



Mr. Edward E. Roberts

May 5, 1942 - August 15, 2016

Mr. Edward Ernest Roberts, 74, of 20 South Willow St. Adams, died Monday evening, August 15, 2016, at Berkshire Medical Center in Pittsfield.

He was born in Pittsfield on May 5, 1942, son of the late Ernest E. and Violet R. (Conklin) Roberts. He attended Pittsfield schools, graduating from St. Joseph's High School with the Class of 1959. He received an associate's degree in Arts from Berkshire Community College, and received his Bachelor's and Master's degrees in English from the former North Adams State College (now MCLA).

He was a Veteran of the United States Air Force, serving from 1960 until his Honorable Discharge as an Airman First Class in 1964.

Mr. Roberts was an English teacher at Hoosac Valley High School in Cheshire for 35 years, until retiring in June of 2002. While teaching at Hoosac, he was the director of the Senior Class plays, and was a strong supporter of HVHS athletics.

Before he began his teaching career, he worked at the former Coughlin's Liquor Store in Pittsfield, and the former Schweitzer Paper Mill in Lee.

He was a communicant of the Parish of St. John Paul II at Notre Dame des Sept Douleurs Church in Adams. He was a member of the Massachusetts Teacher's Association and had served as a member of the Adams Housing Authority.

He was an avid fan of the Boston sports teams, enjoyed reading, and loved to take trips to Cape Cod with his family. He was an avid golfer, and spent his childhood at the Pittsfield Boys Club besting the other kids at carams. As a young man, he enjoyed music and was the piano player for the former Tex LaMountain Band.

He is survived by his wife, the former Carol A. Bonito, whom he married on August 19, 1967;

three daughters, Rachel Morandi and her husband, Fran, of Bellingham, MA; Angela Dolber and her husband, John, of Whitinsville, MA; and Donna Roberts of Orange, CA; a sister, Therese Ann Standring and her husband, Gordon, of The Villages, FL;

two granddaughters, Jenna and Elizabeth;

two nieces, Kathy and Beth, and two nephews, Jeffrey and Keith.

A Liturgy of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Saturday, August 20th, at 10:00 AM in Notre Dame des Sept Douleurs Church, McKinley Square (Rte. 8) Adams.

Burial will follow in Bellevue Cemetery, Adams.

Calling hours in the PACIOREK FUNERAL HOME, 13 Hoosac St. Adams, are Friday from 5 to 7 PM.

Memorial Donations may be made to the Edward Roberts Scholarship Fund, to benefit Hoosac Valley graduating seniors, in care of Adams Community Bank, 93 Park St. Adams, MA 01220.

Tribute Wall



“ *Up the Down Staircase class of 1972....We had a great time and Mr Roberts was a fun guy...sorry for his demisePat Banks Markland*

June 07, 2018 at 11:24 AM

MM

“ *To Mr Roberts family I am so sorry for your loss. He was the best and most fair teacher I ever knew. I learned the most in his class and he made me feel equal to my my classmates. Good man and I am glad I was able to tell him that as an adult.*

Monica McGrath - June 07, 2018 at 11:24 AM

AL

“ *Ed will be remembered fondly by his co-workers and former students at HVHS. He was ad educated teacher and a respected educator z he will be missed!*

Ann Lamb - June 07, 2018 at 11:24 AM

SS

“ *When he was on the fairway, Eddie always wanted to know where the flag was. It may have taken him four more shots, but what he was aiming for was always important to him. In life, he hit the mark in those things that give meaning to us all.*

Stan Spencer - June 07, 2018 at 11:24 AM

DN

“ *I loved Mr. Roberts. I remember he became my English teacher mid-year to replace a teacher who was "let go." I remember the room he taught in and where I sat (in the old Adams High School!). He had a great sense of humor. I remember one day, as he was reading a poem, he started making knocking sounds on the side of his desk for sound affect. I became a teacher myself and always remembered to use humor and personalize lessons whenever possible. My daughter also had Mr. Roberts and liked him as well. He was a great guy!*

Denorah Nowicki - June 07, 2018 at 11:24 AM

KR

“ *Wishing you my sincere sympathy. Mr. Roberts was my English teacher at HVHS (class of 1981). He will be remembered fondly.*

Kristen Rosenau - June 07, 2018 at 11:24 AM

DS

“ So sorry for the loss of your Dad, Angie.

Deb Stoll - June 07, 2018 at 11:24 AM



“ Ed was an outstanding educator who loved his craft, his students and especially that Senior Play which was his passion. He had a wry sense of humor. In fact, he and Al Skrocki were the Abbott & Costello of the faculty lounge. Peg and I are proud to have served on the same faculty for 10 years. Our sincere condolences to his family

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TL

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Thomas Leavitt - June 07, 2018 at 11:24 AM

KK

“ So sorry, Carol, on your loss. My thought and prayers are with you and your family.

Karen Koehler - June 07, 2018 at 11:24 AM

DW

“ I never had Mr. Roberts as a teacher. I do remember him being a good-natured person though. Friends that I know that had him for a teacher loved and respected him. My thoughts and prayers are with his family. RIP Mr. Roberts.

Dot Wandrei - June 07, 2018 at 11:24 AM

VB

“ I remember Mr. Roberts fondly as the director of our senior play at HVHS in 1976. He was a teacher who was passionate and instilled his passion in his students. My sympathies to his family. Ginger Dubuc Bard

Virginia Bard - June 07, 2018 at 11:24 AM

BZ

“ He was a fabulous teacher, passionate about what he was teaching. He had a great sense of humor. My deepest sympathies to his family and friends.

Beth Ziemba - June 07, 2018 at 11:24 AM

DC

“ It was such a pleasure to care for Ed at the Dialysis Unit. Always fun to talk to and always spoke so well of his family and friends. We talked about food, his travels and he was such an easy man to please. I shall remember him fondly.

Diane Chamberlain - June 07, 2018 at 11:24 AM

SF

“ Mr Roberts was a wonderful teacher. He had a great sense of humor. He graciously accepted my invitation to a Home Economics buffet meal at 10 am, to eat Swedish meatballs. Of course he would not let me forget it in English class later that day. My condolences and comfort in your fond memories of him. Class of '75

Susan Fitzpatrick - June 07, 2018 at 11:24 AM

PJ

“ It is a rare teacher whose class shapes your thinking for a lifetime. Mr. Roberts was that teacher. I had him for honors English. A lot of my time in high school was spent trying to get the best grade to qualify for the best college. Memorizing and regurgitating various facts and formulas. What I actually learned seemed almost secondary most of the time. But Mr. Roberts taught us to think critically and creatively, for ourselves and not always to get the highest grade - and I have never forgotten him for that. He was a wonderful person whom I will always remember with great fondness.

Patti Jette - June 07, 2018 at 11:24 AM

AB

“ so, sorry to hear about the loss of your Dad Racheal my thoughts and prayers are with you

angelina boschetti - June 07, 2018 at 11:24 AM

TM

“ When I was a young teacher at Hoosac Valley High School, Ed helped me in many ways. He was a dear friend, a superb classroom teacher and a man who cared about his students, his family and friends. He made a contribution and difference every day. God bless, my friend.

Tom Molloy - June 07, 2018 at 11:24 AM

PT

“ Our condolences on your profound loss. While we did not know Ed personally, as friends and relatives of Kathy Timpane and Therese Standing we share in your grief. You are all in our thoughts.

Phil and Suga Timpane - June 07, 2018 at 11:24 AM

WW

“ To Donna and all of the family I am so sorry for your loss. Please know I am here if you need me. Love, Wendy

Wendy Waegell - June 07, 2018 at 11:24 AM

DS

“ Mr. Roberts taught me in 1978. I was so afraid of him, yet he was one of my favorite teachers at Hoosac Valley High School. I had the honor of seeing him after Mass this past year while visiting my parents. I had a wonderful conversation with him and shared with him what an impact he had instilled on me. I told him that he was one of my favorite teachers. We laughed and hugged! I'm so happy that I was able to tell him. As Mother Theresa said, it is the extraordinary things we do as ordinary people that change the world. Mrs. Roberts, what a blessing you had and a treasure to share his legacy to your grandchildren. May God protect you and send you love, peace and comfort in this time of sadness.

Donna Simons - June 07, 2018 at 11:24 AM

JH

“ I was one of the lucky ones who had Mr. Roberts as an English teacher and Drama Director at HVHS. I was his "curtain girl" and "wardrobe/makeup artist" for both the Sophomore year (1973) "Christmas Carol" and the Senior year (1975) "Flowers for Algernon". He gave me an appreciation for theater and acting and I'll never forget those days of rehearsals. God bless you, Mr. Roberts. May you rest in peace and may your family find comfort in knowing how well loved and respected you were by so many.

Julie (Morawiec) Heritage - June 07, 2018 at 11:24 AM

LM

“ Dear Carol and Family, We were sorry to read of the passing of Ed. Please know you are all in our thoughts and prayers at this difficult time. May he rest in peace.

Larry and Kathy Marchisio - June 07, 2018 at 11:24 AM

SF

“ A great teacher, fan and umpire! Carol, Rachel, Angie and Donna I am truly sorry for your loss. May your memories of him get you through this. You are all in my thoughts and prayers.

Suzi Robinson Fiore - June 07, 2018 at 11:24 AM

MC

“ Angie and family -- memories of your father's great love and goodness and knowing his special influence as a teacher can help ease your sorrow. He enjoys eternal life now. May your hearts have comfort and peace.

Maryann Calnan - June 07, 2018 at 11:24 AM

JN

“ The Roberts Family, I was saddened to read of Ed's passing. He was a good man who educated people of my generation. I remember him well. My he rest peacefully in God's gentle and caring hands. He will be missed. God's blessings. Sincerely, Joseph Nowak

Joseph Nowak - June 07, 2018 at 11:24 AM

KB

“ Easily one of the best teachers I had as a student at HVHS and my inspiration for becoming a high school English teacher. My deepest condolences, he was a truly gifted educator who brought out the best in his students.

Krysta Betit - June 07, 2018 at 11:24 AM

LS

“ Carol and family I am so sorry for your loss! Just saw you two in Adams. So surprised to hear this! Please know I know how you are feeling and my prayers are with you.

Linda Soule - June 07, 2018 at 11:24 AM

EB

“ There are many things that influence us along our path of life. People ebb and wane in and out of our lives for a reason. Teachers have great impact. No one (not one person) in my life had an impact more than Mr. Roberts. The reason is simple. He believed in me when i didn't believe. It may have saved my life, who knows. I didn't hesitate to tell people as i grew older how a very special (albeit stern-no-monkey-business-about-him) teacher influenced my life and became a significant turning point. Sadly, i never told him. I did ask about him over the years. But shame on me for never letting him know that i became a pretty good person in the grand scheme of things because this man took the time, energy and concern to reach out and let me know i matters. Sign, Charlie's mother Flowers for Algernon

Ellen Biagini-Loftus - June 07, 2018 at 11:24 AM

SM

“ Condolenc to the Roberts' family; Mr. Roberts was one of my teachers at Adams High School and I loved his classes. May he rest in peace.

Susan Massaconi - June 07, 2018 at 11:24 AM



“ Mr. Roberts was one of the finest Teachers that I had during my time at Hoosac Valley High School. May God Bless. Robert A. Murach Adams, Mass.

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