

## Harold E. (Hal) Reagan

October 17, 1933 - March 13, 2024

Former Alcoa executive and longtime Rockdale resident Harold E. (Hal) Reagan, age 90, died Wednesday, March 13, 2024 at Baylor Scott & White Hospital in Round Rock. Services are scheduled for 10:00 a.m. Monday, March 18, 2024 at Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home in Rockdale. Burial to follow in I.O.O.F. Cemetery in Rockdale. Visitation is 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Sunday, March 17th at the funeral home.

Reagan was born in Madill, Oklahoma, on October 17, 1933, the son of Tessie B. and Myrtie Mae (Lummus) Reagan and was the youngest of seven children. He moved to Sherman, Texas, early in his childhood with his family and grew up and attended school in that North Texas city.

He went into the U.S. Navy after high school and served four years--mostly aboard the seaplane tender U.S.S Orca--during the Korean War, reaching the rank of second class petty officer before being honorably discharged in 1954.

Reagan returned to Texas and studied at Tyler Junior College, Texas Tech and North Texas State College (now the University of North Texas). He earned a bachelor's degree in journalism from North Texas in 1958.

It was at Tyler that he met the love of his life, Joy Dell (Hurt) Reagan, who was attending college on a nursing scholarship. They were married on March 4,

1955, and celebrated their 67th anniversary before her death on September 5, 2022.

Reagan was a reporter/editor at three daily newspapers across the state --The Tyler Morning Telegraph, The Beaumont Enterprise and Journal and The Port Arthur News --before beginning his corporate public affairs career with Aluminum Company of America (Alcoa) in 1967 at its world headquarters in Pittsburgh, PA.

He transferred to Alcoa's Point Comfort Operations at Port Lavaca, Texas, as public relations manager a year later and then to the company's Central Texas facility, Rockdale Operations, in 1972 as Texas public affairs/government relations manager. Subsequent assignments were back to the corporate office in Pittsburgh and then back to Rockdale. He retired from Alcoa in 1997.

Reagan was active in several community organizations, including the Rockdale Chamber of Commerce, South Milam County United Way, Heart of Texas Boy Scouts of America Council, Milam County Historical (Jailhouse) Museum and Lucy Hill Patterson Library. He received the Rockdale chamber's Outstanding Citizen Award in 1997.

He was a member of the Rotary Club for 50 years and served as president of the Rockdale club. He was inducted into District 4870's Roll of Fame, the highest award conferred by the district for outstanding service. Reagan was a four-time Paul Harris Fellow contributor to the Rotary International Foundation. At one time, from 1983 until 2016, he had 33 years of perfect attendance in the club that meets weekly.

Reagan was a lifelong member of the Church of Christ and worshipped at the Murray Street church in Rockdale. He was also a member of the Rockdale Country Club, the Austin Club, Headliners Club, Onion Creek Country Club

and Austin Woods and Water Club in addition to several state business associations including the Texas Association of Business, Texas Chemical Council, Texas Taxpayers Association, Texas Mining and Reclamation Association and Texas Chamber of Commerce.

Along with hunting and golf, Reagan enjoyed traveling the U.S. and world with his wife, Joy. They visited over 40 countries and territories, including China, Russia, Brazil, Australia, Singapore, New Zealand, Greece and Turkey. They especially enjoyed cruising and their last one, a two week trip to Hawaii, was their 30th sailing.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Joy, one son, Larry, two brothers and four sisters.

Reagan is survived by daughter Cheryl Lynn Jones and husband Wallace Jones of Rockdale; daughter Cynthia Ann Cates and husband Fred Cates of Rockdale; and a son, Phillip Craig Reagan and fiance Stacy Lange of Brenham. Also surviving are six grandchildren, Amanda Jackson of Temple, Freddie Cates of Aurora, Tearle Cates of Fredericksburg, April Leita of Victoria, Jessica Ramos of Rockdale and Austin Reagan of Brenham, 12 great grandchildren and numerous nephews and nieces.

# Cemetery Details

## I.O.O.F. Cemetery

850 N. Main St.  
Rockdale, TX 76567

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAR 17. 5:30 PM - 6:30 PM (CT)

Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home - Rockdale  
1041 West Highway 79  
Rockdale, TX 76567  
(512) 446-5454  
phillips\_luckey@yahoo.com  
<https://www.phillipsandluckey.com/>

## Funeral Service

MAR 18. 10:00 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Harold E. (Hal) Reagan*



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**Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home** - March 17, 2024 at 04:19 PM



*Beautiful pictoral tribute! He was a wonderful person!*

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**Julie Jenkins** - March 18, 2024 at 10:04 AM



“ *1 file added to the album Funeral Service*



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**Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home** - March 19, 2024 at 04:47 PM

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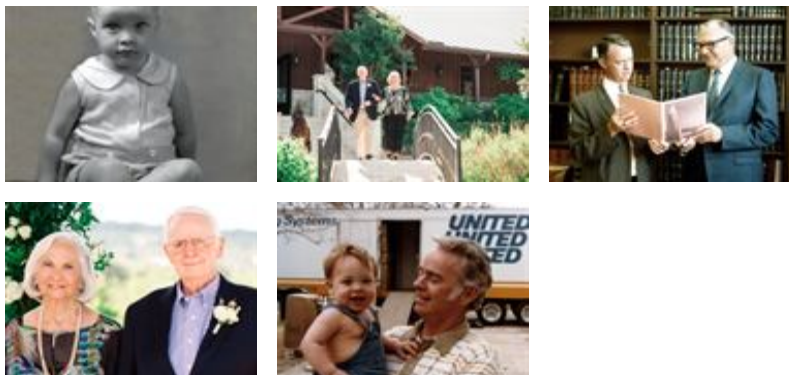
“ So sorry to learn of Hal's death. We were long-time friends dating back to the 1960s when he followed me at Alcoa's Point Comfort Operations and later Rockdale. He was a great friend and will be missed. Ironically, I had tried to call him and talk awhile the day of his death. Our condolences to his family. Robert and Carol Taylor



Bob Taylor - March 18, 2024 at 03:02 PM



“ 116 files added to the album Life Tributes



Phillips & Luckey Funeral Home - March 17, 2024 at 11:48 AM

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“ From your BBAC (Parks & Rec) Family planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Harold E. (Hal) Reagan.

From your BBAC (Parks & Rec) Family - March 16, 2024 at 12:42 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Harold E. (Hal) Reagan.*



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March 16, 2024 at 12:42 PM



“ *Ellen and I want to extend our sympathies to the children and grand children of Hal and Joy Reagan.*

*I first met Hal in the summer of 1971 working for him as a UT summer intern at Alcoa's Point Comfort Operations.*

*In 1972 I joined Alcoa and began a career that concluded in 2007.*

*I am certain that would not have happened without Hal's strong support.*

*For that, along with his friendship over the years, I will always owe him a huge debt of gratitude.*

*We have lost a fine man.*

*But we must also honor him for a life well lived.*

*Phil and Ellen Morton*

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**Phil Morton** - March 16, 2024 at 09:56 AM

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“ Hal was always one of my favorite uncles. He was my dad's youngest brother. He was only 5 years older than me, and I looked up to him as an older brother. I lived in Waco, TX, but each summer I would go to Sherman to spend a couple of weeks. My favorite memory dates to the time when Hal was about 16 and I was 11. He had an early morning paper route, and I would ride with him on his bicycle as he would throw the papers. I greatly admired his success in life, considering the fact that he grew up in poverty. He always had a wonderfully positive attitude. I thank God for him. Dave Reagan

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David Reagan - March 15, 2024 at 12:30 PM

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“ We all loved uncle Harold and sweet Joy. I'm sure Pop Reagan (Royce) was there to greet him when he arrived in heaven. Love you all! Ruth Ann, Rachel and Karen Reagan.



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Ruth Ann Reagan - March 14, 2024 at 09:47 PM

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“ Freddie amd Ashley Cates / Girls purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Harold E. (Hal) Reagan.



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Freddie amd Ashley Cates / Girls - March 14, 2024 at 11:32 AM

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“ Doug & Dee Willis planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Harold E. (Hal) Reagan.

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**Doug & Dee Willis** - March 14, 2024 at 10:20 AM

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“ Doug & Dee Willis purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Harold E. (Hal) Reagan.



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**Doug & Dee Willis** - March 14, 2024 at 10:20 AM