



Leroy Henry Reid

January 6, 1931 - October 9, 2018

Retired Chief Master Sargent Leroy Henry Reid passed away on October 9, 2018, but he left a mark on this world that will not soon be forgotten. Leroy Reid was born on January 6, 1931 in Texas. Known to everyone as “The Chief,” he was not only a proud veteran, but also a proud family man. Chief Reid served in the Air Force for thirty years; he began his career as a Tail Gunner in the Korean War and then became a Boom Operator, flying in KC-135s, during the Vietnam War. He fought in and survived “Black Tuesday” in Namsi, Korea, which has gone down in history as one of the greatest air battles of all time. After retiring from the military, he enjoyed spending his days with his family working in the yard and driving his Jeep around Cheney. He would gladly regale neighbors with war stories on his daily walks. Chief Reid left an impression on everyone he met. He was preceded in death by his older brother, younger sister, parents, Newton and Audrey Reid, and son-in-law, Dennis Helsing. He will now be able to spend eternity with his wife, the love of his life, Mary Reid. Chief Reid is survived by three children: Cheryl Helsing, Randall Reid, and Laura Hoyle; daughter-in-law, Melinda Reid, and son-in-law, Ken Hoyle. His tough military-man exterior was no match for his six granddaughters: Kaitlyn Helsing, Candice Helsing, Ashley Myers, (husband, Alex Myers), Jessica Cazares (husband, Francisco Cazares), Emalee Hoyle, and Marilee Hoyle, and one great-granddaughter, Tessa Myers. Leroy Reid’s family wants to be remembered for his incredibly impressive career in the Air Force, but also as the man who stepped in as a father figure for his two granddaughters who lost their father at a young age. A private graveside service will be held at the Washington State Veteran’s Cemetery in Medical Lake. A memorial service will be held at Cheney Funeral Chapel on Tuesday, October 16th at 12:00. All are welcome to celebrate the life of this true American hero. In lieu of flowers, Chief Reid’s family asks that his memory be honored with donations to Hospice House of Spokane or your favorite organization that supports our Veterans.

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