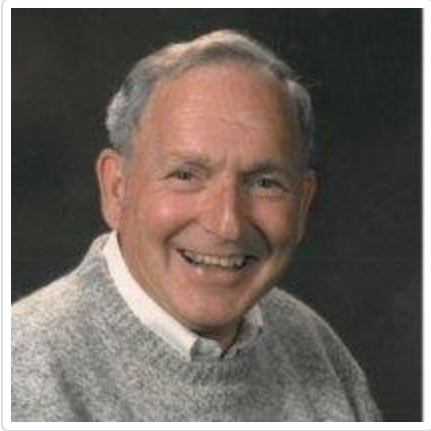




Lt. Col. Herbert M. Rosenthal USAF

October 1, 1925 - September 26, 2013

Passed away this week on Thursday, September 26, 2013, five days short of his 84th birthday. His marriage to his wife Susan lasted through 61 years of TDY's, constant moves, and raising a son, Steven, and a daughter, Lisakay. They retired to New Mexico with many happy trips to ports of call around the world along the way. Herbert entered service to his country in 1952, and had a career spanning 26 years. He was an electrical engineer, a Senior Navigator, and an inventor who could solve almost any puzzle. He taught at the opening of the Air Force Academy. He achieved many things. He was awarded the Joint Services Commendation Medal twice: once for his achievements in military telecommunications during the Vietnam War for inventing and implementing the first frequency-changing radio signal technology, which allowed downed American and RVN pilots to call for help and be safely rescued without Viet Cong detection, and the second time for service in the 1960's Aleutian Island testing programs. He invented and refined many classified projects still in use today for the Armed Forces. He was also awarded the Medal of Honor, First Class, of the (former) Republic of Vietnam for the previously mentioned project and many other classified projects and dozens of missions that accrued towards his Senior Navigator rank award. He was a lifelong ham radio operator and deployed in that capacity during times of emergency as well as serving as a check-in point during the Iditarod Race many times, which he really enjoyed. He qualified for a commercial radio license in high school and worked at station WOLF in Syracuse, New York. Lt.

Col. Rosenthal will be interred in the Santa Fe National Cemetery. In lieu of flowers the family requests donations to the New Mexico Veterans Memorial Park.

Cemetery Details

Santa Fe National Cemetery

501 N. Guadalupe St.
NM 87504

Tribute Wall

JE

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Jose Gavila EB5AGV - October 27, 2013 at 11:35 AM

JE

“ I met Herb and Susan in Valencia (Spain), back in March 1997. As him, I am amateur radio operator and we first met over the Internet. He offered to hand carry some items from USA to Spain on one visit they were going to do, and then I offered him to visit us here in Valencia. We had a great time here and we kept our friendship for many years by e-mail exchange. He also helped me for several years, packaging and shipping radio-related items from USA to Spain, adding always some gift on each box.

I miss you, my friend. Mi amigo.

73 JOSE EB5AGV

Jose Gavila EB5AGV - October 27, 2013 at 11:31 AM

JM

“ I met Herb through our working on Iditarod Sled Dog Races. He was always a go-getter and accomplishing our objectives by various methods. He is well remembered by many of us in Iditarod communications for a particular trip to the checkpoint in Galena. For some reason he could not get an antenna up to communicate with the headquarters in Anchorage. When he finally got his station on the air to report race results he told us he was using the metal roof of the building he was in as his antenna! I am sorry for his passing but I am equally sure that he left a tremendously positive imprint on all that he touched in his life. RIP Herb!

Jim Moody - October 06, 2013 at 11:58 AM



Lisakay
Shively

Thank you for the great memory: from his family.

Lisakay Shively - October 18, 2013 at 02:32 PM

JB

“Herb Rosenthal was my best friend. He was my best friend for nearly 60 years. I met Herb in 1954 when he was an instructor at the B-47 Comat Crew Training school in Wichita Kansas. I had actually knew of him before then when his article on the Rosenthal compute appeared in the Air Force Navigator magazine. He attached a strip of metal to one leg of a pair of dividers marked so that you could directly measure the ground speed of the aircraft. Shortly afterwards I was assigned to the same base and bought a house. Herb offered to help install a 220 volt line for the dryer. He suggested that he ought to connect the line to the live junction box since he had done it before. Right then he became my best friend. After we were both reassigned in 1957 we remained in contact and we visited them 3 times. In 1964 our assignments in Albuquerque overlapped. Herb's last assignment was in Alaska and he retired there. In 1984 he invited us to visit them in Anchorage and said that we could use his old pickup. Someone ran into it and totaled it. He offered us his brand new Subaru with less than 500 miles on it. When we returned it we had put more miles on it than he had. He moved to Albuquerque in 1986 and our families have been close ever since. I consult him on all technical matters and also on many other things. I will miss him greatly.

Jim Bier

Jim Bier - October 01, 2013 at 02:08 PM



Lisakay
Shively

Thanks for the great tribute- Lisakay

Lisakay Shively - October 18, 2013 at 02:33 PM

TH

“ *Herb was the best of best... client, friend and technical assistant! Many times he came to my rescue when setting up computer programs including helping me be one of the first to enjoy connecting to SWMLS on my home computer. I will be forever grateful to this kind and giving man. My heart goes out to Sue and his children for their loss of husband and father.*

TaLeah Hartman - October 01, 2013 at 01:36 PM

SH

“ *On behalf of the FRENCH Family of Companies we want to express to you our deepest condolences.*

Shelia Hocker - September 30, 2013 at 10:41 AM