



Thomas Walter Reid

September 25, 1943 - March 5, 2025

Thomas Walter "Rip" Reid was born on September 25, 1943, to the union of Thomas Walter "Bust" Reid Jr. and Bessie Clawson Reid. A lifelong member of Antioch Missionary Baptist Church, Thomas carried his faith with him throughout his journey in life. Thomas received his formal education at Second Ward Senior High School, graduating in 1962. Shortly after, he began working at Hill Brothers Furniture Co. before answering the call to serve his country. In 1964, Thomas joined the United States Marine Corps, where he displayed unwavering bravery and resilience. During his service in Vietnam, he earned two Purple Hearts, along with the Vietnam Service Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Vietnam Campaign Medal, and the Good Conduct Medal with device. Despite enduring racism and injuries during his time in the Marines, Thomas remained steadfast and proud of his service. He was honorably discharged in June 1968 and transferred to the Marine Reserve. In December 1967, Thomas met the love of his life, Cecilia Price. The two were married on December 9, 1968, and together they built a life filled with love, laughter, and unwavering commitment. They were blessed with two sons, Rodney and Reginald Reid, both of whom preceded him in death. Through life's joys and sorrows, Thomas and Cecilia remained devoted to one another for 56 beautiful years. Following his military service, Thomas worked as a switchman for Southern Railway. Known for his adventurous spirit and love for storytelling, Thomas often shared memories of his time in the Marines, never shying away from the hardships he endured but always emphasizing the

strength it instilled in him. He cherished time spent with his family and friends, bringing laughter and wisdom to those around him. On March 5, 2025, Thomas departed this life, leaving behind a legacy of courage, love, and perseverance. He was preceded in death by his parents, Thomas Walter "Bust" Reid Jr. and Bessie Clawson Reid; his siblings, David Reid, Barbara Izzard and Margaret Clifton; and his beloved sons, Rodney Reid and Reginald Reid. Thomas leaves to cherish his memory his devoted wife of 56 years, Cecilia Reid; his loving daughter, Toni Kirkpatrick; his sons, Jeff and Jerod Harris; his sister, Gwendolyn Martin; his cherished granddaughter, Quayshauna Cunningham; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, and dear friends. Though he has departed this earthly life, the impact Thomas Walter "Rip" Reid made on those who knew and loved him will forever remain. His courage, dedication, and love will continue to live on in the hearts of all who had the privilege of knowing him.

Cemetery Details

Sharon Memorial Park

5716 Monroe Road
Charlotte, NC

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 17. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Antioch Missionary Baptist Church
232 Skyland Avenue
Charlotte, NC

Celebration of Life Service

MAR 17. 12:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

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“ TO GOD BE THE GLORY HE KNOWS THE
HOLD BLESSED STORY.R.I.P CLASS MATE
OF 62 YOUR FAMILY LOVED YOU BUT
GOD LOVED YOU BEST.GOD NEED A
BEAUTIFUL FLOWER FOR HIS GARDEN
SO HE PICK YOU TO FILL THAT SPOT.WALTER WE HAD GOOD
TIMES IN THOSE DAY.I AM PRAYING FOR THE FAMILY.



RUTH REID - March 15, 2025 at 10:56 PM