



Perry Xavier Reed

December 16, 1946 - March 28, 2025

Perry Xavier Reed, age 78 of Mattoon, IL passed away on Friday, March 28, 2025, at Odd Fellow-Rebekah Home.

A funeral service in his honor will be held at 11:00 AM, Wednesday, April 2, 2025, at Mitchell-Jerdan Funeral Home, 1200 Wabash Avenue, Mattoon, IL 61938. Brother Micah Minnich will officiate. A committal service will immediately follow at Janesville Cemetery in Janesville, IL, as Perry will take his final ride through his hometown of Lerna, IL. The visitation will be held from 5:00 PM to 8:00 PM, Tuesday, April 1, 2025, at the funeral home.

Perry was born on December 16, 1946, in Cotton Port, LA to the late Alva H. and Lura M. (Firmin) Reed. He married Leona M. Denton December 13, 1966, in Mattoon, IL; she preceded him in death on April 14, 2013. He later married Robin Jean Denton on September 13, 2014; she survives and resides in Mattoon, IL. He is also survived by two children: Tina M. Reed of Mattoon, IL, Misty D. Bishop and husband Jerry of Toledo, IL: grandson whom he helped raise, Chris A. Reed and wife Amanda of Loogootee, IN; three stepchildren: James D. "Dan" Denton of Toledo, OH, Bryon G. Denton of Bismark, IL, Jennifer L. Denton of Paris, IL, Melissa S. Vanlandingham and husband Samuel of Trilla, IL; thirteen grandchildren: Katy, Paisley, Harper, and Elly Joy Bishop, Heather Richardson, Matthew and Rayden Reed, Jason Denton, Nora and Noah Vanlandingham, Spencer, McKenzie, and Abigail Denton; one great grandchild, Liam Reed, two sisters, Donna R. Smith and husband Leon of Lerna, IL, Sheila J. Littleton and husband Phil of Mattoon, IL: one brother-in-

law, Duane Winkleblack; and special Army buddy, Roger Walker. He was preceded in death by one son, Allen H. Reed; one brother, Wayne Reed; and one sister, Brenda Winkleblack.

Perry was a proud veteran of the United States Army and served in Germany during the Vietnam era. He was a faithful member of the Church of God in Mattoon, IL where he served as pastor's helper and taught Sunday school for many years. He retired from Sarah Bush Lincoln Health Center and Sunbeam Bread Company both of Mattoon, IL. He was a member of the Corvette Club, and enjoyed cars, trucks and trading vehicles.

Fun-loving and lighthearted he delighted in storytelling and pulling pranks on his loved ones. Perry was a humble man of great faith, who put God first. His role as a Christian husband, father, and grandfather was a priority that was undeniable. Protective, kind, loyal and generous, his love was unconditional. Perry will be deeply missed but his family finds comfort in knowing he is at peace with Jesus, the author and finisher of faith.

The family would like to express their appreciation for the staff at Odd Fellow-Rebekah Home who cared for and supported him during his final battle.

Special thanks to Kari (RN), who took amazing care of him and became like family; Anita (RN) for looking after him even though she was not always his nurse; the CNA's who cared for him with compassion; Shane (PT) who always brought a smile to his face; and Don for being the best roommate. We would also like to thank our family, friends, and members of Church of God who came to visit.

Please visit www.mitchell-jerdan.com or www.facebook.com/mitchelljerdanfuneralhome to light a virtual candle in his honor or share a memory with the family.

Cemetery Details

Janesville Cemetery

Janesville, IL 62435

Previous Events

Visitation

APR 1. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Mitchell-Jerdan Funeral Home Ltd.
1200 Wabash Ave
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Service

APR 2. 11:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

CD

“ *Cat Davis lit a candle in memory of Perry Xavier Reed*



Cat Davis - April 18, 2025 at 07:00 PM

HW

“ *Harmons Branch Church of God, WV purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Perry Xavier Reed.*



Harmons Branch Church of God, WV - March 31, 2025 at 09:36 PM

NM

“ *Misty, Tina, and families, We are so sorry to hear about Bro. Perry's passing. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. God is able to comfort and support you at this time.*

Naomi and Kendall McConatha - March 31, 2025 at 08:39 PM

NM

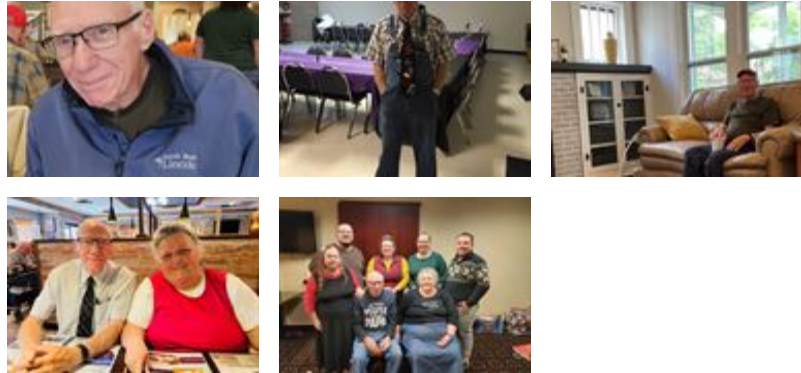
“ *Naomi and Kendall McConatha purchased the Se rene Retreat for the family of Perry Xavier Reed.*



Naomi and Kendall McConatha - March 31, 2025 at 08:36 PM



“ 81 files added to the album Life Tributes



Mitchell-Jerdan Funeral Home - March 31, 2025 at 06:11 PM



“ Steve and Marsha Haynes purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Perry Xavier Reed.



Steve and Marsha Haynes - March 31, 2025 at 05:49 PM



“ Robin, I'm so sorry for your loss. Praying for God's peace for you and the family. Timmie Cook

Timmie Cook - March 30, 2025 at 06:10 PM



“ Spenser, McKenzie, and Abigail Denton purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Perry Xavier Reed.



Spenser, McKenzie, and Abigail Denton - March 29, 2025 at 11:53 AM

RV

“ Bro. Perry was such a a staple of the Church of God. He will be sorely missed here on this earth. I have so many memories of staying with his family while growing up. I am so thankful that God gave him Sis. Robin. She truly dedicated her life to making his life as comfortable as possible down to the last of his journey to Heaven.

He won his race and left a spiritual legacy. Our heart and prayers are with you Sis. Robin, The Bishop, Reed, Valandingham, and Denton families and the congregation of Mattoon Church of God. We love you.

Reene & Orville Valandingham - March 29, 2025 at 10:35 AM



“ Hey big brother, please give everyone a hug for me. I wish I would have went to see you yesterday. I could kick myself. Love you.

Sheila Reed Littleton - March 28, 2025 at 10:15 PM

SC

“ Brother Perry's life was a gift to all he met. I'm blessed by knowing him and the times we shared at Campmeetings or when I visited his sweet daughters and families. I love them all so much. Sister Robin, Misty, Tina and family you shared a beautiful life with your HERO in many walks of life. To know he is happy in Heaven is a great comfort. May the Lord wrap you each in His arms, comfort as only He can and Treasure your memories and know that he will always be apart of your life.



Shirley Cason - March 28, 2025 at 09:49 PM