



William "Bear" Ray Reed

September 11, 1957 - January 22, 2024

William "Bear" Ray Reed, born on 09/11/57 in Winchester, Kentucky passed away 01/22/24 in Kansas City, Missouri. He is survived by his Wife: Christina L Reed (Barlos); Daughters Shirley Ann Reed, Step Daughter Jessica Barlos, Daughter in law Valorie Barlos; Brother James Reed & his family, Sister Leasa Akin & her family & Nephew Bo Reed & his family; Grandchildren, he considered all of the Kids his Grandchildren. He went school at Danville High School & Madison Central High School of Richmond, Kentucky. He was preceded in death by his Parents David & Phyllis Reed and brother David Reed.

Bear was retired but had worked as a Police officer, Military "Navy", Security Guard, Computer Programming and Software. He was a member of MOJO, K.A.G, Paralyzed Veterans of America, Costuming, Convention Charity Events Awards, Top Costume, Best Presentation, Best of show, Best Science Fiction.

Celebration of Life will be held at a later date.

Bear was a Huge Sci-fi fantasy convention participant going on 50+ years. Competing in many costume contests through out his life, as well as raising money for charity events through different Sci-fi groups, he was also a renaissance festival fan dressing up for that. He enjoyed spending time on the

computer playing games like: W.O.W , DND, Hero might and magic, Ghost recon and others.

He passed away from a hemorrhagic stroke, but upon doing so he was a donor and able to save the life's of 2 people and not only that was able to donate his tissue as well helping many others along the way.

In lieu of flowers we would like to ask everyone to please donate to American Stroke Association, <https://www.stroke.org/>

Tribute Wall



“ I cannot believe what I`m reading , about the passing of William " Bear " Reed ; I have held him in a special place in my heart ever since he accepted me into " House Trekkkan " back in the mid 1990`s from " House Angar " and nobody would accept me into there house but Bear did which gave me the idea to make our house symbol into an iron on patch and enabled me to sell the patches and give the American Cancer Society \$75 when my father passed away , \$75 may not be much, but to this day I have`nt heard of anybody else doing something like that . But I suppose the greatest thing Bear did for me was back in 2018, right before Christmas ; Jerry Carlton Rice told me that he wanted me to become a " zantai " so I messaged Bear and some others and Bear got back to me told me that hes been keeping an eye on all my activity and he promoted me to the rank of commander and gave me the honorific of " zantai ". Everybody was very proud of me. Bear did a lot for me; I cannot think of anybody else who has done more me than " William Bear Reed " has. As its been said ; Bear will be greatly missed . Take good care of yourself Bear, for 1 day we may see you again

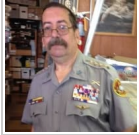
Kordash Trekkkan - April 07, 2024 at 02:19 AM

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“ I remember when I got to go onto the naval ship he served on and met a few of his friends that served with him. All nice guys. I was with my boyfriend at the time David Deane... He couldn't get on the ship but waited in the parking lot for the group to come down off the ship.



Lara Beilby - February 14, 2024 at 12:39 AM



“ *I miss GB.. Maybe God needed a big bear hug and took GB home.RIP Bear.*

Thomas Rawls - February 13, 2024 at 03:16 PM

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“ *Bear, Its hard to believe you are gone. I will miss your infectious smile and laugh. Your wicked sense of humor, your costumes, your wonderful Bear hugs, just you being you. You are loved by so many, and will be missed by so many. You will live on in all of our hearts. You will never be forgotten. I can see you in heaven with Dana, Missouri Smith, and so many others that have gone before you telling stories and having fun like we did at so many cons. Until we meet again my friend.*

Stephanie Bergeron - February 12, 2024 at 10:14 PM