



## Mr. Albert E. Roberts

October 22, 1941 - July 22, 2014

Albert E. "Robin" Roberts, age 72, passed away unexpectedly on Tuesday, July 22, 2014. He was born in Indianapolis, Indiana to the late Albert and Lucille Roberts.

Robin was a graduate of Butler University, Western Michigan University and earned his PhD at the University of Tennessee at Knoxville. He taught Psychology at Catawba College for 40 years, a career resulting in numerous publications in research journals and invitations to international conferences. He was a avid fan of University of Tennessee football and the Indianapolis 500. In his retirement years he enjoyed genealogical research and extensive traveling.

In addition to his wife of 47 years, Sally, he is survived by his children; Amy (Matt) Shorter of Salisbury, Ben (Shannon) Roberts of Charlotte; and his four grandchildren; Nathaniel, Olivia, Ella and Savannah. He is also survived by a sister Diane (Dale) Barklow of San Tan Valley, Arizona, a brother Allan (Darlene) Roberts of Indianapolis, Indiana, brothers-in-law Mike Allen of Woodbridge, Virginia and Ted (Lisa) Cooper of Romeo, Michigan; his mother-in-law Millie Cooper of Muskegon, Michigan as well as numerous nieces, nephews and extended family members and special friends Leanore and Sanford Silverburg.

Service: 10:00 AM Friday, July 25, 2014 at First United Methodist Church conducted by Dr. Mark Conforti, minister, Rev. Rhonda Hermann associate pastor and Dr. Sanford Silverburg. A reception will follow in the church fellowship hall.

Memorials: in lieu of flowers, memorial donations can be made in his name to Catawba College, Office of Development, 2300 West Innes St., Salisbury, NC 28144 and the Building Fund at First United Methodist Church, 217 S. Church St., Salisbury, NC 28144.

# Previous Events

## Service

JUL **25**. 10:00 AM (ET)

First United Methodist Church  
217 S. Church St.  
Salisbury, NC 28144

# Tribute Wall

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“ I only met Robin one time when my former wife Mary Schmelzeis and I went to Catawba to see him. I was a psychology professor for 23 years. Robin impressed me with his matter of fact demeanor and his knowledge of behaviorism. He clearly changed Mary's life and was a great intellectual influence on her. I understand he brought intellectual excitement and rigor to decades of students. That is a wonderful legacy to see the torch passed from one generation to the next. His was a noble endeavor conducted with humor and without conceit. Well done good and faithful servant! Save a beer for me as I will not be far behind. Arthur C. Houts, Ph.D.

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**Arthur C Houts** - July 24, 2014 at 08:55 PM

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“ We will be thinking of you in this time of sorrow and loss. I have many fond memories of my 20 years working with Robin. At one time when we just lived down the street, he jump started my car from that old Volkswagen he drove. When he got rid of it, it seemed like the end of an era. We will be out of town at the time of the funeral and visitation. We want you to know that we care. God bless you all.

*Blessings,*

*Jim and Susan Beard*

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**Jim and Susan Beard** - July 23, 2014 at 09:45 PM

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“ *Sally, i heard from bj on facebook that robin died. many condolences to you and the family. i see you have some beautiful grandchildren and friends to keep you grounded and comfort you. just wanted to add ours. hugs, paula and ron gardner*

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**paula gardner** - July 23, 2014 at 07:52 PM