



## Adam Reischer

February 10, 1912 - February 10, 2007

KINGSFORD - Adam Reischer, 95, of 1301 Woodward Ave. in Kingsford, and more recently of Victorian Pines in Iron Mountain, died Saturday, Feb. 10, 2007, at the V.A. Medical Center in Iron Mountain. He was a member of the Anshe Knesseth Congregation.

Dr. Reischer was a V.A. urologist and surgeon from 1946 to 1965 in Dwight, Ill., and from 1965 to 1979 in Iron Mountain

He was born on Aug. 24, 1911, the son of Regina Stauber Reischer and Bernard Reischer, near what was then Lemberg, Poland. In 1914, the Reischer family moved to Vienna, Austria and lived on the Hahngasse.

Adam was an excellent student, and graduated from the University of Vienna and its medical school with diplomas in medicine and dentistry. He was then in practice with an uncle in Vienna. When he took a class in Italian language and culture, a mutual friend introduced him to another student, Rosi Schwarzmantel.

When the Nazis invaded Austria in 1938 and the open persecution of Jews began, Adam's friends convinced him to obtain an immigration quota number from the American embassy. Later that year, Rosi helped him flee to England, and they were married in London on Feb. 28, 1939.

Adam arrived alone in the U.S. in 1940. When the U.S. went to war in 1941, he could not be drafted because he was a physician, and could not attend officer training because he was not a citizen, so he enlisted in the Army as a private. He was discharged with pneumonia, obtained U.S. citizenship, and re-enlisted and was promoted to captain, serving the V.A. hospital in Dwight, Ill. In 1944, Rosi joined him in the U.S.

After the war, Adam continued his career with the V.A. Dr. Reischer was a member of the American Urological Association and the American Medical Association. In the course of his work at the VAMC, he mentored a young physician's assistant, A.J. Kent. Eventually, A.J. and his family became close friends with the Reischers.

Adam's favorite hobby was fishing, which he enjoyed on evenings and weekends in the U.P. as well as on family trips to fishing holes across the U.S. He was a member of Congregation Beth Emeth, the Kingsford Lions Club, and the Great Books Group of Iron Mountain/Kingsford.

He is survived and mourned by his daughter and son-in-law, Jenny R. and Robert J. Redfern of Morgan Hill, Calif.; grandson and granddaughter-in-law, Jeremy D. Redfern and Karen J. Coates, granddaughter and grandson-in-law, Joanna L. Redfern-Rinck and Thomas J. Rinck of Albuquerque, N.M. and the extended Redfern family.

Adam Reischer was preceded in death by his wife, Rose Schwarzmantel Reischer and his sister, Micheline Reischer Polay.

Visitation is scheduled for Saturday from 12:30 p.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the Erickson-Rochon and Nash Funeral Home of Iron Mountain.

The funeral service will follow at 1:30 p.m. at the funeral home. Dr. Michael Zevitz will officiate.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in his memory to the U.P. Library for the Blind in Marquette or the Dickinson County Cancer Care Unit.

Condolences may be expressed to the family of Dr. Adam Reischer online at [www.ernashfuneralhomes.com](http://www.ernashfuneralhomes.com).

The family has entrusted the Erickson-Rochon and Nash Funeral Home with the funeral arrangements.

# Tribute Wall

BL

“ Jenny I just learned of your father's death. He certainly led a full and productive life. I hope the memories of your parents will help ease the pain of your loss. My most sincere condolences to you and your family.

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**Beau Lawrence** - April 12, 2007 at 12:00 AM

PN

“ To Jenny & family. I am Rac & Chris's daughter. I just found out that Dr. Reischer died; I am so sorry. He & Rosi were so very dear to my parents. I sometimes visited him with my mom at Victorian Pines. He was a kind & caring man. Many of my memories of my parents include your parents, especially the "fishing days". My deepest sympathy.

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**Patricia Rocconi Nemode** - March 26, 2007 at 12:00 AM

BR

“ Dear Jenny,  
It has been so long since I have seen you, but you are nonetheless a special person to my heart from our high school days. It was a rare pleasure to visit briefly with your darling mom sometime before she died; I wish I could have seen your parents more in our too-busy-for-our-good lifestyles!

I lost my own mom a few months ago, but was comforted as the scripture speaks of beyond imagination. I turned the reins of my life over to the Lord at age 25 & it revolutionized my life for good. I know you come from a Jewish background (dearly beloved of God Who will supernaturally intervene in defense in these end times unfolding of events). May He hold you comforted in the palm of His hand!

God bless!

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**Becky (Gagnon) Robert** - March 25, 2007 at 12:00 AM

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“ To Jenny and the family of Dr.Reischer - I worked with Dr. Reischer for many years as Secretary in the Surgical Department at the VA. He was a fine man - He always smiled at my three young children - "How wonderful - How beautiful they are..." A kind and gifted man I will remember. Nancy Bullock

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**Nancy (Kreider) Bullock** - February 27, 2007 at 12:00 AM

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“ Jenny: I worked at the VA Hospital for 34 years, and what I remember most is the time I was your father's secretary on 5W. He was a gentle man and a pleasure to work for. Also want to mention a friend, June Moddie, who wishes to give her condolences.

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**Rosemary Rondeau** - February 25, 2007 at 12:00 AM

DP

“ *Jenny and family,  
I am very sorry to read of your father's passing. He had a very full  
and interesting life.  
My thoughts and prayers are with you.  
Diane*

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**Diane Wender Pontrelli** - February 25, 2007 at 12:00 AM

RR

“ *My deepest sympathy to the Reischer Family. I work at the UPLBPH  
in Marquette. I had many wonderful conversations with Dr. Reischer  
and Rosie and learned so much about life from their stories. Having  
them come into my life is a privilege that I cherish. You are all in my  
thoughts and prayers. Ruth Ruff, UPLBPH*

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**Ruth Ruff** - February 14, 2007 at 12:00 AM

GS

“ *Please accept our deepest sympathy. I participated in many  
activities with Dr. Reischer through the Kingsford Lions Club. He was  
a joy to associate and socialize with. We had many enjoyable card  
games both after our meetings and in Dr. Reischer's recreation  
room at his home. Rosie always provided a snack and Dr. Reischer  
always had a beer for us. He will be missed by many people.*

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**Gene & Marge Schiavo** - February 14, 2007 at 12:00 AM

LF

“ *My deepest sympathy to your family. I will truly miss Dr. Reischer. His telephone calls to me at the Chippewa Club always made me smile. When I would deliver a lunch or a dinner to him, a life experience I would hear each time and how facinating it was. Dr. Reischer has been reunited with his dear Rosie now. You are in my thoughts and prayers.*

*Lynn Forstrom*  
*The Chippewa Club*

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**Lynn Forstrom** - February 13, 2007 at 12:00 AM