



George Anthony Roberts

April 4, 2015

George Anthony Roberts, age 93 of Troy, formerly of Silex, passed away Saturday April 4, 2015 at his residence. Funeral services will be held at 10:00 a.m. Tuesday at the St. Alphonsus Catholic Church with Fr. Thomas Wissler officiating. Burial will be in the St. Alphonsus Cemetery. Visitation will be held from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. Monday at the Knights of Columbus Hall in Millwood.

George was born July 14, 1921, north of Millwood on the Joseph and Caroline Roberts farm where he was raised, the son of Joseph William, Sr. and Caroline Ann Bauer Roberts. On April 13, 1944 in Millwood, George married Kathleen Shocklee. She survives. Also surviving are daughters Barbara Duff (Clayton) of Hawk Point, Marilyn Wheaton (Paul Duffy) of Detroit, MI, Gloria Moody (Buck) of California, Mary K. Roberts of Trenton, MI; grandchildren Eric Duff (Tammy) and Greg Duff (Elaine); great grandchildren Branden Duff and Cierra Duff; brothers Ivo Roberts of Florissant, Tom Roberts of Silex, Dan Roberts of Silex; sisters Sister Mary Jerome Roberts of Alton, IL., Mary (Roberts) Shocklee of Silex. Those preceding George in death were son George (Robbie) Roberts Jr.; four sisters and four brothers.

He moved to Silex with his family in 1946. George served his country during World War II where he was a pilot in the Navy and received his wings in 1943. He was based on the U.S.S. Essex in the Pacific and he and his fellow pilots

provided cover for the U. S. S. Missouri during the peace treaty meeting in Tokyo Bay. George worked at the Enterprise Store in Silex for ten years. He then became a distributor for Standard Oil in north west Lincoln County for twenty six years. He spent many hours managing his son's Khoury League baseball team and supporting his daughters in their Khoury League softball careers. George was an avid St. Louis Cardinals fan, golfed whenever the weather cooperated, provided many meals with the main course of quail or pheasant, danced away many a night and afternoon, attended U.S.S. Essex reunions and had the privilege of going on a Central Missouri Honor Flight. George was a member of the St. Alphonsus Catholic Church, a member of Millwood Knights of Columbus Counsel #2009 and a member of the St. Isadore 4th degree Knights of Columbus. George loved Kathleen, being a father, and being a grand and great grandfather.

Serving as pallbearers are Eric Duff, Tammy Duff, Greg Duff, Elaine Duff, Branden Duff and Cierra Duff.

Memorials may be made to Mercy Hospice, St. Alphonsus School or Central Missouri Honor Flight.

Tribute Wall

GC

“ So sorry Kathleen to you and your family. George was such a sweet man. He will be missed! Prayers for all of you.

Gerald and Terry Creech - June 23, 2015 at 01:32 PM

DH

“ George was a fine gentleman, I knew and remember him coming in Hechler Hardware. I know he will be missed.

Dan Hechler - June 23, 2015 at 01:32 PM

HG

“ Dear Marilyn,
Harry and I are so very sorry to hear of your Dear Father's passing.
Please know that you and your family are in our thoughts and prayers. God Bless.

Harry and Konnie Gill - June 23, 2015 at 01:32 PM

PS

“ My mom, Margot Mudd, and I send our deepest sympathy

Perry Mudd Smith - June 23, 2015 at 01:32 PM

AS

“ I enjoyed golfing with George at Woods Fort, my Sympathy to Barbara Clayton and family.

Arthur Schaper - June 23, 2015 at 01:31 PM

DB

“ I had the privilege to interview Mr. Roberts for the Missouri Veterans History Project. He was a member of our country's greatest generation of WWII veterans and will be missed by all who knew and shared stories at our veterans Thursday morning coffee talks. My thoughts and prayers are with Kathleen and family.

Dan Busekrus - June 23, 2015 at 01:31 PM

OT

“ Marilyn,

We are indeed sorry to learn of your dad's passing. Having traveled this road ourselves we have a sense of the journey. Our prayers are with you indeed, prayers of comfort. We know you have so many pleasant times to remember over his lifetime. Keep the faith!

Odail Thorns - June 23, 2015 at 01:31 PM

DM

“ The community lost a wonderful and kind man, he will be greatly missed by many. I'm sending my thoughts and prayers to each and every family member and a special prayer to Aunt Barb and Uncle Clayton.

Debra Mudd - June 23, 2015 at 01:31 PM

SD

“ Sympathy from all of the Srs. of Divine Providence. A Mass was offered at St. Clare Villa for George and the family.

Sister Mary Jerome Roberts and Srs. of D - June 23, 2015 at 01:31 PM

GF

“ Barb and family, we are so sorry for your loss. I always thought of your dad as such a gentleman. Praying for you.

Gene & Velma Filsinger - June 23, 2015 at 01:30 PM

SF

“ Dear Marilyn, Condolences for the passing of your dad. I wish you many fond memories of him and your times together. He clearly led a long and full life and he sounds like he was a great person---I bet you got some of your wonderful spunk from him! Sincerely, Suki

Suki Fredericks - June 23, 2015 at 01:30 PM

EP

“ Dear Marilyn,
You and your family have my deepest sympathies. The brief bits of your fathers life in the obituary speak to some who lived a full, patriotic, meaningful time on this earth. I'll bet he had some great stories to tell. I would have liked to have met him.
Ernie

Ernie Paulick - June 23, 2015 at 01:30 PM

RK

“ George and I played several rounds of golf together.He was one of the finest persons that I have known. My deepest sympathy to the entire family.

Robert Kuda - June 23, 2015 at 01:29 PM