



Dr. Robert E. Roberts

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Dr. Robert E. Roberts, M.D., age 86, of Rehoboth Beach, DE passed away on Tuesday, June 9, 2015 in Bethany Beach, DE. He was born on October 7, 1928 in Toledo, OH, son of the late Glenn and Dorothy G. (Shirey) Roberts.

Dr. Roberts received his Bachelor of Science degree in pre-medicine from the University of Toledo in 1949. He continued his medical education at Indiana Medical School, graduating in 1957. During this time, Dr. Roberts completed his residency at Beckley, WV from 1954 to 1955. In 1956, he proudly served in the U.S. Army as a surgeon and Captain at Ft. Stewart in Georgia. He finished his internship at Indiana University's Surgical Department in 1958.

In 1963, Dr. Roberts worked for a Medical Group in Toledo, OH and the following three years he worked in Crisfield, MD. In 1967, Dr. Roberts continued to practice medicine in Petersburg, WV where he served his rural community with all their medical needs. Dr. Roberts with his family retired to Rehoboth Beach, DE area in 1996, but he continued to practice medicine part time in West Virginia until he retired in 1998.

From 1998 to 2008, Dr. Roberts was involved in missionary work in Jamaica where he established a medical clinic in the settlement of Bamboo. In 2002, he was elected as Chairman of an advisory group. The advisory group developed into the West Side New Beginnings Coalition which worked in an effort to save a small African American community.

Beyond Dr. Roberts many community minded and worldly deeds, he enjoyed boating, fishing and gardening. In his younger years, he achieved the highest rank of Eagle Scout from the Boy Scouts of America. He was a man of many attributes who firstly loved his family and established his career as a great surgeon.

In addition to his parents, Dr. Roberts was preceded in death by his brother, Richard Roberts. He is survived by his loving wife of 40 years, Sandra K. Roberts of Rehoboth Beach, DE; three children: Diana R. Mitchell and her husband Michael of Half Moon Bay, CA, Thomas H. Roberts



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of Cleveland, OH and Richard G. Robert of Lewes, DE; five grandchildren: David G. Roberts, Daniel T. Roberts, Samuel R. Mitchell, Chelsea L. Roberts and Riley E. Roberts; and his beloved Boston terrier, Nickie.

Funeral Services will be held on Tuesday, June 16, 2015, at 2:00 PM, at Epworth United Methodist Church, 19285 Holland Glade Road, Rehoboth Beach, DE 19971, where friends may visit at 1:00 PM. Interment with military honors will follow the services at Epworth Methodist Cemetery, Henlopen Avenue, Rehoboth Beach, DE.

Memorial contributions may be made in Dr. Roberts' memory to the Wounded Warrior Project, P.O. Box 758517, Topeka, KS 66675, West Side New Beginnings, 19801 Norwood Street, Rehoboth Beach, DE 19971 or Epworth United Methodist Church, 19285 Holland Glade Road, Rehoboth Beach, DE 19971.

Please sign Dr. Roberts' guestbook located on this site.

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Tribute Wall

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SH

Susan Higgins lit a candle in honor of Robert.

Dear Dr. Roberts, I had the privilege worked with you at Grant Memorial Hospital in Petersburg WV. You were just the best surgeon Grant ever knew. everone was so sad when you retired. Altho you did more great things. You were always there when everyone needed you. I remember when you were written up in the Readers Digest for saving a man from an dying in an accident that would not under any normal circumstances have lived but you saved him miraculously. I loved your dry sense of humor. Kindness and caring ways. I know it has been such a long time since you have passed but I still think fondly of you and know you are sorely missed by Sandy your wonderful wife who I really like too. She also was such a wonderful nurse. Such a compliment to you. You will not be forgotten. In caring memory Susan Jones-Higgins Myrtle Beach SC



July 20 at 4:12 PM

DP

Daniel Post posted:

Condolences. I remember Doc and Sandy's many kindnesses to my family; working our horses at their farm; and the '85 flood. Thanks, Doc.

June 25 at 8:00 PM

KS

Kim Skipton posted:

Both George Knight and I were saddened to hear of the passing of Dr. Roberts. He and Sandra were always so nice to visit with and to discuss Saddlebreds with. Our sympathies are with his family.

June 23 at 8:00 PM

BB

Barbara Beatty posted:

Dear Sandy, I was most saddened to hear of the passing of your beloved husband. I had been in Boston with my daughter for two weeks and only heard yesterday. I am so very sorry for your loss. Please know you are and will be in my thoughts and prayers. In sympathy, Barbara

June 20 at 8:00 PM



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RL

Ryan Lambert posted:

Uncle Doc will surely be missed! I always enjoyed his in depth conversations when we visited Rehoboth. He lived a full life that I admire and should be celebrated! I Love You Aunt Sandy!!!

June 20 at 8:00 PM

PW

Polly Welch posted:

So sorry to hear of the passing of your beloved husband, We learned of your loss when we returned from vacation. Our thoughts are with you and your family. Polly Welch. GFWC-Indian River, God Bless

June 19 at 8:00 PM

SH

Sherry Hall posted:

Dear Sandy, Sending condolences at the loss of your husband. Unfortunately, I was unable to attend services at Epworth today as I am out of town. Please know that thoughts and prayers are with you and your family at this difficult time. Sincerely, Sherry Hall

June 15 at 8:00 PM

SH

Steve Hazzard posted:

Sandy My deepest condolences to you and your family

June 15 at 8:00 PM

TS

Trisha Heal ,William Wiedmann And Stephanie posted:

Rick so sorry to hear of the sudden death of your father, our deepest sympathy goes out to you and your family, keeping your father close in your heart will help you get through this alittle easier, he'll always be there. Sending our prayers and love out to you and your family, God Bless you all. May he R.I.P.

June 15 at 8:00 PM



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CC

Carolyn Cattafi posted:

My heartfelt thoughts and prayers are extended to Sandy and the Roberts family on Doc's sudden passing. Although he has passed through death INTO LIFE, he will be sorely missed by so many who loved and admired him - a wonderful gentleman. Please accept my sympathies.

June 15 at 8:00 PM

DD

Donna Schaeffer Dickenson posted:

So sorry to hear of Dr. Roberts passing. He was a very special member of the Petersburg, WV community. He gave of his time and medical knowledge to those in need. Our sympathies to Sandy and all the family, Larry and Donna Dickenson

June 14 at 8:00 PM

BA

Bonnie Aronson posted:

The Lord surely has a place of honor with many crowns for Dr. Roberts. He must have touched many lives that otherwise may not have seen or experienced God's love. He will be remembered for his kind ways and unselfish dedication.

June 14 at 8:00 PM

MG

Marilyn Graham posted:

Dear Sandy--my deepest condolences to you and your family. Your husband contributed so much of his time and talents to helping others in need. What a blessing he was.

June 14 at 8:00 PM

NK

Nan Kesner posted:

Sandy, What can I say? He was my mentor and my friend. 26 years together in the OR at Grant Memorial. He taught us all so much and was always a professional. He required me to step up to the plate when necessary and it made me a good supervisor. Thanks to you and his children for sharing this wonderful man with all of us. He will surely be missed.

June 14 at 8:00 PM



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PS

Patricia Sandy posted:

He will be missed by all.Sandy: we all love you, and are here for you.

June 14 at 8:00 PM

VL

Veronica Lutz posted:

My prayers ,thoughts & hugs go out to dear Sandy & her family on the loss of a wonderful caring man .husband,father & grandfather. Veronica (Ronnie) Lutz

June 14 at 8:00 PM

TS

Tom And Wave Starnes posted:

We love you, Doc, and can't imagine your not being with us. I enjoyed working with you on West Rehoboth sometimes, and when I didn't, I still enjoyed you. We will miss you and treasure your memory,Love, Wave and Tom

June 14 at 8:00 PM

DL

Donna Mabry And Alan O'leary posted:

Dear Sandy and kids,We can only imagine your shock and sense of loss. Please know that others care about you and are with you in thought. Doc was a great person, who made many contributions to make this a better world. His spirit will live on.Donna and Alan

June 14 at 8:00 PM

MS

Mary Spicer posted:

So very sorry for your loss, Sandy. My husband died 19 years ago, at times it seems like yesterday, but time does have a way of healing.My prayers for you and family.

June 14 at 8:00 PM

IP

Irene Paonessa posted:

Deepest Sympathy to you Sandi and your family. You are in my thoughts and prayers. May your happy memories and the love and support of your family and friends sustain you through this difficult time.

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BS

Betty Sweetman posted:

Dear Sandy, So sorry for you loss. Your husband sounds like he was a wonderful man. Betty Sweetman, Townsend Women's Club

June 13 at 8:00 PM

DS

Dr. Tom Stei posted:

As an advisor, mentor and friend, no other adult had as great an impact on my professional career as did Dr. Roberts. His work ethic, adherence to emphasizing professional competence and the principle of patient well-being as the foremost concern, enabled Dr. Roberts to epitomize what a consummate medical professional looks like. And I extend my deepest sympathies to his wife, Sandy, and his loving children Dianne, Tommy and Rick.

June 13 at 8:00 PM

PQ

Prof. Rebeca Quimby posted:

Prof. Rebeca Quimby has sent this Expressions of Sympathy card.

June 13 at 8:00 PM

NN

Nancy B Goldizen, R.NI posted:

Sandy, I was really saddened to learn of the death of Doc. My memory goes back to the first evening I saw Dr. Roberts. I was working old C-Wing at the time. I was told there was a young surgeon who would be coming that evening to tour our hospital. He was considering on relocating to Grant Memorial Hospital and I was ask to give hiim a tour of our hospital when he arrived. I don't need to tell you I was very nervous but tried to do the best I could at showing him and telling him all about Grant Memorial Hospital. A few years later I went to work with him in the Operating Room and stayed 18 years. I have a lot of good memories of the years we worked together. My prayers and sympathy go to you and your family and I pray that God will bless and comfort you during this very difficult time.

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DF

Dee Floyd posted:

Sandy I'm so sorry to learn of Doc's passing. You are in my prayers.

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JK

Juanita Kuykendall posted:

Dr. Roberts was a great surgeon and I would trust him with any procedure he did. He had a wonderful wife Sandy and they were a great team together.

June 12 at 8:00 PM

JM

Joan McConnell posted:

Rick and family So sorry to hear about the death of your dad. I will keep you in my thoughts and prayers. Joan Basilio McConnell W

June 12 at 8:00 PM

JC

Jim & Sue Crites posted:

Sandy sorry to hear of Dr Roberts passing. We hope you are doing well and let you know we often think of both of you. Take care and be proud , Doc, as we knew him was a fine man and the hundreds of patients will miss him, Take Care Jim & Sue Crites

June 12 at 8:00 PM

SP

Sandra Parker posted:

My heartfelt thoughts n prayers go to the Roberts family. God just gained a new angel to sit at his side n the family has a very special guardian angel to watch over you all until u meet again. God Bless

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CB

Carolyn Billingsley posted:

My deepest sympathy to Sandy and her family during this very sad time.

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MP

Mary Patch posted:

A truly wonderful person and doctor. I worked for him and Sandy in their home in Petersburg WV. Doc was the best surgeon Grant Memorial Hospital has ever had. I would trust Doc to perform any surgery, he did 5 of mine. We have lost another icon, I am sure he and Eloise Hines are rejoicing in Heaven. (Eloise) was one of his many nurses in the O. R. when he was in Petersburg. Sandy you are in my prayers and I am saddened to hear of this loss in your life. Prayers for his children that they find comfort and cherish the memories.

June 12 at 8:00 PM

EB

Emory And Anne Buck posted:

Doc will be greatly missed by so many people whose lives he touched!

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MO

Michele Ozoroski posted:

It is with great sadness to hear about the passing of your father.Rick. I know how this feels. Your father was a wonderful man and always treated me like one of the family. In time all your memories of him will bring great joy to you and a smile to your face a warmth to your heart. God bless

June 12 at 8:00 PM

GB

George & Pat Bockius posted:

A wonderful man and friend.We will be missed.

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GS

Gary & Sheryll Law posted:

Dear Sandy and family, just heard from mother, Flo, about Bob. We have so many precious memories shared at Epworth. Our thoughts and prayers along with all the Baker family surround you with love.

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LM

Lori Denny Mheidat posted:

I am so sorry to hear of the loss of Dr Roberts. He was a very nice man and the people of Petersburg will not soon forget him. He did so much there for people. He certainly did a lot for me and was one of my favorite doctors.

June 12 at 8:00 PM

MI

Mark S. & Ellen Irving posted:

Dear Sandy & family, We are so sorry to hear the tragic news of our friend and co-worker. I have one special cherished memory of when our dear Doctor came into the E.R. with a sling on his arm to do a procedure, (I being a Paramedic at the time) As we tended to our patient, I asked "So doc what happened, Did you get kicked by a horse?" With a quite evil eye, he responded, "Are you looking for another career as a comedian?" Little did I know, I was on an Ambulance call a few days before, blew the siren in front of his house, horse took off and over a fence with him on his jockey cart and he suffered the shoulder injury. I had no idea at the time!! There were many comical run-in's in our time. Just be reassured you all are in our prayers and thoughts during this tragic time. one of us plans to attend. Our hearts to yours,, Mark and Ellen Irving.

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SF

Sally And Mel Fortney posted:

Sandy - we are so sorry for your loss. We had only come to know Doc this past couple of years and grown to love his spirit of fishing and family. He was truly a unique guy and we cherish our time with him.

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KM

Kermit L. McDonald Jr posted:

I am very sorry to hear about Dr. Roberts passing. Like so many in our community he once saved my life. He will be very missed. We would all be lucky to be so gifted and help so many. My very sincere thanks for all the missed sleep and trips to Grant Memorial Hospital at all times of the day and night. Rest in peace from all the McDonald' Family of Maysville, West Virginia.

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WM

William And Lisa Mitchell posted:

I was fortunate to have been taught by Dr Roberts as an Intern in the Operating Room at Grant Memorial Hospital during Medical School. He always found time to teach and I appreciated yhe words of wisdom. I always dreamed to be a great surgeon like Doc and have a boat to deep sea fish like Doc. Growing up in Petersburg he was a role model to me and the community of Petersburg,WV was lucky to have such a caring and dedicated surgeon. My Father and Dr. Roberts were friends and know they are together again now talking about fishing,politics, and horse racing. My thoughts and prayers are with Sandy and all his children and grandchildren.

June 11 at 8:00 PM

WK

Wanda Kile Kessel posted:

Sandy and Family, Sorry to hear about your loss. Dr. Roberts was a very nice man and excellent Doctor. He put a cast on my right leg when I was in a bad accident and cracked my knee cap. RIP DR. ROBERTS !

June 11 at 8:00 PM

KC

Kristy (Mauzy) Coblentz posted:

Dear Sandy and family,Sending prayers for you all. I remember Dr. Roberts and all the days of typing for him as a transcriptionist at GMH. So sorry for your loss. Pray God grants you strength. He was an amazing man. Sandy you were always the sweetest and nicest person. Miss you. Proud to be able to say I knew Dr. Roberts. God Bless!!

June 11 at 8:00 PM

LE

Laura R (Hill) Erdmann posted:

My thoughts and prayers to the family! He was my doctor when he and Sandy lived in Petersburg! He always took great care of me! I missed them both so much when they left Petersburg! I worked at the hospital in transcription.

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TW

Terri & Jack Wilson posted:

Dear Sandie & Family : Jack & I send our love and prayers. Dr, Roberts will be so missed on this Earth, he was a humble, kind and excellent human being. He was my Surgeon and was so wonderful to me. One Day we will all see each other in Heaven. Rest In God's Holy Peace "Doc" ...

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PN

Pauline Swick -Newcomb posted:

Sorry for your loss. He was a great, wonderful man.

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EN

Elizabeth Norton posted:

So very sorry for your loss.He was my surgeon when we lived in Moorefield.He was a AWESOME man and surgeon.

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DA

Diane Alt posted:

Sandy, It was wonderful to have known Doc. He was so special to me. He will be missed and remembered always. Love Diane Alt

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BS

Barb And Jim Sites posted:

DEAR SANDY OUR PRAYERS ARE WITH U AND YOUR FAMILY DR. ROBERT S WAS A GREAT MAN AND DOCTOR I WAS SONNY SMITH DAUGHTER TAKE CARE BARBAND JIM

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BV

Brenda Turner Vanmeter posted:

Dr.Roberts was a good man and Dr. . Sandy my prayer is with you

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JH

Joann Harman posted:

Bob and I extend our most sincere sympathy to Sandy and all of the family at this sad time. We had so much respect for this fine gentleman. He provided such excellent medical services to the hospital and to the community. We enjoyed all of our associations with him. Bob and Joanie Harman

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SM

Susan. Morrison posted:

Out of town next week so will miss service..my thoughts and prayers are with you as you journey through this time of loss...Susan Morrison

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LC

Linda Conrad posted:

so sorry for the loss of Dr. Roberts.. I remember him so well, kind and a good surgent when I needed him. prayers for the family!

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LT

Louise Turpin And Rachel Thompson posted:

Sandy, We are both shocked and saddened to hear of the loss of Doc. He was such a huge part of our lives for many years. It was a pleasure to work for him (Louise). We will forever remember him and keep you in our prayers.

June 11 at 8:00 PM

JM

Johnny And Lilamae Mayle posted:

Sandy, we are sorry about your loss, He was a good doctor and we also lived on his horse farm and managed it for some years. Our hearts are also with his children. Johnny and Lila Mayle

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MB

Maggie Bauducco posted:

My prayers are with you and all your family at this so very sad time. Maggie Bauducco

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LI

Linda Inskeep posted:

My condolences to the family. He was a great man and will be missed.

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JA

Jacqui posted:

Dear Sandy, Diana, Tom, Rick and all your family, My good thoughts are with you all. My hope is that you have many wonderful memories to sustain you during this sad time. Doc was a great story teller and his stories live on! Love, Jacqui

June 11 at 8:00 PM

SR

Sharon Rogers posted:

Dr. Roberts did my one and only surgery and was so kind to me. He was an excellent doctor and a very nice man. RIP Dr. Roberts.

June 11 at 8:00 PM

YD

Yuhum Digdigan posted:

Dear Sandy, Didee, Tom, and Rick, I can only imagine the pain and sorrow that you are going through. Please know that my thoughts and prayers are with you. Love --Yuhum

June 11 at 8:00 PM

MA

Michael M. Alt, Md posted:

What a wonderful, wonderful human being, surgeon, advisor and close friend. I will never forget our times together and all the excellent advice he gave me over the years. He will be missed in so many ways.

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MU

Maxine Mcwhorter Ungerbuehler posted:

Sandy and Family You are in our thoughts and prayers. Love and Blessings, Max

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RK

Rodney Ketterman posted:

My first and only surgery was performed by Dr Roberts. He was very kind.

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KS

Karen Smail posted:

Oh my dear friend, I soo wasn't ready for you to leave us but the Good Lord has a different plan. Sandy, you and Doc have a very special spot in my heart and I love you both. I will miss my friend. May the Lord hold you all close and give you peace and comfort in the days ahead. I will carry my dear memories forever. Sending you a very warm and loving embrace. Karen Smail.

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CF

Carol Fehrenbach posted:

Oh Sandy, Doc can't be gone yet. We all still have one last trip to Jamaica to make. And what is Clarence going to do now without his 'father'. I will miss him so much and keep you in my heart and prayers.

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Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Robert by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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