



A sorrowful good-bye...

The rendering industry is again mourning the loss of a leader, colleague, and friend. Michael Reiser, newly elected chairman of the National Renderers Association (NRA), passed away on November 10, 2007, while on a business trip in Costa Rica. His wife, Shawn, was with him in Costa Rica at the time of his death. He was 51 years young.

Mike began his career in the rendering industry when he joined Carolina By-Products Co., Inc., in 1986 as a commodities trader. In 1988, he was promoted to vice president of marketing for CBP Resources, Inc., the successor company to Carolina By-Products. After Valley Proteins, Inc., acquired CBP Resources in August 1998, Mike and his family relocated to Winchester, VA, where he assumed the position of director of marketing for the combined companies.

Mike traveled extensively throughout the world representing both Valley Proteins and the North American rendering industry. He served as chairman of the NRA International Market Development Committee for over 10 years, and was NRA vice chairman for the past four years until late in October 2007 when he was elevated to chairman.

Along with his wife, Mike is survived by a daughter, Sarah, a son, Patrick, his parents, a brother, and numerous other family and friends.

Always sporting a smile, Mike was a valuable friend and member of the industry who will be forever missed. Rest in peace, dear friend.

Memorials may be made to the Michael G. Reiser Educational Foundation,
Attn: Mike Wilkerson, Wachovia Bank, 201 N. Loudoun St., Winchester, VA 22601.