



## William C. Rees Jr.

July 18, 1948 - November 6, 2023

William C. Rees Jr., age 75, of Royal Oak, passed away on November 6, 2023.

William was born in Detroit, and grew up in Romulus. He graduated from Romulus High School and then joined the U.S. Army, where he served as an armor crewman. He became qualified in various armored vehicles, but the M60 tank was by far his favorite. William would go on to complete a second enlistment with the Army a few years later, this time as a technician with the Pershing missile system. William was very proud of his military service and the expertise he gained, which he credited with shaping his life.

In his free time, William loved to learn. He was an avid reader who attributed his education to the public library. He also completed various courses through Henry Ford College and Eastern Michigan University. He was especially passionate about history-everything from Roman times to World War II he could speak on. And though he could at times be a bit ornery, he had a wry sense of humor that many appreciated. Above all else, William deeply loved his family, and he will be dearly missed.

William is survived by his beloved wife, Mary; his loving children: Jennifer Rees, Rebecca (Pearce) Murray, Sarah (Nathan) Wheeling, and Aaron Rees; his grandchildren: Hannah and Benjamin Wheeling; his faithful companion,

"Louie the Wonder Cat"; and his siblings: Debbie Daniels, Steven Rees, and Mark Rees.

A memorial visitation for William will be held on Sunday, November 12, from 11 a.m. until presentation of military honors, 3 p.m., at Wm. Sullivan & Son Funeral Home, 705 W. Eleven Mile (four blocks east of Woodward), Royal Oak.

Memorial contributions in William's memory can be directed to the ASPCA ([www.aspca.org](http://www.aspca.org)).

Share a memory at [www.SullivanFuneralDirectors.com](http://www.SullivanFuneralDirectors.com).

# Previous Events

## Memorial Visitation

NOV 12. 11:00 AM - 3:00 PM (ET)

Wm. Sullivan and Son Funeral Directors-Royal Oak  
705 W. Eleven Mile Road  
Royal Oak, MI 48067  
(248) 541-7000  
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## Presentation of Military Honors

NOV 12. 3:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Beautiful Dreams* was purchased for the family of *William C. Rees Jr.*



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November 12, 2023 at 10:13 AM



“ *Sean Culhane & Family* purchased the *Peaceful White Lilies Basket* for the family of *William C. Rees Jr.*



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**Sean Culhane & Family** - November 11, 2023 at 10:19 AM



“ *Brittany* planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of *William C. Rees Jr.*

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**Brittany** - November 11, 2023 at 09:02 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue* was purchased for the family of *William C. Rees Jr.*



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November 11, 2023 at 09:02 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of William C. Rees Jr..*



November 11, 2023 at 06:57 AM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of William C. Rees Jr..*



November 11, 2023 at 01:00 AM



“ *Shirley R. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of William C. Rees Jr..*

**Shirley R.** - November 10, 2023 at 09:08 PM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of William C. Rees Jr..*



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“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of William C. Rees Jr..*



November 10, 2023 at 06:04 PM



“ *Serene Retreat was purchased for the family of William C. Rees Jr..*



November 10, 2023 at 05:07 PM



“ *You will be missed Cousin , I am so grateful for family . Our family always got together, Holiday's , a park or a wedding. Until we got older and had families of our own, But we never far from each others heart and memories. The many black and white photo's of such gatherings . You will forever live on cousin ,*

**Patty Ochs Damm** - November 10, 2023 at 04:20 PM



“ *Beautiful Heart Bouquet was purchased for the family of William C. Rees Jr..*



November 10, 2023 at 03:19 PM