



## David "Buzz" Rineer

November 10, 2014

David M. "Buzz" Rineer, 94, of New Providence, PA, died Saturday, November 8, 2014 at Lancaster General Hospital. Born in Willow Street, PA, he was the son of the late James Arthur and Carrie (Dunlap) Rineer. He was married for 70 years to Mary Stetter Rineer of Quarryville, PA.

Buzz was a member of the first graduating class at J.P. McCaskey High School in 1938, and served in the U.S. Marine Corps from 1942-1945. He went on to graduate from the FBI National Academy in 1962. He retired as the Chief of Police for the City of Lancaster after serving for 26 years with the department. Following his police career, he was the Loss Prevention Manager for Gimbel's department store for 13 years, followed by 17 years with the Lancaster County Sheriff's Department. When he retired at 83 he was the oldest Deputy Sheriff in that department's history.

Buzz was a member of Redeemer Lutheran Church where he had served as Board chair of the Property Committee. He was a life member of the Lancaster County Marine Corps League, VFW Millersville Post, and Kiwanis Club. He was a member of the Red Rose Fraternal Order of Police, and co-founder of the Lancaster City-County Crimestoppers, which presents an award in his name at the annual City Police Awards. Buzz was a volunteer for the Special Olympics, a Washington Redskins fan, and enjoyed spending time with his great-grandchildren. He also enjoyed history, reading, classic movies

and, judging by his booming sideline commentary, could have coached any sport at any level.

In addition to his wife, Buzz is survived by his son, David L. Rineer, husband of Dot, of Willow Street; a daughter, Eileen M. Miller of New Providence; eight grandchildren: David T. Rineer, Jennifer Rineer, Michele Sipel, Matthew Johnson, Gary Miller, Tonya Sexton, Kim Miller, and Amanda Cruz; and 13 great-grandchildren.

Relatives and friends are invited to attend Buzz's Celebration of Life Memorial Service on Friday, November 14, 2014 at 11:00 a.m. at Redeemer Lutheran Church, 500 Pearl Street, Lancaster, PA. The family will greet friends at the church on Friday from 10:00 a.m. until the time of service. Interment will take place at Riverview Burial Park following the service. In lieu of flowers, memorials in Buzz's name may be sent to Redeemer Lutheran Church, 500 Pearl Street, Lancaster, PA 17603 or the Marine Corps League of Lancaster County, P.O. Box 227 Columbia, PA 17512.

# Tribute Wall



“ *David "Buzz" Rineer*

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October 22, 2023 at 11:34 PM



“ *Family of Dave (Chief) Rineer: I worked with the Chief at Gimbels and the Court House all those years. He was a man that I could trust to always be honest and level headed. I have know Buzz all my life as he was a friend and family relation, as Mary is related to my late mother. He played softball with my father, and great memories were shared by them whenever they got together. He will be missed, but I am sure he scored big upon entering the gates of Heaven and seeing all his old earth companians! My thoughts and prayers are with all you during this time.*

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**Fran Ganse** - November 15, 2014 at 09:28 AM

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“ *Family of Dave (Buzz) Rineer. I worked with Buzzy on the Lancaster Police Dept. He was on some years before me but we ended up working together as Detectives for several years. He later became Captain of Detectives and I worked under his command then and later when he became Chief of Police. Chief Rineer was the head of the department at a very difficult time in Lancaster when race relations were at a very low point due to the assassination of Rev. Martin Luther King. He handled those times with great leadership and compassion for all and we were able to come through that time with minimum troubles compared to other cities in the nation. Buzzy, as most of us who were his friends called him, was a great leader and friend and was loved by all, I never heard a bad word said about him in the over 26 years I spent with the Police Dept. He was a devoted and faithful servant to his family, his church and to the City he loved. I am sure that there is a special place in Heaven for my friend, David (Buzzy) Rineer. May the family be granted God's peace and comfort and may Buzzy rest in peace.*

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**Luther Henry** - November 13, 2014 at 05:52 PM

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“ *To Mary and the Family,  
I'm sorry to hear of the loss of Dave. He's joined so many of the Redeemer Church Family that I remember from my growing-up years. He was a great friend to my parents (EZ and Dorothy Scheid). He was a humble servant to the City of Lancaster and Godly family man. I hope that memories will be good and that God will comfort you at this time.  
Sincerely,  
Kathy McKelvey*

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**Kathy (Scheid) McKelvey** - November 11, 2014 at 03:16 PM

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“ *David L. Rineer and Family,*  
*Our sincere sympathy to you and your family on the loss of your*  
*father. May his soul find eternal rest in the arms of Jesus forever.*  
*Sincerely,*  
*Nic and Rosemary Bianco*

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**Nic Bianco** - November 11, 2014 at 11:10 AM