



Milton Earl Roberts

September 29, 1935 - December 13, 2025

Milton Earl Roberts, 90 years, 2 months and 14 days of Willis, TX; passed away on Saturday; December 13, 2025, in Conroe, TX. Graveside services are scheduled for 1PM on Tuesday; December 30, 2025, at Taylor City Cemetery in Taylor, TX, with Steve Yates officiating. On Saturday; January 10, 2026, there will be a time of celebration honoring both Earl and his wife of sixty-two years, Kay, at The Conroe Church of Christ in Conroe, TX.

Earl, as he was known to his family and friends, was born on September 29, 1935, in Berrien County, GA to Jesse Milton Roberts and Martha Laina (Bennett) Roberts. He attended Cook County High School and then enlisted with The United States Air Force where he proudly served his country during The Korean War. Earl graduated from Sam Houston State University in 1978 with a Bachelor of Science in Criminology and Corrections. He dedicated many years of his professional life to public service; working for The Texas Department of Criminal Justice where he retired and then retiring from The Matagorda County Probation Department in Bay City, TX.

Earl had a deep love for bluegrass music; playing his guitar, fiddle, banjo and mandolin - filling rooms, bluegrass festivals, and other venue with sound and joy. He was also a member of the Church of Christ where he served faithfully as an elder in the North Zulch, TX Congregation and the Bay City Church of Christ.

Earl was preceded in death by his parents, Jesse Milton Roberts and Martha Laina (Bennett) Roberts; his wife, Barbara Kay (Schiller) Roberts; and his

sister, Winnie Melba (Roberts) Bennett.

Earl is survived by his daughters; Sandra “Sandy” Gay Phillips (David) and Martye Ellen Hill (S. Tripp); his grandchildren, Nicolas Darrell Phillips (Nichole), Benton Earl Phillips (Jami), Kaylin Marie Campbell, and KodieEllen Huston Campbell; his great grandchildren, Mason Darrell Phillips, Sadie Elizabeth Phillips, Ivy Sue Phillips, and Ellie Grace Phillips; his brother, WR Phillips (Wanda); his sister-in-law, Nickie Gay Christopher (Gary); and his many nephews, nieces, and cousins – especially in South Georgia where he loved to visit.

Serving as pallbearers are: David Darrell Phillips, S. Tripp Hill, Nicolas Darrell Phillips, Benton Earl Phillips, Mason Darrell Phillips, and Darren Gayle Cosby. Serving as honorary pallbearers are: Kristopher Dale Schiller, Keith Duane Schiller, and Shenandoah Lee Starling.

Previous Events

Graveside Service

DEC 30. 1:00 PM (CT)

Taylor City Cemetery
E 4th Street
Taylor, TX

Tribute Wall

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“ *Terri Serrano lit a candle in memory of Milton Roberts*



Terri Serrano - December 30, 2025 at 08:57 AM

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“ *Earl, you have touched so many hearts including mine. I will always remember you.
Rest in peace* ❤️

Terri Serrano - December 30, 2025 at 08:56 AM

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“ *We love you brother Earl! I've known Earl for about three years from Sunday morning bible studies and church. Brother Earl was such a joy to be around. He always dressed so well in his cowboy wear. Always with the boots, hat, belt, bolero, decked out. He always made great comments in class. It is a pleasure to have known you sir. I love you. I'll miss you but I know you are at home with the Lord now. Earl Roberts loved the Lord! Blessings and peace that surpasses understanding to all the family. I'll see you soon my friend! You will be missed by me. It's sad to see you go but I rejoice in your eternal reward. Love you brother, Steve Smith*

Steve Smith - December 28, 2025 at 06:02 PM

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“ I remember Earl Robert's as a Lt at Ferguson Unit, then he became a member of The Classification Dept. I knew he & Capt Doyle being really good friends, spending time fishing & most likely playing music together too! Their daughters were about the same age, & were really close too! Earl was a character, a loud booming voice & laughter!

Lydia Martinez (Horsley) Schraeder

Lydia Martinez Schraeder - December 23, 2025 at 03:44 AM

MA

“ I had great respect for Brother Earl and his great wife. I was blessed to have known them. May God bring comfort to his extended family.

Mac - December 20, 2025 at 10:33 AM