



Thomas (Tom) Roberts

April 19, 1932 - February 11, 2014

Biography

Mr. Thomas Herbert (Tom) Roberts, Jr. of Fayetteville passed away February 11, 2014. He was retired from Fulton County Board of Education where he served as a teacher and a principal for several schools. He is survived by his wife of 55 years, Marie Brown Roberts of Fayetteville; daughter, Melanie Roberts McBride and her husband Jim of Fayetteville; sisters, Mary Louise Roberts of Citrus Springs, FL; Elizabeth Anne Shelton of Nashville, TN; grandchildren, Robert, Molly, Joseph, Megan and Maggie McBride. Funeral services will be held Friday, February 14, 2014 at 2 o'clock in the Chapel of Parrott Funeral Home with Dr. Jerry Cross officiating. Interment will follow at Holly Hill Memorial Park. Those wishing may sign the online guestbook at www.parrottfuneralhome.com. In lieu of flowers those desiring may make donations to the Gideons International, Fayette County West, P.O. Box 3111, Peachtree City, GA 30269 or Optimist International Foundation, 4494 Lindell Blvd., Saint Louis, MO 63108-2404. The family will receive friends Friday from 12 o'clock until service time at Parrott Funeral Home and Crematory, 770-964-4800.

Previous Events

Visitation

FEB **14**. 12:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

JJ

“ I have thought of this man many times over the years. He was my 7th grade teacher at Cliffondale Elementary. We as a class loved him dearly. One of the best teachers I have ever had. He cared for you he cared if you wanted to learn and he wanted to make you want to learn. He became a friend of my parents and my family. He attended my Graduation from High School and he attended my Wedding. I have a wonderful picture of him signing my quest book at my reception. I loved this man. He had a wonderful voice and would play and sing for us. I hope everyone gets to have a teacher in this life that will truly care about his class kids they way Mr. Roberts did. He will be so missed by his family and friends. BUT he will be so missed by a student of his from years ago that loved to listen to his stories and listen to him sign songs. I started wearing ribbons in my hair because of a song he sang to us. Scalet Ribbons I think was the name of the song. R.I.P. Sir and keep that wonderful smile. Love you....

Jackie Corbitt Jones - February 21, 2014 at 12:00 AM

KL

“ Dear Marie,
Mr. Roberts was my first principal to work under at Josephine Wells in Fulton County. I can remember him playing beautiful music on the piano in the cafeteria as the teachers and students arrived. He created such a joyful work environment! May God bless you at this time.

*Retired Fulton County Educator,
Kay Harden Likins*

Kay Harden Likins - February 16, 2014 at 12:00 AM

JH

“ I am sorry to hear of Tom's death. May God comfort you during this time. He was a faithful Gideon and friend.

Jim Henley - February 15, 2014 at 12:00 AM

SH

“ Dear Marie, Melanie, Jim and grandchildren,
I always thought Tom was one of the most brilliant men I ever met. His memory was phenominal (especially about muaic). Floyd and Tom shared a very special relationship. He will be greatly missed.

Sue Hendrix - February 14, 2014 at 12:00 AM

LA

“ Mr Tom was a sweetheart. He always had a hug anytime I saw him. You are in my thoughts and prayers.

Lynn Adcock-Hughry - February 14, 2014 at 12:00 AM

BL

“ Our whole family was saddened to hear of Tom's death. We have such fond memories of him and Marie and Melanie from Forest Hills Church. The family is in our prayers.

The Loudermilk Family

Betty Loudermilk - February 14, 2014 at 12:00 AM

SR

“ Marie and Melanie.
I am so sorry that I will not be able to come to the visitation or service. I have to be at work at 12:00. My thoughts and prayers are with you. If there is anything that I can do please let me know. Love, Hugs and Prayers. Sandra Rakestraw

Sandra Rakestraw - February 14, 2014 at 12:00 AM

DB

“ I had the privilege of knowing Tom for a number of years and enjoyed, among other things, our talks about ships as we are both veterans. He was such an encourager to me in my music ministry and I will always be grateful for that.

David Barker - February 14, 2014 at 12:00 AM

NM

“ Melanie and Family so sorry to hear of the passing of your father. I know he will be greatly missed. You and your family are in our thoughts and prayer.
Love In Christ,
David, Norma & Johnathan Miller

Norma & David Miller - February 14, 2014 at 12:00 AM

DS

“ Mrs. Roberts,
I was saddened to hear of your loss. You are in my thoughts every step of the way.
Fondly,
Betty E. Strickland,
Retired teacher and Curriculum Director, Fulton County Schools

Dr. Betty E. Strickland - February 14, 2014 at 12:00 AM

FB

“ Marie,
You are in my thoughts and prayers during the days ahead.
My love to you and family.

Frances Barnes - February 13, 2014 at 12:00 AM

M(

“Mel, I have so many wonderful memories of your dad (and mom). He was always so welcoming of me in your home when we would visit on the weekends from ASC. I know you and your family will miss him terribly. My thoughts and prayers are with you, Jim, the kids, and your mom.

maggie parry (nagget) - February 13, 2014 at 12:00 AM

CJ

“Melanie, my thoughts and prayers have been with you and yours since Tuesday. May the God of all comfort comfort us in all our affliction, so that we may be able to comfort others with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God. 2Cor. 1:3,4
Love to you all,
Cindy & Chris

Cynthia Hite Johnston - February 13, 2014 at 12:00 AM

LL

“I'm sorry for your loss, but rejoice that this is not the end and we will see him again. May you feel the peace of our Lord as you mourn, not one tear will fall without Him catching it.

Lori Loewer - February 13, 2014 at 12:00 AM

LT

“Tom was respected in his field of endeavor (education) and in his church especially in the field of church music. We shall all miss him. We especially appreciate the kindness shown to our daughter Kari by both Tom and Marie. May God grant you his love and care during this time, Larry and Janice Teal, Spring Hill, Tn.

Larry and Janice Teal - February 13, 2014 at 12:00 AM

RJ

“ Marie, keeping you and your family in my prayers. With much love,
Rhonda

Rhonda Jones - February 13, 2014 at 12:00 AM

JD

“ Tom was a Great Optimist. I grive with you on his passing.

Jack "Gator" Denny - February 13, 2014 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ Tom will be missed by his friends with Karaoke Entertainment. He has been with our family of friends for a lot of years. He was a very diverse singer doing songs of Golden years to more present day songs as well as an occasional Spanish song in his mix. He was a very talented man. I'm sure he's singing in Gods choir now.

James Saffels - February 12, 2014 at 12:00 AM

BF

“ Great Optimist Friend and Educator.

Bob Floyd - February 12, 2014 at 12:00 AM

RR

“ Uncle Tom, even though I referred to you as "Aunt Tom" as a child, you were a good Uncle to have! When I think about you, I think about the tune "Take me out to the ballpark"! I enjoyed the times I was able to spend with you throughout the years.
May God bless you, Marie and Melanie through this journey.
WE LOVE YOU!!
Ricky and Family

Richard Rice - February 12, 2014 at 12:00 AM

KL

“ Marie, Melanie and family, I am so sorry to hear of Tom's passing. I have such fond memories going back to Forest Hills Church, including especially having the pleasure of enjoying his wonderful musical talent. I substitute taught for him many times in Fulton County. He was a wonderful, talented man and Heaven is even richer now for having him there. May God wrap his comforting arms around you and give you peace.

Kathleen London-Cheek - February 12, 2014 at 12:00 AM

PM

“ I was on of the Rowell girls from Clifton Dale and had him for my 7th grade teacher. He was the best teacher I ever had. I always appreciated his love for teaching and his students. He sang a song with the autoharp something about ribbons in her hair I always loved. RIP Mr. Roberts we love you.

Patricia Moody - February 12, 2014 at 12:00 AM

MW

“ Dearest Roberts Family,

We are deeply saddened by the passing of Mrs. Roberts' husband and Melanie's dad. We both have many fond memories of Tom with his carefree sense of humor and beautiful singing voice that was surely the envy of heavenly angels. We're sending up prayers for peace and love on your behalf. Please let us know if we can anything for you.

Much love,

Mark & Cheryl

Mark & Cheryl Warner - February 12, 2014 at 12:00 AM

MF

“ We are so sorry to hear of Tom's passing. He was a friend to all. Our prayers are with your family.

Mark & Alana Fulmer - February 12, 2014 at 12:00 AM

MG

“ I'm so sorry for you precious loss. It is never easy to lose a loved one in death. Even Jesus Christ was saddened when his beloved friend Lazarus died. Please look to God for comfort because he cares for you (1 Peter 5:7) for reliable Christian information on how to deal with the loss of a loved one please visit www.jw.org

MG - February 12, 2014 at 12:00 AM

JN

“ Roberts and McBride families, Lisa and I pray for your peace in this time of loss.

Jim and Lisa Niles - February 11, 2014 at 12:00 AM

RW

“ Marie, so sorry to hear of your loss. You will be in my prayers.

Ruth D. West - February 11, 2014 at 12:00 AM

CP

“ Having had the pleasure of knowing Tom through our association with the Friends and Neighbors of Fayette County over the last 25 years or so, we extend our sincere condolences to his family, and especially his wife Marie. As a teacher and principal Tom had the opportunity to influence many youngsters for the better, and his contribution as an educator represents a wonderful legacy.

Claude and Janet Paquin - February 11, 2014 at 12:00 AM

BC

“ Marie, Melanie and family, we are sad to hear of Tom's passing. Jim and I send our sympathy, love and prayers. God bless you all! We love you.

Barbara E. Chapo - February 11, 2014 at 12:00 AM

HP

“ Marie,
You are in my thoughts and prayers.
Love
Hester

Hester Powell - February 11, 2014 at 12:00 AM

AA

“ Melanie, we are sorry to hear of the loss of your Dad. We will keep you and your family in our prayers.

Anthony, Darlene & Amber - February 11, 2014 at 12:00 AM

DG

“ i am so very sorry to hear of Mr. Roberts passing. My children were blessed by having him as their asst principal at Fayetteville Elementary. He was such a good, good man! i know he is singing in Heaven!

Debra L Griggs - February 11, 2014 at 12:00 AM

J(

“ Ms. Marie
Our heart aches for your loss and your dear Tom will be missed by all that knew him. Please know that you are in our prayers and we are ready to be of service to you for anything you need done - just ask. Much love to you, John & Lisa

John & Lisa Stewart (FCBC) - February 11, 2014 at 12:00 AM

SG

“ *Melanie, You and your family are in our thoughts and prayers.*

Sandra and Raley Gillian - February 11, 2014 at 12:00 AM

SB

“ *Marie, Melanie and family, I am so very sorry to hear of Tom's passing. I have such fond memories of him from my youth days at Forest Hills Baptist Church. He was so very kind and dignified and funny all at the same time! Heaven's choir just gained a beautiful voice....Tom will forever sing the praises of his Lord. I look forward to the day when I will hear him sing again. Much love to you all,
Sheri*

Sheri Brown Brown - February 11, 2014 at 12:00 AM