



Richard Randolph Roberts

November 28, 1931 - September 11, 2021

Richard Randolph Roberts, 89 of Tallahassee, Florida passed away on September 11, 2021. He was born on November 28, 1931, to John and Delma Raker Roberts in the community of Sanborn, Florida.

He attended Sopchoppy High School, played basketball and starred as a football running back, graduating in May 1950 as Salutatorian of his class.

After graduation he went to Texas and worked a short period of time on a tugboat with 2 of his brothers, Bill and M.L. He then returned to Tallahassee and got a bread-delivery job working for Holsom Bread Company. After working there for only a short period of time, he received his draft orders. In the meantime, however, he enlisted in the United States Air Force on January 5, 1951, and served in the Air Force for 22 years. His basic training was in San Antonio, Texas. Thereafter, he was in North Carolina for a year, Alaska for 2 years, and Panama City for 6 years before serving overseas in Tachakawa, Japan for 3 years. He then returned to the United States and was stationed in Greenville, Mississippi, before going to Gunter Air Force Base in Montgomery, Alabama. He eventually retired as Master Sergeant while stationed at Shepard Air Force Base in Wichita Falls, Texas.

During his tenure in the military, he attended and completed college, obtaining his Bachelor of Science degree and then his Master of Arts degree from

Midwestern University in Wichita Falls.

Randolph married his high school sweetheart, Frances Carraway, on January 20, 1952, and they had 2 sons Dick and Mike.

After retirement from the Air Force, he and his family returned to Tallahassee and 2 weeks later he began teaching Social Science at Taylor County High School where he taught for 7 years before transferring to Lincoln High School in Tallahassee to teach Social Science there for 15 years. He then again retired after having taught high school for 22 years.

Randolph was predeceased in death by his wife Frances of 61 years.

He is survived by his sons Dick of Tallahassee, and Mike (wife Gina) of Spring, Texas; 5 grandchildren--Nathan (wife Courtney) of Tallahassee; Kathleen Roberts Jarashow (husband Ben) of Rochester, New York; Meredith Roberts Wheeler (husband Drew); Allison Roberts Foster (husband Ryan); and Will Roberts (wife Sabrina) all of Houston, Texas; and 11 great-grandchildren. He is also survived by 3 sisters: Elizabeth Smith, Callie Quigg and June Seymour, as well as many nieces and nephews.

Randolph was of the Methodist faith and served as a Steward in the Methodist Church in Texas and Alabama. He was a member of the Sopchoppy United Methodist Church. The family would like to extend special thanks and appreciation to the staff at Azalea Gardens Memory Care Facility and Big Bend Hospice for the loving care and attention extended to our loved one during his final days. In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made to the Sopchoppy United Methodist Church or Big Bend Hospice.

David Conn and Kimberly Crum with Bevis Funeral Home of Crawfordville are

assisting the family with arrangements. (850-926-3333, www.bevisfh.com)

Cemetery Details

West Sopchoppy Cemetery

Sopchoppy, FL

Previous Events

Visitation - Graveside

SEP 15. 9:30 AM - 10:00 AM (ET)

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Sopchoppy, FL

Graveside Service

SEP 15. 10:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

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“ *Mr. Roberts was a wonderful teacher. I have so many fond memories of the psychology class he taught my senior year at Taylor County High School. The world needs more teachers like him. My condolences to his family.* ”

Lisa D’Antonio Rubin - September 20, 2021 at 04:09 PM

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“ *Mr. Roberts was hands down my favorite high-school teacher. He was an incredible inspiration with the way he connected with his students, told hilarious personal anecdotes and made learning fun. I was inspired by him to get my minor in secondary education and have been involved with influencing education my whole life. Much love to your family as you celebrate the life of this wonderful man.* ”

Christa Barker-Myers - September 14, 2021 at 05:01 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Richard Randolph Roberts.* ”



September 14, 2021 at 12:05 PM

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“ *June, Elizabeth, Callie & all the Family my thoughts & prayers are with all of you.* ”

Daisy White Simpkins - September 13, 2021 at 04:45 AM



“ *Vicky Coleman lit a candle in memory of
Richard Randolph Roberts* ”



Vicky Coleman - September 12, 2021 at 08:53 PM