



## Victor Leo "The Grizz" Reid II

April 30, 1936 - October 3, 2018

On Wednesday, October 3, 2018, Victor Leo "The Grizz" Reid II, loving husband and father of 3, passed away at the age of 82, after a courageous battle with bladder cancer.

Victor was born on April 30, 1936 to Victor and Genevieve Reid in Detroit, Michigan. After losing his father at age 12, Victor began to cultivate and grow the strong character and patriarchal traits he is well known for today. He learned quickly to be independent, resourceful and self-reliant. He always paid his own way and refused charity. He worked for Father Coughlin at the Shrine of the Little Flower Church to pay his way through parochial school and helped his mom raise his younger sister, Judith.

At age 16, he met the love of his life, Loretta Jane, at the Clawson 4th of July fireworks display in 1952, and married her on September 4, 1954. They raised two daughters, Pamela and Cheryl, and one son, Victor III. He and Loretta share 4 grandchildren and 7 great-grandchildren.

"The Grizz" was a man with a devoted passion for his family, which extended to friends, and would drop everything to rescue and help anyone in need. Absolutely the best advice... because he lived through it all. He didn't mince words but was direct and to the point. A man of action. A lifetime of skills and professions: An Army veteran, Royal Oak police officer, owner of several roll form and tool design engineering companies, gun shop owner, landlord. Lifetime member of the National Rifle Association, Fraternal Order of Police, Knights of Columbus, and Disabled American Veterans.

A man who lived a very full and gratifying life included his hobbies of collecting vintage cars and motorcycles, military guns and memorabilia. He restored, bought, traded and sold hundreds throughout his lifetime! He was also able to travel to beautiful places in the world including the Holy Lands and Rome, Europe, China and throughout the United States.

He was preceded in death by his parents and is survived by his wife Loretta, daughters

Pamela Reid-Williams (Jeffrey Williams) and Cheryl (Brian) Southern, and son Victor III, grandchildren Andrew (Jacquelyn) Southern, Jeffrey (Jessica) Williams, Melissa (Brenden) Harper, and Victor IV, great-grandchildren Ava, Christian, Julianna, Harrison, Adeline, Guy, and Pearl. He will also be missed by his beloved service dog, Baby.

Visitation will take place Saturday, October 6, 5 - 8:00 p.m., and Sunday, October 7, 3 - 8:00 p.m. (Rosary at 7:00 p.m.) at Wm. Sullivan and Son Funeral Home, 705 W. Eleven Mile Rd. in Royal Oak (4 blocks east of Woodward). Funeral Mass will take place on Monday, October 8, at 10:00 a.m. (in state 9:30 a.m.) at National Shrine of the Little Flower Basilica, 2100 Twelve Mile Rd., Royal Oak. Entombment with military honors will take place at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery in Southfield, MI.

Please share a memory on the Tribute Wall (see tab above).

# Cemetery Details

## Holy Sepulchre Cemetery

25800 W. 10 Mile Road  
10 Mile Road @ Beech Road  
Southfield, MI 48033

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT 6. 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Wm. Sullivan and Son Funeral Directors-Royal Oak  
705 W. Eleven Mile Road  
Royal Oak, MI 48067  
(248) 541-7000  
royal@sullivanfh.com  
<https://www.sullivanfuneraldirectors.com/>

## Visitation

OCT 7. 3:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Wm. Sullivan and Son Funeral Directors-Royal Oak  
705 W. Eleven Mile Road  
Royal Oak, MI 48067  
(248) 541-7000  
royal@sullivanfh.com  
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## Rosary

OCT 7. 7:00 PM (ET)

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## Funeral Mass

OCT 8. 10:00 AM (ET)

National Shrine of the Little Flower Basilica  
2100 W. 12 Mile Road  
Royal Oak, MI 48073

# Tribute Wall

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“ Dear Loretta. Judy and family

*Sending my sympathy to all the family*

*I am Victor's cousin*

*Rosemary Reid Doyle*

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**Rosemary Doyle** - October 07, 2018 at 02:19 PM

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“ Dear Loretta and family,

*I am sincerely sorry to learn of Victor's illness and passing. My heart and thoughts are with you at this sad time. He is at peace now. Remember all the happy times, they will console you. I will miss seeing him walking your sweet little dog he so loved.*

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**Eleanor Anton (neighbor)** - October 07, 2018 at 12:47 AM

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“ Never knew him as Victor until a year or so ago, always knew him as Grizz. I always looked forward to seeing him whenever I got the chance. My condolences to his family.

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**Frederick Burdine** - October 06, 2018 at 01:13 PM

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“ Sending love and prayers to Cheryl and Brian Southern, Andy and Melissa and their spouses and children, and to Loretta in the loss of such a great man. Requiescat in Pace, Victor.

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**Susan S Mann** - October 06, 2018 at 11:00 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Victor Leo "The Grizz" Reid II.



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October 05, 2018 at 08:57 AM