



## Franklin Temple Roberts

October 20, 1930 - January 18, 2016

Franklin Temple Roberts, 85, of West Point, VA passed away January 18, 2016.

Franklin's greatest loves in life, his faith and family, were always his priority. He greatly enjoyed the York River and rivers surrounding West Point. He could even be considered one of the original "River Rats." In his younger years, Franklin enjoyed flying and served in the United States Air Force during the Korean Conflict. Franklin was the proprietor of Roberts' Exxon Service Station and retired from Chesapeake Corporation as a mill wright.

Franklin was preceded in death by his parents, Leonard C. and Ila B. Roberts; a brother, Leonard C. Roberts, Jr.; and a sister, Jean R. Wright.

Franklin is survived by his wife, Margaret A. Roberts; a daughter, Margaret R. Via (Bert); a son, David Roberts (Diane Weaver); three grandchildren, Erica Via, Mark Roberts (Jessica) and Austin Roberts; one great-grandson, Jacob Roberts; and a dear family friend, Bernice Gaines. The family would like to give special thanks to his caretakers, Laura Smolich, Johnna Alexander, Armond Robinson and Jessica Hayes.

A funeral service will be held 2 p.m. Thursday, January 21st at Vincent Funeral Home, 417 11th Street, West Point, VA 23181. Interment will follow in Sunny Slope Cemetery. The family will receive friends an hour prior to the service on Thursday.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the West Point Volunteer Fire Department and Rescue Squad, PO Box X, West Point, VA 23181.



# Cemetery Details

## Sunny Slope Cemetery

King William Avenue  
West Point, VA 23181

# Previous Events

## Visitation

JAN 21. 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Vincent Funeral Home, West Point Chapel  
417 11th St  
West Point, VA 23181  
(804) 843-2550

## Service

JAN 21. 2:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall

VJ

“ To Franklin's family, you have my sympathy in the loss of your love one. I met Franklin when serviced my car at his Exxon service station. Meeting him with his family was a pleasure. To you, Margaret and Bert Via, thanks for checking with me on the snowy morning to see if we were in need of your assistance. We can keep the hope for the time when no resident will say I am sick, Sincerely, Vivian Jones

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**vivian jones** - February 03, 2016 at 12:04 AM

BD

“ Bobby & Mary Ellen Davis lit a candle in memory of Franklin Temple Roberts



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**Bobby & Mary Ellen Davis** - January 28, 2016 at 08:09 AM

MC

“ Margaret and family, Bob and I wish to send to you our thoughts and prayers. Our daughter Anna hen she was three years old looked forward to seeing Franklin at church. He would always great her with a smile and a warm greeting. You and the family will have many precious memories hat will bring you ROSES IN DECEMBER! In Christian Love, Marianna and Bob

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**marianna and bob chestnutt** - January 26, 2016 at 12:34 PM

JH

“ Franklin was a gracious host. He made Buck and me feel most welcome when we visited Margaret's Mother and Buck's sister (Burnley Ashley) in her lovely kitchen/den at the Roberts' home. In later years he was always happy to see us and find out what was going on in Richmond as we reminisced and visited him and Margaret in their home. Franklin never complained about his illness and seemed to love keeping up with West Point friends and former classmates, He will be greatly missed.

*Buck and Joyce Haley*

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**Joyce and Buck Haley** - January 24, 2016 at 06:05 PM

LR

“ Franklin was a wonderful uncle-emotionally supportive with a positive attitude and a wonderful zest for life. Even in his later years with the onset of dementia he was more interested in other people's welfare than his own. He even then when we had family gatherings would say grace and he said it with a heart full of thankfulness. He loved music and his wife, Margaret, would play the piano and his face would light up as a child. They were high school sweethearts and even 60 years later he referred to her as his "bride." Franklin in his own words had a wonderful life blessed by his family. He will be greatly missed.

*Love, Linda Roberts*

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**Linda Robers** - January 22, 2016 at 04:40 PM

RA

“ Margaret and family, You are in our thoughts and prayers. A special memory of Franklin was seeing him sitting in the corner of the First Baptist church with a welcoming smile on his face. He loved his church as the church loved him. God Bless!  
Lew and Rita Ames

Rita Ames - January 20, 2016 at 04:46 PM

PY

“ PATSY Yarrington lit a candle in memory of Franklin Temple Roberts



PATSY Yarrington - January 20, 2016 at 04:30 PM

GC

“ Margaret and family,  
Sorry to hear of your loved ones passing. Franklin was always such a gentleman.  
Cherish all of your good memories. With heartfelt sympathy.  
Gloria Couch

Gloria Couch - January 19, 2016 at 03:04 PM

JP

“ Margaret and family,  
  
So sorry for your loss. Please know that all of you are in our thoughts and prayers.

Judy and Glenn Palmer - January 19, 2016 at 02:51 PM

JB

“ *Margaret and Family,  
Just wanted you to know you and your family are in our thoughts  
and prayers. Franklin will be missed.  
Joyce and Willard Jr. Bristow*

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**Joyce Haynes Bristow** - January 19, 2016 at 02:29 PM

SC

*It was a joy working for you at the Esso station in west point. I am sure  
you will be missed by all, Shirley+Bill Carlton.*

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**Shirley Carlton** - February 02, 2016 at 01:10 AM