

# Larry Blaine Reid

September 4, 1933 - February 8, 2013

Larry Blaine Reid, our loving and devoted husband, father and grandfather, went to his heavenly home on February 8, 2013.

He was born on September 4, 1933, in Cooter, MO.

Larry was raised by his parents, William Carl and Hazel Burkett Reid, who instilled in him a strong work ethic and a steadfast Christian faith.

He was a dedicated member of the First United Methodist Church of Dexter.

He graduated from Cooter High School, where he played any sport they offered; basketball, however, was his favorite.

He then graduated from the University of Missouri in 1955, and followed his graduation by serving in the United States Army, serving in Korea.

Larry returned from Korea to marry his high school sweetheart, Loretta Earls, on June 30, 1957, in Steele, MO.

Four children were born to them, Blaine Earls, Lee Ann, Lori Beth and Amy Suzanne, children that he loved immensely, each for their special talents and passions.

Over the years, Larry worked in a variety of careers - vocational agriculture teacher, real estate broker, lumberyard owner, and arson investigator, all of which led him - as he told his family - to the career he enjoyed the most:

owner of his own insurance adjusting service.

His unique background in many varied vocations, and his exceptional ability to put people at ease, helped to define one of the most loved and revered men in this community.

Larry had a genuine desire to serve people both near and far.

He was a member of many organizations to which he dedicated many hours of service and love.

Larry and Loretta enjoyed volunteering together, their time, talents and service to the Festival of Sharing, where Larry was affectionately known as The Rice Man, for his annual rice collection to support the efforts of Festival of Sharing statewide.

He dedicated as much time to a ministry called P.E.T. International, building mobility devices for people with disabilities in third world countries.



Born: September 4, 1933  
Place of Birth: Cooter, MO  
Death: February 8, 2013  
Place of Death: Cape Girardeau, MO  
Occupation: Insurance Adjustor

In his spare time, Larry always enjoyed spending time on Norfolk or Wappapello Lakes, watching his grandchildren in their activities of choice and supporting the basketball and football teams of his alma mater - Mizzou - and the St. Louis Cardinals.

Larry is survived by his loving wife of 55 years, Loretta, one dedicated son, Blaine, of Plainfield, NJ, and three adoring daughters, Lee Ann and her husband Scott Nelson, and their daughters Taylor Brooke and Kelci Paige, all of Dexter, MO; Lori and her husband Keith Windmiller, and their children Reid Avery, Tori Lynn, and David Keith of Peachtree City, GA; and Amy and her husband Steve Flanagan and their son Jace Clarke, of McKinney, TX.

Larry was preceded in death by his parents and his brother and best friend, Dalma Burkett Reid, of Cooter, MO.

Visitation is Monday, February 11, 2013, from 2:00 - 4:00 pm at the First United Methodist Church, 501 South Walnut Street, Dexter MO.

A service celebrating Larry's life begins at 4:00 pm with a reception to follow in Wesley Hall.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to First United Methodist Church, 501 South Walnut Street, Dexter, MO 63841; Festival of Sharing, 3009 David Drive, Columbia, MO

65202; or PET MO - Columbia, 1908 Heriford Road, Columbia, MO

65202.