




Harrison Reinken

February 9, 1933 - November 25, 2014

Harrison Reinken, 81, of Prescott, Arizona, born Feb. 9, 1933 in Roanoke, Illinois, passed away Nov. 25, 2014 in Prescott, Arizona. Final disposition will be privately in Glendale, Arizona.

Tribute Wall

 Mary Lopez

“ Tonight while switching channels I came across a replay of Phoenix College Commencement 2015 and it brought happy memories of my time when I attended PC. Thoughts of the teachers I met came to mind and "I wonder what happened to..." had me start googling and the first person I googled was Mr. Harry Reinken. And that's how I found out the sad news of his passing. Please accept my deepest condolences on the loss of your father. Our parents are not eternal, but Mr. Reinken had so much life; I am soooo sorry for your loss.

I went to Phoenix College in 1985 - 1987 and I was a work study student in the Business Department when Mr. Reinken was head of the Business Department. So I had contact with him Monday through Friday for those two years including summer work study. I have so many memories of that Business Department family led by Mr. Reinken. He taught me a lot about business and how to work with people. I wasn't even a business major, but he taught me a lot with his leadership and his example.

I used to make pineapple upside down cakes and bring them in to celebrate the birthdays of the other faculty members. He and Mr. Prentiss would follow me into the little kitchen area and want the first piece of that cake. Oh he was so full of life! On January 28, 1986 I can still see Mr. Reinken walking in looking shaken and he said, "The Challenger went up." I told him "Yes, today's the big day!" and he turned to me and said, "No Mary, it went up, it blew up." It had just happened a few minutes earlier. He quickly went to his office where he had a little TV, and for the rest of the day, he and the faculty would walk into his office in between classes to watch the latest reports. All those teachers were so sad, "she was one of us" he said of Christa McAuliffe. For Ann's birthday or for my birthday, or Secretary's Day (what it was called back then), he would take us out to eat. The first time I went to Piccadilly Cafeteria it was with Mr. Reinken and some of the other faculty. Beef Eaters, China Doll and sometimes PC cafeteria:)

The last time I saw him was after many years at Mrs. Reinken's funeral. I had met Mrs. Reinken several times. That morning I had read the newspaper and saw her obituary so I had to go and pay my

respects. When he saw me there at Resthaven he was just so happy to see me, in spite of the circumstances. He called over Mr. Prentiss, "Chuck look who's here! It's Mary." He was so surprised, but I went to pay respects to Mrs. Reinken and to let Mr. Reinken know that I was thinking of him and that he would be in my prayers. He was so touched. We shared a short visit and that was the last time I saw him. Now, they are together. And again, this time I pay my respects to Mr. Reinken, you were a great man. Godspeed! And to you his family please know that this former student is thinking of you and you will be in my prayers.

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as he should be remembered... smiling and happy. A kind and gentle man.

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I was only privileged to meet my cousin Sylvia & her husband Harry once in 1978. They were both so friendly and welcoming. David or Sunshine if you see this please contact me. With our older generation leaving us, I would like to establish a way for the descendants of Jim & Alice to stay connected. Betty Cuthbert (Daughter of Lora's sister Etta) Cuthbert_fla@msn.com

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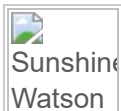
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I pass by there and PC every day and think of dad. Thanks for sharing.

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