



# David Eugene Roberts

JUL 28, 1939 - APR 22, 2014



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**D**avid Eugene Roberts, age 74, formally of Springfield, VA, passed away at his home in Culpeper on April 22, 2014.

He was born in Big Rock, VA on July 28, 1939 to Maston and Clara Roberts.

He was married to Janet Roberts for 51 wonderful years.

Dave worked at the Naval Research Laboratories (NRL) for 43 years in the space science division. He then proceeded to work with Artep Corporation as an electrical engineer. Dave worked on satellites that are in our atmosphere today.

Not only was Dave an avid golfer, skier, biker, but since 1970 he donated countless hours toward little league teams, even servicing as the President of the Lorton Little League.

He is survived by his wife Janet Goodman Roberts. Their son and daughter-in-law David and Jan Roberts. Their grandchildren Nathan, Allison, and Maston. His mother Clara Roberts. His brother Kenneth Roberts and wife. His sister Judy Hertzog and husband. He was preceded in death by his father Maston Mac Roberts and a sister Carolyn Sue.

The family will receive friends from 11:00 to 12:00 on Saturday, April 26, 2014 at Found and Sons Funeral Chapel located at 850 Sperryville Pike, Culpeper, VA, with a service immediately following.

There will be a celebration of Dave's life at the Salem Fire Station located at 8279 Sperryville Pike, Culpeper, Va. 22701 following the service.

In lieu of flowers please make donations to the following: Providence Bible Church 17211 Greens Corner Rd. Culpeper, Va. 22701 or Culpeper Christian School 810 Old Rixeyville Rd. Culpeper, Va. 22701.

Found and Sons Funeral Chapel of Culpeper is serving the family.



# Events

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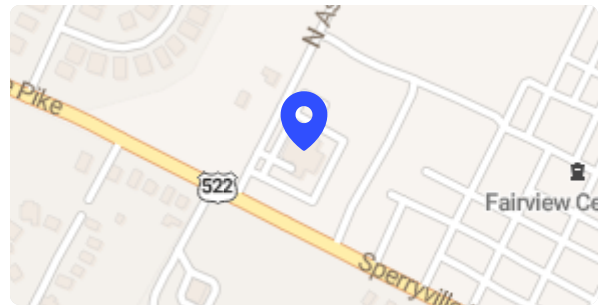
## Visitation

 **Saturday**, April 26, 2014

 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM ET

 **Found and Sons Funeral Chapels & Cremation Service**

850 Sperryville Pike, Culpeper VA 22701



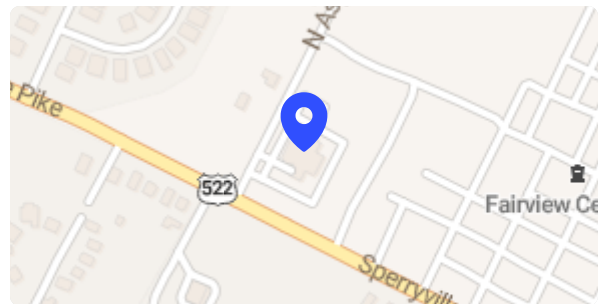
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AB

**Audrey Baker** posted:

Janet, Dave and family, the Roberts Family, so sorry to hear of the loss of Dave. My sympathies to all. He was a classmate of mine also. We enjoyed seeing him each summer at our reunions. He will be missed, but not forgotten. Dave was kind to all and wore a big smile. Audrey Baker Pavuchak

May 25 at 5:21 PM

JS

**James Smith** shared an album called **Vault**.



May 10 at 5:17 AM

JM

**Joe Macko** posted:

Dave and I were close friends at Munhall High School class of 1958. After graduation, our lives took different paths with school, work and families. Dave and I reconnected about 10-years ago and became golf partners in the many high school reunion golf outings. It was great to play and have a beer with him and to discuss the 'good old days'. He was also proud that he lettered in wrestling and would wear his sweater to most of the reunion events. I would like to express my deepest sympathy to Dave's family and will keep Dave and all of you in my thoughts and prayers. He will be sorely missed by all who knew him. Joe Mackolrwin, PA

April 28 at 9:44 AM

DS

**David Earl Roberts, Son** April 30 at 8:34 AM

Your thoughts and prayers are greatly appreciated. I know that he valued your friendship. He told me some stories involving you from the past & the more recent involving your golf outings. He will be sorely missed.



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**Desiree Cox** lit a candle in honor of David.

Dear family, please accept our deepest condolences for your loss. Dave was a wonderful person, always showing a smile on his face. He will be missed greatly. Fondly, Desiree and Dwight Cox

April 25 at 2:48 PM



**David Earl Roberts, Son** April 30 at 8:48 AM

Thanks for your expression of sympathy, and kind words. He was truly an original, & will be greatly missed. Sincerely, David Roberts, son



**Mike Asbery** shared a photo to the **New Album Name** album.

April 25 at 4:10 AM



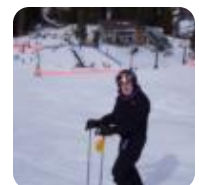
**Brad Kuhn** shared an album called **New Album Name**.

April 25 at 3:32 AM



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**The Roberts Family** posted:

Please note the Roberts family has not requested any donations to have this "memorial website" online forever. As we have indicated, we would like any donations to be submitted to Culpeper Christian School. Thank You, The Roberts Family

April 24 at 6:21 PM



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**Dan Moses** posted:

In his work life, David Roberts contributed extensively to NRL suborbital (sounding rocket) research programs for solar physics over a period spanning 6 decades. Dave's broad experience in this sometimes-unorthodox mode of research led him to become essential personnel on NRL campaigns. No one was more reliable in identifying important intangibles during the tense blockhouse moments leading up to launch. It is difficult to imagine the desert rigors of payload recovery (via now-aging Army Hueys) without the confidence Dave provided. Dave's kindness and humanity touched everyone involved in sounding rocket research. His influence was greatest on the younger scientists & engineers, who responded to his kindness with renewed effort after the inevitable setbacks of this kind of research. Co-workers from around the world join me in offering condolences. Dan Moses

April 24 at 1:27 PM



**David Earl Roberts, Son** April 30 at 8:43 AM

Thanks so much for sharing this tribute. He was indeed a special man. It's so nice to 'hear' about his work life. I know that he greatly enjoyed the challenges of his occupation, and made invaluable friendships along the way. He was also a terrific father, grandfather, and husband. Thanks for your condolences. It means a lot. Sincerely, David Roberts, son



**Dan Moses** shared a photo to the **NRL Sounding Rockets** album.



April 24 at 12:45 PM



**Dan Moses** shared an album called **NRL Sounding Rockets**.



April 24 at 5:55 AM



**Dan Moses** April 24 at 12:39 PM

Standing, L - RJ. Hickman, NASA Sounding Rocket Ops Mngr., D. Moses, NRL PI, David Eugene Roberts, NRL Electrical Lead and Senior Rocketeer, J. Newmark, NASA HQ, D. Wang, NRL Software Lead  
Foreground 36.221 DS HERSCHEL Payload



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**Susan Spencer** posted:

I am so terribly sorry for your loss. Dave used to visit my cafe Ala Heart quite regularly, always with kind words and a smile on his face. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Susan Spencer

April 24 at 5:27 AM

DS

**David Earl Roberts, Son** April 30 at 8:45 AM

I know my father enjoyed the company of his 'coffee buddies', & spoke of the hospitality that was provided at your cafe, Ala Heart. Thanks for your thoughts and prayers. They are greatly appreciated. Sincerely, David Roberts, son

BK

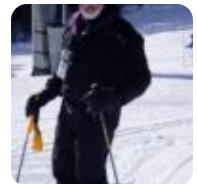
**Brad Kuhn** shared an album called **Ski Photos**.



April 23 at 5:43 PM

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James Smith shared 3 photos to the **Vault** album.

May 10 at 5:17 AM



White Sands, NM



Vault



Vault Crew After Launch



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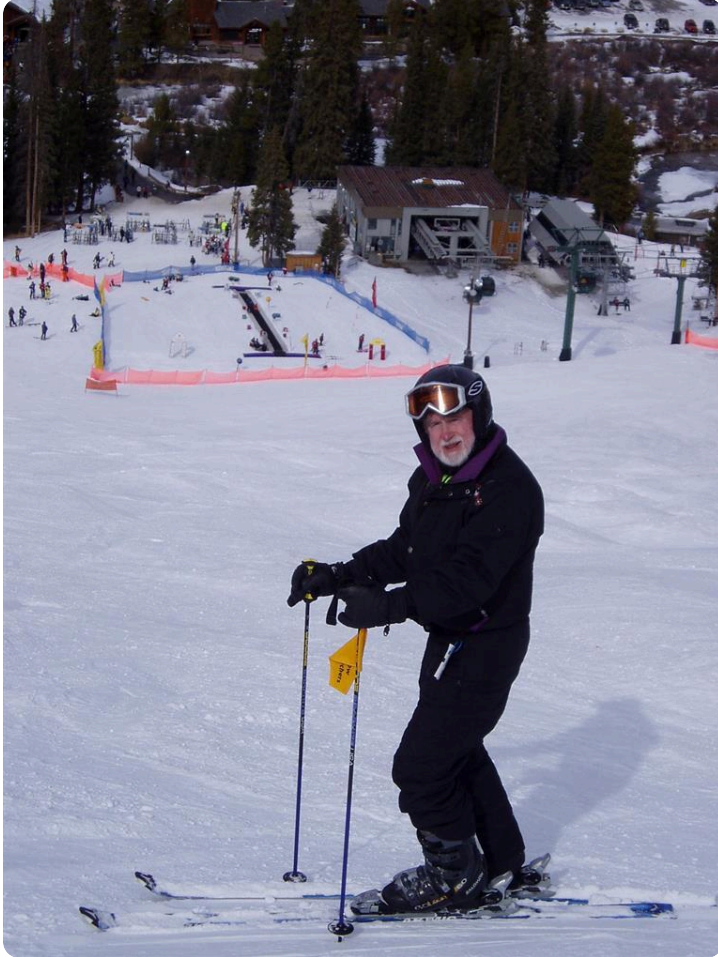
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**36.221DS Team Photo w/Dave center left, surrounded by Italian and French friends and co-workers**



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Payload Recovery WSMR 2009



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# Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring David by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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