



# Harold H. Roberts

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**H**arold Harmon Roberts, 92, of Clinton, passed away, Monday, May 16, 2016 at Mercy Living Center – South.

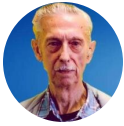
There will be no services or visitation, per his wishes cremation rights will be observed. The cremains will be buried at sea by the United States Navy. The Clinton Chapel Snell-Zornig Funeral Homes and Crematory is in charge of arrangements. Online condolences may be expressed by visiting his obituary at [www.snellzornig.com](http://www.snellzornig.com).

Harold was born on October 26, 1923 in Hartington, Nebraska, the son of Bert E. and Mary (Weseloh) Roberts. Harold attended Savanna, Illinois school systems. After school he worked in the CCC camp near Mount Horeb, Wisconsin. He then entered the United States Navy four weeks prior to the Pearl Harbor bombing and was sent overseas the next day to serve on the USS Pennsylvania, which was one of the surviving ships from the attack. While onboard ship he fought in the battle of the Coral Seas. He later served in the Fiji Islands, New Caledonia, Hawaii, and San Francisco building and maintaining torpedo and mine nets that protected the Navy ships.

Harold married Bernice Ready on August 2, 1947, in Mt. Carroll, Illinois. Harold and Berniece lived and raised their children in Preston, Iowa for the majority of their married lives together. After his wife passed Harold moved to an apartment in Preston, then later to Clinton and lived in the Sarah Harding Home for a year and a half prior to moving to Mercy South.

Harold was employed with Ralston Purina, retiring in 1984. Harold was also a carpenter installer and railroad worker prior to working at Ralston. Harold also served as the town cop for the city of Preston and had the nick name of Andy Bob, which in the 60's meant a cross between Sheriff Andy Taylor and Bob, short for Roberts.

Harold enjoyed family gatherings especially during the holidays. He enjoyed traveling with family and traveled many places in the US including Alaska. Harold enjoyed visits with his brothers and sisters and they would play Dominos and Pitch for hours on end, two games they all played as



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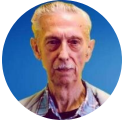
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children growing up together in Nebraska and Savanna, Illinois. Harold and his siblings would often talk of family lore of a friendship connection with the Jesse and Frank James family during days of building the railroad in the south during hard times. There was always mention of Jesse and Frank staying a winter on the Roberts property east of Savanna. A good family story at best. Harold also enjoyed bible study with his daughter Karen and continued to attend after her passing. Harold was also an avid fisherman.

Survivors include his children, Cheryl Shadle of Clinton, Iowa; Ric (Judy) Roberts of Fulton, Illinois; Mark Roberts of Bloomington, Illinois; Tina (Tim) Anderson of Clinton, Iowa, as well as many nieces, nephews, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren.

Harold was preceded in death by his wife, and infant daughter: Patricia, daughter: Karen Tracy, son; Scott Roberts, six brothers, three sisters, and his parents.



## Tribute Wall

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AR

**Angela Roberts** posted:

Not sure if true or how it works but credit karma says the state of Iowa owes your father \$1183.

August 23 at 3:25 AM

CC

**Carol Ties Coulston** posted:

So sorry for the loss of your father, he had a wonderful venture in his life. Remember the memories.  
Carol Ties Coulston

May 16 at 4:51 PM

CB

**Cindy Roberts Bowerman** posted:

Thinking of all of you!! We have lost the last of my dad's siblings! Growing up with them was a time I have forever in my heart!! I am sure they are up in heaven playing a game of cards!!! Big Hugs to Tina, Mark, Rick, and Cheryl!!!!

May 16 at 2:46 PM



## **Memories only last if you share them**

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



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