



Thomas Franklin Reed

March 8, 1935 - November 20, 2019

Thomas Franklin Reed of Chester, MD, passed away on November 20, 2019, at Genesis Healthcare in Severna Park, MD. He was 84.

Born on March 8, 1935, in Glenville, WV, he was the son of the late Thomas A. and Blanche O. Lohan Reed. Thomas graduated from East Bank High School and then from Glenville College with a Bachelor's in Music Education. He went on to receive his Master's degree from Marshall University. Thomas became a teacher and taught for 33 years in West Virginia before moving to Maryland and teaching for seven years at Queen Anne's County High School. He retired after 40 years in 1995.

Mr. Reed was honored many times as an outstanding band director and his bands were honored numerous times. His bands traveled world-wide. While at George Washington High School, his band performed at Carnegie Hall, and while at Queen Anne's County High School in Maryland, his band performed in London. The legacy he cherished most was the many students who followed his footsteps in the music field. Also, he was happy about the former students that continue performing in their communities.

Thomas is survived by his loving wife, Marita Reed of Chester, MD; daughter Deborah Reed and her husband, Christopher Moffatt of Fredericksburg, VA; son, Thomas Franklin Reed II and his wife Genell of Eldersburg, MD; seven

grandchildren, Richard, Amanda (Travis); Christopher (Stephanie); Nicholas; David; Jackson; Brody; one great-grandchild, Talia; and many nieces and nephews. In addition to his parents, he was predeceased by his brother, James A. Reed; and his sister-in-law, Anna Mary Reed.

A visitation will be held on Saturday, November 30, 2019, from 9am – 11 am, at the Kent Island United Methodist Church in Chester, MD, where a service will begin at 11 am.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Kent Island United Methodist Church, PO Box 308, Chester, MD 21619.

Tribute Wall



“ *Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Thomas Franklin Reed*



Fellows, Helfenbein & Newnam Funeral Home - November 26, 2019 at 11:27 AM



“ *Thomas Franklin Reed*

October 26, 2023 at 06:42 PM



“ *Thomas Franklin Reed*

January 28, 2023 at 12:44 PM



“ *Thomas Franklin Reed*

January 28, 2023 at 08:03 AM



“ *Just finding out now about Tom's passing. I taught with Tom as the choral director for 2 years at QACHS as my first teaching job after I graduated from college. He was a mentor to my career and truly a gentleman. My condolences to his family on his passing. Rest in Peace, Tom, and thank you for your patience and advice.*

Scott Bacon - June 23, 2021 at 09:10 PM

AR

“ *Ann Ross lit a candle in memory of Thomas Franklin Reed*



Ann Ross - December 11, 2019 at 05:52 PM

KE

“ *The West Virginia and Kanawha County Associations of Retired School Employees extend their sincere sympathy to you, the family, in your sorrow. Blessings to all.*

Kanawha Co. Retired School Employees - December 01, 2019 at 10:50 PM

KO

“ *Words cannot express my sadness when I heard of Mr. Reed's passing. He was my band director from 1990-1994. Mr. Reed taught me the real value of working hard to achieve a common goal. Some of the fondest memories of my life are from my time in band. I will forever be grateful to Mr. Reed for always pushing me to be my best. I am so glad I ran into him earlier this year so we could catch up and I could give him a big hug. He will be forever missed.*

Kari Oulahyane - December 01, 2019 at 08:38 PM

S'

“ Mr. Reed was a wonderful leader and mentor to so very many students at George Washington High School in Charleston, WV - me included. Even after having graduated 40 years ago I vividly remember him at the podium telling us all to listen up! One of my best memories is when he had us perform selections from the Broadway play, "I Love My Wife" as a surprise to his. Many thoughts and prayers to his wife and family and just remember that Mr. Reed will always be remembered in the hearts of his former students.

Susan Jacquet Graves (GWHS '80) - November 27, 2019 at 01:49 PM

KJ

“ I transferred to GW as a result of a conversation I had with Mr. Reed. That conversation/transfer set me on a path that resulted in my current music career & meeting my wife during my senior year. Many things in my life would be different had I not transferred to GW. I have many fond memories of making wonderful music with Mr. Reed. I was lucky to have him as a teacher and I am sorry for your family's loss.

Keith Jean - November 27, 2019 at 08:21 AM

TF

“ The Scott Family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Thomas Franklin Reed.



The Scott Family - November 24, 2019 at 11:47 AM

MA

“ *Mr Reed was a kind, considerate, and talented man. I enjoyed many conversations with him in our three years teaching together at QACHS and at KIUMC, and he will be certainly missed. God Bless him and his family!*

Mitchell Andrew

mittchell andrew - November 22, 2019 at 07:05 PM



“ *Rainbow Of Remembrance Spray was purchased for the family of Thomas Franklin Reed.*



November 22, 2019 at 06:29 PM

VG

“ *Dear Marita, We always looked to you and Tom as our mentors and witnesses, always encouraging. Tom pulled me back to the church. He is in my testimony to KIUMC. I will miss him very much, and look forward to giving you a hug in church as soon as you can come back.*

May the peace, only God can provide, surround you during these dark days.

Vali and Mark

Vali Galasso - November 22, 2019 at 05:18 PM

TS

“ Tracy Schulz lit a candle in memory of Thomas Franklin Reed



Tracy Schulz - November 22, 2019 at 05:18 PM

AC

“ Marita, you are in our thoughts and prayers. Tom was a shining light for so many people and helped instill a love of music throughout the school, church and neighborhood communities. I loved to hear both of you sing; it brought such joy to so many. He was such a talented person in and out of the classroom. The infectious smile was so welcoming and his boundless energy became the easily recognizable traits people identified him with. Thank you Tom for the lovely moments of musical joy which you provided . You enriched our lives. May God's love sustain your family.

Ann O. Campbell - November 22, 2019 at 01:17 PM

KR

“ Prayers for his wife and family, he was such a kind man. Kim Ruth and family

Kim Ruth - November 22, 2019 at 01:13 PM

SS

“ Sheridan Scott lit a candle in memory of Thomas Franklin Reed



Sheridan Scott - November 22, 2019 at 12:15 PM

RB

“ Sending prayers for your loss at this time. Praying for peace and comfort for your family. May he rest in peace.

*Rita Becallo (Caviness) Buckley
Former QACHS Band Director*

Rita Becallo Buckley - November 22, 2019 at 12:14 PM

JT

“ Sending my love and prayers



Jaelyn Twomey - November 22, 2019 at 05:00 AM

DS

“ Debbie Scott lit a candle in memory of
Thomas Franklin Reed



Debbie Scott - November 21, 2019 at 11:16 PM

KB

“ Dear Marita and family,
My deepest sympathies to everyone at this
sad time. I have so many wonderful memories
of Tom and band trips and competitions. You
are all in my thoughts and prayers.



Kathleen Boyd - November 21, 2019 at 09:10 PM

SC

“ *Marita, Deborah, Tommy, Genell and family, I will miss sweet Tom. I am so sorry for your tremendous loss. Sending you lots of love.
Love, Stephanie*



Stephanie Coughlin-Stapleton - November 21, 2019 at 07:59 PM

JG

*Sending Our Deepest Sympathy to Mr Reed's lovely wife and family.
We certainly will keep you in our Thoughts and Prayers.
The Groh Family*

Joyce Groh - November 22, 2019 at 12:33 PM

PM

*Marita,
I am so sorry for your loss. Both you and Tom have been through so much. Despite everything that you both had going on, you always put smiles on your faces and brightened our day.
You are in my prayers.
Patti Mobley
Peret and Moy Therapy*

Patti Mobley - November 24, 2019 at 06:57 PM