

Joy Isolde Halfter Roberts (September 9, 1943 - December 17, 2022) was born in Louisville, Kentucky and grew up in Elmhurst, Illinois. At Mt Holyoke, she majored in philosophy which she went on to study at Somerville College at Oxford and subsequently received a PhD from Stanford University in 1972.

In July 1973, Joy married John Charles Roberts and couple moved to Greenville, North Carolina where Joy taught philosophy at East Carolina University and received a National Endowment of Humanities Fellowship.

In a later move to Madison, Wisconsin, Joy was the Associate Director of the Institute for Legal Studies at

the University of Wisconsin. Joy and John retired to Chandler, Arizona where John passed in June 2008.

Joy liked horses, reading mysteries, writing fiction, watching nature shows, and attending events at the Desert Palm United Church of Christ in Tempe, Arizona. She passed away peacefully in Thousand Oaks, California, and is survived by her children Benjamin Roberts, 48, of Phelan, California and Amy Roberts, 46, of Riverside, California.