



Lecil Reece

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Lecil Reece, 92, passed away peacefully on August 20, 2025 leaving behind a legacy of love, honor, and devotion.

Born April 19, 1933, in Big Flat, Arkansas, Lecil grew up with a deep sense of faith, family, and duty. He met the love of his life, Bettie Weaver, in high school, and together they graduated from Perryville High School in 1952. They were married shortly after and spent 68 wonderful years together before Bettie's passing. Their reunion in heaven is one of joy and celebration!

Lecil dedicated his life to serving his country as a career military man in the United States Army. His bravery and leadership earned him numerous honors, including the Bronze Star Medal, the Army Commendation Medal, the Vietnam Cross of Gallantry, and many others. He served multiple tours of duty with unwavering commitment to protecting both his country and his loved ones.

Lecil's love for the outdoors was second only to his devotion to God, family, and country. He was an avid outdoorsman who found joy in hunting, fishing, and the beauty of nature. His faith was central to his life; the Bible was his favorite book, and he drew strength and comfort from his favorite hymn, How Great Thou Art.

Lecil was preceded in death by his beloved wife, Bettie Reece; his son, Chris Reece; his grandson, Will Reece; his parents; and his sisters. He is survived by his daughters DuWan Wetzel (Jay Wetzel) and Pam Reece (Tori Weight); his grandchildren Valerie Finn (Vinnie Finn) and Jay Michael Wetzel (Jossie Wetzel); and his great-grandchildren Vincent, Vance, Varen, and Vayda Finn, and Annabel, Clark, Samuel, and Henry Wetzel. His memory will live on in the hearts of his family, who loved him dearly.

Lecil's life was one of faith, service, and love—a life well lived and an example to all who knew him.



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A memorial service will be held at Crossroads Community Church in East China, Michigan on Sunday, August 24, 2025, at 3P EST. A grave side service will be at Freeman Cemetery in Big Flat, Arkansas August 27, 2025, at 11A CST. In lieu of flowers, the family is requesting donations to the Wounded Warrior Project in Lecil's name. To leave a message of comfort visit www.youngcolonial.com




Events


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Funeral Service


 **Sunday**, August 24, 2025


 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM ET


 **Crossroads Community Church**
3631 King Rd., China Twp. MI



Military Honors


 **Sunday**, August 24, 2025

 4:00 PM - 4:15 PM ET

 **Crossroads Community Church**
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Cemetery Details

 **Freeman Cemetery**
Big Flat AR 72206



Tribute Wall

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Love Ken, Donanna, Desiree, And Eric sent a Country Basket Blooms to the Reece family.



August 25 at 1:22 PM



Love Ken, Donanna, Desiree, And Eric planted a Memorial Tree in honor of Lecil.



August 25 at 1:22 PM



Derenda Kelly posted:

Lecil was a great supervisor, but also a good man. I recall my daughter saying to me upon her move to Raleigh from VA, "Mom, is the Lecil Reece whose name I see as the teacher of the Sunday School class at my new church, your supervisor, Lecil Reece? She is a member of Trinity Baptist Church, as was Lecil. I am very thankful I transferred to Raleigh under his supervision.

August 21 at 6:18 PM

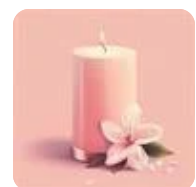


Louis West August 22 at 11:24 AM

A TERRIFIC HUMAN BEEING. I admired his fidelity to GOD. Even when he was working He carried his Bible in his car.Great mentor.



Nancy Beaudua lit a candle in honor of Lecil.



August 21 at 4:04 PM



Karen Reece posted:

Lecil was the best father in law I could have ever asked for. He and Bettie welcomed me to the family from the first moment I met them. He will be missed but I know without a shadow of a doubt that he is happy in the arms of His Lord and Savior and Bettie, Chris and Will.

August 21 at 8:56 AM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Lecil by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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