



William Reading

October 19, 1935 - November 24, 2008

William "Earl" Reading, 73, of Siloam Springs, Arkansas, died November 24, 2008, at Circle of Life Hospice, Springdale, Arkansas. Born October 19, 1935, in Siloam Spring, Arkansas, he was the son of George Reading and Virginia Charity Turman Reading. He was a Marine Veteran of the Korean War. He worked various jobs at Allen Canning Company for over 50 years and was a farmer. He married Edna Carol Hayes in Miami, Oklahoma, on August 4, 1961. He was preceded in death by two brothers, Robert Eugene Reading and Harold Dean Reading. Survivors include his wife Carol of the home; two sons, Joe Dale Reading of Gravette, Arkansas and Larry Harrelson of Siloam Springs, Arkansas; three daughters, Jennie Lea McCabe of Mountainburg, Arkansas, Sandy Lynne Smith of Gentry, Arkansas, and Donna Kay Harrelson of Siloam Springs, Arkansas; seven grandchildren; nine great grandchildren; one sister, Viola Dixon of Siloam Springs, Arkansas; and numerous nieces and nephews.. Funeral services will be 2:00 p.m. Friday, November 28, 2008, at Wasson Memorial Chapel, Siloam Springs, Arkansas. Burial will follow at Fairmount Cemetery, near Siloam Springs, Arkansas.

Tribute Wall

DS

“ *Sandy and family,*

Just wanted you to know our thoughts and prayers are with you during this very difficult time.

Doyle & Angie Swicegood - September 19, 2012 at 11:28 AM

RB

“ *Larry, Dont Know if you will get this but I think a lot of Earl and Carroll. They were always good to us kids when we were young. I am truly Sorry for you. I lost my Dad in 2006 and I know Its not easy to loose a loved one. I hope That you are well.*

Roy Beeler - September 19, 2012 at 11:28 AM

JW

“ *Earl will always be in our Memmories.*

Jeremy Woods - September 19, 2012 at 11:28 AM

GC

“ *My Grandparent knew the Readings for years and I have know Viola for some time-Am so sorry to hear about the passing of one of her brothers. I know how it is since I have lost all of mine. May the Lord give you the strength through this time.*

Gayle Clifton - September 19, 2012 at 11:28 AM

DH

“ *Sandy and Jenny and family, I was sorry to hear of your Dad's passing. My thoughts and prayers are with you. Love, Dea Ann*

Dea Ann Heinen - September 19, 2012 at 11:28 AM

JO

“ CAROL, JOE DALE & FAMILIES,
PLEASE ACCEPT OUR CONDOLENCES AT THE LOSS OF
EARL. MY THOUGHTS OF HIM BRINGS BACK GOOD
MEMORIES OF THE COUNTRY PLANT, GALLITAN FIRE DEPT.
AND THE GOOD SQUIRREL DINNER, SOMEWHERE AROUND
LATE 1979 OR EARLY 1980. HE WAS A JOY TO BE AROUND
AND WILL BE GREATLY MISSED.
MAY GOD RICHLY BLESS YOU, CAROL WITH MEMORIES OF
YOUR LIFE TOGETHER. JOE, PLEASE KNOW HE WAS A FUN
DAD TOO. I KNOW ONLY GOD CAN FILL THE VOID THAT YOU
FEEL AT THIS TIME. MAY HE COMFORT ALL OF YOU AS
"ONLY" HE CAN DO.
SINCERELY WITH LOVE, JOHN ODELL

JOHN & RITA ODELL - September 19, 2012 at 11:28 AM

EV

“ I have enjoyed both working with, and working for Earl in the past
30 plus years. Earl was always the same. No matter if it was out on
the highway at 4 A.M. with the fire department, or mid day at the
country plant. Lots of bark, very little bite, and always a helping
hand.

*We will miss you, and our prayers go out to Carol and the family, at
the time of this beloved husband, father, grandfather.*

Evan Vohs - September 19, 2012 at 11:28 AM

TA

“ *Dear Sandy and Family,
I was so sorry to hear about Earl. I have a lot of joyful memories of being at Earl and Carol's and what fun we had when Sandy and I were kids. Daddy wanted for me to tell you that he was thinking of you guys too. We are praying for you!
Love,
Bill and Teresa*

Teresa Allcorn - September 19, 2012 at 11:28 AM

WB

“ *I was saddened to read of Earl's death....I met Earl back in 1975 when I became Fire Chief in Siloam Springs and instantly became friends as his dedication to his community and fire department at Gallatin was something to be proud.....His quit wit and smile always was welcomed and appreciated.*

Wayne Brashear - September 19, 2012 at 11:28 AM

TS

“ *As a kid I spent a lot of time at Carol and Earl's house with Larry. Both of them always treated me like I was part of the family. Earl was a good man and he will be missed. My thoughts are with the family as they go through this terrible time.*

Tim Shields - September 19, 2012 at 11:28 AM

GJ

“ To the Reading family Gwen and I send our heartfelt condolences. Earl was the Rock Of Gibraltar of the Reading Clan as far as we are concerned, always exhibiting compassion with humor, understanding of the human spirit, and an all round good guy - a rare commodity in this day and age. His ability to mediate family issues will always be remembered as will his kindness and generosity. We will miss him but he will always be remembered. God bless him and his family.

We sincerely regret that we cannot be in attendance for his services.

G. Van Horton, Jr. - September 19, 2012 at 11:28 AM

JP

“ To the family your in our thoughts & prayers. Enjoyed workin with earl @ allens. He will missed.

John & Paula Peters - September 19, 2012 at 11:28 AM

KB

“ Carol and family, I am so sorry to hear of Earl's death. My thoughts and prayers go out to you at this your time of loss.

Kathryn Janes Edgmon Burgett - September 19, 2012 at 11:28 AM

GD

“ Carol and family, Earl was such a wonderful member of our community. His years of service and leadership in our Department is greatly appreciated and will be deeply missed. We all have many fond memories of Earl and he will always hold a special place in the Gallatin Fire Department, as well as in our hearts. As always if you ever need anything do not hesitate to let us know.

Gallatin Fire Department - September 19, 2012 at 11:28 AM

MC

“ Carol and family you have my heartfelt condolences and prayers at this time. Earl was loved by alot of people. He was like another Brother to me. Will miss hime very much. He was always up to something,a joy to be around. Will never forget working with him at getting the firemans bbq ready and then haveing the bbq the next day. Also enjoyed working with hime at Allens. He was a great brother-in-law.To far away to come to the furneral and to help if needed but know that I will be thinking of you and the family. God Bless all of you.

Marilyn Reading Cox - September 19, 2012 at 11:28 AM

LH

“ Carol, Sandy, Joe & rest of family... We are so sorry for your loss. Earl was a one of kind & will be missed by all who knew & loved him. May your memories & God's love bring you comfort. If we can do anything to help, please call. Everyone is in our prayers.

Larry & Lana Hurt - September 19, 2012 at 11:28 AM

CD

“ Joe: So sorry to hear about your father. I will be praying for you and your family.

Crystal Davis - September 19, 2012 at 11:28 AM