



Harold "Hal" Reid

June 3, 1946 - March 9, 2025

It is with deep sadness that we announce the passing of Harold "Hal" Claude Reid, a loving father, devoted husband, and cherished friend, who passed away on March 9, 2025, at the age of 78 years old. Hal was the son of the late Lieutenant Colonel Joe W. and Edith Kilpatrick Reid.

Surviving are his wife of 31 years, Anita Beddingfield Reid; four children, Matthew K. Reid (Lindsey) of Clinton, Ohio, Ashley Reid-Wormgoor (Ron-Peter) of Amsterdam, The Netherlands, Ashley B. Creasman (Steve) of Campobello, South Carolina, and Kenneth E. Forte (Nicole) of Inman, South Carolina; and five grandchildren, Claire & Maxen Reid, Tucker, Porter, and Sutter Wormgoor.

Born in Hendersonville, Hal led a remarkable life filled with experiences that took him around the world. His adventures began as a young man due to his father's military service which also instilled in him the values of service, kindness, and dedication.

In 1964, he proudly graduated from Porter Military Academy in Charleston, South Carolina. There he formed life-long friendships and a love of Charleston, a place he and Anita continued to visit and where they created numerous memories that will forever be cherished.

Hal continued his education at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill where he graduated in 1969. Beyond his degree in Political Science, Hal took with him a deep love for Tar Heels Basketball, a passion that stayed with him until his very last day.

Hal served his country as an officer in the U.S. Navy, attending Officer Candidate School for Naval Aviation, where he achieved carrier qualification in June 1970. This qualification was the culmination of a love for airplanes that began as a little boy, and he continued to share the passion, especially when enjoying a nice day watching and identifying the planes passing overhead. After leaving the Navy, Hal earned an additional degree at Western Carolina University, graduating in 1972 and then going on to become a Certified Public Accountant in 1977. Hal spent the last two decades of his career at Gould Killian CPA Group (formerly Carland & Andersen, LLC).

Known for his dry sense of humor and kind, easygoing nature, Hal was a people-person who found joy in bringing a smile to others' faces. Often not knowing if he was joking or serious, Hal kept his family and friends laughing, even in the most difficult moments.

When he wasn't watching a Carolina game, Hal enjoyed dancing with Anita and teaching others the classic South Carolina "shag." Hal also enjoyed Beach Music and sharing music with others.

Hal will be remembered for his boundless kindness, his love for his family, and his ability to make everyone feel welcome and loved. He leaves behind a legacy of integrity, warmth, and a life well-lived.

Hal was a spiritual man and an active member of St. John in the Wilderness, where his faith and devotion to his beliefs were unwavering. To remember Hal's giving nature, in lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to St. John in the Wilderness Backpack Program, P.O. Box 185, Flat Rock, North Carolina 28731.

A memorial service will be held 3:00 p.m. Saturday, June 7, 2025, at St. John in the Wilderness.

Online condolences may be made to www.thewoodmortuary.com.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

JUN 7. 3:00 PM (ET)

St. John in the Wilderness
1895 Greenville Highway
Flat Rock, NC 28731

Tribute Wall

CB

“ I was devastated and heartbroken to hear of Hal’s passing; I was a client for almost two decades and stuck with Carland & Andersen many years after relocating out of state. Hal was a patient, kind and generous man, who helped me, a struggling single mom, who lost a literal fortune in real estate after the Great Recession, by taking every imaginable step to protect me from further financial ruin and reduce my tax burden. Over the years, it was more like talking to an old friend when we would check in to do my taxes. He is missed. He was loved. He was the kindest and best of men.

Chanel Bishton - October 06, 2025 at 09:23 PM

AR

Thank you so very much for your kind words. Yes, Hal was the sweetest and kindest person I have ever known, and I was so fortunate to have him in my life for thirty two years. He spoke fondly of you.

Anira Reid - November 24, 2025 at 05:07 AM

MW

“ Anita, please accept our sincere condolences...I'm sorry I couldn't attend the service on Saturday but Don went for both of us. Hopefully I'll be able to see you in person soon...take care.

Mary Alice Watson - June 09, 2025 at 11:39 AM

SD

“ Hal was a good friend, super nice guy, and a pleasure for me and my wife Carol to work with at Carland & Andersen. He shared a love and interest in Paul Newman movies.

Steve DeWolf - June 06, 2025 at 10:15 AM

AR

Thank you so much Steve. I think of you and Carol often. Hal and I were both very fond of the two of you.

Anira Reid - November 24, 2025 at 04:58 AM

BM

“ *Our sincerest condolences to Anita and family. Hal will be missed. Rest in Peace Hal.*
John and Barbara Moerk

Barbara Moerk - March 22, 2025 at 08:43 AM

KS

“ *Anita and family - please accept our sincere condolences at the passing of Hal. He was a fine fellow and we have fond memories of times spent together over the years. God's peace to all of you. Ken & Susan Swayze*

Ken Swayze - March 20, 2025 at 02:38 PM