

# Otto Roberts

November 29, 1918 - October 17, 2010

Otto William Roberts passed away at Southeast Hospital in Cape Girardeau on Sunday, October 17, 2010, at the age of 91.

He was born November 29, 1918 at Sharum, Arkansas, son of Otto Henry and Rhoda Samantha Flanigan Roberts.

On August 22, 1938, he and Doris Edith Martin were married at New Madrid, MO.

Mrs. Roberts preceded him in death on June 5, 1999.

He is survived by three sons and one daughter:

Lin (Linda) Roberts of Jackson, Charles (Barbara) Roberts of Cape Girardeau, Don (Wanda) Roberts of Jonesburg and Jane (Jerry) Marquis of Marble Hill.

He is also survived by 13 grand children, 24 great grand children and 5 great great grand children.

Otto was one of fourteen children, two of whom died in infancy.

He was predeceased by 3 brothers:

Harold Roberts, Glen Roberts and Carl Roberts.

He is survived by 4 sisters:

Geneva Hessling of St. Louis, Juanita Ohnimus of Kansas City, MO, Louise Ayers of St. Louis and Betty Annis of Jackson and 4 brothers:

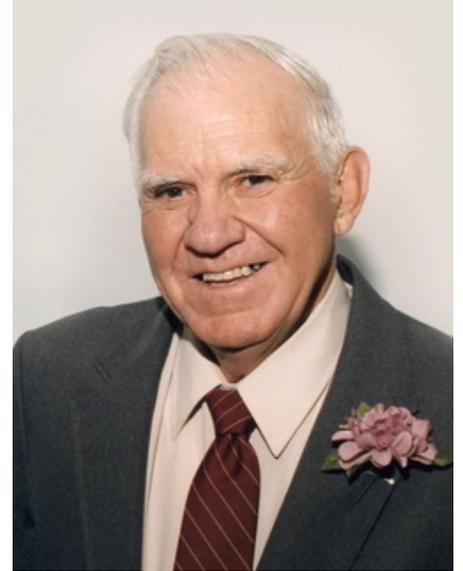
Norman Roberts of Dexter, Darel Roberts of Cape Girardeau, Frank Roberts of Jackson and John Roberts of O'Fallon.

The family moved from St. Louis to the Bloomfield area in 1956 where they were engaged in farming and later Otto opened an auto body repair business which he operated until his retirement.

His favorite hobby, besides fishing, gardening, and visiting, was building bird houses.

He made hundreds of them for family and friends.

He moved to Cape Girardeau about four years ago to be closer to family.



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He was a longtime member of the Liberty Hill General Baptist Church at Aid, MO, and seldom missed a service until he relocated to Cape.

In the last two years, because of health concerns, he made his home with his son's family.

Otto was active in church and community activities and had served on the Bloomfield City Council, as well as numerous committees and projects.

He was a kind and generous person who put God and his family foremost in his life.

He was the patriarch of a large extended family who loved and respected him.

It was not unusual for 100 or more immediate family members to meet for their annual Labor Day reunion.

Otto would reminisce about "the good old days" and tell stories for hours.

One of his favorites was about the youthful days when he and cousin, Paul would spend hours sitting on the banks of the Mississippi, eating bananas and catching fish.

Friends may call at the Rainey-Mathis Funeral Home in Dexter on Wednesday, October 20, 2010 from 5:00 until 8:00 P.M. Funeral services will be conducted Thursday, October 21, 2010 at 10:00 A.M. in the Rainey-Mathis Funeral Chapel with Rev. Phil Warren officiating.

Interment will follow in the Bloomfield Cemetery.