

Celebrating the life of



James "Jimmy" L. Roberson

MAY 9, 1933 - MAY 1, 2026



Thursday, May 7, 2026 2:00 p.m.

**First United Methodist Church Fox Hill
1 Salt Pond Road
Hampton, Virginia 23664**

ORDER OF SERVICE

Prelude

Gathering

Greeting

Word of Grace

Prayer

Psalm 23

Special Slide Presentation

Created by Riley Bates

Hymn

UMH 378

“Amazing Grace” (vss. 1-3, & 6)

New Testament Reading

2 Timothy 4:6-8

Homily

Rev. Dr. Brian Sixbey

Special Music

“How Great Thou Art”

Marilyn Eubank, solo

Family Witness

Riley Bates, Steve Haraway, Mike May

Special Music

“Go Rest High on that Mountain”

Prayer of Commendation

Lord’s Prayer

Benediction

Postlude

Following the service, Jimmy will receive military honors and be laid to rest in the Mausoleum at Parklawn. The family will return to First UMC Fox Hill for a reception afterwards. Please join us for as much of the day as you are able.

OBITUARY

Jimmy, age 92, of Hampton, Virginia, passed away surrounded by his loving family on Friday, May 1, 2026. He was a beloved husband, father, papa, great-papa, brother, uncle and friend. Born on May 9, 1933 in Roper NC to James H. and Bernice W. Roberson. Jimmy graduated from Roper High School in 1951 and later attended St. Leo University, where he earned a degree in Business Administration. Jimmy dedicated 21 years to a career in the US Air Force and achieved the rank of Master Sergeant before retiring in 1973. After retiring from the US Air Force, he worked for the Government Printing Office and retired in 2000. Jimmy also worked part-time at Wynne Ford as a DX driver where he made many friends. On April 12, 1958 Jimmy married the love of his life, Shirley Taylor, with whom he shared 52 years. He was a man of many passions and was frequently found tending to his immaculate lawn, watching old westerns, going to JMU football games, and cheering on local baseball teams. He loved visiting with friends and family. He was a longtime member of First United Methodist Church Fox Hill where he was involved in many activities.

— Excerpted from R. Hayden Smith Funeral Home

To Those I Love

When I am gone, just release me; let me go so I can move into my afterglow. You mustn't tie me down with your tears; let's be happy that we had so many years. I gave you my love; you can only guess how much you gave me in happiness. I thank you for the love you each have shown, but now it's time I traveled on alone. So grieve for me awhile, if grieve you must, then let your grief be comforted with trust. It's only for a while that we must part, so bless the memories within your heart. And then, when you must come this way alone, I'll greet you with a smile and a "Welcome Home."

FAMILY

Daughter	Pamela May (Mike)
Son	Douglas Roberson (Brenda)
Grandchildren	Matthew May (Becca)
	Tiffany Roberson (Maxwell)
	Casey Kern
Great-Grandchildren	Riley Bates (Douglas)
	Liam Roberson
	Bailey Kern
Sister	Martha Jean Daniels
Nephew	Danny Daniels (Joi)
Preceded in Death By	
Wife	Shirley Roberson
Parents	James H. & Bernice W. Roberson

PALLBEARERS

Steve Haraway	Tom Hite
Charlie Roberson	Richard Shearer
Bernie Smith	Rick Matos

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to First UMC Fox Hill, the Parkinson's Foundation, or The American Heart association in his memory.