



## William (Bill) Robert Reed

June 4, 1940 - March 30, 2025

William (Bill) Robert Reed, age 84, passed away at home on 30 March 2025. He is survived by his wife Jean Reed, children – Allen, David, Michael, and Kim; 11 grandchildren, 16 great-grandchildren, several nieces and nephews.

Mr. Reed, is a combat veteran of the United States Marine Corps serving Vietnam conflict. He is a member of the Marine Corps League, American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, and Co E (LPR) 20th Inf Abn & Co C (Ranger) 75th Inf Abn Association.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Pauline, and daughter, Janeen.

Thank you to Dr. Jeffrey Cole and the staff of Cole Surgical Arts, Amedisys Home Health and Amedisys Hospice.

Private services were held.

The family requests in lieu of flowers, memorial donations be made to the Marine Corps League #1404 or Wounded Warriors Project.

Wilson Funeral Home and Crematory of Fort Payne is in charge of arrangements.



# Tribute Wall

SK

“ I took skydiving lessons with Bill in the late 80's, and did several jumps with him. Later, when I was in Quantico for Marine training, he wrote me a letter that included the line, "This started as a note of encouragement but has turned into a letter to a friend." I have never forgotten those words. (By the way, to my surprise his handwriting was beautiful!)

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**Scott K** - October 14, 2025 at 11:42 PM

TB

“ I met Bill in 1990 when I took skydiving lessons at his shop in Van Nuys, CA. He joked with me because of all girls I took to California City to skydive with.  
Tom B.

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**Tom B** - June 17, 2025 at 07:33 PM

CB

“ I remember Bill in high school, what a dare devil. Yes, he was so proud of being a marine. He taught parachute jumping when he lived in Calif. He taught his kids at the time.

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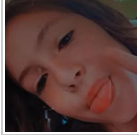
**Carolyn Ballinger** - April 02, 2025 at 01:29 PM

CM

“ Our prayers are with Jean and family. Bill was such a fun person. Our telephone conversations were always lengthy as Bill shared his many adventures. I will miss our times sharing. He was a great member and supporter of our Marine Corps League. Semper Fi!  
Charles C. Martin

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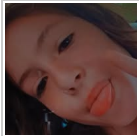
**Charles C. Martin** - April 02, 2025 at 11:41 AM



“ *Sandy Calliham lit a candle in memory of William (Bill) Robert Reed*



Sandy Calliham - April 02, 2025 at 02:58 AM



“ *I met Billy while skydiving at Elsinore in the 70's. He was a prankster and always made me laugh. He'd scare me at night wearing a Gorilla costume. He loved people and having fun. Blue Skies Billy...RIP*

Sandy Calliham - April 02, 2025 at 02:52 AM



“ *Cheryl Little lit a candle in memory of William (Bill) Robert Reed*



Cheryl Little - April 01, 2025 at 06:50 PM



“ *Heartfelt condolences to Jean Reed and the entire family of our Marine member Bill Reed!, on behalf of the N.E. Alabama Marine Corps League, Detachment 1404 ~ Fort Payne AL. We honor, remember, and salute Bill for his sacrifices and service as a combat veteran of the USMC! We will miss his banter and camaraderie! Til Valhalla! 🇺🇸 ☐*

LaRue Hardinger - April 01, 2025 at 04:11 PM

LH

“ *Praying for you Jean Reed and your family today, and in coming days! Bill was such a fantastic guy and friend, and we will miss him!*

  - LaRue Hardinger

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**LaRue Hardinger** - April 01, 2025 at 03:04 PM