

In Memory

Saying Goodbye to the Gentleman of Poker

Poker Professional David "Chip" Reese Passes at 56



DAVID EDWARD REESE
1951 - 2007

Las Vegas, NV, Dec 4, 2007 -- David Edward "Chip" Reese, born March 28, 1951, in Dayton, Ohio, and a 33-year resident of Las Vegas, passed early this morning. Reese showed signs of walking pneumonia and complained the night before of having flu-like symptoms. A family friend stated that Reese died peacefully during the night in his sleep.

Stricken with rheumatic fever as a child, he would spend the better part of a year at home in recovery. Some suspect that the illness may have caused respiratory issues and weakened his heart valves.

The father, husband, and true friend to many will be remembered for more than his accomplishments at the poker table.

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The Big Gamer

Say what you will about poker players and professional gamblers, but at the mention of Poker Hall of Fame legend David "Chip" Reese, any negative stereotypes one may have seem to fly out the window.

A regular player of the "The Big Game," Reese was an integral participant and founder of an elite group who played the highest stakes games in the world. He could be seen regularly at the Bellagio, Las Vegas, inside the etched glass room created by Bobby Baldwin.

His display of stamina and true grace were never more apparent to the public than during the 2006 World Series of Poker, when after several grueling sessions, and a six-hour heads-up final match against Andy Bloch, Reese became the first to capture the \$50,000 H.O.R.S.E. championship title.

Close friend and comrade Doyle Brunson stated after the event, "There's really no one more deserving of this title. He's got to be one of the best all around poker players I've ever known. He's also just a good man."

-Lisa Wheeler

