



ALLAN LEWIS REID WAS BORN OCTOBER 17, 1924 IN THE TINY, BUT THEN BOOMING NORTHWEST TEXAS OILFIELD TOWN OF HOLLIDAY AS THE ONLY CHILD OF RUTH AND FRANK REID. AT AGE TWO, HIS FAMILY MOVED TO NEARBY ELECTRA, TEXAS WHERE ALLAN SPENT HIS CHILDHOOD UNTIL HIS 1941 GRADUATION FROM HIGH SCHOOL.

BEFORE THE AGE OF 16, ALLAN STARTED HIS ADVENTURES, DRIVING THE BACK ROADS OF HIS TOWN AND HITCH HIKING WITH A FRIEND ACROSS THE STATE OF TEXAS. AT 16, AFTER GRADUATING HIGH SCHOOL, HE LEFT FOR CANADA, UNBEKNOWNST TO HIS PARENTS, AND ENLISTED IN THE ROYAL CANADIAN AIRFORCE, FOR A SHORT TENURE (CUT SHORT BY THE UNEXPECTED ROUGH LANDING OF A PLANE).

UNDAUNTED, HE ENLISTED IN THE MARINES AT AGE 17 AND SERVED AS A VOLUNTEER REGIMENTAL SCOUT IN THE 24TH MARINES, 4TH MARINE DIVISION IN THREE WWII CENTRAL PACIFIC CAMPAIGNS. HE RETURNED TO THE UNITED STATES IN 1944 AS AN OFFICER CANDIDATE. HE REMAINED WITH THE MARINE DETACHMENT, UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA, LOS ANGELES WHEN THE WAR ENDED AND GRADUATED USC WITH A B.S. IN PUBLIC ADMINISTRATION.



HE JOINED PRENTICE-HALL, INC. A LEADING COLLEGE TEXTBOOK AND BUSINESS SERVICES PUBLISHER, IN EARLY 1949. DURING THIS TIME HE WAS ALSO ACCEPTED INTO THE RESERVE ARMY COMMISSION AND MARRIED DOROTHY MAY YALE. HE WAS CALLED INTO ACTIVE SERVICE TWO WEEKS AFTER THE START OF THE KOREAN WAR IN 1950 AND SERVED MOST OF THE NEXT THREE YEARS AS A MILITARY GOVERNMENT OFFICER IN GERMANY.

HE REJOINED PRENTICE-HALL IN LATE 1953 AND ALSO BECAME THE PROUD FATHER OF JUDY ANN REID. HE SAW THE NEED TO SERVICE COLLEGES OVERSEAS AND PROPOSED TO EXPAND PRENTICE HALL INTO THE INTERNATIONAL MARKET. AT A TIME WHEN U.S. TECHNOLOGY WAS NOT WELL KNOWN ABROAD, ALLAN WAS ON THE CUTTING EDGE OF INTRODUCING THE BEST AND THE BRIGHTEST TO COLLEGES IN EUROPE, ASIA AND AUSTRALIA.



ALLAN WAS BLESSED WITH THE BIRTH OF HIS FIRST SON, ROBERT YALE REID, AFTER WHICH DOROTHY AND ALLAN MOVED TO HAWAII AND THEN ON TO TOKYO, JAPAN. DURING THIS TIME HE CONTINUED TO EXCEL IN HIS WORK, BEING PROMOTED TO FAR EAST MANAGER. IN ADDITION TO MAKING FRIENDS AND BUSINESS RELATIONSHIPS AROUND THE GLOBE, HE MET SEVERAL WORLD LEADERS INCLUDING THE PRINCE OF JORDAN DURING IN HIS TRAVELS.

CONTINUING HIS ROCKET RIDE AROUND THE GLOBE AND UP THE CORPORATE LADDER, ALLAN MOVED HIS FAMILY TO AUSTRALIA. WHILE RESIDING IN SYDNEY, DOROTHY AND ALLAN BECAME THE VERY PROUD PARENTS OF DAVID ALLAN REID AND KATHRYN JEAN REID. DURING THIS PERIOD ALLAN WAS PROMOTED TO VICE PRESIDENT AND GENERAL SALES MANAGER OF PRENTICE-HALL INTERNATIONAL WHILE ALSO PUBLISHING WORKS OF LOCAL AUSTRALIAN WRITERS. THE FAMILY THEN MOVED TO NEW JERSEY TO BE NEAR THE PRENTICE HALL HEADQUARTERS. PARTING WAYS, ALWAYS AS GOOD FRIENDS AND SUPPORTIVE, LOVING PARENTS, ALLAN REMAINED IN NEW JERSEY WHILE DOROTHY AND THE CHILDREN MOVED TO CALIFORNIA.



A NEW CHAPTER IN ALLAN'S LIFE BEGAN WITH THE MARRIAGE TO BESSIE YANG REID. DURING THIS PERIOD, ALLAN CONTINUED TO TRAVEL THE GLOBE, AND WITH BESSIE'S CLERICAL AND EDITORIAL ASSISTANCE, WROTE A SUCCESSFUL COLLEGE TEXTBOOK, MODERN APPLIED SELLING PUBLISHED BY PRENTICE HALL. HE EARNED HIS MPA DEGREE FROM FAIRLEIGH DICKENSON UNIVERSITY AND TAUGHT SALES/MARKETING CLASSES AS AN EVENING ADJUNCT LECTURER. TO ESCAPE THEIR HECTIC LIFE, ALLAN AND BESSIE SPENT MANY RELAXING WEEKENDS AWAY AT THEIR MOUNTAIN RETREAT IN THE POCONOS MOUNTAINS.

ALLAN AND BESSIE CHOSE TO RETIRE TO COLORADO SPRINGS IN 1986 SO AS TO BE CLOSE TO THE MAJESTIC MOUNTAINS AND THE RICH AND VARIED MILITARY AND EDUCATIONAL COMMUNITIES. ALLAN WAS AN ACTIVE VOLUNTEER AND WAS ACTIVE IN MANY GROUPS. HE WAS A PUBLIC MEMBER OF THE COLORADO BOARD OF NURSING, PRESIDENT OF PLEASANTVIEW HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, BOARD OF DIRECTORS/MEMBER OF THE EL PASO COUNTY CHAPTER AMERICAN DIABETES ASSOCIATION AND PAST PRESIDENT OF THE GLENEAGLE SERTOMA CLUB. HE REMAINED A LIFELONG MEMBER OF THE DELTA TAU DELTA FRATERNITY AND BLUE KEY NATIONAL HONOR FRATERNITY.



ALLAN AND BESSIE HOSTED MANY FRIENDS AND FAMILY IN THE BEAUTIFUL MONUMENT HOME THEY CREATED THAT OVERLOOKED THE STUNNING ROCKY MOUNTAINS AND PIKE'S PEAK. ALLAN ASSISTED BESSIE IN WRITING HER UNFORGETTABLE MEMOIRS AS A CHILD IN CHINA IN A PUBLISHED BOOK. THEY ENJOYED HOSTING THEIR ANNUAL CHINESE NEW YEAR PARTY AND TRAVELING AROUND THE GLOBE TO CHINA, AUSTRALIA AND EUROPE.



WITH GREAT SADNESS, AFTER 42 YEARS OF MARRIAGE, ALLAN BID FAREWELL TO HIS BELOVED BESSIE IN 2008.

ALLAN, ALWAYS A GRACIOUS, INTELLIGENT AND GENEROUS MAN WHO SHARED THE RICHNESS OF HIS LIFE THROUGH HIS LOVE, HOSPITALITY AND WIT, PASSED AWAY ON MAY 11TH, 2009. HIS MANY FRIENDS AND HIS FAMILY WILL GREATLY MISS HIM. TO THE END OF HIS LIFE, HE WANTED TO PASS ON HIS LEGACY AND THE PRIDE HE FELT IN HAVING SERVED HIS COUNTRY

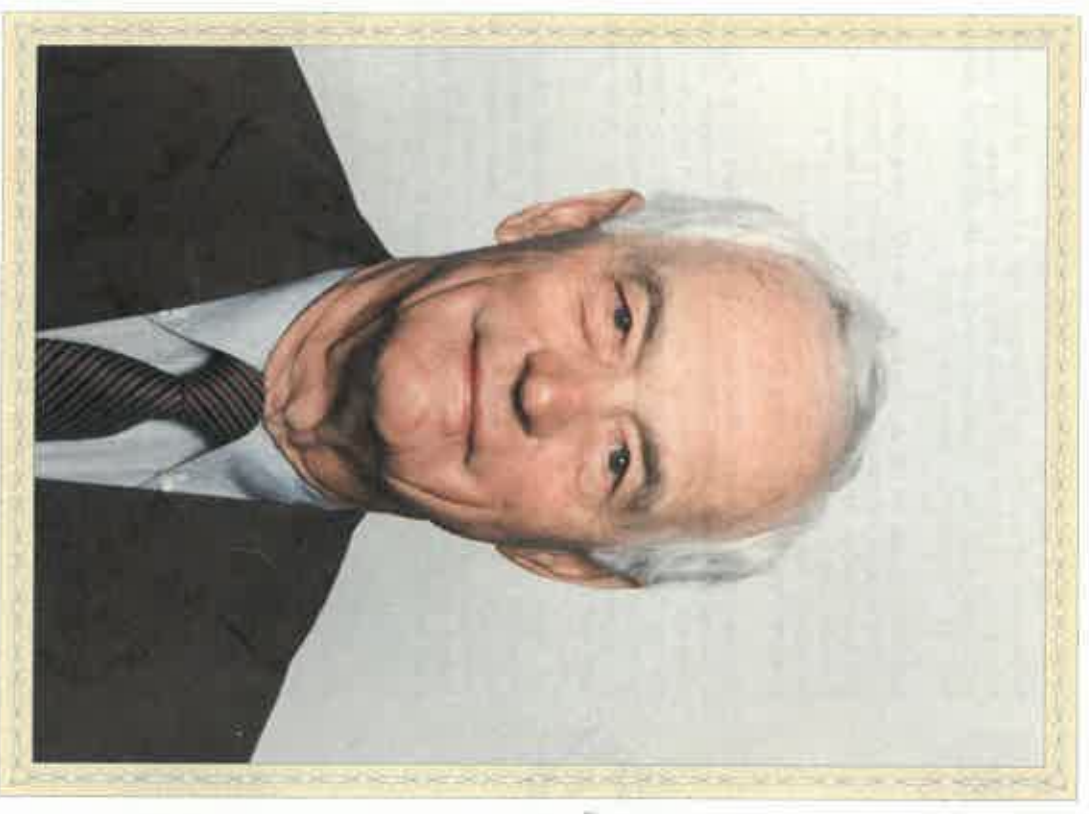


HE LEAVES BEHIND HIS CHILDREN: JUDY REID TANNER, ROBERT REID, DAVID REID AND KATHRYN STEPHENS AND GRANDCHILDREN: SHANE REID, CHRISTOPHER REID, KRISTINA REID, SEAN TANNER AND RYAN TANNER.



ALLAN WAS PROUD TO SERVE THROUGHOUT HIS LIFETIME
 EAGLE SCOUT. ROYAL CANADIAN AIRFORCE CADET. 2ND LIEUTENANT USMC. USC GRADUATE.
 DELTA TAU DELTA FRATERNITY BROTHER,
 VICE PRES INTL SALES PRENTICE HALL, SERTOMA MEMBER

*No one's death comes to pass without making some impression,
and those close to the deceased inherit part of the liberated soul and
become richer in their humanness."*



IN LOVING MEMORY

ALLAN LEWIS REID

OCTOBER 17, 1924 - MAY 11, 2009

Bessie Left These Words For
Us From Her School Days In
China And Ireland

Grandmother wanted to get in touch with family ancestors, so took me along after school one day to visit a "medium" who arranged such exchanges. Dressed all in black in a darkened room lit by only two candles, the medium's gray-black hair was combed back into a large bun. This bun was festooned, with several jade and silver ornaments - the largest being a long silver combination toothpick/ear wax remover - instrument which flashed brightly in the dim flickering light. J loved it!

At Aurora Middle School in Shanghai (a boarding school) we ate daily breakfast at an eight student dining table. We always had hot congee (a watery rice gruel), fried peanuts, "yu tiao" (a long twisted dough stick) and exactly four bowls or dishes of food such as fried tofu, shredded jellyfish, hot chili radishes or sliced preserved turnips (my favorite). Sometimes the dishes were varied --- such as tofu in sesame oil with scallions or "stinky tofu" (fermented bean curd) Which J Hated!

By late February, in our unheated classrooms, my poor fingers were so red and swollen from chilblains due to constant exposure to the cold that the flesh on some burst - like carrots! They itched terribly when warm and were constantly painful when cold. Although we had mittens, we had to take them off to write. Doctors had no treatment - we just had to suffer until arrival of warmer weather.

While a student in Ireland, J discovered this beautiful prayer in the library of the convent house where J lived:

Irish Blessing

May the road rise up to meet you
May the wind always be at your back
May the sun shine warm upon your face
The rains fall soft upon your garden
And until we meet again
May God hold you in the palm of his hand

Memorial Mass
Bessie Yang Reid
Friday, September 26, 2008

11 a.m.

Fr. Jim Klein

Prelude Music:	Classical Chinese Instrumental
Welcome Rite:	Fr. Jim
Opening Hymn:	Beyond the Moon and Stars BB#44
First Reading:	Wisdom 3:1-6,9
Responsorial Psalm:	Shepherd Me O God
Second Reading:	1 John 3:1-2
Gospel Acclamation:	Celtic Alleluia
Gospel Reading:	Matthew 5:1-12a
Homily:	Fr. Jim
General Intercessions	Pat Van Matre
Presentation of Gifts:	Family Friends
Offertory Hymn:	Now My Heart BB#533
Communion Hymn:	Paris Angelicus BB#360
Sharing of Memories:	Ave Maria (Bach-Gounod version) Family and Friends
Final Commendation:	Song of Farewell - Sands BB#679
Recessional Hymn	Fly Like a Bird BB#691
Postlude:	Now Js the Hour
Reception:	Immediately following Mass in Community Center downstairs
Innumment:	To be announced at a later date.
Music:	Patty Henderson - Cantor/Special Soloist Barry Damerell - Organ/Accompanist Liping Woods- ERHU Instrument Soloist

Bessie Yang Reid
January 30, 1930 - September 8, 2008

Bessie Yang Reid wasn't given any sort of name at first following her 01/30/30 birth in Shanghai. Baby girls just weren't very important in China in those days,

About six weeks after however, as was the custom, she was given the affectionate, so called "Milk Name" of Shaio Bei (pronounced in English "Shaw Bay"), meaning "Little Baby". It was not until she entered school at age six that she acquired her official "Book Name" of Bei Sie, which finally gave her the legal name Yang Bei Sie. Since it was then popular to also adopt western names, she came to be called Bessie. After marriage to husband Allan, her name became Bessie Yang Reid.

The youngest of seven children, she grew up in a very large "mansion" housing 19 assorted household members in three levels of identical large apartments stacked one atop the other. Her Grandmother and Concubine #1 lived in the ground level one; Bessie, her mother and brothers and sisters in the middle level one; and Concubine #2 (and her four sons by a previous marriage) in the top level apartment; servants slept in the big kitchen. Her father lived and slept at different levels as whim and passion dictated!

The sometimes hilarious, sometimes sad story of how her wealthy, pompous, authoritative skinflint father managed his three separate lives (as seen through the eyes of his youngest daughter) became, years later, the basis for a widely read book by Our Bessie, called "Daddy's Concubines and Me", (2000, Author House, Bloomington, IN, 47403).

Setting off with a music scholarship to Ireland in early 1949 she completed a three year period of studies at Royal Irish Academy of Music and National College of Art in Dublin. Returning to Hong Kong, she served five years as Head, Music and Art Department, of Maryknoll Convent (High) School before joining Hong Kong Airways as a Senior Stewardess and flying the next three years throughout the Far East,

In 1959, she entered the US as a Catholic refugee; settling first in California then in New York City where she and Allan were married in early 1966. Along the way, in 1964, she became an American citizen. While living in northern New Jersey 1966-1982 she found new career success in the field of credit management.

Since moving to Colorado Springs area in late 1982, Bessie has been active in "Springs Wings" (a local organization of former flight attendants), Mah-jong groups, gardening and book writing.

In Loving Memory
Bessie Yang Reid



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