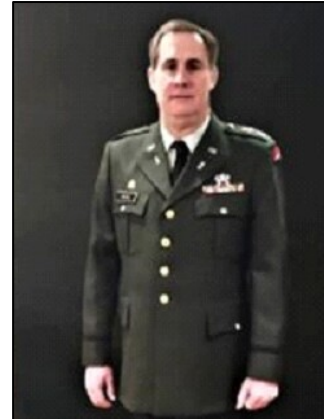


Dennis Rears Obituary

Dennis Rears, 61, of Chester, NJ, passed away peacefully on Tuesday, August 16, 2022, at Morristown Medical Center with his devoted wife, Xiaofeng Rears holding his hand.



Dennis was born in Stuttgart, Germany, to Joseph and Susan Rears. Dennis received his B.S. from the University of Tampa, FL, with Majors in Mathematics and Management Information Systems and a Minor in Computer Science. He also received his M.S. of Management from Florida Institute of Technology, Melbourne, FL. He was a retired Lieutenant Colonel (LTC) for the US Army after 4 years of active duty and 20 years in the Army Reserve. As a computer scientist and engineer, he spent over 30 years in design/support of Picatinny Arsenal internal and external Web architecture, and performed system analysis. He was one of the first to raise the issue of information assurance and cyber security. He also retired from the Armament Research and Development Engineering Center at the Picatinny Arsenal as an Army civilian.

Dennis enjoyed a wide range of subjects such as history, geography, science, languages, and was a world traveler. Two items on his bucket list included flying a private jet with Shyshy (their cat), and to visit Antarctica. He was an avid runner since he was a teenager, and ran numerous marathons across the US. He loved classic music, as well as Rock 'n' Roll. He appreciated musical instruments, coin collecting, Jeopardy, and everything sci-fi. He was a loving, caring person with a gentle soul, and loved to make people laugh. He was a longtime blood donor, and for years contributed to multiple charities such as St Joseph Hospital, Doctors without Borders. He was an usher and a member of St. Therese Church in Succasunna, NJ.

Dennis is survived by his loving Wife, Xiaofeng Rears, his parents Joseph Theodore Rears and Susan Connor Rears and Hailan Wang, Father-in-Law, Meiying Song, Mother-in-Law as well as many siblings, nephews, nieces, great nephews, great nieces, aunt, cousins, sister-in-law, and great cousins from all over the world.

Dennis' Life Celebration included a visitation on Friday, August 26, 2022 from 9am to 10am at the William J. Leber Funeral Home, 15 Furnace Road, Chester, NJ (908) 879-3090. A funeral mass followed at 10:30am at St. Therese Roman Catholic Church, 151 Main St, Succasunna, NJ 07876. Final interment was private. His final wish was to have a get together. There was a gathering immediately following the mass at CJ Steakhouse, Wharton, NJ.