



James Thomas Evans "Sloke" Roberts

January 18, 1934 - December 2, 2023

James Thomas Evans Roberts, affectionately known as "SLOKE," was born on January 18, 1934, in Carlisle, Pennsylvania, to the late Robert Thomas Roberts and Louisa Idella Evans Roberts.

Sloke received his formal education in the Central Dauphin School District and graduated from Swatara High School. After high school, he enlisted in the United States Armed Forces serving in the United States Air Force.

Sloke was a skilled bus driver and drove for the Central Dauphin School District for over forty years; and in between driving the bus, he was building and grounds lead person. There, he was affectionately known as "Jim" and was well respected.

After he retired from the Central Dauphin School District, he used his crafty skills working and remodeling the church where he was a dedicated member and served as a Trustee. He loved the Lord and his church, Harris AME Zion Church, Harrisburg, PA. He sang with the church choir and the men's gospel group. He took much pride in working for the Lord.

After church, you would find Sloke somewhere lying in his bed watching his STEELERS play ball or his favorite college team, Penn State.

On Saturday, December 2, 2023, Sloke transitioned from labor to reward in the rehabilitation center with family present holding his hand. Along with his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife, Beulah Smith Roberts; his son, Toby Q. Roberts; brothers, John "Rich" Roberts III, Robert "BO" Roberts; nephew, John "Weasel" Roberts IV; and two stepsons, James and Ronald Herron.

Sloke is survived by his two sons, Troy Roberts (Sandra), Derick Roberts (Rayna); one daughter, Brenda Herron; two sisters, Molly Ann Williams, Rev. R. Mim Roberts Harvey (Donald); three brothers, Frank W. Roberts (Audrey), Donald K. Roberts (Dolly), Charles "Tinker" Evans (Kathy); beautiful grandchildren, great-grandchildren, great-great-grandchild, two lifelong friends, Cornelius Beaden, Danny Manning, and a host of family and friends.

FAMILY AND FRIENDS ARE ENCOURAGED TO CLICK ON THE SHARE A MEMORY TAB TO POST VIDEOS, SHARE MEMORIES, CONDOLENCES, REFLECTIONS OR SIMPLY LEAVE YOUR NAME.

Cemetery Details

Indiantown Gap National

Indiantown Gap Road
Anville, PA 17003

Previous Events

Flower Delivery

DEC 14. 8:30 AM (ET)

First Baptist Church of Steelton
1850 S. 19th Street
Harrisburg, PA 17104

Viewing

DEC 14. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

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Service

DEC 14. 11:00 AM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

ST

“ Sending my condolences to the Roberts family. Mr Sloke was a great neighbor. May God comfort and bring peace to all who knew him. RIHP 🙏🏻🕊️

Stacy Woodyard

Stacy - May 19, 2024 at 05:52 PM



KW

“ Keith Wadley lit a candle in memory of James Thomas Evans "Sloke" Roberts

Keith Wadley - January 04, 2024 at 09:47 PM



LM

“ My condolences to the Roberts Family. Keeping everyone in prayer. Rest In Heavenly Peace.

Laurie McKinney-Stroble and Family

Laurie McKinney-Stroble - December 19, 2023 at 05:08 PM





“ *Brenda Glenn lit a candle in memory of James Thomas Evans "Sloke" Roberts*



Brenda Glenn - December 14, 2023 at 04:31 AM



“ *My thoughts and prayers go out to our family during this difficult time. Sloke's legacy of his beautiful smile and kindnesses will live on forever in the memory of those who know and love him. Sloke, you're totally and completely healed for all eternity — hallelujah 🙌🙌*

Love, peace and blessings,

*Brenda Glenn
Oberlin PA*

Brenda Glenn - December 14, 2023 at 04:30 AM

MN

“ Hello friends and family of Mr. James Roberts, better known to me and everyone at Brookdale's Assisted Living, Mr. Sloke. This is an extremely sad day for me but also a day to reflect on one of the greatest and kindest people I ever met and cared for. When I first met Mr. Sloke, he glowed with a humongous smile that was contagious and welcoming. His daily cheerfulness was a joy to behold. Over time, his personality was so infectious and something you could not ignore. It got him the title King of Brookdale. Mr Sloke was a resident who was a pleasure to care for. He was not only a resident but a dear friend. To know him was one of my greatest pleasures in life. I will truly and deeply miss him.

*In loving memory,
Marchell Napper*

Marchell Napper - December 14, 2023 at 12:51 AM

MT

“ My sincerest condolences to the family. Mr. Sloke as I knew him, will be very much missed and will remain alive in all our memories and experiences with hi while he was here! May he rest in paradise with our lord and savior!

Maria Tran

Maria Tran - December 13, 2023 at 07:53 PM



PC

“ My prayers are with the Robert's family. Love cousin Rae

p. Rae Campbell - December 13, 2023 at 01:17 PM



“ *Condolences to the Evans and Roberts family. I am so sorry for your loss. I knew him and his family members when I used to go to school in Oberlin. My prayers are with his whole family.
Maggie Johnson R.I.P.*



Maggsj Johnson - December 13, 2023 at 11:46 AM

EW

“ *My condolences and prayers go out to Derick and all of the Roberts/Evans family. Sloke finally got his Wings may he R.I.P. I remember him working in the Cafeteria at Swatara Junior High School where he made sure I ate lunch even on days I didn't have a lunch ticket or money....*

Eric (Boo) watkins - December 13, 2023 at 10:59 AM

JM

“ *My condolences goes out to the family. I remember Sloke as my bus driver. Rest in paradise.*

Juanita Sultzaberger (Martinez) - December 13, 2023 at 09:45 AM

LS

“ *Sending my condolence to the family of friends of the Robert's family. Stay strong stay blessed and stay together the DuBois Shoffner Family*

Leivada Shoffner - December 12, 2023 at 09:18 PM

VM

“ *Veronica Mccollum lit a candle in memory of James Thomas Evans "Sloke" Roberts*



Veronica Mccollum - December 12, 2023 at 05:34 PM

BK

“ *My deepest condolences from the Dickey and Kent Family*



Bernice Kent - December 12, 2023 at 10:55 AM

SH

“ *Sarah Hammaker lit a candle in memory of James Thomas Evans "Sloke" Roberts*



Sarah Hammaker - December 11, 2023 at 10:06 PM

K(

Courageous, strong, hard working, family and friends, that was my "Uncle Sloke." I am so grateful for his strength that he instilled in us (family). Love always, Popsi

Kerry Lorenzo Clark (Popsi) - December 12, 2023 at 05:40 AM

LR

“ *Lucille Ray lit a candle in memory of James Thomas Evans "Sloke" Roberts*



Lucille Ray - December 11, 2023 at 08:37 PM

TL

“ *My Condolences To Roberts Family R I P Sloke*



TINY LIVINGSTON - December 11, 2023 at 06:54 PM

TR

“ *I wish i can ask God why now. But to know you will be with my Nanny again, I'm at peace. This Hurts so bad and Always will! I'm Crushed!! Until we meet again Pop. And give Nanny a BIG Kiss for me. Love you Pop!!! 🙏🙏🙏💔*

Toi Roberts - December 11, 2023 at 06:50 PM

MC

Sloke wasn't just our bus driver, he kept us in check. He was there in our growing years. He was a good Man and I'll never forget him. My Sincerest Thoughts and Prayers to the Family and may Sloke rest in peace.

Michael A. Collins - December 12, 2023 at 05:52 PM