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David William Ream passed away in Ashburn, Virginia, on Thursday, November 30, 2023.

David was born March 27, 1936, in Albany, California, to George Douglas Ream and Lucile Charlotte Krogue. His father was a medical doctor and David often shared stories of the work he did in his father's clinic at their home in Berkeley where he took care of medical supplies, including sharpening and sanitizing syringe needles. After graduating from Berkeley High School in 1953, David studied psychology at the University of California-Berkeley and enrolled in the ROTC program there. Three years later he was called to serve as a missionary for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in Calgary, Alberta (Western Canada Mission), where he served from 1956-1958.

David had successfully applied to join the U.S. Army's Judge Advocate General cadre, completing his law degree at Berkeley, but not before meeting the love of his life, Home Economics student Judythe Ahlin, while attending the local church congregation. Both David and Judy would frequently recount those heady days on David's Vespa or side-by-side in his MG. They were married in the Los Angeles Temple on August 15, 1961.

Although he passed the California Bar upon completing law school in 1962, he would never practice law there. Instead, David pursued a career in the Army and took his legal skills overseas to both Iran (1965-67) and Vietnam (1967-68), and finally to the Pentagon, where he spent the majority of his career (1973-2000) as a civilian in the Office of General Counsel under the Secretary of Defense. David was proud of the work he did as the first director of the Standards of Conduct Office to create and enforce ethical guidelines for senior military officers and political appointees. But not all was serious with David during these years. He was known to wear sandals and guayaberas to work, though he always had a suit in his office for more formal



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meetings.

Having moved to Northern Virginia in the late 1960s, David and Judy and their three children were part of the rapid growth of the LDS church in the greater Washington D.C. area. They both served in senior callings at the ward and stake levels in Annandale and Ashburn, and spent over 26 years serving in the Washington D.C. Temple, including in the temple presidency (2001-2004).

David is survived by his wife of 62 years, Judythe Ahlin Ream, his son Matthew D. Ream (Lisa McKinney) of Parker, Colorado, and his daughter Rebecca Ream Vorimo (Pasi Vorimo) of Ashburn, Virginia. He was preceded in death by his eldest daughter, Jennifer Ream Willis (David Willis). At the time of his death, David had been blessed with 12 grandchildren and three great grandchildren.

David will be remembered for his deep and abiding faith in his Heavenly Father, his commitment to his family and friends, a gentle kindness, and a devotion to Calvin and Hobbes and The Big Broadcast on WAMU.

David will be laid to rest in a private graveside service at Union Cemetery in Leesburg, Virginia. Relatives and friends are invited to join a memorial service to celebrate his life at 11am on Saturday, January 13, 2024, at the Church of Jesus Christ located at 21015 Claiborne Parkway, Ashburn, Virginia.

In lieu of flowers, please consider donating blood or financial support to Inova Blood Donor Services (<https://www.inovablood.org/>).



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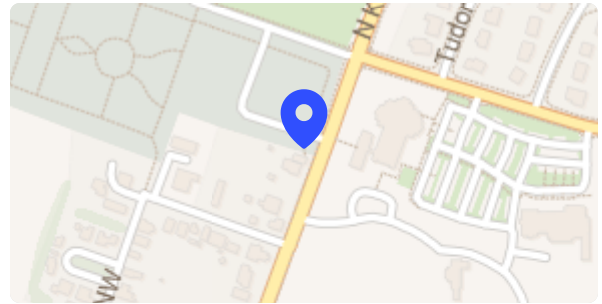
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Cemetery Details



Union Cemetery

323 North King Street, Leesburg VA





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RR

Roger Rosewall posted:

He was my next door neighbor for more than 20 years. He was friendly, kind, and generous. He combined a deep religious faith with a terrific sense of humor.

February 26 at 3:49 PM

BF

Britt & Wanda Franklin posted:

We've known Brother Ream for years and always enjoyed being around him. His positive and loving attitude was infectious whenever we were around him. His wife was Stake Primary President when my wife was our ward Primary President in Alexandria, Virginia many years ago. We go way back with this good man and his family. Our love and condolences.

January 9 at 4:32 PM

CM

Charles McClelland posted:

I cherish the memory of this wonderful, always cheerful, friend and brother in the Gospel. My memories of our shared experiences in the Annandale Virginia Stake and the Washington D.C. Temple lift me and inspire me to follow his Christ-like example.

January 9 at 11:15 AM

AP

Amy Payne posted:

David would bring his wife Judy into our salon to have her manicures and pedicures with me. We often had wonderful chats over the years. I so enjoyed visiting and hearing all the great stories of family and adventures that they shared. I will miss David so very much. My love and prayers to Judy and their family. Amy Payne

January 5 at 6:25 AM

JV

Judy Vipond posted:

Dave was our neighbor here in Ashburn. He was always so kind and a pleasure to talk to as we passed his house on walks. His love of his wife Judy and his family was so very apparent to all. We will miss you. Judy and Terry Vipond

December 11 at 10:06 AM



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MS

Meg Stout posted:

David Ream was my bishop when I was a teenager in Annandale. He was so cool! I remember him talking about why he kept his hair short (to minimize time spent grooming, of course!) and generally being an example to follow. I never counted the many times we were invited to the Ream home, it was always such a haven. I remember the delicate Capodimonte rose(s) near the bay window and the very modern (at the time) stove in the kitchen island we would gather round for goodies after visits. As the years passed, it was always good to see David and Judy here and there, working in the service of God. God be with those for whom his departure is particularly poignant.

December 9 at 4:00 AM

CJ

Clarence Johnson posted:

Dana and I have many wonderful memories of David Ream. First serving under his direction while he was in the Presidency of the Washington DC Temple and then afterward serving along side him. He was a wonderful person to work with. He was truly a great man who will be missed by many and Judy is truly a great person also. Some of my best memories are of our conversations which were always informative and enlightening. Dave you will truly be missed. Thank you for all the times you taught me how to be a better son of God.

December 7 at 10:08 AM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring David by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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