



## Roy A. Reese

February 29, 1924 - December 18, 2023

Roy A. Reese was born February 29, 1924, in Clements, Kansas to John and Amelia Tschapel Reese. After graduating from High School at Clements, where he was valedictorian of his class, he went on to sheet metal trade school in Topeka, Kansas. Roy left there and traveled to Richmond, California to work the trade at Kaiser Shipyard #4. He returned to Kansas in April 1943 when he enlisted in the US Navy for six years. Completing several naval schools, he served aboard the USS Steamer Bay CVE 87 (a baby flat top) to repair aircraft at sea. While on the USS Steamer Bay, he saw considerable action against the Japanese in the Pacific Ocean; they took part in several invasions including Iwo Jima and Okinawa.

Roy enjoyed the game of horseshoes, motorcycle riding, fly fishing and traveling the United States, Canada and Alaska by motorcycle and car.

He worked 30 years at Kansas Sheet Metal as a journeyman in sheet metal and welding trades, counting the six years of naval service as an aviation metal smith. Roy volunteered at the Veterans Hospital for more than 30 years (over 20,000 hours) and also at the Topeka Zoo.

Roy died December 18, 2023, at Midland Care in Topeka. He was preceded in death by three sisters, Mary Niedfeldt, Florence Rafferty and Leah Reese; and his brother, Robert "Bob" Reese. Roy is survived by nephews and nieces.

Roy chose cremation. Inurnment, with full military honors, will be 3 p.m. on Saturday, March 23, 2024, at Topeka Cemetery, 1601 SE 10th Street. Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home assisted.

In lieu of flowers, memorials donations may be made to Shawnee County Parks and Recreation Horseshoe Account, 3137 SE 29th St. Topeka KS 66605.

Condolences may be sent online to [www.kevinbrennanfamily.com](http://www.kevinbrennanfamily.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Topeka Cemetery

1601 SE 10th Avenue  
Topeka, KS 66607

# Previous Events

## Graveside Service

MAR 23. 3:00 PM (CT)

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*Inurnment with full Military Honors*

# Tribute Wall



“ *Pam Catterson lit a candle in memory of Roy A. Reese*



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**Pam Catterson** - March 25, 2024 at 07:33 PM