



## Jonathan Roberts

June 26, 1980 - May 21, 2018

Jonathan Edward Roberts, 37, of Franklin, TN, died peacefully on May 21, 2018, of natural causes.

Jon was born June 26, 1980, to Donna Wohlford and Jimmy Roberts and grew up in Lexington, Tennessee. He graduated from Tennessee High School in Bristol, TN and earned a B.S. in Finance, and Accounting, from the University of Tennessee and a Juris Doctor from the Appalachian School of Law. Jon practiced law throughout East Tennessee, with a focus on defense law. He was a certified death penalty attorney and was recognized in 2014 as Top 40 under 40 by National Trial Lawyers Top 100. He was a volunteer for Best Buddies and a member of the Rotary Club. He enjoyed fishing, backpacking, and golf.

Jon recently married Sarah Richie of Ellisville, Mississippi, and Memphis. They shared many joyful times together and liked to travel, cook, and spend time with their family, friends, and dogs.

Jon is survived by his wife Sarah, his parents Donna Roberts Wohlford of Bristol, Tn., his father and step-mother; Jimmy and Jeannie Roberts of Wildersville, and aunts; Sylvia (Michael) Stone of Lexington and Gail (Robert) Walker of Wildersville. He was preceded in death by his step-father Paul Wohlford and grandparents James and Thelma Roberts and Eddie and Edna Wallace.

Funeral services will be Thursday May 24 at 2PM at Reeds Chapel with burial to follow in the Jones Cemetery. Visitation will be Thursday 10AM until time of service. In lieu of flowers family requests memorials be made to St. Jude at [www.stjude.org/give.html](http://www.stjude.org/give.html) or Best Buddies of Tennessee, Memphis Chapter. [www.bestbuddies.org/Tennessee/donate-locally/](http://www.bestbuddies.org/Tennessee/donate-locally/).

# Tribute Wall

SC

“ Donna, I will never know what you are going through but I do know what you lost. I really cared for Jon. I worked for him. He was a very kind, thoughtful, and caring person. He always was happy to help me with anything I needed. He cared for people and always wanted to help. He worked so hard trying to please everyone but we all know how impossible that is. Jon will really be missed. I'll keep you and the family in my prayers. And Sarah, he loved you so much!! So glad you were there with him. Love you ,Sandy Carey

Sandra Carey - June 14, 2018 at 11:27 PM

JR

“ Even though Jon and I worked on opposite sides, we became friends. He helped me through a difficult period in my life. He had a heart of gold. My condolences to his wife and family.....his life was tragically cut short



JR - May 29, 2018 at 09:30 PM



“ Jimmy and Donna - I'm so sorry to learn of the passing of Jon! Your both in prayers today and the days to come! I'm broken for the family! Much 💕 Love and many prayers!

Alma McAdams Slaughter - May 28, 2018 at 01:00 AM

EA

“ Eddie Akins lit a candle in memory of Jonathan Roberts



Eddie Akins - May 27, 2018 at 01:43 PM

TR

“ Its been a very long time since I saw Jon. I can still see the teenager in this picture...those demples! I know you were proud of him and his accomplishments! Although you will miss him, I hope you can find comfort in the good memories and his contributions to the youth of his community. My prayers will be with you all.



Tracey - May 27, 2018 at 01:44 AM

DB

“ *My love and sincere sympathy wishes surround you all in this tragic loss. I pray that time will bring comfort and strength and only memories of happier times.*  
*Dian Helms Brown*

Dian Brown - May 25, 2018 at 12:28 PM

VB

“ *Donna & Jimmy,*  
*There are no words I can say to express my sympathy or that can take away your pain. I remember how much Aunt Em & Uncle Floyd loved him & how much love he gave in return. May God comfort you as only HE can. My thoughts & prayers are with you.* 🙏❤️



Vicki Bruce - May 24, 2018 at 06:59 PM

GR

*I am just hearing of this and really shocked and so sorry for your loss. My memories of Jon will always be of the great times he had at the horse shows while growing up. Condolences to all.*

Gene Ross - June 01, 2018 at 04:02 PM

RS

“ *Praying for this family!!*



Rhonda Sanders - May 24, 2018 at 02:44 PM

TT

“ *We are so sorry to hear of your loss and want you to know that you are in our thoughts and prayers.*

*Love,*  
*Tim and Lanette Toler*

Tim and Lanette Toler - May 24, 2018 at 02:14 PM

CP

“ *Our hearts ache for you!*



**Carmen and Pat Patrick** - May 24, 2018 at 02:10 PM

DD

“ *Donna Darrough lit a candle in memory of Jonathan Roberts*



**Donna Darrough** - May 24, 2018 at 12:37 PM

DM

“ *Deborah & Ed Marsh lit a candle in memory of Jonathan Roberts*



**Deborah & Ed Marsh** - May 24, 2018 at 11:27 AM

JA

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with you all today. My heartfelt sympathy for all family and friends, most especially, mom, dad, & wife.*

**Joan Gardner Arnold** - May 24, 2018 at 11:25 AM

NP

“ *Nina Prince lit a candle in memory of Jonathan Roberts*



**Nina Prince** - May 24, 2018 at 09:53 AM

RD

“ To Jimmy and family --I'm so very sorry to hear of Jonathan's passing. My thoughts and prayers are with you all at this very difficult time.  
With love,

Rosemary Enochs Dennison

Rosemary Dennison - May 24, 2018 at 08:14 AM

CH

“ Candy Arnold Hayes lit a candle in memory of Jonathan Roberts



Candy Arnold Hayes - May 24, 2018 at 01:55 AM

LM

“ Jim and Jeannie, I am so sorry. Praying for you and your family, Jon's friends, and his wife.

LeAnne Boger Moseley - May 23, 2018 at 10:26 PM

Amy Brown

“ I'm so sorry Cowboy & Jeannie!!  
I Love Yall ❤️❤️❤️

Amy Brown - May 23, 2018 at 10:02 PM

Carla Hindman-Croom

“ I am so sorry to hear about Johnathan. I pray God gives all of comfort during this time and always. I love u all



Carla Hindman-Croom - May 23, 2018 at 08:37 PM

JH

Jim and Jeannie so sorry to hear about the loss of your son. Prayers for peace and comfort through this trying time. Love Jerry and Wrenetta

Jerry Hill - May 23, 2018 at 10:08 PM

DJ

“ *Jim and Jeanie and family, I'm so sorry for the loss of Jon. I shall keep you in my thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. May God comfort all of you.*  
*Dorothy Jones*

Dorothy Jones - May 23, 2018 at 07:19 PM

JM

“ *Jonathan and Mary Mah purchased the Cheryl's Classic Large Dessert Tray for the family of Jonathan Roberts.*



Jonathan and Mary Mah - May 23, 2018 at 06:56 PM

DC

“ *Donna,*

*I am so so sorry to hear this. Many thoughts and prayers are with you, his wife and all the family. Love you, Dana*

Dana Cobb - May 23, 2018 at 06:15 PM

PW

*Donna and Jimmy, Mike and Sylvia, Sarah, all the family- I'm so sorry to hear of Jon's death. May the Good of all comfort provide you with all you are needing as you grieve his loss.*

*Patti Teague Wilson*

Patti Teague Wilson - May 23, 2018 at 08:00 PM

CT

“ *David and I loved Jonathan !  
He was always so gracious and quick to avail himself to us any time we needed “a quit legal opinion “ .  
David had a special place for him not only as his patient , but as a young friend . ( We loved that he was a “ foodie” ,and that we shared our own Top Ten Regional Restaurants Lists:-)  
Our hearts are broken for his entire family , ourselves and the community ,who lossed a bright young man who had much to offer but especially broken for Sarah his new bride .  
With loving thoughts for each of you  
Connie and David T*

Connie G Thomas - May 23, 2018 at 01:47 PM

RG

“ You have my sincere condolence, Donna. May Jon rest in peace and may fond memories comfort you in time to come. I love you. God bless you and Jonathan.



Ron G. - May 23, 2018 at 01:44 PM

CS

God rest his soul and give you peace in sweet memories of him. Know that you are loved.

Candy Hill Stieler - May 23, 2018 at 03:39 PM

TR

Donna,  
I am so sadden to hear about Jonathan. I will never forget the first time I met him, and I how willingly he was to help me in a very critical time. . My heart is broken... He was so kind, and was one of the most caring young man that I have had the opportunity to meet in a very long time. This is truly a big loss to our community. I will never forget him and his smile. I will be thinking and praying for you during this difficult time.

Teresa Ring

teresa Ring - May 23, 2018 at 10:04 PM



“ Florist Choice Bouquet was purchased for the family of Jonathan Roberts.



May 23, 2018 at 01:27 PM

VF

“ We have been your retired friends/surrogate Memphis parents since we met you, Sarah, through daughter Mia. In fact you are still referred to as Mia's Sarah. Ever sinc we heard about Jon Jon, Jon, we knew he must be special. When we met him we knew that was true. His parents must be wonderful people. We saw him and lagged with y'all at miss birthday supper. You two made a great couple. His memory will live on. Vicki Fioranelli

Vicki Fioranelli - May 23, 2018 at 11:02 AM

JM

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**Joe Montileone** - May 23, 2018 at 10:02 AM