



Henry Clay McRoberts

March 26, 1924 - June 12, 2024

Henry Clay McRoberts, 100, of Chattanooga, Tennessee, passed away Wednesday, June 12, 2024, at his residence. He was born March 26, 1924, in Lincoln County, KY, to Samuel and Lucy J. (Robinson) McRoberts was a pioneering figure in the trucking industry. He began his trucking career in 1948 in Indiana with a single truck. As his business prospered, he moved to Chattanooga in 1959, where he founded McRoberts Trucking and owned the Red Bird gas station on South Market Street. His company was notable for hauling grain for major companies such as Dixie Portland, Quaker Oats, Hunter Oil, and Cargill, among others. Remarkably, during the turbulent sixties, McRoberts hired both black and white drivers, defying the norms of the segregated South. His fleet operated extensively throughout the Southeast. In the seventies, due to illness, he closed his trucking business, but continued working part-time for Cos and Ace Hardware, demonstrating his strong work ethic. He was an active member of Westside Baptist Church and the Southside Masons. Henry was preceded in death by his first wife, Mary Lee, and later by his second wife, Arice. Those left to cherish his memories include his daughters, Marjion Grissom, of Chattanooga, Genivene Bryant, of Danville, KY, and Kathrine Barber, of Lexington, KY; sons, James H. Roberts, of Louisville, KY, Marcellus (Sinilia) McRoberts, and Henry C. (Angela) McRoberts, II; grandchildren, Oresse, Katrina, Kevin, Mary, Edmond, Quinn, Carissa, and Andrea; many great-grandchildren; nephews; nieces; other relatives and friends. Henry was the last surviving child of Samuel and Lucy J.

McRoberts, completing the family circle in their reunion. Henry will lie-in-state on Sunday, June 23, 2024, at 10:00 a.m. at Taylor Funeral Home. Funeral service will follow at 2:00 p.m. in the chapel with Pastor Bernie Miller as the eulogist. Burial at 11:00 a.m. on Monday, June 24, 2024, in Forest Hills Cemetery.

Cemetery Details

Forest Hills Cemetery

4016 Tennessee Avenue
Chattanooga , TN 37409

Previous Events

Lie-In-State

JUN **23**. 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM (ET)

Taylor Funeral Home of Chattanooga, Inc
3417 Wilcox Boulevard
Chattanooga, TN 37411

Service

JUN **23**. 2:00 PM - 3:30 PM (ET)

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Burial

JUN **24**. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

VC

“ *Vanessa Carter lit a candle in memory of
Henry Clay McRoberts*



Vanessa Carter - June 27, 2024 at 10:24 PM

CW

“ *Sorry for your loss. He will be missed.
To know him was to love him.
Carletta Nance Whitfield*

Carletta Whitfield - June 24, 2024 at 09:06 PM

WB

“ *WAVA BROOKS lit a candle in memory of
Henry Clay McRoberts*



WAVA BROOKS - June 24, 2024 at 10:49 AM

LH

“ *Laretta Harrison lit a candle in memory of
Henry Clay McRoberts*



Laretta Harrison - June 23, 2024 at 12:20 AM