



J. George Roberts

July 7, 1925 - May 20, 2015

J. George Roberts, 89, of Ft. Myers, FL, died Wednesday, May 20, 2015. Formerly of Pasadena, CA and Warren, MI, he had been a Ft. Myers resident since 2003. He was born July 7, 1925 in Peoria, IL, the son of Harry J. and Gertrude E. (née Peyton) Roberts.

He was a World War II veteran of the U.S. Navy (1943-1945) and earned his Bachelor of Science (BS) in Civil Engineering from the University of Illinois in 1949. He worked in the automotive industry as an engineer predominantly at Ford Motor Company in the Detroit, MI metropolitan area where he raised his family. He enjoyed books, photography, golf, thoroughbred horses, basketball, and sports in general. His adopted local sports team was the Florida Gulf Coast University (FGCU) Eagles, and he enjoyed attending basketball games and other events at the university during his time in Fort Myers. He also enjoyed speaking with and corresponding with family and friends. Most importantly he loved his family.

Mr. Roberts is survived by his wife Patricia Roberts of Fort Myers, FL; sons, George K. (Melissa) Roberts of Greensburg, PA and Thomas J. (Kathleen) Roberts of Ft. Myers, FL and; brothers, Harry (Erika) Roberts of Wichita, KA and Richard (Anna) Roberts of Columbus, OH; sisters, Joan (Howard) Frieden of Pasadena, CA and Mary (James) Pittman of Naperville, IL; grandchildren, Paul Uvanitte of Calabasas, CA, Ashley (Bobby) Steele of West Mifflin, PA,

Nathan Roberts of Owasso, OK, John (Jamie) Roberts of Hershey, PA, Ryan Roberts of Fort Myers, FL, and Michael Roberts of Fort Myers, FL; and one great grandchild Aiden Steele of West Mifflin, PA. He is also survived by several loving nieces and nephews. He is preceded in death by his daughter Sheila Crockett and daughter-in-law Linda Roberts.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 4:00 pm on Wednesday, June 17, 2015 at Our Lady of Light Catholic Church, 19680 Cypress View Drive, Ft. Myers. Burial with Military Honors will take place at St. Stephen Cemetery, Fenwick Street, Framingham, MA 01701 on Monday, August 10, 2015 at 11:00 am.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests that memorial contributions be made to the University of Illinois. He loved the Fighting Illini and often reminisced with fond memories of the institution he loved. Any memorial contributions can be addressed to Ms. Chelsea Hamilton, Alice Campbell Alumni Center, 601 South Lincoln Avenue, Urbana, IL 61801. Please designate any memorial contribution to the memory of J. George Roberts.

Arrangements are being handled by Shikany's Bonita Funeral Home.

Cemetery Details

St. Stephen Cemetery

Framingham, MA

Previous Events

Mass of Christian Burial

JUN 17. 4:00 PM (ET)

Our Lady of Light Catholic Community
19680 Cypress View Dr.
Ft. Myers, FL 33967

Tribute Wall



“ *J. George Roberts*

October 09, 2023 at 03:40 AM



“ *A tribute to my dear Uncle George... We will greatly miss you. You were such a special man in our hearts. You were an intellectual and shared your knowledge; you were awesome on the dance floor (!) and you were such a devoted Christian family man. Thanks for the many good times and heaven has you now. With Much Love Edda Roberts Osborne and Family*

Edda Roberts - August 09, 2015 at 01:02 PM



“ *Small Garden Dish was purchased for the family of J. George Roberts.*



June 15, 2015 at 07:32 PM



“ *Roberts Family, We are sorry to hear of your loss. Please know that you and your family are in our thoughts and prayers. Let us know if there is any we can do.*

Kevin, Lori & Shannon O'Grady

Kevin O'Grady - June 12, 2015 at 10:32 AM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of J. George Roberts.*



May 29, 2015 at 05:54 PM



“ *Thanks so much Ken, Eric, and Jo Anna. He loved the Green & Blue and I'll be posting some pictures of him in the friendly confines of Alico Arena soon!!!*

Tom - May 29, 2015 at 11:41 AM



“ *All of FGCU Athletics will sorely miss Mr. Roberts and our thoughts & prayers go out to Dr. Tom and the extended family. Amongst the finest to ever cheer on the Green & Blue, he has certainly been amidst a special group of first generation Eagle faithful who have created a wonderful sense of belonging to our student-athletes and staff over our first 15 years as an entity, as well as made Alico Arena such an awesome home court. We trust that he not only has taken many enjoyable memories with him, but that he will continue to cheer "Hail to the Eagles" from above....God Bless & Go Eagles!*

Ken Kavanagh, FGCU Director of Athletics

Ken Kavanagh - May 28, 2015 at 11:17 AM



“ *My thoughts and prayers are with the family. We appreciate his support and service to our country. It's a huge loss for the program but I am sure he will be cheering from above :). May you have peace while you grieve..*

Eric Krause, Assistant Strength & Conditioning Coach, FGCU

Eric Krause - May 28, 2015 at 05:44 AM

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“ *Mr. Roberts was such a gentleman. He made me feel so special when attending an event on the campus of FGCU he told me how great I looked in pink. I remember that every time I wear pink. He will be missed and I will enjoy a hot dog in his memory at the next Eagle basketball game. Jo Anna Bradshaw*

jo anna bradshaw - May 27, 2015 at 03:50 PM