



Howard S. Reiss

August 30, 1933 - August 30, 2020

Howard S. Reiss was born on August 30, 1933. He was one of three children of Victor and Lillian Reiss. Howard had an older sister, Claire who preceded him in death and a younger brother, Eddie Reiss who survives him. Howard moved to Miami, Florida with his parents from Passaic, New Jersey and was, not only the first in his family to graduate college, but also attended and graduated from Law school. Howard married and is survived and missed by his adoring and beautiful wife of 64 years, Lynn Reiss, as well as his two children Adam Reiss and Erika Reiss Ben-Zeev. Howard is also survived by his son-in-law, Ron Ben-Zeev, his daughter-in-law, Lisa Noble and five wonderful grandchildren, Alana Ben-Zeev, Hannah Reiss, Ari Ben-Zeev, David Reiss and Alexa Ben-Zeev. Howard is also survived by Kiel and Magic.

Howard and Lynn moved to Orlando, Florida in 1960. Howard and Lynn were a good team and raised their family in Central Florida. Howard was a loving; faithful husband and a child could not ask for a better parent; a friend could not ask for a better friend. Howard was a hard-working, diligent, intellectually honest, compassionate person, and an extremely well-respected attorney's attorney. Howard Reiss enjoyed the respect of his clients, the judiciary, fellow litigants, his friends, and those who had the pleasure of knowing him. Howard practiced law in a different time period and was truly a professional. Never boastful, never a braggart and never self-aggrandizing; always ethical. He never demanded respect; he commanded respect. Howard always made the time to be with and was generous with his family and his family was his priority.

On August 19, 2020, Howard Reiss tested positive for Covid. He and his wife had been extremely cautious but more likely than not, he contracted the virus from a home healthcare worker who was not practicing and following CDC safety recommendations. A sad, premature, and preventable loss of life. Howard passed on August 29, 2020, one day before his 87th birthday. After being admitted to the hospital, his family was advised that the likelihood of surviving was extremely remote and even when one knows this dark day is coming, it is emotionally paralyzing when it arrives. Sadly, Covid has cast a gray pall over the ability to celebrate a 'life well lived'.

Howard loved making people laugh and he loved laughing. Howard liked his soup hot and pumpkin pie for dessert; he enjoyed every Sandwich! Very grateful to have many joyful memories of family vacations nearby and abroad (thanks mom!).

Howard Reiss was a positive influence and his loss will leave a void in so many people's hearts and lives. Please celebrate Howard's life as you mourn our loss. As requested, a small family service will be held at a later time.

Comments



“ I'm saddened to hear of Howard's passing. He always had a funny story or joke to share. Sending my condolences to Lynn and the Reiss Family. Martinette Mitchell

Martinette Mitchell - March 21 at 09:52 AM



“ As an attorney older than Howard I always was inspired by his vision for the future in the practice. Great sense of humor. I will miss him. Meredith Cohen

Meredith J Cohen - October 14, 2020 at 10:59 AM



“ My deepest sympathies to all the Reiss family! My heart goes out to you Erika as I know very well your love and devotion to your father was extraordinary and I feel your pain as my heart still is broken from losing my father almost 7 years ago at age 74 to pancreatic cancer. The tragic way of losing your father must be unbearable, but know that God will give you the strength to move forward with your amazing family! My prayers are with all of you!
With love from a very old friend, Debbie Greear Saffari
818-370-7004 Gig Harbor, Washington

Debbie Greear Saffari - September 06, 2020 at 02:10 PM



“ Howard was a dear friend, and with Lynn, we spent many fun hours together. Howard had a really great sense of humor.
Henry Morrell

Henry Morrell - September 06, 2020 at 01:15 PM



“ My brother Lenny and I were born in Passaic, N.J. and lived on Howard Ave. Howie used to come over and shovel our snow to help my parents, Albert and Selma Messman. My Dad and I went to visit Howie at his Orlando office many years ago. It was such a nice visit since we haven't seen each other since we were kids. Sending our love and prayers during this difficult time.

Sharon Messman Rios - September 06, 2020 at 11:34 AM



“ Sharon Messman Rios lit a candle in memory of Howard S. Reiss



Sharon Messman Rios - September 06, 2020 at 11:27 AM



“ After Gina and I were married and I was meeting all of her extended family/relatives for the first time, Howard warmly accepted me into the fold and I deeply appreciated his kindness and great sense of humor. When we had future gatherings of family for weddings, Bar/Bat Mitzvahs, etc., I always sought out Howard and enjoyed his company and repartee. He was a terrific guy. I will greatly miss him.

Gary Jarmin - September 05, 2020 at 07:07 AM



“ With great respect and admiration, I pray That you Rest In Peace Mr. Reiss “Howie”. He would have pointed out what an excellent rhyme “Peace & Reiss” was. I have many fond memories of he and his family. A funny, loving, giving, caring man. Prayers for peace and comfort to Lynn, Erika And Adam. God Bless! Hank Grimes

hank grimes - September 04, 2020 at 11:55 AM



“ My family moved in next door to Howard and Lynn Reiss and their great kids Adam and Erika, in 1972, when we bought the house in Oakleigh in Maitland. Living next door was delightful; we kids were fairly close in age and I enjoyed spending time in the Reiss' kitchen chatting with Howard and Lynn. As I grew up and went away to college and adult life, we loved coming home and dropping in. 'Twas a sad day when Howard and Lynn moved downtown! However I would see them every so often in downtown restaurants, always a treat; and I have always loved encountering Erika as she raised her family, and reacquainting with Adam on Facebook. Throughout the years, Howard was one of the funniest conversationalists I've ever known. He delivered a speech at my dad's surprise party one year, “Living Next Door to Bill Metz,” that had everyone howling with laughter. He was just a wonderful gem of a man, and my family will miss him like mad. All my love to Lynn, Adam, Erika, and their families. May Howard's memory be for a blessing.

Carolyn Metz Rosenblum - September 04, 2020 at 04:34 PM



“ As a member of the Central Florida Bar for 37 years, I can attest to Howard's formidable advocacy and dedication to his clients. Due to my 30 year close friendship with Adam, I have had the good fortune to share meals and gatherings with Howard and Lynn. I could tell many stories about Howard's honesty(at times brutal:)), warmth, and humor. I see these great qualities in my good friend Adam. And in turn, in Adam's children, Hannah and David, who I have watched grow up into two of the finest young people I know. So Adam, Hannah and David, you are my favorite memories of Howard. I see him every time I am with one of you. My deepest sympathies to you all.

Chris Smith

Christiopher Smith - September 04, 2020 at 09:30 AM



“ May Howard's memory be a blessing to all who knew him. We send prayers of comfort and healing to Lynn and the extended Reiss family. We love you all! Ann Morrell Olevitch & Bill Olevitch

Ann & Bill Olevitch - September 03, 2020 at 08:58 PM