



Howard Roberts

December 5, 1968 - December 9, 2007

Gene Roberts, 39 of Richland, passed away December 9, 2007. He was born December 5, 1968 in Dallas Texas to Daniel Emmett and Barbara Sue Roberts. Visitation will be 6-8pm Tuesday December 11, 2007 at Griffin-Roughton Funeral Home. Services will be 2:00pm Wednesday at Griffin-Roughton Chapel with Bro. Alford Schmeril and Rev. Eddie Jones officiating. Burial will follow at Richland Cemetery. Mr. Roberts is survived by parents Daniel and Barbara Roberts of Richland. Sisters Janet James of Mesquite, Paula Eastman of Aledo, Tina Denbow of Corsicana, Tonya Roberts of Corsicana, Debbie Minks of Utah. Brother Dan Nugent of California. Nieces and Nephews Chris James, Tamira Goforth, Elizabeth Eastman, Tyler Denbow, Briannon James, Austin Denbow. Two great nephews Hunter and Rylie James.

Tribute Wall



“ Howard Roberts

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“ Eugene (Gene) Howard Roberts

He was a great friend, one you would call a brother, and a great man! There was not a evil bone in his body, litterally had given the shirt off his back to his friends before. A man of many hats. Son, Brother, Uncle, Best Friend to all who knew him and always looking for new people to meet. He always had a full schedule ahead of him, but it never stopped him from being there for his family or his friends. Gene's legacy will live on through all of us who were fortunate enough to have known him and that his beliefs are now instilled in us for posterity.

God Bless his family, for we all know that Gene has ridden to the other side of Heaven's Gates on horseback looking for the herd!

I already miss you my friend, my brother- Gene

*David Robinson
SuperDave*

Daivd Robinson - December 09, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ Keeping you all in my prayers.

Carli Chapman - December 09, 2007 at 12:00 AM

DM

“ *The saying that ‘only the good die young?’ is definitely true in the case of Eugene. He was clearly a special and good man. I will be praying for Eugene’s parents and immediate family that God will give them the comfort and peace that only He can provide at a time like this.*

As an out-of-town relative, I have seen Eugene on a regular basis at the normal holiday events separated by many months, sometimes years. It is hard to believe that so many years have gone by. I have to say, I can’t remember a single time when I would see him that he didn’t have that big, and I mean BIG beautiful grin on his face?. that let you know just how glad he was to see you again. He seemed to always be interested in you.

Eugene must have had more than the normal supply of energy that us mortals are granted. And, that was good because I learned first hand how he was always willing to give you some of that energy if you ever needed his help. He wanted people to like him, and it is now abundantly obvious to me that they did.

His dad was my wife’s brother, so I had many opportunities to see and feel the respect he had for his parents. I know he will be missed and this loss will be felt for a long time. He was his dad’s right (and left arm). Both worked together on many projects around

the farm, but Gene still had plenty of time and love for his sisters, and nephews who I could see loved him dearly. They too will miss him.

No doubt, If love could have saved Eugene, he would still be with us right now. Hopefully, we will have an opportunity to see Eugene again in Heaven one day. I'll be looking for him and listening closely for the tune of the "Cotton Eyed Joe".

*You're a good one Eugene.
Your Uncle Dale*

Dale & Martha Martin - December 09, 2007 at 12:00 AM

MC

“ *Dan,
Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family at this time.*

Mike Cotten - December 09, 2007 at 12:00 AM

RK

“ *My heart goes out to your precious family. Gene was such a blessing to know. Everytime I ran in to him we would always take a few moments and reminisce about the "old days" at Wortham High School. He was an absolute joy to be around and one of the kindest and caring person I've ever known in my life. We should all strive to be like him. He always had a smile on his face and never a negative word spoken from his mouth. He will be greatly missed. My thoughts and prayers are with you, GOD BLESS..*

Rhonda McLain Kirkwood - December 09, 2007 at 12:00 AM

SC

“ *A truly kind heart and caring soul, I will always remember Eugene's warm smile and friendship.*

May God embrace his dear family during this tragic loss and show His love and comfort to them as they remember Eugene and celebrate his life.

*With deepest sympathy,
Susan Wilson*

Susan Wilson Crouch - December 09, 2007 at 12:00 AM

AD

“ *I also wanted to add how deeply sorry I am that I could not be at the viewing and funeral I wanted to be there and say my final goodbye's but I was unable to. I still want all of his family to know that you will be in my prayers and if you need anything I am here the way Eugene was there for me. He was a great guy and I still can't believe he is gone! I will miss him dearly! Thank you!*

Amanda Dawson - December 09, 2007 at 12:00 AM

DH

“ *Roberts Family...My deepest sympathy during this time. May you look to God for your strength during the days to come. My thoughts and prayers are with you all. God Bless You All!!*

Denise Simpson Hough - December 09, 2007 at 12:00 AM

DA

“ Dear Roberts Family,
I just heard about Eugene. Eugene and your entire family hold a special place in my heart and memories. Eugene was always so willing to help and he could make me laugh. He will be missed. My thoughts and prayers are with you.

Debra Airheart - December 09, 2007 at 12:00 AM

SF

“ I am so sorry to hear about your great loss. Please know that my prayers are with all of you.

Sheila (Heil) Fautt - December 09, 2007 at 12:00 AM

MP

“ I am so sorry and devastated to hear of Gene passing. He was a very dear friend and I have known him for as long as I can remember. I can remember so many good memories about him. He was so caring and would do anything for anyone. He will truly be missed.

Misty Pegues - December 09, 2007 at 12:00 AM

MS

“ To the Roberts Family,

You are in our thoughts and prayers.
With Deepest Sympathy

Mike & Marsha Stearman - December 09, 2007 at 12:00 AM

LC

“ I am SOOOOO sorry for your loss!! Gene was one of the best men I have ever met. I love him so much. He has always been a great friend and been there when I needed him. To the WHOLE family, I will pray for you to find peace. We will all miss him! Please let me know if there is anything I can do. He has more friends than anyone I know, he has always been so outgoing and never met a stranger.
With Love,
Lisa Coston
& (Chris, Jacey, and Reagan)

Lisa Coston - December 09, 2007 at 12:00 AM

C(

“ I am so glad that I was able to talk to Gene at homecoming this year. He smiled the whole time he was talking ofcourse and he told me all about his family and neices and nephews. He was always a gentle, sweet guy.

Please know that your family is in my thoughts and prayers today and in the days ahead.

Caroline

Caroline Samford (Jarvis) - December 09, 2007 at 12:00 AM

DR

“ gene you will always be in our thoughts . we will be praying for your family .

dave and beth reagan - December 09, 2007 at 12:00 AM

DG

“ I will miss ALL our DEEP chats. "Howard" ohh how he preferred "Gene" and he always made a point to let me know only I could get away with that. He knew things about me...and I knew things about him that only we knew..we talked everyday and THE TEXT MESSAGES!!! My phone won't know what to do not going off 80 times a day...God I loved him. My heart goes out to Tina and the boys, Tonya, Elizabeth, and of course your parents. May God Bless and look over all of you in this time of sorrow.

Daniel & Mandi Gatewood - December 09, 2007 at 12:00 AM

TC

“ I am glad I was able to visit with Gene at our H.S. Reunion a few months back. We laughed and joked and had a good time. He was a very nice guy. Please know that your family is in my prayers during this difficult time.

Tonya Willis - Cockrell - December 09, 2007 at 12:00 AM

TH

“ Tina,
We were so sorry to hear of your loss.
Tim and Donna Hill

Timothy and Donna Hill - December 09, 2007 at 12:00 AM

AD

“ I know I didn't know Gene very long but we became close at work and he was a really good friend, listened to everything I had to say, he was patient with me, and he was very caring, We had a lot in common I think that's what brought us closer I am so happy I had the chance to have a new friend in my life like Eugene even for a short period of time. I know that he is in good hands now and he is up in Heaven. I will miss you very much and I love ya. I'm am so sorry to his family he always talked so much about them I will keep you all in my prayers.

*With much love,
Amanda*

Amanda Dawson - December 09, 2007 at 12:00 AM

BM

“ Tina and Tonya, I am truly sorry for your lost. I am going to greatly miss that man. It was just the other day i was thinking about the time i went to the beach with him and all of yalls family. And all the times i followed him around. Yall have always been family in my heart and will always be. I love yall so much. I know that he is now in heaven walking with God. I love and i will keep yall in my thoughts and prayers.

Brian

Brian Murray - December 09, 2007 at 12:00 AM

PG

“ My thoughts and prayers are with Eugene's family. May you find peace & comfort from each other and God.

Pellie Griffin - December 09, 2007 at 12:00 AM

RS

“ I am so sorry to hear of your loss. Gene was a wonderfully kind and loving person to any one he met. He was the type that would share anything that he had with anyone that needed it, and most people aren't like that any more. He will be greatly missed by all that knew him well.

Our prayers will be with you during this time of sorrow.

Love, Rebecca

Rebecca (Ratliff) Sneed - December 09, 2007 at 12:00 AM

LC

“ I am so sorry for your loss. I have just heard about it. I always thought so much of him. The last time I saw him, he was so sweet and gave me a great big hug. All of you are in my prayers. May God bless each of you.

Linda Craig - December 09, 2007 at 12:00 AM

MP

“ I will never forget Gene's sweet smile. He was such a good friend to everyone. He will be missed by so many...but he leaves many great memories behind. We love you!!!!

Monica & Jeremy Perez - December 09, 2007 at 12:00 AM

CR

“ Gene always had a smile on his face no matter what type of mood he was in. He would do anything for anybody, even if he did not know you. He will be missed by everyone. Chris and I are sorry for your loss, yall are in our prayers. May God Bless.

Chris & Amanda Reagan - December 09, 2007 at 12:00 AM

TW

“ *Im sorry to hear what happen and for your loss he will be missed by all*

travis wunder - December 09, 2007 at 12:00 AM

SG

“ *THANKS FOR ALL THE GOOD MEMORIES YOU HAVE GIVEN ME AND THANKS FOR BEING A WONDERFULL FRIEND.YOU WILL ALLWAYS BE IN MY HART.WE WILL MEET AGAIN ONE DAY TAKE CARE BUDDY!*

steven green - December 09, 2007 at 12:00 AM

M(

“ *"Howard The Duck",*

I have never met a more kind, sweet, honest,and sincere man before until I met you and I will miss you terribly bad! Thank you so much for being the greatest friend!! I am so sad that you had to leave so soon but I know you will be taken care of up their and I will see you again! I love you and you will be forever in my heart! May god take care of your family at this time and watch over each one of them!! I'll see you soon! Love YA!!!

Myria Stepp (Misenheimer) - December 09, 2007 at 12:00 AM

AF

“ *Gene was one of my great friends and i am gonna miss him, was so fun to hang out with and if you were having a bad day he would cheer you up. we have the family and friends in our prayers. God bless yall.*

Annette French - December 09, 2007 at 12:00 AM

LM

“ Dear Tina, Tyler & Austin:

I am really sorry to hear about your loss. My thoughts and prayers are with you. Wishing you comfort and peace at this time of sorrow.

With heartfelt sympathy,

Lucy

Lucy Morshed - December 09, 2007 at 12:00 AM

DE

“ Gene has been to our house many times (when I lived in Texas), always with a smile. He would lift a hand at the smallest request. God does have a special place for him and he will be looking down on us all to protect us from the evil. May God be with his family during these trying times.

Deanna Emerson - December 09, 2007 at 12:00 AM

AB

“ Gene you will be missed. You were a very good friend.

Amy Berlin - December 09, 2007 at 12:00 AM

AK

“ I'm so sorry for your loss. I pray that your grief will be short lived. Gene was an absolute blessing to everyone that befriended him. He is in a far better place now. I hate that he isn't here for me to see but I take comfort in knowing he is looking down from Heaven and possibly helping to guide us. You are in my thoughts and prayers. God Bless!

Angie Kistler - December 09, 2007 at 12:00 AM

VC

“ *To the Roberts Family:*

We are so sorry to hear of Gene's passing. It was such a shock. Gene was a great person. He could make you laugh in a second. He was such a caring person and a good friend. He will truly be missed by many people. People could not help but love Gene. Just remember that God is there and we will pray for you all during this time that God will comfort you all.

I remember at our wedding, Gene was keeping everyone laughing right up until the wedding starting. How handsome he looked that day too. Please know that you are all in our prayers during the time and the tough time ahead. Please let us know if we can do anything for you all. Take care and remember to lean on each other, you will need it. You have plenty of people out here.

*Love and prayers,
Violet and Bryon Crum and family*

Violet and Bryon Crum - December 09, 2007 at 12:00 AM

JC

“ *I am so sorry for your loss. Gene was the best friend anyone could have. He could be called on at anytime and without question was willing to help. I was truly blessed having him as a friend. If your family needs anything at all please let me know.*

Jason Cates - December 09, 2007 at 12:00 AM

MC

“ Tina & Tonya,

Our hearts go out to you and your family during this time. Eugene was just in my office a few weeks back and it was a joy to talk with him. He always wanted to know what Monty was up to. I can truthfully say I know what you are going through. I lost my brother in an accident a few years back. You will continue to feel as all of this is just a dream and you will wake up from it one day, I still waiting for that day. Just know that GOD had a reason to call Eugene home at such a young age. Please know that you are in our thoughts and prayers. We are here for you. Tina it is hard to tell your children that there Uncle is gone but assure them that they will see him again. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and will continue during these next few months.

Monty and Davelyn

Monty & Davelyn Casbeer - December 09, 2007 at 12:00 AM

DM

“ Danny, Barbara and family, I am so sorry to hear of your lost. Your family is in my prayers and thoughts.

Doris Ellen Roberts Melton - December 09, 2007 at 12:00 AM

JN

“ Tonya & family we are so sorry to hear of your brothers passing jerry had talked with him several times & he seemed to be a very nice person i just wished that we had gotten to know him more than we did but he seemed to care about everyone & was a laugh a minute he will be dearly missed tonya we will help watch out for you were just across the street if you need anything don't hesitate to holler. Jerry Newland & family

jerry & lisa newland - December 09, 2007 at 12:00 AM

GM

“ We are so sorry for your loss. I personally know Gene for close to 20 years, and he has always been a great friend. He was one of the best people Angel and I knew. Always calling and checking on us, if he had not heard from us in awhile.

We will miss him greatly. Our family will keep you all in our prayers.

Gerald & Angel Clore and Mikayla - December 09, 2007 at 12:00 AM

CS

“ To the whole Roberts family-especially Tonya, Tina, Tyler and Austin--we want to express our sympathy in the loss of your brother and uncle. God took Gene for a reason and eventhough you will miss him you will have the good memories to last you forever. We will remember Gene with fond memories and some of the times we shared with him and the boys. You are in our prayers and we will be remember you through this time of the loss of Gene.
Carolyn and Kim

Carolyn and Kim Selby - December 09, 2007 at 12:00 AM

SB

“ We are so sorry to hear about Gene.He was such a nice person and good friend to our son.He used to come to my house all the time and you could not ask for a nicer or sweeter person to be around. We know he is with the Father in Heaven now and God is rejoicing to have him home with him.God bless all the family at this time.

Sharon Bland - December 09, 2007 at 12:00 AM

JA

“ Gene was a great man, I cannot put into words what great friendship means to me, but Gene would be a great description. We shared jokes, laughed, and enjoyed our mutual friends together. I never got the chance to meet all his family, but you were blessed to have such a great person in your life, and so was I. I'll see you later bud,,,
Love,
Bullfrog

Jimmy Reed and Ashley - December 09, 2007 at 12:00 AM

GH

“ To the family of Eugene,
I am deeply saddened by the loss of Eugene. I am so sorry for your loss for Eugene was a kind hearted person whom was liked by all in our graduating class of 1987. I am so glad I drove to Wortham a few months ago for the twenty year class reunion. I spent several hours visiting with Eugene. It was really good to get to see him for the first time in over twenty years. I had no idea how special that visit would mean. May God bless Eugene and give you strength during this time.
Gary Haston

Gary Haston - December 09, 2007 at 12:00 AM

CB

“ I worked side-by-side with Gene for a few months and we got to be good friends. When i got another job, he continued to call and text me. He would always ask how i was, if i liked my new job and always asked about my boys. He will be missed by so many. Tina & Tonya, not a day went by that he did not talk about you both. I'm so sorry for your loss. He had, and will continue to have, a special place in my heart.

Christal Brock - December 09, 2007 at 12:00 AM

RG

“ *Your family is in our prayers.*

Rheann & Casey Gaston - December 09, 2007 at 12:00 AM

MC

“ *Your family is in our thoughts and prayers.. You will be missed by alot of people. You have always have been a great friend to Mikey and Jason.*

Angel did get a new ANGEL in HEAVEN on Sunday December 9, 2007.

Love you..

Mike and Thresa Cates - December 09, 2007 at 12:00 AM

JH

“ *tony*

I am so sorry for the loss of your brother. You know that we all love you and you are in our thoughts and prayers. My heart breaks for you and your family. Just remember that God loves you and He will help you through

this time of sorrow. Just let God hold you in His arms and comfort you. I love you baby. If you want to call me you can call me at work. 479 997-1385.

I will be praying for you and your family

Love

june and family

june hale - December 09, 2007 at 12:00 AM

SM

“ Gene was a great young man that I feel privledge to have known and had in my life. I will never forget the wonderful times we spent together as a family riding 4 wheelers, fixing things or just hanging out. He was loved very much by my family and we will miss him dearly. He was a blessing to my sister and our entire family.

Stephanie McGrew - December 09, 2007 at 12:00 AM

PC

“ To the Roberts family i send my deepest sorrow in your loss..Gene was a very special young man,and was a wonderful friend to everyone especially to my 2 sons Jason and Mike.I remember when Jasons baby was born Gene was right there looking thru the glass with me with a big grin on his face saying aint she pretty MeME..He was never to busy to help with a car that was broke down or if you just needed to talk and my sons and i were blessed to have had him in our lives..Rest In Peace until we all meet again.....LOVE YOU
PAM CATES

Pam Cates - December 09, 2007 at 12:00 AM

BW

“ Gene will be missed by anyone who knew him. We have all lost someone very near and dear to us. To know Gene was to love him. There was no way around it. You just had to like him. I was in shock when I got the call from Jackie (Jaclyn) that he was gone. I am still not sure that it has sunken in yet that I will never see my friend again. It is so hard to believe that he is gone. I will miss him a lot. We all will. He was a wonderful man, a true friend to all. I will miss the my space messages that we shared and the friendship that we had. Heaven has gained a true angel. He will be missed so much. He always had something to say that would make you feel better when you were down in the dumps, even when he was going through rough times himself you could count on Gene to try and get you smiling again. To the family, I am so sorry for your loss. It is so hard to believe that he was taken from everyone so tragically and suddenly. I know at this time there are really no words that can ease your pain or make it all better. All I can say is I will keep all of you in my thoughts and prayers and I will always remember Gene for the wonderful person that he was. I will never forget him. He will always be loved and remembered by all of us. I am sorry for your loss and I am sorry that I can not be there to pay my respects in person. - Gene, I know you are up there watching over all of us. I will never forget you. you were one of the best and truest friends anyone could ever have. You are definitely one of those friends that has left a footprint in my heart. I think I can speak for everyone when I say we all love you and will miss you terribly.--Brandi--

Brandi Lynn (Picone) White - December 09, 2007 at 12:00 AM

LH

“ *Tonya and family
My thoughts and prayers are with you now and forever. I am so sorry for your lose. And I know it seems like your heart will break forever, just know that time never forget or erases our pain, but time does ease our pain. We love you all and if you need anything what so ever just pick up the phone and call i'll be there.
with love,
Lisa Hewitt*

lisa hewitt - December 09, 2007 at 12:00 AM

CP

“ *Tonja & family,

I am very sorry for your loss. I was blessed to have been friends with Gene. May God be with you at this time of need.*

(I was married to David Robinson)

*Love
Crystal Price*

Crystal Robinson Price - December 09, 2007 at 12:00 AM

MP

“ *Tonya and family,
We just found out about Eugene today on 12/11/07. We are so sorry for your loss. Please know that ya'll are in our prayers. Love Ruth Johnson, Melissa Perez Family(Wortham).....*

Melissa Perez - December 09, 2007 at 12:00 AM

BW

“ I must admit that I was in shock when Jackie (Jaclyn) called me to tell me the news. I still find it hard to believe. Gene was a wonderful man with a huge heart. He was one of the truest friends that anyone could ever have or wish to have. To know Gene was to love him. It was impossible not to. He was just that kind of a guy. We have all lost someone very special to us and he will be missed greatly. My thoughts and prayers are with Gene's family. I know there is nothing that I can say to make your pain go away. I wish that there were. I am so sorry for your loss. I know that he was a great son, brother, and a great uncle too. He was a great friend to anyone that knew him. I miss him already. I wish that I could be there to pay my respects in person. I can honestly say that Gene is one of those friends that has left an everlasting footprint in my heart and I will never forget him. I'll will always love him and remember him.
--Brandi--

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