



Myra Lynn Ray Roberts

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Myra Lynn Ray Roberts went to be with the Lord on September 17, 2005. She would have celebrated her 95th birthday on Friday the 23rd of September. Services are under the direction of Rader Funeral Home of Longview. Myra Lynn was a member of one of Longview's pioneer families and the only surviving sibling of three sisters and three brothers. She graduated from Longview High School, Mary Hardin Baylor, with honors, and the University of Texas, where she received a master's degree in education.

Earl Roberts the "Judge" to most who knew him married Myra Lynn Ray on September 15, 1935 and died in 1988. Her parents, Alice McLendon Ray and James Fletcher Ray, also preceded Myra Lynn in death.

Family came first with Myra Lynn and she loved advising, encouraging and campaigning for Earl, Sr., who was Judge of the 124th District Court in Gregg County during the 1930's and 1940's. Her proudest times were when "with her very strong encouragement and direction - her three children graduated from Baylor University.

Myra Lynn loved the Lord and her church. She taught Sunday School and served as department director for a number of years at the First Baptist Church of Longview as well as helping start several other Baptist churches in the Longview area including Valley View Baptist Church and Oakland Heights Baptist Church, where she and Earl were members for a number of years.

Another special interest of Myra Lynn's was the public education of young people and to that end she followed in the footsteps of her mother by teaching English and Latin for many years in the Longview Independent School District at Longview High School, Womack High School and what is now Foster Middle School. Besides changing young lives one at a time as a teacher, Myra Lynn felt she could best move education forward in Longview by serving on the LISD School Board,



which she did during the 1950's and 1960's. Her term on the School Board was marked by the unparalleled construction of six new schools in Longview.

Active in community activities, she was president of Lawyer Wives' Club, member of the Longview Shakespeare Study Club, and on the board of directors of the Longview Symphony. She was also instrumental in bringing the Buckner Westminster retirement facility to Longview; her generosity made possible the growth and development of Buckner's, where she resided for over four years.

Survivors include one daughter, Claire Lynn Roberts of Longview; two sons, James F. Jim Roberts and wife, Julia of Dallas; Meredith Earl Roberts, Jr. and wife, Elizabeth Betty of Longview; seven grandchildren and spouses, Jason Roberts, James and Ann Roberts of Dallas; David and Amanda Roberts, Murray and Christi Roberts of Longview; Houston and Dawn Harris, Melissa and Scott McDonald, and Miriam and George Jones of Dallas; eleven great-grandchildren, a sister-in-law, Norma Ray of Conroe, and a number of nieces and nephews.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorials be made to the First Baptist Church of Longview, Highway 80 Rescue Mission, or the Longview Symphony League.

The Roberts family expresses its appreciation for all the kindness and help provided by Pine Tree Lodge Nursing Home and Greater Hospice of Texas.

A memorial service will be held on Wednesday, Sept.21, at First Baptist Church of Longview, at 2 PM.



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Archila posted:

I worked for Mrs. Myra Lynn Roberts during my senior year in highschool through the Vocational Office Education Program. I was her office assistant. She was very nice to me.

January 27 at 10:02 PM



Johnnie Jett posted:

Mrs. Roberts was my English teacher. She encouraged me to attend college. So, I did. I became a high school teacher. After 34 years, I retired with a M.Ed. Throughout the teaching profession, I would periodically retrieve memories of Mr. Roberts. I worked for her after school as an "unofficial" teacher aide. She gave me a James R Fletcher Scholarship to help with some of my college expenses. One day, she gave me a quick visit to her house. I was so uncomfortable being there because it was a "rich person's home." Mrs. Roberts conveyed a message to me that...I too...could have such a nice home by getting my college education. It was her, Mrs. Roberts, that inspired me to become a teacher. I do miss her.

June 15 at 2:11 PM



Anonymous posted:

##imported-begin##Dean and Mary Steele##imported-end##

September 26 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Dear Earl, Claire, and Jim,I was so sorry to hear of your mother's death. She was a very special lady. I especially remember her sense of humor, and I remember the fondness my parents had for her and your dad. I know her health had failed in recent years, but I also know how hard it is to say that final goodbye. You and all the family are in our prayers.##imported-begin##Sylvia McLendon Moss##imported-end##

September 21 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Claire and family, I consider it a privilege to have been a caregiver for your Mother. She was a sweet and dignified lady. Thank you for the opportunity to know and care for her at Summer Meadows and Buckner. God bless each of you.##imported-begin##Marie Powell##imported-end##

September 20 at 7:00 PM



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Anonymous posted:

Earl, I remember your Mother fondly from school days - She was a great teacher & dedicated educator. Our thoughts & prayers are with you & yours during this time of sorrow.##imported-begin##J. R. & Mary Murray##imported-end##

September 20 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Earl -- I was so sorry to hear about your mother. I did not know her well, but she used to stop in and visit us at the firm every once in a while. I guess my most vivid memory of her is her visit to Lynn Morrow's halloween party dressed as a witch. She told us that she made sure your Dad was sound asleep before she slipped out the door -- she said he would not have let her out of the house looking like that. I can imagine you have some wonderful memories of your early years with such a fun-loving lady raising you. My prayers are with you during this difficult time in your life.##imported-begin##Emma Carpenter##imported-end##

September 20 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

We are so sorry on hearing of the loss of your mother. My God continue to give your family comfort. Bill & Judy##imported-begin##Bill & Judy Hurst##imported-end##

September 20 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Dear Claire, Earl and Betty:Alvin and I were saddened to hear about the passing of Myra Lynn.Myra lived a long and full life, leaving us many fond memories. The Khoury's have always thought highly of Myra Lynn and Judge Roberts, and all of you.I am sorry that Alvin and I are not going to be able to attend the funeral tomorrow, as we are currently in Austin for a judicial conference.However, please know that you are in our thoughts.Dorothy##imported-begin##Dorothy Khoury##imported-end##

September 19 at 7:00 PM



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Anonymous posted:

I first met Myra Lynn and 'Judge' Roberts on a Hilltoppers' trip to Eureka Springs, Arkansas. He lost his balance in the dark outdoor amphitheatre and fell down the seats on top of me. I would always tease him about his falling for a 'yankee girl'. Ha ha. Over the years we again would cross paths at Florence Knox's house. When Florence's cousin passed away in Paris, TX, I drove the big 'caddy' and we all took a ride! Those were the days.....I miss those dear friends. I moved to Longview in 1977 and have met the finest folks in being here. I loved the Roberts and will miss Myra Lynn my friend. NRue##imported-begin##Nancy Rue##imported-end##

September 19 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

God bless you on your loss. We will continue to lift you up in our prayers.##imported-begin##Jeff and Laura Vanderbilt##imported-end##

September 19 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

My prayers and thoughts are with all of the children and "grands". Lynn was a very special person, and I am so glad that I had the pleasure of knowing her through her sister, Nell Ray Barclay. She influenced so many with her generous and loving life. Marion##imported-begin##Marion Walker Barren##imported-end##

September 19 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Jim, Claire, and the entire Roberts family~I am so sorry that I never had the opportunity to meet Mrs. Roberts. She sounds like she was an incredible lady. Please know that you are in my prayers. Love, Heather##imported-begin##Heather Oswald##imported-end##

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Anonymous posted:

Myra Lynn was the mother of one of my closest friends, Claire, and one of my very favorite people in Longview. She was bright and witty and there are so many Myra Lynn stories. One of my favorites was when I saw her in downtown Longview in front of my parents' store on one of my many visits back home, and I asked her how she was doing. She said fine, that she was teaching high school Latin, and that she really loved her job. But she told me not to tell anyone we knew. I asked her why, and she said "because people are not supposed to like their jobs". Behind all of her wit, she was committed and serious about her work, and she was always a wonderful friend to me and to all of my family.##imported-begin##Sue Thompson##imported-end##

September 19 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Our thoughts are with you as you reflect on your mother. Myra Lynn was a great lady and we have enjoyed many experiences with her through the years. Our love and prayers. Ken and Alma Sparks##imported-begin##KENNETH & ALMA SPARKS##imported-end##

September 19 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Mrs. Roberts was an inspiring person. I was in one of her Latin classes at Longview High School. I was lucky to get to know her. I have often thought of her over the years and I am sorry to hear of her passing.##imported-begin##Cora Meyer##imported-end##

September 19 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

I so enjoyed visiting with Myra Lynn in the early days at Buckner when she and Mother were there together. Their journey seemed to parallel each other as they moved into the Alzheimer's Unit at Buckner and then falls and failing health took their toll. She was such a grand, well respected lady who will be greatly missed by family and friends as well as the community. My deepest sympathies to you during this difficult time.##imported-begin##Jodie McLendon Holman##imported-end##

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Anonymous posted:

Myra was a wonderful, loving and giving lady who loved her Lord and all fellow man. Not to say the least her family. She will be missed. Our prayers are with the family.##imported-begin##Bonnie & Linda Heard##imported-end##

September 19 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

I was not privileged to know Mrs. Roberts, but serving in the Alumni Office at UMHB, I have come to learn she was a special person. Our prayers are with you and your family as you celebrate her life.Blessings!Robby JacksonDirector of Alumni RelationsUniversity of Mary Hardin-Baylor##imported-begin##Robby Jackson##imported-end##

September 19 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Our thoughts and prayers are with the entire family at this time.##imported-begin##Mitchell and Ann Billingsley##imported-end##

September 19 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Mrs. Roberts taught me Latin at Longview High and then I got to know her better at the Law Office when I worked there in the eighties. I then saw her one day and I stopped and spoke at the home when I had gone in to notarize another woman's signature. Earl and Claire all of you are in my prayers.Love in ChristPamela##imported-begin##Pamela Billingsley Pyeatt##imported-end##

September 19 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

I am so sorry that I cannot be there in person to pay my respects and convey my condolences. Earl, Claire & Jim, our parents shared many wonderful years and happy times, and I am thankful for that and for the special place Cousin Lynn had in so many hearts. May God grant you comfort and peace during these days. Our best wishes to you all, Robbie & Ronnie##imported-begin##Robbie McLendon Norvell##imported-end##

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Anonymous posted:

Miss Myra Lynn Ray was my fourth grade teacher at Campus Ward here in Longview back in the 1930's. I have always held her in great respect. May God bless and sustain her family in their great loss.##imported-begin##Laverne Edwards##imported-end##

September 19 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Our thoughts and prayers are with your family. We are sorry for your loss. Love, Andrea, David, MacKenzie & Andrew##imported-begin##Andrea Stidham-Depwe##imported-end##

September 19 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Dear Roberts family, Hearing of Mrs. Robert's death brought back wonderful memories of times in her classroom. She was a compassionate, articulate, and brilliant woman who, as a mentor, made a difference in my life. She supplied encouragement and acknowledgement of students' skills and talents, and she seemed particularly perceptive and sensitive to those with challenges in their own lives. All teachers should hope to make such a difference. Best wishes to all who were fortunate enough to be in her family, Mary Catherine Spears English teacher, Katy ISD##imported-begin##Mary Spears##imported-end##

September 19 at 7:00 PM



Anonymous posted:

Thoughts and prayers are with this Dear One's family. I loved Myra Lynn. We had a "private" joke about being Basketball Girls. Bertha Mae Treadaway was our Coach and I treasure our shared happy memories about our love for that Sport. She was an ENCOURAGER for the Ministry and those memories of her warm my heart. May God bless all of hers - she was proud of each of YOU.##imported-begin##Millie Terry Harper##imported-end##

September 18 at 7:00 PM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Myra by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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