



GROVES CONFERENCE
on Marriage and Family



TRIBUTE TO ROGER RUBIN 2021

Barbara H. Settles, Ph.D.

Professor of Human Development & Family
Sciences

University of Delaware

ROGER WAS AN ACTIVE MEMBER OF NCFR FROM THE BEGINNING OF HIS CAREER

At the 1969 conference in Washington D.C., a group of students and young professionals, led by David Olson and Roger Rubin, established a Family Action group (Stuart Auerbach).

In its brief 48-hour existence, the group was recognized by the NCFR Executive Committee and given committee and section status in the organization. At that same time, student and young professionals were added to the Board and to all committees.

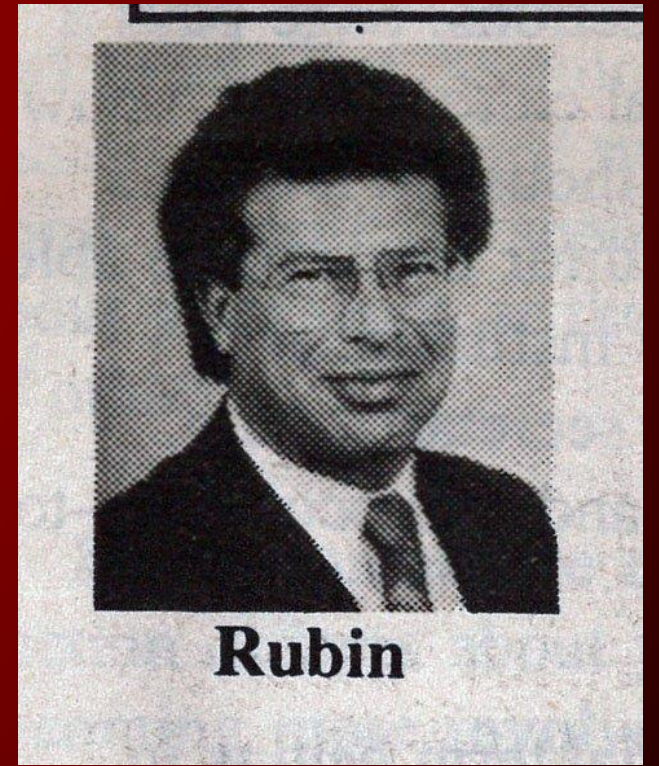


I met Roger early in our careers and we both were given the opportunity to be active in NCFR & a part of The Groves Conference when we were just starting out.

We both kept every scrape of paper and that was the basis for our book:

R.H. Rubin and B. H. Settles (2012). "Family Policy and Advocacy" pp. 87-112 in *The Groves Conference on Marriage and Family: History and Impact on Family Science*.

The underlying records we collected and identified in various library collections and online sites, history and his and my personal documents and recollections.



ROGER WAS INVOLVED IN POLICY WORK IN BOTH NCFR & GROVES & WORKING IN THE DC POLICY COMMITTEE



Catherine Chilman



Margaret Feldman

Chilman and Feldman were close colleagues.



On the way to Yugoslavia NCFR policy vice president & Groves president & other leadership posts



MEMORIAL TO ROGER RUBIN BY DAVID H. OLSON



- ❖ **R for Responsible**—If you are a friend of Roger, you can always count on him for he is always trustworthy, reliable and loyal.
- ❖ **O for Other Focused**—Roger has the ability and interest of focusing on others rather than being self-focused.
- ❖ **G for Gregarious**—He is sociable without being too extravert. He simple enjoyed being with others and other loved being with him.
- ❖ **E for Empathic**—Roger is able to understand others at a feeling level, even though he was not trained as a therapist.
- ❖ **R for Respectful**—He has the ability to be accepting and tolerate of others, no matter how similar or different they are from him.
- ❖ **R for Rapport**—Roger is able to understand and connect with others in a meaningful way.
- ❖ **U for Understanding**—He takes time to get to really know people and to really understand their perspective.
- ❖ **B for Balanced**—Roger has led a well ground and balanced life, being able to be independent but also very connected to others.
- ❖ **I for Inquisitive**—He is always curious and open to exploring new ideas and ways of thinking about and dealing with issues.
- ❖ **N for Networker**—Roger has the ability to bring together and connect with a diverse group of people.

It is these wonderful traits that made Roger a Great Professor, a caring person and a person we all Treasure.

TRIBUTE TO ROGER RUBIN -- SEPTEMBER 2021 DR. ELAINE A. ANDERSON FRIEND & COLLEAGUE

- I first met Roger in 1980 when I came to interview for a newly created Assistant Professor position in family policy at the University of Maryland. He was one of the first faculty there who I met, and I remember he was so welcoming and supportive of me on a day where I was interviewing for my first and the only faculty position for which I ever applied. I was fortunate to be hired and we remained colleagues for the next 40 years until Roger's passing.
- I say 40 years, although Roger retired probably almost 15 years ago, because we continued throughout that time comparing notes on major family policy issues, being engaged with NCFR and the Policy Section, and discussing new and exciting initiatives in "our" Department of Family Science. Roger was very loyal to his department and colleagues throughout his tenure at I worked closely with Roger throughout his time and mine leading several policy initiatives with groups, you name it. He was probably one of my closest colleagues who engaged with me in policy conversations. That is probably why we continued our conversations well after he retired.
- My earliest memories of Roger were his love for his motorboat. It was really exciting when he invited my husband and me to join him and others on his boat to go crabbing on the Chesapeake Bay. Being from the Midwest, I know that was the first time I had ever gone crabbing. Although we caught some that day, Roger was not deterred and stopped at a crab shop on the way back to his place where we purchased a bushel of crabs to eat for dinner.
- As others may have said, Roger was always the archivist for our Department. He kept records and filed papers on everything in his office. What was most unique was his system of filing. He always had piles of papers around his office where he had "filed" some things. The amazing thing was that he always knew to which pile he should go to get that document needed for our work.

- Although these special things about Roger bring great memories, what is most special to me is how universally well-liked he was. When I asked several of our faculty what they remembered most about Roger they said things like:
 - He was such a kind and nurturing faculty member. I will always remember that about Roger.
 - Roger was always one of the nicest people I knew.
 - You could always rely on Roger to come through to help. He was a great and fun storyteller. He was a real team player.He was well-liked by, and he supported students. He loved mentoring students. He was always so pleasant to be around.
- You get the picture of Roger. He was a real mensch. In the Jewish culture mensch means a person who can be relied on to act with honor and integrity. A mensch is someone who you can admire and be like them or emulate them. And that was Roger.
- We loved him, liked being around him, respected him, laughed with him, and cared for him. I as other colleagues of mine were
- saddened when we heard of his passing. We honor Roger with this little poem our remembrances created.

Roger, We Do Not Forget

- We remember your smile and that twinkle in your eye, you could make us laugh until we would sometimes cry.
- Fishing and crabbing trips and your love of the sea, all of these remembrances we have of thee.
- Whenever someone called you were always there, a heart of gold you always were caring.
- Now you are shuffling your paper piles somewhere else, but we do remember the special things about you,
- and now send back our gratitude and our smiles.

