



## Edward Junior Reeder

August 9, 1934 - April 5, 2022

Edward Junior Reeder, age 87 of Murphysboro, passed away at 4:10 am on Tuesday, April 5, 2022 in the Marion VA Medical Center.

He was born August 9, 1934 in Gorham to Edward and Esther (Fauss) Reeder.

On June 19, 1954 he married the love of his life, Shirley Ann Baskin in DuQuoin. They shared almost 59 years of making wonderful memories. She preceded him in death on June 6, 2013.

He proudly served his country in the Army, receiving an honorable discharge as a SP3.

Edward owned and operated Cross Country Land Surveying in Murphysboro for approximately 20 years.

He was an avid bass fisherman and won trophies in local fishing tournaments. He was an excellent carpenter and built several of his family homes. He was a very talented woodworker creating many family heirlooms.

He loved to plant and maintain his vegetable garden. He and Shirley enjoyed wintering in Florida every year.

He loved genealogy and his family history. He proudly restored the Reeder Cemetery in Gorham, IL.

Edward is survived by his daughter, Sheri (Randy) Williams of Murphysboro; granddaughters, Amanda (Shane) Clark of Goreville and Leslie (Scott) Baker of Murray, KY; great grandchildren, Isaiah Connor; Ethan Baker; Shale Ray Clark; Johnathan Baker; Melody Baker; Sophie Baker and Adrianna Baker; siblings, David (Barb) Reeder of Murphysboro; Wilma (Jim) Bollinger of Miami, OK and Janet (Fritz) Perry of Olive Branch, MS; sister-in-law, Carleen Reeder of Murphysboro; brother-in-law, Arvel Froemling of Campbell Hill, IL; many nieces; nephews; other relatives and a host of friends.

He is also survived by "Biddy" his precious yorkie who provided him much joy and comfort after Shirley Ann passed. Biddy now lives with his granddaughter, Amanda's family and is doing great.

He is preceded in death by his parents; his wife; siblings, Virginia (Bill) Taylor; Bruce (Donna) Reeder; Darla Reeder; Bob Reeder; Wayne Reeder and Barbara Froemling.

Funeral Services for Edward Junior Reeder will be Monday, April 11, 2022 at noon in Crain Pleasant Grove-Murdale Funeral Home, 31 Memorial Dr., Murphysboro, IL with Rev. Charles Allen and Pastor Larry Dean Worthen officiating. Interment will follow in Pleasant Grove Memorial Park. Full military honors will be accorded by the US Army and the American Legion Post #127.

Visitation will be from 10:00 am until the hour of service at the funeral home.

In lieu of flowers, memorials are encouraged and can be made to the Elm Street Baptist Church in Murphysboro and will be accepted at the funeral home.



# Cemetery Details

## Pleasant Grove Memorial Park

31 Memorial Dr.  
Murphysboro, IL 62966  
(618) 687-1145  
crain@crainsonline.com

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR 11. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Crain Pleasant Grove-Murdale Funeral Home - Old 13  
31 Memorial Dr.  
Murphysboro, IL 62966  
(618) 687-2500  
crain@crainsonline.com

## Funeral Service

APR 11. 12:00 PM - 12:00 PM (CT)

Crain Pleasant Grove-Murdale Funeral Home - Old 13  
31 Memorial Dr.  
Murphysboro, IL 62966  
(618) 687-2500  
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# Tribute Wall



“ *Edward Junior Reeder*

October 23, 2023 at 06:26 AM



“ *Enjoyed getting to know Ed as a neighbor. He often shared his home grown tomatoes with us. I enjoyed playing with his Yorkie Itty Bitty. His wife, Shirley was my cousin. So sorry I did not here about his passing until after his funeral. Condolences to his family.*

**LaDonna Eastwood** - April 14, 2022 at 06:37 PM



*On behalf of Sheri and all of the Reeder family thank you for your kind words, thoughts, and memories. God Bless you!*

**Amanda Clark** - April 18, 2022 at 04:52 PM



“ *I got to know Ed as a fellow Land Surveyor over 40 years ago through the Little Egyptian Chapter of the IPLSA. I always had great respect for Ed and enjoyed his company and the many discussions we had during the Chapter meetings over the years. One of the things I remember most was the years when Ed & Shirley would bring their motor home to the Chapter's annual October fish fry at one of the lakes or parks in southern Illinois. My wife isn't much of a camper and she would always ask Shirley if she could use their bathroom rather than using the ones at the camping areas. Ed & Shirley always obliged and were great to be around! We miss those times, but will always have the fond memories!*

**Gale Hake** - April 11, 2022 at 01:49 PM

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*On behalf of Sheri and all of the Edward Reeder family thank you for your kind thoughts, words, and memories. God bless you!*

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**Amanda Clark** - April 17, 2022 at 06:28 PM

BE

“*Ed and I worked together from 1971 to 1980. We actually studied and helped each other towards the Lands Surveyor's Exam. One fond memory I have was we were way out in the middle of nowhere doing a survey (equipment was a lot heavier then) Ed was in his early 40's and I was my early 20's. We were about a quarter of a mile from the truck and Ed decided to show me his was fit as a fiddle and took off running with equipment in hand. I don't remember if he beat me to the truck, but he probably did. He was always quick, fair and honest. And I enjoyed fishing with him at what was new Kincaid Lake, at that time.. You will be missed Ed.*

*Bob Eaton, fellow Professional Land Surveyor*

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**Bob Eaton** - April 11, 2022 at 12:45 PM

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**Amanda Clark** - April 17, 2022 at 06:30 PM

MS

“*knew Ed professionally as we are both Professional Land Surveyors, competitors as it were here in Southern Illinois, we always had an excellent Professional relationship and shared records, Ed was well respected by the Professional Land Surveying community and his survey records will continue to stand the test of time, Ed will be honored by the Professional Land Survey's Association as a "Lost Monument"*

*Malcom A. Sands, PLS 2780*

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**Malcom A Sands** - April 09, 2022 at 01:58 PM

AC

*On behalf of Sheri and all of the Reeder family thank you for your kind thoughts, words, and memories. God Bless you!*

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**Amanda Clark** - April 17, 2022 at 06:41 PM

TB

“*I worked for Ed at Cross Country Land Surveying 1980 - 1988. I value those times as some of the most memorable of my life. Ed was one of the fairest, most honest, smartest and hardest working people I have known. I am so proud to have known him.*

*Men of his caliber are few, and I pray the Good Lord will keep making them.*

*Ed, Thank you for all the lessons you taught me. "What a man to look up too"*

*Thank you, Ed. Tim Berry.*

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**Tim Berry** - April 08, 2022 at 04:19 PM

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**Amanda Clark** - April 17, 2022 at 06:44 PM

JK

“ *Ed was a great friend and business associate of both me and my late father during his years in the survey business.*

*Sis. Sheri, sorry for your loss. You are in our prayers with the rest of the family.*

*Bro. Killion*

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**James Killion** - April 06, 2022 at 11:22 PM

BW

*Ed was a very good man. He was an excellent surveyor. We are lesser due to his passing.*

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**Barry Wesley** - April 09, 2022 at 08:19 AM

SN

*Sweet Sheri, I am so sorry for you and your family's loss. In my thoughts and prayers.*

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**Suzie Naegele** - April 10, 2022 at 09:09 PM

MG

*I interviewed with Ed in 1984, I just walked in off the street. I had heard if i wanted to advance my professional career he was the guy i need to work for. I do not remember why but i never got a call. I started my business in 1995, Shawnee Professional Services, and again i went and discussed with Ed if he had any work he was not going to do i would appreciate the referral. He certainly helped me out. Later he told me that if he would have known i was going grow like we did, he would have reconsidered his decision! With his dry humor, not sure if he was kidding or not. For years i copied his surveys from court houses and studied them. He taught me many things even though i never worked for him. I loved our Little Egyptian Chapter Meetings that we attended with each other for many years. He had many good stories. He said kind things about me which meant so much. He was a very proud man! I never considered him a competitor, but a friend. I am in contact with Ed almost every week. We took over the Forest Service contracts many years ago and i continue to get to see Ed's marks on Southern Illinois. His work will stand the test of time and i am very proud to be able to preserve his work onto the next person. One thing he was famous for was his "red thread", i will let Randy let you all know what that means. Amanda, I also live in Goreville and sometime soon i will stop by and say hello. I remember how sad he was when Shirley died, I hurt with him. Well they are together now forever! Thank you Ed for a life well done! You have left your mark on so many.*

*On behalf of the Little Egyptian Chapter, as a past President for the Illinois Professional Land Surveyors Association, as the Principal of Shawnee Professional Services, Bonita and myself we will always remember our Lost Monument, Edward J. Reeder. (he is only lost here, not there!) Thank you, God Bless you and your great family Ed Reeder! You was a great man!*

*Mitch Garrett - Illinois Professional Land Surveyor 3085*

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**Mitch Garrett** - April 11, 2022 at 11:01 AM

RW

*We were out of town and not able to attend the funeral. Ed and I have been friends for many years, and I have not met a more honest and caring man. We have shared many conversations and survey records over the years.*

*After Ed retired, I stopped by his house several times to talk about surveying and whatever else the conversation led to*

*Ed, we will miss you.*

*Ray Whiteside*

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**Raymond A. Whiteside** - April 14, 2022 at 01:56 PM

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**Amanda Clark** - April 17, 2022 at 06:49 PM