



## Edward R. Reifsteck

November 10, 1926 - August 24, 2015

Mendon, August 25, 2015. Ted was born in Rochester, NY on November 10, 1926. He was the second of 3 children born to Alfred and Dora Reifsteck. He is preceded in death by his parents and his older brother James. Ted is survived by his loving wife of 63 years, Barbara, and their three sons, Thomas and his wife Amber of Houston, Texas, Jeffery of Cincinnati, Ohio and Daniel of Wakefield, Rhode Island; 12 grandchildren; 5 great-grandchildren; sister, Joan McBride; several nieces and nephews, cousins and friends.

Ted served with the Army Airborne from 1945-47 and then returned home from the Pacific Theater of Operations to attend Cornell University where he excelled at both academics, and collegiate football, lacrosse and boxing. There he met and married Barbara (Bobbie). He went on to graduate from Cornell Law school in 1954 and then moved to Alaska to begin his career as an attorney. In 1957 he and his young family returned to Rochester where Ted joined the law firm of Cully, Corbett and Tanenbaum. He later became a partner in that law firm where he worked for 50 years. Known for his love of the outdoors, Ted enjoyed hunting, hiking, fishing, skiing, sailing, scuba, waterskiing and, maybe most of all, horseback riding with Bobbie in the fields and woods of Mendon Ponds Park. He was a loving father and a faithful husband who was known for his quick witted one-liners, as well as his thoughtful and quiet nature. Ted was known by all as a gentleman who lived a humble life with integrity, honor, curiosity and gusto.

Friends may call Friday, 6-8 PM at the funeral chapel (2305 Monroe Ave.). A Funeral Service will be held Saturday, 11 AM at Honeoye Falls First Presbyterian Church, 27 N. Main St. followed by a burial ceremony at North Bloomfield Cemetery. In lieu of flowers memorials may be directed to The Leo Center for Caring, 1500 Portland Ave., Rochester, 14621. A Reception to celebrate Ted's life and share stories will follow the burial at Flaherty's Three Flags Inn, 60 W. Main St., Honeoye Falls from 1:00-4:00 PM.

# Cemetery

# Events

**North Bloomfield Cemetery**  
Route 65  
Honeyoe Falls, NY, 14472

<b>AUG</b>	<b>Visitation</b>	06:00PM - 08:00PM
<b>28</b>	<hr/>	
	Anthony Funeral Chapels, Brighton 2305 Monroe Ave., Rochester, NY, US, 14618	

<b>AUG</b>	<b>Service</b>	11:00AM
<b>29</b>	<hr/>	
	First Presbyterian Church of Honeoye Falls 27 N. Main, Honeoye Falls, NY, US, 14472	

# Comments

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“ To all the Reifstecks,  
I am so so sorry for your loss. Mr. Reifsteck (as I knew him) was such a great guy. We always had our horses in common so he was always someone to share our horsey stories. My parents were both very fond of Ted. I remember when dad would go riding with him and when they came to my farm and rode horses too. I am sure you all are not short of wonderful memories. Keep sharing them with each other. So sorry I missed the funeral. Prayers for you all.

Lisa "Fuller" Sykes

**Lisa Sykes** - August 30, 2015 at 09:01 AM

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“ Having known Ed as a church member in Honeoye Falls back in the '80s I knew of his calm and thoughtful manner. Therefore in early 1990's I asked him to lead a Town of Mendon Committee which was organized to establish a Master Plan for development in the Town. He said he was not a political person and perhaps he wasn't the right fit. I told him I wanted a talented person who was not swayed by politics, and he finally agreed.  
With his calm demeanor and organized mind, he was perfect for the task. After two rather difficult years he steered his Committee toward successful completion the Plan.  
This Plan (now called Comprehensive Plan) is still the guiding force in Mendon's development.  
I shall always remember Ed as being a good, talented and honest man. May he rest in Peace.  
A.Jack Leckie  
Mendon Town Supervisor  
1984-1994

**A.J. Leckie** - August 28, 2015 at 04:25 PM

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“ Dear Bobbie Gail and I wish to extend our deepest sympathies to you and your sons and your extended family. A couple hours ago I tried to enter an extended memoire, but it seems to have gotten lost. Ted was the best friend I could ever have and I will miss him. Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you. Carl Van Voorhis and Gail

**Carl Van Voorhis** - August 26, 2015 at 04:00 PM

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“ Dear Bobbie My we extend our deepest sympathy to you and your sons and extended family. Ted was a great friend and we will sorely miss him. We are sorry for your loss. In remembering him, I must go back to 8th grade at Madison High School. We were both green as grass, but we allied with a group of other guys like ourselves which came to be known as The Beta Boys. We had a good time through HS doing the usual dances, sports, and hanging out at Bull's Head in the afternoon and evening. We ate grilled cheese and cokes at Critics and sometimes a quart of ice cream on the church steps( thats a quart each ). Ted and I did some unusual things also-----such as bomb making. We thought it was fun to blow up a snow bank. Then , both of us having studied German, with the help of some second hand German chemistry books, we decided to try to make nitro glycerine. Then Ted got drafted and I was chicken continue on my own. After our service time we took up canoeing on the Genesee and learning to ski in Highland and Powder Mills Parks. Ever the daredevil Ted took the jump at Powders Mills and in landing drove his ankles up to his jawbone. We extensively explored the river and canal including sleeping on our canoes under the bridge in Genesee Valley Park. The next morning we had bacon and eggs on the shore. Mixed in we did some rabbit hunting with Queenie and some deer hunting at Letchworth. After we each got married and moved away there was a lull in our activities until 1978 when we were both back in Rochester From that time our contact was more mudane with lunch and conversation being the principal activity. The good old days and the guys ( and girls ) were a favorite topic. It was a wonderful experience and I will miss Ted more than I can ever say. He was a great friend.

Carl Van Voorhis and Gail

Carl Van Voorhis - August 26, 2015 at 01:46 PM

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“ Dear Reifsteck Family,

It was very sad to receive the news about the passing of Mr. Reifsteck this morning. For as long as I can remember he has been a long time friend of my family, and also a former member of the Ean-Un-Ea Hunt Club. I recall a time, and still have various pictures of that time when we all went to camp together during the fall and had such a great time. While that was a long time ago, and even though I had not seen him in a long time I do have those memories of that weekend to remember fondly.

On behalf of me personally, and as Secretary of the hunting club today, please accept my deepest sympathy, and well wishes during this understandably hard time. I will pass on this sad news to the rest of the club, and we will raise a glass to his memory at the club Labor Day weekend and lower our flag to half mast, and officially mention him at our next club meeting.

Again, my deepest condolences, and prayers.

Respectfully,

Spyro Vangellow



“ Dear Bobbie and Family,

My thoughts and prayers are with you at the loss of a wonderful man. He was a part of my life for 30 years. He had a wonderful, accomplished life because you made it so together, and never feared his death. I will miss him always.

Sue Salzman

**Sue Salzman** - August 26, 2015 at 10:25 AM

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“ DEAR, BOBBIE AND FAMILY, OUR HEART GOES OUT TO YOU ALL.  
FROM OUR WALKS TO MADISON HIGH SCHOOL, CLASS REUNIONS, HUNTING  
AT "BUCK POND", SITTING IN THE EVENINGS, SHARING, "JD" AND HIS LEGAL  
COUNSEL, I WILL MISS HIM GREATLY. "MAY HIS MEMORY BE ETERNAL!"  
ALL OUR LOVE, PAUL AND SANA VANGELLOW FAMILY

**PAUL AND SANA VANGELLOW** - August 26, 2015 at 08:54 AM