



John Herbert Roberts

August 28, 1934 - March 27, 2025

John Herbert (Herb) Roberts of Woodville was born on August 28, 1934 in Dellwood, Florida. In 1939, he and his family moved eastward and settled in the bustling city of Sopchoppy, Florida. Herb graduated from Sopchoppy High School in 1953 and was a proud yellow jacket. He always sported a bright yellow Sopchoppy High tag on the front of his vehicle, making him easy to spot passing on the highways. After high school, Herb enlisted in the Navy where he served for four years. He was stationed in San Diego, CA and served on the USS Ajax. That ship serviced United States warships between the United States mainland, Hawaii, and Japan. Upon the completion of his military career, he returned home to Sopchoppy and soon began to court his sweetheart, Miss Laural Annette Anderson. It wasn't long before they were married. They had a beautiful marriage, 63 loving years led to 3 children, 6 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren. Professionally, Herb had a notable career in the fire service with the Tallahassee Fire Department (TFD). He served 32 years and retired at the rank of Deputy Chief of Operations. As secondary careers while working at TFD, he worked as an electrician and maintenance supervisor at Sears and Roebuck. After retiring from TFD, Herb worked for Ten-8 Fire Apparatus selling fire trucks and equipment. "Papa" as all his grand and great-grandchildren called him will be fondly remembered for teaching them all to drive tractors, taking them fishing, and instilling the necessity of having something sweet after dinner. He loved his family dearly, and he loved The Lord. He was a long-time member, Sunday school teacher,

and deacon of Woodville First Baptist Church.

Herb is preceded in death by his wife, Annette Roberts, his mother, Mary Roberts, father, John Roberts, his siblings, Ruby Roberts, Veree Roberts, Guy Hudson, Andy Roberts, Wayne Roberts, and Mabel Ross. He is survived by his 3 children, David Roberts (wife Marion), Debra Griffin (husband Ken), Dennis Roberts (wife Lynn), his grandchildren Joshua Humphries (wife Melissa), Joseph Humphries (wife Brandy), Lee Griffin, Kristen Griffin, Sarah Kilpatrick (husband Jacob) and Ashley Sellars (husband Garon), his 11 great-grandchildren, Asher, Autumn, Avery, Blainde, Charlie Kate, Colton, Fisher, Jamie, Lauren, Logan, Luke, his two brothers, Walter Roberts (wife Beverly), Tom Roberts (wife Donna), and a host of nieces and nephews.

The family will receive friends on Thursday, April 3, 2025, from 10:00-11:00 am at the First Baptist of Woodville and the Funeral Service will begin at 11:00 am. Burial will follow at the West Sopchoppy Cemetery.

Skip & Trey Young along with Paula and Kimberly are caring for the family.

Cemetery Details

West Sopchoppy Cemetery

Curtis Mill Rd.
Sopchoppy, FL 32355

Previous Events

Gathering of Friends

APR 3. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

First Baptist Church Woodville
9500 Woodville Hwy.
Woodville, FL 32305

Funeral Service

APR 3. 11:00 AM (ET)

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9500 Woodville Hwy.
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Tribute Wall



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



Family Funeral Home and Cremation Services - April 01, 2025 at 11:48 AM

FC

“ *From Sarika and Chris purchased the Arrive in Style for the family of John Herbert Roberts.*



From Sarika and Chris - April 03, 2025 at 01:38 PM

JP

“ *Janet P. planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John Herbert Roberts.*

Janet P. - April 02, 2025 at 03:33 PM



“ *A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of John Herbert Roberts.*

April 01, 2025 at 04:38 PM



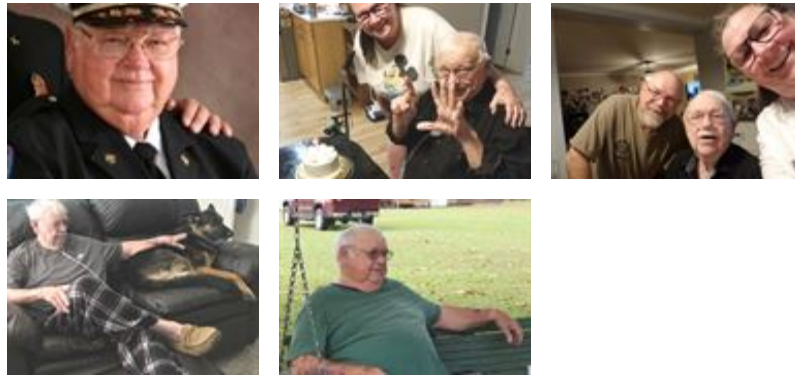
“ *Enchanted Cottage was purchased for the family of John Herbert Roberts.*



April 01, 2025 at 04:38 PM



“ *92 files added to the album Life Tributes*



Family Funeral Home and Cremation Services - April 01, 2025 at 11:47 AM



Thanking God for the opportunity to meet such a wonderful soul. He will truly be missed. Praying for peace and strength for the family at this time. Janet Paul, APRN

Janet Paul - April 02, 2025 at 03:37 PM



“ *Mark and Ann Payne purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of John Herbert Roberts.*



Mark and Ann Payne - March 31, 2025 at 02:59 PM

JM

“ Jimmy and Christy Messer planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of John Herbert Roberts.

Jimmy and Christy Messer - March 31, 2025 at 02:28 PM

JM

“ Jimmy and Christy Messer purchased the Beautiful Dreams for the family of John Herbert Roberts.



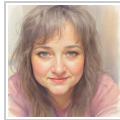
Jimmy and Christy Messer - March 31, 2025 at 02:28 PM



“ Tina Miller lit a candle in memory of John Herbert Roberts



Tina Miller - March 30, 2025 at 06:04 PM



I'm so sorry to hear of your Dad's passing he was so sweet of a person always with a great smile to everyone my thoughts and prayers for your family ❤️🙏

Tina Miller - March 30, 2025 at 06:06 PM

AK

“ Herbert was married to my double first cousin, Annette, so he was more like an older big brother than cousin! I love him very much and will miss him. - especially at our family reunions in Smith Creek which began the first Sat. of every May - since my daddy's death in 1959!! RIP dear Herbert!

Adronna Kombrinck - March 30, 2025 at 03:22 PM

JH

“ He was truly one of a kind, his love for the Lord and his family was unwavering and unmatched. He was a rock for so many, a guiding light in many storms, a role model for more than he will ever know. We are blessed to have had our time with him, and will pass down the life lessons he shared with us, and retain the memories we shared.
We love you Papa, always have, always will.

John 3:16 CSB

[16] For God loved the world in this way: He gave his one and only Son, so that everyone who believes in him will not perish but have eternal life.



Joseph Humphries - March 30, 2025 at 03:22 PM

AS

“ Oh how we love you and will forever miss you, Papa.



Ashley Sellars - March 30, 2025 at 02:58 PM