



## Richard L. "Rick" Reed, Sr.

January 14, 1948 - February 2, 2007

Mr. Richard L. "Rick" Reed, Sr., age 59, of Utica, passed away unexpectedly on Friday, February 2, 2007, at the Faxon-St. Luke's Healthcare Center. Born in Rome, NY on January 14, 1948, Rick was the son of the late Menzo and Cora (Compo) Reed. Raised and educated in Rome, he was a 1966 graduate of RFA. A veteran of the US Army, Rick was stationed in Germany and was a member of the 331st General Hospital Unit of the Elihu Root Army Reserve Center. In 1970, it was "love at first sight" for Rick and the former Barbara Basile, and on August 29, 1972 they entered into a beautiful union, blessed with unconditional love and friendship.

At one time, Rick was employed at the Revere Copper & Brass, Inc. Currently, he worked at the Faxon-St. Luke's Healthcare Center as a dedicated operating room technician where he especially enjoyed working with his friends in the OR and X-Ray Departments. A man with an exemplary work ethic, Rick also served as a unit administrator for the 331st of the Elihu Root Army Reserve Center.

Rick was a tolerant and gentle man with strength of character and a willingness to help whenever it was needed. He never said 'no'. His family was his greatest accomplishment, and as a father and husband he was constant in his support and care. He would sacrifice anything to help his children. His grandchildren were the light of his life, and he supported them by attending their football games and other events. He looked forward to his annual trips to Pennsylvania, and an occasional stop at the Casino with his

wife, Barbara, and he always enjoyed a game of golf as well as having lunch with his son. He always looked forward to having late night talks and watching his favorite shows with his daughter. He felt that 'money is not worth anything if you don't have your health'.

Rick is survived by the love of his life, his wife Barbara; his beloved children, Richard "Ricky" Jr. and Stacy Reed of Frankfort, and Melissa Reed of Utica; and his grandchildren, Morgan, "Pa's girl", and Jordan, "his little man". Also surviving are his brothers and sister-in-law, William and Virginia Tuttle, and Robert Reed, all of Rome; his sister and brother-in-law, Charron and Robert Thomas of California; his many nieces, with special mention of Michele Scheddin, nephews, especially Billy Scheddin; great-nieces, great-nephews, especially Justin, and Katy, and several cousins; and his mother-in-law, Natalie Basile; sister-in-law, Elizabeth Fobare; and in-laws, Bill and Roseann Scheddin. Rick also leaves his many special friends, with special remembrance of Dave Cox and their Chinese lunches. He was predeceased by his sister, Ruth; his brother, Donald; his father-in-law, Vito L. Basile; and his brother-in-law, Eugene Fobare.

Heartfelt gratitude is expressed to all those who responded in their efforts to aid Rick.

Visitation will be held Tuesday from 4-7 at the Eannace Funeral Home, Inc., 932 South St., corner of Hammond Ave. By family request, please omit floral offerings. Relatives and friends are respectfully invited to attend Rick's Celebration of Life with Military Honors, which will commence on Tuesday at 7:00 pm at the conclusion of visitation. Interment will take place in St. Mary's Cemetery on Wednesday afternoon at 1:30.

"Thank you for all you did with love, through the years.

You will always be in our hearts".

Love, Barbara

# Tribute Wall



“ Popppy,

*I missy u sooo much.....its sooo unfair that ure no longer w. us. 3 years almost and i still cant get over the worst dat of my ife, the day i found out u had passed away. ill never 4get when daddy told me , i just ran into my room & cried 4 an hour. then went into daddys room & decided that i had 2 be brave 4 him... so i layed down next 2 him, gave him a huge hug & told him everything will b alright.... but that was a total lie.... sometimes i wonder how i just get through the day w.out u in my life.... sometimes i just feel like going into a little corner and crying for days. but ik that i cant do that cuz i have 2 b strong 4 every1 else.... espeacially daddy.... & nana.... & meme. if i lose it then they might too..... & that would b very selfish of me.... & sometimes i just cant hold it in anymore & i lose it in fromt of my friends...like right now.... but then i feel eally bad and know that i have 2 stop and pull it all 2 gether b4 they get annoyed or mad at me....well i just felt that i had 2 talk 2 u quick...srry 2 bother u .....i miss u and love u soooo much.....ik u cant answer verbaly, or in person, but deep down ik that u r getting this and reading it right now & that some how u will answer it, in ure own way.... love ya... & miss ya tone*

*Luv,*

*Mo-Mo##imported-begin##momo##imported-end##*

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November 02, 2009 at 07:44 PM



“ Poppy,

*I love u SOOOOO much. I just wish that i could express how much i love u. its just not the same without u around here. Every time i go over nanas i just want 2 c u running over 2 me giving me a huge hug & abig kiss, & calling me "pas girl".*

*I try my best 2 impress u every daay in skool. im sure u already know but im on the njhs, with a average of 92. I need some help in ss & sometimes sceince, but im really good in math & spanish. I just want u 2 b proud of me & love me a ton!!! I know i dont always behave & im really sorry about that but i doo try my best.*

*Sometimes i just feel like my whole world is crashing down on me, & everything is coming tumbling down. But then i remember "u", & those few people in the world who couldnt live without me, & who really & truly love me.*

*U know im going up 2 camp this weekend. I got my monthly gift today though, yippe!!! jkjk, but im sure ill find something 2 talk about and 2 do up there. just cuz i cant swim this weekend dosnt mean i cant have fun, right?*

*Sooo...what have u been up to up there? I hope u know that we all miss u, & love u VERY much down here, i know i dont write much or talk 2 ya much but i do love u & so do a lot of people. I know that god wouldnt have taken u unless he thought he had 2... but i still wish it wasnt u, i mean out of ALL of the horrible people in this world, yu?? i ask myself that question a lot. U were a WONDERFUL person. A father, husband, freind, grandfather, uncle, brother, co-worker.... etc. & i know that now u r getting all of the rest & relaxation that u deserve. u were always at work, holidays, birthdays, famiy dinners, & well almost every day, but we understood. We all knew that u did it 4 the 1s u love/loved. However i do wish that u didnt work quite as much, so we could have seen more of u. I also wish that u would have known what was going 2 happen so u could stop it, & if u did or felt funny, y didnt u do or say anything about it. Were u in pain? were u tired? were u stressed? Y didnt u say anything?, or did u, & were we all just too stupid 2 lsten or even 2 care at the time. Maybe we were all just too busy 2 notice. Did u try 2 worn us? Did u want 2 go so u could rest 4 oce? Was it*

*something that i or anyone else did? maybe we pushed u too far, or did u push ureself too far? Well now its about 2:25 am, sooo... i think that im going 2 try 2 head 2 bed now. But i just always want u 2 remember 1 thing, & that is, I LOVE U!!!!!!!!!!!!##imported-begin##MOMO##imported-end##*

July 17, 2009 at 02:33 AM



“ poppy,

*you have no idea how much i miss you. Its just soooo ttly unfair you had to leave. I soo wish i new what to say but i dont. I feel horrible that i havnt talked to you or at least write like i am now I guess for some reason i felt i had to hold it in for someone, that i had to be strong and not cry, not care.:( But the truth is i just want to hold you, see you, kiss, you one more time. I just wish i wouls have seen you moree often, that ypou werent always working. Its weird you were always working so much that although you have been gone for almost 2 years now it still feels like your not even gone, that your just at work for a realllly loooong time. I just dont think it was fair that you had to leave. I mean there is soooo many bad people out there that got to stay, and yuet you didnt. I guess i just dont understand. You were my best friend,i just fell sooo lost without you. When you left i thought my life was ended in a blink of an eye. You left and it felt like the worldd was over. well anyway i just dont get it thats all. well i love you and dont you ever forget it.*

*always,*

*Pas girl :(##imported-begin##pas girl##imported-end##*

January 19, 2009 at 11:15 PM



“ Dad, You've been gone for 4 months now and it seems like forever. I wish everynight before I go to bed that I will wake up the next morning and you will be here and that this all a dream. Everyday I look at your picture and cry because I miss you so much and need you here. It is so unfair that he took you away from us when you still had so much stuff you wanted to do. You couldn't wait to retire and spend the much needed time you and mom deserved. You couldn't wait to finally get to watch your grandkids grow up and get to see all their games and concerts that you missed in the past because you were working so we could have everything we wanted. I'm sorry that I expected so much from you. You were always there for me no matter what you were doing. One thing I need to ask from you now is to please give me the strength to get through this. Give me a sign that everything is going to be OK. Wish i could just get a big hug from you right now or hear your laugh one more time. I love you and miss you more than ever. Thank you again for all you have done for me over the past 29 years. Love MEME##imported-begin##MEME##imported-end##

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June 03, 2007 at 01:39 PM



“ Dad, I don't know what to do anymore. I just want to call you and go to lunch one more time with you. I am trying to be strong and make you proud of me, but I just want to scream, and I want answers. Why did you have to work so hard, why couldn't you have taken it easy. We would have gotten by just fine. I call your voice mail so many times a week just hoping that this is just a bad dream and you will answer the phone just one more time. I am so angry right now, this isn't right, I should not be writing this letter, I should not be making weekly trips to the cemetery, and we should be getting excited about our trip to florida, and watching Jordan and Morgan play sports this year. I hope you were proud of me, and I hope I can make you proud of me now. i will try my best to do what is best for mom. Please, please give her the strength to get through this. I can't lose her too. We need her to get through this. Dad, I hope you knew how much you mean to me, and how much we are going to miss you. I love you!!!!##imported-begin##Ricky##imported-end##

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March 29, 2007 at 11:25 PM



“ 3-17-2007

Dad,

*Where do I even begin.? I have so many questions that will never be answered. Why on that day were YOU taken from us? If I put gas in the car the day before would it even have happenend? Why didn't it happen to someone who deserved it? Why did he decide to take you? The past 6 weeks have been SOOO hard without you there. Everyday I wake up at 7:00am thinking I'm going to her your voice. Hear you ask BOO to come with you. I am so depressed and angry that I do not know what to do. 10:45 comes around and I'm so used to hearing you come home. It is so quiet now. All i can do at night is sit and think of all the great things you are going to miss. yes i know you will be there but YOU won't be. love and miss you soooooo much. I hope you are finally getting the rest you need and having your fun with Dale SR. Sure you've been on that track more than once. Thank you for ALL that you have ever done for me and I will NEVER forget it. You were the greatest father any girl could have. I 'm gonna miss our Nip/Tuck tuesday's. and our lunches . I love you and Miss you and I know you are watching over me. Have the fun you finally deserve and please give Mom the strength to get trough all this. She loves you and misses you more than anything. take care, I LOVE YOU! ME-ME##imported-begin##MEME##imported-end##*

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March 17, 2007 at 02:05 AM



“ Wow, life hasnt been the same with out you. When I went to Utica it just seemed as you were gone or at the store, but part of me knows that you arent going to be there again. I remember going to Utica and seeing you or walking past you and you pulled my pony tails and blamed it on someone else besides you. You were a great uncle but now you arent here anymore and it just seems that there is a hole in my heart waiting to be filled by your love and comfort. All I want is that hole filled. And everyday I think of you and how you used to sit there and watch NASCAR. When I was watching it the other day, all that came to my mind was YOU and wishing that you were here. I remember you sitting there in the chair next to the refridgerater while I was on your lap. And thats the part that I miss a lot. And thats all that I wish I bring back. And also you were an amazing Uncle. You were there for me anytime , whether it was watching T.V with me or playing a game with me. Looking at all of your friends and family signing this you were a great guy all around.. And I know right now you are watching over me write this letter. And I will always talk to you no matter how far you are, but you will never me to far away from my heart.....  
I love you and miss you a lot. I just hope your happy.--  
Kaitlyn###imported-begin##Kaitlyn S, Your neice###imported-end##

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March 01, 2007 at 10:52 PM



“Dad, As i write this letter, it is about 45min away from being a week since I got the call that you were taken away from us. I have tried 3 times to write this and I could not get the words out right. I do not know why you were taken from us, and maybe we never will know, but there must be a lesson to learn from all of this. God, must have a new job for you, and I hope you are okay. I am sure you are angry and confused like the rest of us that all this has happened. You are my hero, you are my dad, I thought you would be here forever, there was nothing you couldn;t do. I just hope I can be half the man you were, and be as good a father to Morgan and Jordan as you were to me and melissa. I will try to do the best I can taking care of mom, she told me not to promise you anything and I am not going to, but I will do the best I can. I was not expecting the amount of people that showed up at the service, and the amount of entries to this website. Maybe that is why I feel the way I do right now. Maybe it hasn't set it yet, or maybe you are trying to help me be strong right now. I tried with all my might to be strong the night of the service. I had to keep it under control for mom. I am so glad we got to have lunch on thursday. Maybe it was meant to be, I don;t know. I should have worked harder, and got a better job with better hours so we could have speant more time together. Work on that driver, so we can play again someday. I love you dad, and I beleive you will show us a sign you are okay. Until we meet again dad.##imported-begin##Ricky##imported-end##

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February 09, 2007 at 11:15 PM



“Wow where to begin. You were an amazing uncle i still remeber when i was little you used to play ball with me and throw nd catch the ball nd you would be soo happy when i would hit the ball or catch it. You were always there for me no matter what the case was and you were not only an uncle but you were just an amazing guy all around i just sit here reading all of the people messages and there just soo amazing and true you helped everyone out whenever they were in need and you were a guy that always liked to sit there with me nd watch nascar or baseball on tv and just talk and catch up on things since i wasnt around much and just soo soo many memories we had between us and there is never enough positive things i would ever have to say about you besides you were an amazing amazingg uncle and guy all around

*im sorry i was unable to come up there and spend some time with you i am in a really tough situation at the moment and it would be soo soo hard on me to see that happend to you uncle rick im sorry but i just want you to kno that i hope you are up there in the sky watching over me and i just want you to know that i will always talk to you no matter how far away you are you are never too far from my heart.*

*i love you uncle rickk###imported-begin##Justin scheddin..ure nephew###imported-end##*

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February 08, 2007 at 10:24 PM



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February 08, 2007 at 10:24 PM



“ rick i will miss you so much i didnt lose a brother i lost a friend as well your big brother bob##imported-begin##robert reed##imported-end##

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February 08, 2007 at 03:58 PM



“ We are sorry to hear about your loss. Our prayers and thoughts are with you.##imported-begin##Christopher & Deanna LaPaglia##imported-end##

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February 08, 2007 at 02:54 AM



“ Dear Barbara and Family,  
We were very saddened to learn of Rick's sudden passing. We held him in high esteem and know he will be missed very much.

We are sorry we missed the services but want you to know you were in our constant thoughts and prayers.

Our deepest condolences to all of you, Barbara and we will continue to pray for all of you.

With sympathy and love,  
Cousin Joanne##imported-begin##Joanne, Rusty and Aunt Vicki##imported-end##

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February 07, 2007 at 10:32 PM



“ I was honored to work with Rick in surgery at St. Lukes Hospital. I am so sorry to hear of his passing. My deepest sympathy is extended to his family and friends. I know he will be missed.##imported-begin##Gail Kulaga##imported-end##

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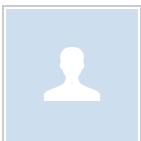
February 07, 2007 at 05:47 PM



“ To the family and friends of Rick, I just came from the sevices and was honored to see the love and support of your strong family. I have known Rick from the days of the 331st til today's 865th, he has and will always be in our hearts. May God Bless and keep you all in your time of need. Our Army Family is here too if you need anything. I am honored to have known and spent time with him.##imported-begin##Cpt Janice Atwell##imported-end##

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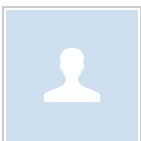
February 06, 2007 at 11:43 PM



“ I am so very sorry for your loss. I went to high school with Rich, and remember the family fondly. Your father was a very nice man, I wish I knew him better. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during this time. I am sorry I was not able to attend the calling hours, I just saw it in the paper today and I've been sick. Again, I am deeply sorry for the loss you experienced.##imported-begin##Beth Mancuso##imported-end##

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February 06, 2007 at 10:41 PM



“ I have many fond memories of Rick stemming back from working with him in the OR 16 years ago. Even though I went to 7 to 3 shift, I always enjoyed when our paths crossed to catch up on what his family was up to. If you ever walked around the hospital with Rick, he always knew everyone, and everyone always knew him. He will be greatly missed.##imported-begin##Deb Kline##imported-end##

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February 06, 2007 at 08:18 PM



“ To the family of Mr. Richard Reed, Please accept my condolences in the passing of a great soldier in my section. I spent much time with Rick while on drill weekends and annual training. He was a great asset to the OR section and to the United States Army Reserve. He will be greatly missed by everyone at the 865th CSH. Just 3 wks ago I spoke with Rick about his #8 racedriver on the wall and about all his grandchildren's pictures on his office wall. He was very proud of them and enjoyed talking about them, his children, and wife. He was counting down the days till he retired on his office wall also. I was so excited for him and wished I could only be so close to retiring. I now hope and pray that he is at the ultimate retirement place, the kingdom of Heaven. His work is now complete here on Earth, but his memory will remain with us all forever. Sincerely yours, Vivian J. Burdick###imported-begin###LTC Vivian J. Burdick, 865th CSH, OIC OR/CMS###imported-end##

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February 06, 2007 at 08:10 PM



“ With all my condolences to the family. And Rick, you made the unit a better place to work and made life easier for a lot of people. It was a lot more fun and easier working there when you were around. You could always be counted on for whatever anyone needed. I will miss you coming down every now and then. You brought a little bit of Utica to the Big City. You will be missed.###imported-begin###Stanley Lyszczarz###imported-end##

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February 06, 2007 at 06:53 PM



“ Dear Barbara and family:  
I am so sorry i couldn't be there to express my sympathy in person. I recently moved out of the area and could not be there, I have a lot of fond memories of your family growing up, your family was always very nice to us and i will always remeber Rick sr. Please except apologys for not being able to be there in your time of need and will always have fond memories.  
Sincerly Michelle and Tom smith and family .##imported-begin##michelle smith( Dimeo) and tom smith##imported-end##

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February 06, 2007 at 06:14 PM



“ I remember when I was just a kid hanging around the reserve center and meeting Rick. He was a great man and my father, Fred always spoke highly of Mr. Reed. It seemed that whenever I would go to work with my dad at the 331st GH, I would look for things to "help" with and Rick was always so polite and gentle. I last saw Rick at my grandmother's wake and even then, he was giving my dad a hard time about me being taller than him. That is the type of guy he was, polite gentle and loyal. Rest in peace, you deserve it.##imported-begin##Robert Dziezynski##imported-end##

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February 06, 2007 at 05:52 PM



“ Barb, we extend our deepest sympathies to you and your family. Loss of a soulmate, father, grandpop, friend, and just an all around great guy. He served his country, loved his family, and now is at peace, where someday we will all meet again. Take care Barb. May God keep you and your family in the palm of His hand.##imported-begin##Ralph and Rosemarie Paladino##imported-end##

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February 06, 2007 at 03:16 PM



“ I am truly sorry for your loss and my heart goes out to the Reed family. Mr. Reed was a true soldier who took joy in helping his fellow soldiers. He will be missed.##imported-begin##SSG. Philip Nelson##imported-end##

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February 06, 2007 at 09:32 AM



“ Rick and I are similar in age and career paths. We're are both dual status technicians with the Army Reserves. I just recently got to know him and could see he was loved and respected by friends. My deepest condolences to the family.##imported-begin##Bill Stahl##imported-end##

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February 06, 2007 at 08:50 AM



“ I can remember reporting to the 31st General Hospital as a 71L. Rick was my boss. I will say one thing about "Rick".. He was very passionate about his work. Rick was a perfectionist. He taught me well. As I later progressed into my army career, I can thank Rick for my success. I can also fondly recall the lunch bunch. Vinnie, Gene, Rick and once in a while myself. We would all joke with one another and at times at each other. It was the comraderie that was common. I can also remember the summer camps. One of the summer camps I was able to assist the O.R. team in assembling the CMS department. Rick took the young SPC (me) at the time and had me help. It's times like that that helped me mature into the SSG that I became. One learns from seniority and seniority is something to be respected. I did respect Rick. Rick you were an inspiration.##imported-begin##Howard Baye SSG (R)##imported-end##

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February 05, 2007 at 11:52 PM



“ My heartfelt sorrow to Mrs. Reed, your children, and grandchildren. I served with Rick for many years and I also knew him before he went to work for the 331st as a civilian employee. He was always a kind and gentle person. I think often of the great times we had during our many years of service. Earlier, I read the note that Gino DiFondi wrote as he described Rick, himself, and Vin. You know , I could picture the three of them doing those things because they never changed. And, that's a good thing. I'll fondly remember the memories I have in all of my dealings with Rick. He was a great man, soldier, and friend. And, I know he was a great father and grandfather. God Bless you Rick.....and thanks for the memories. Mrs. Reed, please know that Rick, along with you and your family will be in our thoughts and prayers.##imported-begin##CW4 (Ret) Fred J. and Angela Dziezynski##imported-end##

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February 05, 2007 at 11:47 PM



“ To the Reed Family:  
I can't tell you how sorry I am to hear about what happened. Even though I can't be there you are all in my thoughts!! I'll always remember Rick pulling me over the fence when I was little to come over to your place!!! Rick was such a great man and always willing to help our family out, and I know we'll all miss him so much.  
Love,  
Maria##imported-begin##Maria Vallese##imported-end##

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February 05, 2007 at 10:26 PM



“ *Melissa & Family:*

*I am so sorry to hear about the loss of your father, husband and grandfather. I have known Melissa since high school and to read this in the newspaper devastated me.*

*Melissa-I will see you tomorrow at calling hours. I am so sorry for your loss, I'm not sure what to say but know as a friend I am here. Barb-Your husband was a wonderful man, I was reading all the emails sent in those emails proved what a great husband, father and grandfather he was. You will be in my thoughts and prayers Love Ann Dobbins (Zuchowski)##imported-begin##Ann Dobbins (Zuchowski)##imported-end##*

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February 05, 2007 at 10:01 PM



“ *TO The Family of Rick Reed*

*I am very sorry for your loss!*

*I worked with Rick on many occasions, but mostly rememberd are the times at Annual Training. Being the First Sgt. was not easy but with Rick by my side made it easy. His Military knowledge is unquestionable. He has always been there for the soldiers, helping them to further their careers in the military. When ever someone needed something the first person they would call was Rick. He will be deeply missed but never forgotten! May God Bless you and your family*

*A Friend Always,*

*Buzz Purrington*

*Myrtle Beach SC##imported-begin## MSG Vern (BUZZ Purrington)##imported-end##*

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February 05, 2007 at 08:37 PM



“ No words to express our heartfelt sympathy to you

*Well I hope that the memories you have ... make you smile  
And know that some day you will be with him again*

*He will be truly missed he was  
a incredible friend and family man.*

*And he was a proud grand  
father which any one could see  
Now a guardian angel to all he loved.  
God Bless.##imported-begin##Mike and Marlene  
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February 05, 2007 at 07:28 PM



“ My deepest condolence to Rick's family. I had the pleasure of  
knowing Rick for the last three years as 1SG in Utica & respected  
his dedication to the unit.

*1SG Stewart##imported-begin##1SG Gordon Stewart##imported-  
end##*

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February 05, 2007 at 06:44 PM



“ SORRY TO HEAR ABOUT YOUR LOSS, HE WILL TRULEY BE  
MISSED.

*FAMILY OF SSG DANIEL (GOOSE) GOSLING.##imported-  
begin##SSG DANIEL F GOSLING##imported-end##*

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February 05, 2007 at 05:37 PM



“ I have to say that Rick Reed was one of the most influential people in my life. To me, he epitomized all that it meant to be a father, a husband, and a co-worker.

*I met Rick for the first time in the late 80's. We were at a gathering for one of the OR Techs who was leaving the department. I liked him immediately. After I began working the 3-11 shift, I had the opportunity to work with Rick on a daily basis. I came to know him as an enormously dedicated family man. His wife, children, and grandchildren meant everything to him. Over the years we became close friends and in many ways, Rick was a mentor to me. We would talk about many things that men don't ordinarily talk about. He was that much older than I was and would offer me advice about the road that lies ahead. We spent a lot of time talking about sports. Rick was a huge fan of the New York Yankees, Giants, and of Dale Earnhardt Sr.*

*When I bought my house, Rick was there to help me through that process, including helping me move in. He allowed me to be a part of his family too. I had the privilege of photographing his sons wedding and one year at Christmas, Robin and the kids went to Pennsylvania to spend the holiday with her family. I wasn't able to get time off to make the trip, so Rick invited me to his house for the holiday. His family had a customary Italian Christmas Eve gathering with all sorts of traditional food. His loving family accepted me into there family, and they made sure that I wasn't alone for Christmas. But that was the sort of man that Rick was...a very giving, very generous man who never expected anything in return. It may be a cliché to say this, but Rick would willingly give you his last dollar and never expect repayment in return.*

*Rick and I worked the same weekends together for many years. We went through so many of the trials and tribulations that working in the OR can bring. Rick and I literally went through fire and flood together. When I became an OR Tech, Rick would constantly offer me advice and tips to make my adjustment into my new job that*

*much easier. He was always there with a warm handshake asking, "How's the family Chucko?" For Rick, family was always first. After I got my promotion, he'd greet me the same way except he wouldn't call me "Chucko"...he'd call me (with a wink and smile) "Mr. Williams". That was Rick's way of telling me to not let the promotion go to my head.*

*I know for certain that the biggest pride in his life were his grandchildren. Whenever he spoke of them, he would absolutely glow with the pride of a loving, doting grandfather.*

*There are very few people in my life that I can refer to as a true friend, but Rick was one of them. My only regret, now that he's gone, is that I was never able to fully express to him how much he meant to me, but I have a feeling he knows.*

*Whenever I think of Rick, it will be the fondest of memories, with a soft smile and a bit of sadness for the loss of a friend. A quiet, hard working, humble, family man*

*I will miss him.##imported-begin##Chuck Williams##imported-end##*

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February 05, 2007 at 05:37 PM



“ *To the Family of Rick Reed*

*I am so sorry and shocked to hear of Rick's passing.I was a member of the 331st and the 865th until my retirement in 2001.I knew him as a dedicated,caring,soldier ,always ready and willing to help.He loved his family and his "Army "family as well. He was one of a kind and will be greatly missed.My prayers and thoughts are with you at this very sad time##imported-begin##Major (R} Georgia J Ortiz##imported-end##*

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February 05, 2007 at 04:56 PM



“ Rick, I spoke with you just a few weeks ago, we were talking about retirement and family and the good ole days with Vinny Gino and you. In 28yrs we became more than fellow employees, we became the work family, we were there for each other, shared the good times and supported each other during the difficult days. You always went above and beyond to help the soldier. Whenever we spoke you always gave me an update on family and your voice was full of pride and love. Especially for the Grand Children. I will miss the emails that made me laugh and the update on " Days Of Our Lives." But most of all I will miss what most people need and that is a true freind. The four Musketeers are now three, but we will never forget you...God Bless till we meet on the high ground.....LuLu##imported-begin##COL Joan Marks Baghdad, Iraq##imported-end##

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February 05, 2007 at 03:48 PM



“ Dear Barbara and family

We are very sorry to hear about Rick's untimely death. We both have many fond memories of our military days in the 331st General Hospital. Our sympathy goes out to you and your family. Sorry we could not be there due to our vacationing in Florida.

Pat & Rachel Canarelli##imported-begin##Pat & Rachel Canarelli##imported-end##

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February 05, 2007 at 03:41 PM



“ My sincerest condolences go out to the family and friends of Rick. As a former Chief Nurse of the 865th I was deeply grateful for his dedication to the Unit and his achievements which contributed so much to its ongoing mission. He death will be deeply felt by many. My thoughts and prayers are with you at this time of great personal loss.##imported-begin##LTC Tom Costello (RET)##imported-end##

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February 05, 2007 at 03:28 PM



“ My heart and sincerest wishes go out to you in this trying time. God Bless Rick.##imported-begin##1LT Keith Bender##imported-end##

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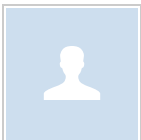
February 05, 2007 at 02:35 PM



“ I am truly sorry for your loss and my heart goes out to the Reed family. Mr. Reed was truly an individual that gave his all too any that need assistance. May God bless him and your family.##imported-begin##CPT Charles Shavers##imported-end##

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February 05, 2007 at 01:57 PM



“ I am truly sorry for your loss. Rick was a great man and a man of honor. Rick has always been there for the Soldiers. My thoughts and prayers are with you and the family. May God comfort and protect you.##imported-begin##1sgt Joseph Santiago##imported-end##

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February 05, 2007 at 11:47 AM



“ I enjoyed working with Rick while I was stationed with the 331st CSH, 1996-1999. He had a heart for all the Soldiers and families that he supported. He was a wonderful man I respected greatly. May God bless his family during this time of sorrow.

Cheryl Zeise##imported-begin##LTC Cheryl M. Zeise##imported-end##

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February 05, 2007 at 10:06 AM



“ *Mr Reed, as you liked to be called.*

*When we talked last week, you said you were tired of working so much. You spoke of the number of days till you could retire from the military job, and just work at the hospital, and be with your family. You sounded more happier then other times we have talked. We discussed our families, old friends and the great times we had at the center. Now the "Original Four Muskeeters" are all out of the building. You, Vince, Joan, and me. We had some great and funny times there. These are the things I want to remember about you Rick. I remember you, Vin and I playing Trivial Pursuit and Vin and I would always get the questions right because we were cheating and you would get furious with us when we gave you the hardest questions to answer. Our lunch club that we all four started to lose weight and all of us put it on instead. One of my fondest memories was one time when you took orders for Chinese food and stopped in my office and I asked you the order number and you told me and when you left to pick up the order, I called them and cancelled the whole thing, but you stayed there and gave it all over again and waited for our lunches. I wonder if you ever spit in them to get even. When you got back you were so mad at me I thought you were going to punch me out. When I had you walking all over Ft McCoy so I could make the taping for AGR you didn't complain at all. you were with me every step of the way. Thats what friends do, you told me. Thank you for being my friend. People had to get to know you to understand the real Rick Reed. I will miss you terribly my friend, but now you rest in peace and we will not ever forget the good friend God shared with us all. Your family and you are in our prayers and our thoughts. God Bless....Geno###imported-begin###SFC (R) Eugene A. DiFondi Jr###imported-end##*

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February 05, 2007 at 10:01 AM



“ A wonderful man, rich in spirit, who faithfully served his country. I am grateful for the opportunity to have known and served with him. My deepest sympathy to his loving family.

*Diane Boese*

*Lieutenant Colonel, US Army*

*St. Louis, MO##imported-begin##Diane Boese##imported-end##*

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February 05, 2007 at 09:43 AM



“ Mrs. Reed and family, My thoughts and prayers are with you during this time. As a reservist in the 331st and 865th, I was the frequent recipient of his knowledgeable assistance and am so aware of the tireless efforts he made for the soldiers. Ironically one memory is Rick's immediate response when I called him on his day off to set up military honors for one of our fallen comrades. He was always there and had the answers to our numerous questions. May you take comfort in knowing how much Rick will be missed by all whose lives he impacted. Your battle is over Rick; rest well and thanks.##imported-begin##Alice Harrer##imported-end##

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February 05, 2007 at 09:01 AM



“ To all those that loved or cared for this great man: I knew Mr. Reed from his work / assistance to me , at the 865th CSH. I did know of him that he never closed his door. He positioned himself in his office to always welcome me and help me. I could always go to Mr. Reed to find out what I needed. He will be missed greatly by me at our Unit and with what I've read here on visitations he was loved deeply. I am truly sorry for your lose Mrs. Reed / family/ friends, and I send support, love and comfort in this most trying time. Lt Eva Pecor, RN - CSH, Utica , NY##imported-begin##LT Eva Pecor##imported-end##

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February 05, 2007 at 07:33 AM



“ I have never served with anyone with as high a level of conviction for duty as Rick Reed. He was the ever vigilant and ever faithful soldier who was willing to take on the brunt of the battle to save those he lived to serve. May the lives of those he touched do the same for others in memory of him.  
Rest in peace friend.##imported-begin##MAJ Cliff Gehrke##imported-end##

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February 04, 2007 at 11:08 PM



“ Mrs Reed, and family

*My deepest regrets and much sorrow in your loss of Rick. I was in the reserves with Rick, and he helped me out on numerous issues during my career. He was very much appreciated by me. It was just last Sunday at Walmart we talked as you were checking out before us. My prayers go out to you all, and if there is anything I can do to help you out please let me know. Sadly I am in Fla and will not be able to attend the services.*

*Mitch Beauchamp LTC Reired##imported-begin##Mitchell A Beauchamp##imported-end##*

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February 04, 2007 at 09:29 PM



“ I am so sorry for your loss. He was a great man.

*My thoughts and prayers are with you and the family.##imported-begin##MAJOR Diane GreenPope##imported-end##*

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February 04, 2007 at 09:20 PM



“ God has called Rick to a higher calling and purpose. We have lost a very talented military man and special friend. May he rest in eternal peace. --- Donald and Carmelita, Daytona Beach, FL##imported-begin##Col Donald and Mrs. Baehm, USAR (Ret.--331st GH)##imported-end##

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February 04, 2007 at 08:48 PM



“ I am truly sorry for your loss. Rick was a man of integrity, who could be counted on to take care of the Soldiers of any unit to which he was assigned.##imported-begin##LTC Steve Ferst##imported-end##

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February 04, 2007 at 07:10 PM



“ I am so sorry to hear about your loss. My prayers and thoughts are with you and your family in this time of sorrow. He will be missed. May God Bless you.##imported-begin##SFC Roman J. Moczara-865th CSH##imported-end##

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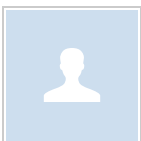
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“ we'll forever miss you. your love and caring will forever be in our hearts.##imported-begin##laurie and garywhite##imported-end##

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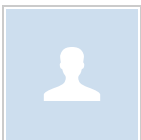


“ You're gone on before me my friend, but I'll always remember your sensitivity and caring nature. You'll never be forgotten as you left us so suddenly. Rest well my friend... God has a mission for you today.

Tom##imported-begin##SFC T. DAiuto##imported-end##

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February 04, 2007 at 04:10 PM



“ I LOVE YOU UNCLE RICKY!##imported-begin##JAY AND JODIE (REED) ACKERMAN##imported-end##

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February 04, 2007 at 04:03 PM



“ May god bless you "Rick". We will all miss you.##imported-begin##Mr. & Mrs. Howard Baye ##imported-end##

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February 04, 2007 at 12:56 PM



“ I am so sorry to hear about your loss. My prayers and thoughts are with you and in your family in this time of sorrow. I was shocked when I received the phone call Saturday evening from one fellow soldier buddy. I will miss him. May God Bless you all.

SFC Guerrero  
429th Qm Bn  
Fort Lee, Virginia##imported-begin##SFC Edward  
Guerrero##imported-end##

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February 04, 2007 at 10:14 AM



“ Sorry to hear about your loss. I know how you feel because I just lost my mom on Jan 24th. My prayers and thoughts are with you in this time of sorrow. May God Bless all of you. Laura Mucurio and family##imported-begin##Laura J. Mucurio##imported-end##

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February 04, 2007 at 09:44 AM



“ My heart goes out to you on your loss. Rick was like family to the soldiers of the 865th as well. We will all miss him. May God comfort and protect you.##imported-begin##MAJ Richard Matuszak##imported-end##

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February 04, 2007 at 06:15 AM



“ I am so sorry to hear about your loss. I have been friends with Melissa since we were little girls. And I have known her family that long as well. I wish I could be with you but please know that you and your family are in my thoughts and prayers. And if you need ANYTHING don't hesitate to call me. Your dad is in such a better place and I know you want him here but he is always in your heart. I know he was a great man and he will be dearly missed.

*I love you me-me and again, I am sorry.*

*Love,*

*Ange##imported-begin##Andrea Raiano##imported-end##*

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February 03, 2007 at 10:08 PM