



Robert Roberts

July 9, 1940 - May 17, 2021

Robert Arthur Roberts, 80, of Ocala, passed away Monday, May 17th, at West Marion Community Hospital. He was born July 9, 1940 in Sussex, New Jersey, to Milton Guy Roberts and Anna Mae Casterline Roberts. Robert faithfully served his country for 20 years as a United States Marine, achieving the rank of Gunnery Sergeant. His service included three tours in Da Nang, Vietnam, working as a sniper and a sniper instructor, earning the name "Gunney Six By". He also worked as a truck mechanic and a mechanic instructor to other Marines in Vietnam. Robert gained a reputation as an excellent mechanic. "His trucks were always running." Following his honorable discharge from the Marines, Robert worked for Ryder Truck Rentals as a First Area Instructor and for Ruan Trucking as an Area Manager. He later worked for Motor Transport. In his spare time, he created oil painted landscapes, always making sure the trees were straight. He is survived by his loving wife Frances, with whom he shared 45 wonderful years of married life. Robert is also survived by his sons James of Arkansas and John of Okeechobee, Florida; a half-brother, Guy Roberts; and two half-sisters, Gail Roberts and Marjorie (Joy) Roberts. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that you consider a contribution to any military veterans organization. The family has entrusted funeral arrangements to Roberts Funeral Homes West Chapel, 6241 SW SR-200, Ocala, Fl. 34476.

Tribute Wall

JR

“Dad I can only say I am sorry for thinking all the wrong reasons not to visit you..I'm deeply disappointed in my actions towards you after I left home .I only wish I could turn back time to thank you for saving me from an orphanage and probably many horrific times..I'm saddened of your departure without ever seeing you to thank you for a wonderful upbringing that makes me the man I am today my biggest regret is that I never introduced you to your only grandson John Jr. You would of enjoyed his company .he read about you an DC so did I not knowing about your war statis.. I do know you were tough on me and Jim so we could SURVIVE anything and any situation under any circumstances and as an adult I finally realized my mistake that I judged you unfairly due to my stubbornness..and can only say thank you and God bless you..im as tough as nails and have been most of my adult life because of your toolage..and dedication not to give up on me... you taught me great values and morals and I'll SURVIVE what you prepared us for.. rest in peace dad . I'm not lying behind you... I'm sure your in a better place then this place were living on .until we meet again I love you and miss you daily...and from I'm sorry for your loss .you were his everything .now I know why you married him because he was a great man and father.... he always made me feel very safe growing up..ido the same for my son..just like you did for us..your a great instructor..I knew something was special about you when colonels respected you for your bravery in Vietnam. I was just to young to understand why. But I know now.. all my friends read about you and are bummed they didn't get to enjoy your company you would of liked them it's only a few I keep my circle of trust small like you taught me not everyone is your friend ...you taught me how to live respectfully HONORABLY courageously.....love you miss you 7until we meet again so long dad...

John Roberts - October 24, 2021 at 12:00 AM

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“ *John,
I am so very sorry for your loss. He sounds like he was an amazing
man. You are in my thoughts and prayers.
Love, Deana*

deana carlson - June 18, 2021 at 12:00 AM