



## Franklin Roberts

January 4, 1932 - May 7, 2018

Franklin Randolph Roberts of 360 Roberts Landing Road, Sopchoppy, FL 32358 passed away on Monday, May 7, 2018 at home with his loving wife and family. He valued others and felt blessed to have family and friends that he loved.

He was born in a log cabin on property near his lifelong home on January 4, 1932 to Ted and Winifred Roberts. During his senior year at Sopchoppy High School, he was awarded a scholarship to the University of Florida for his Future Farmers of America Turpentine Farming Project. After only a short time in college, he joined the Marines and served from 1951-1954. Following his honorable discharge, he trained at Lively Technical School and became a Master Electrician. In pursuit of further training in electronics, he joined the Army and served from 1958-1961. During the following years, he worked for Dictaphone Corporation, City of Tallahassee Sam O. Purdom Generating Station, Olin Corporation, and St. Marks Refinery. From 1978-1980, he served in the Navy Reserve. Later, he expanded his business, Roberts Repair, and established Blackwater Industries as an electrical and mechanical contractor. He sold his business and retired on January 1, 1994.

Learning new things and working were always driving forces in his life.

Growing up and throughout most of his adult life, he was a tree farmer; raised hogs and cows; maintained Roberts Landing (boats, cabins, and boat ramp); grew crops and operated a sawmill on his property. He loved music and enjoyed playing the violin and guitar in his younger years and played the

harmonica later in life. Gospel and country music were his favorites. He enjoyed fellowship with others and serving the community. As an active member of the Sopchoppy Lions Club from 1984-2018, he was always participating in projects such as picking up paper along county highway 375, cooking hamburgers for school functions, selling mullet plates and brooms to raise funds for the club to purchase glasses for people in need, and other projects. He served multiple years as president, vice president, and on a variety of committees. He was a member of the American Legion. For 43 years beginning in 1973, he was a part of Troop H of the Highway Patrol Auxiliary devoting hundreds of hours maintaining safety at ballgames and on the highways.

He was a devoted Christian man involved in his church as evidenced by his attendance in all services. Through the years, he served in many capacities - as deacon since 1971, Sunday School teacher, Brotherhood Director, trustee, and on committees within the church. After being very involved in the planning and building of Sopchoppy Southern Baptist Church, his ministry was maintenance and repair of the church facility.

Survivors include his wife of 67 years, Gracie Corley Roberts; his children - Sharon Kemp and Theodore "Teddy" Roberts (Becky) of Sopchoppy, and Darlene Surber (Gene) of Headland, AL; sisters - Connie Mathers (Frank), Peggy Mock, and Mary Lou Ely (Marvin) of Crawfordville; five grandchildren, one great grandchild, and many nieces, nephews, and cousins. He was preceded in death by his parents Ted and Winifred Roberts, a baby sister, and Son-in-Law Bernie Kemp.

Visitation: 6:00-8:00 PM, Thursday, May 10, 2018, Sopchoppy Southern Baptist Church located at 117 Curtis Mill Road. Funeral: 10:00 AM, Friday, May 11, 2018, at Sopchoppy Southern Baptist Church. Interment: Following funeral at Vause Branch Cemetery located 10 miles west of Sopchoppy on Smith Creek Highway.

Arrangements are under the care of Skip Young with Family Funeral Home & Cremation Services. 850-926-5919 [Familyfhc.com](http://Familyfhc.com)



# Cemetery Details

## Vause Branch Cemetery

Smith Creek Highway  
Sopchoppy, FL 32358

# Previous Events

## Gathering of Friends

MAY 10. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Sopchoppy Southern Baptist Church  
117 Curtis Mills Rd.  
Sopchoppy, FL 32358

## Deliver flowers to the funeral home for transfer to the service by

MAY 10. 3:30 PM (ET)

Young Family Funeral Home  
3106 Crawfordville Hwy.  
Crawfordville, FL 32327  
(850) 926-5919  
<https://www.familyfhc.com/>

## Funeral Service

MAY 11. 10:00 AM (ET)

Sopchoppy Southern Baptist Church  
117 Curtis Mills Rd.  
Sopchoppy, FL 32358



# Tribute Wall



“ *Young Family Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Franklin Roberts*



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**Family Funeral Home and Cremation Services** - May 08, 2018 at 04:51 PM

LH

“ *What a wonderful tribute to a wonderful man. Franklin R. Roberts was a true inspiration to many people. He was a devoted Christian, loving husband, wonderful father and grandfather and it was my honor to call him brother in law. Heaven gained a great angel. Prayers and love to the family.*

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**LaVada Haldeman** - May 11, 2018 at 07:34 PM

JS

“ *Jimmy & Sandy Surber purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Franklin Roberts.*



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**Jimmy & Sandy Surber** - May 10, 2018 at 11:52 AM

FZ

“ Friends of Michael Surber -- Lindsey & Zachary purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of Franklin Roberts.



Friends of Michael Surber -- Lindsey & Zachary - May 10, 2018 at 06:44 AM

CG

“ What a wonderful man to have known. Ms. Gracie, my thoughts and prayers are with you and the family. He was so good to me with the FHPA and I loved seeing you at all of the events. My heart just breaks. Cindy Gray

Cindy Gray - May 09, 2018 at 09:53 PM



“ I remember him working events with FHP Auxiliary and buying cooked food from him while working other events. He was an awesome gentlemen with a big heart. He will be missed dearly. I pray for comfort for the family and his friends.



Jason Turner - May 09, 2018 at 08:42 PM

RB

“ Ron and Lisa Brown purchased the Magnificent Life Spray for the family of Franklin Roberts.



Ron and Lisa Brown - May 09, 2018 at 07:32 PM



“ *Fairest of All was purchased for the family of Franklin Roberts.*



May 09, 2018 at 04:56 PM



“ *Ms. Gracie, so sorry for your loss. I have many great memories of you and Mr. Franklin; you two were always such good and supportive friends to me and the kids. May the Peace of Christ be with you in this difficult time. Love you, John Browne & Family...*

**John Browne** - May 09, 2018 at 01:54 PM



“ *greg and chris higgins purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of Franklin Roberts.*



**greg and chris higgins** - May 09, 2018 at 12:51 AM



“ *The Truth Seekers Sunday School Class purchased the Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum for the family of Franklin Roberts.*



**The Truth Seekers Sunday School Class** - May 08, 2018 at 10:11 PM



“ *Ringed by Love was purchased for the family of Franklin Roberts.*



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May 08, 2018 at 02:51 PM



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**Gene Surber** - May 08, 2018 at 01:38 PM



*Beautiful people inside and out. Love them both dearly. Uncle Franklin will be greatly missed!*

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**Pamela Daniels** - May 12, 2018 at 07:17 PM



“ *1 file added to the album New Album Name*



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**Gene Surber** - May 08, 2018 at 01:37 PM

KL

“ Dear Gracie , Sharon & family- Those warm smiles and loving hugs will be missed on this earth, but wonderful rejoicing in heaven for such a kind and wonderful Christian example of servanthood. Love and prayers to you all-Kathy & Larry Lawhon

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**Kathryn S Lawhon** - May 08, 2018 at 12:25 PM

KB

“ Gracie and Karen, our prayers are with you during this time of loss.

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**Kent and Linda Brown** - May 07, 2018 at 05:34 PM

CA

“ Our hearts are saddened by your loss and our thoughts and prayers are with you.  
Lowry and Cathy Swett

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**Cathy** - May 07, 2018 at 05:31 PM