



## James Oscar "Robbie" Roberson

December 1, 1944 - October 30, 2024

James Oscar "Robbie" Roberson passed away peacefully on October 30, 2024, in St. Augustine, Florida, with his two sons and his beloved daughter-in-law by his side. Born on December 1, 1944, in Gainesville, Florida, James lived a full and meaningful life. He moved to St. Augustine in early 2023 to live with his son, Len, and his family.

In the days leading up to his passing, James was surrounded by family and friends, sharing stories, laughter, and love. To many, he was James or Oscar; to some, he was simply "Dad," and to a cherished few, "Papa J." One of his greatest joys was storytelling—whether recounting his hunting adventures, moments from long ago, or humorous tales about his beloved grandchildren and great-grandchildren. James had a heart for people and always found joy in conversation and making others laugh.

James was a devoted father to Len and Jason, who were with him in his final moments. They take comfort in the many life lessons he imparted and treasure his constant expression of pride in them, often telling others that he had "two fine sons."

He is survived by his daughter-in-law, Mei Ching (Len's wife), eight grandchildren—Sarah (Derek), Jonah (Karina), Meiah, Leah, Micah, Miles, Josiah, and Elijah—and six great-grandchildren—Evy, Remi, Jameson, Rylee, Blakely, and Hadley. He is also survived by his brother Harold and Harold's wife, Judy.

James was preceded in death by his beloved wife of 53 years, Patricia

Madole Roberson, his parents, John and Zeta Roberson, and his sisters, Luann and Carolyn.

James grew up in the Port Orange area and graduated from Mainland High School in Daytona Beach in 1962. He was a proud U.S. Navy Veteran who served his country in Vietnam. After his military service, James worked for the telephone company until his retirement. An avid outdoorsman, James had a deep love for hunting and fishing, sharing many memorable hunts with his son Jason and a close-knit group of hunting buddies.

James will be deeply missed by all who knew him, but his stories, laughter, and love will live on in the hearts of his family and friends.

# Tribute Wall

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“ Sorry to hear of a shipmate passing. “Roberson” and I graduated from Electricians Mate school in May 1963. He got orders to the USS Vance and I to USS Klondike. Missed him when Klondike went to WESPAC in July 1963 with stop in Pearl Harbor. However did meet up with his buddy and our classmate Hal Exum. Did your Dad ever speak about him?

*Don Fahrenkamp*

*EM2 USN 1962-65*

*Prior Lake, MN*

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**Don Fahrenkamp** - January 13, 2025 at 02:03 PM

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“ Diane B lit a candle in memory of James Oscar "Robbie" Roberson



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**Diane B** - November 08, 2024 at 04:22 PM

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“ While I’ve known since I was a little guy that my Dad was an amazing father and friend and all around guy, these last 18 months that he lived with me and my family were such a wonderful blessing to all of us. I saw in a new way how much he loved spending time with people and just talking. I learned he was an even funnier guy than I had remembered. People who met him would say “now we see where you get your sense of humor!”

*He said many times how much he loved getting to know his great-grandchildren and spending time with them. He quickly became “Papa J” to them and he loved that!*

*We had many rides around town together because Dad loved getting out. Even though COPD caused him a lot of trouble breathing, he never turned down a chance to ride along on any errand.*

*Dad, thank you for blessing me and my family these last many months by living with us. It was our honor and pleasure to be with you. Thank you for showing me how to care for others and help those in need. Even in the last weeks, you were focused on making sure people were helped when they needed it. Love you deeply, Dad.*



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**Len Roberson** - November 05, 2024 at 08:45 AM