



Jerry DeWayne Roberts

April 22, 1952 - December 4, 2022

Jerry Roberts, 70, of Beacon, passed away peacefully on Sunday, December 4, 2022, at the Mahaska Health Serenity House in Oskaloosa, IA

Jerry DeWayne Roberts, son of Orley and Dorothy (Dunn) Roberts, was born on April 22, 1952, in Vicksburg, Michigan. Growing up, Jerry attended school in Vicksburg and graduated with the class of 1970 from Vicksburg High School. During his senior year, Jerry and his classmates were trying to raise money for a school trip to New York. The fundraising method was door-to-door salesman of encyclopedias. Jerry has a true knack for sales and ended up being the best salesman in his class. While going door-to-door, Jerry happened to grace the door of Henry and Janet Noble's home. Upon speaking with them, he noticed their daughter Deloris. The sale of the books became of little importance after Jerry and Deloris met and figured out they attended the same school. Three years later, Jerry and Deloris were united in marriage in Mendon, Michigan, on May 6, 1972.

Jerry worked as a plumber for a short time after high school before he and Deloris took a trip to Oskaloosa, Iowa, to visit one of Deloris' brothers, who was attending seminary school at Vennard College. Jerry and Deloris fell in love with the community and planted roots in Oskaloosa. Jerry went to work for Pepsi Bottling for a few years before getting hired at Pella Corporation. He enjoyed a 30+ year career at Pella Corp before retiring. After retirement, Jerry needed to stay busy. Dee cleaned homes, and Jerry did various home improvement projects at Brooms. Jerry's last place of employment was Wal-

Mart. He started by doing various custodial jobs and was one of the most familiar greeters most Oskaloosans knew. If you've ever been to Wal-Mart, chances are, you said "Hello!" to a smiling Jerry.

Although Jerry did enjoy his jobs, one of his unique hobbies was collecting interesting coins, especially quarters, but his true love was his family. He would always make time to make it to his grandkid's events.

Jerry's family includes his children: Todd (Amie) Roberts of Beacon, IA, Elizabeth Hayes of Phoenix, AZ, and Paul Roberts of Eagan, MN; and seven grandchildren. His sisters and brothers also survive him: Jean Ballman of Portage, MI, Mary Jane (Don) Becker of Three Rivers, MI, Jay Roberts of Bristol, IN, Jim (Sheila) Roberts of Three Rivers, MI and Jennie Kay (Clarence) Blood of Three Rivers, MI, and many nieces and nephews.

Jerry was preceded in death by his wife, Deloris Roberts, on September 24, 2022; his son in infancy, Nathan Roberts; his parents, Orley Roberts and Dorothy Gehlbach; his treasured grandchildren in infancy, Julia and Jonathan Roberts; and six precious grandchildren in infancy.

As was his wish, Jerry's body has been cremated. A Celebration of Life will occur on December 17, from 12 - 3 p.m., at the Fellowship Bible Church (1000 A Avenue West). Instead of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the MHP Hospice Serenity House. Burial of Jerry's and Deloris' urns will occur in the spring of 2023. Langkamp Funeral Chapel & Crematory is entrusted with his final arrangements.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life Gathering

DEC 17. 12:00 PM - 3:00 PM (CT)

Fellowship Bible Church
1000 A Ave. West
Oskaloosa, IA 52577

Tribute Wall



“ *Jerry DeWayne Roberts*

October 05, 2023 at 11:57 PM



“ *Jerry and I worked together for a few years at Pella Corp. and we enjoyed giving each other a good-natured hard time whenever i saw him working at Walmart. My heart goes out to you all.*

Susie Keller-McCain - December 20, 2022 at 08:49 AM



“ *We have known you for quite a few years way back when you worked Pella Corp. We'll miss your Smiling face at Walmart & seeing you at Family Restaurant.
Prayers of Comfort and Peace to All of your family. 🙏🕊️
As Always, Ronny & Sheryl McCain*



Sheryl McCain - December 08, 2022 at 09:19 PM



“ *To the family of Jerry and Dee Roberts. We are sorry for your loss of two good folks. We were neighbors for years and always enjoyed conversations and story telling that gave Jerry such a kick to relate. I have never met a more joyous and positive person. Walmart as a greeter only allowed him to continue his natural gift of engaging people. Our hearts go out to you Todd, Elizabeth, and Paul. You are in our thoughts and prayers.
Kathy and Tim Besco*



Kathy Besco - December 07, 2022 at 11:36 PM

BH

“ Only reason I went to Walmart with the wife, loved seeing him and chatting with him .Another great man gone and will be missed

Bryan hipsher - December 07, 2022 at 08:08 PM

LI

So soon glad they are together again. He will be greatly missed. Worked with both of them at Brooms !

Linda - December 09, 2022 at 01:18 PM

KS

“ I did not know Jerry personally but I remember him at the door at Walmart. He was always so nice and welcoming to everyone. So sorry for his family's loss. Deepest sympathies.

K Sytsma - December 07, 2022 at 08:02 PM

DL

“ Jerry you will be greatly missed by my sister Barb and I (Deb), you are/were such a joy to visit with when we were leaving the store. R I P my lovely friend, Dee and Jesus will be greeting you when you enter Heavens gate.



Debra Lowe - December 07, 2022 at 07:24 PM

MW

“ I told him he was my Favorite greeter at Walmart! He always made my day when I saw him. He will be missed.

Megan Wallace - December 07, 2022 at 05:01 PM

BB

“ He always brightened my day when I went to Walmart. He was always happy and had a smile on his face. He will be missed.

Becky Beck - December 07, 2022 at 03:31 PM

TA

He will be missed alot he always brightened up my day after I have a bad day we always talked on how he has been after he lost his wife now there together again and will be missed

Tammy - December 07, 2022 at 07:48 PM

TD

“ So sorry for your loss, We will miss his smiling face as he would give us a hard time while leaving Walmart



Tasi DeJooode - December 07, 2022 at 03:09 PM

Jl

“ Walmart won't be the same without his smiling face to greet everyone! We will miss him!! My husband and Jerry talked and joked everytime we seen him 😞Mahaska county lost a kind soul!!!

John and Marilyn Isley - December 07, 2022 at 02:10 PM

AP

“ Oh how I will miss his smiling face when I walk through the doors at Oskaloosa Walmart 😞 Jerry never had a frown on his face and made my day every time I seen him. He will be truly missed!!

Amber P - December 07, 2022 at 12:44 PM

BA

He was always smiling. I would say something, and he always had a comeback. I worked with him for several years and he never had a bad word to say. I will miss him.

Barbara - December 07, 2022 at 01:46 PM

CS

Such a nice man, enjoyed his welcoming comments and smiles at WalMart. He will be missed by many.

Candace Gerard Slobe

Candace Gerard Slobe - December 08, 2022 at 06:53 PM