



Houston Roberson Jr.

March 29, 1965 - January 13, 2026

After a fierce battle, Houston Roberson Jr., of Pekin passed away peacefully on January 13, 2026, at the age of 60. Born on March 29, 1965, in Jackson, Tennessee, he was the son of Houston and Frances (Partee) Roberson Sr.

Houston's greatest pride and joy was his family and the time he spent with them. His memory is carried on by his wife Angela (Pickel) Roberson, who he married on November 4, 2000, in Danville, IL. As well as by his children, Sarah (Michael) Whitmer, Megan Roberson, Grace Roberson, and Houston "Trey" Roberson III. He was a cherished grandfather to three grandchildren, Lillian, Grayson, and Theodore Whitmer. Houston is fondly remembered by many extended family members and friends.

He was preceded in death by his parents and one sister, Machelle.

A proud veteran, Houston served in the United States Marines Corp and later worked alongside those in his community as a driver for City Link. He was passionate about sports, whether watching, coaching, or mentoring. Houston was an avid fan of the Alabama Crimson Tide and the Chicago Cubs. He never met a stranger and his spirit lives on in those whose lives he touched, values he passed down and the love he shared that still lingers.

“Until we meet again...”

A celebration of life will be held on Saturday, March 14th at the Pekin Marine Corps League from 1:00 PM-4:00 PM, with a dedication alongside the Tazewell County Honor Guard at 2:00 PM.

Memorials may be made to Theresa Tracy Trot - Pancreatic Cancer Walk.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life

MAR 14. 1:00 PM - 4:00 PM (CT)

Pekin Marine Corp League
13370 Garman Rd
Pekin, IL 61554

Tazewell County Honor Guard - Dedication

MAR 14. 2:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Houston Roberson Jr..



March 12 at 12:49 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of Houston Roberson Jr..

March 12 at 12:49 PM



“ Our deepest condolences on the passing of our union brother. His dedication and commitment to ATU will always be remembered. May his legacy continue to inspire us all.

John A. Costa, ATU International President

John A. Costa - February 11 at 03:21 PM



“ I feel fortunate to have met and worked with Houston at the Foundry. He was a welcoming soul and would help anybody with anything. I went to see him play football at the Stadium and he sought me out after the final whistle just to thank me for coming. Vaya con Dios, Houston.

Fred Bazhenow - February 08 at 08:14 AM

CH

“ We've known one another since the early 90's, now you may rest my friend ❤️ Forever in my heart 🕯️ ✨ My Mama welcomed you with open arms up there, I know ya'll having a great time catching up.

Christina - January 24 at 01:12 PM

TL

“ I shared the story of more than 20 plus years ago. I met him doing karaoke bumped into him. He was singing wearing a cowboy hat. We bonded after that and always remained friends. Whether we seen each other for a year or it was 5 years later, he was always respectful. A good buddy. Always a joy to see when we seen him. My singing partner in crime way back in the day seeing that country music. We'll see you on the other side brother

Terry LaBounty - January 23 at 06:08 PM



“ You will be truly missed. Get your rest.



Precious McDonald - January 23 at 10:42 AM

KW

“ To the Roberson and Pickle family, so sorry for your loss

Kathy Webster - January 22 at 07:16 AM

PA

“ Pamela Alexander lit a candle in memory of Houston Roberson Jr.

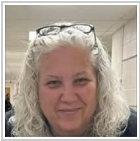


Pamela Alexander - January 21 at 09:05 PM

PA

Houston was an great employee of u had a problem or didn't look to happy on the job he was always a concerned employee asking if you were ok and if u did he always had an ear for listening you will be missed buddy fly high and watch over that beautiful family and your employees

Pamela Alexander - January 21 at 09:08 PM



“ When I was a young teenager Houston's Mom and Dad took me in on an emergency placement. I will never forget their kindness they showed me. Even after I left their home Houston and I remained friends and he took me under his wing as his "little sister". Boys would try to talk to me and he would walk up with his big ol' muscles and just give them a look and they would go running! When he came home from the service we reconnected and he asked me how life was treating me...he told me if I ever needed anything he would be there. Although I never did I know with upmost certainty he meant every word! When I was recently diagnosed with breast cancer a couple years ago he immediately sent me a message letting me know he was thinking of me and to be strong...there he was encouraging me to fight when he was in his own battle...that's just who he was! My thoughts and prayers are with his family during this sad time. Heaven gained a beautiful soul ❤️

Jeri Spezia Nale - January 21 at 08:49 PM

AU

“ I was a young kid hanging out at the Pavillion. My dad and Uncle Houston were best friends. We would always have cookouts and get together where we'd eat and talk about life. At a young age I learned the importance of family and Uncle Houston helped shape who I am. After my dad left I wasn't talking to really anybody but one day I decided to befriend him on Facebook and tell him how ive been. I missed him alot and I didn't like how we haven't talked. He didn't get to see me reach my potential and I haven't seen him in over 12 years but I will always remember the impact he had on my when I was a very young kid

Austyn - January 21 at 07:25 PM

CB

My heart was saddened to hear of my cousin Houston(Pookie) passing. I will always remember our fond memories in Jackson, Tn during the summer months and special family reunions. You fought a good fight now take your rest. To Angela and the children may God continue to give you strength as you navigate though this loss. Love to the Family

Connie Boyd - January 22 at 10:39 AM