



## Mr. George Marion Roberts Sr.

March 12, 1911 - April 21, 2011

George Marion Roberts, 100, of Asheville, died Thursday April 21, 2011 at the John F. Keever Jr. Solace Center.

A native and life-long resident of Asheville, N.C., George was born on March 12, 1911 to the late Alonzo Lee Roberts and Addie Edwards Roberts. His brothers Arthur Lee Roberts, Charles A. Roberts, William Rodney Roberts, Roy F. Roberts, Harold Roberts and sister Mary Elizabeth Roberts predeceased him.

George graduated from Emma High School in 1929. He was a US Navy veteran in World War II.

In 1936, George began a 36-year career with the U.S. Postal Service in Asheville, retiring in 1972. While at the Postal Service, he was a rural carrier and was appointed as a Customer Services Representative to introduce the Zip Code to postal customers in Western North Carolina. The Atlanta Postal Region recognized him for his efforts. Upon retirement, the Western North Carolina Postal Customers Council designated George "Mr. Zip."

From 1972 to 1980, George worked for Northwestern Bank as a purchasing agent.

He was a member of Central United Methodist Church. At Central, he was a life member of the Administrative Board and a member of the Carl B. Hyatt Bible Class, where he served as a class officer for more than 25 years. He also was a charter member of Groce United Methodist Church, an honorary member of the National Association of Retired Federal Employees, and a charter member of the Haw Creek Lions Club.

He has been a resident of Givens Estates since 2006. He was pleased to celebrate his 100th birthday with family and friends on March 12, 2011 and to be recognized as the ABC-WLOS "Person of the Week."

George was a self-appointed Asheville historian, frequently talking to local groups about Asheville's past. For decades, he led a daily morning coffee group at the McDonald's on Merrimon Avenue. He also hosted a coffee group at Givens Estates.

He is survived by his wife of 67 years Agnes Roberts, a daughter Kathryn Roberts Durity and her husband G. Harry Durity; a son, George Roberts Jr. and his wife Roberta Roberts; sisters-in-law Phyllis Roberts Elliott and Montrose Simmons Roberts; grandchildren Adam Durity, Laura Durity, Janice Hills, Michael Roberts, Scott Roberts and four great-grand children.

A funeral service will be held Saturday, April 23 at 11:00am at Central United Methodist Church, 27 Church Street, Asheville, N.C. The family will receive friends at the church beginning at 10:00am. Internment will follow immediately after the service at Green Hills Cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in George's memory to the building fund of Central United Methodist Church or to the chapel fund at Givens Estate, 400 Wesley Drive, Asheville, N.C., 28803.

Morris Funeral Home, 304 Merrimon Avenue is in charge of arrangements.  
Condolences may be sent through our website [www.morrisfamilyfuneralhome.com](http://www.morrisfamilyfuneralhome.com).

# Cemetery Details

## Green Hills Cemetery

25 New Leicester Hwy.  
Asheville, NC 28806

# Previous Events

## Visitation

APR 23. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Central United Methodist Church  
27 Church Street  
Asheville, NC 28801

## Service

APR 23. 11:00 AM (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Mr. George Marion Roberts Sr.*

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October 07, 2023 at 11:15 AM



“ *Our thoughts and prayers are with you and your family during this time. My Late Grandfather, Harold Rogers had coffee with Mr. Roberts for many years at Rose's and then McDonalds. I can remember eating breakfast with them as a young child. He was a wonderful caring man.*

*The Family of Harold and Asaleen Rogers*

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**Jennifer Rendon** - April 22, 2011 at 08:18 PM



“ *Kathryn and family: It is the end of a remarkable era, a remarkable family and remarkable man. He and Agnes were contributors to life. I plan on being there tomorrow. Tim Pennell*

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**Timothy C. Pennell** - April 22, 2011 at 05:45 PM



“ *Kathryn,  
Thinking of you and your family during this time of sorrow. George was a wonderful man and friend. I loved listening to his stories. Praying for you all. Debbie Bishop*

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**Debbie Bishop** - April 22, 2011 at 06:50 AM