



## James "Jimmy" Nathan Roberts

October 19, 1978 - December 26, 2017

James "Jimmy" Nathan Roberts, Sr. age 39 of Athens, passed away Tuesday, December 26, 2017 at his residence. Mr. Roberts was born October 19 1978 in Lawrence County, TN to William Earl Roberts and Elizabeth Suzanne Rouse Roberts.

Services will be Saturday, December 30, 2017, 11:00 a.m., at Limestone Chapel Funeral Home with Keith Davis officiating. Visitation will be Friday, from 4:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. at the funeral home. Burial will be in Roselawn Cemetery.

Mr. Roberts loved playing the guitar and music. He was a songwriter and worship leader at Discovery Church and he was an Eagle Scout.

Survived by his wife, Mandy Roberts; three children, Lauren Roberts, Hannah Roberts and Nathan Roberts; parents, Billy and Suzie Roberts; sister, Libby Card and husband, Chris; in-laws, Roger and Nancy Isbill.

Pallbearers will be Phil Turner, Michael Kritner, Jamie Nelms, Brandon Davis, Myles Holt, Billy Rodgers, Jeremy Rouse and Alex Thrasher. Honorary pallbearers will be Dustin Connell and Chris Card.

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# Tribute Wall

DM

“ I remember the first time I met Jimmy. We were at World Outreach Center (a place where I met several special people), doing a youth service of some kind. Jimmy had been wanting to "check things out" and "see what was going on" for a while, as he used to say. So after the service was over he introduced himself and we talked in the parking lot. And we talked, and we talked, and we talked some more. I remember us initially talking about our shared love of music. A kind of love for it that only true artists can have. Not shallow, or in a using way, like a means to an end, but in a deep way which always goes the long way around just for the enjoyment. We became instant friends! We didn't need a second conversation. I think Jimmy was like that with a lot of people, but for me, at that moment, I felt like his best friend! And that was due to him, not me. Jimmy made you feel special no matter the circumstances. He made you feel a priority. He did this over and over again. He could pull it off with mutiple people in a room, simotaneously, or with a single person one on one. Every person who met him always said the same thing, "I like Jimmy, a lot!"

After that first time we met in the W.O.C parking lot, we met many more times, and had many more conversations, but that night was special not only because of how we started the conversation, but also because of how we ended it.

By the end of the conversation, we had switched from talking about music, family, and ministry, and were now talking about our first love, Jesus. That was the part where his eyes lit up the most! Before we left, we embraced like two long lost friends and we prayed.

We both felt that God had something special for us both, together. Not sure what exactly it was, but we felt Him there.

I know now that among all other great things God had for us, the most important, was friendship.

Jimmy was a great friend to me.

I know he was to many others as well, but I will always treasure him and the time we shared together. I will always remember our long talks and the thoughts and dreams we shared. I will always laugh

*when I think about the jokes we would tell (the kind that we laughed at in just the most particular way), and every time I write or sing a song I will have a piece of Jimmy with me, because of all the people who influenced me personally and on a musical level, almost no person has more than him.*

*He will always be one of the greatest men I have known. My true friend.*

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**David Murray** - December 29, 2017 at 08:49 AM

CS

“ *James "Jimmy" Nathan Roberts*

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**Cathie Starnes** - December 28, 2017 at 10:57 PM

ME

“ *I remember his curly hair and beautiful eyes. Condolences to the family.*

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**Mike and Patsy Evans** - December 28, 2017 at 05:43 PM

DF

“ *Please accept our sincere Condolences on your loss.*  
*- Day-By-Day Florence, (256)762-9596*

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**Day By Day Florence** - December 28, 2017 at 04:45 PM

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“ Reminding those whom you support that your thoughts are with them.

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**Tribute Store** - December 28, 2017 at 02:14 PM

RB

“ Sorry to hear of your family's loss. Prayers for all of your family.

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**Randy Boyd** - December 27, 2017 at 11:15 PM

AS

“ So sorry for your loss, Mandy. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.

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**Ardis Smith** - December 27, 2017 at 04:39 PM

IL

“ I worked with Jimmy at Browns Ferry Nuclear Plant. Jimmy was one of the kindness people I have ever known and worked with. He loved to talk about his faith and family with the biggest smile on his face. I am deeply saddened and he will be greatly missed.

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**Imani Lockhart** - January 04, 2017 at 10:15 AM