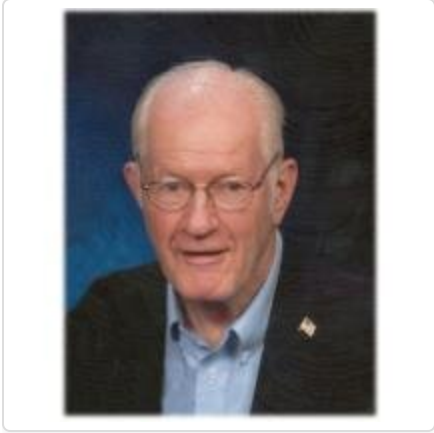




## Leo Reinbold

March 24, 1933 - February 11, 2010

Leo M. Reinbold was born March 24, 1933. He died February 11, 2010. In between he gave us all a lot to be thankful for. A funeral mass will be held on Tuesday at 10:30 AM at Church of Corpus Christi, 1919 North 2nd Street, Bismarck, with Rev. Paul Becker officiating. Burial will be at the ND Veteran's Cemetery with military honors provided by Amvets Post #9. Visitation will be Monday from 1:00 – 9:00 PM at Parkway Funeral Service, 2330 Tyler Parkway, Bismarck, where a Knights of Columbus rosary will be held at 6:30 PM followed by a parish vigil service at 7:00 PM. Visitation will continue on Tuesday one hour prior to the service at the church. Leo was born in Glen Ullin to Simon and Elizabeth Kaip Reinbold. He learned the value of hard work even as a young boy working in the family coal mine. At the age of ten, his father was killed in a mining accident and the family moved to Hebron. Leo was an exceptional athlete, quarterbacking the Hebron six-man football squad to championship seasons as a junior and senior and he was champion of three sprint events at the state track meet. Leo represented his hometown at Boy's State and North Dakota at Boy's Nation in 1950. He went on to play football and run track at Dickinson State. He served in the US Army in 1952-53. He graduated from Dickinson in 1957. While at Dickinson he met Rose, the love of his life, and they were married at Glendive, MT, on June 14, 1958. Leo was a teacher; first at Killdeer then at Scobey, MT, where Leo and Rose's three children were born. He earned his master's degree from UND and in 1962 moved the family to Valley City where he was Professor of Geography

and Geology and Chairman of the Geography Department. He pursued studies toward his PhD at Penn State in 1967-68. Leo was an active public servant, serving as a City Commissioner in Valley City 1972-80 and as a North Dakota Public Service Commissioner 1981-2002. While on the PSC, he became a nationally recognized leader in several areas and was Chairman of the Gas Research Institute GRI. As active as he was in public service, Leo was even better known for his work as a speaker. Leo's motivational speeches, positive attitude and humor were known throughout the USA. No one knew more stories and no one ever told them any better than Leo Reinbold. Leo will perhaps best be remembered by those who knew him well as a man of exceptional strength of character. He was a devoted husband to Rose for over 50 years. He was a firm, patient and loving father. He was a reliable and true friend. Leo was a man who knew what mattered in life and he lived it! Leo was involved in many organizations. So many, he might in his humorous way characterize it as an "alphabet soup of groups". He was devoted to his Catholic faith and was active in the Lions Club, going back even to the time when he was a boy in Hebron. He is survived by his wife, Rose; sons Brian and Russ Cindy; daughter, Mary Jean Bernie Newcomer; sisters, Lena Leo Schafer, Agnes Clarence Kitzan, and Irene Del Reidlinger; brothers, John, Joe Donna, and Roger LaVerne; twelve grandchildren, Matthew, Jennifer, John, Laura, Maria and Marcella Reinbold, all of Bismarck, Megan, Claire, Michael and Scott Reinbold of Plymouth, MN, and Katie and Jack Newcomer of Escondido, CA; and many cousins, nieces, nephews, and friends. He was preceded in death by his father, Simon; mother, Elizabeth; brother, Sam; infant brother; infant daughter; and infant granddaughter. The family prefers memorials to the American Parkinson's Disease Foundation and the Lions Foundation.

# Tribute Wall

SA

“ I am grateful for having known Leo in many varied ways...as one of my favorite speakers, a respected community servant, and a gentleman of deep faith who loved his family very much. Please know of my prayers from Antigua, Guatemala, for you Rose, and for the entire family.

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**sister kathleen atkinson** - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

GV

“ Dear Rose and Family,I got to know Leo when I worked across the hallway from him in the North Dakota State Treasurer's Office in 1981. Leo never forgot a name and was quick with a smile and a laugh. He was a great man who loved his family dearly. I was so sorry to hear of his passing. Know that my thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.Blessings,Gary VerDouw

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**Gary VerDouw** - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

RA

“ So sorry to learn of Leo's passing away.I to am a DSC grad and we were in track together. I will always remember his fine welcoming greetings especially later in his public career when he would travel to Williston. He would always greet me with some track insident we had together at DSC. Rose, I recall you came from Almont and I from New Salem and recall,to some extend, of your marriage to Leo.God be with you during this time of grief.God Bless,Roger

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**Roger Altenburg** - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

AR

“ Dear Rose and family, May the good Lord from above help heal the sorrow, grief, and sadness at this time. We send our heartfelt sympathy greetings to you and your family now and always. We are always a phone call away. Love, R. & A. Reinbold

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**Angela Reinbold** - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MC

“ Rose: Has been many years since we talked to both you and Leo at a convention. Even more years since we were in Almont. Do want to send my thoughts and prayers to you and your family in the death of your husband Leo. He truly was a special man and will be greatly missed by all of you. May you feel God's presence as you continue to go through your life-----He will sustain you. In HIS love, Mary Joan Halvorson Chalcraft

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**Mary Joan Halvorson Chalcraft** - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

GK

“ We were saddened to hear of the loss of one our high school classmate and friend. Leo made school life quite interesting to say the least. Ray enjoyed being on the football and track teams with him and our picture album is a treasure as a result. We extend our deepest sympathy to all his family. Sincerely, Gertrude and Raymond Koch

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**Gertrude & Raymond Koch** - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

PS

“ Rose, Brian, Russ and Mary Jean: I am very sorry for your loss! I have many fond memories of your husband and father while growing up! I remember our time at St. Kate's and remember spending time at your home. Later, I remember having Leo as a professor at VCSC. He seemed to know something about every town in North Dakota or if not, how far it was from Hebron! Please know that my thoughts and prayers are with you all during this difficult time!

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**Patrick Schneider** - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

MB

“ Rose and family, We would like to extend our prayers and sympathy to you all at this time of sorrow. You were good neighbors and we had many good times in southwest Valley City. God Bless you all and may God keep you in his care now and always. Merle, Marie and family

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**Merle & Marie Baumgartner** - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

RR

“ Leo was my advisor and mentor, while I attended college for three years. I feel privilege knowing and working with Leo.

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**Raymond B. Riskedahl** - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

TL

“ Leo was a good friend and great athlete. We didn't live very far apart, like about 4 blocks, and Leo and his brother John and myself made up half of the 6-man football Hebron High School team. Leo was a fun guy to be around and a great athlete. Hebron was very fortunate to have a person like Leo and the Reinbold Family. I wish I could be able to attend the funeral, but age and distance makes that very difficult. God bless the family Ted Lennick Speed

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**Ted Lennick** - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

JZ

“ Our deepest sympathy to his family. Our prayers are with you all.  
God Bless

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**John and Lauren Braun Zueger** - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DM

“ Rose and family, Please accept Beve's and my sympathy at the passing of Leo. I surely remember our days together at VCSC and the times Leo, other faculty and I had coffee together. Leo, of course, always made all of us smile - he was really good at that. I also remember Leo at being a very hard working and diligent VCSU professor. I know your family will miss him very much. Dave Melgaard

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**David Melgaard** - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DC

“ I was very saddened to hear about Leo. I was a neighbor in Valley City and his Fargo Forum newspaper carrier in the 1960's. He was one of my favorite customers. I also lost my dad, Russell Cary, to Parkinson's, a little more than a year ago. God Bless Leo's memory.

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**David Cary** - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

SL

“ Dear Rose and family, I extend my prayerful sympathy to you all! I know Leo is rejoicing in the presence of the One Leo served, the One who created him and loved him most! He left us a legacy of community service, a concern for the common good and the witness of God's faithful servant. May you be consoled in your grief with the comfort and support of your family and friends. I am sorry that I will not be able to attend the funeral services. Sincerely, Sister Susan Lardy

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**Sister Susan Lardy** - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

AG

“ Leo will be missed. Was sorry to hear of his passing. Met Leo in Valley City long ago. He was a great instuctor and became a good friend. He had such a wonderful sense of humor! He is in our thoughts, as is his family.

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**Archie & Marveen Gilliss** - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

LK

“ I really enjoyed talking to Leo. What a fine man. Leo had a wonderful like and career.Larry

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**Larry Klemin** - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

DH

“ Our condolences to all the Reinbold family. Our ties to Leo go back to high school days and the CYO connection between Richardton and Hebron. What a fine fellow Leo was and how beautifully he touched so many lives. By now he is likely the MC at a wonderful feast with his many relatives and friends. Our sympathy to Rose, their family and all the Reinbolds.

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**Dick & Vera Hoff** - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CM

“ Dear Leo Reinbold Family,Our deepest sympathy! Leo graduated from High School with George Duckwitz my Mother's Helen Duckwitz Maas Hoff brother. Leo always had a smile, hand shake and hugfor everyone. He always treated my Mother and her siblings and myself with such great respect.Leo, along with you his family and friends, will always be remembered in our hearts and prayers.Carol Maas Mitchell, Kory Mitchell, andHelen Duckwitz Maas Hoff

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**Carol Mitchell** - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

RE

“ Richard served as Public Service Commissioner for two years while Leo was Commissioner. Janet worked as Executive Secretary until her retirement in 1994. We both have the fondest memories of Leo. He was compassionate, understanding and always ready to bring a smile to your face under challenging times. His obituary is a beautiful tribute to a man who served his family and community well. We send our deepest sympathy to Rose and family. What beautiful memories they must hold in their hearts.

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**Richard and Janet Elkin** - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

KS

“ To Rose and family of Leo, I was very saddened to learn that Leo has passed away. He was a good friend and colleague for many years. I was a Public Utilities Commissioner for many years from South Dakota, which Leo always jokingly referred to as "the colony". We would always meet at Regional and National Conventions and I always looked forward to him as the MC at at least one noon luncheon where he would give his "Report from the Prairie". It was the highlight of the meeting. I always joked that North Dakota could never have been civilized without the proverbial "Ole and Lena" and stay civilized without Leo Reinbold. He was a good man and friend. It was always fun to visit and have dinner with Leo and Rose in Bismarck. Our thoughts and prayers are with you all. Ken and Diane Stofferahn

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**Ken Stofferahn** - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

AK

“ Clarence and I wish to extend our deepest sympathy to you all. A GREAT man has left us, but is having a FAMILY REUNION in HEAVEN with his mother, father, brothers, and daughter and granddaughter. Our love and prayers are with you all.

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**Agnes Reinbold Kitzan** - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM

CW

“ *My sympathies to the family. Leo will always be remembered for his many strengths and talents.*

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**Carol Woroniecki-Jilek** - March 17, 2015 at 12:00 AM