



Dr. James Vayden Robinson, Jr.

March 28, 1930 - May 22, 2018

Dr. James V. Robinson, Jr., 88, of Hattiesburg passed away May 22, 2018 at Forrest General Hospital in Hattiesburg.

Visitation will be held at Memory Chapel in Laurel on Thursday May 24, 2018 from 6-9 p.m. with graveside services at 2 p.m. Friday May 25, 2018 at Fellowship Cemetery in Taylorsville MS.

Born March 28, 1930 in a log cabin outside of Taylorsville to sharecroppers, Vayden and Lessye Robinson, he grew up plowing with a mule, picking cotton and skipping school. At some point in grammar school, he became motivated. From that time on, he loved to learn. He graduated from Magee High School in 1949 as salutatorian of his class and was the first in his family to finish high school. He began working to pay his way through college and graduated from USM in 1954 with a B.A. in history. He then joined the Air Force and served in Korea, Japan and other posts, getting out 90 days early in the fall of 1957 to go to graduate school at Ole Miss. Again, he worked his way through school, this time with the help of the GI Bill. After he got his masters, he received a scholarship and went on to get his Ph.D. in psychology at Ole Miss. He taught at Ole Miss briefly and at Mississippi University for Women for a couple of years. Eventually, he wound up at the University of Charleston (S.C.), where he taught for 21 years. His own struggles motivated him to give scholarships to help other needy students, and in the fall of 1998 the first four-year Dr. James V. Robinson, Jr. Scholarship was awarded at USM, and because it was funded from an endowment, has been awarded in perpetuity.

He was preceded in death by his parents, James Vayden Robinson and Lessye McDaniel Robinson and one brother, Joe Dale Robinson.

Survivors include his loving wife of eleven years; one brother, Allan B.

Robinson (Eleanor) of Ellisville; one aunt, Kathleen Arrington who is 96 years of age; and numerous nieces and nephews.

Cemetery Details

Fellowship Cemetery

MS Hwy 28
Taylorsville, MS 39168

Previous Events

Visitation

MAY 24. 6:00 PM - 9:00 PM (CT)

Memory Chapel Funeral Home
3100 Audubon Drive
P. O. Box 674
Laurel, MS 39440
(601) 428-5235
memorychapel@comcast.net
<https://www.memorychapel-laurel.com/>

Graveside Service

MAY 25. 2:00 PM (CT)

Fellowship Cemetery
MS Hwy 28
Taylorsville, MS 39168