



Rev. Russell L. Roberts

December 27, 1924 - November 17, 2014

Rev. Russell L. Roberts, 89, formerly of New Castle, passed safely into the arms of Jesus early Monday morning at Harry Hynes Memorial Hospice Center in Wichita, Kansas. Rev. Roberts was loved and respected by family and friends.

Russell was born on December 27, 1924, in Pulaski County, Kentucky, to the late Bradley and Angie (Nicholas) Roberts; the fifth of ten children. He was a Navy Veteran of World War II. On July 21, 1943, he married Emma Wilson, and to that union was born three children, Marjorie Ann, Gary Lee, and Theresa Lynn. Emma preceded him in death on November 13, 1989. He married Marjorie (Sue) Kiger Tamsett on April 14, 1990, and she also preceded him in death on December 8, 2009.

Rev. Roberts began serving his Lord, on February 13, 1955, and answered the call to preach within a year. He was in full-time ministry as pastor, evangelist, and singer for 54 years. For 23 years he served as President of the John T. Hatfield Camp near Greenfield. He enjoyed playing the guitar and sang with the Greensboro Quartet for several years.

Survivors include his children, Marjorie (Linville) Patterson of Ten Mile, TN; Gary (Cindy) Roberts of Kokomo and Theresa (Rob) Freeman of Wichita, KS; two step-daughters, Cinda Tamsett, of Muncie and Brenda Keihn of

Richmond; 13 grandchildren & step-grandchildren; and 30 great-grandchildren and step-great-grandchildren; a twin brother and sister, Ray Roberts, of Galletin, TN, and Faye Jones, of Quinten, KY.

In addition to his parents and his two wives, he was preceded in death by a step-daughter, Linda Rich; brothers and sisters, Arvey Roberts, Ava Dalton, Janis McVey, Shay Jean Freeman, Danny Joe Roberts and twins, Tarvon and Tavon Roberts.

A celebration of Rev. Robert's homegoing will be held at 11:00 a.m. Saturday, November 22, 2014 at Sproles Family Funeral Home with Rev. Stephen Kirkman officiating. Burial will follow in Glen Cove Cemetery with military honors conducted by contingents from the U.S. Navy and the American Legion and V.F.W.

The family will receive friends from 4 – 8 p.m. Friday and one hour prior to the service Saturday at the funeral home.

You may send the family a personal condolence at www.sprolesfamilycares.com.

The Sproles family and staff are honored to serve the family of Rev. Russell Roberts.

Cemetery Details

Glen Cove Cemetery

8875 S. St. Rd. 109
Knightstown, IN 46148

Previous Events

Visitation

NOV **21**. 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Sproles Family Funeral Home
2400 S Memorial Dr
New Castle, IN 47362
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Service

NOV **22**. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

JY

“ *Joanie York lit a candle in memory of Rev. Russell L. Roberts*



Joanie York - November 25, 2014 at 07:28 PM

JY

“ *Margie, LJ, and Family,*

We were so sorry to hear of the loss of your father. We didn't know him but we do know that he raised a wonderful, loving, and caring daughter. May God bless you and your family in the days ahead and may you look to the Lord Jesus for comfort in your hours of grief. You have a wonderful hope in the fact that you know where your "Daddy" is and that he is no longer in pain. He is with Jesus and I am sure in the days leading up to his "home-going" he thought a lot about reuniting with your mom once again on the other side.



Our prayers are with you and yours.

Love to you and your family,

*Joanie and William York
Portage, IN & Athens, TN*

Joanie York - November 25, 2014 at 07:18 PM



“ Margie, Gary and Theresa,

It has been years since I have heard anything about your family and was saddened to hear about the passing of your father. As I thought back over the years I remember the good times at Warrington Nazarene Church. I still remember some of the sermons your father preached even though it may have looked like I was not paying much attention.

I don't think I will ever forget your father singing the song, How Far Is Heaven with Theresa when she was little. I do believe he now knows how far heaven is today. I am thankful for the many years your mom and dad where in charge of the John T. Hatfield Camp-- they were a blessing to many people.

I pray that each of you find comfort today, as your father is now in the final resting place. I know his death leaves a vacancy in your lives that no one can replace. I trust the Holy Spirit will bring peace and comfort to each of you during this time of sorrow and loss.

Larry G. Truitt

Larry Truitt - November 22, 2014 at 07:49 AM

LT

“ 1 file added to the album New Album Name



Lola Patterson Truitt - November 21, 2014 at 12:21 PM

JT

“ 4 files added to the album *Photos from Joni Trees*



Joni Trees - November 21, 2014 at 09:57 AM

JT

“ Margie, Gary and Theresa,

How could we ever find the words to tell you what your Dad and Mom have meant to us? They were our neighbors, our pastors and our friends. Your Dad is the one who kept calling on the Morris family because he saw souls that were lost and needed to be brought into the fold. I will be forever grateful. Your Mom and Dad changed the course of my life.

We have so many memories we could share but one of our fondest is hearing your Dad preach about heaven. He used to tell us that, when we get to heaven, we should look for him under the weeping willow tree on the "country" side of the River of Life because that's where he would be, singing praises to his Lord and Savior. We often wonder if there are Gibson guitars up there.

And, who could ever forget the good camp meeting services we used to have at the Hatfield Camp where Emma would feed us so well? We had great singing, old-fashioned preaching, shouts of Glory and altar services where the altars were always lined.

The largest part of the Greensboro Quartet has been reunited. The time they must be having right now! But, they may not be singing yet because, after all, he had to stop and greet everyone who got there because of him and his ministry. That should take a while, I suppose.

Jr. and Joni

Joni Trees - November 21, 2014 at 09:52 AM

RF

“ *Rosemary Freeman and Randy & Linda Freeman purchased the Basket of Joy for the family of Rev. Russell L. Roberts.*



Rosemary Freeman and Randy & Linda Freeman - November 20, 2014 at 03:30 PM

RF

“ *Theresa, Margie & Gary and families,
We are thankful for the joy of knowing your Dad over the years and especially spend more time with him these last few years as he lived with Rob & Theresa in Wichita. We were inspired by his patriotism and passion for the Lord. We're praying for God's comfort & peace to surround you during this time.
Our Love & Prayers,
Randy & Linda Freeman*

Randall & Linda Freeman - November 20, 2014 at 02:55 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Rev. Russell L. Roberts.*



November 19, 2014 at 03:44 PM

BW

“ *Theresa and family*

Sorry about your Dad. He was a great man and I always liked and respected him. We always had such a good time when they would come stay at Mom and Dads. You are in my thoughts.

Barb Wolfe - November 19, 2014 at 02:53 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Rev. Russell L. Roberts.*



November 19, 2014 at 02:45 PM

JA

“ *Theresa, Margie, Gary and all of the extended family of Brother Roberts:*

We were very privileged to have gotten to know Brother Roberts during the four years he lived here with Rob and Theresa in Wichita. He was a good and godly man with a great sense of humor. We appreciate his "Church by the Side of the Road" program recording so much. He indeed has gone to be with Jesus, the One he served faithfully for so many years.

We will miss you, Brother Roberts, but will meet you in Heaven some day. What a glorious day that will be!!

All of you are in our thoughts and prayers.

Judy and Larry Arnett

Wichita, KS

Judy and Larry Arnett - November 19, 2014 at 01:24 PM

LO

“ *LolaTruitt lit a candle in memory of Rev. Russell L. Roberts*



LolaTruitt - November 19, 2014 at 12:25 PM

SS

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with you during this time of your loss. So appreciated and enjoyed the friendship of your Dad.*

Sharon Stonecipher - November 19, 2014 at 10:32 AM

DB

“ *David And Genene Bogedin lit a candle in memory of Rev. Russell L. Roberts*



David and Genene Bogedin - November 18, 2014 at 10:26 PM

JP

“ *Grateful for years given to the Master's service... Our sympathy.*

James Plank - November 18, 2014 at 04:26 PM

OC

“ *Oakleaf Baptist Church purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Rev. Russell L. Roberts.*



Oakleaf Baptist Church - November 18, 2014 at 02:50 PM

MC

“ It is very hard when you lose a loved one, but it makes it a lot easier when you know that they are walking the Streets of Gold with Jesus and loved ones that have gone before. You were a great man and we were blessed to have you in our family. Thank you for your kindness and love that you bestowed upon us. Most of all thank you for leading your life by a Godly example. You will be missed by all.



*The Coleman's
Joshua, MeLinda, Destiny, Chloe', Kenton, and Griffin*

MeLinda Coleman - November 18, 2014 at 02:39 PM

KM

“ Kirk, Jodi and Norah Jayne Marshall purchased the Secret Garden Basket for the family of Rev. Russell L. Roberts.



Kirk, Jodi and Norah Jayne Marshall - November 18, 2014 at 11:07 AM

BK

“ Sorry I can't be there but thinking of all of you and your families. Deepest sympathies to all of you.

Brenda Keihn - November 18, 2014 at 11:01 AM

BK

“ *Brenda Keihn lit a candle in memory of Rev. Russell L. Roberts*



Brenda Keihn - November 18, 2014 at 10:56 AM

TF

“ *The Brad Hawn Family purchased the Beautiful i n Blue for the family of Rev. Russell L. Roberts.*



The Brad Hawn Family - November 18, 2014 at 10:40 AM

HH

“ *Margie, I am sorry to hear of your dad's passing. Just know he and dad are rejoicing together in heaven. God's blessing on you and your family during this sad time. Hazel (Pierce) Hoover*

Hazel Hoover - November 18, 2014 at 08:38 AM

JA

“ *Jane & Bill Alford lit a candle in memory of Rev. Russell L. Roberts*



Jane & Bill Alford - November 17, 2014 at 08:51 PM