



## Richard Thomas Roberts

July 15, 1932 - July 16, 2018

Mr. Richard Thomas Roberts, son of the late Earl Handy Roberts Sr. and Indiana Reid Roberts, was born July 15, 1932 in Salisbury, Maryland. He attended the public schools of Wicomico County, graduating with his high school diploma. Soon afterwards he met, fell in love with, and married his wife, Ruth May Dale Roberts. This union was blessed with 5 beautiful children. During this time he began a lengthy career in healthcare at Deers Head Hospital Center as a nursing aide. He also held a position as a Union Steward, helping to advocate for many of his colleagues jobs. He continued to work hard and further his education, becoming one of the 1st black male Licensed Practical Nurses in the area. He continued his prestigious career as an LPN at Deers Head Hospital Center until he retired.

Mr. Roberts was a member of the Free Masons, president of the Field Stream hunting club, and a previous member of a motorcycle club. In his spare time he enjoyed gardening, hunting, fishing, and spending time with his family. He considered it a very special privilege to watch his family interact during their annual 'July Bash' family reunion--dated on the Sunday closest to his birthday--which was initiated more years ago than anyone can remember. He was well known and loved for his influence, wisdom, and guidance. Many people may not remember that he was also a bit of a practical joker. The children were always blessed by his never-ending supply of lollipops and balloons.

Mr. Roberts departed this life on July 16, 2018. He was preceded in death by his loving wife Ruth May Roberts and his brother Earl Handy Roberts Jr. He is survived by his siblings Alfonzo Alfred Roberts (Brenda), Freddy Lewis Roberts (Betty), Shirley Ann Perry, Vivian Jean Ennis (William), George Nathaniel Roberts, and Margaret Olivia Davis.

His life and memory will forever be cherished in the heart of his children: Phyllis Hankerson (Alfred) of Salisbury, Maryland, Helen Steele (Parris) of Salisbury, Maryland, Vicki Nutter (Broderick) of Cambridge, Maryland, Bernard Roberts Sr. (Carolyn) of New Castle, De, and Randy Roberts of Salisbury, Md. He will forever be missed by a host of his nieces, nephews, cousins, grandchildren, great grandchildren, and great `great grandchildren.

Lovingly Submitted  
The Family

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# Tribute Wall

HF

“ My deepest condolences for the loss of your dear loved one. While nothing will completely take away your grief, by meditating on Gods promises found in the Bible, you can find real hope and the strength to keep going. My family and I have found the scripture at Isaiah 25:8 to be especially comforting. Here it promises that God "will swallow up death forever and the Sovereign Lord Jehovah will wipe away the tears from all faces."

H. Fields - July 23, 2018 at 12:00 AM

IR

“ Sorry for the passing of your love one. Read Psalms 46:1 for words of comfort and peace.

Irene - July 19, 2018 at 12:00 AM

JO

“ I am so sorry for the loss of Richard Roberts. May your precious memories of your time together help you through this time of sorrow and you can find strength in God's loving promise at( Isaiah 41: 10.)

JoyceA - July 19, 2018 at 12:00 AM

TW

“ Sorry For Your Loss  
Jesus Loves Me  
I Am Special To God

Thomas Widgeon - July 18, 2018 at 12:00 AM

MJ

“ I am sorry for your loss, please accept my sincere condolences. I hope the family will find some comfort and strength in Jesus promise of the earthly resurrection(Acts 24:15)and the renewed Paradise earth, where death will be no more and no family will mourn the death of a loved one.-Revelation 21:3,4;John 5:28,29;Luke 23:43. may GOD(Psalms 83:18)grant you peace and comfort now, during this grievous time.-Matthew 5:4.

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**M Jones** - July 18, 2018 at 12:00 AM