



## Jon Sidney Roberts

December 14, 2015

Jon Sidney Roberts, age 77 of Brooklyn Park, passed away December 14th, 2015. Memorial Service Monday, December 21st, 2015 at 11:00 AM with visitation one hour prior at Washburn-McReavy Coon Rapids Chapel. 1827 Coon Rapids Blvd. 763-767-1000.

Interment will take place after the funeral service at Fort Snelling National Cemetery with Military Honors, 1:35 PM assembly area #6.

Jon Sidney Roberts passed away peacefully at home, surrounded by family after a three month battle with cancer. Jon is preceded in death by his father, Sidney Roberts and mother, Adeline Roberts. He is survived by his loving wife of 54 years, Marlene; his two daughters, Denise (Kevin) and Sondra (William); grandchildren, Travis, Britteny (Garth), Chelsea, and Ashley. Jon was also blessed with three great grandchildren; Destiny, Ethan, and Gabriella. Jon is also survived by three brothers and five sisters.

Jon was born in Fairmont, MN on May 1st, 1938 and grew up in Welcome, MN. Jon graduated from Welcome High School and shortly after joined the Army. Jon served in the military for 20+ years where he served in Korea and two tours in Vietnam. Jon was a paratrooper, making multiple jumps out of what he called, "perfectly good airplanes". Jon, during his military career, received many awards, accommodations and declarations. Although Jon was stationed in several places, he always said Berlin, Germany was his favorite.

Jon met and married Marlene Wallman 54 years ago and they had their two daughters, which started the BEAR family. Jon, in his younger years, loved taking his family to Rainy Lake for two weeks in the summer to fish. We have many fond memories of these trips and the biggest fish stories were always enjoyable. Although Jon served in the military, he also worked in the private sector for Vincent Metals where he retired after 30 plus years as a transportation supervisor. It was in Jon's later years when he retired that he found a new past time: Bingo and the Casino. Jon also loved going to his great grandchildren Destiny and Ethan's softball games, where he only missed two games in several years. Jon also amazed us all with his I.Q. and no one dared challenge him in trivia pursuit.

A special special thank you to the staff of Heartland Hospice with deep gratitude, we appreciated the care that they extended to Jon and our family. A special thanks to Cheryl, Joan, and Eran who were always so caring to Jon.

We love you Head Bear and we will miss you. Honey Bear, Easer Bear, Chubber Bear, Buddy Bear, Britzy Bear, Chelsea Bear, Ashie Bear, Missy Boo Boo Bear, Mr. Pooh Bear, Sassy Bear, and the 5th Bear.

# Tribute Wall



“ I found the picture Jon and I before a parachute jump. Jim Wilde



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**James Wilde** - January 23, 2016 at 01:06 PM

MR

*Thank you, thank you so very much for sharing this photo. Also thank you for the kind words you posted of Jon. We as a family are so grateful to be able to have these memories shared it helps us to keep his memory alive and we will be able to pass this one to his grandchildren and great-grandchildren. We would also like to thank you for your service and the sacrifices you have made.*  
*Marlene Roberts and family*

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**Marlene Roberts** - January 23, 2016 at 03:01 PM



“ So sorry to hear Jon passed. We were not on the same team but we arrived in Berlin near the same time in 1958. I remember his dry sense of humor, that he was a sharp airborne soldier, and that he was a strong runner, I could not keep up with him. I feel sure we will meet again. I am sure I have a picture. I will dig it out and pass it along to you. Jim Wilde

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**James Wilde** - January 23, 2016 at 10:03 AM

JP

“ *Marlene, Denise and family - I'm so sorry to hear about Jon's passing. May your memories bring you peace during this difficult time. Your family is in my prayers.*

*Jeri Peck*

**Jeri Peck** - December 22, 2015 at 09:49 AM

ZA

“ *Sorry to hear about Jon. We have many good memories and our thoughts are with your family.*

*Len & Lee Zawislan & family*

**Zawislan** - December 19, 2015 at 11:12 PM



SS

“ *Steven, Neil, Tina, Bruce and Steph purchased the Beautiful Whisper for the family of Jon Sidney Roberts.*



**Steven, Neil, Tina, Bruce and Steph** - December 19, 2015 at 09:58 AM



“ *Sondra Roberts sent a virtual gift in memory of Jon Sidney Roberts*



**Sondra Roberts** - December 18, 2015 at 08:51 AM



*I love you and miss you Daddy ...*

**Sondra Roberts** - December 18, 2015 at 08:52 AM



“ *Katie Smith lit a candle in memory of Jon Sidney Roberts*



**Katie Smith** - December 17, 2015 at 08:34 AM

MB

“ *Ma Bear lit a candle in memory of Jon Sidney Roberts*



**Ma Bear** - December 17, 2015 at 07:53 AM

Ashley Funston

“ *I love you DA! I will miss you each and everday! Rest in paradise!*

**Ashley Funston** - December 16, 2015 at 12:13 PM

Molly Lenz

“ *Molly Lenz lit a candle in memory of Jon Sidney Roberts*



**Molly Lenz** - December 16, 2015 at 11:25 AM



“ *Joseline Figuereo lit a candle in memory of Jon Sidney Roberts*



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**Joseline Figuereo** - December 16, 2015 at 10:53 AM



“ *Britteny Sternberg lit a candle in memory of Jon Sidney Roberts*



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**Britteny Sternberg** - December 16, 2015 at 10:01 AM



“ *Love you Da!*

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**Britteny Sternberg** - December 16, 2015 at 09:59 AM



“ *Denise Roberts lit a candle in memory of Jon Sidney Roberts*



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**Denise Roberts** - December 16, 2015 at 09:25 AM

DR

“ *Delores Roberts lit a candle in memory of Jon Sidney Roberts*



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**Delores Roberts** - December 16, 2015 at 07:22 AM

DR

“ *Big Jon (Head Bear)  
Many great memories remain in our hearts  
I am so blessed to be a part of your wonderful  
family and me and Thomas (Turk aka The 5th  
Bear) will surely miss you but so glad that you  
are free from pain and are now in the arms of our Lord Savior  
We love you today, tomorrow , and forever!  
Until we meet again .....*



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**Delores Roberts** - December 16, 2015 at 07:18 AM

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“ *I am so very sorry for your great loss. You and your entire family are in my thoughts and prayers. May God carry you, comfort you, sustain you and give you hope that one day you will see him again on that great day when we are reunited with our loved ones never more to part. Hugs to you all.*

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**Barbara Lokken (Neighbor)** - December 16, 2015 at 02:26 AM

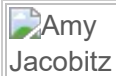


“ *Sondra Roberts lit a candle in memory of Jon Sidney Roberts*



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**Sondra Roberts** - December 15, 2015 at 11:41 PM



“ *Marlene and family, our thoughts and prayers are with you, Love Charlotte, Amy and Dale*



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**Amy Jacobitz** - December 15, 2015 at 06:45 PM

**BM**

*Marlene and family may your memories of him comfort you during this difficult time. Jon was a very thoughtful & kind man. Surely he will be missed by all who knew him. Hugs to all of you.*

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**Bonnie & Jeff Martin** - December 15, 2015 at 06:54 PM