



Raynham Townsend Heard

September 21, 1950 - October 9, 2011

Frankfort " Raynham Heard was raised on a cattle/horse farm in Middleburg, VA, by his mother, Rose Loring Heard and father, General Ralph Townsend Heard. He was one of four children and is survived by all, the Rev. Victoria Heard, Dallas, TX; Kay Hanson, Washington, DC; and Loring Heard, GA.

Ren has three children, Sarah Begin, Frankfort; Jaren Heard, Roanoke, VA; and Jesse Heard, Frankfort. He also has two grandchildren, Lauren Wingate and Kyler Begin, both of Frankfort.

He attended school at the University of Texas and Dabney S. Lancaster College. His businesses included 21st Century Recording Company, Renovation Specialist Inc., and Laketree Farm LLC.

Ren was multi-skilled in over ten trades. He was familiar with all aspects of construction, site planning, theme park planning, construction project management, fundraising, final finishing, and landscaping.

He died on Sunday, October 9, 2011, working on his tree farm in Frankfort, KY. Arrangements have been made for Saturday, October 15, 2011, at 4:00 p.m. at the Episcopal Church of the Ascension, 311 Washington Street, Frankfort. Fellowship will immediately follow the service at 45 Reilly Road (top floor). Everyone is invited to attend either arrangement.

Arrangements are under the direction of Harrod Brothers Funeral Home

Tribute Wall



“ *Raynham Townsend Heard*

October 06, 2023 at 03:15 PM



“ *Susie and I are extremely sad to hear about Ren's death. We met him four years ago at the Lake Tree Farm in Bedford, VA. His enthusiasm and knowledge about landscaping will be greatly missed. Our heartfelt condolences to the family.*

Susie and Jim McGuire - October 17, 2011 at 04:32 PM



“ *On behalf of the volunteer crew at "Woodsongs Old Time Radio Hour" I would like to let you know that although Ren was a very new volunteer, he had already made a huge positive impression with his skill, knowledge and willingness to "jump in". We are so terribly sorry that he is gone and only wish we could have spent more time in his company. We wish you all peace and grace. Roz Heise, Woodsongs Crew Captain*

Roz Heise - October 16, 2011 at 05:20 PM



“ *I knew Ren considered him a friend and enjoyed the time we spent working together. Ren always talked about his children (he was proud of them and loved them very much) and had a real passion for his work. I wish his family peace and strength.*

Pat O - October 16, 2011 at 05:51 AM

TF

“ Ren was a good neighbor, and we are saddened by his passing. Our thoughts and prayers go out to his family during this very difficult time. Paul & Jo Carole Ellis & Family

The Ellis Family - October 15, 2011 at 03:08 PM

RF

“ We have known Ren, both personally and professionally, for 13 years and were shocked to hear of his passing. Our heartfelt condolences go out to his family. Ren believed in and worked to make this a better world. He said what he did, and did what he said - which is extremely rare now a days. He never hesitated to speak his mind and fight for what he believed in. Ren will always be considered a part of our family. Not only did the family lose a loved one, the world lost someone that actually made a difference. There are just no words to express the depth of our sadness for ALL of those who know Ren. He will always be in our hearts, never to be forgotten.

Rodriguez Family - October 15, 2011 at 12:15 PM

TK

“ My heartfelt condolences to Ren's family and friends. There are few people one meets that are larger than life and leave such a positive and lasting impression. Ren was this type of man. Unfortunately, I only recently became acquainted with him. His energy, enthusiasm and seemingly unlimited knowledge on such a wide range of subjects was always impressive. Even more amazing was his ability to find ways to help people, far and wide, with his creative energy and respect. The world would be a far better place with more men like him and will be a far poorer place without him. I will not forget him. May his family and friends take comfort in their memories. Sincerely, Terry Kline

Terry Kline - October 14, 2011 at 06:08 PM

TM

“ I only knew Ren for the short time he volunteered with the WoodSongs Old-Time Radio Hour in Lexington, KY. I hadn't really had a chance to talk to him much until his last Monday at WoodSongs. I needed help setting up the audio equipment and he was eager to help and definitely knew his way around a sound board. We talked a lot that day and he told me about his techno/space music, farms, and how he turned a failing subdivision development back into a farm...which I thought was great! Our deepest sympathies go out to his family, friends, and community for this huge loss. We at WoodSongs loved having him around and are grateful to have had the honor of meeting and working with him.

Toni Melton - October 14, 2011 at 01:05 PM

MJ

“ Many blessings to Ren and his family and his many friends who will miss him. I enjoyed getting to know Ren through the Redbud Festival in Barbourville. I will think of him when I look at the beautiful trees and plants I purchased from him over the years - they are a living tribute to him and his passion for life, people and all things green.

Mary Beth Jewell - October 12, 2011 at 02:09 PM