



Kevin Harlan Reed

December 5, 1993 - May 22, 2025

If you knew Kevin, you know he's been a philosopher since he first entered this world. Born to his parents Max and Kim Reed in December of 1993, he was the oldest of 2 and perhaps a bit less mouthy than his younger brother, Jacob.

He was a child of books and knowledge. To put it in direct perspective, by age 6 he was already creating museums in his room to show off his many history books. (Books acquired by his father but they were still "his" books, nonetheless.) He had an indescribable ability to soak in everything he read. By the 4th grade he was participating in National Geographic Bees. Being on national television in the early 2000s while watching it from a classroom was a sincere experience for many at SCES. He liked to leave the History Channel on repeat and enjoyed screaming back the answers to the capitals of states asked by Jerry Cook on the football field.

By the time he got into high school he was already diving into after-school debate teams about Bible history and earning the title, "thee" class president. You would've thought he was running for the United States presidential election. He was committed to his schooling and would often give thanks to Rick Farney and his father, Max, for being a key factor in his hunger for history. He kindly graduated with the class of 2012.

As soon as high school was over, he wasted no time enlisting into the United States Air Force. He worked alongside the intelligence committee for his 4-year stint and was often in charge of briefing pilots for the missions they would be attending. He traveled abroad to 27 countries in that time. He was a huge fan of European history and took great pride in learning the cultures of every country he stepped foot in. After finishing his time with the USAF, he became a member of the Air National Guard. It was always his goal to attend UTK, and the guard allowed him to do just that. There he obtained his bachelor's degree in 2019.

Alongside him through this portion of his schooling was his wife, Jacklyn. The two became one in December of 2020. Sharing a deep faith in Christ, a love for one another's company, and a mutual passion for travel, Kevin and Jacklyn built a strong and lasting covenant. The couple soon relocated to a town just south of Huntsville to begin their new life together. Shortly after, they welcomed a baby boy into the world, Clark Harlan. He was born on a warm day in April and tends to have the same desire to be studious in nature like his father. Jacklyn, Clark, and Kevin would often make weekend visits to his family in Tennessee as he enjoyed Watts Bar's fishing with his dad (Max) and his KiKi's (Kim) fresh southern home cooking, as a reminder of life in Spring City.

He was a Godly man and was a great role model for one to look to. Kevin always had an answer and could rattle off any Bible verse or any date related to a historical event. He was the human A.I. of answers. His younger brother would often call just to hear Kevin's insights on life, religion, or history. Kevin always made time to answer—and never gave just the facts; he made sure to explain the deeper context behind every response.

He will be deeply missed, and it was an honor to have him with us for the time we did on this Earth. While he now rejoices, pain-free, in the presence of our

Heavenly Father, his kind and gentle soul will be laid to rest beside his beloved grandmother, Terry—and not far from his dear friend and cousin, Dakota Howard

Kevin is survived by his loving wife, Jacklyn Reed; his son, Clark Harlan Reed; his parents, Max and Kim Reed; his brother, Jacob (Kaitlin) Reed; his nephews, Collin and Keaton Reed; and many others who loved and cherished him.

He is preceded in death by his grandmother, Terry Hood, and his grandfather, Max Reed Sr.

You may make memorial gifts to Vibrant Emotional Health Development Office, 80 Pine Street, Floor 19, New York, NY 10005. If you are having problems and need to talk to someone, please contact the Suicide Hotline at 855-274-7471.

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

The family is being cared for by Vanderwall Funeral Home in Dayton, Tennessee, where they will receive friends Sunday, May 25, 2025, from 2:00 – 5:00 p.m.

Previous Events

Visitation

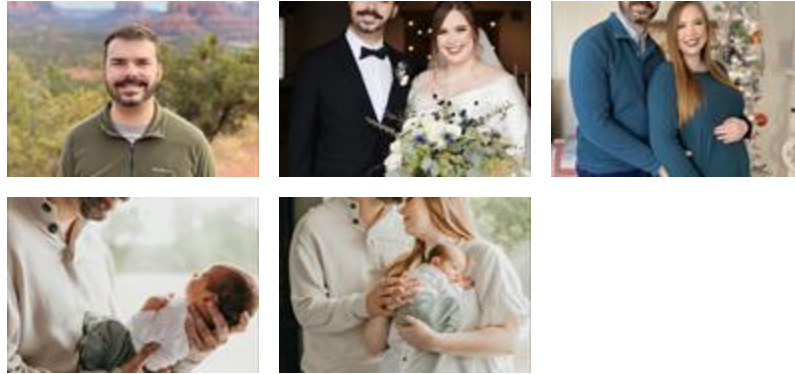
MAY **25**. 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM (ET)

Vanderwall Funeral Home
164 Maple Street
Dayton, TN

Tribute Wall



“ 31 files added to the album Memories Album



Vanderwall Funeral Home, Inc. - June 09, 2025 at 11:48 AM

SB

“ Susan B. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Kevin Harlan Reed.

Susan B. - May 30, 2025 at 01:41 PM

SU

“ Kim - Our family has yours in our prayers. May light perpetual shine upon Kevin and may God's peace be with you. Miss Mary, Tony, Sissy, Kathy and Susan Brown.

susan - May 30, 2025 at 01:22 PM

LM

“ 1 file added to the tribute wall



Linda Muzquiz - May 28, 2025 at 01:09 PM

LM

His obituary mentions this geography bee so I found the photo... what a cutie he was! Kevin will be missed! Rest in peace, Kevin. While your colleagues will remember you with fond memories, and miss your humor, random facts and trivia, and sweet nature at work, we will celebrate your life and thank God that we were blessed to know you.

Linda Muzquiz - May 28, 2025 at 05:16 PM

MP

“ *I will never forget all the memories that we shared with this beautiful young man of God. He was always a delight to be around. Kind, brilliant, and respectful doesn't even touch how we felt about Kevin. Rest in Peace with Jesus. The One who will never let you down. We love you precious family. 🙏💔🌹*

Mark & Cindy Porter - May 25, 2025 at 08:13 AM

CB

“ *Charlotte Brown, Nathaniel Brown planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Kevin Harlan Reed.*

Charlotte Brown, Nathaniel Brown - May 24, 2025 at 12:23 PM

CB

“ Charlotte Brown, Nathaniel Brown purchased the Joyful Memory for the family of Kevin Harlan Reed.



Charlotte Brown, Nathaniel Brown - May 24, 2025 at 12:23 PM

BP

“ Betty Pearce planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Kevin Harlan Reed.

Betty Pearce - May 24, 2025 at 12:11 PM

BP

“ Betty Pearce purchased the Basket of Memories for the family of Kevin Harlan Reed.



Betty Pearce - May 24, 2025 at 12:11 PM

EK

“ Ellen Kimsey purchased the Forever Our Angel Bouquet for the family of Kevin Harlan Reed.



Ellen Kimsey - May 24, 2025 at 10:45 AM

JS

“ JT & Hayley Stone purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Kevin Harlan Reed.



JT & Hayley Stone - May 24, 2025 at 09:54 AM

BE

“ Bradley, Kristy, Adler, Everitt purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Kevin Harlan Reed.



Bradley, Kristy, Adler, Everitt - May 24, 2025 at 09:45 AM

MS

“ I worked with Kevin in Huntsville. He was kind, caring, energetic and possessed a soaring intellect. I relished our daily conversations. So engaging, so patient and helpful. Always there. The ultimate example of professionalism. Rest in Peace my brother. To the Reed family: May the Good Lord provide you strength and comfort.
Mark Strickland

Mark Strickland - May 24, 2025 at 08:37 AM

KR

“ Kevin & Barbara Ryon purchased the Crystal Cross Bouquet for the family of Kevin Harlan Reed.



Kevin & Barbara Ryon - May 23, 2025 at 11:43 PM

CM

“ Jacklyn, we are so sorry to hear this news... praying for you all....
🙏🥹

Cindy Maze - May 23, 2025 at 11:41 PM

JC

“ Jacklyn and Clark purchased the Beautiful Dreams for the family of Kevin Harlan Reed.



Jacklyn and Clark - May 23, 2025 at 10:55 PM

MK

“ Mr and Mrs Matt Kokkeler planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Kevin Harlan Reed.

Mr and Mrs Matt Kokkeler - May 23, 2025 at 10:53 PM

MK

“ Mr and Mrs Matt Kokkeler purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Kevin Harlan Reed.



Mr and Mrs Matt Kokkeler - May 23, 2025 at 10:53 PM

LL

“ Love, The Protz's, Throwers and Lamons planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Kevin Harlan Reed.

Love, The Protz's, Throwers and Lamons - May 23, 2025 at 10:44 PM

LL

“ Love, The Protz’s, Throwers and Lamons purchased the Ocean Breeze Spray for the family of Kevin Harlan Reed.



Love, The Protz’s, Throwers and Lamons - May 23, 2025 at 10:44 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Kevin Harlan Reed.

May 23, 2025 at 10:05 PM



“ Sentiments of Serenity Spray was purchased for the family of Kevin Harlan Reed.



May 23, 2025 at 10:05 PM

AJ

“ I will never for him on my 4-H Clover Bowl team! What a joy! That team was lots of fun! It was a joy to watch him be successful as a young adult.
Many thoughts and prayers to his family, friends and classmates!

Anna Johnson - May 23, 2025 at 08:37 PM

NL

I am so sorry for your loss. I have y'all in my prayers.

Nila Long - May 23, 2025 at 09:07 PM

MB

“ My favorite memory of Kevin was when Haley Griffith (then Fugate) and I were in Nashville for a beauty pageant, and she had gotten a US history question that had to be answered very quickly. In a time before access to a smart phone, we had access to a “Kevin Reed.” We called Kevin and he spit out the name and date like he was infamous for doing. Still makes me smile thinking back to it. He was always so light hearted and kind to everyone. I had the pleasure of catching up with him in Knoxville when he started UT and knew he would do great things like he had already accomplished. He threw a great class reunion—providing some entertainment through song! The world really is going to feel your absence! Praying for your sweet family and close friends. You will be so missed, bud.

McKayla Barnard - May 23, 2025 at 07:14 PM

LC

“ I deeply send my condolences to Kevin’s family. I graduated before Kevin and had the opportunity to share an art class with him in high school my senior year. It was our love for “funniness” that started our friendship. We shared many laughs and jokes together that year. Sending many prayers to his family. May God comfort each of you and wrap you in His arms giving a peace that only He can instill.

Loren Coulter - May 23, 2025 at 07:08 PM

CB

“ As Kevin and his younger brother would sit and banter between one another I would tell them Kevin would be the president of the united states and Jacob his younger brother would be on Saturday night live making jokes about him. I enjoyed watching them together...their love for each other was obvious and their banter was always in fun. I will miss Kevin so very much and pray for his family as their loss is even deeper than my own.



Cynthia Smith Bradford - May 23, 2025 at 06:14 PM

AH

“ Rest peacefully our dear boy!! You and Dakota have finally made it back together once again! We will all join you guys once We know exactly how you are feeling and what you are going through!!! We love you Kim, Max, Jacklyn, Clark, Jacob, Kaitlyn & Sons!!!!

Amy & Charlie Howard

Amy Howard - May 23, 2025 at 06:11 PM