



## Mr. Willie Frank Reed

December 7, 1935 - April 14, 2020

On December 7, 1935, the late Hunter and Ada Reed welcomes a third son, Willie Frank Reed into their family. Frank had four siblings John, Leroy, Charles and Billy, all of whom preceded him in death.

He was reared in Jackson, TN and graduated from Merry High School. Frank spent four years in the U. S. Army and upon his return to Jackson he began his higher education journey by attending Lane College. He was a proud graduate of Lane College where he was a Music Major.

Frank was a musician at heart, and he played in the local night life hot spots with the Phillip Reynolds Orchestra and was a part of the recordings that are included in the Rock-a-Billy Hall of Fame.

He played with Phillip Reynolds, Grady Carter, John McClellan, Frank Ballard, Big Red Matthews and many others. Frank began his teaching career as the band director at Peabody High School in Trenton, Tennessee. As his career moved him into the private sector joined Eastern Airlines as one of its first African American executives.

grandchildren in Miami, FL. Until his health failed, he was an active member of New St. Luke Missionary Baptist Church.

He was also preceded in death by one son: Michael Reed.

He was married to the former Kaye Bledsoe and then later married Rebecca Reid

He is survived by a wife: Rebecca Reed. He will be fondly remembered by his two children: Karen Reed of Jackson, Tennessee and Gregory (Tammy) Reed of Miami, Florida; three grandchildren and three great grandchildren in Miami, Florida; four stepdaughters, Rebecca Kwaben (Houston, TX), Monica Greer (Deandre) (Jackson, TN), Jessica Palmer (Anthony) Jackson, TN, and Veronica (Aden) Jackson, TN; two stepsons, Willie May (Tammy) Jackson, TN and Donald Campbell (Elizabeth) Jackson, TN. He will

be fondly remembered by two favorite cousins, Martha Jane (Howard) White (Howard) of Jackson, TN and Cousin Bernice Christopher: one step granddaughter and one step grandson.

# Cemetery Details

## Tennessee State Veterans Cemetery at Parkers Crossroads

593 Wildersville Road  
Parkers Crossroad , TN 38388

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR 20. 2:00 PM - 5:00 PM (CT)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. Willie Frank Reed*

January 28, 2023 at 12:37 PM

LE

“ *My condolences go out to the Reed family. So sorry for your loss.*

lee - April 21, 2020 at 08:22 AM

BT

*My Condolence to The Reed family, God bless each of you!*

**Beverly B. Tyson** - April 24, 2020 at 09:14 AM

DS

“ *Sorry to hear of Mr. Willie passing. We in EMS had many great memories of transporting him and talking about his music career.*



**Debbie Schichtel** - April 20, 2020 at 10:21 AM

VC

“ *Mr. Reed was a magnificent band teacher at Rosenwald High School in Trenton, TN we all loved him and the super work he in making us one of the best marching bands in the area. My condolences to his family.*

**Valerie Coleman** - April 19, 2020 at 12:45 AM

BC

“ *Barbara Cockrell lit a candle in memory of Mr. Willie Frank Reed*



**Barbara Cockrell** - April 16, 2020 at 04:10 PM