



## Mr. John "Jake" Russell Rees

December 11, 2023

Mr. John Russell Rees, age 81, a resident of Prattville, AL passed away on Monday, December 11, 2023, at his residence. A private Celebration of Life service with Military honors will be held. Mr. Rees served his country in the United States Navy during the Vietnam Era. He later retired from the United States Navy after 30 plus years. He was of Methodist faith. He was born to the late Paul Alger Rees & Ella Mary May Rees on January 4, 1942, in Remington, IN. He was preceded in death by his parents & his brother William Rees. He is survived by his loving wife of 60 years, Jeanette Rees, daughter, Kathryn "Kathy" (Blakely) Parent, son, Robert "Bobby" (Tammie) Rees, sister, Kathryn (Jeffrey) Schneiderman, three grandchildren, four great grandchildren, niece & nephew.

Brookside Funeral Home, Crematorium & Memorial Gardens of Millbrook, AL directing.

# Tribute Wall

BR

“ *Kathy,  
I have such fond memories of your dad as an  
artist. During two short stays in Pensacola ('97  
& 2000), as I hung out in your stitching group,  
your dad framed a number of pieces for me. I  
trusted his recommendations as they were  
always spot on. His talent was unique among the framers I've dealt  
with and I'm so glad I can admire his work every day.  
I'm so sorry for your loss.  
Becky Ritchey*



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**Becky Ritchey** - December 26, 2023 at 06:03 PM



“ *Sorry to hear about about your dad. Often wondered where your  
mom and dad were. I thoughly enjoyed coming to needle delights  
and talking with you mom and dad. I still have most of my needle  
work that your dad framed up in my house.*

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**Gina Hartigan** - December 26, 2023 at 02:24 PM

“ *Death Is Nothing At All*  
(And some of my favorite artwork that spoke to me today for all those who knew and loved Jake. The serenity Prayer is in my heart for Jake’s family and loved ones).

*By Henry Scott-Holland*

*Death is nothing at all.  
It does not count.  
I have only slipped away into the next room.  
Nothing has happened.*

*Everything remains exactly as it was.  
I am I, and you are you,  
and the old life that we lived so fondly together is untouched,  
unchanged.  
Whatever we were to each other, that we are still.*

*Call me by the old familiar name.  
Speak of me in the easy way which you always used.  
Put no difference into your tone.  
Wear no forced air of solemnity or sorrow.*

*Laugh as we always laughed at the little jokes that we enjoyed together.  
Play, smile, think of me, pray for me.  
Let my name be ever the household word that it always was.  
Let it be spoken without an effort, without the ghost of a shadow upon it.*

*Life means all that it ever meant.  
It is the same as it ever was.  
There is absolute and unbroken continuity.  
What is this death but a negligible accident?*

*Why should I be out of mind because I am out of sight?*

*I am but waiting for you, for an interval,  
somewhere very near,  
just round the corner.*

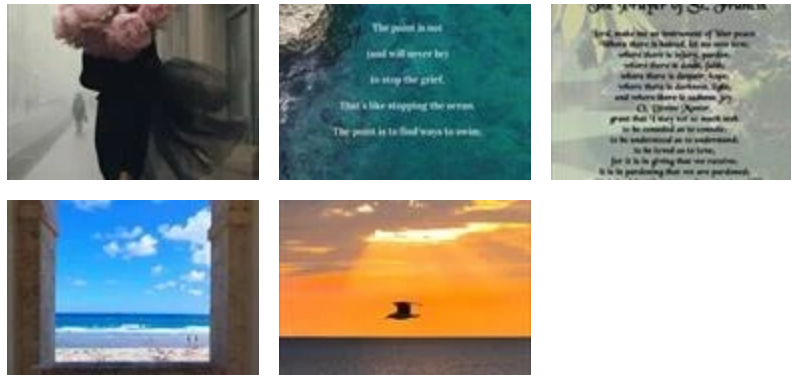
*All is well.*

*Nothing is hurt; nothing is lost.*

*One brief moment and all will be as it was before.*

*How we shall laugh at the trouble of parting when we meet again!*

*Henry Scott-Holland. "Death Is Nothing At All." Family Friend  
Poems, <https://www.familyfriendpoems.com/poem/death-is-nothing-at-all-by-henry-scott-holland>*



**Kay-lynn S. Taylor** - December 26, 2023 at 01:24 PM

BR

“*My father was always on the move whether it was serving our country, umpiring softball games for extra cash, or attending AA faithfully for 48 years. While his schedule was busy, he always found time to be with his family. I loved and respected my father so much that I named his grandson after him.*

*Bobby*

**Bobby Rees** - December 19, 2023 at 12:12 AM

TS

“ He turned my life around with a prayer. To me Jake he is one of the greatest men who ever lived. I will never forget him.

Ted Alan Stokes - December 18, 2023 at 01:26 PM

KC

“ Kathy and Jeanette. My heart breaks for you. I used to love seeing John upstairs at Needle Delights. What I remember most is how he was always happy and in such a good mood. A great guy.

kConwell - December 18, 2023 at 10:37 AM

SH

“ Jake showed me how to get back right with God, myself, and the people around me. Before I proposed to my wife, I took her engagement ring by his house. I was scared and I asked him if he thought I was ready to be a good husband. He said he couldn't speak for God but in his heart he felt I had made some big changes and was ready to be a good husband. I asked him if he would bless the ring. so Jake said a prayer and asked God to bless our marriage "IF SHE SAYS YES"!!! And with that twinkle in his eye he rubbed the ring for good luck, wished me well and off I went. She said yes and my wife and I have been married for 23 years now and she wears that same ring that Jake gave his blessing to every day. Myself and many many others were blessed to have Jake as a role model and a spiritual mentor! Also, thank you Jeanette for so sharing your heart and home as well! God bless you Jake!

San & Cathy Hunt - December 16, 2023 at 11:33 PM

BS

“ No words can describe what a wonderful friend and mentor Jake has been. He has given me life tools to be able to accept Life on Life's terms. I am so grateful for the time he has been in my heart.

Becky Shuler - December 16, 2023 at 04:00 PM

GI

“ To the "biological family and to all others who knew Jake (Framer John), I will miss him deeply. although I've only known him since 1999, Jake was an important part of my life. His counsel was always spot on, ALL WAYS! I loved visiting him in the shop and sharing lunch downstairs in the Greek place. I will always have him in my heart. I know that God is smiling at Jakes's anecdotes now. Buck Miller

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**George Miller, III** - December 16, 2023 at 09:32 AM

RC

“ Ryan Cardoso planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mr. John "Jake" Russell Rees.

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**Ryan Cardoso** - December 15, 2023 at 03:55 PM

RC

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**Ryan Cardoso** - December 15, 2023 at 03:55 PM

IM

“ I meet Mr John and he showed me so much, about myself. To be honest and accept my flaws and learn to be better. I seen a man of strength and courage And amazing man and I am thankful I got to be apart of his life.



Ina Mann - December 15, 2023 at 12:30 PM

MH

“ Mark and Sharon Harris planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mr. John "Jake" Russell Rees.

Mark and Sharon Harris - December 14, 2023 at 08:20 PM



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December 14, 2023 at 08:20 PM

SH

“ Jake saved my husband's life. Mark states he is alive and free because of Jake and because of this I was able to meet Mark and then marry. He was a light for both of us at meetings and in every day life. Our hearts are heavy but our lives are better because he was in it. Mark and Sharon Harris

Sharon Harris - December 14, 2023 at 08:16 PM

WM

*Jake took my life to another Level of Spirituality . He and his wife became Special and Dear Friends of both Jody and I .,Our lives are better for knowing Jake , and the many wonderful hours and days spent together in Pensacola, North Carolina ( at their Serenity Point Home ) , ,land in Montgomery ( at their home ) prayers for the family ! Jake you are now at eternal peace with our Lord . Wyley and Jody Murray*

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**Wyley and Jody Murray** - December 16, 2023 at 11:15 AM

AN

*“ The first time I met Jake he shook my hand and said, "Welcome to the best days of the rest of your life!", that was 22 years ago and he was right it has been the best days of my life. I saw him often and loved his sprit, his laughter, and that big smile of his. Condolences to his family.*

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**Ann** - December 14, 2023 at 10:09 AM

LR

*I served with Jake on the Intergroup committee he taught me a lot about service with gratitude. and his grin made me think he knew something I didn't. Lee R.*

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**Leland O Ropp** - December 14, 2023 at 04:23 PM

BH

*“ So sad to hear of Jake's passing. I use to enjoy listening to him share at meetings I attended. He will be missed...*

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**Big Dan Horvath** - December 14, 2023 at 09:40 AM



“ *Twila Lockamy lit a candle in memory of John "Jake" Rees*



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**Twila Lockamy** - December 12, 2023 at 09:41 AM