



## Joseph E Roberts

January 26, 1935 - November 5, 2013

Joseph E. "Joe" Roberts was born January 26, 1935 in Valley, Nebraska to Francis and Jessie (Groetzinger) Roberts. He grew up in Valley, and attended Valley schools, graduating from Valley High School in 1952. As a young boy, Joe was an avid hunter and fisherman.

Joe served in the United States Navy from January 1953 until his honorable discharge in January 1956. Following his time in the Navy, Joe worked as a station agent for Burlington Railroad, he was a barber, a photographer, and worked for Lyman Richey.

Joe married Lois Polzin on June 7, 1975 at their home in Valley, Nebraska. The couple made their home in Valley before moving to Marquis Place in Elkhorn, Nebraska in 2010.

Joe has been an active member of the Valley American Legion Post #58, Valley Masonic Lodge 310, and the Paralyzed Veterans of America. In the 1970's and '80s, Joe was the bass guitar player in a country music band called "Country Apollos" that traveled and played at local halls. He was a Ham radio aficionado, and was part of the same monthly family card club that met for 25 years to play and to socialize.

Joe became active in local politics in Valley, and served on both the City Council from 1978 to 1993, and as Mayor of Valley from 1993 to 2004. Joe took great pride in his community, and was the overseer of numerous projects that helped Valley both grow and improve. He worked closely with the state of Nebraska during the Highway 275 bypass project, and was instrumental in the

development of Rogert Park. He was proud to have the Arboretum in Valley bear his name, and put his heart and soul into every position he held representing Valley.

Joe was a people person, and loved getting together with family and friends to eat, talk, and reminisce. He was a man of strong convictions, who cherished his family, especially his wife, Lois. He was proud of his service to Valley, and will be remembered as a man with an outgoing personality, with a love of people, and a strong commitment to his family.

Joe died suddenly on Tuesday, November 5, 2013 at the Lakeside Hospital in Omaha, Nebraska at the age of 78 years, 9 months, and 10 days. He was preceded in death by his daughter Dottie Findell, granddaughter Andrea Kruger, and sisters: Frances "Tootie", Dorothy, and Gretchen. Joe is survived by his wife Lois of Elkhorn, sons: Kent (Terri) of Valley, Dan (Cheryl) of New Richmond, WI, and Kurt (Michelle) of Kingston, WA, daughter Doreen "Dorie" Decker of Omaha, 8 grandchildren: Ryan (Lori) Roberts, Jason Decker, Blake (Heather) Findell, Adam Decker, Kate Roberts, Jessica Roberts, Roscoe Todd, Rosie Roberts, and Michael-Ryan Kruger, 5 great grandchildren: Jadyne Bender, Ava Kruger, Hartley Kruger, Stella Roberts, and Rylee Roberts, and numerous nieces and nephews.

Joseph E. "Joe" Roberts, age 78, of Valley, NE, died 11-5-13. Preceded in death by daughter Dottie Findell, granddaughter Andrea Kruger, and sisters Frances "Tootie", Dorothy, and Gretchen. Survived by wife Lois of Elkhorn, sons: Kent (Terri) of Valley, Dan (Cheryl) of New Richmond, WI, and Kurt (Michelle) of Kingston, WA, daughter Doreen "Dorie" Decker of Omaha, 8 grandchildren, 5 great grandchildren, and numerous nieces and nephews. Funeral service Friday, 11 AM St. Mark's Lutheran Church, Valley. Graveside service 2PM Friday, Ridge Cemetery, Fremont, NE. Visitation Thursday Noon to 8 PM with family receiving friends from 6-8 PM and a Masonic service at 7:30 PM all at the funeral home in Elkhorn. In lieu of flowers, memorials to the Paralyzed Veterans of America or St. Mark's Lutheran Church.



# Tribute Wall



“ *Joseph E Roberts*

December 10, 2022 at 09:12 AM



“ *Lois and family. So sorry to hear about Joe. I will never forget about our times together, sharing a meal and playing pitch. Joe was loved by so many and I truly know why. My prayers are with you. God will take care of him in heaven. Bless you. Love you.*

**Grace Tracy** - November 11, 2013 at 09:13 AM



“ *I felt immediate sadness as I received the message Joe had passed away. I think of growing up around him as a young boy and the patience he must have had with a bunch of boys racing in his old wheelchairs and jumping off the shed in the backyard after being warned not to. ( usually multiple times ) My folks and him in our front yard just visiting as Kurt and I were looking to find something fun to do, which usually got us in some kind of trouble. Even though I had not seen Joe for quite a long time , I still thought of him as a good friend and was proud every time I heard of something he had accomplished. You were a great man Joe and I think of you often. I can still smell the pipe smoke....*

*My sympathy to all.*

*God Bless,*

*Jim Veach*

**Jim Veach** - November 07, 2013 at 08:07 PM

NS

“ Kurt and family let me extend my condolence on your loss. May his memory be eternal .

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**Nicholas Stichick** - November 07, 2013 at 07:31 PM

LH

“ I am so sorry to hear of Joe's passing! He was a great friend! We spent many hours together, with Amateur Radio and music as our common theme!

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**Lance Hoffman** - November 07, 2013 at 11:41 AM

DE

“ Joe,

*I never knew you in this life, but I have had the distinct pleasure of getting to know your son. Although we never got a chance to meet and hoist a cold one, I have heard Kurt speak fondly of you on numerous occasions.*

*I have learned from Kurt that you are a strong man of many great morals and convictions, who never once allowed his so-called handicap to prevent him from daily being a good guy and great musician.*

*For one thing in particular Joe, I would like to extend my gratitude to you...for being the person you were and still are, and for letting me have the chance to get to know your son Kurt. He is truly a special and dear friend, and carries many of the same morals and convictions that you did yourself. May you rest in peace and know that your legacy lives on in your family.*

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**Donnie Earhart** - November 06, 2013 at 08:47 PM

JW

“ So sad to hear this. He was such a kind man. I hope you all find some peace during this hard time.

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**Joni Henery Wilson** - November 06, 2013 at 05:49 PM

LB

“ Joe was a great friend and mentor for 36 years - I will miss him greatly. Our prayers are with the family. God bless you Joe.

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**Larry & Connie Bottger** - November 06, 2013 at 05:19 PM

LJ

“ Rest in Peace old Friend Thanks for the good times we shared.

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**Larry & Gerda Johnson** - November 06, 2013 at 04:44 PM

DC

“ Dear Aunt Lois, Kent, Kurt, and families,  
I am so sorry to learn of Uncle Joe's passing. Please know that all of you are in my thoughts and prayers during this very difficult time. Uncle Joe was always such an amazing and positive example of a person being able to persevere in life in the face of overwhelming obstacles and physical disabilities. He was such an inspiration to me and to all those who knew him. He touched so many people's lives for the better. He was more than an uncle to me, and in many ways, was like a second father to me. I found his wisdom, positive attitude, and philosophy about life to be indispensable and readily heeded his counsel and advice when I sought it from him. He never steered me wrong. I will miss him terribly and think of him often. Heaven has just become a far better place with him having now entered into God's presence. He is with Grandpa and Grandma Roberts, Aunt Gretchen, my mother Dorothy, and Aunt Tootie once again. I can only begin to imagine the joyous and happy reunion that is now occurring with all of them. God Bless and keep you, Uncle Joe. I will never forget you and all that you did for me.

Love and prayers,

David M. Campbell and family

Canberra, Australia

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David M. Campbell - November 06, 2013 at 03:29 PM

VF

“ Dear Roberts family, I was very saddened to hear the loss of such a wonderful person. I have many great memories. I pray God eases your mourning. He has welcomed an angel into His kingdom.

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Vera Franklin - November 06, 2013 at 01:29 PM