



James Nelson Reeder

June 3, 1950 - May 19, 2025

James Nelson Reeder passed from this earth on May 19th, 2025 in his home in Sulphur, OK. He was born on June 3rd, 1950 to Peggy DeLois Moore Reeder (Carrier) and Charles Richard Reeder in Tulsa, Oklahoma. He went to Davis and Sulphur schools growing up before he joined the Marine Corps in 1968 where he completed his schooling as well as becoming an MP and advancing to Corporal, serving in the Vietnam war. Jim “Papa” Reeder was an ornery cuss filled with love, laughter and jokes. When words escaped him (which wasn’t often), or when there were no words – usually in response to a kiddo’s facial expression, bodily function, or general fussiness – “Ah BULL” would fill the air generally followed by laughter. He was also the kind of person who liked to “poke the bear” by a slurred “yes dear” to ANY response from loved ones – and also followed by a quick reaction duck on his end to avoid the subsequent flying object – again filling the room with laughter. Jokes filled the air until the end.

Jim was an avid outdoorsman. He loved fishing, hunting, cutting wood, bailing hay, working with

livestock, as well as showcasing his carpentry and electrical skills in odd jobs he would pick up. He spent many of his leisure days at the local casinos, at the “man cave” or kicked back watching the “boob tube”.

He adored his children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren!

He is preceded in death by his mother, Peggy DeLoise Moore Reeder Carrier, father Charles Richard

Reeder, and step dad “Pappa Willie” Carrier. He is survived by his brother Harold Reeder & family of

Pauls Valley, step sister Phyllis Drake & family of Farmington, New Mexico.

He is missed dearly by his wife Peggy Ann Reeder of Sulphur, daughter Jamie Thomas of Los Lunas NM,

step son Robert Shook & Kristine of Los Lunas NM, step son Mickey Deffenbaugh & Tiffany of Sulphur,

step son Tod Deffenbaugh of OKC, Grandkids – Lane Deffenbaugh of Sulphur, Felisha & Jamison Sims of

Sherman, Tx, Corie and Zac Hernandez of Sulphur, Stephen Wood of Los Lunas NM, Kaitlen Wood of Los

Lunas NM, Hanna and Brendon Proffit of Albuquerque, NM, and the apples of his eyes- his great

grandkids Jakupson, Breanna, Hadon and Aaron. As well as a slew of nieces, nephews, cousins, and other

kin folk.

Visitation will be held at Crossway Baptist Church Chapel on Friday, May 23, 2025 from 4 p.m. - 7 p.m.

Services to celebrate James Reeder will be held at Seamen First Class Billy Turner Veteran's Cemetery in Ardmore, OK, on May 27, 2025 at 2 p.m.

Arrangements made under the direction of DeArman Funeral Home of Sulphur.

Cemetery Details

Seaman First Class Billy Turner Veterans Cemetery

1555 Myall Street
Ardmore, OK 73401

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 23. 4:00 PM - 7:00 PM (CT)

Chapel of Crossway Baptist Church
2108 W Broadway Ave
Sulphur, OK 73086
(580) 622-2550

Funeral Service

MAY 27. 2:00 PM (CT)

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