



Eugene Arthur Reiber

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Born In Tacoma, WA May 30, 1930 to Anna and Frederick Reiber. He went to be with the Lord on the morning of September 1, 2014. Eugene (known to friends and family as Gene) graduated from Lincoln High School in 1948 and Pacific Lutheran College in 1952. While at PLC he played right field and first base for the Lute's baseball team. He later earned a master's degree in education from Oregon State University in 1964.

After college, he joined the US Army, achieving the rank of Sergeant in 1953. He served in the Army for 3 years as a Morse Code interceptor in Okinawa, Japan and continued his service as a member of the Army Reserve from 1955-1960. Gene taught for the Department of Defense Dependents Schools in Babenhausen and Augsburg Germany in the '50's and '60's. From 1967-1985, he taught 4th grade at Point Defiance Elementary School.

He is preceded in death by his parents Frederick and Anna Reiber and his first wife OraLee (Erickson) Reiber (deceased 1991.) Survivors of Eugene's immediate family are daughters Kathy (Doug) Mitchell and Carol (Bob) Vogeler and 4 grandchildren; McKenna and Claire Mitchell, Paul and Sonya Vogeler, step-son Joseph Zambuto and wife Beverley Dallman. Gene will be dearly missed. He loved traveling, theater, music and discussions with his Elk sauna buddies and was proud to be of "Germans from Russia" heritage.

Graveside service will be held on Monday, September 15, 2014 at 11:30am. We will meet at 11:00 am in the Forest Room in the main building at Mountain View. Gene's Celebration of Life will be at 12:30pm in the Celebration of Life's Oak Room. With the Tacoma Banjo Band performing at 12:30 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorials be designated to the Lincoln High Scholarship Fund. 307 S 37th Ave. Tacoma, WA 98418.



Events


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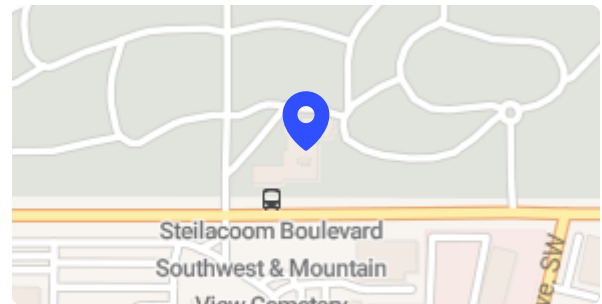
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Graveside Service

 **Monday**, September 15, 2014

 11:30 AM - 12:30 PM PT

 **Mountain View Memorial Park**
4100 Steilacoom Blvd. SW, Lakewood WA 98499

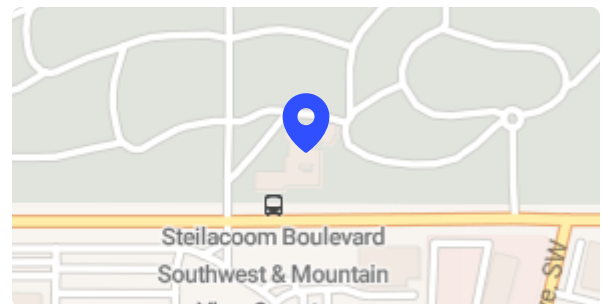


Memorial / Reception


 **Monday**, September 15, 2014


 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM PT

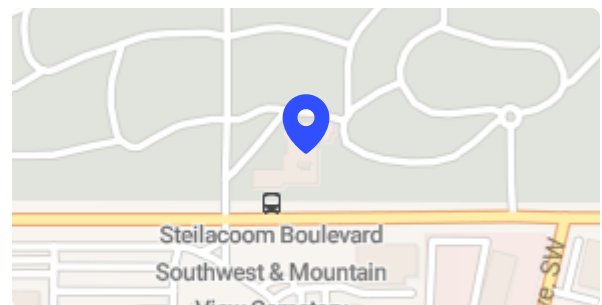
 **Mountain View Willow Room**
4100 Steilacoom Blvd SW, Lakewood WA



Cemetery Details

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 **(253) 948-9895**





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Larry Blackett posted:

Today is Thanksgiving morning, 2015. Every year at the Thanksgiving table our family takes turns stating what each of us is thankful for. I will give thanks this year to the best teacher I ever had. Mr Reiber was my 5th grade teacher at Point Defiance Elementary school (Fall 1968 school year). That was a different era. Mr. Reiber wore a suit and tie ever day and the girls wore dresses. If Mr. Reiber had any favorites, the class did not know who they were. He was strict but fair. Our classroom was in the upper floor of the old wood schoolhouse that has long since been demolished. Mr Reiber made sure that we learned our lessons. He played baseball with us in the Spring and flag football in the Fall and he taught us the rules. What a fine man. I will always remember him fondly. Larry Blackett

November 26 at 3:44 AM



Janice Miller posted:

My thoughts and prayers go out to Kathy & Carol and their families. I have great memories of your Dad and Mom along with both of you as next door neighbors on Bell Street. I remember that your Dad took great care of his roses and taught me about growing and caring for roses. I saw your Dad a couple of times at Tacoma Musical Playhouse. I am sorry for your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with both of you and your families. Blessings, Janice Miller (Norden)

September 14 at 4:45 PM



Bruce & Eileen Edwards posted:

What a nice friendly man Gene was, Eileen and I always enjoyed having a conversation with him at most of the Banjo Club's functions. We will miss his friendly smile and happy countenance. Sorry for your loss Beverly, it's our loss too. Sincerely, Bruce and Eileen Edwards

September 11 at 2:03 PM



Loraine Lewis posted:

Beverly, I tried sending a note and it didn't seem to show up---I will try again. I send my deepest sympathy to you and the family. I know it is such a devastating time. I know all of your "banjo club family" are with you now and always. I'm keeping you in my thoughts and prayers---may you find peace and comfort. One of my favorite memories of Gene is when he told his "German Coffee" story. No one will ever be able to tell that as well as Gene!!! Loraine

September 11 at 1:52 PM



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LL

Loraine Lewis posted:

Bev, I send you and the family my deepest sympathy on Gene's passing. I know it is a devastation for you. I know all of your "banjo club family" is with you now and always. One of the things I remember about Gene that always "cracked me up" was his reading of the "German Coffee" story. Nobody will ever do that as well as him. My thoughts and prayers are with you!!!!

September 11 at 12:28 PM

DL

Dennis Level posted:

Beverly, my sincere condolences to you and your entire family. I did not know Gene, having met him only at our Christmas parties. However, in reading about him, I can tell that he enjoyed quite a life! I know he will be missed.

September 11 at 11:44 AM

GJ

Gary & Judy posted:

Beverly, Our prayers go out to you. We enjoyed the times when Gene would join the banjo club for picnics and dinners.

September 11 at 9:03 AM

CO

Colleen posted:

Loved Gene imparting his sense of humor with us at banjo picnics. He was well versed in travel and could engage you in trivia of geographical sites he visited over a lifetime. My sincere, heartfelt condolences to Bev and Gene's daughters. Colleen

September 11 at 7:11 AM



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BR

Beverley Dallman-Reiber posted:

Gene Reiber: Born May 30, 1930 MEMORIAL DAY, Died September 30th, LABOR DAY ELK 174 member for 45 years. Note picture: He could still get in his Army uniform at age 76. Some priorities: Always looking for discounts, two for one, and an avid coupon clipper. RASPBERRIES: Neutered with tender loving care. Transplanted from Bell street resident in 1992 to my home, still producing great berries. Loved traveling. Many trips with HARRY HINZ travel group to Europe and Mexico. Many tours with Tacoma Musical Playhouse with Jeffery and John. Including Canada, New York, Las Vegas, San Diego. House Painter: Painted my large 4 square house, built in 1906. WHAT A FEAT. He would hang out of windows, hang over eaves with poles attached to paint brushes. Neighbors and I were relieved when he was done. GOOD JOB!! Health Issues: When handicapped with balance problems, post-knee surgery and other health issues--his spirit remained strong to the end. Dementia had its effect, but, Gene never forgot my name and called for me often. GOOD AND CARING. The above notes compiled by Gene's wife, Beverley Dallman-Reiber

September 10 at 11:57 AM

BR

Beverley Dallman-Reiber posted:

Here is a story shared by Gene to evoke laughter: Background: A company in Germany ordered coffee from an American company. While the coffee was in route a few bags split open, making it possible for rats to nest in them. The German company sent the following letter to the American company. Schentlemens: Der last two pecketches ve got from you of coffee vas mit rattschidt gemixt. Der coffee may be gute enuff, but der ratt durds schboils der trade. Ve did not zee der rattschidt in der zamples vich you zent us. It takes so viel [much] time to pik der ratt durds frum der coffee dat it's hardly wurt it. Ve order coffee clean and you schipt schidt mixt mit it. It vas mistake - ya? Ve like you to schip us der coffee in vun zack and der rattschidt in anudder - den ve mix to zoot der customer. Write please if ve schoudt schipt dr schidt bek und keep der coffee, or if we schouldt keep der schidt und schip der coffee bek, or schip der whole schidden vorks bek. Ve want to do right in dis matter, but ve don't like all dis rattschidt bisness. Mit viel respects, Karl Grummenschidt In loving memory of my husband, Beverley

September 10 at 11:25 AM

DL

Dennis Level September 11 at 11:52 AM

Very funny!



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September 8 at 5:28 AM



Beverley Dallman September 8 at 7:22 AM
Eugene Reiber and Beverley Dallman-Reiber



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Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Eugene by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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