



Larry Henry Reeker

February 2, 1943 - April 6, 2012

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Dr. Larry Reeker, who grew up in Ephrata, died April 6, 2012 in Wilmington, North Carolina. He was 69 years old. Larry Henry Reeker was born February 2, 1943, in Spokane, WA, the only child of Walter M. Reeker and Frances Miles Reeker. The family moved to Ephrata after Walter returned from service as a U.S. Navy Lieutenant during World War II. Walt Reeker operated several businesses in Ephrata, and taught in the local schools. He passed away in Ephrata in 1981. Frances was also a teacher and for many years was a guidance counselor at Chief Moses Junior High in Moses Lake; she passed away in 1997.

Larry attended Ephrata schools and graduated from Ephrata High School, Class of 1961. He was Student Body President, lettered in tennis, and was active in debating, 4H and Holy Trinity Lutheran Church. He graduated from Yale University in 1964 and went on to receive his PhD in Computer Science from the Carnegie-Mellon University. His career included senior positions in academia at Ohio State University, the Universities of Oregon, Arizona, and Queensland, Australia; Tulane University, and with the BDM Corporation, the Institute for Defense Analyses, and the National Science Foundation. He retired in 2009 as Senior Computer Scientist with the National Institutes of

Standards and Technology, in the Washington D.C. area.

In addition to his wife, Dr. Gail Bleach of Silver Spring, Maryland, he is survived by former wife, Linda Karman, and by his four loving children: son Amb. Philip T. Reeker and his wife Solveig, of Washington, D.C.; son David A. Reeker, and his wife Laura, of Bend, OR; daughter Christina R. Davenport, and her husband Patrick, of Bend, OR; son Seth S. Reeker of Tempe, Arizona; a stepson, Greg Reeker; and three grandchildren, Connor, Ethan, and Kylie Davenport.

A memorial service will be held at 1:00 PM on Saturday, July 14, at Nicoles Funeral Chapel in Ephrata. Larry will be interred next to his parents at Ephrata Cemetery. Donations may be made In Memory of Larry H. Reeker, to the Alzheimer's Association (www.alz.org), or to a favorite charity.

Cemetery Details

Ephrata City Cemetery

333 E St. S.W.
Ephrata, WA

Previous Events

Service

JUL 14. 1:00 PM (PT)

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