



Allen Reed, Sr.

May 20, 1930 - April 29, 2023

Allen Reed Sr. passed away peacefully surrounded by his family on Saturday, April 29th in his Portsmouth home. He was born on May 20, 1930, to the late Gabriel and Emily Reed in Dewey N.C. He attended West End High School before enlisting in the Navy at the age of 17. He graduated late in life from Manor High School in Portsmouth, VA. He attended Tidewater Community College. During his military career he served on the USS Holder, the USS Sierra, and several other ships. He also served in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. Forestine, his only daughter was born in Cuba. He retired after 20 years as Chief Petty Officer. He was Worshipful Master of Alpha and Omega Lodge #46. He retired from the Naval Shipyard after 24 years.

He was married at the age of 25 to the late Mary Jane Terry Reed. To that union, five children were born: Donald, Jerome, Ronald, Forestine, and Allen Reed, Jr. In September 1995, he married his present wife, Mary L. Shirley. He made Temple Hills, Maryland his home for three years. While there, he made many friends at the Hillcrest Baptist Church. In June of 1998, his wife came with him to live in Portsmouth, VA.

Allen was a faithful member of Zion Bethel Union Church of Christ for many years, where he served with the Deacon Board, Male Chorus, Trustee Board, and Men's Fellowship. Later on, he decided to make a change and he joined First Baptist Church South Hill. He was a faithful member and always loved to

attend Sunday School and church. His hobbies were playing Pinochle, playing Bid Whist, bowling, and making homemade ice cream and rolls for all occasions. Allen loved family and was instrumental in starting the Reed, Daniel, and Hargrove family reunion in 1974; he did not miss a reunion since it started. If you wanted to know anything about the family tree, he had the answers.

Allen was predeceased by his parents Gabriel and Emily, his first wife Mary Jane Terry Reed, four brothers: Dan, Alexander, Gabriel, and William, two sisters: Ann and Martha, and one grandson: Ronald Rufus Reed, Jr. He is survived by his wife Mary L. Shirley, daughter Forestine Perry, four sons: Donald (Sandy), Jerome (Anettonette), Ronald (Carrie Anne), Allen Jr. (Demeatrice), one brother Robert (Cornelia), one sister Sarah, brother-in-law Alex Terry (Thelma), 21 grandchildren, 2 step-grandchildren, 18 great-grandchildren, one great-great grandchild, and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends.

Cemetery Details

Albert G Horton Jr. Veterans Memorial Cemetery

5310 Milner's Road
Suffolk, VA

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 10. 3:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

J.T. Fisher Funeral Services
1248 N. George Washington Hwy.
Chesapeake, VA 23323
(757) 487-3700
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Service

MAY 11. 1:00 PM (ET)

First Baptist Church South Hill
3633 Galberry Rd
Chesapeake, VA 23323-1407
(757) 545-0326

Tribute Wall



“ J.T. Fisher Funeral Services created a Tribute Video in memory of Allen Reed, Sr.



J. T. Fisher Funeral Services - May 15, 2023 at 07:36 PM

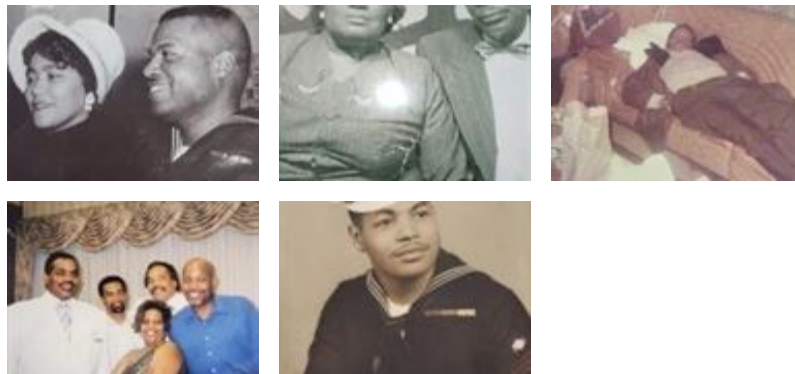


“ "Condolences to the Reeds and Family on the Passing of Brother Allen Reed.

Alexander. Yuille & Family - May 11, 2023 at 06:41 AM



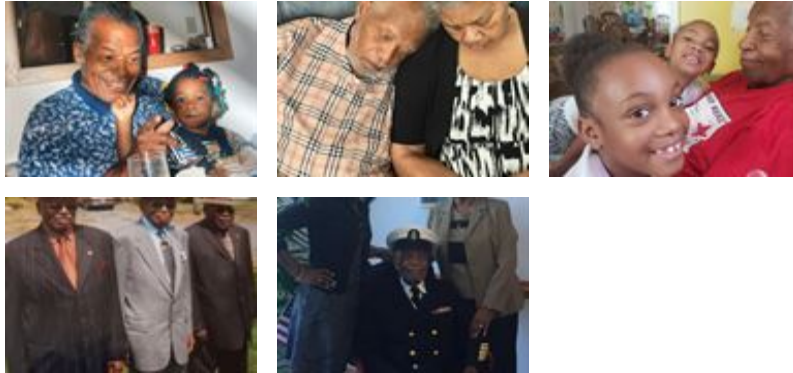
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J. T. Fisher Funeral Services - May 10, 2023 at 05:41 PM



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J. T. Fisher Funeral Services - May 10, 2023 at 12:33 PM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of **Allen Reed, Sr.**



May 08, 2023 at 12:07 PM



“ *Alex Reed, Jr, Stella, Virginia & Dorothy* purchased the *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* for the family of **Allen Reed, Sr.**



Alex Reed, Jr, Stella, Virginia & Dorothy - May 07, 2023 at 04:01 PM



“ *Reed Family,
Our prayers and thoughts are with each of you at this time.
Frances & Ronette*

Ronette Jacobs - May 07, 2023 at 02:22 PM

PJ

“ *Condolences to the Reeds and family on the passing of your dad
Mr. Allen Reed.*

Pat. Jones - May 05, 2023 at 09:55 PM



“ *Emerald Garden Basket was purchased for the
family of Allen Reed, Sr..*



May 03, 2023 at 09:11 PM

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“ *May God's peace soothe your hearts and may you find strength
knowing others are praying for you and with you 🙏*

Natalae Pierce Askew - May 02, 2023 at 09:24 PM

KH

“ *Kelvin Hudson lit a candle in memory of Allen
Reed, Sr.*



Kelvin Hudson - May 02, 2023 at 10:27 AM

DK

“ Blessings and Honor for a life well lived. Prayers to Sean and the entire family. May you find comfort and strength in the name of Jesus.

Darryl Kemp - May 02, 2023 at 02:49 AM

AL

condolences to the Reed family.

Aquilla Lee - May 10, 2023 at 11:14 AM

LS

May God continue to surround each of you with his abundance of grace and mercy as you embrace the loss of Allen. He was soft spoken yet a powerful soldier who was prepared to enter the kingdom of the most high god. All of his task were completed here on earth so he stepped up to march in god's army of faithful servants. Continue to be close as a family unit and lean on each other. Allen loved his family so continue that legacy of being close knit. Keep his loving memories in your heart as you prepare to meet again in that promised kingdom on high. For when that roll call reaches your name be ye oh so ready. Our dad and Allen were cousins. He will be missed by so many relatives and friends

Linda Reid Swain - May 11, 2023 at 09:56 PM