



Mr. Gerald David Roberson

July 11, 1960 - August 5, 2016

*In lieu of flowers, please make a contribution to www.gofundme.com/robersoncollege.

His Journey:

Gerald David Roberson was born on July 11, 1960 in Detroit Michigan to the late Robert Vernal Roberson and Nora Pearl Roberson.

He grew up in Inkster, Michigan and went to several different schools because of the bussing and rerouting of school districts. He began his love for sports, education and grooming himself at a very young age. While fine-tuning his skills in sports, he always played to win! In his eyes, losing was not an option. He practiced continually until he got it and then he practiced some more. He was the same with his education.

Gerald grew up loving sports. His passion was watching it, playing it and also coaching it. He participated in baseball, basketball, football and even a little hockey.

He was most proud of playing on the starting line-up of his high school basketball team, the Belleville Tigers and his college team, the GMI Pacers. These extracurricular activities didn't affect his scholastic studies. He was an A student and an honor student throughout all of his education.

During his senior year at Belleville High School, something quite unexpectedly happened. Gerald was sitting and waiting for class to start. A young lady, who bet a Snickers bar on a prank, came up from behind him and slapped him on the back of the head messing up that perfect Afro he always had. She continued to walk to the front of the class to retrieve her Snickers bar. She had won the bet... The courtship began.

He graduated from Belleville High School in 1978 with highest honors then attended GMI in Flint, Michigan where he graduated with a Bachelor of Industrial Administration. He also attend Lawrence Technological University and received his Master of Business Administration. Although he was baptized at age 11, college is where he gave his life to the Lord.

It was during the time of him getting ready to graduate that on February 14, 1983 Gerald asked me to be his wife. On August 13, 1983, Theresa D. Fountaine and Gerald D. Roberson were joined in holy matrimony in Ypsilanti, Michigan in church. Pastor Henry J. Healy officiated the ceremony. To this union Gerald adopted Eric Dwight and 3 children were born; Robert David, Ryan Daniel and his precious April Diamond.

While living in Fishkill, New York, his passion for the bass guitar would be born. After talking and praying with our pastor, Gerald went out and purchased a bass and begin taking lessons. He played in the church in Michigan and he played at the church in Ohio. He took a step of faith and purchased the bass guitar of his dreams and was able to perform with the Cornerstone Church Choir. He played on one of their many albums with Israel Houghton. He retired playing the bass guitar after the birth of our twins.

In 1983, he started his career with General Motors in Warren. Michigan as an Account Manager. From there, we moved to Fishkill, New York. He was a District Service Manager. Then he became a District Sales Manager moving

us back to Michigan, then Ohio vesting a total of 38 years with the company and we made friends all along the way. We now reside in Evansville, Indiana.

He loved his Detroit Tigers, Lions, Red Wings and the Michigan Wolverines. No matter what state we lived in, he followed them every step of the way. His other pastime was golf. His most loved and favorite love was his family. He would rise each morning, praying for his day in the bathroom and carry it on to his office. At night, he would kneel by our bed and pray before lying down to go to sleep. He truly was my mighty warrior.

Gerald's legacy would be his passion for Christ. He walked, worked and lived out the word of God on a daily basis teaching his children to wake up and first thing would be to read the word for the day. He was able to see all of his children receive Christ into their lives and all being baptized.

He attended Robert's short term in football, fervently guided Ryan in soccer making sure to be with him at every game and practice while taking pictures. He was, at one point in time, the only father at his daughter's gymnastics practice and was very proud of each one of them. He poured all he had into them always telling them to do your best that's all I ask. To them he was the best father.

It is with deep sadness that on August 5, 2016 Gerald went home to be with the Lord, I thank God for your life and the legacy you have left. I will forever cherish the memories of the care, concern, godly advice, and calls over the years. That distinctive voice and deep laughter is silent for now, but it's comforting to know you live on in Christ!

Cemetery Details

Chapel of Memorial Gardens

48300 Willow Road
Belleville, MI 48111

Previous Events

Family Hour

Saturday, Aug. **20**. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Cornerstone Church
1520 S. Reynolds Rd.
Maumee, OH 43537

Funeral Ceremony

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Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. Gerald David Roberson*

January 21, 2023 at 09:34 PM



“ *My deepest and most heartfelt sympathy to the Roberson Family. Gerald was one of the "Great" people who cared so much about others in all he did. I will miss you Gerald and pray for your family during this time of sorrow.*

Chris - August 21, 2016 at 06:47 PM



“ *I worked with Gerald for years. I always looked forward to his calls and his humor. He talked about his children all the time and loved being a father. He will be missed through and through.*

D. Dobbs

Del Dobbs - August 19, 2016 at 02:53 PM

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“ Theresa, Robert, Ryan, April, Vern and Nancy,

My thoughts and prayers have been with you all continually. I have so much love, respect, and wonderful memories of Gerald- your husband, dad, and brother. He truly loved his family and was very proud of you all. He was as intelligent as he was caring. He wanted to make sure you all were in the family of God. I am so thankful for the years I was blessed to know him. He always showed love, care, and concern for his nephew and me. The graduation card he sent in May is an extra- special, precious memory and keepsake now. I will cherish our last conversation on his birthday. Love, time and prayer will help you all as you lean on the Lord daily for strength.

Ecclesiastes 3:1-4

*In love and sympathy,
Linda "Lynn" Rushing*

Linda F. Rushing - August 19, 2016 at 01:38 PM

PA

“ *With Deepest Sympathy: May the Almighty God of all tender mercies and hope sustain the family at this sad time. 2Corinthians.*

pat - August 19, 2016 at 11:02 AM

SB

“ *Gerald was such a dear friend of ours. He was such a Godly man, wonderful husband and dedicated father. Our deepest sympathies to Theresa, Robert, Ryan, and April. Our hearts are full of grief. His goodness will live on in all who knew him. May God grant you peace at this difficult time. Sam, Cindy, and Danny Baroudi*

Sam and Cindy Baroudi - August 19, 2016 at 10:34 AM



“ *Lavender Reflections Spray was purchased for the family of Mr. Gerald David Roberson.*



August 18, 2016 at 04:58 PM



“ *My thoughts and prayers to Ryan and family during this difficult time.*
Mark Carpenter
14B PSC Coach



Mark Carpenter - August 15, 2016 at 04:13 PM



“ *Evansville North Boys Soccer Teammates & Families purchased the Crystal Cross Bouquet for the family of Mr. Gerald David Roberson.*



Evansville North Boys Soccer Teammates & Families -
August 14, 2016 at 07:38 PM



“ *1 file added to the album Theresa and Gerald*



Donna Pribe - August 11, 2016 at 12:18 PM

GI

Love you

Gina - September 01, 2016 at 10:51 AM

DP

“ *Gerald was a great friend and colleague, and I will truly miss him. I remember him as a great family man who loved his wife and children and always had them in his heart, and wanted to do the best for them. At GM meetings we would always catch up on our families and the kids' activities. I remember his love of music, and when he played guitar at the church, and XM radio station Watercolors, and Motown. I respected him as a colleague, he was very smart, and will be missed by General Motors. RIP, dear friend.*

Donna Pribe

Donna Pribe - August 11, 2016 at 12:16 PM

AG

“ *Sending our deepest sympathy to the Family. Gerald was such a special person and we have so many fond memories of him. Our prayers are with you all.*

Arlynda Gates-Cummings and the Gates Family

Arlynda Gates-Cummings - August 11, 2016 at 09:36 AM

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"Gerald was a hard working, god fearing friend and colleague with a great smile and a big heart. He was so respected in the business community in which he worked. It is no wonder the GM dealers and the GM employees counted on Gerald as he was extremely intelligent and didn't mind sharing his knowledge with them. His church and his family were so important to him and he spoke often about them in glowing terms. What a privilege to know Gerald! Our loss is Heaven's gain. Gerald will live long in our hearts. Our prayers to Theresa and his wonderful family....keeping you in our hearts and our prayers. God Bless and Keep the Roberson family till we all meet again on God's golden shore."

Les Rupert

Les Rupert - August 20, 2016 at 11:22 PM