



Joseph Calvin Roberts

August 22, 1942 - December 2, 2022

Joseph Roberts, 80, of St. Johns, FL was received into the presence of the Lord on December 2, 2022. Joe was born August 22, 1942 at Davis Island Hospital, Tampa, FL to Jake and Lois (Hobby) Roberts. He was preceded in death by his parents Jake Roberts, Step mother Jean Roberts and mother Lois Sasser. He is survived by his wife, Kay Roberts; three sisters, Aritha Keene, Nancy Garrison, Gwen Roberts and two brothers, Rocky Roberts and Paul Roberts. Joe is also survived by two sons Christopher (Leslie) and Kevin Roberts (Nancy); one daughter, Leslie Cornett (Brian) of Chattanooga, TN; two step daughters, Rhonda Lovett and Karen LaFlamme of St. Johns, FL; twelve grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

Joe joined the US Air Force right out of high school and played in an AF band at three different duty stations. Patrick AF Base, Cocoa Beach, FL; Clark Field, Philippines and McGuire AF Base, New Jersey. After completing his active duty obligation Joe returned home to Bartow, FL and began his college career at Polk Community College, completing his AA Degree. He then transferred to the Univ of South Florida, Tampa to complete his BA and Master Degree. He began his professional career with the Department of Labor, Employment Service in 1969 at Daytona Beach, FL. He was promoted to Employment Office Manager in Palatka, FL. During this time Joe joined the Army Reserve in 1975 as a Personnel Sgt, with 442 nd Personnel Service Co. in Orlando, FL. After his marriage to Kay Lovett, of Hastings he transferred to the FL Army National Guard, St. Augustine. He was promoted to Chief

Warrant Officer and in 2002 retired from the FL National Guard in 2002 as a Senior Chief Warrant Officer 4 (CW4). After leaving his employment with the State of FL in 1980 he was employed by St. Augustine General Hospital, St. Augustine, as Human Resources Manager. In 1985 he was hired as Human Resources Manager for VAW of America, St. Augustine, and remained there until his retirement in 2005. Some of the community activities Joe was involved in were: St Augustine Technical Center Director's Counsel, Council on Aging, Mayor of Hastings, Town Council Member of Hastings, Chairman of the North Florida Private Industry Council, Music Minister at Hasting First Baptist Church from 1980 thru 2006. In 2010 Joe and Kay moved to Bell, FL and were members of Bethel Baptist Church. After relocating to St. Johns, FL in January of 2021 he joined Fruit Cove Baptist Church and transferred his Gideon membership to the Jacksonville South Camp. In 2022 he joined the Fruit Cove Church Mental Health Counselor/Coach team.

A memorial service will be held 12:00 p.m. Saturday December 10, 2022 at First Baptist Church in Hastings. A visitation, beginning at 11:00 a.m., will precede the services.

In lieu of flowers, the family respectfully requests that remembrances be made in the form of contributions to The Gideons International or Samaritan's Purse Operation Christmas Child.

St. Johns Family Funeral and Crematory is in charge of arrangements.

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 10. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

First Baptist Church of Hastings
109 N. Main Street
Hastings, FL 32145
<http://firstbaptisthastings.cloversites.com>

Memorial Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *St. Johns Family Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Joseph Calvin Roberts*



St. Johns Family Funeral Home - December 08, 2022 at 10:16 AM

MA

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with you Kay and all your family. Sincerely, Melinda Ausley.*

Melinda Ausley - December 20, 2022 at 12:19 AM

DN

“ *Duke and Nancy purchased the Garden Bench - "Gone yet not forgotten..." for the family of Joseph Calvin Roberts.*



Duke and Nancy - December 12, 2022 at 03:01 PM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Joseph Calvin Roberts.*



December 09, 2022 at 01:07 PM



“ 1 file added to the album *Life Tributes*



St. Johns Family Funeral Home - December 08, 2022 at 10:15 AM



“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of Joseph Calvin Roberts.*



December 08, 2022 at 08:09 AM



“ *Joe was a fine man and was instrumental in our successful quest to save our old Hastings High School Building 20 years ago.. Thank you Sir for all you did as a friend to All ..Prayers and Blessings to your family..*

Terry W. Pacetti - December 07, 2022 at 07:39 PM

DB

My wife and I visited Joe and Kay on Nove 6, 2022, after being guests at our grandson's (Scott), marriage to an outstanding youong lady (Kyara) . tje day befor e in St. Augustine, FL. While visiting with Joe and Kay, we found Joe in great spirirts, and we laughed at some of the old jokes we had laughed at time and time before, My wife (Nancy) and I geot to now Joe and Kay in the early 1980's when he joined the St. Augustine based Headquarter's Unit for the Selective Service, Florida National Guard. See soon became very good friends, and began traveling together (with our wives). We also visited each other's homes quite often. JJoe and Kay lived in Hastings, and Nancy and I lived in St. Augustine. In Joe, I found te best friend I have ever had, and I will remember home for the ret of I have left on earth. We will continue to vist with Kay, and long as we can, because she too, has. become a very valued friend to us. God bless Joe. I bet that he is handing our Giddeon Bibles up in Heaven.

Duke Borchardt - December 08, 2022 at 09:57 AM



“ 52 files added to the album LifeTributes



St. Johns Family Funeral Home - December 07, 2022 at 04:58 PM

GS

“ Joe was my first friend when I moved to Hastings. And he became one of the first vocalists for The All Star Orchestra. He was the reason The All Stars played The Cabbage and Tater festivals. He provided a swimming pool to use for my daughters when they were growing up.

Gary B Strohmingner - December 07, 2022 at 04:42 PM

JJ

“ Joe was a special friend and we enjoyed our pizza and card events. His love for the Lord and for family was evident. We will miss those times we shared

Jim and Linda Johnson

Jim Johnson - December 07, 2022 at 02:00 PM

MP

“ Connie and I enjoyed having y'all as great neighbors on Sun Springs. Our prayers are with you.

Murray Pascual - December 07, 2022 at 01:05 PM

PM

“ What a wonderful man who loved the Lord and had such a love for others. He set an example of what it meant to be a follower of Christ Jesus.

Who can forget his great sense of humor and his ferocious card playing.. I feel very blessed to have known him and been loved by him & his family. I will miss him and cherish the memories I have of him. Love you, Patty Menefee

Patty Menefee - December 07, 2022 at 06:10 AM