



Richard A. Roberts

September 29, 1921 - March 18, 2013

Richard A. (Dick) Roberts died March 18 at the Ohio Masonic Home. Born in Springfield Sept. 29, 1921, to parents Arthur and Lydia Johnston Roberts, he is a Springfield High School '40 graduate. He worked in the tool and die trade in Springfield until he enlisted in the Navy and served 1941-45, receiving the Purple Heart. While stationed in Memphis, he married fellow Navy instructor Esther Kathleen Gant in October 1943. She died in 2005. Dick attended Wittenberg University and University of Dayton and retired after 30 years as a quality control engineer from Kelsey-Hayes (formerly Steel Products Engineering Co. and SPECO). Among many community groups, he was active in Junior Achievement, Lifetime Member Box 27, Exchange Club, Amateur Radio WB8SNH, St. Andrew's Lodge #619 F&AM for nearly 70 years, Lifetime Member Disabled American Veterans, a wide variety of professional engineering organizations and served as board president for the local American Red Cross. A member of Sulphur Grove United Methodist Church in Huber Heights, he was a member of Chancel Choir and helped coach the softball team. He is survived by daughters Kathleen of Galloway and Maggie of Troy, and son Rick (Pat) of Harveysburg; four grandchildren Lane (Carla) Oatman of Middletown, Alison (Bernie) Kwiatkowski of Pittsburgh, PA, JD Vent (Heather) of Troy, and Amy (Dean) Weaver of Gallatin, TN; six great grandchildren Allie and Jenna Vent and Cam, Grant, Jacey and Laurel Weaver; and his brother Rev. William (Lorraine) Roberts of Blackfoot, ID. Memorial services will be 11 a.m. Saturday, March 30, at

Sulphur Grove UMC, 7505 Taylorsville Rd., Huber Heights, Rev. Tom Hanover officiating. Family will receive guests at the church beginning at 10 a.m. Interment will be in the WWII Veterans' section of Ferncliff Cemetery at the family's convenience. Arrangements by Jackson Lytle and Lewis Funeral Homes. In lieu of flowers, gifts in his memory may be made to the church's building fund.

Cemetery Details

Ferncliff Cemetery

Springfield, OH

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR **30**. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Sulphur Grove UMC
Huber Heights, OH

Service

MAR **30**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Sulphur Grove UMC
Huber Heights, OH

Tribute Wall

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“ Rick,

Sorry to hear about the passing of your dad. God be with you and your family through the days ahead.

Roger A. Herrig, Pastor, Trinity Lutheran Church, Springfield

Roger Herrig - April 01, 2013 at 11:28 AM

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“ *To Dick's family - I have wonderful memories of Esther and Dick. I worked with Esther at Greenon H.S. for at least 20 years. Dick was a great person. Loved his family. You have my deepest sympathy. He will be missed. a friend - - Anne Van Pelt*



Anne Van Pelt - March 28, 2013 at 11:04 AM