



Joseph Michael Reed

December 22, 1946 - December 9, 2021

Joseph Michael “Mike” Reed, 74, of Evansville, passed away Thursday, December 9, 2021 at Deaconess Hospital Midtown Campus.

Joe was born December 22, 1946 in Paducah, KY to the late David and Josephine (Cashon) Reed. He served on the Evansville Police Department for 36 years before retiring as Deputy Chief in 2007. He was proud to be a patrol officer and considered that to be the backbone of the department. Joe was on the EPD Pistol Team; a member of FOP Lodge #73 and had protected two presidents during their visits to Evansville. He also trained at the FBI Academy at Quantico. He was an avid deer hunter and enjoyed collecting coins.

Surviving are his wife of 52 years, Jan (Talarzyk) Reed; daughters, Amy (Gary) Snodgrass and Megan (Justin) Parker; one son, Chris (Shawna) Reed; two sisters, Betty (Mike Jones) Reed and Phyllis Lahr; brother, Richard (Jennifer) Reed; grandchildren, Madison Snodgrass, Riley (Savannah) Snodgrass, Macy Snodgrass, Rhett Snodgrass, River Snodgrass, Merritt Snodgrass, Ryder Snodgrass, Harrison Parker, Hudson Parker and Emma Reed; nieces and nephews. Also surviving Joe is his friend and former EPD partner, Wayne Thompson; friend, Frank Schneider and the “Lake Boys”.

In addition to his parents, Joe was preceded in death by a granddaughter, Quinn Parker and by a brother, Tim Reed.

There will be a memorial service held at 5:00 PM on Sunday, December 12, 2021 at Pierre Funeral Home. Friends may visit with the family from 1:00 until 5:00 PM on Sunday at Pierre Funeral Home, 2601 W. Franklin Street.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Deaconess Foundation, 600 Mary Street, Evansville, IN 47747 for the benefit of the Women's Hospital Bereavement.

Condolences may be made online at www.pierrefuneralhome.com.

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 12. 1:00 PM - 5:00 PM (CT)

Pierre Funeral Home
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Masonic Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *Joseph Michael Reed*

January 16, 2023 at 06:53 PM



“ *I first heard of Joe when he worked for Royal Foods on Fulton Avenue. Later on we lived next door to his parents and had a wonderful relationship with both. His sister was in my sister's class and his younger sister babysat or children. I helped his Mom with her artistic ventures and we listened to her original stories and poems. The Reeds were a part of our lives for many years. Our thoughts,prayers and condolences go out to his family and many friends. Vayz con Dios,mi amigo! PAX TECUM,Joe! Leonard"Larry" R. and Carolyn Adams*

Leonard"Larry" R. Adams - December 15, 2021 at 11:24 AM



“ *Joe Reed was an EPD legend. GOD bless him and his loved ones. We all know that Joe is in heaven with his Lord.*

Guy Minnis - December 14, 2021 at 08:15 PM



“ *3 files added to the album Mike and Rick*



Rick Reed - December 13, 2021 at 09:10 AM

SH

“ Jan, I was sorry to hear of Joe’s passing on Thursday when I went to the Lake. I only knew Joe a short time from Froggy’s and the Lake he always had a Great sense of humor and a lot of interesting Stories!
He will be truly missed.
Sam

Samuel Hosick - December 12, 2021 at 02:03 PM

CL

“ I had the privilege to work with Joe on a number of cases when I was a Deputy Prosecutor. He always brought professionalism and integrity to his work.
He was a pleasure to know and work with. A good man.
Chris Lenn

Chris Lenn - December 11, 2021 at 08:04 AM



“ Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of Joseph Michael Reed.



December 10, 2021 at 10:18 PM

SM

“ Jan,
I am so sorry for the passing of Joe. Joe was a great person and a great friend. I will miss Joe and his humor. Thursdays at the lake will not be the same. He will be missed by all that knew him. God bless his soul. You will be in our prayers.

Steve McDaniel - December 10, 2021 at 09:49 PM

BW

A great guy who was willing to give subordinates a free hand to try new stuff. My police mentor and friend. He will be missed.

Bill Welcher - December 10, 2021 at 10:04 PM

SB

I first met Joe nearly 50 years ago and saw him progress on the Evansville Police Department from Patrolman to Deputy Chief. He was always the consummate professional who dispatched his duties with skill, humor and compassion. He was always an innovator and more importantly, just a good person. Evansville is a better place because of him and I will miss him.

Steve Bohleber - December 11, 2021 at 02:55 PM

KS

“ You will be missed a lot

karen stogner - December 10, 2021 at 07:29 PM

PW

“ Patrick Wolf purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Joseph Michael Reed.



Patrick Wolf - December 10, 2021 at 06:09 PM

PS

“ Rick, I'm so sorry to learn of Joe's passing. May God Bless Joe's Spirit and comfort all of the extended family.

Peter M. Swaim - December 10, 2021 at 03:42 PM

RS

“ Ric & Kelly SALATA purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Joseph Michael Reed.



Ric & Kelly SALATA - December 10, 2021 at 02:52 PM

RT

“ I have many fond memories of Mike as my brother-in-law for 29 years. I will always remember his dry sense of humor and him smoking on his cigars. I remember him telling me about the FBI Academy. He was so proud that he got to spend time there. At family picnics, especially at the river camp, Mike would be in the background, but always observing everyone and everything going on around him and would laugh and get a kick out of everyone’s hijinks and jokes. He was so proud of being an officer. As he worked in different departments of the EPD he would talk to me about his job and the different things he was doing and I always had admiration for Mike. He knew he was making a difference. Mike will be dearly missed, not only as an officer, but for the man that he was. He loved his family and was always proud of them and if you were a friend, you were a friend for life. God gained a special person! God bless!



Robin Talarzyk - December 10, 2021 at 02:34 PM



“ Arrive in Style was purchased for the family of Joseph Michael Reed.



December 10, 2021 at 12:27 PM