



Larry Dale Roberts

December 21, 1946 - November 11, 2017

Larry Dale Roberts, of Miami, a brother, public servant, volunteer and friend passed away on Saturday, November 11, 2017 at the age of seventy. Larry was born in Fairland to Charley M. and Delilah Jane (Flint) Roberts on December 21, 1946. Larry graduated from Commerce High School with the Class of 1965. He earned his Bachelor's Degree in Business Education from Missouri Southern State College as a member of the first graduating class in 1969; he was also a Veteran of the United States Army. Larry taught school at Ralston, Oklahoma and after returning from his service in the United States Army he worked his way into the Credit Managers position at Westco, he was then was elected and served as the Ottawa County Treasurer for nine years. Larry served for twenty-one years in the Oklahoma House of Representatives, where he spearheaded efforts on the state's Teacher Retirement System. In Ottawa County Larry was known as a tireless volunteer for Boys and Girls Clubs, Kiwanis Club, Friends of the Coleman Theatre, Miami Main Street, Communities Foundation of Oklahoma, Oklahoma Education Technology Trust, State Pension Commission, Red Cross, Oklahoma Health Systems Agency, Miami Jaycees, and served as their president, Oklahoma Baptist Children's Home Board and the Ottawa County March of Dimes. He had one time been the operations manager of the Lead-Impacted Communities Relocation Assistant Trust, charged with the voluntary buyout for the towns of Picher and Cardin. Mr. Roberts was the President of the Ottawa County Historical Society for the last eight years and was very active in the Dobson

Museum. Larry also served on the Miami Downtown Re-development Authority; he also served as a polling superintendant for the Ottawa County Election Board. He also attained his real estate license. Larry was preceded in passing by his parents Charley and Delilah Roberts and a brother in law Glenn Ashby.

Survivors include a sister Linda Ashby of Tulsa, his nieces Brenda Haumpy and her husband Stephen of Sapulpa, Suzan Crowell and her husband Neal of Wichita and Lisa Zumwalt of Broken Arrow, he is also survived by his great nieces and nephews Katherine Ashby and her children Landon, Aiden, Kaylynn, Hunter, Betsy Holcomb, Owen Rankin and his wife Christina and their children Noah and Blair, Megan Zumwalt and Matthew Crowell along with his many friends.

There will be a Celebration of Larry's Life 2:00 PM on Thursday, November 16, 2017 at First Christian Church in Miami with Pastors Brian Brubaker and Jerad Joslin officiating. Interment will be at Fairland Cemetery under the care of Brown-Winters Funeral Home and Cremation Service in Miami.

Memorial Contributions may be made to the First Christian Church's Building Fund.

Friends and family may share memories on Larry's Tribute Page at www.brown-winters.com.

Cemetery Details

Fairland Cemetery

Fairland, OK 74343

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

NOV **16**. 2:00 PM (CT)

First Christian Church of Miami

2424 North Main

Miami, OK 74354

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Tribute Wall

WP

“ So sorry to hear of the passing of a great friend. Larry was a tireless worker and all around good guy who loved his constituents. His community and the world has lost a wonderful man!

-Wayne Pettigrew

Wayne Pettigrew - February 14, 2018 at 10:07 AM

NN

“ Larry was a truly a servant who saw the best in others. His work with the Ottawa County Community Partnership and the Boys & Girls Club helped all of us to the possibilities. He will be missed.
Nancy Niehaus

Nancy Niehaus - November 26, 2017 at 04:08 PM

YK

“ Larry was a very special person to me. I thoroughly enjoyed our many conversations and looked forward to seeing him from time to time at Mac Country Club (McDonald's). I respected him and appreciated his unselfish contributions to our state and city. He was liked by everyone for his humor, knowledge, friendliness, giving spirit and on and on. I will miss him very much.

Yvonne Ketcher

Yvonne Ketcher - November 23, 2017 at 04:30 PM

JD

“ I remember Larry from the years I lived in Commerce and the times I would visit his sister Linda for Piano Lessons. I always admired his community spirit and how a boy from Commerce grew up to be a leader in his state. He will be missed by all.

Janet Turley D'Imperio - November 18, 2017 at 01:24 PM

RM

“ I went to the Civic Center to cast my vote I was standing in line and when Larry saw me he knew about an accident I had He brought a chair to me to sit in and said he would let me know when it was my time to vote He was such a kind thoughtful man

Rose Mary Maloney - November 15, 2017 at 10:08 PM

DM

“ I last spoke to Larry at the Mickey Mantle Exhibit in April. He was a great leader for Ottawa County.

Dan Mailath-Tulsa, Oklahoma

dan mailath - November 14, 2017 at 02:40 PM

MJ

“ Larry and I graduated from Commerce High School together. Larry always had a smile and a kind word for everyone. We were sponsors for the youth at Commerce First Baptist taking groups to Falls Creek a couple of times. You will be missed.
Marcina Johnston



Marcina Johnston - November 13, 2017 at 05:05 PM

KW

“ When Larry would come by the health dept. he always had a smile and was such a warm and caring person. I liked Larry alot and will miss him. He even let the Ottawa County Health dept. have our annual Christmas dinner at his house. Kim Williams, RN

Kim williams - November 13, 2017 at 02:36 PM

AC

“ Larry was a kind man and will be missed by all who knew him. He left this world a better place.



Abbie Cherry - November 13, 2017 at 11:52 AM

SW

“ LARRY ROBERTS WAS A MAN THAT ALWAYS GAVE PEOPLE RESPECT AND HONOR. IM GLAD THAT I HAD THE PRIVILEGE TO BE PART OF THE SAME COMMUNITY.HE WILL BE MISSED BY MANY.

Sherri willis - November 13, 2017 at 01:25 AM

DD

“ Larry was my friend in every sense of the word. I shall miss his smile at All Saints Episcopal Church Christmas Eve Mass. Angels are now surrounding you singing welcome, Job well done. RIP. Dee Dudgeon



Dee Dudgeon - November 12, 2017 at 08:54 PM

BF

“ Sorry to hear of Larry’s passing.
My last memory was him taking me on tour of his stucco house
restoration in Miami.

Rest In Peace my friend.

*Bill Fogleman
Edmond, OK*

bill fogleman - November 12, 2017 at 11:27 AM

JG

“ Larry and I are heartbroken over the loss of this great man. His
legacy through his work at the community, county and state level
will live on. We learned a lot from this man. It has been an honor to
know him.

Janet Glenn - November 11, 2017 at 12:42 PM

NK

*One of the nicest most caring man I’ve had the privilege of knowing. He
always had a listening ear and would go out of his way to help you out.
He truly left this community a better place. He will be missed. Such an
honorable man. I can’t say enough to adequately express the
difference he made for so many people. RIP*

Naomi and Donny King - November 13, 2017 at 01:26 PM

CC

Larry will be missed by many that knew him, such a great person.

Cheryl Crawford - November 13, 2017 at 03:10 PM

CA

One quiet Christmas afternoon, I decided to take a walk. I had gone a block or so when I saw Larry's car parked in front of an old two story house that he had recently purchased. Anxious to see the inside of the old house, I entered without knocking.

"Anybody home?"

" Up here. Watch your step"

That was the beginning of an hour or so conversation between two friends one quiet Christmas afternoon. May the peace of the Lord be with you my friend, now and forever. Amen

Carol Abernathy - November 13, 2017 at 05:07 PM