



Lewis Lingo Reign, Jr.

November 12, 1921 - January 19, 2014

Lewis L. Reign, Jr. (92)

On January 19, 2014 of Alexandria, VA. Preceded in death by loving wife, Marjorie Nixon Reign. Father of Michael (Krystyna) Reign and Karen (Eric) Hediger; grandfather of Nathaniel Lewis Reign and Brendon (Emily) Dibella; great-grandfather of Clara Marie Dibella.

Lewis L. Reign, Jr, Army officer, combat and professional engineer, was born in Salem, NJ, raised in Wilmington, DE and Penns Grove, NJ, attended the University of Delaware, and was awarded a Bachelor of Science in Civil Engineering; he completed graduate programs at Virginia Polytechnic Institute, and received a Master's degree in Civil Engineering from Iowa State University.

He was an officer in the Army Corps of Engineers and served in World War II, the Korean War, and the Vietnam War, retiring after 30 years of service pursuing a professional engineering career. During World War II he served in the Pacific. He served as an Assistant Professor of Military Tactics at City College New York City and completed the Engineer Officer Advanced Course at Ft Belvoir, VA. His service included the 70th Engineer Combat Battalion, Fort Campbell, Kentucky, and assignments at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas; Fort Knox, Kentucky, and the Defense Atomic Support Agency at the Pentagon. As an engineering officer he embarked on a series of public works and construction assignments. His overseas military tours of duty included the Joint Construction Agency (JCA) in Bordeaux, France, and Okinawa in the

OICC. His last assignment was with The Office of the Engineer Inspector General (EIG) in Washington, DC.

After his military retirement in 1973, Lewis worked for the Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission (WSSC), and DeLeuw Cather (Parsons) as part the general engineering consulting team for the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority (WMATA) until his retirement in 1997. He was a life member of the research honor society Sigma Xi, the American Society of Professional Engineers, and the Disabled American Veterans Association. He was an active volunteer with the Mount Vernon Hospital Auxiliary, and AARP's local Mount Vernon Chapter having served as chapter president. He was a member of the Ft Belvoir Chapel and active in various professional engineering associations, and local Alexandria community programs. He enjoyed his undergraduate football program; the "Fighting Blue Hens" and was a season ticket holder for numerous years supporting his Delaware alumni.

His military decorations for service with the Corps included the Army Commendation Medal, Legion of Merit, and the Bronze Star Medal.

Relatives and friends may call at Jefferson Funeral Chapel, 5755 Castlewellan Dr., Alexandria, VA on Saturday, January 25 from 10AM until time of service at 11AM. A funeral service and interment will take place at Arlington National Cemetery on a later date. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the Wounded Warrior Project, 1120 G Street NW, Suite 700, Washington, DC 20005 or to a charity of one's choice. Please view and sign the guestbook at www.jeffersonfuneralchapel.com

Tribute Wall



“ *Lewis Lingo Reign, Jr.*

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“ Col Reign was a bright and kind man with a great and kooky sense of humor...his chutzpah and perseverance were amazing. I so appreciate what supportive and good friends he and Marge were to my mother during challenging times. Love and condolences to Michael and Karen and their families at this sad time.

January 26, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ i had the good fortune of meeting Lew in Okinawa in 1965 and his and my family became good friends. we saw them off when he was medically evacuated back to Walter Reed. as otthers have already said he was always a fantastic person and a pleasure to be with. He could make even the worst of things seem fun. I and my family sincerely miss him. Gus Gustafson

January 26, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ Lew was a great man! He was the "joy" of the Hospital Escort Room!
A great sense of humor, perfect gentleman, helpful and kind to all the patients and co-workers. He is missed. May he rest in peace.

January 25, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ A BRILLANT MIND, HIS HUMOR WAS UNBEATABLE IF YOU DARE HAD AN ANSWER, HE WOULD GIVE IT RIGHT BACK TO YOU. HE ALSO HAD AWESOME DANCE MOVES. AND THAT IS SPOKEN FROM KAREN'S GIRLDRIEND BARBARA. I JUST LOVED THAT MAN. HE WAS SWEET TO THE VERY END.

January 23, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ Lew hired me, was my first boss, and my mentor at WSSC in 1977. He was always a consummate professional. And, during the many lunches we shared, he taught me how to identify the perfect Manhattan. RIP my friend.

January 23, 2014 at 12:00 AM



“ Lew was my first boss. (Vietnam 1970) I have been blessed in having his influence in my life so early in my career. Not only did he help me become professional engineer but also served as an example to a young man on how to be a true faithful husband.

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