



## Reid Allen Lirely

March 21, 1972 - June 24, 2025

IN MEMORY OF:

Reid Allen Lirely

Serving Location:

CRAIN PLEASANT GROVE-MURDALE FUNERAL HOME

31 Memorial Drive, Murphysboro, Illinois

Reid Allen Lirely, 53, peacefully passed after a courageous yearlong battle with cancer on Tuesday, June 24, 2025, at 9:00 am, with his loving mother, special friend Laura Chandler, and his dear friend Sue by his side.

He was born on March 21, 1972, in Murphysboro, to Charles Edward Lirely and Judith Held Lirely. He graduated from Murphysboro High School as valedictorian of his class. He was a standout on the varsity basketball team and enjoyed playing baseball, football and running track as well. He graduated with a degree in International Studies from California State University in Long Beach.

The life of Reid was exemplified by kindness, a good sense of humor, and a passion for music. After starting drum lessons at age 10, it became apparent

to everyone that this would become one of his greatest gifts. He played in various bands throughout his life, making many friends along the way. Later in life, his love for music translated into learning how to play keyboard and collecting antique organs.

Reid enjoyed spending time with his family and friends, but his greatest love was for his Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. In his last days, he regularly talked about what a blessed life he had and how he was looking forward to eternity with the Lord.

Reid is survived by his mother, Judy Lirely; sister, Jill Sweatman (Jim); nephew, Zach Sweatman (Karen); great niece, Maddie; niece, Rebecca Fillyaw (Michael); great niece, Lily; and many cousins and close friends.

He was preceded in death by his dad, Ed Lirely; twin sisters, Amy and Allison; grandparents, Bill and Jeanette Held; grandparents, Ivan and Daisy Lirely; his Uncle Bill Held; and his Uncle and Aunt, Ivan and Kay Lirely.

Funeral Services will be held on Wednesday, July 2, 2025 at 2:00 PM at Crain Pleasant Grove – Murdale Funeral Home. Visitation will be held the day of the service from 12:00 PM until 2:00 PM at the funeral home.

Interment will follow the service at Pleasant Grove Memorial Park.

The family requests with gratitude that memorial contributions be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

Crain Pleasant Grove-Murdale Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

# Cemetery Details

## Pleasant Grove Memorial Park

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

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUL 2. 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM (cst)

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

## Funeral Service

JUL 2. 2:00 PM - 2:30 PM (cst)

Crain Pleasant Grove-Murdale Funeral Home - Old 13  
31 Memorial Dr.  
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## Interment

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JUL 2. 2:45 PM - 3:15 PM (cst)

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[crain@crainsonline.com](mailto:crain@crainsonline.com)

# Tribute Wall

MH

“ Thank you for including the statement of Reid's faith in Jesus. What a blessing and a testimony! I rode the bus to school and home with Eddie for many years(when we were young!) Years later I taught his son, Reid, in math class at MHS. I remember that he was a nice young man and he was very smart. I am so thrilled to hear that he had an awesome life and he loved Jesus. He is making beautiful music in heaven. May our Lord comfort you. Mary Lou Hickam



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**Mary L Hickam** - July 01, 2025 at 11:41 AM

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“ Kerri (Jackson) Anderson purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Reid Allen Lirely.



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**Kerri (Jackson) Anderson** - June 29, 2025 at 09:24 PM



“ Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Reid Allen Lirely.



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June 29, 2025 at 06:49 PM



“ *Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the family of Reid Allen Lirely.*



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June 28, 2025 at 12:59 PM



“ *My sympathy Judy and to the family so sorry to hear this. He is at peace now.*

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**Ina Rothe** - June 28, 2025 at 10:08 AM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Reid Allen Lirely.*



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June 28, 2025 at 12:20 AM



“ *Judy & Family—I am so sorry to see of Reid’s passing. Just know that he is free of pain & suffering, & that his Dad is waiting for him with open arms.  
I can still see him & Scott playing in the backyard when they were a lot younger.  
Just hold on to your memories, & remember that you all will be together some day. I’ll be thinking & praying for you & your family.  
I’m here if you need me.*

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**Wehmeyer Carol** - June 27, 2025 at 09:31 AM

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“ Condolences to you Judy and the whole family. So very sorry to hear this.

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**Don and Donna Shadron** - June 27, 2025 at 08:23 AM

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“ The first time I met Reid was when my friend Leah and I decided we were going to start a punk band(this was over two two decades ago) Neither of us had been playing guitar for very long, but Reid didn't care, he just loved making music. He welcomed us in with such a calm, quiet presence and made me feel like I was a natural (even though I definitely wasn't). Playing with Reid was one of the most joyful parts of that time in my life. He taught me a lot, like the importance of wearing earplugs (he liked it loud), but more than that, he made me feel like a real musician. I will always feel grateful for that.

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**Teresa Snyder** - June 26, 2025 at 07:06 PM