

## *Psalm 23*

*1 The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.*

*2 He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters.*

*3 He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.*

*4 Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.*

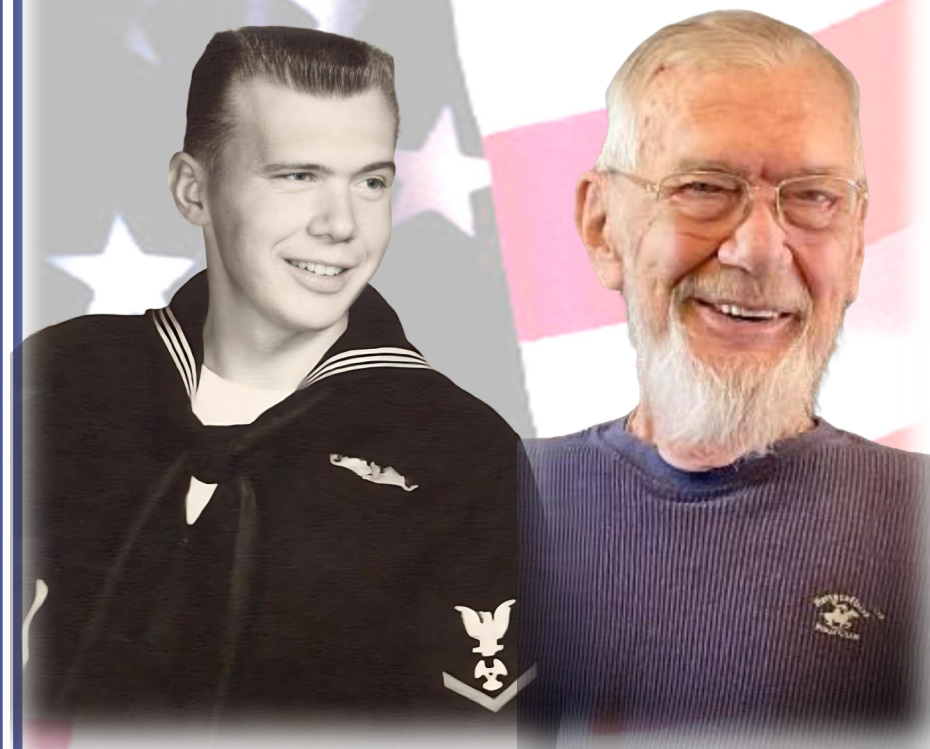
*5 Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.*

*6 Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.*

*A Masonic service will be provided by Sedalia Granite Lodge #272 AF&AM at 10:45 a.m. with a visitation to follow from 11:00 a.m. until service time.*

 REA FUNERAL  
CHAPEL &  
CREMATION SERVICES

## A LIFE REMEMBERED



# EARL WAYNE SOUTH

DECEMBER 1, 1942  
DECEMBER 17, 2024



# Earl Wayne South

Earl Wayne South, 82, of Sedalia, MO, passed away on December 17, 2024, in Independence, MO of a broken heart for the loss of his beloved Martha, leaving behind a legacy of love, hard work, and cherished memories. He was born on December 1, 1942, in Carmi, IL, the son of Jewell Delbert South and Anna Francis (Renschler) South, who preceded him in death.

He married Linda Lorene Ungethim Kuhn on October 14, 1967. They were married until February 22, 1978, and later remarried on October 14, 1978, remaining together until January 23, 1987. On December 23, 1989, he married the love of his life, Martha Yvonne (Hammond) Reine and they shared a loving marriage until her unfortunate passing on December 15, 2023.

Earl was born and raised in Carmi, Illinois, graduating from Carmi White High School in 1960. After graduation, he joined the U.S. Navy as a machinist, which took him to Connecticut, Maryland, California, and Hawaii. Following his service in the Navy, he returned to Carmi before moving to Evansville, Indiana, to complete his degree.

Earl pursued his passion for engineering, starting his education at Southern Illinois University Carbondale and finishing at Indiana State University Evansville, now known as the University of Southern Indiana. In the early 1980s, he relocated to Sedalia, Missouri, to work for Waterloo Industries until his retirement. He spent part of his retirement living at Lake of the Ozarks and the remainder back in Sedalia.

As an engineer, Earl dedicated eight years to General Tire and seven years to Bucyrus Erie in Evansville, Indiana. He later worked at Waterloo Industries in Sedalia for approximately 16 years.

A devoted member of the First Christian Church in Sedalia, Missouri, he also contributed to the community through his involvement with the Elks Lodge, the Masons, and the Shriners.

Earl was a man of many passions. An avid outdoorsman, he found joy in hunting and fishing throughout his life. His enthusiasm for card games like Clabber and Bridge was infectious. He took great pleasure in crafting his own alcoholic beverages, including beer, schnapps, and Irish cream. His love for woodworking, leather working, and amateur gun smithing was evident in his creations. But above all, he found the most joy in doting on and bragging about his kids, grandkids, great-grandkids, and great-great-grandkids.

Earl's love for his family was boundless. He is survived by his daughters: Shanah Johnson (Joel) and Noelle Selby (Mike); his step-sons: Steve Reine (Linda Pyle Conn) and Terry Reine (Kathy Parkhurst); his grandchildren: Amy and Kari; his step-grandchildren: Heather, Todd, Ambrea, Justin, Skyler, and Austin, along with their spouses, children, and grandchildren; many nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends. His love and warmth will be deeply missed.

# Celebration of Life Service

12:00 p.m.

Tuesday, December 31, 2024

Rea Funeral Chapel

Sedalia, MO

## Officiant

Rev. Dr. Chad McMullin

## Special Music

*"The Old Rugged Cross"*

*"Dance With My Father"*

*"Daddy's Hands"*

*"One More Day" & "Broken Halos" - Video Tribute*

## Inurnment

1:00 p.m.

Friday, January 3, 2025

White County Memorial Garden Cemetery

Carmi, IL with full military honors

## Memorial Contributions

Wounded Warriors Project

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