



John Clark Roberts

October 25, 1938 - January 4, 2020

John Clark Roberts joined his heavenly family on the afternoon of January 4, 2020 after suffering from heart related illnesses. Clark was born in Hico, Texas to Wiley and Myrtle Roberts. The family moved to Killeen, Texas where Clark's father began a job at Ft. Hood. Clark graduated from Killeen High School and worked three different jobs for two years to pay for and finish his degree at Sam Houston State.

In 1961 Clark met Julia Wanzer. They married in 1962, and Clark and Julia moved to Alvin, Texas where Clark took a position teaching history and government. After receiving his Master's Degree in Education his career path changed, and Clark began advancing as a public school administrator. In his 42 years in education, Clark held many different positions; everything from a principal to the acting athletic director to the director of secondary education, to ultimately ending his career as the assistant superintendent for Pearland ISD.

If you were to ask Clark what he was most proud of professionally, he would immediately point to the creation of the ASSETS or "Alternative School for Students to Extend Transitional Success" program. Like many Texas school districts, Alvin had a problem with high student dropout rates. Clark was greatly concerned about these students being left behind. He believed he could help make a difference by creating a program with an alternative and nurturing environment in which students could learn. Clark had a vision, and in his role as an administrator he had access to the school board. Ultimately Clark had the courage to approach the board and obtain both their approval and most importantly funding for ASSETS.

Now 26 years later, we can easily look back and say the ASSETS program has proven to be a tremendous success. Literally thousands of high risk children have earned their diplomas, and countless lives have been positively impacted directly because of this visionary program Clark helped create. To this day Clark is still referred to as the "Father of ASSETS" by the original staff.

In November 1971 the Roberts had their only child, Stephen. Today Steve and his wife, Tracy live in Katy, Texas as well as Clark's three grandchildren Emily, Jack, and Sarah. In retirement Clark and Julia moved back to Huntsville where they lived on a lake, fished and enjoyed wildlife.

Clark was preceded in death by his parents: Wiley and Myrtle Roberts and older brother Max. He is survived by his wife of fifty-eight years, Julia Roberts, son Stephen and wife Tracy, grandchildren; Emily, Jack, and Sarah.

A visitation for Clark will be held Saturday, January 11, 2020 at 1PM followed by the services at 2PM at Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home, 1700 Normal Park, Huntsville, Texas 77340.

For those wishing to do so, the family of Mr. Roberts respectfully requests in lieu of flowers, memorial donations to: Houston Hospice, 190 S Holcombe Blvd, Houston, TX 77030.

Cemetery

Events

Oakwood Cemetery

Huntsville, TX,

JAN 11 Visitation 01:00PM - 02:00PM

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Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home - Huntsville
1700 Normal Park Dr., Huntsville, TX, US, 77340

JAN 11 Service 02:00PM

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Comments



“ We send our sincere condolences to the Clark Roberts family. We are thankful to have served with Clark in the Alvin ISD. He was a trusted administrator and support for adults and students.
Jen and Stan Mauldin

Stanley Mauldin - January 11 at 10:46 AM



“ Clark was a wonderful professional colleague and friend to me and many others. His thoughts, ideas and counsel were always insightful and invaluable. What a positive impact this great man had on the lives of both students and adults! My thoughts and prayers are with family and friends now and the days ahead.
Virgil Tiemann

Virgil Tiemann - January 09 at 04:13 PM



“ Julia, My thoughts are with you at this time of sorrow.
Nancey Lobb

Nancey Lobb - January 08 at 10:50 AM



“ Clark was a good friend and an outstanding school administrator. No problem was too tough for him to process and conquer!
I am deeply saddened by his passing. We have lost a good man.
Bill Hasse

Bill Hasse - January 06 at 01:40 PM



“ M. Hyvl sent a virtual gift in memory of John Clark Roberts



M. Hyvl - January 06 at 01:05 PM



“ Charlie and I are deeply saddened by Clark's death. We knew the Roberts after their retirement. Yet, Clark's deep care for people and his natural nurture of others helped us understand what a wonderful teacher, administrator and leader he must have been in his schools. It is our belief that one or more persons teach young people today because of his impact on their lives. We praise God for the witness Julie and Clark's lives have been across the years with family, friends and community. with deep thanksgiving for your friendship. Joy and Charlie Hall

Joy and Charlie Hall - January 13 at 10:30 AM