



Eugene Reed

January 27, 1947 - April 2, 2025

Eugene Reed was a devoted servant of Jehovah God, baptized in 2011. He found strength and community at the Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses, serving as an Elder, actively participating in conventions, and tirelessly sharing his faith through dedicated field service, spreading the teachings of Jehovah God with conviction and compassion.

Eugene's life began in Earle, Arkansas, but took root in Wardell, Missouri, at the age of twelve, where he attended school in Pemiscot County.

He built a life centered on family, finding everlasting love with Ok Hui Reed and together raising three children: Lisa Rockwell, Linda McBride, and Eugene Reed Jr.

Drafted in 1966, Eugene Reed served with unwavering dedication in the United States Army and attained the rank of Master Sergeant. A distinguished veteran, his celebrated career included roles as an Infantryman, Traffic Management Coordinator, Platoon Sergeant, Drill Sergeant, Instructor, and Chief Instructor. His commitment culminated in a proud retirement on July 31, 1986.

Following his retirement, Eugene pursued various endeavors in the Fort Leonard Wood/St. Robert/Waynesville, Missouri community. His diverse

professional experiences included working as a dispatcher, selling life insurance, and managing logistical support at a dining facility on Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri. Additionally, he was employed at Copeland, in Lebanon, Missouri.

Before retiring from his civilian jobs, he followed his dream to pursue higher education, earning his associates degree and then owning his own businesses (Ishy's Transportation) where he provided medical transportation services. He also owned and chartered bus services under USA Tours Incorporated, where he managed routine routes supporting troops awaiting transportation to and from Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri, as well as offering custom tours.

Eugene was a man defined by strength of character and unwavering principles. He cherished his family and had a deep love for real estate, livestock, agriculture, cooking, and helping others. As a sports enthusiast and coach, he enjoyed watching, playing, and coaching various sports such as baseball, softball, football, and basketball. He was the undeniable patriarch, his presence radiating warmth and generosity at every family gathering, social gathering or simple visit – never arriving without a thoughtful gesture; food, clothing, or lighthearted joke, anything his loved ones or friends might need, a testament to his inherently giving spirit.

Eugene leaves to cherish his memory, his wife: Ok Hui Reed of the home; three children: Lisa Rockwell (Brad) of Gainesville, VA, Linda McBride of Wiesbaden, Germany, and Eugene Reed, Jr. (Corina) of Wentzville, MO; six grandchildren: Ishmael Rivera, Ciala McBride, Angelica Rivera, Lauren McBride, Ari Reed, and Tristan Reed; one great grandchild: Melody Rivera; five siblings: Joyce Poley of New Madrid, MO, Betty Graham of Detroit, MI, Mayquilla Squire of Lauderdale Lakes, FL, and Beverly Boyd (Tyrone) of Swansea, IL; Jared Rockwell and Samantha Rockwell, as well as several

nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends.

Eugene was preceded in death by mother: Alberta Luster; father: Clifton Hunter; and eight siblings: Bobbie Smith, Melvin Reed, Emma Terry, Charlene Esters, Celois Graham, Charles Graham, Annette Cassell, and Edward Graham.

Funeral services were held at 2:00 p.m. Monday, April 7, 2025 in the Memorial Chapels and Crematory of Waynesville / St. Robert with Elder Chris Park officiating. Interment was held in the Sunset Memorial Estates Cemetery of Waynesville, Missouri.

A memorial service was held at 2:00 p.m. Sunday, April 13, 2025 in the Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witnesses of Waynesville, Missouri.

Memorial contributions may be made in memory of Eugene Reed and may be left at Memorial Chapels and Crematory of Waynesville / St. Robert.

Cemetery Details

Sunset Memorial Estates Cemetery

Highway 17 South
Waynesville, MO 65583
(573) 774-6111
memorialchapels@embarqmail.com

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 7. 12:00 PM.

Memorial Chapels And Crematory Of Waynesville / St. Robert

Funeral Service

APR 7. 2:00 PM.

Memorial Chapels And Crematory Of Waynesville / St. Robert

Memorial Service

APR 13. 2:00 PM (CT)

Kingdom Hall Of Jehovah's Witnesses
25481 Hwy 17
Waynesville, MO 65583

Tribute Wall



“ *Memorial Chapels and Crematory created a Webcast in memory of Eugene Reed*



Memorial Chapels and Crematory - April 09, 2025 at 01:15 PM

JS

“ *He was my neighbor for like 30 years I worked on his vehicles he was a good man and friend if you couldn't get along with him it was not him it was something wrong with you believe me when I say you will be missed rest in peace my friend*

James Shrieves - January 23 at 10:03 PM



“ *3 files added to the album Memories Album*



Memorial Chapels and Crematory - April 09, 2025 at 01:16 PM

LR

“ Dear Dad, as we celebrate your life and remember how much you mean to us, words feel inadequate to express the depth of our love and gratitude. Your unconditional love, unwavering guidance, and strength shaped each of us into who we are today. You possessed a gift for believing in our potential, always encouraging us to reach for our dreams, and offering support every step of the way.

The ache of your absence will be felt every day, but we find solace in the beautiful tapestry of memories we shared—the laughter, the lessons, the simple moments feel even more precious now. You had a remarkable ability for storytelling and to connect with anyone with your warm spirit. Your gentle nature was immediately apparent, a radiating force of kindness that drew people to you.

Thank you for being mom’s husband, our dad, our granddaddy, our great granddaddy, our protector, our steadfast rock, our constant inspiration, and the heart of our family. Though we say farewell for now, your warm spirit will live in our hearts and guide us always. We will cherish your love and memory forever! We love you Dad!

Lisa Rockwell - April 07, 2025 at 10:18 PM

SG

“ Sending my love and condolences and prayers to the family ! I’m really gonna miss him so much I consider him like a grandfather to me had such fun times and memories with him and he was very kind and funny always made me laugh!.



Shariell Graham - April 07, 2025 at 02:18 PM

CA

“ *My prayers for you Eugene and your families*



carleen - April 07, 2025 at 02:17 AM

CD

“ *Colleen Daniely lit a candle in memory of Eugene Reed*



Colleen Daniely - April 06, 2025 at 02:10 AM

JS

“ *Eugene was my neighbor for at least 30 years or more couldn't have ask for a better man to call a friend then he was we always had time to share and talk about what ever come up in a conversation between us I remember getting him a cored of wood that's when I first really met him and we were buddy's every since you will be missed my friend*



Jim shrieves - April 04, 2025 at 10:35 PM

ER

“ *Mr Reed, was always so Kind, I worked at the Courthouse in Waynesville, and I believe he worked with Real Estate somehow, I always enjoyed visiting with him, He will be missed*

Ellen Rose - April 03, 2025 at 09:14 PM