



Kenneth Howard Roberts

December 29, 1938 - June 9, 2025

Kenneth Howard Roberts, 86, a resident of Miami, Oklahoma, passed away on Monday, June 9, 2025 at Mercy Hospital in Joplin, Missouri. Kenneth was born on December 29, 1938, to Myron and Myrtle (Sparkman) Roberts. Kenneth went to Lincoln Grade School through his primary school years, then to Miami Junior High and Miami High School graduating with his class of 1956. He transferred to Pittsburg State Teachers College in the fall of 1958. He graduated with the class of 1961, with a major in mathematics and a minor in science, with a teaching certificate. He signed on as a math teacher at Caldwell, Kansas High School in the summer of 1961, where he taught for thirty -six years. Kenneth loved algebra and could have taught it all day long. He got his master's degree at Wichita State University in 1969. He furthered his education with many more years of graduate hours. Kenneth loved education and learning. Kenneth liked history, especially world history. He could carry on lengthy conversations on just about any subject you wanted to talk about. Some of his former students found this out. Kenneth was a member of the Cadwell Lions Club, receiving the Prestigious Presidents Award and was a fifty-year member. Kenneth met the love of his life Lela in the summer of 1958, and they married later that December. They were happily married for 66 years. Most of the time when you saw one of them you saw both, as they did everything together. Kenneth loved to hunt and fish every chance he got. Lela always teased him that he had four passions in life, number one was hunting, number two was fishing, number three was his dog,

number four was her. He would look at her and say, "I don't know you might have come in third depending on what dog I had at the time!" While looking at her with a silly grin and laugh. Kenneth is survived by his wife of the home, his sister-in-law and brother-in-law Bill and Mable Tuner of Commerce, sister-in-law Mary Cox of Miami, many cousins, Ron Sparkman, Sherry Anderson, Donne Oyler, Janice Graham, Nina James, Robert (Bucky) Chaplin, many Nieces and nephews, and many friends. Preceding him in death were both his parents, his brother Herbert Roberts, and several close friends.

Graveside services will be held at the Grand Army of the Republic Cemetery, in Miami Oklahoma, on Friday June 13, 2025 at 2:00 P.M., Kenneth will be truly missed! A Memorial has been set up in Kenneth name to the Caldwell Alumni Association, in lieu of flowers the family asked that memorial contributions be sent to Schaeffer Mortuary at 6 North Main in Caldwell, Kansas 67022 for The Caldwell Alumni Association.

Services have been placed in the care of Brown-Winters Funeral Home and Cremation Service in Miami.

Friends and family may send the family notes of encouragement by viewing Mr. Robert's Tribute Page at www.brown-winters.com.

Cemetery Details

Grand Army of the Republic

2801 North Main Street
Miami, OK 74354

Previous Events

Graveside Service

JUN 13. 2:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

SJ

“ Mr. Roberts was one of a kind and a great asset to CHS. I was scared to death of his algebra class as a freshman. But, by my junior year, there were just 5 boys left in his trigonometry class. It became a discussion of trig but also one of life. His tutelage gave me a great foundation when I went to college and beyond. He will be missed. Stuart Johnson, class of 77.

Stuart Johnson - July 11, 2025 at 03:30 PM

CW

“ Mr. Roberts' lasting legacy in education will withstand time; accountable, responsible, driven by integrity, and leading by an unwavering example. He truly epitomized service! I am blessed to have been served by him and am grateful when he unselfishly surprised me at school this past March. Such a classy guy. May he rest in peace and God bless his soul. Condolences to the family.

Cory White - June 12, 2025 at 07:18 PM

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“ CHS class of 1985 planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Kenneth Howard Roberts.

CHS class of 1985 - June 11, 2025 at 09:42 AM

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“ CHS class of 1985 purchased the Divine Peace Bouquet for the family of Kenneth Howard Roberts.



CHS class of 1985 - June 11, 2025 at 09:42 AM

JR

“ Kenneth and I were colleagues at Caldwell High School. He was a fantastic math teacher, the best. He was also very fun in the teacher’s lounge; we had a lot of laughs. I am sad to hear of his passing. Love and prayers to the family.

Jalaine (Williams) Richardson - June 10, 2025 at 10:17 PM

MS

As a CHS alum, Mr Robert’s was a big part of my high school education. His passion for teaching was amazing. He made a positive impact on so many students!!! He and his family will be in our thoughts and prayers. 🙏🙏🙏

Michael Schmidt - June 11, 2025 at 09:37 AM

BH

May God comfort the family during this sad time. I know he is at peace in the loving arms of God. There are some teachers that a student never forgets; and Mr. Roberts is certainly one of the best. He made algebra, geometry and calculus formulas seem so simple. I attribute my academic success to wonderful teachers like him. Thank you Mr. Roberts! You will be missed.
Bonnie Schoonover Harris

Bonnie Schoonover Harris - June 11, 2025 at 05:47 PM

RW

Great teacher, good fisherman, decent hunter but a better friend and mentor. Prayers to Lela and extended families.

Rod White - June 12, 2025 at 08:51 AM