



Richard I. Reuter

September 4, 1937 - June 2, 2014

Richard I. Reuter, 76, of Rockford died on June 2, 2014 at 11:15 a.m. in SwedishAmerican Hospital. Born on September 4, 1937 in Elgin, son of Irving and Dorothy (Fox) Reuter. Formerly employed as a Brick Layer for National Acid Proofing in Chicago. Richard married his best friend, Linda Rosborough on September 27, 2002. He loved spending time outdoors, enjoying nature and chopping wood. Richard could be found tending to his Paso Fino Horses, or gardening with his dog Oz by his side. He was an accomplished cook, creating meals from his summer bounty of vegetables that he canned and preserved. Survived by wife, Linda; children, Kimberly (Barry) Gutfeld of Washington, NC, Richard (Heather) Reuter of Poway, CA, Barbara (Mike) Dooley of Seattle, WA; several grandchildren and great-grandchildren; siblings, Kenneth Reuter of Belvidere, and Renee Smith Elgin. Preceded in death by his parents; infant brother; brother, John Reuter; sister, Sherry Senior; and sister-in-law Dorothy Reuter. No services are scheduled. Donations in Richard's memory may be made to the American Heart Association, or American Cancer Society. Grace Funeral & Cremation Services is assisting the family. To share a memory or condolence, visit www.graceFH.com.

Tribute Wall

BG

“ *My best memory is of our conversations when I would tell you I was OOP! Out of Pickles. You were the best father in law, father, grandfather and great grandfather. I wasn't close to either of my parents. You were such a good host when we would visit. Kim is going to have to pick up the canning of beets, salsa and pickles this year. Love you Pops! Barry Gutfeld*

Barry Gutfeld - June 22, 2014 at 02:33 PM

NR

“ *Grampy Dick, I'll always remember the quarry days when I was little. My favorite memory with you was when you took Corinne and I to Wisconsin to get the most fresh, salty string cheese I've ever had in my life, remember that taste like it was yesterday and I've loved string cheese every day since but can't seem to find one that taste quite that good! I also love the story of when you first came to visit us in NC and I came running out "Grampy Dick, Grampy, come see our cat, his name is Timothy, he's blind and he can't see neither!" You asked Mom what happened to her child, she doesn't sound like us! I'll always be your southern Gerber baby! Love and miss you lots already!*

Nancy Rakauskas - June 07, 2014 at 05:20 PM

NR

“ *Nancy Rakauskas lit a candle in memory of Richard I. Reuter*



Nancy Rakauskas - June 07, 2014 at 05:12 PM

AH

“ *Condolences to all the Reuter family. I have so many fond memories of being at the Reuters house on the quarry. Dick was so much fun and so kind to let all us kids hang out at his house all the time. I'm sure he will be greatly missed.*



Abbe Gutierrez Heidorn - June 07, 2014 at 03:21 PM

KG

Thanks Abby! I can't wait til we see each other.

Kimberly Gutfeld - June 22, 2014 at 02:38 PM

MC

“ *Your family is in our thoughts and prayers.*

Mchael - June 06, 2014 at 09:06 PM

MC

“ *Love and Condolences to You, Barry and the Family! Michael & Masha Coy*

masha Coy - June 05, 2014 at 09:56 PM



“ *Linda,*

Our thoughts and prayers are with you. I had the pleasure of meeting Dick at Midwest Heart .He will always be my favorite patient from there. And even better Brad and I had the opportunity to have you out to ride with us once. What beautiful horses and wonderful people you are. I will remember Dicks smile , riding through the woods with us.

. All our love, Brad and Laura Pell

Laura Abel Pell - June 05, 2014 at 06:37 PM

MI

“ *Michael lit a candle in memory of Richard I. Reuter*



Michael - June 05, 2014 at 05:33 PM

SA

“ *Rick and I send our deepest sympathy on your loss. Dick was loved by everyone who came in contact with him. I remember so many fun trailrides with "Dickels" and how he loved to make Indy and Trav dance for the unsuspecting hikers in the forest preserves. I'll never forget the conversation we had about attaining certain levels in Dressage and his comment about his getting leveled everytime he took Trav for a ride - always makes me laugh to think about that conversation. Also remembered calling him the Swan Man after going 3 rounds with the swan in the Quarry. Dick was a special guy who brought so much joy and laughter to those around him. Rest in Peace, Dick. Rick & Sandy*

Sandy - June 05, 2014 at 08:39 AM

CH

“ Carrie Hudson lit a candle in memory of Richard I. Reuter



Carrie Hudson - June 04, 2014 at 09:24 PM

LR

“ Linda Reuter lit a candle in memory of Richard I. Reuter



Linda Reuter - June 04, 2014 at 08:53 PM

MA

“ Our hearts go out to all of you, Stu and I are truly going to miss Dick and all the entertainment he provided! From mowing fields in the middle of the night on his lawn mower to being willing to take a "quick trip" to Arizona to pick up a horse he was always a great neighbor and more important great friend.

Mary Anderson - June 04, 2014 at 01:37 PM

JS

“ I am pretty certain that when he arrived in heaven his orange speedo was waiting his arrival. Will always miss you Uncky as its you that gave me summers I will always remember. I love you and will remember you always.

Jean Samples - June 04, 2014 at 01:35 PM

KG

“ Kimberly Gutfeld lit a candle in memory of Richard I. Reuter



Kimberly Gutfeld - June 04, 2014 at 01:22 PM

KG

“ *Kimberly Gutfeld lit a candle in memory of Richard I. Reuter*



Kimberly Gutfeld - June 04, 2014 at 10:48 AM

 Renee Smith

“ *I will miss my brother dearly. He fought a good fight but I'm glad he is not struggling anymore. I loved the way he could get people riled up, me included. But while he was stirring things up, there was a twinkle in his eyes. He was a very loving person and had a heart for the underdogs in this life. He will be missed by many of the people whose life he touched. Many thanks to Linda for everything you did to try and make him comfortable and well. I know it wasn't easy. I am so sorry for your loss. May God give all of you the peace that passes all understanding.*

Renee Smith - June 04, 2014 at 08:47 AM

RR

“ *Rick Reuter sent a virtual gift in memory of Richard I. Reuter*



Rick Reuter - June 03, 2014 at 09:51 PM

RR

“ *Rick Reuter lit a candle in memory of Richard I. Reuter*



Rick Reuter - June 03, 2014 at 09:49 PM

CH

So sorry to hear about your dad Kim. My thoughts and prayers are with you and the family. Carrie Hudson

Carrie Hudson - June 04, 2014 at 09:26 PM



Kim, Rick, Linda, Renee & Ken, Sorry to hear the loss of Dick and hang on to all the great memories he brought to us all. The Fletcher family will always have great memories of him at the quarry.....GOD BLESS! Vicki Fletcher -Navin

Vicki Fletcher Navin - June 07, 2014 at 10:31 PM