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Mr. Kenneth W. Reed

(SSgt USMC Ret)

Kenneth W. Reed was raised in Philadelphia, PA, by his mother and father, Stanley and Clara Reed. His mother and father, Stanley and Clara, brothers, Stanley, Harold and sister, Marvine preceded him in death. SSgt Reed. USMC Ret. (Original) Montford Pointer Served U. S. Army 1946-1949 and U.S. Marine Corps 1949-1966

Kenneth joined the military in January 1946 and retired in 1966. He was a member in the last segregated unit of the Armed Forces.

He married Freda Robinson who is now deceased and of this union his daughter, Wendell was born.

He met and married his love, Jimmie Valette in 1973 and together they helped raised various family members who needed love and guidance.

At the beginning of their marriage, Kenneth was introduced to Christ. He was saved and sanctified. He became a member of the Church of the Living Good then located at 89th and Figueroa Streets and later a member of the Church of the Living God located at 334 E. 113th Street, Los Angeles.

In 1988, Kenneth and his wife Jimmie became members of First Church of God located at 9550 Crenshaw Blvd. where he was a Deacon, Choir and Men's Chorus member. He later added his membership as a leader in the Food Ministry program where he served until he was no longer able. Deacon Reed loved his church, the membership and his Pastor, Bishop Gregory Dixon.

During his military service, Kenneth attended and completed his education. He attended the University of LaVerne at LaVerne, California, where he received his B. A. and Masters Degrees. He also attended various other Universities wherever he was stationed and furthered his education. He joined the team at Rockwell International in 1973 and contributed to the design of the space shuttle. He retired from Rockwell International (now Boeing) in 1992 after which he taught part-time in the Compton school system.

Kenneth was a member in good standing of the Montford Point Marine Association and held the office of Secretary until he was no longer able. His brigade of brothers and especially Ret. Gunnery Sgt. Willie House have assisted Mrs. Reed wherever needed.

He leaves his beloved wife, Jimmie, his daughter and son-in-law, Wendell and Ronald Young of Surprise, Arizona; grandchildren, Raya D. Young 21, Rahsaan A. Young 23, Julius R. Young 18, who are attending Arizona State University; nephew, Barry Johnson who has returned from the military and is now attending Cerritos College, His mother and father-in-law, Evangelist Stella Poston and Elder R. V. Poston of Los Angeles who always referred to him as their son, will sorely miss him. Kenneth leaves his beloved "adopted" godson and goddaughter, Daniel and Marian Williams who were always there to help. And finally, he leaves a host of friends and family.

