

It is with sadness that I inform you that my parents (and two of your alumni) have passed away. Most recently my mother, **Darlene Raicevich** (B.S. Chemistry, 1957) passed away on February 21, 2021. My father, **Richard Rising** (B.S. Geology, 1957 and B.S. Petroleum Engineering, 1959) passed away in 2003.

Both had successful careers albeit thru different paths. My father went directly into the oil industry and progressed through professional and managerial positions ultimately retiring with Mobil Oil Company. My mother married and raised two sons until 1972 when my parents divorced.

She took her skillset learned at New Mexico Tech and for the next 30+ years taught scores of young adults' math, chemistry and physics at the senior high and college levels.



Darlene and Richard, 1957



Darlene Raicevich

Both of my parents often spoke of their time at New Mexico Tech; the things they learned, people they met and activities they participated in. They both strove for excellence and the strong desire for continued education. This rubbed off on me as I went on to study geophysics in university and had an exciting career in the petroleum industry.

I send their degrees to you as the university was a major part of my parent's lives but also their lives are a part of your history and legacy.

Respectfully
Glenn Rising