



## Theodore Allen Reyman

April 26, 1931 - March 24, 2017

Dr. Theodore Allen "Al" Reyman

One of Michigan's most accomplished and distinguished pathologists, Dr. Theodore Allen "Al" Reyman, passed away after a brief illness on March 24, 2017. He was 85.

Dr. Reyman was widely acknowledged as one of the nation's leading pathologists during his 18-year tenure as Mount Carmel Hospital's Director of Laboratory Services. He also served as Medical Director, Clinical Professor of Pathology, and Director of the Pathology Residence Program at the Mercy College (now University of Detroit Mercy) School of Medicine. He retired from Mount Carmel in 1990.

Dr. Reyman earned his bachelor's degree from Bowling Green State University before attending the University of Michigan Medical School where he received his M.D. in 1961. Before completing his medical degree, he served in the U.S. Army for two years.

Prior to his years at Mount Carmel, Dr. Reyman interned at Harper Hospital and completed his residency training through the Wayne State University Medical Schools Affiliated Hospital Program. He served as Assistant Director of Laboratories at Hutzel Hospital from 1966 until joining the Mount Carmel

staff in 1972.

For more than three decades, Dr. Reyman was recognized for his significant contributions to science and his profession. More than 25 of his articles were published in scientific and medical journals. He was cofounder of the Paleopathology Association, and he was Past-President of the Michigan Society of Pathologists. He also served as a member of the International Academy of Pathology, the American Society of Clinical Pathologists, and many other professional and honorary organizations.

In 1976, he was selected by the International Academy of Pathology to exhibit his work at the Second World Congress of Academic and Environmental Pathology in Washington D.C.

Dating back to 1970, Dr. Reyman was a leading member of a team of scientists searching for data on diseases of ancient populations. As such, he performed autopsy dissections on mummies from Egypt, Peru, Alaska and other regions of the United States. As one of the few American scientists to conduct exams of this type, his early research was crucial in identifying causes of modern-day diseases.

Among his many philanthropic efforts was the establishment of a scholarship fund at Bowling Green State University. In 1978, he was honored with BGSU's Distinguished Alumnus Award.

Dr. Reyman's other passions in life included golf, working with stained glass, playing bridge with friends, and, first and foremost, his family. He was married for nearly 50 years to his loving wife, the late Donna Marie (Lemma). He was also the proud father of four children - Dominica "Mena" (Michael) Murray, Rebecca DeAnda, Sarah Borski, and Theodore A. (Kelly) Reyman III - and the adoring grandfather of eleven grandchildren.

Born April 26, 1931 in Detroit, he was the son of the late Theodore A. (Beulah Mae) Reyman Sr. and predeceased by three sisters.

Visitation is Tuesday 2-8 pm and funeral service is Wednesday 10 am at the Wm. Sullivan and Son Funeral Home, 705 W. 11 Mile Rd., Royal Oak.

Memorials to The Capuchins or the Multiple Myeloma Research Foundation.

Memories may be shared at [sullivanfuneraldirectors.com](http://sullivanfuneraldirectors.com) <<http://sullivanfuneraldirectors.com>>.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 28. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Wm. Sullivan and Son Funeral Directors-Royal Oak  
705 W. Eleven Mile Road  
Royal Oak, MI 48067  
(248) 541-7000  
royal@sullivanfh.com  
<https://www.sullivanfuneraldirectors.com/>

## Funeral Services

MAR 29. 10:00 AM (ET)

Wm. Sullivan and Son Funeral Directors-Royal Oak  
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# Tribute Wall

MH

“ *What a wonderful man and an incredible legacy! We are thankful that the Reymans crossed our path. . .*

*The Hathaways are holding you all close to our heart. May he rest in eternal peace.*

*David, Missy, Shelby and Eden*

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**Melissa Hathaway** - April 01, 2017 at 02:24 PM

KN

“ *Linda and I send our thoughts and prayers. Doc and Donna sent some of my favorites to Dondero. Wish you all well in the future.*



*Ken Noble*

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**Kwn Noble** - March 29, 2017 at 02:23 PM

SA

*Thank you so much!*

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**Sarah** - March 31, 2017 at 10:32 PM



“ *Your delightful Mom arranged for your Father to dance with me at my Parents' 50th Anniversary party because she knew my Mom & I thought he was more handsome than Paul Newman! We will never forget his warmth, intelligence, love for his family and, of course, his good looks! Your Mom and Dad hold a very special place in our hearts so we weep with you and send our heartfelt sympathy. Nancy Primovic, Audrey & Chuck Hatch*

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**Nancy Primovic** - March 28, 2017 at 08:58 PM

SA

*So sweet! Thank you!*

Sarah - March 31, 2017 at 10:33 PM



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March 28, 2017 at 11:00 AM

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Ted Reyman - March 28, 2017 at 10:19 AM

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Ted Reyman - March 28, 2017 at 10:14 AM



“ *Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Theodore Allen Reyman.*



March 27, 2017 at 08:25 PM



“ *Gracious Lavender Basket was purchased for the family of Theodore Allen Reyman.*



March 27, 2017 at 05:01 PM



“ *Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased for the family of Theodore Allen Reyman.*



March 27, 2017 at 04:00 PM



“ *Carol johnson purchased the Sweet Tenderness for the family of Theodore Allen Reyman.*



**Carol johnson** - March 27, 2017 at 02:21 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Theodore Allen Reyman.*



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March 27, 2017 at 02:16 PM



“ *The Bossenberry Family sends our deepest sympathies to the Reyman Family. From the fun foursome of Al, Donna, Earl and Laura to the BFF status of Becky and Suzanne, the blessing of our families' 40+ year friendship has impacted each of us. Al was responsible for getting me (Renee) my first job, which allowed me to pay my way through college. I will forever be grateful to him for that opportunity. Al's sense of humor has been discussed in recent days by every member of my family as one of the many things we loved and will miss about him. He gave several of us nicknames, which became permanent substitutions for our actual names. Earl was "Earl the Pearl," or "Pearly." (Earl responded by calling Al "Aloicious," after St. Aloicious). Laura was "Polly Perfect," or "Polly," and Melanie and Camille were "Melody" and "Clarissa," respectively. Although we are very sad that we won't hear those names again from Al, we will always smile when we remember him saying them. Al was a great man and a treasured friend; it was an honor and privilege to know him. We send our love and prayers to Mena, Becky, Sarah, Ted and their families during the difficult days and months ahead. Love, Renee Lynch and the Bossenberry Family.*

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**Renee Lynch** - March 27, 2017 at 01:45 PM



*Thank you for this lovely tribute!*

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**Sarah** - March 31, 2017 at 10:34 PM

NL

*I didn't know your father as I did your mother, but I can surely appreciate loss as my own husband passed away last summer. I crashed a few Reyman holiday parties just to see her. 50 years of love and caring...where does the time go. I also did not know how accomplished your father was, very impressed! 85 years is a good long life, yet I am constantly amazed that our lives can change with every beat of our hearts. I will pray for your father and family. Nydia Lund (Shawna's sister*

**Nydia E Lund** - April 07, 2017 at 06:01 AM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Theodore Allen Reyman.*



March 27, 2017 at 12:52 PM



“ *Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Theodore Allen Reyman.*



March 27, 2017 at 12:20 PM

MW

“ *Dear Mena, Becky, Ted and Sara...we were so sorry to hear about Al's passing. So many wonderful memories of your parents. We are sorry we can't be there for his service, but we will celebrate his life by having a donut and cup of coffee here in Florida. We think Al would like that! Love and hugs to you all. Bill and Madeline Willard*

**Madeline Willard** - March 26, 2017 at 07:46 PM

SA

*Thank you! He would love that!*

**Sarah** - March 26, 2017 at 08:18 PM

VJ

“ Vicki, Beth & Glen, Julie & Chris, Cindy & Jay purchased the *A New Sunrise Spray* for the family of Theodore Allen Reyman.



**Vicki, Beth & Glen, Julie & Chris, Cindy & Jay** - March 26, 2017 at 07:14 PM



“ *Basket of Memories* was purchased for the family of Theodore Allen Reyman.



March 26, 2017 at 06:59 PM



“ *Basket of Joy* was purchased for the family of Theodore Allen Reyman.



March 26, 2017 at 04:59 PM



“ *Strength & Solace Spray was purchased for the family of Theodore Allen Reyman.*



March 26, 2017 at 04:24 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the family of Theodore Allen Reyman.*



March 26, 2017 at 02:50 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Theodore Allen Reyman.*



March 26, 2017 at 12:48 PM



“ *Dan and Cheryl Hillbom and Family purchased the Sapphire Skies Bouquet for the family of Theodore Allen Reyman.*



**Dan and Cheryl Hillbom and Family** - March 26, 2017 at 12:48 PM

CH

“ *Uncle Al, You are so loved. Your presence brought comfort. Your words were filled with laughter and wisdom. You will always be close to our hearts.*

*I remember when our son, David, was born. Everyone had left. I was asleep and looked up. There you were. Sitting quietly. Watching over me. The Dr. was in the house. I will never forget. You comforted me.*

*Forever in our hearts, Dan and Cheryl*

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**Cheryl and Dan Hillbom** - March 26, 2017 at 12:08 PM

SA

*Thank you Dan & Cheryl!*

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**Sarah** - March 26, 2017 at 08:21 PM

MJ

“ *we knew Al and Donna for many years primarily thru Donna's brother Dominic Lemma. They were always so gracious to our GA gang during Cruise week to host our get togethers at their home in Royal Oak. We will miss them.*

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**Michael Jahn** - March 26, 2017 at 10:08 AM

SA

*So kind. Thank you!*

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**Sarah** - March 26, 2017 at 08:23 PM

PM

“ Pasquale, Rick, Jim, Mike and Mark purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Theodore Allen Reyman.



Pasquale, Rick, Jim, Mike and Mark - March 26, 2017 at 09:53 AM

MF

“ Mike, Denise, Michele, Carly and our family purchased the Sweetest Sunrise Bouquet for the family of Theodore Allen Reyman.



Mike, Denise, Michele, Carly and our family - March 26, 2017 at 09:22 AM

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Ted Reyman - March 26, 2017 at 08:35 AM

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“ Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of Theodore Allen Reyman.



March 25, 2017 at 10:21 PM



“ *Sapphire Skies Bouquet was purchased for the family of Theodore Allen Reyman.*



March 25, 2017 at 09:26 PM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Theodore Allen Reyman.*



March 25, 2017 at 08:11 PM



“ *Sending prayers and sympathy to you all! Such wonderful memories of all us as best childhood friends, and I loved your mom and dad so much, too! Your dad was a gentle-man and a reassuring father-figure to me. Lots of love to you all! ~ Jane (Gage) Fisk-Zwicker*

**Jane (Gage) Fisk-Zwicker** - March 25, 2017 at 08:10 PM



*Thank you Jane!*

**Sarah** - March 26, 2017 at 08:19 PM



**Jane Zwicker** - April 02, 2017 at 12:38 PM