



Murray's great-grandchildren, clockwise from upper left: Sam, Dory, Layla, Lana

Let's learn from preschoolers. They explore, experiment, don't give up easily, delight in small gains, and have fun with others. They simply love to learn, to try, to play, to try to make some sense and meaning out of what they experience, and then go to sleep. We've passed all our exams. Now we, too, get to do some fun exploring and thinking before going to sleep.

— Murray Reed

In Memoriam



Murray King Reed

February 14, 1927 – November 9, 2022

Memorial Service for Murray Reed
Thursday, November 17, 2022 • 10:00 a.m.
**Please rise in body or in spirit.*

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| GATHERING MUSIC | | Ahmed Anzaldúa, piano |
| READING | Sonnet 73 By William Shakespeare | Martin Klammer |
| WORDS OF WELCOME | | Rev. Karen Gustafson |
| *OPENING HYMN | #21 <i>For the Beauty of the Earth</i> | |
| READING | "Snow" By Lisle Mueller | |
| SPECIAL MUSIC | <i>Benediction</i> By Stephen Paulus | Laura Sewell, cello Orin Itkin, piano |
| READING | "For Ts'Ui Chi-Chung Who Is Moved by the Mountain Before Us" By Wang Wei | |
| EULOGY | | Susan Reed |
| INTERLUDE | | |
| READING | "A Black Birch in Winter" By Richard Wilbur | Maya Livingstone |
| GRANDCHILDREN'S MEMORIES OF POP | | Nelson Iginla Rose Reed-Townsend |
| READING | "Bugs in a Bowl" By David Budbill | Alden Reed |
| INTERLUDE | | |
| CHARGE TO THE CONGREGATION | | |
| *CLOSING HYMN | #411 <i>Part in Peace</i> | |
| BENEDICTION | | |
| POSTLUDE | <i>Shall We Gather at the River</i> | |

Murray King Reed, age 95, died in Minneapolis on November 9, 2022.

Murray relished life, combining his radiant intellect with a poet's sensitivity and a craftsman's practical ingenuity. He was born in Cincinnati on February 14, 1927, to Ellery Reed and Gertrude King. A fine student, Murray planned to follow his girlfriend to a local university but a full scholarship – and firm words from his dad – instead brought him to Yale.

His studies were interrupted by service in the U.S. Army as a medic in occupied Japan. After graduating from Yale he returned to Cincinnati to pursue his interest in working with children. At a party there in 1949, a colleague introduced him to a pretty young social worker named Mary Richards; they were soon joined in a marriage that lasted until her death 66 years later.

They moved to St. Paul when Murray was admitted to the clinical psychology program at the University of Minnesota. As a graduate student he worked at the Wilder Child Guidance Clinic, where he was hired as a child psychologist after earning his PhD. Murray remained at Wilder until he retired, eventually serving as Associate Clinic Director.

In 1961 he built a house on the banks of Lake Emily in Shoreview. Together with Mary, he made that house a wonderful home for their five children. After 50 years, with Mary's health slipping, they moved to an apartment in the Gramercy Coop in Richfield. There, Murray fully devoted himself to the loving care of his wife.

After her death in 2016 he forged a rich life of poetry and film groups, Friday dinner gatherings and Sunday gin and tonic hours with good friends. He was an avid traveler until the end, and to his last day he carried on lively, wise, and loving conversations with his family. He is survived by his sister Margaret Lucy Clay, children Bruce Reed (Agiua Heath), Susan Reed (Luke Logan), Mark Reed, Kathy Reed (Martin Klammer), and Cynthia Reed (Kristin Dean), by grandchildren Maya, Nelson, Dylan, Eleanor, Rose, Natalie, Sarah, Aiden and Eva, and four great grandchildren.

Please join the family for a reception in the Parish Hall following the service.

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