



## Irvin L. Roberts

March 14, 1937 - June 10, 2017

Irvin “Moody” L. Roberts, 80, Eskridge KS, went to be with the Lord on June 10, 2017. He was born on March 14, 1937, in Vassar, Kansas, the son of Warren Roberts Jr. and Marilyn Vada Coday Roberts.

Irvin was retired at the time of his death. He started work at the very young age of fourteen. Throughout his many years of working and prior to his retirement, he worked in a variety of occupations and often worked two full-time jobs during the same period of time. Irvin served in the United States Army Reserves for six years and was honorably discharged. At the time of the Topeka tornado, June 8, 1966, he worked to restore electrical power to Topeka and surrounding area as a tree trimmer for Kansas Power and Light (KPL), now Westar Energy. Irvin operated a variety of heavy construction equipment during the course of his working years. He drove dump trucks, hauling sand and gravel and worked as a machine operator for Essex Wire, Pauline, Kansas, to name a few skills. When asked what he did, he would reply, “I’m a jack of all trades and a master of none.” There was no task or job he was afraid to tackle.

Irvin and his late wife, Loretta F. Traphagen, were united in marriage on August 27, 1956, and spent the first 14 years of their marriage in Scranton, Kansas. They moved to Topeka in 1970, where they lived until her death on December 12, 1989.

In 1991, he redeveloped a relationship with a former teenage friend, Nancy Cord Hinck. They established residence in Eskridge, Kansas, in 1992, where they lived for 25 years, until his death.

Irvin is survived by his sons, Tony Roberts, Terry Roberts (Gena), and Jeffrey Roberts; Nancy's children, Janet Cross (Max), Eldon Hinck, Debbie Kealy, Skeeter King (Jim), Jimmy Hinck (Eva); 16 grandchildren, 15 great-grandchildren; siblings, Juanita Ellis (Red), Peggy Lira, Kenneth Roberts (Marilyn), Bob Roberts (Jean), William Roberts (Sherry); and his cats, Cooper and Nipper. He was preceded in death by his parents; daughter, Beverly Bame; siblings, Olive Moore, Dorothy Visnosky, Goldie Lind, Mildred Greene, Shirley Watts, Joe Roberts, and Junior Roberts.

Irvin was cremated and graveside services will be 10 a.m. Saturday in American Cemetery, 22828 Hwy 31, Osage City KS 66523.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Topeka Cat Association or the American Heart Association, sent in care of Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home, 2801 SW Urish Road, Topeka KS 66614.

# Cemetery Details

## American Cemetery

22828 Hwy 31  
Osage City, KS 66523

# Previous Events

## Graveside Service

JUN 17. 10:00 AM (CT)

American Cemetery  
22828 Hwy 31  
Osage City, KS 66523

# Tribute Wall



“ *Irvin L. Roberts*

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January 28, 2023 at 12:08 PM



“ *My deepest sympathy. So sorry to hear Moody passed. I still always thought of him as UNCLE Moody. Sorry I was not able to attend the service.*

*Alissa (Traphagan) Griffin*

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**Alissa Griffin** - June 29, 2017 at 12:58 PM

EH

“Moody, I know I always told you I loved you as we hugged and said good by when ever we saw each other, but I truly didn't know how much until now. You were always there for mom, and anybody else who needed you. You were the kind of man I had hoped to be, and a man I sure proud to say I knew for almost 30 years. Don't worry, I will take care of mom as best I can, there is no way on Earth I will do as well as you did, as you loved her the way two people are meant to love each other, through the good times and the hard. I will never forget the trip we had to San Diego. You and mom in your Lincoln, me and Terry and Heather in my truck. First your fan blade flies off, then your forward transmission seal goes out, then your rear engine seal, then my right rear tire departs the truck. I don't know what I would have done if you had not been there to perform your magic, and get the brakes back on my truck, the tire and wheel back on, and our limping from Gila Bend, Arizona on in to San Diego. You will me missed more than I have ever missed anyone. Love you man.”

*Eldon "Bub" Hinck,*

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**Eldon E Hinck** - June 20, 2017 at 08:29 PM

MC

“Moody was cool before it was popular. I could go on forever with the stories but the thing I remember the most is the fun and excitement he always brought to my life. I know he touched the lives of many. He will be missed.

*Tony, Terry---sorry for your loss  
Mike C*

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**Michael Caudle** - June 16, 2017 at 10:27 AM

BH

“ So very sorry for your loss. God bless you all.

Brenda Harris - June 15, 2017 at 11:43 AM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Irvin L. Roberts.



June 14, 2017 at 09:33 PM

EH

“ I remember the good times we all had as teenagers. Sorry to hear of his passing.

Ed Hogan

Ed Hogan - June 14, 2017 at 02:25 PM

AB

“ ny, so sorry to hear of your dad's passing. Condolences to you and your family.

Alvin Bonjour - June 14, 2017 at 01:24 PM

AB

Sorry that's supposed to say, Tony. Sorry.

Alvin Bonjour - June 14, 2017 at 01:27 PM

DD

“ I was very surprised and saddened to read this today.... I can't tell all of the stories about the times we had 'back in the day' but they were some good ones! He was a fine man and always treated us kids well. From running around in Scranton to grooming the race track at the Fairgrounds to growing old together it was always fun being around Moody.

God Bless and God Speed his family, friends, and loved ones especially Tony and Jay....Rest In Peace my friend and I'll see ya on the other side buddy.

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**Dudley L Dawkins** - June 14, 2017 at 01:22 PM

DH

“ in our younger days moody and i worked together and raised some hell together along with orlando snell who passed away a few months ago. we worked hard and we played hard and moody made working at KPL fun. ive missed him and my condolences to his family. i know you were all #1 to him.

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**dan holland** - June 14, 2017 at 07:59 AM

JU

“ "Bert!" i remember my grandpa yelling everytime i was being awnry. He always called me and my sister bert and ernie. My grandpa was a gentle man that always wanted to help. You will be greatly missed grandpa and im sure your up their catching up. Miss you grandpa!  
Justin

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**Justin** - June 14, 2017 at 07:32 AM

CR

“ Let me tell you about my "Pa." When I was a little girl, he was my very best friend. We would have snacks of peanut butter on celery before heading out to the park to play. We would ride in his old blue pick-up truck, me standing up on the seat next to him with my arm around his neck, and listening to Johnny Cash and Patsy Cline. I remember picking up night crawlers to sell in the bait shop my grandparents owned and the smell of the honeysuckles that grew near by. When I got a bit older he would take me with him to his and my Uncle Jeff's mechanic shop, where he taught me about all the tools and how the parts under the hood worked. Boy did he make me feel like I was a real mechanic! Then after a long day at work, he let me sip on his "red beers"...As long as we didn't tell "Ma" about it. I remember he would grab my knee with this fierce tickle and when I giggled would say I was "boy crazy." Somehow even then he knew! I remember going grocery shopping at Falley's and then we would go get the nacho platter for lunch at Taco Casa, with extra jalapeños. He made me think I was real tough being able to eat those peppers! Spending weekends with Pa was my favorite thing growing up. I used to tell him I was gonna marry him when I got bigger. He tried to explain that I couldn't do that, but there was no convincing that four year old little girl. When I was 13, I spent the week after my eight grade graduation building a deck with my Pa at his house. I remember him being so proud of how hard I worked and bragging about the deck "we" built together. Growing up I learned a lot from my Pa, but we also had a lot of fun together. I was his first grandchild and he was my favorite grandpa. He was one of a kind, a bit of a rebel, and he gave me some of the best memories of my childhood. Love ya Pa.

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Crystal Roberts - June 14, 2017 at 12:37 AM

TH


“ I will surely miss u uncle moody. We both have been through a lot and when I heard u were gone. It broke me into pieces.. I remember everything u have said to me and stay strong for everyone like u have told me recently but I'm to the point of breaking... U have always been there for me and u were there to talk to when my gma and Gpa passed and I don't know what I'll do with out you... it's take a true hero to be An angel of god.. u surely have earned it... I know ur above looking down on me and Levi telling us to stay strong for each other. We love u and we will surely miss u

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**tara heinz** - June 13, 2017 at 10:07 PM

Eva  
Dresch

“ Moody I Will Miss You And The Way You Made Me Laugh You Showed Me Love Like One Of Your Daughters Thank You Always For Fixing My Cars You Were A Hell Of Man, I'm Blessed To Have Had You In My Life♥♥♥ Moody Don't Worry About Mom We All Will See To It That She Is Taken Care Of Maybe Not As Good As You Did But As Best As We Can... REST IN PEACE DEAR SWEET MAN♥♥♥

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**Eva Dresch** - June 13, 2017 at 08:24 PM

Alexandria  
Shepherd

“ I will miss you Grandpa. I love you.

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**Alexandria Shepherd** - June 13, 2017 at 06:36 PM

DK

“ I love you Moody and miss you immensely. I can't imagine not being able to go out my back door and yell "Hi dad" or "Hi Moody", Your passing has put a void in my life I will never be able to fill. I don't know what I'm going to do without you. I hope you and Jason are catching up on everything and it's comforting to know I have another angel to watch over me. I will miss you for ever, I love You.  
Debbie Kealy

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**Debbie Kealy** - June 13, 2017 at 05:02 PM

JH

“ Moody was a special member of the Eskridge community and will be deeply missed by all who knew him. Our sympathies to his family. He was very proud of you, though knowing Moody, I doubt he told you often, if at all. He generously shared his garden produce with many. I enjoyed spending time with Moody during my years at the post office and across the fence when our daughter lived next door. She and her family loved having him as a neighbor. You always knew exactly where Moody stood on any subject! We loved that about him! We valued his friendship. He will be missed. RIP dear friend. You died as you lived, on your own terms. Jody and Keith Hiegert

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**Jody and Keith Hiegert** - June 13, 2017 at 03:35 PM