



Robert Vernon Britts

January 24, 2026

Robert Vernon Britts passed away on Saturday, January 24th, 2026, in Portsmouth, Virginia. When he was born, he became the third-oldest son of Harriet Elizabeth Woods and William Lewis Britts of Norfolk, Virginia. Growing up, he loved being a part of a large family. In his early adult years, Robert changed his name from Vernon Robert Britts to Robert Vernon Britts because he preferred to be called Robert rather than Vernon.

Robert lived in Portsmouth for 69 years. In the 1980's, Robert V. Britts was living in Portsmouth when he met his soon-to-be wife, Marilyn Britts, with whom he would have his only child, Robert L. Britts. He stepped in to help raise Marilyn's children from her first marriage, Jason Long and Amy Long. Sadly, she passed away in July 2024.

Robert Vernon Britts worked for Collins Machine Works for almost 50 years, during which he traveled all over the world, including on a few trips with his son, Robert Lewis Britts. He loved his friends, family, and especially working. He had to keep busy and moving around. He enjoyed finding and fixing things. He loved spending time with his granddaughter, Payton, whether it was picking her up from school or taking her to see a movie. Robert V. Britts loved spending time with his girlfriend, Carolyn. They would either be swimming in the pool, grilling out under the carport of his house, or going to the Outer Banks on a vacation.

Robert V. Britts is survived by his son Robert Lewis Britts and his wife Christina Britts; their daughter Payton Britts; his brothers Milton Britts his wife and their children and grandchildren, Stan Britts his wife and their children and grandchildren, Anita Sanabria, Husband Nester Sanabria, and their daughter Elizabeth, Brenda Riddick and her daughter Nancy, her husband Daryl and their daughter Breana. Trula Schmadel and her family. His sister Alice passed away, but she lives on through her two children, Michele and Butch, and their children.

A funeral service will be held at 2 pm, Thursday, February 12, 2026, at Loving Funeral Home.

Previous Events

Celebration of Life Service

FEB 12. 2:00 PM (ET)

Loving Funeral Home Churchland Chapel
3225 Academy Ave
Portsmouth, VA 23703

Tribute Wall

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“ Robert always put others before himself. I'll never forget him taking me to the gun range to learn how to shoot, because I had mentioned it once two years prior. Or how I consistently talked about my dream of going to Japan... so he brought Japan to me on Christmas. He was always there for me, even when he was in another country. He always supported my dreams & aspirations for being the teacher that I am today; always sending money for me to purchase better things for my students. He was the voice that filled a room of silence, the laughter everyone needed, the shoulder to lean or cry on, the one who never gave up. Hardworking, loving, caring. A father, a grandfather, an uncle, a son, a best friend. I love you deeply & always will. Don't worry... one day I will go to Japan & eat enough donburi for the both of us <3

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