



Mr. Otis D. Robinson

April 5, 1944 - February 10, 2024

Otis Duane Robinson departed this life on Saturday, February 10, 2024, at the Bristol Regional Medical Center. Otis was born in Pageland, South Carolina, to J.D. and Elizabeth McManus Robinson. He was the oldest of 11 children.

Otis was educated in the Pageland, South Carolina, school district and spent his early years there with his parents before moving to Kannapolis, North Carolina. Otis moved to Johnson City, Tennessee, in 1976. He worked for A.O. Smith for over 40 years and part-time for Cracker Barrel for many years.

Otis was always a people person; he would strike up a conversation with anyone concerning racing, fishing, sports, and his greatest passion, bodybuilding. Otis met many people he considered his friends along this journey, and if he called you friend, you were a friend for life. Otis had a no-nonsense way about him that would certainly cut you to the quick sometimes, but to know him was to understand that he didn't sugarcoat anything.

Otis was preceded in death by his parents, J.D. and Elizabeth McManus Robinson; brother, Dillon Robinson (in the Vietnam War); son, Kevin D. Robinson; daughter, Shaneka V. Johnson; grandson, Gabe Robinson; and his first wife, Rebecca Phifer Robinson.

Otis leaves to celebrate his memory his siblings, Alma Currie, Donnie Robinson, Burnette (Sharon) Robinson, Joe (Carolyn) Robinson, Buford Robinson, and Gail (Randy) Jones, all of Kannapolis, North Carolina, Sharon (Eric) Freeman of Lake Lure, North Carolina, Lavonda (Gino) Partee, and Oliver (Paulette) Robinson of Kannapolis; children, Tamara Robinson–Williams, Darwin Robinson, Tunishia Robinson, and Darrin (Lavonda) Robinson all of Kannapolis, Trenton (Laura) Robinson of Chantilly, Virginia, Keia (Telly) Allen of Millersville, Maryland, Chris (Amelia) Collins, and Reece Collins both of Johnson City, Tennessee; his special fur baby, Trouble; two special friends, Vanessa Robinson and Roslyn Collins Robinson of Johnson City; and a host of grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews, cousins and friends from Kannapolis and Johnson City.

Otis will be greatly missed by all his family and friends.

Tribute Wall

CM

“ *Papawww its koon i have so many memories i remember u took me on a plane to see my dad and we stayed ina hotel i was young but i will never forget and i had a birthday at the black n tan... u are missed already we love u turning 94 on the 24th happy early early birthday rest easy papaw* ”

Courtney mathes - July 08, 2025 at 09:05 AM

JL

“ *Jacqueline Leeper lit a candle in memory of Mr. Otis D. Robinson* ”



Jacqueline Leeper - February 24, 2024 at 05:25 AM

KF

“ *Kannapolis Friends of the Robinson Family extending condolences & sympathy at this most difficult time.* ”



Kannapolis Family Friends - February 22, 2024 at 06:19 AM

KM

“ *Condolences to the Robinson Family, during this time of bereavement. We are do sorry for your earthly loss. You have our love and sympathy. Keeping you all in prayer. The Leeper Family.* ”



Kay Leeper McClorey - February 22, 2024 at 06:15 AM

KM

“ *Kathy Mills sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Otis D. Robinson* ”



Kathy Mills - February 21, 2024 at 10:06 PM

PN

“ Pamnita Norwood lit a candle in memory of Mr. Otis D. Robinson



Pamnita Norwood - February 16, 2024 at 05:46 PM

CB

“ Carol Bradley lit a candle in memory of Mr. Otis D. Robinson



Carol Bradley - February 15, 2024 at 10:31 PM



“ Mary James lit a candle in memory of Mr. Otis D. Robinson



Mary James - February 15, 2024 at 05:44 PM

VP

“ Viola Ruth Patton lit a candle in memory of Mr. Otis D. Robinson



Viola Ruth Patton - February 15, 2024 at 03:46 PM

SL

“ Sharron Livingston sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Otis D. Robinson



Sharron Livingston - February 15, 2024 at 01:43 PM

RN

“ Ricky A Nobleton sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Otis D. Robinson



Ricky A Nobleton - February 15, 2024 at 11:25 AM

MD

“ Melvin Drumgoole sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Otis D. Robinson



Melvin Drumgoole - February 15, 2024 at 07:32 AM

AG

“ Sending our deepest condolences to the family... praying for comfort for them during this time



Ammie Gayles - February 15, 2024 at 07:30 AM

VJ

“ Otis ..You will be greatly missed . You were a amazing Uncle to me and I will cherish All the laughs we ever had as I grew up with & around you !! Rest in Peace Uncle Otdi !!! Love Your ❤️🙏🏻 ~ Vicky Johnson



Vicky Johnson - February 14, 2024 at 10:44 PM

MR

“ Mary Cissy Rollins lit a candle in memory of Mr. Otis D. Robinson



Mary Cissy Rollins - February 14, 2024 at 10:04 PM

MD

“ Prayers for the entire family.

Mark & Karen Durkee - February 14, 2024 at 07:43 PM

MH

“ Praying for the family



Mary Harris - February 14, 2024 at 06:23 PM

GR

“ Gina Rhyans lit a candle in memory of Mr. Otis D. Robinson



Gina rhyans - February 14, 2024 at 05:46 PM

PC

“ Sending prayers and Condolences to the Robinson family we went to school together in North Carolina

Patricia Clowney - February 14, 2024 at 03:50 PM



“ Linda Workman sent a virtual gift in memory of Mr. Otis D. Robinson



Linda Workman - February 14, 2024 at 02:19 PM