



Daren W. Reed

September 12, 1961 - April 16, 2025

Daren Wayne Reed 63, from Tavares, FL, formerly of Huntington & Andrews, IN, was born September 12, 1961, and passed away April 16, 2025, with his family at his side filling his final moments with love and comfort. He was greeted on the other side by his parents Donald and Camilla "Millie" (Huston) Reed.

Still here to carry on his spirit are the people who meant the world to him: his wife and best friend of 32 years, Tammy (Preston) Reed, who walked every step of this journey with him; his mother-in-law Dovie Preston, who loved him like her own, both of Tavares, FL; his siblings Dan (Lori) Reed of Clearwater, FL and Chris (Brad) Thorp of Centerville, OH.

Above all else, Daren was a proud and loving father to his four children: Annette (Justin) Spencer, Huntington, IN, Donny (Heather) Reed, Columbia City, IN, Mandy (Zach) Eller, Huntington, IN and Trisha Wirt, Dayton Beach, FL. Daren was 'Grandpa' to seven amazing grandchildren: Brionna (Gage) Cocklin, Blake Loar, Huston Smith, Juliana Smith, Aliyah Eller, Brooklyn Eller and Tyden Eller. He was also Great Grandpa to Axle Girvin and Uncle to many nieces and nephews. Though none of them had nearly enough time with him, the memories, laughter, lesson and love will live forever in their hearts.

He didn't just raise his kids, he raised strong, honest, hard-working people who know how to meet life head on. He taught them that your word means everything, that you show up when you say you will, and that doing things the right way-even when its hard- is truly what builds a good life. Daren wasn't one to sit still. He lived life his way, full of hard work, new adventures, big laughs and good times. He was employed with the City of Huntington for over 20 years in many different departments, always rolling up his sleeves and doing what was needed. In 2015, he and Tammy relocated to Tavares, FL where he retired on December 31, 2024, from Massey Services.

Daren knew how to kick back and enjoy the simple pleasures. You could find him in the woods hunting anything from mushrooms to deer. Or you could find him racing dirt bikes/four wheelers or cruising the backroads on his Harley. Later in life, he slowed things down a bit and could be found on the golf course sharing a lot of laughs. Most recently he picked up a new hobby of remodeling golf carts. Much like his dad, he was always using his hands tinkering with something and being creative. You could find Daren in his chair on his patio, music playing in the background, enjoying a cold drink telling stories with his buddies. Never far from that chair or Daren's side, you would find his loyal dog Damian. Daren wasn't just here, he lived. And that is how we will all remember him. He will be deeply missed and forever remembered by his family, friends, and all who had the privilege of knowing him.

There will be a Celebration of Life for Daren on Saturday, May 24th, 2025, from 2:00 pm - 4:00 pm at Huntington Legion Post 85 (1410 S Jefferson St). We hope all will come out, celebrate Daren and share one of his crazy stories with the family!

Please sign the online guest book at www.baileylove.com.

Bailey-Love Mortuary is honored to serve the family of Daren W. Reed

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

MAY **24**. 2:00 PM - 4:00 PM (ET)

American Legion Post #85
1410 S. Jefferson St.
Huntington, IN 46750

Tribute Wall



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Daren W. Reed.

May 24, 2025 at 07:28 AM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Daren W. Reed.



May 24, 2025 at 07:28 AM



“ Jay and Melissa Wirt purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Daren W. Reed.



Jay and Melissa Wirt - May 20, 2025 at 04:54 PM

MA

“ 17 files added to the tribute wall



Mandy - May 05, 2025 at 09:10 PM

MA

“ Pops- I am missing you 💔

Mandy - May 05, 2025 at 08:59 PM

SB

“ Darren and Tammy were my neighbors on Beard Street. Really enjoyed their friendship. Sue Burnworth.



Sue Burnworth - April 27, 2025 at 06:21 PM

KH

“ kathy harper lit a candle in memory of Daren Reed



kathy harper - April 27, 2025 at 05:07 PM

JC

“ *Julie Cirullo lit a candle in memory of Daren Reed*



Julie Cirullo - April 26, 2025 at 10:02 PM

CJ

“ *So sorry to hear that Daren has passed. My thoughts and prayers are with you all during this difficult time. Rest in peace my friend.*



Charles Hall Jr - April 26, 2025 at 05:45 PM

MH

“ *Mitch and Melody Harrison planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Daren W. Reed.*

Mitch and Melody Harrison - April 26, 2025 at 10:40 AM

MH

“ *Mitch and Melody Harrison purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Daren W. Reed.*



Mitch and Melody Harrison - April 26, 2025 at 10:40 AM

RD

“ Randy Denton lit a candle in memory of Daren Reed



Randy Denton - April 26, 2025 at 07:12 AM



“ I have know Darren for years and Tami is still a great friend. I remember his great smiles and many stories. He will be truly missed. I love you Tami if you need anything . I am here.

Resa Wright - April 26, 2025 at 07:09 AM

DB

“ I grew up in Andrews with Darren. I remember when he had his nice white Ford. I believe it has blue flames down the sides. Apparently the guys were ribbing him about driving a Ford. My dad sided with him & was telling Darren not to listen to his friends. We had alot of fun back in those days, running around Andrews. Tammy & Family, I'm so sorry for your loss. Dawn & Bob Blubaugh



Dawn Bkubaugh - April 25, 2025 at 10:49 PM

CH

“ I met Darren and Tami at a birthday party for one of his grandkids. That was it we became friends. Loved the man like a brother. I enjoyed the fun times we had together even breakfast at Dennys was a hoot late at night. You will be missed brother.

Christopher Hunt - April 25, 2025 at 09:30 PM

CP

“ You'll be missed brother in law 🥺💔
Joe and Cheryl

Cheryl Pasko - April 25, 2025 at 09:28 PM

TW

“ Daren was my step father and raised me like his own daughter for 33 years! He was there for me throughout all the parts of my life that I allowed him to be with out pushing and prodding me he always gave me room to grow and comfort to know he was always there if I ever needed to talk. I love you! Your truly missed❤️

Trisha Wirt - April 25, 2025 at 09:25 PM

KC

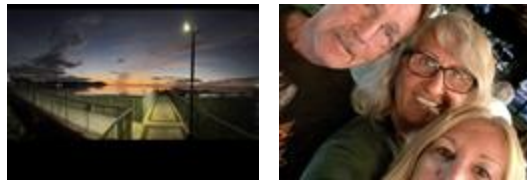
“ kenny caudill lit a candle in memory of Daren
Reed



kenny caudill - April 25, 2025 at 08:21 PM

MA

“ I met Daren and Tami 5/22 I worked in Leesburg and I lived few houses away we became friends thru cat Allie I would wait for Daren to leave to work so I can go give treats to Alley, we became friends and still are, I remember his chair he would sit after work and calling his clients to confirm schedule appt. He was very nice person and spending fine with him and Tami I felt their love to each other he will definitely be missed dearly! RIP Daren



mariajay0829@gmail.com - April 25, 2025 at 07:55 PM

CP

Brother in law you will be missed 💔
Joe and Cheryl

Cheryl Pasko - April 25, 2025 at 09:17 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Daren W. Reed.

April 25, 2025 at 07:47 PM

TD

“ I WORKED WITH DAREN, AT THE STREET DEPARTMENT AND HE CAME TO THE WATER DEPARTMENT. WE DID ALOT OF WATER VACTOR JOBS TOGETHER. WE Poured CONCRETE, CURBS AND A FEW STREETS. HE WAS A GOOD GUY. HE WILL BE MISSED. MY PRAYERS GO OUT TO HIS FAMILY.

THOMAS DENTON - April 25, 2025 at 07:37 PM

MW

“ Jim and I are thinking of you and your family. RIP Daren

Mary Wilson - April 25, 2025 at 06:52 PM

NM

“ Nancy (Nichols) Mccoart lit a candle in memory of Daren Reed



Nancy (Nichols) Mccoart - April 25, 2025 at 06:47 PM

TR

“ Daren and I was each other's bestfriend & soul mates. I'm truly to blessed to share 33 years with him. He is missed dearly 🥹 Love you Daren Reed forever 💕

Tammy G Reed - April 25, 2025 at 06:29 PM