



# Nathaniel William Revis

July 27, 1939 - July 12, 2018

Nathaniel William Revis is in the care of Martin Oak Ridge Funeral Home. Nathaniel passed away July 12, 2018 in Oak Ridge, Tennessee. He was born July 27, 1939 in Nutley, New Jersey to Morton and Wilma Revis. When Jan McNally of Methodist Medical Center of Oak Ridge's parent company, Covenant Health, presented Nathaniel Revis with his Muddy Boot award in December 2010, she described him as a "distinguished scientist, entrepreneur and businessman."

For his part, Revis, at the time president and senior scientist of Scientific and Technical Resources Inc., gave credit for his success to "partners" such as the Oak Ridge National Laboratory, the Y-12 National Security Complex, local banking institutions and "the Oak Ridge community."

Revis, of West Outer Drive, died last week at the age of 78. A native of New Jersey, he came to The Secret City in 1975 — after completing his Ph.D. in biochemistry and teaching at the University of Glasgow, Scotland.

He arrived in East Tennessee with a joint appointment on the faculty at the University of Tennessee and at ORNL in biomedical sciences.

The holder of three patents and the author of more than 50 scientific and technical papers, Revis left the Oak Ridge National Laboratory in 1981 to start his first company, Oak Ridge Realty Holdings Inc., and started Scientific and Technical Resources several years after that.

The latter company won the Small Business Administration's "Administration Award of Excellence" at least four times: In 1985, 1992, 1995 and 2001.

All that being said, a release from the East Tennessee Economic Council (ETEC) in 2010 stated Revis "is best known for his work in the community — as well as at the regional, state and national level — advocating for business, education and quality health care."

Created in 1973 by the founders of ETEC — then known as the Roane Anderson Economic Council — the "Muddy Boot" Award takes its name from the Manhattan Project founders of the once-Secret City of Oak Ridge, Tenn.

Referred to as "muddy booters," these early Oak Ridge workers weathered adverse conditions to build a unique community that would ultimately bring an end to World War II. Additional recipients of the ETEC Muddy Boot Award through the years have been

Shigeko Uppuluri, Ed Westcott, Ben Adams, Al Gore, Buzz Elkins, Gene Joyce, Bill Manly, Alvin Weinberg, Horace Wells, Gene Caldwell, Tim Myrick, Herman Postma, Barry Stephenson, Tom Hill, Bill Wilcox, Jenny Freeman, Jim Henry, Barbara Ferrell, Sue Cange, David Millhorn and others.

A memorial service for Dr. Nathaniel Revis will be held at 11 a.m. Aug. 11, at Spurgeon Chapel AME Zion Church, Oak Ridge, Tenn.

Online messages may be left for the family at [www.martinfuneralhomeoakridge.com](http://www.martinfuneralhomeoakridge.com).

Services entrusted to Martin Oak Ridge Funeral Home 865-483-4341

# Comments

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“ We are very sorry to hear about Nat. He was a good friend of my parents, Pete and Wanda Craven. Mom went home on March 25 and I miss her very much. She and Nat and several other wonderful friends are rejoicing with Jesus! God bless your family! Vicky and Jerry Scruggs

**VICKY C SCRUGGS** - July 30, 2018 at 06:06 PM

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“ So sorry to hear of his passing. I first met Nat when he arrived at the Biology Division in the mid-seventies. We grew up in the same part of New Jersey and would often compare notes on how some things were so much the same and others so different in our respective neighborhoods. He was often a very gracious host for visiting ORCMA musicians in years past in addition to his many other community contributions. My condolences to his family and friends

**Lynne Longworth Walford** - July 25, 2018 at 05:07 PM

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“ News of Nathaniel's passing just reached me and I wanted to send my condolences to friends and family there... A gifted man, Dr. Revis will be missed. Rest in Peace, Nat.  
Robert

**Robert Dotson, MD** - July 23, 2018 at 04:05 PM



“ So sad in learning of Nat's passing. He was a home room friend, always pleasant. What an accomplished life! He was a genius classmate!

RIP dr. Revis. Marianne Thomas

**marianne Rivello Thimas** - July 30, 2018 at 09:38 AM



“ News of my uncles passing leaves me with nothing but regrets. Although I did not have a personal relationship with him I feel I've met the man, by reading all of the great and wonderful things that he has done in his life. His legacy, I am sure, will live on with the loved ones that he leaves behind. ~Rest in peace Uncle Nat

Iris Revis-Yanta

**Iris Revis-Yanta** - July 30, 2018 at 12:58 PM



“ What a shock to learn of Nat's passing! I'd just posted a birthday greeting to him on his Facebook page. Sadly, he never saw it.

My memories of Nat go back through Nutley High School and Nutley Junior High to Washington School, which we both attended. He was a great guy with a fantastic sense of humor. I'll never forget him.

My sincere sympathy to Nat's family, and my prayers for comfort for them.

**Doris Goman Stanford** - July 31, 2018 at 12:59 AM



“ I met Nat in Nutley High School. In our senior year we rode the bus together to Newark N.J. after school for our part time jobs.

We always sat together and I could never understand why people keep looking at us. Nat had to explain. I couldn't understand why people thought like that, we were friends. I will remember Nat fondly. Rest in Peace Nat.

Ruth Ann Petrella Bilowith

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**Ruth Ann Bilowith** - August 01, 2018 at 03:48 PM