



## Walder Lee Reeves

July 8, 1927 - December 31, 2016

Walder Lee Reeves, 89, of Bloomington, passed away Saturday, December 31, 2016 at his residence. He was born on July 8, 1927 in Monroe County, the son of Ray and Irene (Todd) Reeves.

Walder graduated from Smithville High School in 1945. He worked with his dad for eight years at Ray Reeves Saw Mill. Walder also worked for Roger's Building Supply and owner-operator of Reeves Bro. Saw Mill. He retired from Griffith Motor Express, Teamsters 135, after 17 years of service. Following his retirement, he joined his brother, Stanley, of Stanley Reeves Logging, where he retired at the age of 83.

Walder was a member of Clear Creek Christian Church, where he was very involved in the Deacon's Fund and oversaw the building of Christian Life Center. He was also a member of Brown County Antique Machine Association. He enjoyed showing antique Cletrac, Oliver, and Massey Harris tractors, and attending antique tractor shows, traveling with his wife, Naomi, and was an avid I.U. Basketball fan.

Walder is survived by his wife of 69 years, Naomi (Pigg) Reeves, whom he married on May 24, 1947, children, Dallas (Jackie) Reeves, Nedra (Bruce) Demshar, Ranella (Depp) Mason, and Kendall (Stephanie) Reeves; grandchildren, Scott (Emily) Reeves, Kayla (Andrew) Davis, Kirsten (Andy)

Millard, Kyle Mason, Jesse Demshar, and Kaden Reeves; great-grandchildren, Ben Reeves, Henry Reeves, and Carter Millard; siblings, Stanley Reeves, Mabel Metcalf, Ernest Reeves, Marshall Reeves, Millard Reeves, and Marion Reeves.

He was preceded in death by his parents, sister, Emogene, and two infant sisters.

Walder's family would like to thank Dr. David Joyce, Dr. Mark Dayton, the hematology and oncology nurses and staff for their extended care.

A funeral service will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, January 7, 2017 at Clear Creek Christian Church Life Center, with visitation one hour prior to the service. Burial will follow at Clear Creek Cemetery. Family will also receive friends from 2:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. on Friday, January 6, 2017 at Allen Funeral Home and Crematory, 4155 S. Old State Road 37, Bloomington. Memorial contributions may be made to Clear Creek Christian Church Building Fund. You are invited to share a memory or leave an online condolence to the family at [www.allencares.com](http://www.allencares.com)

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 6. 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Allen Funeral Home and Crematory  
4155 S. Old State Road 37  
Bloomington, IN 47401  
(812) 824-5905  
<http://www.allencares.com>

# Tribute Wall

RB

“ We will miss Walter at the Brown County Machinery Association Shows and Activities. He always have a smile and was a great Friend

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**RANDY C BARRETT** - January 09, 2017 at 09:13 AM

BH

“ I'm so sorry to hear of Walder's passing, and my thoughts and prayers are with your family. I had the pleasure to get to know Walder during his stay at StoneCroft Health Campus. I am sorry for his passing, but I am glad he is able to rest peacefully. My thoughts and prayers go out to Naomi and her daughters.

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**Bryar Hapner** - January 07, 2017 at 02:14 AM

JH

“ Hi, Kendall. Words are inadequate, but we do want to extend our sympathy to you and Stephanie and to your sweet mom Naomi on the homegoing of your father. We didn't know him well, but we do have pleasant memories of you and your family from BHSS marching band days and related activities. This was followed from time to time since then by occasional encounters with you and/or your photography exhibits. He clearly was a fine Christian gentleman, and he must have been so very proud of you. May you and your family have God's comfort as you go on to the next things. Sincerely,  
Joe and Barbara Huggins

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**Joe and Barbara Huggins** - January 06, 2017 at 02:42 PM



“ *Healing Tears - All White was purchased for the family of Walder Lee Reeves.*



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January 04, 2017 at 12:06 PM



“ *Dear Naomi, you and your family are in our thoughts and prayers. You and Walder were our very first and became our very best IU friends and we still consider you to be. You both made the games so much fun and when we had such a bad team, Crean's first few years, the two of you made the games so much more bearable. We really missed the two of you when you could no longer attend, but keeping in touch occasionally was good. We are so glad that we got to see the two of you at the end of November. You and Walder will be remembered in our hearts always. Our love and prayers go out to you. God bless you both. With love and remembering, Burt and Karen Mickelson, your IU friends from Noblesville*

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**Karen and Burt Mickelson** - January 04, 2017 at 11:53 AM



“ *To Nedra and all the Reeves I wanted to let you know how sorry I am for your loss. When I was in high school your family was always so kind to me. Remember all the wonderful things about your father and you will be together again.  
Love Jacque (May) Hinshaw*

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**Jacque May Hinshaw** - January 03, 2017 at 07:36 PM

SB

“ My prayers of sympathy and comfort for your husband, Naomi, and father/grandfather for the family. He was such a jolly man and I so enjoyed his comments at fair time as he helped get all the projects to the fairgrounds and cheered everyone during judging and showing. Remember the fun times as you go through the next few weeks as that is what he would want.

*Sue Berg*

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**Sue Berg** - January 03, 2017 at 06:34 PM

BH

“ To all of the Reeves family. I'm so sorry for your loss. Walder was a wonderful man and I always enjoyed staying at your house with Nedra and all of you. I have many fond memories of all of you. You are all in my prayers. May God be with you during this difficult time.

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**Brenda Hanners** - January 03, 2017 at 03:03 PM



“ Fields of Europe for Spring was purchased for the family of Walder Lee Reeves.



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January 02, 2017 at 08:12 PM

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“ Kendall, Stephanie and Reeves family --

*We are so very sad to hear of your loss. Although we didn't know him personally, we can see what an amazing man he must have been by what we see evident in Kendall and how he lives his life. Only a wonderful father (Walder) could have raised such a wonderful son (Kendall). Walder must have been a loving man who enjoys to laugh, work hard, and enjoy the simple things in life... because that's the mold we see Kendall was shaped by. To have such a man in your lives as a father figure and head of the family (down here in Texas we refer to this type of man as the "Patron" with deep respect). You were blessed to have him in your lives, and Heaven is blessed to have him enter its gates now. Praying peace and comfort for each one of you feeling the loss of such a wonderful man.*

*Warmest extended family regards,  
Rob and Dana (Burkett) Freeman family (Eric & Julie, Kayla & Alexis)*

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**Dana Freeman** - January 01, 2017 at 11:11 PM