



# Rufus "Ray" Reed

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### **R**ufus Ray Reed MSGT US Airforce

Ray was born to Rose and James Reed on July 12, 1936 in Christiansburg, VA. He was raised as a farm boy. After high school he joined the Airforce in October of 1954. He started as a jet mechanic and then became a flight engineer flying on C-141's and C-130's. He proudly served for twenty-two years spending some time in Vietnam.

Ray played football in high school and because of this he decided to coach little league football and baseball. He coached football and baseball for many years at McChord and Fort Lewis. He was so proud of coaching that he loved to tell you stories of the players and highlights of games.

After retirement from the Airforce, he went to work for Boeing as a functional test mechanic. He worked for Boeing for fifteen years and retired in 1993.

He would fulfill some of his retirement by doing volunteer work. He volunteered for Group Health, Hospice at American Lake VA and for Bethany Methodist food bank helping hand out food.

When he was not volunteering, he would try to get out and play golf or go fishing. He was able to take a few trips to Iowa for golf with the blind rehab through the VA and several trips to Canada for fishing with the grandsons.

One of his biggest passions in life was his love for Reese's Peanut Butter Cups. Virginia would find them in his pockets, all kinds of drawers and even in his toolboxes.

Ray is survived by his wife Virginia, his daughter Debbie (Jerry) Rosenow, brother Gary Styron and stepdaughter Kristie (Henry) Caywood.



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He was preceded in death by his first wife Nancy, his two sons Ronald and Randall Reed and stepson Samuel Wigdahl.

Ray was blessed with thirteen grandchildren, thirteen great grandchildren, two nieces and three nephews.

Due to state mandates in regards to COVID-19, services are by invitation only. Please join us virtually December 3rd, at 1pm for a live webcast of Ray's service and military honors via the link below.

<http://webcast.funeralvue.com/events/viewer/41376>

Those not able to join us live can use the same link to access a service recording for 90 days following the service.



## Tribute Wall

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CC

**Carter And Patricia Conrad** posted:

I worked with Ray in AirForce and at Boing. We had some good times. We took the train to Leavenworth and me, Patricia , Ray and Virginia all enjoyed the trip. Ray always had a story or a joke. He and I enjoyed many breakfast's together. He will be missed. Prayers for Virginia and family during this sad time.

December 3 at 4:27 PM

CM

**Cassie Merrell** posted:

It's with a very very sad heart and much Love, Ray Reed...we send our condolences to your family. You will surely be missed dear long time friend and brother to us. REST IN PEACE. LOVE....Huck and Cassie Merrell ❤️

November 30 at 12:40 PM

WB

**Walter Baade** posted:

Ray was a friend from the Air Force..We flew together once in awhile andCrew Rested in some nice places..Ray was a very nice person..He will be missed by all who knew him..Walt Baade..4th MAS..McChord AFB..WA.

November 30 at 7:38 AM

PM

**Phillip Mcdade** posted:

It is with heavy heart and love I send condolences and love to the family of Ray Reed. I know that God is watching over the family and opening his arms for Ray. Rest in piece my friend.

November 26 at 3:34 PM



# Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Rufus by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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