



## Dr. Robert A. Reid

June 9, 1944 - July 20, 2010

A “Celebration of Life” service for Robert Addison Reid, DMA, (66) of Carthage, TX will be held at 2:00 p.m. on Friday, July 30, 2010, at Central Baptist Church with Rev. Steve Jackson officiating. A graveside committal service will be held at 9:00 a.m. at Odd Fellows Cemetery that morning. Visitation with family and friends will be held on Thursday evening from 6:00–8:00 p.m. Dr. Reid died Tuesday, July 20, 2010.

Dr. Robert Addison Reid was born June 9, 1944, in Gonzales, TX, to Addison Lumpkin and Margaret Swann Wilson Reid. The youngest of three children, he attended Gonzales schools, graduating from Gonzales High School with the class of 1962. In 1967 Dr. Reid graduated from Baylor University with a BME in instrumental and vocal music. This was followed with a Master of Music Education in 1970. He was awarded a Doctorate of Musical Arts in Choral Music from the University of Texas at Austin in 1983. Robert Reid married Carolyn Smith of Carthage, on June 17, 1967, and the couple recently celebrated 43 years together.

Dr. Reid served numerous churches throughout the state as Minister of Music including First United Methodist Church in Marshall, Memorial Drive Baptist Church in Houston, West Oaks Baptist Church in Alief, and Crestview Baptist Church in Austin. From 1972–1975 Robert Reid served in the two-person music department at Panola College directing all ensembles and working with Myrna Hook. He was Professor of Music (Church Music and Teacher Certification) at Houston Baptist University from 1980–2000. During these

years, Dr. Reid taught a variety of music classes, conducted a university choir, served as interim band director, supervised student teachers, and developed a solid church music program. Throughout his years of service, Dr. Reid used his God-given talents as a conductor, composer/arranger, performer, and teacher. He was named composer-in-residence for the Houston Choral Society. In addition, he served for years as a choral judge for two prominent music festival companies. Robert A. Reid was a loving, helpful husband; a nurturing and supportive father; a fun-loving G-Daddy; and a friend to all. Survivors include Robert Reid's wife, Carolyn, of Carthage; son Charles (Chuck) R. Reid and wife Julie of Mannheim, Germany; son Randall (Randy) A. Reid and wife Julie of The Woodlands; grandchildren Maddison and Royce Reid of The Woodlands; and Sam, Leah and Luke Reid of Mannheim, Germany. Robert Reid is survived by sisters Swann Reid of Gonzales, TX, and Carolyn Reid Park and husband Lane of Frisco. Also surviving are his in-laws, Dr. and Mrs. W. C. Smith of Carthage; brother-in-law Robby Smith and wife Joy of Carthage; brother-in-law Jamey Smith and wife Carol of Kingwood; and sister-in-law Elizabeth Yarborough and husband Guy of Gladewater in addition to numerous relatives and a host of friends. Dr. Reid was preceded in death by his parents.

The family requests memorials be made to any of the following organizations which had special places in Dr. Reid's heart: Central Baptist Church Children's Music Program, Panola College Music Program, Project String Power all in Carthage; Shreveport Chamber Singers; and Houston Choral Society.

An online guest book may be signed at [www.hawthornfuneralhome.com](http://www.hawthornfuneralhome.com).

# Previous Events

## Service

JUL 30. 9:00 AM.

Graveside

## Service

JUL 30. 2:00 PM (CT)

Central Baptist Church  
220 W. Sabine  
Carthage, TX

# Tribute Wall



“ Hawthorn Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Dr. Robert A. Reid



Hawthorn Funeral Home - July 20, 2010 at 12:00 AM



“ I just finished watching a 7 part documentary on Karen Carpenter and her brother. It brought back memories of the time I played electric bass guitar under Dr Reid at Panola Jr College, 1973-1975. I played in his band at basketball games and in his Piper choir. He had us play many of the Carpenter's hits. I was not a music major, but he did give me a scholarship after the first semester. I had wanted to send him a CD that I had made several years ago. It was a prayer that was on Mr Arthur Calcote's grave in Hemphill, TX. I turned it into a song and some friends of mine sing the words of the prayer that one of Mr Calcote's daughters had written after his death. I may try to contract Dr Reid's wife to send her the CD. He was a nice man and I am glad that he touched my life through his love of music.##imported-begin##Richard J Bueche##imported-end##

October 29, 2012 at 04:21 AM



“ Sincere condolences to the "Reid" family!##imported-begin##Anthony W. Smith##imported-end##

August 11, 2011 at 05:47 AM



“ I want to say that it was truly a blessing to know Dr. Robert Reid. He made an SSA arrangement of his Christmas composition just so that my SSA trio (myself included) could sing for a concert at church. What a great "gift" that he gave to us, as a friend, as an inspiration, as a musician and composer.

*I will continue to keep you all in my prayers.##imported-begin##Mary Bruner##imported-end##*

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August 10, 2010 at 10:25 PM



“ I am so sad to hear of Robert's passing. I graduated from High School With him and he also sang at our wedding in 1966. Please know you all have our sympathy. Bendra Heinemeyer Brown and husband, Sidney Brown##imported-begin##Bendra Brown##imported-end##

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August 09, 2010 at 12:03 PM



“ *To the Reid family:*

*We extend our sympathy to you in your loss of Robert. We lived in Gonzales 1970-1973. Robert's parents were dear friends of ours, Mr. Addison was always a joy to visit with at the cleaners as well as church. Mrs. Margaret taught our kids in SS at First baptist. They kept us up on their children, who they were rightfully proud of. I remember Robert singing in our church when he would come "home" to visit and also remember Swain playing the piano. Such special memories for us. Mr. Rupert and Gertrude were very dear to us also.*

*I know the Reids are having a reunion in Heaven with lots of beautiful music.*

*May God bless you, our prayers are with you! Carolyn and Andy and family###imported-begin##Carolyn Anderson & Andy Anderson Bay City, Texas###imported-end##*

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August 05, 2010 at 12:37 PM



“ *Dear Robert,*

*To call you a dear friend would be a gross understatement.*

*So many times, you moved us at the Houston Choral Society to tears and/or laughter with your inspired musical messages. Please stand by me at this year's HCS Christmas concert as we sing "The Present"; else, I will surely break down...*

*And sign me up for the Reid Heavenly Choir! I don't care what the dues are!*

*Until we meet again, my friend,  
=bob=###imported-begin##Bob Frank###imported-end##*

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August 02, 2010 at 10:07 PM



“ May the peace of God be with each member of the family. He is gone but will not be forgotten.##imported-begin##Charlotte Martin Hamilton##imported-end##

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July 30, 2010 at 02:04 AM



“ May The Lord Jesus Bless you< is not a good bye, is a "will see you later and we will rejoice in our Father's house".  
Dr Robert Reid, you will be miss.  
Much Love to all the Reid's family from my family.  
Sincerely  
Lily & Michael Raines.##imported-begin##Lily Raines##imported-end##

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July 30, 2010 at 01:21 AM



“ We just got a message this morning from Charlie Brown and are very sad about Robert. We will be praying for you.##imported-begin##Robert and Martha Jo Black##imported-end##

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July 29, 2010 at 01:24 PM



“ We are so saddened to hear of Dr. Reid's passing. Carolyn, we know how close you two were and what a kind and humerous man he was. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family at this time.##imported-begin##Terry and Suzzane Blake##imported-end##

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July 29, 2010 at 05:37 AM



“ Deepest sympathy for all of the family. Our prayers are with you!##imported-begin##Mr. & Mrs. Charles P. Chenault, III##imported-end##

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July 28, 2010 at 11:13 PM



“ We recieved your notice while in Ashville,NC. Please know our thoughts and prayers have been with you since then.Robert is blessed to be with God. As for Carolyn, Chuck, Randy, the Smiths, and all the grandchildren, we will continue to keep you in our prayers. We regret we cannot be in Carthage for the services, but we know the musical tribute will bring great joy.##imported-begin##Fred & Diana Thom##imported-end##

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July 28, 2010 at 06:18 PM



“ Carolyn,  
So sorry to hear of your loss. You and your family will be in my thoughts and prayers. I know he will be truly missed.

*In His love,*  
*Pam##imported-begin##Pam Williamson##imported-end##*

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July 28, 2010 at 04:28 PM



“ My family and the Reids were friends in Gonzales, Texas. Robert's mother Margaret and my aunt Francis Morrison Moore were close friends growing up. Whenever I visited my grandmother in Gonzales, I always went to see the Reids. Robert and I used to go horseback riding in the summers. I visited with his mother and his sister Swann a few years ago when I was visiting my cousin Ken Moore in Gonzales. Please accept my condolences for your loss, and my prayers for your family during this time.##imported-begin##Mary K. Heye Cloud##imported-end##

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July 28, 2010 at 09:53 AM



“ I will always cherish the memories of choir at Panola College during the two years I was there (1972-1974) and also the year that I spent in the "Pipers" (1973-1974) Those were such special times with Dr. Reid (it was also before he was Doctor). He was close enough to our age that we had great fun, especially on the trips. I regret I did not stay in closer touch with such a fine man who had such a profound influence on my life. I think of him often and will always cherish his memory. To his family, my deepest sympathy in your loss and my prayers are with you.

Tim Perkins  
Center, Texas##imported-begin##Tim Perkins##imported-end##

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July 27, 2010 at 07:08 PM



“ I am sadden to hear of Dr. Reid's passing. I often sat next to him in rehearsals with the Houston Choral Society and he was always very gracious to me.

Mack Womack

Sugar Land, TX##imported-begin##Mack Womack##imported-end##

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July 27, 2010 at 01:14 PM



“ Our deepest sympathies go out to all of the family. To Carolyn, Randy, Chuck, Swann, Julie Kay, and Julie, and other family members... we love you all, and our love and prayers are with you. Hug each other and know it is Dorothy and myself giving those hugs to you. We will all miss Robert dearly...he will always be loved and cherished for what legacies he has left behind. Chuck, Randy, and others who have the musical talents... use them well to your FATHER IN HEAVENS glory for this is what your dad taught you to do.

Love, sympathy, and prayers to all of you...may GOD give you inner peace and strength to carry on as only THE FATHER can do.

Love you very much.##imported-begin##Dorothy & Pamela McArthur - Channelview TX##imported-end##

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July 24, 2010 at 06:41 PM



“ Robert (and Carolyn) are dear friends. We are with you all in thoughts daily. His God given blessing, music, was shared with all who were fortunate enough to touch his life.  
Think of stepping on shore and finding it Heaven, of taking hold of a hand and finding it God's hand, of breathing a new air and finding it celestial air, of feeling invigorated and finding it immortality, of passing from storm and tempest to an unbroken calm, of waking and finding you are home! Godspeed dear friend.##imported-begin##David and Dianna Gray##imported-end##

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July 24, 2010 at 04:33 PM



“ Robert Reid was such an inspiration and good friend to me and my brother, Jimmy, in high school. I fondly remember the many great times we had with Robert Reid and Jimmy Tabor and me, Dick Tabor, playing tennis and golf and riding horses on their farm. After we got our drivers' licenses we loved driving to nearby cities like San Marcos or Lockhart to enjoy 18 holes or more of golf. I never really saw much of Robert after high school, but if he was only half the "man" he was in high school then he was a "great" person as an adult.

My sympathies to all his family and close friends for the loss of such a dear soul.

Dick Tabor##imported-begin##Dick Tabor##imported-end##

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July 24, 2010 at 03:09 PM



“ Go with GOD my friend. The music in heaven is going to be a lot sweeter with you there.##imported-begin##Isaac E. Simpson##imported-end##

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July 24, 2010 at 10:09 AM



“ Dear Carolyn and Family,

*Bill and I extend our deepest sympathies for your loss. Bill always enjoyed talking music with Robert. We pray for God's grace and peace during these days and in the days and months to come. Blessings!##imported-begin##Elaine Farmer Gillum##imported-end##*

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July 23, 2010 at 02:15 PM



“ Carolyn,

*I am so sorry to hear of Robert's passing. What a great guy! I have enjoyed remembering him today. May God bless you and give you strength for the days ahead.##imported-begin##Jerry Williams ##imported-end##*

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July 23, 2010 at 01:39 PM



“ Carolyn and Family,

*My most sincere sympathy for the loss of Robert. May God bless you and keep you in His Loving embrace during this time of loss and sadness. Deepest Peace to you. Janet##imported-begin##Janet Healy##imported-end##*

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July 22, 2010 at 10:04 AM



“ Our sincerest sympathy for your loss. May God comfort you as only he can. Our thoughts and prayers are with you.

*Ralph & Pam Todd##imported-begin##Ralph & Pam Todd##imported-end##*

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July 21, 2010 at 06:48 PM



“ Carolyn and family, Glen and I share in the sorrow of the family in the loss of Robert. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. He made a difference in so many lives in sharing his love of music.##imported-begin##Jody Hines##imported-end##

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July 21, 2010 at 02:00 PM