



Robert Rollins

October 31, 2009

Robert "Robbie" Rollins, 48, of Cape Girardeau was called to his heavenly father Saturday, Oct. 31, 2009. Robbie was born Jan. 1, 1961, in San Diego to Paul and Nora Koury Rollins. The family moved to Missouri in 1963. His love and passion for trucks started as a young man. At the age of 12 he began working at Wyatt Junction and Small's LP Gas. He graduated from Charleston High School in 1979, where he was a member of the football and track teams. After high school Robbie worked at Sam Tanksley Trucking to pay for his college. He graduated from Southeast Missouri State University in 1983 with a bachelor of science in business administration. He was a member of Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity. Robbie married his high school sweetheart, Judi Chapman, in 1985. Robbie continued his work at Sam Tanksley Trucking, working in every department to learn the business until its closing. At that time he purchased four trucks and continued in the trucking business by leasing them through Edwards Transportation, until beginning his own company, Delta Express Inc. in 1992. The business grew from four trucks to over 80 in a short time. The company currently employs more than 150 people. Robbie's employees describe him as not just a boss, he was a true friend. He didn't give up on anyone. Many employees from other countries got a start with Robbie in the United States. Robbie was an active member of many organizations, including Cape Central Booster Club (president), Airport Board and Air Show Committee (chairman) and Missouri Motor Carriers Association (director). He had served as a deacon at First Baptist Church and currently

was a member at Lynwood Baptist Church. Among all of his achievements, Robbie's greatest pride was his family. He was always in attendance at any function his girls were a part of, with his video camera and flowers in hand for his beautiful girls. Robbie most of all loved his wife and daughters. He had a passion for life, his trucking business and flying. Survivors include his parents of Charleston, Mo.; wife, Judi; daughters, Rebecca, Katherine and Caroline, all of Cape Girardeau; a brother, Paul (Larry) Rollins and wife Jessica of Conroe, Texas; sisters Sophie Dugan and husband Clark of Charleston, Michelle Tandy and husband Paul of Grover, Mo. Also his father and mother-in-law, Jack and Barbara Chapman of Charleston; brothers-in-law, Bruce (Marilyn) Chapman of East Prairie, Mo., Brice (Michelle) Chapman of Ava, Ill.; godsons, Hunter Dugan and Tucker Tandy; special nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles and cousins. Friends may call from 4 to 8 p.m. Thursday, November 5, 2009 at Cape Bible Chapel in Cape Girardeau. The funeral will be at 10 a.m. Friday, November 6, 2009 at the chapel, with the Rev. Mark Anderson officiating. Burial will follow in Cape County Memorial Park. Memorials may be made to the Cape Central High School Booster Club, Airport Board or Lynwood Baptist Church.

Tribute Wall

JA

“ *Judi, I always remember how Robbie looked at you. You and your girls were truly blessed to have the deep unconditional love that he gave to you, as he was to have the same from you . God be with you and your family. You will always be in my prayers.*

Janice Foster Atkinson - May 12, 2015 at 12:00 AM

GH

“ *We were so sorry to hear about Robbie. Things can happen in a blink of an eye. We learn to live one day at a time and to cherish every moment we have. Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your girls. May God surround you with his love and comfort you during the days to come.*

Gary and Jill Hess - October 11, 2009 at 12:00 AM

MM

“ *Judi and Girls, I am so very sorry for your loss. I worked with Robbie when I was incharge of Transportation for The Kroger Company off the West Coast. Robbie was a true friend and a great man. He was always a joy to work with. Even after moving out of traffic into produce buying it was always fun to talk to Robbie. once again I am truly sorry for your loss. If there is anything I can do for you please let me know.*

Mike Martinusen - September 11, 2009 at 12:00 AM

RJ

“ *My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family.*

Regina Wade Johnson - July 11, 2009 at 12:00 AM

HM

“ *Judi, My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. God Bless. Hubert McCleary (Classmate "81")*

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LW

“ *Sorry to hear about Robbie my payers are with u and you family My mom Anne sends her prayers too*

Liz Wright - June 11, 2009 at 12:00 AM

LN

“ *We express our deepest sympathy to you and your family. Lynn and I remember working with Robbie at Sam Tanksley Trucking and the first day he started. He truely enjoyed life to the fullest, and was a true friend, We both will truly miss him, as he touched both of our lives! Your family will always be in our prayers. Lynn & Joyce Neads*

Lynn & Joyce Neads - June 11, 2009 at 12:00 AM

LC

“ *To the Rollins Family, you have my prayers with you in this time of sorrow. Sophie a classmate and Judi a former Girls Scout and also friend. May God Bless You*

Lisa Cole-Riggens - June 11, 2009 at 12:00 AM

LW

“ Dear Judy: There is nothing I can say in words that can express my shock, deepest sympathy and sadness. It is of small comfort to say he will always live on in his friends' memories. I wish you and all your family's peace and the most comfort, there can be, in these times.

Lisa Wise - June 11, 2009 at 12:00 AM

DM

“ May God continue to shine on you and the entire family. You truly had a wonderful and friendly, father and husband.

Donnie & Herice McClinton - June 11, 2009 at 12:00 AM

DB

“ Our hearts are hurting for your family. Cling tight to your faith and loved ones for support.

Danny & Dianne Babb - June 11, 2009 at 12:00 AM

RH

“ This community is so saddened by the tragic loss of Robbie Rollins. It has been so hard to grasp for so many. Standing in line for over two hours at the funeral home was a testament to the lives that Robbie has touched. We can not even imagine what Judi and the girls are going through. We are so very sorry for your loss.

Ron & Nancy Hess - June 11, 2009 at 12:00 AM

MJ

“ Judi, I've been praying for you this past week and especially today. My prayer for you and your girls is that the Lord's love, peace & comfort will wash over each of you and give you divine courage and strength. Robbie was always a joy to be around. You will all be in our thoughts. Mike & Sheila Jones

Mike & Sheila Jones - June 11, 2009 at 12:00 AM

WL

“ Judi, I am very sorry to hear about Robbie. My thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Winnie

Winnie Laster - June 11, 2009 at 12:00 AM



“ Judi and Family, Please accept our heart felt sympathy. Robbie was a very loving and caring person and will be missed by many. You are in our thoughts and prayers. Herb and Thelma

June 11, 2009 at 12:00 AM

BC

“ Robert Rollins

Brenda Jobe Custer - June 11, 2009 at 12:00 AM

GW

“ Judi, Words cannot express how I felt when I heard of Robbie's untimely death. Look to God for your strength. Prayers to your family from our family. God be with you all. I love you. Gwen Wade (classmate)

Gwendolyn Wade - May 11, 2009 at 12:00 AM

MP

“ *The huge turnout at tonight's visitation was a true testament to the wonderful man Robbie Rollins was. For all of those whose lives were made better for having crossed his path, there is much grief in knowing that he left this world far too soon. May the memories of his smile and laughter sustain you in your sadness. To the family that Robbie cherished above all else, we ask for God's loving embrace to lift and carry you in your days ahead, knowing that His love pours down from the Heavens for you just as Robbie's love will remain in your hearts forever until you meet again. With all our sympathy,*
Mike & Connie Ponder

MIKE & CONNIE PONDER - May 11, 2009 at 12:00 AM

PT

“ *Learning that Robbie had died tragically last weekend was one of those times that you feel sure someone has made a huge mistake. He was a fabulous boss and a great friend. Courageous, daggy, funny, firm, amiable. He was such a "light". What a pleasure it has been to know him. We will always be grateful that we were able to catch up, recently, pick up where we left off, and laugh and chat just like old times. The hugs and handshakes we will cherish for ever. Your "light" has not gone out Robbie, it just shines brighter in the hearts of all the people who loved you and cared about you heaps. All our love and prayers to Judi, Rebecca, Katherine and Caroline and their families. In the arms of God he can rest awhile. Heartfelt condolences Peta and Michael Thomas and family - Western Australia*

Peta and Michael Thomas - May 11, 2009 at 12:00 AM

AN

“ *Our prayers and thoughts are with you at this time. May you and family find strength and comfort through the Holy Spirit.*

Arvin and Gwen Napier - May 11, 2009 at 12:00 AM

LM

“ Robbie and I served on the board of directors of MMCA together. I always enjoyed working with him and his way of cutting straight to the problem at hand. Me being a pilot gave us a common interest, with plenty of stories to exchange. He will be greatly missed by all.

Larry Morgan - May 11, 2009 at 12:00 AM

TS

“ My deepest condolences to Robbie's lovely family. I have known your husband and father for over 20 years. We talked many times over the years and I always regarded Robbie as a true friend. I knew how much he loved his wife and lovely daughters. I will truly miss him. I am sorry I could not be here in person, Robbie would know how us truckers work. I will keep him in my prayers. God Bless all of you. Tom Stephens

Tom Stephens - May 11, 2009 at 12:00 AM

DB

“ We are so very, very sorry for your loss. You are in our prayers.

Dave and Virginia Brewer - May 11, 2009 at 12:00 AM

BT

“ I am so sorry about what happened. I hope the good Lord gives you lots of strength. As a former State Trooper, I have seen how quicky accidents can change familie's lives. I do truly believe you will see him again.All the Tandys love Michelle and the Rollins family. You are wonderful people and I hope you maintain your strength through rough waters. Bill and Becky Tandy (Paul's Uncle) (John's brother)

BILL AND BECKY TANDY - May 11, 2009 at 12:00 AM

KM

“ Over the fifteen years I was lucky enough to know Robbie, it can truly be said that I was lucky to have had the privilege. There is no one I have ever met that was more devoted to his family, his business and it's employees, and a good story; in that order. He will be missed by all who were able to share their time with him.

Kurt May - May 11, 2009 at 12:00 AM



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DB

“ Our hearts are hurting for your family. Cling tight to your faith and loved ones for support.

Danny & Dianne Babb - May 11, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ We were fortunate to get to know the Rollins family through Mike Dumey and Sing America Sing productions when our son performed with the beautiful and talented Becca and Katherine. They are the kind of family that you meet and feel like you have been friends forever. When a family story was being told (and there were many) Judi and Robbie bounced off of each other with bits and pieces weaved throughout the tale. A good belly laugh was sure to follow by all who were within ear shot. God Bless you all and keep you in his loving arms.

Joan and Carson Kelley family - May 11, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JS

“*Robbie remains a stellar example of true friendship. He was proudest of his wife and daughters, and his positive outlook influenced all he touched. He will be missed and remembered.*”

Janette Shelby Smith - May 11, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JG

“*I want to let you all know that me and my family are thinking of and praying for you during this great loss. I won't be able to attend services but I am constantly thinking of you and your family. We will keep you in our prayers. Jay and family*”

Jay Green - April 11, 2009 at 12:00 AM

KB

“*Dear Michelle and family: I'm so sorry to hear of your loss. Please know you're in my thoughts and prayers. Sincerely, Kate Schofield Beem*”

Kate Schofield Beem - April 11, 2009 at 12:00 AM

SA

“*I am so sorry. May God Bless the Rollins family. You will continue to be in my prayers and thoughts.*”

Sherry Austin - April 11, 2009 at 12:00 AM

SG

“*We always admired Robbie and Judi, and their devotion to their beautiful family. Robbie will be missed by so many. Please accept our condolences.*”

Sallie & Lee Goodin - April 11, 2009 at 12:00 AM

PP

“ The Rollins family are a blessing to anyone who knows them. And it was with great sadness that I heard the news of Mr. Rollins' passing. Mr. Rollins was an invaluable member of our neighborhood and the Cape Girardeau community. He was always supportive of his daughters and family, helping out with anything from school functions to neighborhood trick or treating excursions. Mrs. Rollins, Rebecca, Katherine and Caroline, you have been in my prayers since I heard the news and will continue to be. My heart goes out to you. God Bless.

Paige Pritchard - April 11, 2009 at 12:00 AM

JS

“ It was my pleasure to teach Rob and Judy in Sunday school years ago as well as being a fellow Charlestonian. My sympathy goes out to everyone in this terrible loss.

Jane Cooper Stacy - April 11, 2009 at 12:00 AM

SB

“ We want to extend our deepest sympathy to you, Judi, and the girls along with both families. We want all of you to know we have you in our thoughts and prayers. May God be with you all. Be sure Sophie gets our condolences also

Sonny and Carolyn Burcks - April 11, 2009 at 12:00 AM

TB

“ Please know that we are lifting your family in prayer for God's comfort. Facing the days ahead without Robbie will be difficult, but I am so thankful that your precious family will be reunited in Heaven. May God give you and your girls strength and peace until that day.

Tracy and Rick Blattner - April 11, 2009 at 12:00 AM

VC

“ Words cannot convey our disbelief and shock upon hearing the news about Robbie. He was a true friend to everyone he met, a loving husband and father, and a GREAT storyteller. Our hearts mourn along with the communities of Cape and Charleston. To Judi and the girls...you will remain in our prayers for comfort, that only our Lord can bring, and strength in the days and months ahead. Heaven certainly got another saint this past weekend! Thinking of you with all our love -

Vikki and Dave Courvoisier - April 11, 2009 at 12:00 AM

KK

“ Judi, You are in our prayers and thought each day. Garry and I will always remember the kind and thoughtful ways Robbie gave to Garry while working at Delta. He really took care of Garry. If there is ever a need for anything Garry will be happy to help you. Take care of the girls and always keep us in your thoughts. We are just a little way from you. This is a very sad time and we will all remember Robbie as a very happy go lucky guy. I never saw him when he was unhappy. I'm sure he was, but he made everyone else remember him as a happy, loving person. Those who knew him I'm sure will always remember him as a very good person. We love all of you!

Kaye (Rollins) Key - April 11, 2009 at 12:00 AM

TF

“ How lucky we were to meet your family at the beach in Destin FL and to become friends. We are so blessed with many memories and fun times shared with your family. Robbie was an incredible man who help build an incredible family. Many lives have had a difference made in them because of the Rollins family. We will miss Robbie's smile, jokes, laughter and smart remarks as well as Judi's same response of Oh ROBBIE!!! We hope to continue our friendship with Judi and the girls and help support them in any way that we can through this difficult time. Keep looking to the moon my dear girls, some days it will be kind of cloudy and hard to see and other times it will shine as brightly as your daddies spirit. One thing you can always be sure of is that it will always be there, just as your dad will always be there for you girls in your heart. We love you all so much

The Butler Family - April 11, 2009 at 12:00 AM