



## Ballard "Morris" Roberts

February 28, 1930 - October 15, 2014

Ballard "Morris" Roberts, 84, of Blackwater, VA went home to be with the Lord on Wednesday, October 15, 2014 at Hancock County Hospital.

A native of Blackwater, he was born February 28, 1930 to the late George and Mattie Roberts. In addition to his parents he was preceded in death by five sisters, Ollie Richardson, Sarah Horton, Lillie Peters, Edna Johnson and Martha Kate Livesay, and by two brothers, Calvin Roberts and L.B. Roberts.

Morris was an Army veteran having served during the Korean Conflict. He had worked as a carpenter all his life and had worked 25 years for Floyd Pennington Construction. He was a faithful and dedicated servant of Christ and had served as a deacon at Sarepta Missionary Baptist Church in Blackwater for over 50 years. He also served as a singer, Sunday School Teacher and Trustee.

He is survived by his devoted wife of 60 years, Edith Stewart Roberts; two sisters, Ina Duff of Pennington Gap, VA and Evelyn Maples of Kingsport, TN; special niece, Nancy Moles; special friend, Cheryl Thomas; and several other beloved nieces and nephews.

The family will receive friends from 6 until 8:00 p.m. Friday, October 17, 2014 at Robinette Funeral Home in Blackwater. The funeral service will be held at

11:00 a.m. Saturday, October 18, at Sarepta Baptist Church in Blackwater with Pastor Glen Hurd and Rev. Donnie Shaw officiating. Music will be provided by the Sarepta Baptist Church Choir. The graveside service will follow in the Trent Cemetery.

Pallbearers will be Lowell Bean, Brandon Bean, Paul Byrd, Jim Shanks, David Bledsoe and Scotty Nichols.

The family would like to thank the doctors and staff at Hancock County Hospital and at Sneedville Manor for their excellent care and support.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be sent to Sarepta Baptist Church, c/o Gerald Eldridge, 162 Eldridge Hollow Road, Blackwater, VA 24221.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

OCT 17. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

Robinette Funeral Home (Blackwater)  
696 A.J.Osborne Hwy  
Blackwater, VA 24221  
(276) 346-2636

# Tribute Wall



“ Ballard "Morris" Roberts

October 05, 2023 at 07:31 PM



“ I am so grateful that I got to know Brother Morris. He was a strong and faithful role model for us all. We know he is in Glory now, walking with Jesus and all the saints that have gone home. We miss Morris greatly, church is not the same without him. I still find myself looking towards the back expecting him to walk on in. Our prayers go out to Sister Edith and the family. We look forward to that great family reunion coming soon. No good-bys for the brothers and sisters in Christ.  
See you on the other side, Brother Morris.  
Sister Bess

Bess Weber - October 24, 2014 at 12:29 PM



“ So sorry for your loss. Always in our thoughts and prayers. If you need anything Edith just let us know. We love you and always in our prayers. Love Charlie, Lisa Young and boys

Charlie and Lisa Young - October 19, 2014 at 01:17 PM



Also, he was a very good man and he will be missed by all who knew him.

Charlie and Lisa Young - October 19, 2014 at 01:18 PM

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“ To the family of Morris Roberts, I was so sorry to hear about Morris's death. I thought he was a wonderful man. I did not know him very well, but he seemed to be "saintly", like his sister Lillie. I loved all of our reunions of the Roberts family, and I liked all of the family of Uncle George and Aunt Mattie Roberts. All their children were double Roberts, because Mattie was a Roberts even before she married George. I missed out on knowing all these people during my childhood. My mother Ova Roberts talked often about them and all her people and her experiences at Blackwater. My mother was first cousin of Morris, and he was my second cousin. People who think that Blackwater is just a little town in Virginia, you are mistaken. It is a place where all the usual dramas of life have been unfolding for many generations. The stories told to me by my mother Ova and my Uncle Fred Roberts made a big impression on me. Edith, remember that I thought you were a schoolteacher, before you told me otherwise. I thought you had the manner of a school-teacher. The world has changed mightily since Morris and his sisters and brothers were raised. The world as it is now is not good enough for them. God love Morris Roberts!

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**Charlene Gilley Colerick** - October 18, 2014 at 09:23 AM

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“ We are very sorry to hear of the passing of Morris. He and his brother, Calvin, built my parents' home, and when I was a child, we often visited with Morris and Edith and saw them at church. I remember him as being a kind and gentle man and looked up to him. My mother was especially close to his family, including his sisters, Edna and Ollie, whom we still miss. Although it's been a long time since we were close, we feel the loss of one who played a prominent role in our lives and whose memory we will cherish. We are confident that Morris is now with his fellow carpenter and savior, and undoubtedly, has already taken his place in the heavenly choir. Our prayers will be with Edith...

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**Sherry L. Robbins, M.D.** - October 17, 2014 at 09:52 PM

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“ *This time would be so sad for me if it were not for the promises of the Lord. To be absent from the body is to be ever present with Him. A pilgrim and a stranger we are in this world below .Awaiting for the appointed time that God will call us home. Weep not for those who sleep in the Lord, as for those who have no hope. Uncle Morris is in that land so fair. Christ won the Victory! Through the shed Blood of Christ and Uncle Morris's faith and acceptance in the Lord Jesus...gave him a gift of a one way ticket to eternity. Many fond memories I will have of Uncle Morris. But, the best one is knowing he made the right Choice to receive the Lord as His Savior and that he is now HOME. May God comfort Aunt Edith.*

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**Nancy Moles** - October 17, 2014 at 12:49 PM



“ *Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Ballard "Morris" Roberts.*



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October 16, 2014 at 03:25 PM