed time would be cut so short, but I recall his last words to me were: "it's ok, I've lived a long life and I'm ready to go" What a brave man! May God bless you and ease your tears and pain., after all it's only a temporary separation until we are all called into the arms of our Lord. LUV U.

Sharon Carter - October 14, 2008 at 04:22 PM