



Claude Lennox Roberts Jr.

April 18, 1927 - April 6, 2022

Age 94

Born in Hereford, TX on April 18, 1927

Left for Heaven on April 6, 2022

Claude Roberts, 94, of Houston, Texas passed away on April 6, 2022 after a beautiful life with his loving and faithful wife, Betty Jane Ross Roberts of nearly 71 years.

Aside from being survived by Betty, Claude leaves behind two daughters Nancy Janelle Mayes of Wallis, Texas and Sarah Ann Williamson married to Jim Williamson of Frankston, Texas. Claude has three grandchildren he dearly loved – Heather Bray Weaver married to Geoffrey Lynn Weaver, James Austin Williamson with fiancé Kamael Ou, and Aaron Ross Williamson married to Sharon Smead. Claude also has three great grandchildren – Dustin Kenneth Bray, Madison Starr Weaver, and Remington Hunter Weaver.

Claude has lived and enjoyed an abundant life full of loving friends and family. His greatest pride has always been his accomplishments in education and career. Claude graduated with a Bachelor's of Science degree in petroleum/gas engineering from Texas A&I University in Kingsville, TX. He worked for Marathon Oil Company for 30+ years. He retired as Onshore Division Manager in Houston, Texas. He always loved his work and especially the many friends he made over the years, always keeping up with them well

beyond his retirement years. Marathon was just another big family to Claude. He was a very dedicated person who considered his profession a true part of what made life important and taught his daughters that commitment and challenge are well worth the effort.

Claude was an adventurer through and through. He loved everything about God's earth from viewing beautiful mountains, fishing in streams, skiing on lakes, traveling to Alaska, touring Indian ruins, and golfing on courses he found challenging. He loved growing up in Rockport, Texas and there was probably no better place to go on vacation than to smell the ocean breezes in Rockport. He taught all of his family that God came first, then your spouse, then your children. Once retired, Claude enjoyed trying to piece together our family genealogy and spent countless hours on his computer putting together something we'll always have to treasure. He loved discussing politics or any other subject you asked him about, but we all knew he hoped you agreed with him. We all laughed knowing Claude was opinionated when it came to certain subjects. I know we'll miss his intellect and wisdom on so many subjects for which we knew he was our rock. In the last years of his life, he enjoyed the comforts of Eagles Trace Senior Living along with Betty, his devoted and loving wife. Together they watched many new buildings go up around their own. Dad loved watching the construction process out his window, and we all knew he could have been the foreman on those jobs. We can all say Claude was a meticulous man, determined to understand everything, deliberate with his words, and organized beyond expression.

He never stopped planning the next adventure in his mind or solving the biggest of problems he encountered. My mother was the love of his life, and he made certain she came first from the first time he said "I Do" until the day he left for heaven.

Preceded in death were father, Claude Lennox Roberts, Sr., mother - Lecy

Jane McCollum Roberts, sister, Billie Jo Carpenter, brother-in-law - John Carpenter and son-in-Law – Ronald Theo “Ted” Mayes.

He will be honored on Tuesday, April 12, 2022 at David Greenlawn Funeral Chapels and Cemeteries, Rosenberg, TX at 1:00 PM in the State Room with graveside at 2:00 PM.

In lieu of flowers the family request donations be made in Claude's name to Tunnel to Towers Foundation. P.O. Box 6068, Albert Lea, MN 56007-9847

Previous Events

Graveside Service

APR **12**. 2:00 PM (CT)

Greenlawn Memorial Park
3900 B.F. Terry Blvd.
Rosenberg, TX 77471

Tribute Wall



“ I would like say that my daddy will be missed so much. I feel he was a huge inspiration throughout my life, and his wisdom, faith, and tenacity always made me want the best for myself. I always felt like I let him down when I did not graduate from college right out of high school. I know he never told me it disappointed him, but deep inside...I sure felt his standards for me were greatly compromised at the time. I made it a personal goal to go back to college and then get my masters. I know my daddy was behind every step forward that I took along with Jim and my boys. I enjoyed all the debates I had with my dad over so many subjects, but he usually won those debates or I just gave up. He was the most organized man I have ever known. I might go as far as to say he was OCD about most things. Even when he retired, he had to have all his desk items placed in neat order, his bedspread had to be so many inches from the ground on both sides, pillows had to be placed correctly on his bed, and his closet was well organized compared to any I've had to date. He was meticulous about things getting on the floor, and could spot a crumb a mile away. He vacuumed after every meal making sure it was tidied up and neat for the next meal. Growing up, his garage and tools....and anything he owned were all organized. At Christmas time, he would open his gifts one by one, and then lay them all out, arrange them perfectly, and take a photo of his gifts. I do not remember a Christmas where he did not do this. I can't say a bunch of that rubbed off on me, but I think the way he thought and his purpose for everything did rub off....and a persistence to finish things, master things, and not feel you were wasting time was the lessons that absolutely rubbed off on me. Dad, I love you, and I will always miss seeing you. I know you are in a good place and i will sit and have those great talks again. Sarah



Sarah Williamson - April 25, 2022 at 06:12 PM

PS

“ I worked for Herman Pacher, who reported to Grady Yester, who reported to Claude in the Houston Oshore Division, Reservoir Department on the top floor (8th Floor) of the original Marathon Building at 1776 Yorktown from 1978 to 1982. My older daughter, Lauren, was born in Houston in 1981. At that time, being a small town boy, I could not see raising a family in Houston, so I asked Claude to transfer me back to Shreveport, where there was an opening in the Southern District Production Engineering Department. Claude thought I was crazy, since it was a step down going back to the district. But, I had already interviewed with an engineering firm back in Shreveport and had a job offer.....so I was going back to Shreveport. I told Claude my plans, and he managed to get me transferred back to Shreveport with full transfer allowances. And I stayed with the company another 33 years. Claude and my dad, Ed Sincox, butted heads many times, but they did respect one another. I will miss Claudie Mae!!

Pat Sincox

Pat Sincox - April 11, 2022 at 06:42 PM

RD

“ Growing up in a Marathon family I knew Claude even before I went to work for Marathon. One time, as a young engineer in the early 1980's in our Shreveport office, I was assigned the pleasure of presenting a proposal to him for his approval to buy desk top computers to put on every engineer's desk in our office. His response: "You want to do what? Not only No!, but heck no!" Times were different then. He certainly will be missed. He always treated us in a professional manner. My thoughts and prayers are with the family. Reagan Daniels

Reagan Daniels - April 11, 2022 at 06:17 PM

KP

“ I knew Claude when he spent the summers in Durango, CO. He was one of the husbands of a group of 4 women called the Flogers. We, four played golf every Monday and sometimes dragged one of our husbands to fill in when we needed a fourth. We had some lively parties, the 8 of us, and Claude always had a joke or his famous toast to add to the livelihood. Although we have been apart for several years, we've kept in touch.
I will always think of him fondly. He was the best.

KC Pfafman - April 11, 2022 at 05:36 PM

VB

“ I worked for and with Claude during our tenures with Marathon. He was the division engineer for our Los Angeles division when I got transferred to Los Angeles in 1970. He always demanded the best and could tell someone to go to hell and make them look forward to the event. He was a true professional and a fantastic engineer. To Betty and the family, AnnaMae and I send our deepest sympathies. If they made a few more like Claude, the world would be a much better place. Vic Beghini

Vic Beghini - April 11, 2022 at 03:03 PM

EG

“ I was an attorney with Marathon when I worked with Claude. What an amazing gentleman and one who cared for all of the persons around him! Although I was a relatively young attorney, he treated me with the utmost respect and always gave me the opportunity to state my position before making a decision. His birthday is the same as my daughter's so I think of him often. Rest In Peace dear man.

EVAN GLICK - April 11, 2022 at 02:24 PM

LT

“ Never met your dad but know he raised you right.prayers for you & your family

Linda Thornell - April 10, 2022 at 11:41 PM

PM

“ It made me a little sad at first to hear of your recent change of address but I know you are already helping organize the streets and structures of heaven so I smile now when thinking about how happy you are with your new job. I will miss you Claude Lee. Feel so grateful for having known and being able to call you and Betty friends. Pat McMicken aka Patsy Ruth

Pat McMicken - April 08, 2022 at 09:27 PM

JH

I worked for Claude at Marathon while he was Division Manager. He was a wonderful man and a definite leader, respected by all of his employees. He was also the best joke teller of all time.

Jay Howell - April 11, 2022 at 02:24 PM

GD

I met Claude in 1981, shortly after I started to work out of college. He was the Division Manager at the time and he asked me how I liked Marathon. I told him that I loved it and was thankful that Sully had hired me. He said, "Hell Greg! Sully didn't hire you, I did!!". He always supported me and had a contagious smile. To Claude's family, may God grant you peace. Claude made this world a better place.

Greg Dykes - April 11, 2022 at 05:03 PM

DM

When Claude was in Findlay in the early 80's I had the privilege of working with him when he was on assignment in the downstream. A true gentleman and very personable manager. One New Years one of our cohorts brought in a bottle of sprits to spike the punch that our secretaries had brought in. It was late in the day and Claude made the rounds to the various departments when he happened upon us partaking of the punch. He asked if he could have some...which put the fear in the party that had spiked the punch. After taking a sip, Claude remarked "not enough rum in it"! Claude was a wonderful man and those who did not know him well that day, gained a lot of respect for his sense of humor and warm demeanor. Rest in Peace Claude and prayers to his family.

Dan Mowrey

Dan Mowrey - April 12, 2022 at 01:07 PM