



Earl Thomas Reed Jr.

September 2, 1944 - January 3, 2022

Earl Thomas Reed, Jr., age 77 of Dayton, went home to be with His Lord and Savior on Monday, January 3, 2022, at Rhea Medical Center in Dayton. He was born in Limrock, AL, on September 2, 1944, the son of the late Earl Thomas Reed, Sr. and Grace Irene (Hastings) Reed.

Earl graduated from Scottsboro High School in Alabama. As a co-op with the Army Missile Command, Redstone Arsenal, AL, he attended Snead State Junior College and Auburn University where he earned a bachelor's degree in 1966 and a master's degree in 1968. He received another master's degree from the University of Alabama (UAH), in Huntsville, AL, in 1979. He pursued a doctoral degree at UAH and at George Mason University in Fairfax, VA.

Earl retired from Federal Civil Service in 2000, after 36 years with the U.S. Department of Defense on Redstone Arsenal, AL, and in Washington, D.C., (4 years as a co-op; 27 years with the Missile and Space Intelligence Center, Redstone Arsenal, AL; and four and a half years with the Defense Intelligence Agency, Washington, DC) where he was influential in the personal lives of co-workers as well as in our national defense.

In 2000 Earl went to Bryan College in Dayton, TN, to establish the Computer Science program. He taught Computer Science, Mathematics, and Business until his retirement from Bryan in 2013. He was an avid reader, loved to

garden, and was a member of Garrison Baptist Church. He loved to serve the Lord, and he had life-long service in various churches and in numerous capacities.

He is survived by his wife of 58 years, Melba Ann (Jolley) Reed of Dayton; his son, Earl Thomas Reed III, of Madison, AL; his daughter Tommi-Leigh (Scott) Starick of Frederick, MD; and his grandchildren, Joshua Thomas Reed of Madison, AL, and Eric Allan Starick and Benjamin Otto Starick, both of Frederick, MD.

Funeral services for Earl will be held on Tuesday evening, January 11, 2022, at 7:00 p.m. in the funeral home chapel with Rev. Mike Breeden officiating. He will be laid to rest in the Blue Spring Cove Hall Cemetery in Scottsboro, AL, on Thursday, January 13, 2022, at 4:00 p.m. EST.

Please share your memories and photos of Earl on his online guest register at www.vanderwallfh.com.

The family is being cared for by Vanderwall Funeral Home in Dayton, TN, where they will receive friends before the service.

Previous Events

Funeral Service

JAN 11. 7:00 PM (ET)

Vanderwall Funeral Home
164 Maple Street
Dayton, TN

Burial

JAN 13. 4:00 PM (CT)

Blue Spring Cove Hall Cemetery
1434 County Road 530
Scottsboro, AL 35768

Tribute Wall

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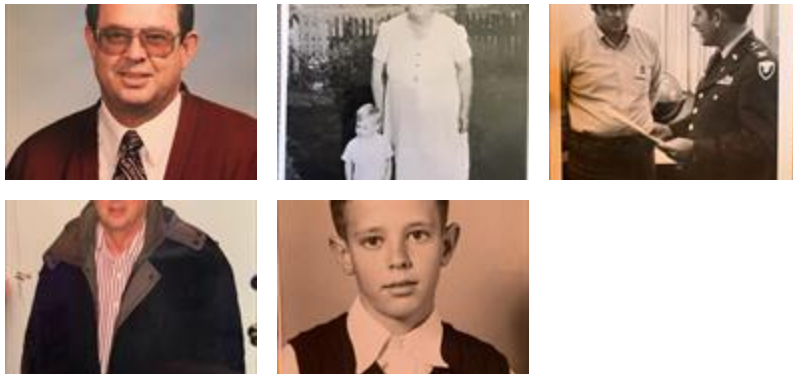
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Daniel L. Newton - April 22, 2024 at 11:07 AM



“ 11 files added to the album Memories Album



Vanderwall Funeral Home, Inc. - December 11, 2023 at 11:16 AM

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“ Dear Melba, Tommie, Trey and grandchildren,
Such a sweet gentleman was your husband, father and grandfather
and my husband's maternal first cousin. His mother Grace Hastings
Reed was the sister of Pearl Bell, Veda Gray, James Victor 'Uncle
Vic' Hastings, Vera B. Maples (my husband's mother) and Bessie
Brown. None of the siblings are with us; however they all had
special attributes which I'm sure Earl had instilled in him at an early
age - God, country, and family.
We are so sorry that we did not know about the burial service at
Hall/Blue Cove Cemetery. Would have loved to have been there to
say our goodbyes and to say 'hello' to cousins who were there and
to those who have gone on before.
We will visit his burial place soon to lay flowers.
God is good, All the time!
Love to All, Jim Maples and Linda Alcott Maples

Jim Maples - January 26, 2022 at 03:04 PM

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“ My family and I came to Dayton, TN in August of 2003. Earl and
Melba invited us into their home and showed us such loving
hospitality. They helped us navigate the area. Although we had just
met they both treated us like family members. They advised us on
local activities and shared tips and recipes. They loved us well! I will
never forget that sweet and sincere kindness.
I will be praying for Melba and her children as they navigate this
loss.
Earl loved his God, his family and his country!
Rest In Peace! The Rekoske family

Beth Rekoske - January 11, 2022 at 08:42 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Earl Thomas Reed Jr..*



January 11, 2022 at 07:56 AM