



## Chester Michael Reitan

July 16, 1952 - February 6, 2025

Chester Michael Reitan, 72, passed away on February 6, 2025 at Mercy Hospital. He was born on July 16, 1952 in Duluth, MN to Martin and Ruby Reitan.

Chester was a devoted Husband/Father/Grandfather/Great-Grandfather/Brother/Uncle and cherished by all who knew him. After high school, he enlisted in the Marine Corps, stationed in the Philippines and met the love of his life. He's a graduate of Duluth Technical College, receiving a Tool and Dye Maker Certification. He dedicated 18 years at FMC as a Machinist, diligently working his way to becoming the lead machinist. He dedicated another 15 years between Dana Corporation, Northwest Airlines, Schneider National, and Electric Machinery. He always endeavored to learn new skills and refine old skills.

Beyond his professional achievements, he was passionate about restoring and rebuilding classic cars. He was currently rebuilding a 1929 Ford Model A. He was also a dedicated volunteer at the annual Minnesota Street Rod Association (MSRA) Back to the 50s Car Show. Chester was also passionate about gardening and cooking. He built a beautiful, raised garden and grew various fruits and vegetables which he used in his recipes and was happy to share with his family and friends.

He is survived by his soulmate and loving wife Lilia; his children Tess (Lynn), Jerry (Jenn), and Neil (Sarah); his siblings Rose (Stu), Rod (Sue), Sandy (John), and Vienna (Bob); his grandchildren Stephen, Joe (Allison), Kai, Devin, Dominic, Macey, Max, and Marlee; great-grandchildren Aubrey, Gabriel, Lily, and William.

A celebration of Chester's life will be held on February 14, 2025, at 11:00 am at Washburn-McReavy, 1827 Coon Rapids Blvd NW, Coon Rapids, MN 55433. Guest visitation will begin at 10:00 am.

We will forever carry his memory in our hearts. and

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB 14. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Coon Rapids Chapel  
1827 Coon Rapids Blvd.  
Coon Rapids, MN 55433

## Memorial Service

FEB 14. 11:00 AM - 11:45 AM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall

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“ Douglas S. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Chester Michael Reitan.

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“ Chester holds a special place in our hearts. He was an amazing friend. He'd make sure you always had what you needed to achieve your goals. He was an inspiration to all. We will miss him dearly. Our wholehearted condolences to the entire family.



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