



Bobby Roberts

November 1, 1935 - November 3, 2006

Bobby Lee Roberts, 70, passed into the loving arms of his Lord on October 30, after a courageous battle with cancer. He was born on November 1, 1935 to Lee and Bessie Roberts in Hallettsville, Texas. He graduated from Roy Miller High School in Corpus Christi, and received his Bachelor of Science and Masters of Education degrees from Southwest Texas State University. He also received a basketball scholarship, earning All Conference and All American honors his senior year. Bobby was named to the Hall of Honor at Southwest Texas in 1982. While at SWT he met and married Patricia "Trish" Borrer of Waelder. They celebrated their 50th anniversary in July of this year. They were blessed with three wonderful children and their spouses, and nine precious grandchildren. Bobby loved people of all ages, but especially young people. He devoted his 42 year career to promoting a better learning environment for children both directly and indirectly. He taught and coached for nine years in Lockhart and at Robert E Lee High School in San Antonio. He was selected to coach the Texas High School South All-Star basketball team in 1965. He was a principal at Churchill High School in San Antonio and Lockhart High School in Lockhart. He was superintendent of schools in Blanco and Rockdale. Bobby was the Executive Director of Region VI Service Center in Huntsville until his retirement in 1999. Bobby served on the State Membership Committees for T.A.S.A. and T.A.C.S., and was a University Interscholastic League Legislative Committee member representing Region IV AA. He was a past state president of Instructional Television of Texas and was

selected to participate in the Meadows Fellows program. He was elected to serve on the National Committee of American Association of Educational Service Agencies. He belonged to various school and civic organizations and was a member of the First United Methodist Church. Bobby often stated that his favorite hobby was spoiling his grandchildren. He loved his family and always enjoyed being with them. He also loved traveling, , snow skiing, golfing , hunting. scuba diving and snorkeling . Spending time with his friends was also very important to him. He is preceded in death by his parents. He is survived by his wife, Patricia, and their daughters and husbands, Robin Etheredge and Carroll, Terri Brown Payne and Don, and their son and wife, Bobby Roberts Jr. and Dana, and nine grandchildren, Caleb and Caleigh Etheredge, Amanda, Alyssa and Amelia Brown, Rachel and Ryan Roberts, and Allison and Laura Payne, all of whom loved him dearly and will miss him terribly. Visitation will be 6-8pm Thursday, November 2nd at Sam Houston Memorial Funeral Home. Funeral services will be 10:00am Friday morning at First United Methodist Church in Huntsville. Pallbearers will be Bill Banks, Gordon Brown, Dick Cording, Frank O'Donnell , Charles Park, and Joe Peery. In lieu of flowers the family requests that a contribution be made to the Bobby Roberts' Scholarship Fund which will be given to a student pursuing a career in the education field. Donations may be made to Bank of America, 1 Financial Plaza, Huntsville, TX 77340. Those wishing to leave memorial condolences may do so at www.shmfh.com

Tribute Wall



“ *Bobby Roberts*

November 15, 2022 at 08:33 PM



“ *Mrs. Roberts, Mr. Roberts was such a gentleman and good educator. I appreciated him so much while he was at Region VI. So very sorry for your loss. Norma Dell Jones Lovelady ISD PEIMS Director and Registrar.*

Norma Dell Jones - November 05, 2006 at 01:54 PM



“ *Dear Mrs. Roberts and family, please accept my heartfelt condolences on the passing of Coach Roberts.*

His death is a tremendous personal loss. As you can see, it is a loss shared by many, many people. Coach Roberts instilled discipline in me, at a time that I needed it. Although I was a trainer/manager, Coach Roberts always made me feel like an integral part of the Volunteer basketball team. He taught us how to win and how to lose . . . something that happened rarely. He told us to learn how to win. Coach Roberts said that we must accept a loss, but we did not need to like it.

These lessons were very helpful in my professional career. They continue to be valuable in retirement and times of poor health.

May the Good Lord be a strength to you during this time of sadness and grieving.

Robert Gale, Robert E. Lee, '65

Rob Gale - November 03, 2006 at 02:23 PM

CO

“ Dear Mrs. Roberts & Family,
Our prayers and thoughts are with you at this time. We know your family has been through a very difficult time and we hope your special memories will help you in the coming days. We not only knew Mr. Roberts as our principal, but he also tried to hire us while he was in Blanco. We also remember helping him find a missing part of his boat motor at Canyon Lake, and a very humorous situation when we were at a baseball playoff game near Mexico. We remember him as a man who was serious about education, but who knew how to laugh and enjoy himself. Our high school time was full of good memories and he is a special part of that. Thank-you for your time in Lockhart.

*Please accept our prayers and our deepest respect,
Carl & Nancy Ohlendorf*

Carl & Nancy Ohlendorf - November 03, 2006 at 01:44 PM

PS

“ Mrs. Roberts and Family: I am so sorry to hear about your loss. As the Principal of Lockhart High School I remember Coach Roberts well and, I might add, quite fondly. Please know that my thoughts and prayers are with each and every one of you. Pam Schuelke
Smith/Class of 1970

Pam Smith - November 03, 2006 at 09:57 AM

LG

“ Trisha, You and Bobbly have been in our prayers for quite some time and will continue to be there in the future as well..We love you both and had planned to be at the servicies Friday and bring Jean Barber with us...but in makeing a repair to some plumbing Lewis caused a fire at his office..Not a burn down the building fire, but a serious one none the less..He was not able to complete the repairs tonight so he'll have to finish Friday and we will miss the celebration of Bobby's life...Please know that we are deeply sad and hope to see you soon.Take care.....Lewis and Linda

Lewis and Linda Gilcrease - November 02, 2006 at 10:37 PM

DM

“ "Blessed are they that morn, for they shall be comforted." Matthew 5:4 To the family I give my condolences. You will find comfort in the Lord just continue to stay strong. I'm here if you should ever need me.

Delois Merchant - November 02, 2006 at 07:54 PM

MS

“ Pat and Bubba and the rest of the Roberts family. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. It has been many years since we have seen you and we are so sorry for your loss. Tracy and Kelly both send you condolences.We are praying for you and your family. We know how you'll will miss him. Jim,Marla, Tracy and Kelly

Marla Sanders - November 02, 2006 at 07:49 PM

LW

“ *Trisha, please accept our sympathy. We were so sorry to hear of Bobby's death. He fought a good fight, didn't he? And I'm sure that you can rest in the fact that he is no longer suffering. But, then, you are never ready! It's easy to question why God takes the GOOD ones, as we know Bobby was, but we know He holds the plan. You and your family will be in our prayers in the coming days. Dot & Leon*

Leon & Dot Westfall - November 02, 2006 at 07:27 PM

FJ

“ *To Family of Bobby Roberts:
My most sincere condolences on death of "Coach" Roberts. I will always have fond memories of him.*

*Frank Monaco, Jr.
Robert E. Lee High School
Class of 1963*

Frank Monaco, Jr. - November 02, 2006 at 02:14 PM

SC

“ *To the Robert's Family: Many years have passed since you left Blanco, but your family has not been forgotten. I miss you all, and wish that I could be there to share in your memories. Please know that you will all be remembered in my thoughts and prayers. My parents also send their condolences. Terri, please contact me when you have time. (Same address) May God's blessings of peace be with you and your families.*

*All my love,
Sharon*

Sharon Cox - November 02, 2006 at 01:40 PM

PD

“ Mrs. Roberts...

I learned of Coach's passing from my brother John last night. We spent some time reminising about Coach and the impact he had in our lives as young men and later as adults. John and I both had the pleasure and honor of playing basketball for Coach Roberts at Lee High School in San Antonio. Even as a very young coach (I believe Coach would have been in his early/mid 20's when he started coaching at Lee) he was a wonderful teacher...not only of the game of basketball, but the game of life. Looking back at his career it is obvious that he was one of the best basketball coaches in the state and later a much admired administrator. What the "official" record does not show, however, are the thousands and thousands of men and women who feel forever blessed, as I do, for having had Coach Roberts in our lives. My heartfelt condolences to you and your family.

Sincerely,

Preston Davis, Class of '61

Preston Davis - November 02, 2006 at 11:06 AM

JG

“ *Trish...we wish we could be there to personally give you our love and sympathy, but we know you are surrounded by a wonderful family and many, many friends who are offering support and strength. For us Bobby has been a special friend and we will miss him terribly. We trust you will be blessed and consoled by countless memories of the wonderful life the two of you have shared. Our thoughts and prayers are with you. Love, Jim and Nancy Goodwin*

Jim and Nancy Goodwin - November 02, 2006 at 09:58 AM

JC

“ Mrs. Roberts:

I'm so sorry for your loss. Coach Roberts was, and still is, a guiding force in my life. As my basketball coach at Lee, he was the father I never had and the coach who gave me the opportunity to change the direction of my life. College would not have been an option for me without his help. He was the best basketball coach, and the best man I will ever know. I will continue be guided by his teachings, his example, and his love. My regret is that I did not tell him this when he was alive.

Johnny Coles, Robert E. Lee, Class of 65.

Johnny Coles - November 02, 2006 at 09:09 AM

JD

“ Mrs. Roberts:

I was so sorry to hear about Coach Roberts. I saw you and Coach last at Tom Mosely's memorial and it was just a thrill to talk to him about old times. Coach Roberts will always be the best basketball coach Lee High School ever had and all of his former players would say how lucky we were to have played under his guidance. Over the years, I have heard that very same conclusion many, many times from teammates and other former players who played under Coach Roberts. He was a great man and we all learned much more than just the game of basketball from him.

Please accept my deepest condolences for your loss. John Davis/Class of 65

John Davis - November 01, 2006 at 10:20 PM

RV

“ Our hearts go out to you all at this time. Though we didn't Robin's dad personally, we know he was a fine man from the daughter he raised. One day we will get to meet him in heaven with Jesus. God bless you all.

Randy & Betty Trotter, Victoria - November 01, 2006 at 04:24 PM

PP

“ I played basketball under Coach Roberts at R.E.Lee from 1960-1965. I not only learned the game of basketball from one of the greatest coaches around , I had the privelege to know one of the finest men. I learned that life was as difficult or easy as you could make it.

One of the things I never learned was to express myself as well as I wanted but I am sure your family will receive many more of these. I can't imagine the feeling that your family has, but I know he will be in a happy place with his whistle around his neck coaching the people in heaven.

Again , my only regret was I never got to introduce my children and grand-children to him.

We will make a contribution to the fund, might be a little small but our heart will be in it.

The Power family.

Pat E. Power - November 01, 2006 at 01:10 PM

EM

“ Our thoughts are prayers are with you. God's perfect peace and love and comfort be with you always.

Love, Ellen & Doug Mueller

Ellen Mueller - November 01, 2006 at 12:39 PM

KH

“ *Trish - our thoughts are with you and your family. We consider ourselves very blessed to have known Bobby. He was a true character and had a way of making people laugh. He will truly be missed.*

Kent/Bernice/TJ Holder - November 01, 2006 at 11:19 AM

MW

“ *Trish and family,
We are so sorry for your loss. Bobby was such a great person and our prayers are with you.*

mike and judy werner - November 01, 2006 at 08:59 AM

BL

“ *Trish,
Our prayers are with you and your family at this time. Sorry I didn't call last week when I was thinking of the two of you. We will not be able to make the service due to our daughter in-law having surgery in Arlington on Friday. Bobby is a lot stronger today and in a better place.*

Buddy and Shirley Lorenz

Buddy/Shirley Lorenz - October 31, 2006 at 07:25 PM



“ *Bobby Roberts*

October 31, 2006 at 07:09 PM