



## John Bloom Roberts M.D.

March 28, 1930 - June 9, 2022

John Bloom Roberts, M.D. passed away in Columbus, Ohio on June 9, 2022 at the age of 92. He is survived by his wife of 65 years, Carrole Ann Miller Roberts; daughters Lisa Carrole Roberts (John MacDougall) and Christine Lee Roberts Stevens (Robert Stevens); and grandchildren, Ryan Noel Stevens, Tanner Alexander Stevens, Carmen Lisa MacDougall and John Roberts MacDougall.

Born in Pocatello, Idaho to Dr. Edward Newman and Florence Bloom Roberts, he was the last of five siblings who have predeceased him.

Dr. Roberts had a long and distinguished career as a Professor of Orthopaedic Surgery at The Ohio State University College of Medicine. He was a graduate of Stanford University and Northwestern University Medical School; and he interned at Cook County Hospital in Chicago. In 1958 he moved to Anchorage, Alaska with his young wife and seven-day-old daughter where he served as a Battalion and Flight Surgeon in the United States Army. He then moved to Columbus, Ohio where he completed an Orthopaedic Residency program at White Cross, Riverside and Children's Hospital. He spent the next 40 years as a surgeon on The Ohio State University faculty until his retirement in 2008.

It was in his role as an educator that Dr. Roberts had the greatest impact. He

was greatly respected by students, faculty and staff; during his tenure, he was involved in the training of nearly every graduate of Ohio State's Orthopaedic Residency Program as well as hundreds of surgeons. Since 2000, the Dept. of Orthopaedics has given the John B. Roberts Award for Excellence in Orthopedics to an exemplary OSU medical student. He served for many years as an oral examiner for the American Board of Orthopaedic Surgery; and among his many awards was honored as Orthopaedic Educator of the year in 2001 by the OSU residents.

Dr. Roberts left his mark in other ways as well. In 1975, he was one of four surgical faculty who financed a \$50,000 insurance policy on behalf of 60 interns and residents who would otherwise be unprotected from malpractice suits pending new legislation. He wrote and presented numerous papers; and in 1976-77 he served as President of the Ohio Orthopaedic Society.

He loved travel, art and music, with a special fondness for classical music and the Ohio State Marching Band.

In recognition of his outstanding contributions to OSU's Dept. of Orthopaedics, the John B. Roberts MD Endowed Fellowship Fund was established in 2012 to support residents' research rotation.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in his memory to this fund (reference #482262) by giving online via this link: <https://www.giveto.osu.edu/makeagift/OnlineGivingDonation.aspx?fund=482262>; or by mailing checks to The OSU Foundation at PO Box 710811, Columbus, OH 43271; or by calling 614-292-2141.

A memorial service will be held on Friday, June 17 at Rutherford Funeral Homes, 515 N. High St. in Worthington, OH. Visitation will begin at 2:00pm with services at 3:00pm.



# Previous Events

## Visitation

JUN 17. 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM (ET)

Rutherford Corbin Funeral Home  
515 High Street  
Worthington, OH 43085

## Funeral Service

JUN 17. 3:00 PM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Rutherford Funeral Homes created a Tribute Video in memory of John Bloom Roberts M.D.*



Rutherford Funeral Homes - June 16, 2022 at 03:02 PM



“ *John Bloom Roberts M.D.*

January 28, 2023 at 10:24 AM



“ *<a href="https://www.rutherfordfuneralhomes.com/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518"; target="\_blank">Memorial Trees</a> was purchased for the family of John Bloom Roberts M.D..*

June 17, 2022 at 12:04 AM



“ *One of my fondest memories of my Uncle John was his sense of humor. Hiding in Grandma's basement in Pocatello, in the old coal room making scary noises. I knew it was him! But he always made me jump and then we would LAUGH!  
I wish I had seen more of the whole family these last several years. He was so loved.*

Susan Roberts Witherbee - June 15, 2022 at 02:25 PM

HR

“ Henry & Amy Rocco purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of John Bloom Roberts M.D..



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Henry & Amy Rocco - June 14, 2022 at 03:10 PM

HR

“ Amy and I very much enjoyed and miss our many memorable visits with you at Rigsby's restaurant on High Street, Chicago AAOA and other meetings. Hank and Tom Mallory were co-chief residents in 1966-1970 and probably the first of orthopedic residents to experience the excellence of the professional mentoring by Dr. Roberts. It was an exceptional treat for me to be invited to our private threesome luncheon at the Columbus Club with Tom and John. The two of you Carrole, as a couple, will be sorely missed. He and you Carrole were and are loved by so many professional peers, and friends. Thank you for that privilege. Henry D. Rocco MSc., MD, Our most sincere condolences and love. Hank and Amy



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Henry D. Rocco - June 14, 2022 at 03:03 PM

TB

“ Dr. Roberts was beloved and respected by many including his patients. My husband, Joncker Biandudi, loved and respected this special man. In November of 1976, he did a hip replacement for my husband; the surgery was complicated because my husband had sickle disease so blood transfusions were involved. Years later he replaced that concrete hip with one that was made of lighter material. When our daughter, who was nine at the time, broke her arm in Wisconsin at a family reunion in 1990, her arm was set at a respected hospital. However, Hélène’s father was not satisfied until he had taken her to Dr. Roberts to make sure that her bone had been properly set. What a gentleman was Dr. Roberts and my children and I sensed how much he meant to Joncker (who died in 2010) because there was always a respectful and caring tone when he mentioned his name. We are sad that you have lost this remarkable man who left our world a better place.

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**Tamora Biandudi** - June 13, 2022 at 05:51 PM



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June 13, 2022 at 02:28 PM

LM

“ We were honored to be next door neighbors to John and Carrolle for 18 years in Old Beechwold. They were the best, the finest neighbors one could have. We remember him as the kindest and sweetest of men. He was always there when you needed him. I remember once being in a minor car accident and I broke a toe trying to stop the car. John insisted I go to the hospital and get an exay, which magically never had a bill to pay.

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**Lou and Michael** - June 13, 2022 at 11:47 AM



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