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Facebook encourages people to keep up with friends and family through those familiar little website reminders notices. In some cases the person suggested in the reminder has passed away, which would explain the account inactivity, and this might obviously be taken as offensive and emotionally distressing. Facebook recognizes this and offers a process where they allow accounts to be “[Memorialized](#)” on the recommendation of a “friend” by filling out the appropriate form.

“When a user passes away, we memorialize their account to protect their privacy. Memorializing an account sets the account privacy so that only confirmed friends can see the profile or locate it in search. The Wall remains, so friends and family can leave posts in remembrance. Memorializing an account also prevents anyone from logging into the account.”

As many readers might recall, a couple months ago Robert “RSnake” Hansen, best known for his contributions to Web security, [bid his farewell in a final 1,000th blog post](#). Since RSnake has departed “the scene,” he is effectively dead in an online sense. As such some felt it only fitting that his Facebook persona follow a similar path and shake off its digital coil. To get RSnake’s page memorialized all that was required was finding a person who shared the same name, who had a recent obituary published somewhere online, lived in roughly the same area, and then fill out the necessary form. Not to long after...



If you are a Facebook friend of RSnake, you may still pay your last respects to him on his wall. Rest assured that while he can no longer reply himself, he is indeed smiling (or LHAO) down on us all from above.

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