



## David R. Reed

July 9, 1958 - May 4, 2020

David R. Reed, age 61, went to be with his heavenly Father on May 4, 2020. He was born July 9, 1958, son of the late John and Minnie Ruth Reed, and was preceded in death by his father-in-law Harry Byrd, brothers Joe Allen, James, and Johnny and sister Deborah. David was a graduate of McMinn County High School and a proud member of Union McMinn Baptist Church. David loved the Lord, his family, tending to his livestock, making people laugh and finding a bargain to trade on.

David believed in treating people the right way and got joy out of connecting with people. Over the last thirty years, he has brightened the lives of thousands of people, either by passing out candy and dollar bills to local kids at the “stock barn” or church, or by just making sure he always went out of his way to speak to people and always try to make them feel welcomed.

He is survived by his soulmate and loving wife of 19 wonderful years, Rebecca, his sons: Dustin Reed, Jonathan Reed, and Chris Gibson, his daughters: Heather Gibson Jaramillo and Katie Reed Sampson, two sons-in-law: Hector Jaramillo and Alex Sampson, one daughter-in-law: Serena Smith Gibson, and the light of his life, his grandchildren: Owen Reed, Dillon Reed and Harrison Jaramillo. His brothers and sisters, Dorotha, Charlie, Don, Ralph and Jackie, as well as many nephews and nieces all mourn his loss.

Growing up as one of ten children, family has always been the most important thing to David. His bond with his brothers and sisters is well-known in the community. He was a loving husband, a father who wanted to always protect

his children, and a grandfather who wanted nothing more than to spoil his grandchildren. He was a prideful brother. And he was a faithful friend to all of those who needed one. The world was better with David Reed in it, and he will be incredibly missed by many.

A celebration of David's life will be held on Wednesday, May 6, 2020 at 7:00 P.M. at Union McMinn Baptist Church with Rev. Doug Alexander officiating. The family will receive friends from 4:00P.M. until 7:00 P.M. before the service. Interment 10:00 A.M. on Thursday in the Sweetwater Memorial Park. In lieu of flowers, please make donation to UMBC Operation Christmas Child. Kyker Funeral Homes, Sweetwater, in charge of arrangements. [www.kykerfuneralhomes.com](http://www.kykerfuneralhomes.com)

# Previous Events

## Visitation

MAY 6. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Union McMinn Baptist Church  
314 County Rd. 316  
Niota, TN 37826

## Celebration of Life

MAY 6. 7:00 PM (ET)

Union McMinn Baptist Church  
314 County Rd. 316  
Niota, TN 37826

## Interment

MAY 7. 10:00 AM (ET)

Sweetwater Memorial Park  
1838 Hwy 11 N  
Sweetwater, TN 37874

# Tribute Wall

TT

“ We will miss you our friend .....but oh the reunion we will have one day in heaven...

*Such a special man who always made us smile.*

*Prayers for all the family. So sorry we couldn't be together during this time to hug you all.*

*Much love ,*

*Jeff and Teresa Thompson and Frances Montgomery*

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**teresa thompson** - May 08, 2020 at 05:58 PM

CG

*David was a good honest man and he treated me good always and I mean like family! When I was at my lowest in my life David was there, we always traded on cattle and I would always go to him when I was ready to sale. David knew cattle better than anyone I believe and I'd put him up against anyone! Heaven got a true cattleman!!! Love you Cowman and I can't wait to see and reunite again.*

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**charles greene** - July 28, 2020 at 09:29 PM

LA

“ We are deeply saddened to learn of David's passing. He and I met The first day of high school and have been friends ever since. It was always a pleasure to see him with that big smile on his face.

*Condolences to the entire Reed Family. We will certainly keep you in our prayers.*

*Larry & Kim Arnett*

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**Larry Arnett** - May 07, 2020 at 12:42 PM

CJ

“ Sorry for everyone's lost. I've known David since I was a kid he was our pinhooker when we started our farm. Such a good friend to the family and would do anything for any of us or anybody else. He will be greatly missed. Prayers for everyone and again sorry for everyone's loss

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**Carolyn Johnson** - May 07, 2020 at 09:09 AM

DO

“ As many I'm sure know, David never met a stranger. You never had to wonder what he was thinking. He always tried to give each person something to smile about and to feel just a little bit better about themselves. We will miss David.  
Dr. David Offutt

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**David Offutt** - May 07, 2020 at 07:58 AM

LH

“ I am saddened to learn of David's passing. He was a kind man who always shared a greeting when my husband and I saw him. He gave my son Brandon the nickname of Moondoggy. I will pray for your family as you morn the earthly loss of David. I am sure that he is rejoicing with the Lord. God bless your family.  
Libby Hicks

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**Libby Hicks** - May 07, 2020 at 06:57 AM

JM

“ I will miss David. He has always been nice to me and my family. I'll keep him and his family in my prayers. I know it will be hard for his family to not have him here with them.  
With all my love and condolences,  
Jan Lingerfelt Miller

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**Jan Miller** - May 06, 2020 at 07:53 PM

JD

*From the McDaniel family to the Reed family you are in our thoughts and prayers*

Jerry Mc Daniel - May 06, 2020 at 09:25 PM

SC

“ SENDING MY PRAYERS TO DAVID REED'S FAMILY.

STEVE CLARK  
SWEETWATER

Steve Clark - May 06, 2020 at 07:30 PM

BT

“ Sorry to hear of David's passing he was a wonderful man who will be greatly missed our prayers are with the family during this time and the days ahead. If we can do anything for you all please let us know. Sorry we were unable to attend the service. Praying always  
Bobby and Gail Toomey

Bobby and Gail Toomey - May 06, 2020 at 06:12 PM

MD

“ My Thoughts and Prayers go out to the Reed Family. David was a very good person he was kind and friendly to everyone. he will be missed.

Sincerely  
Mike Dawson

Michael Dawson - May 06, 2020 at 05:56 PM

RW

“ Sorry for you loss, David will be missed! Rex Webb

Rex Webb - May 06, 2020 at 05:39 PM

EE

“ Dear Becky,  
David was always so friendly and kind to everyone. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and David’s entire family.  
Eddie and Millie Estes

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**Eddie and Millie Estes** - May 06, 2020 at 05:12 PM

FE

“ All of us at the livestock market join together in extending our sincerest sympathy to each family member. Friends & Employees, Mammoth Cave Dairy Auction, Inc.

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**Friends & Employees** - May 06, 2020 at 04:47 PM

SF

“ Becky and The Reed Family, We are sorry for your loss, and our deepest sympathy and prayers are with you during this time.  
With Sympathy, Steve and Abbie Frisbie

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**STEVE and ABBIE FRISBIE** - May 06, 2020 at 04:28 PM

CF

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with David’s family. He was a wonderful and caring man. Our family thought a lot of him. He will be missed.

*Charles and Jennifer Farner*

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**Charles and Jennifer Farner** - May 06, 2020 at 03:54 PM

MS

“ Our deepest sympathy to the family. David was such a kind man  
  
*Martin & Sherry Sewell*

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**Martin & Sherry Sewell** - May 06, 2020 at 03:47 PM

JD

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with David's family during this time.

Josh Deans - May 06, 2020 at 03:32 PM

MR

“ Becky sorry for your loss . David was very good friend we all will miss him . our prayers go with you in this trying time Mike & Cheryl Redmond

mike redmond - May 06, 2020 at 03:31 PM



“ Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of David R. Reed.



May 06, 2020 at 02:24 PM

GT

“ Becky, sorry for your loss, keeping you in our prayers and thoughts.

Glenn & Delorese Thompson

Glenn & Delorese Thompson - May 06, 2020 at 02:03 PM

CR

“ We are so sorry for your loss. David was such a good caring God-fearing person and was always smiling. He will be missed. Prayers for you and your family.

Cindy Glaze and Roberta Runyon - May 06, 2020 at 01:34 PM

RC

“ We are so sorry to hear of David's passing. You are in our thoughts and prayers.

Ronnie & Shelia Colyer - May 06, 2020 at 12:54 PM

CD

“ Very Good Friend



Charlie Donaldson - May 06, 2020 at 12:44 PM

DF

“ Dewayne cate and family purchased the Lily and Rose Tribute Spray for the family of David R. Reed.



Dewayne cate and family - May 06, 2020 at 10:15 AM



“ Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of David R. Reed.



May 06, 2020 at 09:07 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of David R. Reed.*



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May 06, 2020 at 05:50 AM



“ *My heart goes out to you & your family! I really hated to hear this about David! I've known him most of my life & he was always a likeable person! So sorry Becky! I'll be praying for you!*

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**Rhonda Gunn Camp** - May 06, 2020 at 04:34 AM



“ *Pretty Please was purchased for the family of David R. Reed.*



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May 06, 2020 at 12:35 AM



“ *Fair Honest caring great friend some of the words that describe David God be with you A friend Jack Underdown*

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**jack Underdown** - May 05, 2020 at 10:17 PM

SH

“ David was a super person. He was always funny and kind to me and my family. After my dad passed away, he helped me with our cattle. I always knew I could trust him and go to him with questions. I will miss his council.

Scott Hutsell - May 05, 2020 at 09:34 PM

TT

“ Becky, I am so very sorry for your loss. You are in my thoughts and prayers.

Tammy Guyer Tanzi - May 05, 2020 at 08:53 PM

LS

Im so sorry for your loss, such a good man , my prayers are with you and your family. Again so sorry

Lisa Denton, Charlie Greene's sister - May 05, 2020 at 11:31 PM

JW

“ David has been one of the best men I have known! Always was interactive with my kids and was so understanding. Becky I am truly sorry and if you need anything please let us know. He will for sure be missed.

Jamie Wilhelm - May 05, 2020 at 08:31 PM

TS

“ Tim Smith lit a candle in memory of David R. Reed



Tim Smith - May 05, 2020 at 07:38 PM

RH

“ I met Dave when he came with his dad to buy cattle at our farm when we were about 13 years old. He always was a caring honest man that my dad and I looked forward to seeing him coming up the driveway. I know Heaven got a true farmer and our community has a hole in it now. Our prayers are with Becky and the kids during this time.

Robert Hickey - May 05, 2020 at 07:16 PM

LD

“ Known him a long time. PRAYERS for Family and Friends. From Linda Dilbeck



Linda Dilbeck - May 05, 2020 at 06:45 PM

JW

“ Joe & Sandy Watson lit a candle in memory of David R. Reed



Joe & Sandy Watson - May 05, 2020 at 06:39 PM

BH

I use to work for the family I'm sorry to hear about David he will be missed

Beverly holstrom - May 05, 2020 at 09:37 PM

TH

“ Our thoughts and prayers are with all of David's family. A wonderful man. He came to our farm many times to trade, sell or talk. Always had a smile!

*Bronce, Tommy and Tammy Henderson*

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**Tammy Henderson** - May 05, 2020 at 06:21 PM

DD

“ My thoughts and prayers go out to the Reed family, so sorry for the loss of a good man.  
*David Dilbeck*



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**David Dilbeck** - May 05, 2020 at 04:34 PM

JM

*Known David and his family for close to 40 years. He was a very good man and a faithful Christian. He also was a man who has been involved in the church at Union McMinn Baptist church through thick and thin. Always had a good word for everybody. He will be missed so much. Prayers for Becky and the family...*

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**Jodie(Marshall) Moser** - May 05, 2020 at 06:18 PM

KF

“ So sorry to hear this.. He was such a great man. I've know him since I was little when he came by our farm to visit my Daddy and Papaw.

*Kim Thomas*

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**Kimberly Thomas Fry** - May 05, 2020 at 04:29 PM



“ *Magnificent Life Spray was purchased for the family of David R. Reed.*



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May 05, 2020 at 03:15 PM



“ *I always enjoyed talking to David at the sale barn. My condolences to his family.*

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**Michelle Pigg** - May 05, 2020 at 03:08 PM



“ *I considered David one of the best lifelong friends I ever had he will truly be missed by so many our loss is HEAVENS gain.*

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**Rob Clowers** - May 05, 2020 at 02:52 PM