



Herbert Leroy Crockett

January 5, 1935 - January 21, 2017

Reflection of Life

Herbert LeRoy Crockett entered into external rest on Saturday, January 21", 2017 at Heritage Green Assisted Living facility, where he was surrounded by his loving family. Born January 5, 1935 in Ellerson, Va., now known as Mechanicsville, he was preceded in death by his parents, James Hudson and Sallie Robinson Crockett.

"Herb" as he was affectionately called by family and many friends was reared in Hanover. As a young boy, he attended Pole Green Elem. School and graduated from John M. Gandy H. S. in Ashland, confessed Christ at an early age and was baptized at the Old Mill Pond, becoming a member at First Union Baptist Church in Mechanicsville, Va. He later joined Cedar Street Baptist Church in Richmond.

His parents were very diligent and steadfast in encouraging their children to reach for higher educational goals to pursue their dreams. Mrs. Estelle Howard, his elementary grade teacher was also instrumental in helping to shape his future. She insisted that he complete his school work in a timely manner, and was often moved to offer him a little persuasion. This encouraged him to pursue a career in education. Most people take on a motto or slogan to live by as they pursue their dreams and Herb was no exception. Before he

decided to attend college, he worked long and tedious hours on his family's farm. His "self-proclaimed" motto became "I do not plan to live all my life looking at the south end of a north bound mule, smelling the aroma of the day", and off to school he went.

He enrolled at St. Paul's College in Lawrenceville, Va., and received his B.S. Degree in Elementary Education. He furthered his schooling at Indiana University, receiving his Master's Degree in Education. These accomplishments helped launch his career in Supervision and Administration. He was the first in his family to attend college and graduate. He began his teaching career at the Greenville County Training School. After working there several years he was drafted into the U.S. Army where he served in artillery at Fort Sill, Okla. Upon discharge, he returned to Hanover Co. where he taught at John M. Gandy Elem. In a most unusual way, he received his initial foothold into Richmond Public Schools as a result of being hired as a substitute teacher when his wife was going on maternity leave, pending Theresa's birth.

Herb began his administrative career at Ginter Park Elementary as Assistant Principal. Thereafter, he was named Principal of Highland Park Elementary School. He later became Principal of Overby-Sheppard Elementary where he oversaw the construction of that brand new facility and where he spent the remainder of his career.

His greatest accomplishments came from the fact that he was a loving and devoted husband, father and grandfather. His pride and joy came from his commitment and unfaltering support that he provided to his family and his desire to see his daughter, Theresa, succeed. He constantly reminded her that everything he did, he did for her. He created a foundation and set a standard that compelled all those around him, including especially the children in his schools, to pursue greatness, just like his mother and father did him. Whether it was his custom suits, his dapper ways or witty sayings, he

managed to leave everyone around him just a bit happier when they left. His pride in appearance, self, family and others left him unparalleled.

Although preceded in death by his brothers Sonny, Bill and Irving and their younger sister, Pearl, Herb and his brothers loved the outdoors and was often seen hunting and fishing. You could count on finding them on a clear day either on the water or in the woods, thereafter telling the biggest fish tale or bragging about the largest deer caught that day. Just as they were close in brotherly love, they always looked out for each other in every way. They were a close-knit brotherhood and that special bond will always be cherished. Herb's oldest brother, Sonny was the first Crockett male ever to be blessed to reach age fifty. As a result, Herb and Helen took pride in hosting this family birthday milestone with an annual family celebration. It is still being celebrated annually, this being the 38th year.

Along with his love for the great outdoors, he very much enjoyed traveling with his wife, Helen. They took many trips to include Alaska, Trinidad, Martha's Vineyard, Nova Scotia and Jamaica and the USA. It was pleasurable listening to and viewing pictures of their many escapades.

Herb leaves to cherish his memory, his loving and devoted wife of 28 years, Helen; his devoted daughter, Theresa Broaddus, (Ward), two loving granddaughters who were the love of his life, Liana and Tatyana; four step-children, Sandra (George); Frank, Cynthia(Kevin); sister, Adelle Hooper; brother, George Crockett, Sr.(Lillie); three sisters-in-law, Geraldine, Virginia and Alease Crockett and a host of many nieces, nephews, other relatives and many friends.

Cemetery Details

Forest Lawn Cemetery

4000 Pilots Lane
Richmond, VA 23222

Previous Events

viewing

JAN **26**. 9:00 AM - 8:00 PM (ET)

March Funeral Home-Laburnum Chapel
Richmond, VA 23222

Family Hour

JAN **26**. 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM (ET)

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Service

JAN **27**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Cedar Street Baptist Church of God
2301 Cedar Street
Richmond, VA 23223

Tribute Wall



“ *Herbert Leroy Crockett*

October 13, 2022 at 08:33 AM



“ *My deepest heartfelt sympathy to the family in the loss of your dear loved one. It is hoped that the many fond, cherished memories and the love of family and friends will be comforting to you. May you receive strength, comfort and peace in knowing God is close to you (Psalm 34:18).*

A.H. - January 28, 2017 at 09:51 PM



“ *My deepest condolences to Mr. Crocketts family. The best Principal ever, hands down! I don't remember my middle or high school principals names or what they look like but I will always remember Mr. Crockett from Overby-Sheppard! He was always involved with the students. I know he will be greatly missed*

ReKisha - January 27, 2017 at 04:42 PM



“ *So sorry for your lost, many wonderful memories working with your husband and father. God Bless both of you and your family. Retired First Grade Teacher. Geraldine. Simmons. (1995)*

Geraldine Simmons - January 27, 2017 at 03:17 PM

VP

“ Mr Crockett has been very instrumental in shaping my three daughter lives!!! As their elementary school principal they really looked up to him. I remember every Christmas my mother-in-law had to make him a special pound cake from The Pollard girls. His smile was infectious. His love for all his students was evident that God had chosen him to be an elementary school principal. On one of my nurse visits about a year and a half ago I saw Mr Crockett. I said hello and gave him a big hug. I said you were my girls principal at Overby Sheppard and he laughed the most beautiful laugh 😊 I'll never forget him. Rest In Eternal Peace Mr Crockett !!!!!



veronica Pollard - January 26, 2017 at 03:55 PM

VP

His love for all his students!!!

veronica Pollard - January 26, 2017 at 03:57 PM



“ Guiding Light Bouquet was purchased for the family of Herbert Leroy Crockett.



January 26, 2017 at 01:02 PM

HG

“ Mr. Crockett was like a gentle teddy bear. Although he may have not been able to communicate at times, his smile radiated through Heritage Green. He touched so many lives and his laugh was contagious. He will be truly missed by the staff at Heritage Green but we were so fortunate to know such a kind man and family. Prayers to the family. We truly enjoyed seeing you all on the daily. God bless you all.

Heritage Green - January 25, 2017 at 08:58 PM

LS

“ Mr. Crockett was the most wonderful man that I have ever known. When I think of what a man is supposed to be, or how a man should act or love I always think of him. He took such good care of my mom and me. I don't know how many doctor appointments he took me to. He always brought us taffy from North Carolina whenever he went. He was an open and honest man who loved everyone. My heart goes out to his family at this difficult time. He will truly be missed. All of my love and support.

Lisa Yvette Strickland

Lisa Strickland - January 24, 2017 at 10:44 AM

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“ Our thoughts and prayers are with you during the loss of your love one. May you find comfort in knowing others share your loss. Weeping may endure for the night but joy comes in the morning.

Dea. & Mrs. Albert Rice

Albert Rice - January 24, 2017 at 08:53 AM

DP

“ Dear Theresa and family. I am so sorry to hear of the passing of your Dad. As you know my Mom Esther Strickland was a secretary and friend to Mr. Crockett for many years. He was a caring man who always put the children in his care first. Whenever he spoke of you there was always the light of love and pride in his eyes. His kindness to our mother and family will always be remembered. I pray God's comfort and peace for your family at this difficult time . God bless you always. Love, Dorothy Strickland Payne-Jeff

Dorothy Strickland Payne-Jeff - January 24, 2017 at 08:12 AM



“ We the March Family and Staff wish to extend our deepest and heartfelt sympathy in the passing of your loved one. Our prayers go out to you and your family in your time of loss. We know and understand that you have received many expressions of love and we will continue to lift you up in prayer. May the memories you cherish of brighter and happier days help to ease your sorrow and comfort you always.

March Funeral Homes - January 23, 2017 at 04:41 PM