



Thomas Clayton Roberts

May 4, 1950 - September 1, 2016

Thomas "Tom" Clayton Roberts, son of the late Silas Roberts and Grace Roberts was born May 4th 1950 in Frankfort, Kentucky. He was a graduate of Franklin County High School class of 1968. He went on to obtain his bachelor's degree in Education from Western Kentucky University and his master's degree from Georgetown College.

He was united in holy matrimony with Lynda Crutcher Roberts in August 1971. This union was blessed with three children and 45 years of love, life and happiness.

Known to many as simply "Coach" or "Coach Rob", he influenced the lives of many in Frankfort, Kentucky and beyond during his 32 years of teaching and 36 years of coaching football. Tom began teaching and coaching at Bridgeport School in 1972, where he also served as an assistant coach at Franklin County High School (FCHS). He later went on to coach and teach at Bondurant Middle School and was an assistant coach at FCHS in 1978 & 1979. When Western Hills High School opened in 1980, Tom became head football coach and physical education teacher at the school. In 1985 "Coach Rob" went back to FCHS where he served as an assistant football coach and physical education teacher at Elkhorn Middle School. He served as head football coach at FCHS from 1989-2003. Upon retirement, his love of coaching brought him back to the football field where he served as an assistant coach at Frankfort High School for several seasons.

During his years of teaching he worked as a manager at Juniper Hill swimming pool for many summers during the 1980s, 1990s and 2000s. Upon retirement from education he continued working for the Frankfort Parks and Recreation Department as manager of downtown parks, where he took great pride in making sure the city looked great. Tom had a passion for the city of Frankfort. He was also active in his church, Church of the Ascension in Frankfort KY.

With all that Tom gave of himself to others, he always put his family first above all else in life. He was a loving husband, father and grandfather. Tom completed this life on earth unexpectedly on Thursday, September 1st while visiting his son in Dallas, TX. He has

gone to be with his heavenly Father now and will always be remembered for the work he did during his time with us.

Visitation will be held at Harrod Brothers Funeral Home, on Thursday, September 8, 2016 from 5 pm " 8 pm and Friday September 9, 2016 from 5 pm " 8 pm. Funeral service will be held at 11:00 am on Saturday September 10, 2016 at Church of the Ascension 311 Washington Street Frankfort KY (www.ascensionfrankfort.org). Flowers are welcome as are donations in memory of Tom to Church of the Ascension, Hospice of the Bluegrass (663 Teton Trail Frankfort, KY 40601) or The Tom Roberts Memorial Fund to support middle and high school football players in Franklin County (email tomrobertsmemorialfund@gmail.com for more information).

Pallbearers will be Tommy Roberts, Mike Roberts, John Roberts, Charlie Preston, Ricky Shelton and Christian Wilkins. Honorary pallbearers Garrett Roberts, Christian Roberts, Brayden Roberts, Ansley Roberts, Grace Roberts, Lauren Rigdon and Grace Rigdon.

The measure of a great man is the legacy he leaves behind in the hearts of those whom he has touched. His wife: Lynda Roberts; three sons: Mike (Sara) Roberts, Tommy (Rebecca) Roberts, and John (Lacey) Roberts; Daughter-in-law: Amy Roberts; Grandchildren: Grace Roberts, Christian Roberts, Brayden Roberts, Ansley Roberts and Garrett Roberts; Step-grandchildren: Grace Rigdon and Lauren Rigdon; Brother: Buzz Roberts; Brothers-in-Law: Stephen Crutcher and Bub Crutcher; along with extended family and countless others who have the legacy of Tom Roberts carved within their hearts.

Arrangements are under the direction of Harrod Brothers Funeral Home. Condolences may be shared via the online guestbook at

Tribute Wall



“ Thomas Clayton Roberts

October 06, 2023 at 03:15 PM

PC

“ We're so sorry for the loss of Coach. As long as I can remember Coach was here for all of us. We loved him dearly. No one will ever fill his shoes.

Love and Prayers:

Pam (Triplett) Cloyd class of 1977

My kids:

Kate Smith class of 1996 and

Jason Smith of 1997

Pam Cloyd - September 15, 2016 at 02:47 PM

JO

“ I am so sorry to hear about your loss. My thoughts and sympathies are with you and your family at this very sad time.

Joan Osborne - September 11, 2016 at 10:26 AM

TB

“ This is for Linda who is one of the nicest persons anyone will ever meet. I worked with her at the hospital for many years. She is so sympathetic and such a fine nurse. Linda, Tom is in a better place.

Toby and I love you and pray for you.

Tom and Toby Baker - September 10, 2016 at 04:18 PM

DD

“ May God bless Tom, Lynda, and all of Tom's family and friends, and may God comfort Lynda and Tom's family and friends. For years, we enjoyed seeing Tom and Lynda at the Church of the Ascension, and we appreciated their friendliness.

Lynda, we are very sorry for your loss.

Dave Obradovich & Katie Daugherty

Punta Gorda, Florida

Dave Obradovich & Katie Daugherty - September 10, 2016 at 09:15 AM

KC

“ Lynda, I was sorry to learn that you had lost your Other Half. May you find some peace.

Karen Cisler - September 09, 2016 at 10:37 PM

BS

“ I am so sorry for your loss. I played for Coach Roberts at Bondurant then 2 years while at Franklin County and finally for him the first year of Western Hills. It was a great time for football in Franklin County that would have never happened without Coach Roberts being a part of the leadership that brought the success. I will always remember him with his hand out, wad of chewing tobacco in his mouth, instructing the team. I will also remember his kindness at all times no matter what the circumstances. He was a wonderful leader and an even better person.

Bob Stevens - September 09, 2016 at 09:49 AM

WW

“ Tom was a great coach..im proud to say i coached with him for a few years..R.I.P TOM...

WILLIE WASHINGTON - September 09, 2016 at 09:43 AM

TA

“ Tommy and family, We are so sorry for the loss of your dad. Praying that God will give you peace as only He can.

Terry and Cathy

Terry & Cathy Alford - September 08, 2016 at 09:02 PM

KS

“ So sorry for you loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you all.

Kathy Schroerlucke - September 08, 2016 at 02:29 PM

GW

“ I did not grow up in Frankfort or play for Coach, but after moving here 20 years ago, I had the privilege to get to know him. He was a fine man and I wish I had the opportunity to play for him. His legacy will live on through the many lives he helped shape. I will miss talking with him. Prayers to all of you.

Glenn Waldrop - September 08, 2016 at 01:32 PM

DK

“ We Love you and will miss you Uncle Tom!

Denise & Chad Purvis and Kids - September 08, 2016 at 08:43 AM

DM

“ Lynda,

I was so sorry to learn of Tommy's death. His loss will be felt by the many, MANY lives he helped form and those he touched in some way. Good coaches make HUGE impacts on not only their students & athletes, but their families as well! Tommy was that kind of coach and I know that he changed many wrong paths around. I am so sorry for yours and the children's loss.

*Sending love,
Dawn*

Dawn Wright Masterson - September 07, 2016 at 03:36 PM

GL

“ Coach Roberts was coaching at the Jr High level when I was at County. He would coach at County during summer ball and at the games on Friday night.

Good guy!

I remembered him to be soft spoken and very enthusiastic about football.

I will miss him and my prayers are with the family.

Gregg Lindsey - September 07, 2016 at 03:02 PM

PW

“ From the first time I met Coach, I knew he would be one of my all time favorite teachers, he was as BMS and when Hills opened he came with us...He was the kind of person who would also listen, always speak when he saw you and always would give advise, he always told me do your best Paula and that is the way to always live your life....He will always hold a special place in my heart....My prayers for the entire family, This town has lost a great man, who has changed so many of us kids life in this town....I'm 51 now and will miss him dearly. See you again someday Coach.....Love ya....

Paula Moore Woolums - September 07, 2016 at 12:40 PM

LT

“ So sorry for your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you during this difficult time.

Linda Thomas - September 07, 2016 at 11:36 AM

EB

“ Mike,

I am deeply saddened by the news of your dad passing. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

Egon

Egon W. Brown - September 07, 2016 at 11:34 AM

DB

“ *Sad to hear about Rob. From the "Pink Pantaloons" days through the time at Western, he was always a great friend. He will be missed.*

david bradley - September 07, 2016 at 11:11 AM

LG

“ *My condolences for your sudden and sad loss. While I didn't know him well, as a newcomer to Frankfort, Coach was the kindest person I've met and the most welcoming.*

The P&R Department will miss him for many, many years.

My prayers are with his entire family at this difficult time.

God's peace be with you.

Lorri Grueber - September 07, 2016 at 11:11 AM

MM

“ *So sorry for your loss Miss Linda. My heart is heavy because he was truly an inspiration and a blessing to all who came into contact with him. I have nothing but great memories of Coach Rob and the pure love that he showed everyone equally, I can still hear you saying "That eats my craw" Love you Coach til GOD brings us all Home*

Marc "Cakes" Miller - September 07, 2016 at 12:28 AM

DF

“ *My condolences and prayers go out to all of Coach Roberts family. I played on the first team he coached at Bridgeport and a year later was on his first team at Bondurant. I looked up to him then and used what he taught me as a model for my own life. I'm very sorry that I can't make any of the visitations or funeral. I'm in Hawaii and won't be back until Sunday. Sorry for your loss and keeping you in my prayers.*

Danny Franklin - September 07, 2016 at 12:14 AM

AG

“ We love you Taco. You are so missed. Please be with us in the coming days as we say goodbye.

Amy and Grace

Amy and Grace - September 06, 2016 at 09:35 PM

HJ

“ I am so sorry for your loss! Coach Roberts was a man who influenced many in a powerful way, myself included as a student at Bondurant in the "70's. I will keep your family in my prayers as you go through this difficult time.

Hope Dalton Johnson - September 06, 2016 at 06:49 PM

CY

“ Dear Linda, I was so shocked and saddened to hear about Tommy. What a great guy!! I have such fond memories of you and I playing tennis together. I will certainly be praying for your peace and healing.

Love,
Claudia

Claudia Taylor Young - September 06, 2016 at 05:53 PM

RC

“ I appreciate all that you did and the influence that you were in my life Coach Rob. You were always a encourager to me and others. You served the blue and gold proud. My condolences to your family and prayers of strength and understanding.

Ranier "Deer" Caldwell

Ranier Caldwell - September 06, 2016 at 02:17 PM