



Colonel Leon Reinhold Reed

October 7, 1930 - October 29, 2014

On October 29, 2014, Heaven gained another angel. Colonel Leon R. Reed, USAF, Ret. was a true American hero: a career Air Force Officer, fighter pilot, world traveler, but most importantly a selfless, loving, devoted family man and friend! Col. Reed was born October 7, 1930 in Wichita, KS. His educational achievements include a BA in Mathematics from Bethany College, a Master of Science in Logistics Management from the Air Force Institute of Technology, an MBA in Aviation and a Master of Aeronautical Science from Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University. While serving in the Air Force, Col. Reed moved his family about 20 times, living in places such as Japan, England, Germany, Texas, Arizona, California, Virginia (where he did a 4-year stint at the Pentagon), and finally ending up in South Florida, where he served as the Air Force Plant Representative for Pratt & Whitney, then worked directly for Pratt until his retirement in 1991. He flew 189 combat missions in the F-4C "Phantom" fighter jet during the Vietnam War, serving as flight commander of the 559th Tactical Fighter Squadron, 12th Tactical Fighter Wing, and was awarded many military decorations, including the Legion of Merit and the Distinguished Flying Cross. In addition to his military career, sports were a big part of Col. Reed's life, as a participant, fan and official. While in Japan, he played for the Air Force Basketball Team. In 1957 they played against the Australian Olympic Team, and won! He was also an avid golfer and bowler. Music played an integral part in his life as well. He was by his wife's side without fail, supporting her numerous orchestra rehearsals, concerts, and her

weekly gig of 30 years as a church organist. He was also a loyal fan of his son's and son-in-law's bands, watching them perform throughout the area. Col. Reed is survived by his loving wife of 64 years, Lorene, and their children David (Barbara), Cathy Lindsay (Douglas), Elizabeth Baldassarre (Ted) and Steven Reed; their grandchildren Timothy Reed (Kayla), Shawn Robison (Allen), Matt and Mallory Lindsay, Kristen and Michael Baldassarre and Sara Reed; and their great-grandchildren Shane Reed and Teddy and Jayden Moore; his brother-in-law Burton Brewer and his extended family. Col. Reed is predeceased by his eldest son, Michael Reed. The Colonel was loved, revered and respected by so many, and will be greatly missed by everyone whose lives he touched. His thoughtfulness, kindness, generosity and sense of humor will live on in our memories forever. A wake/visitation will be held Sunday, November 2, 2014 12:00PM to 2:00PM at Taylor & Modeen Funeral Home, 250 Center Street, Jupiter, FL with burial service to follow at Riverside Memorial Park, 19351 SE County Line Road, Tequesta, FL. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Col. Reed's name to: Ernie Els for Autism Foundation, Attn: Foundation Controller, 3900 Military Trail, Suite 200, Jupiter, FL 33458.

Tribute Wall



“ Happy Heavenly Father’s Day. 💙



Elizabeth Baldassarre - June 21 at 08:40 PM



“ 11 long years! You’re in our thoughts everyday ❤️



Elizabeth Baldassarre - October 29, 2025 at 07:57 AM



“ Thinking of you today on what would have been your 95th birthday!



Elizabeth Baldassarre - October 07, 2025 at 09:36 AM

PS

“ Such a incredible long time has gone since he has passed away .
Memory is the window through which we can see him , whenever
we want.
All my best wishes to his family.

Peter Michael Sauer - November 02, 2024 at 06:42 PM

EB

Hi Peter,
I am Leon Reed's daughter. I'd like to connect with you. Please contact
me on my cell at 561-346-9575 or via email -elizb13@comcast.net.

Elizabeth Reed Baldassarre - July 30, 2025 at 03:58 PM

DK

Hey Elizabeth, it has been a long time. We left North Palm 25 years
ago. How are you guys doing?

Don Koski - August 14, 2025 at 02:20 PM

EL

All is well. How are you and family?

Elizabeth - August 16, 2025 at 10:53 PM

EL

“ The 10 year anniversary of your passing. The memories live on...❤️

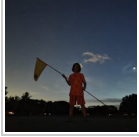


elizabeth - October 29, 2024 at 03:50 PM



“ Colonel Leon Reinhold Reed

October 22, 2023 at 10:17 AM



“ 5 files added to the album Family Photos



Timothy Reed - August 14, 2019 at 09:07 PM

ED

“ *It's been 2 long years since you left us. You're in our thoughts every day.*

Elizabeth Reed Baldassarre - Palm Beach Gardens, FL - Daughter - October 29, 2016 at 12:00 AM

ED

“ *Thinking of you today & every day dad on what would have been your 86th birthday. We had a nice celebration for mom*

Elizabeth Reed Baldassarre - Palm Beach Gardens, FL - Daughter - October 07, 2016 at 12:00 AM

ED

“ *Even though your spirit flew to heaven, your presence is felt everyday. You are loved & missed*

Elizabeth Baldassarre - Palm Beach Gardens, FL - Daughter - June 19, 2016 at 12:00 AM

ED

“ Peter, Thank you for your heartfelt tribute. I was born in Wiesbaden. Do you live there now?

Elizabeth Baldassarre - Palm Beach Gardens, FL - Daughter - May 26, 2016 at 12:00 AM

ED

“ I can't believe it's been 1 1/2 years since you left us Dad. I think about you every day and cherish all of the wonderful memories.

Elizabeth Baldassarre - Palm Beach Gardens, FL - Daughter - May 26, 2016 at 12:00 AM

PG

“ A wonderful person has passed away . May he rest in eternal peace.

Peter Michael Sauer - Wiesbaden , Germany - November 06, 2014 at 12:00 AM

EB

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Elizabeth Baldassarre - March 17, 2018 at 04:51 PM

TR

“ My condolences and prayers to the Reed family. I had many great times with Leon , and will miss him and his sense of humor and love of life.

Ted Roets - November 02, 2014 at 12:00 AM

TF

“ Colonel Reed was like my second father. I'll remember his tremendous intelligence and wonderful sense of humor. He was generous, loving and the patriarch of a great family. He'll be long missed.

Terri Messner - West Palm Beach, FL - October 31, 2014 at 12:00 AM

RF

“ Colonel Leon Reinhold Reed

Rita Weber - Oakland Park, FL - October 31, 2014 at 12:00 AM