



Seymour Reiner

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Seymour Reiner spent 71 years in New York City, born and raised on the Lower East Side, spent years raising a family in Queens, and was an empty nester with his loving wife of 62 years, Sidell, on the Upper East Side. Upon retiring from the dry-cleaning business, where he repeatedly was elected president of the Neighborhood Cleaning Association, the couple moved to Boynton Beach to enjoy retirement in 1996. Upon Sidell's death in 2006 he remained in their home and eventually met a neighbor, Alma Julius, in 2014. The two remained loving companions until Seymour passed away on April 28, 2020, just a week shy of his 95th birthday. He died peacefully in his home under Hospice care with his children at his side.

He is survived by all his children and grandchildren: loving father of Rochelle (Eugene); Michael (Annie); Charles (Patti) and cherished grandfather of Lance, Joshua (Emily), Nathan and Stephanie (Kevin).

The dry-cleaning business was tough, and he worked six days a week, so as a young man he labored incredibly hard. He always said he inherited that from his mother, Sylvia, an immigrant who was a tailor on the Lower East Side. Seymour's children all believe they acquired their work ethic from their Dad. He was their role model and hero. Sy, as he was known to his friends, treated his employees with great respect and empathy, as he knew that his success was dependent on their loyalty and dedication to the business.

Seymour, in his younger years, loved to fish, whether it was for bluefish off the Acid Waters of NJ, tuna at Montauk, or fluke and flounder with his young children off Captree on Long Island.

In retirement he played golf (never very good) until that became too difficult. At the Clubhouse in The Grove, he'd play cards (sometime winning, more often losing), but enjoyed the companionship of the boys.



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While Sy was inherently shy, give him a new audience and he took the stage as stand-up comedian. He had a repertoire good enough to be a headliner on the Borscht Belt. Had he been born in another place and time, his jokes, as well as his political acumen, would have given Lenny Bruce and Mort Sahl a run for their money.

Seymour was a sailor during World War II. For all who knew him, he'd love it if, when you think of him, you'd laugh at his favorite joke, "There once was a whale..."

Donations in Seymour's memory can be made to:

Bethesda West Memorial Fund - www.bethesdawest.org/bethesda-memorial-fund

Hospice Trustbridge - <https://trustbridgefoundation.org/ways-to-give/donate/>

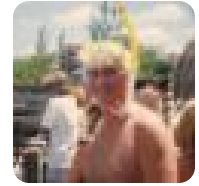


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Charles Reiner shared an album called **Dad**.



May 1 at 6:52 AM

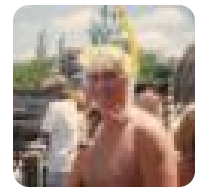


Luis Acosta July 4 at 5:18 AM

I Remember MR. Rhino and family, I met the whole family in 1958 something on the lower East Side. When Mr. Ryan had his dry cleaner. My brother used to work for him and I will work for many years, I use to tell him that I was so Handsome, and he use say, as long as you are live, I don't have to worry. God Bless his hold Family 🙏



Charles Reiner shared an album called **Memories Album**.



May 1 at 6:49 AM



Stu Stark posted:

As an 11 year old I moved to Forest Hills, Queens and became friends with Sy's son Michael, who 55 years later is still one of my favorite people in the world. I have numerous memories of the Reiner family but there are two that stand out. I joined the family for a road trip from New York to Florida when Michael and I were about 15. We had a great time throughout the trip especially stopping in Washington, D.C. and visiting the museums and monuments. In Florida the Reiners included me on a charter fishing boat trip. We ended up catching barracuda and bonita (no sailfish to mount on a wall) and had a great time. Another day trip that was memorable was Sy driving Michael, me and a few other friends to Bear Mountain. It was my very first experience on skis and I believe for the other guys too. It ended up snowing so hard that they closed the run in the middle of the day. Didn't matter - we had a blast. I feel very fortunate to have known Sy and Sidell over the years and I always felt the warmth of their family when we interacted. One more memory: Seymour was the only person I knew who went to the same high school as my Mom. Seward Park High. My condolences to Rochelle, Michael, Charles and their families. Stu Stark

April 30 at 7:56 PM



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PR

Patti Reiner posted:

So the last time I saw dad we were all out to dinner. I asked him to teach me a joke and he said "So there where these two whales..." After several attempts I got it down pat and delivered the punch line like a pro! We all belly laughed and it was the perfect ending to the evening. If I ever see you ask me to repeat it for you. It's too dirty to post here!

April 30 at 1:42 PM

PR

Patti Reiner posted:

The last time I saw dad the family was together eating seafood. At the end of the meal he taught me the joke "so there was these two whales..." after several attempts I got it down pat and delivered the punch line like a pro! Thanks dad! We all laughed and had a great time.

April 30 at 1:32 PM

JG

Jay Goldsmith posted:

Rochelle, Michael, Charles & family: My sincerest condolences on the loss of dad. It was wonderful to see him in December at Josh & Emily's wedding. We spent many a years together growing up with you and mom & dad. He will be greatly missed. All my love, Jay

April 30 at 1:12 PM

LH

Lila Hood posted:

So sorry for your loss. Your dad was wonderful . I remember years ago when Rochelle and I went to New York and we stayed one night with your Mom and Dad and had so much fun .Seymour will be missed. 😞😞❤️❤️

April 30 at 12:18 PM



Charles Reiner shared a photo to the Dad album.

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Memories only last if you share them

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



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