



## Don A. Roberts

October 25, 2007

Rev Don A. Roberts passed away Thursday, October 25, 2007 at St. Anthony's Hospital. He came here in 1969 from his native Alexandria, Virginia. He worshiped and served at the Starkey Road Baptist Church in Seminole. He is survived by his wife of 31 years Janice, son and daughter-in-law Nathan & Shani Roberts of Lynchburg, Virginia, daughters April and Brittney Roberts both of St. Petersburg, brothers Duane E. Roberts of St. Petersburg and Gary W. Roberts of Jacksonville, two nephews Michael and Martin. Funeral Services will be Saturday, October 27, 10:00AM at Starkey Road Baptist Church. Interment will be private. In lieu of flowers make donations to the Brittney Roberts College Fund(5275 56th Ave No. St. Petersburg, Fla. 33709)

# Tribute Wall



“ *The family of Don A. Roberts uploaded a photo*

August 19, 2019 at 12:00 AM



“ *David & Teresa Altman - Firend posted a condolence We just heard about Don's death and our hearts are broken for you. We always admired the love your family shares with each other and are praying for you at this time. Our love, David & Teresa Altman*

David & Teresa Altman - Firend - November 08, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ *barb cantara - friend of janice posted a condolence janice, my heart goes out to you.i know your faith will keep you strong.god bless you & your family at this difficult time.your[gym] friend, barb*

barb cantara - friend of janice - November 06, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ *Jane Denniston Lamar - freind posted a condolence It's been a week since I left St. Pete and I still can't believe Don is gone. He was such a good buddy and so much fun to be around. I will miss him dearly. I know he is in a far better place, and I weep for myself, that I can't join him. God bless you all, Love, Jane and family*

Jane Denniston Lamar - freind - November 04, 2007 at 12:00 AM



“ *Harry & Janet Coric - friends of Nathan posted a condolence Please know that your family has been in our prayers as you go through this difficult time.*

Harry & Janet Coric - friends of Nathan - November 02, 2007 at 12:00 AM

SS

“ Sue Steele - Janice's Sister posted a condolence Dear Janice and family...though you have suffered a loss, you have shown much strength; though there is a big hole in your hearts, you have shown "big" faith. As you allowed us to laugh, cry, and celebrate Don's life with you, you gave us a renewed vision of "what's to come" for the child of God. May you continue to allow God to be your strength, your courage, and your hope. I love you all.

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**Sue Steele - Janice's Sister** - November 01, 2007 at 12:00 AM

MF

“ Mark and Rose Muller, Linda Noblit - friends posted a condolence Janice Roberts and family, We are sorry to hear the news about Don. We remember the good times we had together when Don pastored Mountain Road Baptist Church

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**Mark and Rose Muller, Linda Noblit - friends** - October 30, 2007 at 12:00 AM

AA

“ Amy Raines - Friend of Nathan, Shani, and April posted a condolence I am very sorry to hear of your loss. I met Mr. Roberts a few times when the family would come up to visit Nathan & April, and I know the family was very close. Please know that you are in my prayers during this difficult time.

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**Amy Raines - Friend of Nathan, Shani, and April** - October 30, 2007 at 12:00 AM

AS

“ Amy Emge - Janice's baby sister posted a condolence Janice, April, Nathan and Brittany. Words can not express my sympathy. I'm so sad over your loss and was glad I could be a part of the celebration of his life. My heart goes out to you, each of are very strong and and I know if anyone can get through such a difficult time, you will be the ones to do so. I love each and every one of you and wished that I could have stayed longer just to keep a smile on your face and a laugh in your hearts. Keep Don close to your heart and always remember he is in a better place and watching over you every day! Let me know if you need anything and again, I love each of you!

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**Amy Emge - Janice's baby sister** - October 29, 2007 at 12:00 AM

TA

“ Tyler and Shelby Warkentien - Friends of April posted a condolence We will be praying for you during this difficult time. Thinking of you. The Warkentiens

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**Tyler and Shelby Warkentien - Friends of April** - October 28, 2007 at 12:00 AM

AF

“ Arnold Little JR & My family - My mom & dad good freinds posted a condolence Dear, Janice we send our condolence. Words escape me on what to say other than my whole family has been praying for all of you in this time of hurt and rejoice knowing Don is with the LORD and no more pain. I have these memories as a little boy all of 6 or 7 years old when you and don meet my mom and dad and the fellowship between the familys was somthing special for my parents. I know my mom & dad have taken it hard and will miss don and the laughter he brought into there lives and good fellowship. We will keep your family in our prayers. I am truly sorry we couldnt make it to the services. GOD bless you and your children. Arnold JR Staci & A.J. Little

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**Arnold Little JR & My family - My mom & dad good freinds** - October 28, 2007 at 12:00 AM

AF

“ *Angie DAmico - Friend posted a condolence Dear Janice and Family, In knowing your family since coming to Pierce Clinic, I have always felt as though we were part of your family. I will miss Don, his vibrant smile and fun laugh. I love you all and will keep you in my prayers. Love, Angie D'Amico from Pierce Clinic*

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**Angie DAmico - Friend** - October 27, 2007 at 12:00 AM

DS

“ *David and Carol Foster - Members of SRBC posted a condolence Dear Janice and Family, We regret that we were unable to attend the services for Don, but I had a prior engagement to speak at a law forum on Saturday morning at which Carol was also assisting. We join in your sorrow and we want you to know that you have been, and are, and will be in our prayers, In Jesus Name, David and Carol Foster Brother and Sister in Christ at Starkey Road Baptist Church*

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**David and Carol Foster - Members of SRBC** - October 27, 2007 at 12:00 AM

KF

“ *Katrina & Dan Grooms - Friend posted a condolence Our prayers are definitely with you at this time. We know Mr. Roberts is in a better place and is rejoicing. We will always remember the wonderful times we had when you would come and stay with us. I still have some of the Karo syrup that he would always bring us. We love all of you guys, and we will continue to pray for you during this time.*

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**Katrina & Dan Grooms - Friend** - October 27, 2007 at 12:00 AM

KN

“ Kirste (Lind) Walker - Friend of Nathan posted a condolence To the Roberts Family: I was so sorry to hear about your loss. I just wanted to let you know that each of you are in my thoughts and prayers as you go through this unimagineably hard time. In Deepest Sympathy, Kirsten (Lind) Walker

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**Kirste (Lind) Walker - Friend of Nathan** - October 27, 2007 at 12:00 AM

CF

“ Carrie & Moose Pierce - Family Friend posted a condolence Mr. Roberts, you will be missed!!! April & Family we love you guys and pray that the Lord showers you with comfort and peace during such a difficult time. With Deep Sympathy, Moose, Carrie, Pait & Donovan

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**Carrie & Moose Pierce - Family Friend** - October 27, 2007 at 12:00 AM

KB

“ Kevin Baird - Brother-in-Law posted a condolence My sister Janice, I am saddened and yet I know Don is now in the place momma always told us about. He is missed and appreciated for taking such good care of my big Sister. Love You and Miss you all very much. I am praying for you and the families temporary loss of Don, until we all see him again. Love Kevin

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**Kevin Baird - Brother-in-Law** - October 27, 2007 at 12:00 AM

AJ

“ Angela Don - Friend of Janice posted a condolence Janice and family, We are praying for your family during this time. We love you!

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**Angela Don - Friend of Janice** - October 27, 2007 at 12:00 AM

CM

“ *Candace and Chuck Stewart - Family member posted a condolence Our hearts and prayers go out to you. Keep the faith*

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**Candace and Chuck Stewart - Family member** - October 27, 2007 at 12:00 AM

NF

“ *Nathan Maloney - Family Friend posted a condolence Dearest Roberts' - you all are such a special family and I am so sorry for your loss. How blessed you are to have had time with such a loving, special and spiritually strong man. His life of faith is now your peace of mind in a time when it seems impossible to find. Knowing he is with The Father in a place of perfection is the comfort we cling to at a time like this. I pray that Christ will be your Comforter, Provider and Peace that passes all understanding even more so now than ever before. If you need anything please let me know. I love you all! Nathan "Maloney Baloney"*

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**Nathan Maloney - Family Friend** - October 27, 2007 at 12:00 AM

MF

“ *Mike and Mary Hain and girls - friends posted a condolence Janice, April, Nathan, and Brittney, we want you to know that we love you and are praying for you. Your famiy has been such a blessing to us over the years, and we know that Don was the lead example. His life was living proof of the love of Jesus... shown in his sensitivity toward others and the joy he had! We are sorry we can't be there for the funeral. Please know that our hearts are one with yours in your pain and in your celebration of his life.*

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**Mike and Mary Hain and girls - friends** - October 27, 2007 at 12:00 AM

CF

“ Chuck and Annette DiMarco - Friends posted a condolence Dear, dear Janice and precious family, We will miss seeing Don's smile and his oh so sensitive spirit. He was (is) a gentle man, a loving, caring and compassionate man, just like his Lord. He's with Jesus now and though we will miss him, we rejoice knowing we'll see him again. Know we care and love you all, and are here for you. Chuck and Annette

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**Chuck and Annette DiMarco - Friends** - October 26, 2007 at 12:00 AM

BR

“ Barbara and Bill White - Friends from Starkey Road posted a condolence Dear Janice and family. Our hearts go out to you at this sorrowful time. Don was a dear man and friend and we loved talking with him and keeping up with all of the family. You are in our prayers daily and may you feel God's loving arms holding you all very close. Love and prayers, Barbara and Bill

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**Barbara and Bill White - Friends from Starkey Road** - October 26, 2007 at 12:00 AM

GF

“ George & JoAnne Phillips - Church friend posted a condolence Janice and Family, We are remembering you in prayer during these very difficult days. May the Lord bless you and give you the strength that you need.

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**George & JoAnne Phillips - Church friend** - October 26, 2007 at 12:00 AM

SB

“ Sheri Brooks - Friend at Starkey Road Baptist posted a condolence Don Roberts was a man with a very sweet and sensitive heart. He will be missed very much. He left behind wonderful memories and his humorous personality to his family. Brittney and Nathan have been part of my prayer life for along time.Love all those Roberts!!!!!!

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**Sheri Brooks - Friend at Starkey Road Baptist** - October 26, 2007 at 12:00 AM

MF

“ Mr. and Mrs. Jay Rebsamen - Friend of the family posted a condolence We remember the very first time that Mr. Roberts came to speak to the Singles Ministry here at Thomas Road Baptist Church several years ago in the old Bottling Company! What a man of God! He loved the Lord with his whole heart. He loved his wife and family unconditionally. What a life he lived! The Bible says, "To be absent in the body is to be present with the Lord." Mr. Roberts is walking the streets of gold right now hugging everyone! He has made it home! We love and are praying for Mrs. Roberts, April, Nathan and Shani, and Brittany!

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**Mr. and Mrs. Jay Rebsamen - Friend of the family** - October 26, 2007 at 12:00 AM

SF

“ Sandra Maloney - Friend of family posted a condolence Dear Janice, April, Nathan and Britney, Please know you are all in my prayers. I am so sorry to hear of Don's passing. I know some what how you feel and know what you are going through as Nathan and I have been through the same thing. If there is anything we can do please don't hesitate to contact us. Love in Christ, Sandra

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**Sandra Maloney - Friend of family** - October 26, 2007 at 12:00 AM

SN

“ Shelley Castle - acquaintance of Nathan posted a condolence Nathan and Family, I am so sorry for your loss. Please know that I will be praying for your family. I too know what it's like to lose my Daddy. But also rejoice in knowing he is with Jesus. And as much as I miss him, I would not want him to leave Glory! That is what has comforted me in my darkest times. I pray it will somehow comfort you. We don't always understand God's will, and you are correct when you said that when we stand before Him, it will be the last thing on our minds. May God comfort you and your family today and always. God Bless Shelley Castle (Munce Group)

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**Shelley Castle - acquaintance of Nathan** - October 26, 2007 at 12:00 AM

PS

“ Paula Oldham Johnson - friend of Nathan and Shani posted a condolence Dear Ones- we are praying for you and know that God is able to give you His perfect peace during this sorrowful time. Joy comes in the morning! paula

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**Paula Oldham Johnson - friend of Nathan and Shani** - October 26, 2007 at 12:00 AM

PF

“ Pastor Keith Anderson - Friend of the family posted a condolence To Nathan and Shani Roberts and the entire Roberts family I would like to extend my sincere condolences during your time of sorrow. On behalf of the officers and members here at Eighth Street please accept our love and prayers. God bles and comfort you is our prayer.

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**Pastor Keith Anderson - Friend of the family** - October 26, 2007 at 12:00 AM

RN

“ *Rebekah Oldham Cox - Friend of Nathan posted a condolence I had never met Mr. Roberts, but seeing his picture today fills in all the gaps with my friend Nathan! His smile and eyes are his fathers. You can tell the spirit of this man is living on in his sweet son. Our prayers are with you all at this time. God is our source. In Him and through Him we find our peace. Lee and Rebekah Oldham Cox*

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**Rebekah Oldham Cox - Friend of Nathan** - October 26, 2007 at 12:00 AM

GC

“ *George & Sandy Loeffler and Barbara Edmoundson - Friends from Starkey Road Baptist Church posted a condolence Don was a good friend to everyone he met. There was no such thing as a stranger to Don. His warm smile that said you are among friends made everyone around him feel that they belonged. I knew Don back when I was a teaching aide at 16th St. Middle School in St. Pete. Even back then he would always manage to work his wife and kids into a conversion. He sure loved you guy's. He is already missed.*

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**George & Sandy Loeffler and Barbara Edmoundson - Friends from Starkey Road Baptist Church** - October 26, 2007 at 12:00 AM

TF

“ *Tina Rodocker - Friend posted a condolence Janice, If I was in Florida I would be giving you a great big HUG right now. All I can say is I will be praying for you and your family. God Bless and Give you the strength you will need. Love You, Tina*

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**Tina Rodocker - Friend** - October 26, 2007 at 12:00 AM

DS

“ *Debbie Smith - Tina's Sister-Friend posted a condolence Janice, April, Britney, and Nathan, I am so sorry to hear about this unexpected loss in your life. A husband, A dad. My heart can only feel like praising God, because Don has gone to be with Jesus. How exciting! But we, you and your's are left here to mourn the man whom you love so much. For that I ask God to help you through this process with Peace and Mercy, and His loving arms wrapped around each and everyone of you.*

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**Debbie Smith - Tina's Sister-Friend** - October 26, 2007 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ *Jeremy & Noelia Brown - Friends posted a condolence The Roberts Family, We are so sorry for your loss. Noelia and I are praying for you. It is comforting to know that one day we will all be reunited in Heaven! Love, Jeremy, Noelia, Anthony & Emily.*

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**Jeremy & Noelia Brown - Friends** - October 26, 2007 at 12:00 AM

EF

“ Erika (and John & baby!) - Trick-or-Treat companion and close friend posted a condolence To the dearly loved Roberts family! We love you all so much. You are a very unique and special family. Your dad was certainly one of a kind! I have never known someone so wonderful as he is! Heaven could only be greater now with his presence there! We sent him on in true Roberts style--with a little impromptu Halloween party! I will forever cherish the memories we have shared and will continue to. One of my all time favorites is the time Mr. Roberts decided to awaken Nathan to the scare of his life and hot glue a rat to his shoulder and dress up in Halloween garb. Much to his surprise, Nathan shuttered in his bed in full on tears! It was a Roberts classic. I was also reminded tonight of the many trips to the dollar store and his infinite question of "how much does this cost?" or "ooh-this is real nice, how much is this?" Glad I could leave you a thrifty "\$ store" goody basket on your table! Janice, thank you always being a model of Christian joy and character as well as setting a prime example of a Christ-centered marriage. I would love to model my own after the example you and Mr. Roberts always lived before my eyes. April, you were such a delight to your dad! You are such a rock in your family--and I don't just mean those nice legs! :) Nathan, you will leave an amazing legacy of your dad's life by continuing to live out his personality and humor through your daily life. Shani, Mr. Roberts was so proud to have you join the family. It brought him great joy to see his only son marry such a wonderful girl. Brittney, the baby of the family (lets face it, we always are a little more special ya know!)--your dad was so proud of you! Your shining example of the Lord and submission to the leadership of your parents has always been a testimony to all of us. Roberts family, we love you so much! Your dad will certainly never be forgotten--missed for sure! He is a treasure to the Lancaster family! Party on, Mr. Roberts!

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**Erika (and John & baby!) - Trick-or-Treat companion and close friend** - October 26, 2007 at 12:00 AM

DF

“ *Dr. & Mrs. Stan Pierce, Sr. - Friend posted a condolence Roberts Family, We remember Don with much love. He was an amazing man. He was fun and always saw joy in life. We look forward to the celebration of his life and joy of his Heavenly homecoming!!!*

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**Dr. & Mrs. Stan Pierce, Sr. - Friend** - October 26, 2007 at 12:00 AM

EC

“ Erika Hartzell (and John and - Trick-or-Treat companion posted a condolence To the dearly loved Roberts family! We love you all so much. You are a very unique and special family. Your dad was certainly one of a kind! I have never known someone so wonderful as he is! Heaven could only be greater now with his presence there! We sent him on in true Roberts style--with a little impromptu Halloween party! I will forever cherish the memories we have shared and will continue to. One of my all time favorites is the time Mr. Roberts decided to awaken Nathan to the scare of his life and hot glue a rat to his shoulder and dress up in Halloween garb. Much to his surprise, Nathan shuttered in his bed in full on tears! It was a Roberts classic. I was also reminded tonight of the many trips to the dollar store and his infinite question of "how much does this cost?" or "ooh-this is real nice, how much is this?" Glad I could leave you a thrifty "\$ store" goody basket on your table! Janice, thank you always being a model of Christian joy and character as well as setting a prime example of a Christ-centered marriage. I would love to model my own after the example you and Mr. Roberts always lived before my eyes. April, you were such a delight to your dad! You are such a rock in your family--and I don't just mean those nice legs! :) Nathan, you will leave an amazing legacy of your dad's life by continuing to live out his personality and humor through your daily life. Shani, Mr. Roberts was so proud to have you join the family. It brought him great joy to see his only son marry such a wonderful girl. Brittney, the baby of the family (lets face it, we always are a little more special ya know!)--your dad was so proud of you! Your shining example of the Lord and submission to the leadership of your parents has always been a testimony to all of us. Roberts family, we love you so much! Your dad will certainly never be forgotten--missed for sure! He is a treasure to the Lancaster family! Party on, Mr. Roberts!

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**Erika Hartzell (and John and - Trick-or-Treat companion - October 26, 2007 at 12:00 AM**

GS

“ Gigi Weglarz - Friend of Nathan & Shani posted a condolence With deepest sympathy at your loss. Thoughts and prayers are with you and your family. Sincerely, Gigi Weglarz Cross of Life Church

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**Gigi Weglarz - Friend of Nathan & Shani** - October 26, 2007 at 12:00 AM

RC

“ Ruby Coleman - cousin posted a condolence Janice and family ... I am shock. Sandy e-mailed me about Don's passing. I know he is in God's hands. His memories and spirit will always be with you and someday you will all be together once again. I lost my husband 6-26-07 and it's difficult, but you CAN do it ... your life goes on on this earth. May God bless all of you. Ruby

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**Ruby Coleman - cousin** - October 26, 2007 at 12:00 AM

JJ

“ June Moody/Pinellas Providers Home Child Care Association - Friend and Peers of Janice posted a condolence Dear Janice and Family, We send our most heart felt prayers to you. we hope God will give you the strength and blessings that you need in the coming days as you mourn Don/Father. We are here for you when you need us and we will keep you all in our prayer. God Bless You, June Moody and Pinellas Providers Home Child Care Association

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**June Moody/Pinellas Providers Home Child Care Association - Friend and Peers of Janice** - October 26, 2007 at 12:00 AM

VA

“ Virginia Chapman - Nathan's Aunt-in-Law posted a condolence There is no time limit on when the pain will end. Only God can help ease your pain. When you focus on the good and better times with your father, his love will remain in your heart. Aunt Virginia

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**Virginia Chapman - Nathan's Aunt-in-Law** - October 26, 2007 at 12:00 AM

PF

“ *Perry Rodocker - Friend posted a condolence A TEAR Upon my fingertip, today I caught a tear. I pondered all it*

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**Perry Rodocker - Friend** - October 26, 2007 at 12:00 AM

JF

“ *Joy Lancaster - friend posted a condolence To my dear, dear friend Janice--I still can't believe that I am seeing Don's name in a funeral notice. Yet--we KNOW that he is more alive than we are--we are the ones who now have our "earthen" bodies that will continue to get sick, older, slower. He has his NEW glorified body--and don't you know he is so HAPPY to lay his old body down and receive his new body and his reward from his Savior! As much as we will miss him--and his humor, his tears, his love for you and the kids--I am jealous--he has seen JESUS!!!! The song that Nathan and Charles will sing at the memorial service has new meaning now--he has seen it all! I love you Janice--and I will be here for you. April, Nathan and Shani, Brittney--I love you all too--you and your mom are your dad's dearest possessions, and his greatest joy!...and Britt?! Go TEBOW! :)*

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**Joy Lancaster - friend** - October 25, 2007 at 12:00 AM