



## Olin R. Roberts

June 29, 1961 - June 16, 2022

Olin R. Roberts, 60, of Huntington, passed away at 5:38 pm Thursday, June 16, 2022, at his home surrounded by his loved ones.

Olin was born on June 29, 1961, in New Brunswick, NJ, the son of Paul Roberts and Rosie (Sellers) Roberts. He graduated from Huntington North High School with the class of 1979 and proudly enlisted in the United States Air Force. He married the love of his life, who he adored Rita M. Chapman on April 22, 2006, in Ft. Wayne, IN. He was a member of the Loyal Order of Moose Lodge Chapter #837 in Huntington, IN and AmVets Post# 2919. He was past Commander and currently holding the position of Finance Officer at the American Legion Post #7 in Huntington IN. He had served on the board for 122nd FWOM. Olin continued to serve his country for 33 years and retired in 2012 from the United States Air Force.

At the young age of 7 years old Olin became a San Francisco 49ers football fan. Although he took a lot of heat, he never gave up on being an avid 49ers fan. His love for sports and children had led him to become a PAL football coach for 29 years, a little league umpire, and IHSAA referee for football and basketball for many years. Olin liked to stay busy, entertaining others, going on vacation with friends, making daily road trips to Costco and being known as the Hot Dog Man on Tuesdays for the Up Town Tavern and Moose Lodge.

Olin was bigger than life and a friend to all. His love and loyalty to others was unfailing. He always had a positive attitude and cherished the good stuff in life, like being called Papa O by his grandchildren. He will be missed by his family and friends tremendously.

Survivors include his loving wife, Rita M. Roberts of Huntington, IN; step-Daughter, Lyndsey Chapman of Ft. Wayne, IN; step-son, Kyle (Rose) Chapman of Ft. Wayne, IN; three granddaughters, Hatti, Hazel, Luella; three grandsons, Joe, Nick, Mikey; sister, LouAnn (Robert) Marison of Fleming Island, FL; two brothers, Tom (Trina) Roberts of Starke, FL, Clayton (Candace) Roberts of Madison, FL, several nieces, nephews, in-laws and special friends. He is preceded in death by his father, Paul R. Roberts and mother, Rosie G. Roberts.

Visitation will be from 3:00 pm - 7:00 pm Tuesday, June 21, 2022, at Bailey-Love Mortuary, 35 West Park Drive, Huntington, IN. Funeral services will be held at 7:00 pm Tuesday, June 21, 2022, at Bailey-Love Mortuary with Chaplin Ed Hippensteel officiating. Military Honors will be conducted by the VFW Post #2689 Honor Guard.

Preferred memorials to the Operation Comfort Warrior and Honor Flight, in care of Bailey-Love Mortuary, 35 West Park Drive, Huntington, IN, 46750.

Please sign the online guest book at [www.baileylove.com](http://www.baileylove.com).

Bailey-Love Mortuary is honored to serve the family of Olin R. Roberts.

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN 21. 3:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

Adkins Bailey-Love Mortuary  
35 West Park Drive  
Huntington, IN 46750  
(260) 356-1710  
wecare@baileylove.com  
<https://www.baileylove.com>

## Memorial Service

JUN 21. 7:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Bailey-Love Mortuary has created this video tribute in memory of Olin Roberts.* ”



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**Adkins Bailey-Love Mortuary** - June 20, 2022 at 11:08 AM



*great video...looks like Olin was a really fun guy!*

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**Kathy Harper** - June 21, 2022 at 04:08 AM

TM

*So sorry for your loss Rita!!! He was such a great guy.... only met him a few times, but he felt like an old friend!! You also!! Know that our thoughts and prayers are with you all!!*

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**Todd & Debby Morey** - June 27, 2022 at 08:24 AM

SR

“ *Shari & Rich Roy lit a candle in memory of Olin R. Roberts* ”



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**Shari & Rich Roy** - July 26, 2022 at 02:32 PM

TS

“ To Olin's family and friends our thoughts and prayers are with you.  
Olin was quite a guy!  
Terry, Sue, Casey, Billy and Amy



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**Terry E Scher** - July 15, 2022 at 09:56 PM

JA

“ A beautiful man! Can't believe that he's gone RIP Oly!!

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**John Allman** - June 23, 2022 at 05:43 PM

JL

“ So sorry for your loss Tom prayers to you and your whole family...

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**John long** - June 22, 2022 at 07:40 PM

BS

“ Oly was larger than life and his giving heart always seemed to lead him through life. So charismatic. He was loved by so many and his presence will be missed. Prayers to Rita and all who knew and loved him. RIP Olin...

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**Bonnie Springer** - June 21, 2022 at 05:04 PM

RP

“ *Rita and Family,  
I am so sorry for your loss. Oly was bigger than life and always had a smile on his face and the best belly laughs and didn't know a stranger.  
We are blessed to have known him.  
He will be missed, always loved and never ever forgotten.*

*Ron and Vicki Pearson*

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**Ron & Vicki Pearson** - June 21, 2022 at 04:15 PM

WB

*Rita and Family,  
I am in shock from learning of Olin's passing. He was a great man and great referee. We all will miss him. God bless you and your family ,  
Wes Beamon*

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**Wes Beamon** - June 22, 2022 at 08:59 PM

TI

“ *So thankful for Oly for many reasons, but most of all for being such a wonderful husband to my dearest friend Reet and making her so happy. He was also instrumental showing my son all about the 122nd Fighter Wing, who enlisted right out of highschool, making use of benifits Oly brought to light for him and getting his degree in Mechanical Engineering. I will miss the text messages, calls, or voice messages we shared over the years, as we shared the same birthday. But I will always raise my glass and wish you a happy birthday every year until we see each other again....Rest in peace Oly! We love you Reet, and are always here for you!  
Tina and Carl*



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**Tina** - June 21, 2022 at 03:32 PM

MB

“ It has been my pleasure to help take care of Olin at the VA Medical center. He and Rita were always smiling and even on Olin worst days he would always ask how I was. I will miss his witty personality and also Rita you were such a support to him. You are in my thoughts and prayers Melony Burdine 8N VA Medical center

Melony Burdine - June 21, 2022 at 11:44 AM

TF

“ The Jacobs Family purchased the Sweet Tenderness for the family of Olin R. Roberts.



The Jacobs Family - June 21, 2022 at 11:01 AM

KS

“ I am devastated by this news, I just found out today. My condolences to this wonderful family, Olin and my husband Dan were best friends all through their school years. So sorry to hear of his passing. My sincerest condolences. Dan and O, together again.  
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Kristine Snyder - June 21, 2022 at 10:22 AM

NI

“ Olin could make anyone feel special - and usually did. He was a unique, special person and will be truly missed by many.

Nicki - June 20, 2022 at 09:40 PM

KB

“ Ollie I knew through Aaron and Kelly and so thankful I did! From being our kickball umpire, playing pickle ball, and that cute smile. I will miss seeing if it's you officiating at a South Adams football game. I remember when Kelly was going through chemo and you brought her all this food. I thought that was so sweet of you guys because your wife was going through her own chemo. Prayers for your family! ❤️

Kraig & Jaime Beitler - June 20, 2022 at 09:07 PM

DM

“ Good guy going to soon . RIP Oley .

Don & Stacy  
Mendenhall



Don mendenhall - June 20, 2022 at 06:08 PM

RR

“ Oly you will truly be missed. You were a great friend to me and Ashley. See you in the future my friend. God bless.



Ronald Reece - June 20, 2022 at 05:56 PM

GW

“ Greg And Diane Wyant lit a candle in memory of Olin R. Roberts



Greg and Diane Wyant - June 20, 2022 at 03:53 PM

RW

“ So sorry to hear. Prayers to the family.

ROGER WATSON - June 20, 2022 at 03:51 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Olin R. Roberts.



June 20, 2022 at 02:15 PM

GA

“ You Will Be Missed Dearly My Friend. I Will Try To Be “ As Cool As The Flipped Side Of My Pillow “! Great Memories We Shared, That Will Be With Me Forever. Rest In Peace Oly. 💔

GAYLE - June 20, 2022 at 01:22 PM

CA

“ In memory of our classmate. Huntington North High School Class of 1979.



Cathy Anderson - June 20, 2022 at 12:23 PM

LS

“ *Lisa Schoppman lit a candle in memory of Olin R. Roberts*



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**Lisa Schoppman** - June 20, 2022 at 12:14 PM

JS

“ *Rita,*

*So sorry to hear of Olin's passing. The short time that I was around him, could tell that he made people smile and was such a positive, happy person. You and your family are in my prayers.*

*Jennifer Schlegel*

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**Jennifer Schlegel** - June 20, 2022 at 12:10 PM

SM

“ *Every time I would hit on a quick board I would hold it up and oly would say do you see who the winer is I don't he is going to be so missed fly high oly was hoping for a better outcome for you*



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**stacy Mendenhall** - June 20, 2022 at 11:53 AM

LR

“ *Rita, my thoughts and prayers go out to you and your family. Olin was a great man and a great friend, and I will miss him dearly!*

*Larry Rich*

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**Larry Rich** - June 20, 2022 at 11:50 AM

NW

“ Sincere sympathy to Olin’s family.....  
This community has not only lost a “Great American” but a larger than life individual who touched many young lives especially in the PAL football program. I had the pleasure of working with him on the football fundraiser. Our family of the “Oilers” loved watching him teach, guide and mentor these young people for many years. We will never forget his connection with all of them and laugh when he came to Saturday PAL games in rain, wind and cold in his shorts and 49ers jacket trying to convince all of us that it wasn’t cold out!  
May you Rest In Peace Olin.....  
Rick and Nancy Winter

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Nancy Winter - June 20, 2022 at 10:51 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Olin R. Roberts.



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June 20, 2022 at 10:40 AM



“ "The Old Rugged Cross 30" Rose Gold Sonnet C hime was purchased for the family of Olin R. Roberts.



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June 20, 2022 at 10:01 AM



“ *Lily and Rose Tribute Spray was purchased for the family of Olin R. Roberts.*



June 20, 2022 at 09:41 AM



“ *Medium Dish Garden was purchased for the family of Olin R. Roberts.*



June 20, 2022 at 09:38 AM



“ *You were one of a kind, Rest Easy my friend*



**Joe Jane Burkhart** - June 20, 2022 at 09:17 AM



“ *Love, Sue and Dave Ridge purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Olin R. Roberts.*



**Love, Sue and Dave Ridge** - June 20, 2022 at 08:49 AM

JF

“ Jennifer Fisher lit a candle in memory of Olin R. Roberts



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**Jennifer Fisher** - June 20, 2022 at 08:48 AM

BW

“ Barb Wieging lit a candle in memory of Olin R. Roberts



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**Barb Wieging** - June 20, 2022 at 08:43 AM

JT

“ John & Laura Thomas lit a candle in memory of Olin R. Roberts



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**John & Laura Thomas** - June 20, 2022 at 06:25 AM

BW

“ Thank you my Brother.

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**Brad S Welty** - June 19, 2022 at 06:53 PM

Jl

“ Jackie Irwin lit a candle in memory of Olin R. Roberts



Jackie Irwin - June 19, 2022 at 05:20 PM

DG

“ You will be missed tremendously!! Tim and Donna Gooley Agnes Martin



Donna Gooley - June 19, 2022 at 05:04 PM

SG

“ Sally Gamble lit a candle in memory of Olin R. Roberts



sally gamble - June 19, 2022 at 12:24 PM

MW

“ Ollie you were such an inspiration to so many young athletes. Never forget the Oilers at the PAL. You treated our son's like your own. They learned not only football but life lessons from you as well. RIP



Mary Wilson - June 18, 2022 at 08:46 PM



“ *Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Olin R. Roberts.*



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June 18, 2022 at 08:20 PM



“ *Billie Steve Garwood lit a candle in memory of Olin R. Roberts*



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**Billie Steve Garwood** - June 18, 2022 at 03:46 PM



“ *I remember when he did a toast to Gary & I when we got married. Wonderful man ! Going to miss him. 💔 Cindy & Gary Fsrthing*

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**Cindy Farthing** - June 18, 2022 at 02:45 PM