



Robert Reed

July 12, 1935 - October 21, 2019

Robert A. Reed II CDR USNR, age 84 of Plymouth formerly of Edina, passed away on October 21, 2019. Bob will be deeply missed by his wife of 57 years, Karen (Gerdin) Reed; sons, Robert III (Brandi), William (Kristin), and Andrew; grandchildren, Sam, Jonas, Lauren, Alexandra, and Thomas.

Bob was born and raised in south Minneapolis, graduating from Central HS, the U of M, and Pepperdine University. He served as a light attack pilot off carriers in Vietnam. Bob retired from the navy in 1981, after 24 years as commanding officer, Navy and Marine Air Training Center Twin Cities. He also retired from Northwest Airlines as director of employee relations and liason the city of Edina. Bob had many interests in his life including British sport cars and visual arts. He was involved with Veterans in the Arts.

Bob was very involved with many organizations in his community, he served on the Board of Directors St. Paul Red Cross, Board of Directors Memorial Blood Bank Minneapolis, as President of the Minnesota Employee Recreation and Services Council (MERSC), Meals on Wheels Volunteer, Habitat for Humanity Volunteer, Chairman of the Board of Stewards, Plymouth Congregational, Board of Donors, Plymouth Congregational, Board of Fine Arts, Plymouth Congregational, Veterans in the Arts, Edina Veterans Memorial Committee, Member Minnesota Triumphs (Car Club), Member Minnesota Morgans (Car Club).

Bob received extensive education from the University of Minnesota receiving a B.A. in Fine Arts (Design) with a Minor in Humanities, from Pepperdine University receiving a M.A. in Human Resources Management, and a Post Grad Certificate from the University of Minnesota in Human Resources. Center of Creating Leadership Quality College, Grad.

He served various positions in the Navy including Assistant Director of Flight Training, Chief of Naval Air Basic Training, Airforce Institute of Technology (Maintenance Management), Flight Instructor Training, Aviation Supply and Material Maintenance Managment, Naval Aircratft Maintenance Management, Nuclear Delivery Pilot, Helicopter Utility Pilot, Rescue, Mine Water Air.

An evening visitation will be held Tuesday October 29, 5-8 PM at Washburn-McReavy Edina Chapel, 5000 W. 50th St., Edina. Funeral services to be held on October 30 at 2 PM with a visitation starting at 1 PM at Plymouth Congregational Church, 1900 Nicolett Ave. S. Private interment at Ft. Snelling National Cemetery. Memorials to Navy Marine Corps Relief Society or donor's choice.

Tribute Wall

CB

“ *Fair winds and following seas, Captain. You are forever in my memory, old friend.*

*Master Chief Thomas Miller, USN Retired
and family*

Cheryl A Byars - October 29, 2019 at 11:36 PM

JC

“ *I had the pleasure of working with Bob on the Edina Veteran’s Memorial Committee. I was a Johnny-come-lately (my normal MO.) and was grateful to find such a talented and generous fellow artist on the board. Your husband and father had been dedicated to this noble task long before I joined with him, and owes no small part of its very successful completion to Bob’s dedication across the years.*

I pray that your grief and sadness in his passing will, in time, be replaced by the joy-filled memories of your life together and quiet pride in all that he did during his life for the great benefit of others.

A good man has left us and a great legacy remains.

John Currie - October 29, 2019 at 09:24 AM

WM

“ *It was great knowing Bob through the Minnesota Triumphs. We talked a lot about Vietnam and, of course, Triumphs. He will be missed as a member of the club.*
Wayne Morris

Wayne Morris - October 28, 2019 at 09:02 PM

BB

“ *Karen, I have so many heartfelt thoughts of Bob and how you both seemed so together. It was an honor and privilege to call Bob a true friend. He was wonderful man. Marilyn and I want to be here for you and we will stay in touch.*
Bob Benson

Bob Benson - October 27, 2019 at 09:27 PM

KA

I met Bob as the City Liaison to the Edina Veterans Memorial Committee. Bob was a dedicated, calm, wise, gentle presence. Sorry for your loss.
Kristin Aarsvold

Kristin Aarsvold - October 29, 2019 at 12:15 PM

MS

“ I and others will always remember Bob as a fully committed, highly creative, and very popular member of the Edina Veterans Memorial Committee. His multi-faceted contribution to the project was significant. It was a very positive experience working on it with him. I will miss my friend.

Marshall Schwartz

Marshall Schwartz - October 27, 2019 at 08:53 PM

JF

“ I grew up knowing Bob Reed like he was a member of my family and I was a member of his. Before I was born, our families lived in a duplex on Portland Ave. Minneapolis, MN. They were neighbors, friends and babysitters. After both families moved out of the duplex we stayed connected in many ways including Plymouth Church. It was always a happy time when we would get together. His marriage to Karen enriched all our lives. Rob, Wil and Andy added to the fun. My family and I will forever cherish each memory of Bob II. I wish we could be there in person. Please know that we love and support each of you with a full heart. God bless you and keep you strong during this difficult time. Dale & Josephine Mahle Freitag, Alicia Freitag, Christina M. F. James

Josephine Mahle Freitag - October 27, 2019 at 05:25 PM

JG

“ Bob was an exemplary citizen, outstanding naval aviator, squadron mate and my friend. He will be missed by all who knew him.

Jeff Greenwood - October 25, 2019 at 12:45 PM

LP

“ Love, Karl and Monica Paulson purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Robert Reed.



Love, Karl and Monica Paulson - October 25, 2019 at 10:44 AM

BD

“ Bob was a good man who put his life on the line for his country. In civilian life he looked out for both his family and friends. Additionally, his service to all humanity was exemplary.

We have lost an outstanding citizen and he will be truly missed.
from Bill Douglas, a squadron mate and friend

Bill Douglas - October 24, 2019 at 01:15 PM

JM

“ *Jon Meier lit a candle in memory of Robert Reed*



Jon Meier - October 24, 2019 at 08:10 AM

PH

“ *Patrick R Holt lit a candle in memory of Robert Reed*



Patrick R Holt - October 23, 2019 at 07:24 PM

PN

“ *We mourn the passing of a most elegant man. My Uncle Bob was an intelligent man of profound conviction, willing to share his insight and experience with me whenever I sought his wise counsel. He was a proud veteran. He delighted in his role of grandfather, and I grieve most for his young grandchildren their loss. My heart goes out to my beautiful Aunt Dolly (Karen), and my cousins Rob Jr, Will, and Andy. May his quiet strength in life give you all courage now, and may you take comfort in each other and the memories you share.*



Patsy (Gerdin) Willemssen, Niece - October 23, 2019 at 07:47 AM

TP

Karen, I'm so sorry to have missed the services. I was out in AZ. Bob was a true friend to me and everyone that knew him. Our Morgan group of sports cars will be a smaller group without Bob. Best wishes, Tom Politiski

Tom Politiski - November 25, 2019 at 09:10 PM