



## Donald H. Roberts

July 4, 1947 - January 4, 2022

Donald Henry Roberts, age 74, of Croswell, passed away Tuesday, January 4, 2022 at McLaren Port Huron Hospital.

He was born July 4, 1947 in Detroit, son of the late Robert E. and Clara E. (McCauley) Roberts. Don married Brenda Krumenaker on November 25, 2003 in Las Vegas.

Don was a teacher for over 30 years. He was dedicated to the Cros-Lex community as an educator and coach. During his Varsity Basketball coaching career, Don accumulated 322 wins.

Don is survived by his loving wife, Brenda; 3 sons, Jon Paul, Ryan, and Geoff Roberts; one brother, Robert; 2 sisters, Terry (Rich) Merlo, and Bonnie (Mike) Timmer; and brother-in-law, Dee Gunnell.

He was preceded in death by his sister, Barb Roberts.

# Tribute Wall

DW

“ Don made the world a better place. My small piece of the world became better when I was honored to serve as his Chi Sigma big brother. He was a great addition to our band of brothers and it is fitting that he will always be listed as a founding member of Central Michigan University's chapter of Sigma Chi. His delightful sense of humor, sensitivity to others, reliability and loyalty to causes greater than his own interests were apparent as an undergraduate. I'm proud and not surprised to have learned that there were many young people who benefited from his exemplary way of living. With condolences to his family, I am, Sincerely, Dr. David P. Winans

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**David P Winans** - March 10, 2022 at 09:12 PM

SC

“ A person I was proud to say, “Hi! Coach!”

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**steve coffelt** - January 07, 2022 at 10:32 PM

AN

“ Coach Roberts is simply one of the neatest people you could meet. Having the opportunity to coach within his program is a highlight of my life. He provided guidance of how to be organized and prepared, but it was how well he treated people that really stuck out. He was competitive and dedicated, and it was because he never lost sight that it was a game that kids love to play. He wanted to give student-athletes and the community a great experience. His imprint on the game of basketball can be found throughout the Thumb. Condolences to Brenda and his family.

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**Adam Nelson** - January 07, 2022 at 11:39 AM

TB

“ *Sad to hear the passing of Don. He was an outstanding Basketball Coach and even a better person. Always had great admiration and respect for him as a coach and as a person. The Thumb area lost a good one.*

*Tony and Cindy Burton*

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**Tony Burton** - January 07, 2022 at 09:49 AM

KK

“ *So incredibly sad to hear of Coach Roberts passing away. He was a great coach and teacher. I loved playing for him and I appreciate all he did for me and for the community.*

*-Kevin Kelch*

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**Kevin Kelch** - January 06, 2022 at 10:13 PM

MP

“ *So sorry to hear of Don's passing. He was a good man, educator and coach. He will be missed.*

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**Mike Patterson** - January 06, 2022 at 09:39 PM

GL

“ *I meant Mr. Roberts at my place of employment, he was one of my favorite customers. My heart goes out to you Brenda and his family. Mr. Roberts had a piece of my heart, he will be missed dearly. I pray for God's comfort over you and the family. The store won't be the same without you Mr. Roberts. May you Rest In Peace*

*Gladys*

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**Gladys** - January 06, 2022 at 08:13 PM

MG

“ We were so very sorry to hear of Don’s passing. His impact on the Cros-Lex Community was huge. I had the privilege to be Don’s assistant Varsity Basketball coach. Having played College basketball, and coach for many years, I can honestly say working with Don was a tremendous pleasure as he was impeccably organized for every single practice with a goal in mind to be achieved prior to the next team we were preparing to play. He was much better coach than any of my collegiate coaches. Our condolences to Brenda and his entire family. May God bless each of you with His comfort. Our lives were blessed by knowing Don. -The Mark and Donna Grundman Family-

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**mark grundman** - January 06, 2022 at 06:58 PM

CW

I'm so sorry to hear of Mr. Robert's passing. He coached my son in basketball 1997-1999. My son calls him a "legend". Mt daughter had him as a teacher. What a great man 👍. Prayers 🙏 to your family. The Watson Family

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**Carol Watson** - January 07, 2022 at 04:23 PM

TM

“ Don thank you for your wonderful sense of Humor, your Wet Willies were so special! You were more of a Brother than a brother-in-law. God made his calling for a Special Man. Love, Rich

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**Terry Merlo** - January 06, 2022 at 05:16 PM

TM

“ Don was my big brother, the eldest. He left for College so during our growing up years we did not have a lot interactions. I married at a young age while he was still in College. Don was an awesome Brother as the years passed and we had families and shared Holidays together. My husband and I played a lot of cards together with him! Our family loved to play poker. He also was a great entertainer at Christmas, he had this very Special Routine, he had socks appear and disappear from a bag. Oh we all looked forward to this each year. I Loved my Brother and he will forever be in my Heart. Those of you that were lucky enough to have this Great Man as a teacher or a coach were also truly Blessed by his Talent and Love. He is now in in Heaven with his Loved Ones who were awaiting him with open arms. I Love You. Your Sister Terry.

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**Terry Merlo** - January 06, 2022 at 04:59 PM

JK

“ I am very sorry to hear about Coach Roberts. I am praying for his soul and all of his family members. One of our first interactions was coaching against each other as JV Basketball Coaches. We stayed in contact over the years and it was great being able to work together for eight years at Croswell Lexington high school. He coached with great integrity and sportsmanship. All through his career he was always trying to improve so he could provide the best possible experience for his student athletes. Don is a true treasure for the community and a blessing for anyone who was fortunate enough to know him. I am one of many many people who can say that he helped improve my life. Love John Knuth

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**John Knuth** - January 06, 2022 at 03:44 PM

EP

“ Brenda, Jon Paul, Ryan, Geoff, and Extended Family----Please accept our deepest sympathy in the passing of your dear husband, father, brother, and dearest friend. Ed and I have known Don since his college days. Ed and Don shared Brotherhood in the Sigma Chi Fraternity and then went on to be teaching colleagues at Cros-Lex. Our paths never separated as we continued to grow closer with other Sigma Chi Brothers and wives after retirement at monthly luncheons. Our hearts are broken. We pray for your comfort and eventual peace. Brenda, we are here for you! Love, Ed and Judy

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**Ed and Judy Pitrago** - January 06, 2022 at 03:20 PM

PR

“ Don was a tremendous coach, teacher and colleague. My prayers are with Brenda and the boys.

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**Peggy Regan** - January 06, 2022 at 03:20 PM

BR

“ Don was a great fraternity Brother, friend and roommate. I will miss him so much. Rest In Peace, Motown.

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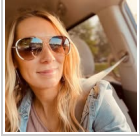
**Bob Ribble** - January 06, 2022 at 02:21 PM

FP

“ As I pledged Chi Sigma fraternity, Don, (Motown) was my big brother in 1966. His quick wit, wry smile, and dedication to our band of brothers inspired me in so many ways long after our time at CMU. I am grateful that I was able to connect with Don for over 55 years. To Brenda, who I came to know, I hope you can find peace and comfort in the coming days and years in the love you shared together.

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**Frank Polehanki** - January 06, 2022 at 01:38 PM



“ *Uncle Don always did the best magic shows at Christmas time*

Tiffany Ellis - January 06, 2022 at 01:23 PM

AB

“ *Don was a great coach and mentor to our sons. Lots of wonderful memories.* 😞😞😞😞🙏🙏🙏

Alleida Bringard - January 06, 2022 at 12:36 PM

KI

“ *Brenda. So sorry to hear Don has passed, what a shocker. He always was a friend to me and helped me coaching years ago. He will be missed.*

KimNunn - January 06, 2022 at 11:58 AM

DD

“ *Don was an awesome teacher. I have lots of fond memories of him.*



Desi Duncan - January 06, 2022 at 11:53 AM