



Jerald Francis Robinson

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Jerald Francis (Jerry) Robinson, Sr. passed away at home following a fight with kidney cancer. He was preceded in death by his parents Arelia Elizabeth Jackson and Francis Byron Robinson. Jerry leaves behind his wife of 61 years, Anne Catherine Ford Robinson (his college sweetheart) of Blacksburg, VA, his son, Jerald (Rob) Robinson, Jr. and spouse Amanda Lyvette Robinson and two grandchildren, Nigel Dalton Robinson and Roxanne Tara Robinson all of Roanoke, VA.

In high school, Jerry was editor of Southside High School Newspaper, business manager of the yearbook, school photographer and voted “Mr. Southside”. He was an Eagle Scout. Jerry later graduated from what is now known as Rhodes College in three years with a degree in Economics. He received a M.S. degree from Duke University and obtained his Ph. D. from the University of Illinois.

Jerry and Anne married in December of 1960. His teaching career included Furman University, University of Missouri, and 37 years at Virginia Tech where he received teaching awards at both the undergraduate and graduate levels. He was President of the Faculty Senate for two terms and chaired the committee to plan the curriculum at the University’s Steger European Studies Center in Switzerland where he taught for thirteen full sessions. Jerry loved his students so much that he and Anne took groups on Study Abroad Trips for many years. Jerry held honorary positions at several Chinese and European universities and received a Silver Medal from the University of Maribor Slovenia.

In the local community, Jerry served 8 years at the Montgomery County School Board – two as chairman. He was a member and past President of Blacksburg Rotary Club. Jerry also helped found the “Fun 143 Trailer Ministry”, served on the boards of the Wesley Foundation, VT YMCA, Habitat for Humanity, and served as chair of the Board of the Interfaith Food Pantry. Jerry certainly lived by a motto of Rotary, “Service Above Self”. Saturday mornings were always set aside for his donut and coffee group. These guys were to him the brothers he never had as an only child.

Jerry was a longtime active member of Blacksburg United Methodist Church where a

memorial service will be held on Tuesday, April 26 at 2:00 p.m. Visitation and reception will follow in the Whisner Hall. Interment of Jerry's cremains will be at a later date. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Carilion Clinic Hospice NRV (701 Randolph St. Suite 10, Radford, VA 24141) or to the Blacksburg Interfaith Food Pantry (P.O. Box 11382 Blacksburg, VA 24062) or to the Pamplin College of Business (Management Department) at VT (800 West Campus Dr. Mail Code 0233, Blacksburg, VA 24061).

Previous Events

Memorial Service

APR 26. 2:00 PM (ET)

Blacksburg United Methodist Church
111 Church St SE, Blacksburg, VA 24060

Tribute Wall

SF

“ *Our deepest condolences for your loss.*

Staff of NRV Furniture - April 29 at 10:22 AM

LW

“ *Dr. Robinson was a friend and mentor while serving as his teaching/research assistant from 1987-1989 when I attended and graduated from Pamplin College of Graduate Studies. My sincere condolences to his family and friends.*

Laten Walker - April 25 at 02:26 PM

PW

“ *Anne--Jerry was always the gentle giant who drove the bus at Fun 143, shared his love of photography, and provided a steady influence when it was needed the most. His love for you was always obvious. I will miss him.*

Pam Winfrey

Pam Winfrey - April 25 at 08:42 AM

DH

“ *Jerry was always willing to share his time and advice to a new professor. Honest and thoughtful, Jerry could be opinionated but recognized that about himself, too. As others have said, his wit and wisdom shall be missed...and we shall not discuss his driving...*

DE Hatfield - April 23 at 01:21 PM

CE

“ *Ann, I am so sorry to hear about Jerry. May God comfort each of you during this very difficult time. Will be praying for you and your family.*

Charlotte Epperley - April 23 at 11:54 AM



“ *Jerry was a great man and I will miss his humor and wisdom. He meant a lot to me and several others.*

Darren Stutzman - April 23 at 10:55 AM