



Gary Wayne Roberson

March 19, 1940 - November 2, 2009

Gary Wayne "Robo" Roberson, 69, of Fort Collins, died November 2, 2009 at McKee Medical Center, Loveland, CO after a very courageous 32 year battle with cancer. Mr. Roberson was born March 7, 1940 in Gunnison, Colorado to Augustus "Gus" and Lois Roberson. He graduated from Gunnison High School in 1958 and later from Fort Hays State College with a degree in education in 1966. After graduation Mr. Roberson taught for a short time in Great Bend, Kansas before moving to Fort Collins in 1970 to teach Business Law and Accounting at Poudre High School for 32 years. He went above and beyond the role of "teacher" and changed many lives with his unique and positive style of teaching. While teaching, he obtained his Master's Degree and also worked at King Soopers for 28 years. Gary married Ellen C. McNutt on Valentines Day, 1960 in Scott City, Kansas. Next year would have been their 50th Anniversary. Gary affectionately called "George" by family and friends was a fun-loving husband, father and grandfather. He enjoyed hunting and fishing all across Northern America, but his heart was in the mountains of Gunnison, Colorado. After his retirement he continued to stay busy working with his son Daren, woodworking, coin collecting, tying flies, and traveling with his wife, Ellen. He is survived by his sister, Sandra Dowis of Gunnison, Colorado; sons, Duane Deb Roberson of Wellington, Colorado, Dave Roberson of Loveland, Colorado, Daren Ronna Roberson of Fort Collins, Colorado; daughter, Debbie John Luciano of Wray, Colorado; and 8 grandchildren, Carlyn Joseph Duran, Brittany Roberson, Cortnee Roberson, Conor Roberson, Carol Luciano, Colby Luciano, Chazz Luciano and Colton Luciano. Preceding Gary in moving to heaven are his wife, Ellen Roberson; father, Gus Roberson and mother, Lois Roberson. A Memorial Service will be held at Timberline Church on Monday, November 9 at 11:00 a.m. followed by a Graveside Service at Roselawn Cemetery, Fort Collins, Colorado. A reception will then be held in the East Auditorium at Timberline Church following the Graveside Service. Viewing will be from 1:00 until 5:00 pm on Sunday, November 8th at Bohlender Funeral Chapel. Memorial contributions, in lieu of flowers, can be made to The Poudre Valley Hospital Foundation in care of Bohlender Funeral Chapel, 121 W. Olive St., Ft. Collins, CO 80524. Contributions will go towards building the new Cancer Center of the Rockies.

Comments



“ I'm so sorry to hear of Gary's passing. I had him as a teacher at Poudre High. I will always remember his smile and sense of humor. He was a good man. Wayne

Wayne Hadenfeld - November 19, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ Gary's family, I am so sorry to hear about Gary's passing. I will always remember him as a wonderful and favorite classmate of mine. We shared most of our school years together. We sure missed seeing him at our class reunions. My sincere sympathy to all the family.

Maurine Osborne Cook - November 14, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Duane, Dave and Daren and Families, I'm so saddened to hear of the passing of your father. I had helped at your mom's funeral dinner and had been able to reconnect with you during that time. Remember me as your fifth grade teacher? I am so very sorry that you have now lost both your parents in such a short time, but am so glad they are reunited in Heaven. May God comfort you during this difficult time and know that my prayers are with you also. My deepest sympathy, Jackie Martine

jackie martine - November 13, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ I am so sad to hear of your father's passing. I was one of his many students at Poudre in the late 70's. I was horrible at accounting and he was more upset having to give me a horrible grade than I was in getting the really bad grade! It always touched me he cared so much! with deep sympathy, Carol Williams

Carol Williams - November 12, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ Classmate in Gunnison County High School class of 1958. Remember Gary and his brand new Mercury. Especially remember him wearing number 10 as quarterback of the winning 1957/1958 football team. Always remember the smile. God speed Gary.

Elaine Hansen McLellan - November 12, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ Mr. Roberson was an amazing teacher; caring, understanding, and motivating! All of his efforts are very much appreciated and will forever be remembered by so many! My thoughts and prayers go out to the family.

Amy Thorne - November 10, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ I am so sorry for your loss. "Mr. Robo" as we called him, was a great teacher. We are very sad. I have to say he was my favorite teacher :- Candice McCaffrey Johnson

Candice McCaffrey Johnson - November 10, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ What can I say? Mr Robo was one of the greatest men I knew. I have fond memories of class and that smile that made everything alright and he always made learning fun. He will be truly missed. His passing must be harder still so soon after the passing of your mother, but know that they are at peace together in a better place looking over you. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family now and in the future. God Bless. Roger and Jill Schaake and Family

Jill Hammond Schaake - November 09, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ I am one of those touched by Robo's easy going teaching style. I used to sit in the back of the room during Accounting class where I could hear the radio, which was always on in the background. He had it tuned into KBPI which played great music back in the early 80's. He was always smiling, always patient and helpful. He will be missed.

Barb Robichaud Ridings - November 09, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ I am so sorry that we just today learned of Gary's passing. He is now with Ellen and I am sure she prepared well for his coming! He was such a wonderful teacher and a caring individual! We all know you will miss him very much! Blessings to you all, Richard and Sandi Seaworth

Richard Seaworth - November 09, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ After taking Robo's accounting class I thought I liked accounting. I took some other accounting classes later and found I don't like it at all, I just liked whatever Robo was teaching! He has touched so many lives and will always have a special place in my heart. My thoughts and prayers are with all of his family and friends... he will be missed.

Bonny Frady - November 08, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Children, I am your mother's cousin, Holly. My thoughts and prayers are with you in the passing of your father so soon after your mother. I admire all of you for the good care you are taking of your grandmother, my aunt Audrey. All of us McNutt cousins are keeping you in our prayers as you go through this very difficult time of your lives. May God bless you! Sincerely, Holly Howell

Holly Howell - November 08, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ Duane, Deb, Carly and Brit, I am so sorry to hear of your Dads passing. What a wonderful man he was. He always had a smile on his face, and never a harsh word to say to anyone. He was an inspiration to all who had the privilege of knowing him. He will be greatly missed. Our thoughts and prayers are with all of you. Bo, Shari and Lacy Jo Morrison

Bo and Shari Morrison - November 08, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ My thoughts and prayers are with you all. Mr. Roberson was my accounting teacher at PHS a very long time ago and what an inspiration he was. I have worked in accounting since HS and I still think of him often. He was a great teacher and a great man.

Kelly de Haas - November 08, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Family of Gary, It made me sad to read of your father's passing, but I know that he is happy to be in heaven with Ellen. I know this must be difficult for all of you to lose both parents. I will remember your father as always having a very strong work ethic and being a wonderful neighbor. He was a true servant. I am sorry that I cannot attend the service, but I am living in Berlin, Germany for a few years. My thoughts and prayers are with you. God Bless, Diana Slatten Parker

Diana Slatten Parker - November 08, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ ROBO WAS A FUN GUY AND A GREAT CO-WORKER. I KNOW THAT HE WILL BE GREATLY MISSED BY HIS FAMILY!!!! RISH WHITHAM

RISH & KAREN WHITHAM - November 07, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ What a great man! He made such an impact on so many lives. I remember one day in his business law class he told me that I should never become a lawyer because I would get contempt of court my first day. He said I like to debate too much. How right he was! I always looked forward to going to his class - he was 1 in a million! My prayers and thoughts are with your family.

Kim Anderson Schreiner - November 07, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ Robo was an inspiration to me while at PHS. I think of his stories and sense of humor often. I remember him fondly for his great attitude and the extra effort he gave his students every day.

Reid McClanahan - November 06, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ My thoughts and prayers are with the family that lost such a great man. Robo was my favorite teacher, he made learning fun and always made people laugh and smile. He will be missed by so many people, because he touched the hearts of so many.

Misty Wells - November 06, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you all. Robo was truly one of the finest teachers and men to walk the halls of Poudre High School. He left his mark on all who had the privilege of knowing him. Scott, Cheri, Mathew, Paul & Laramie Dent

Cheri Hansen Dent - November 06, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ Daren, I was saddened to learn of your father's passing. He must have been a very special person from what I've read, and you will, of course, miss him enormously, as will his grandkids. My sympathies are with you--it's never easy to lose someone so close.

Susan Epstein - November 06, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ My thoughts are with your family with the passing of Robo. As with many others he was my favorite teacher ever. His smile, jokes, and ability to get to his students allows his memory to live on not only in your family, but in thousands of families all over the world.

Catherine Nelson Gaber - November 06, 2009 at 12:00 AM