



Joe Richard Robinson Sr.

August 9, 1937 - December 5, 2022

Joe 's Journey

Dr. Joe R. Robinson, Sr., 85, son of John Alfred Robinson, Sr. and Patsy Morris Robinson (both deceased), passed away at Coastal Hospice by the Lake in Salisbury, Maryland after a lengthy illness.

He was born in Charlotte, North Carolina, and graduated from West Charlotte High School. He was next to the youngest of four brothers and four sisters.

He received his Bachelor's degree from Maryland State College, now University of Maryland Eastern Shore, a Master's from Indiana State University and a Doctorate from Arizona State University, all in the area of Health and Physical Education. He held instructional and administrative positions at Jackson State University, Fayetteville State University, Livingston College, The Boston Public School system and Baylor University.

During his career in education, he served as an Instructor, Basketball Coach, Football Coach, Department Chairperson and Athletic Director. His coaching career led him to many accomplishments. His teams at Somerset Jr. Sr. High school in Princess Anne, MD were Regional/State Champions during the years of 1964-1966. He was then employed by Maryland State College/UMES

from 1966-1971, where his teams compiled a record of 103 wins/33 losses. The 69-70 team went undefeated 29-0 and several players were drafted into the NBA. Joe was inducted into the UMES Hall of Fame as a player in 1973 and his status was changed to coach in 2005. He was very proud of his teams and talked about them often. His teachings and discipline impacted the lives of many young people on the Eastern Shore of Maryland during his tenure.

Though he loved football and basketball, he was also an avid golfer. He began playing at the age of 12 and continued until his health began to fail in 2021--seldom missing one day on the links. He also loved reading western novels and watching western movies. His favorite actors were Audie Murphy and Randolph Scott.

A breakfast for him was not breakfast unless he had thick-cut crisp bacon or coffee and a donut from Dunkin Donuts. He enjoyed thrift store shopping—finding name brand merchandise that had been discarded or discounted. He loved that challenge.

He was preceded in death by his brothers Sylvester, John and James and his sisters Mary, Jean, Mabel and Thelma as well as his first wife, Barbara.

He leaves to mourn his passing: one brother, Albert (Patricia) Robinson of Yonkers, NY; four sons, Joe Robinson, Jr. (Ricky) of San Antonio, TX, Jay Robinson of Albuquerque, NM, Jeffrey Robinson (Marilyn) of Decatur, AL and Jared Robinson of Charlotte, NC; one daughter, Jamie Robinson Jenkins (Montre) of Cambridge, MD and two step daughters, Valerie Tilghman of Baltimore, MD and Amy Tilghman Dennard of Princess Anne, MD, as well as ex-wife and friend for life, Lorna D. Rock of Salisbury, MD. He also leaves a host of other relatives including grandchildren, great-grand children and friends.

Joe also left us with some of his favorite sayings: "Talk is cheap. Action is Supreme." "It's my way or the highway", and "I ain't never_____". The blank would be filled in with something that he thought was just ridiculous like, "I ain't never had to pay this much for gas!!!"

He fought a good fight until the very end and accepted Jesus Christ as his Lord and Savior. "Goodnight, Sweet Prince, and flights of angels sing thee to thy rest." (Shakespeare)

Sorrowfully Submitted ~ The Family

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 17. 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Bennie Smith Life Celebration Center
901 West Isabella Street
Salisbury, MD 21801

Funeral Service

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Tribute Wall



“ *Bennie Smith Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Joe Richard Robinson Sr.*



Bennie Smith Funeral Home - December 17, 2022 at 11:05 AM

JJ

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Joanne Johnson-Shaw - December 15 at 04:29 PM

Joanne Johnson-Shaw - December 17, 2022 at 10:09 AM

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“ *My brother was the best all-around in everything the best Athlete we called him jumping Joe because he jumped when he passed the football, the best Actor in the Shakespeare at West Charlotte High, the best Scholar and last but not least the best looking He was always my big brother trying to keep me in check Joe I will always love you. Our heartfelt sympathy and prayers too the family and friends. From Albert Sr. Patricia, Albert Jr. and John*

Albert brother of Joe Robinson - December 16, 2022 at 07:25 PM

AS

“ Uncle Joe, you will always be remembered for your strength, & ability in all your accomplishments & your abilities as a sports advocate. Ill always think of you as an intelligent and "a go-getter".
Your niece, Annie Earl

Annie Scott - December 14, 2022 at 11:50 AM

JJ

“ I am speechless and my heart is heavy! I watched your strength diminish daily but I will choose to remember your big hands holding my small ones, your push for me to finish my education, your challenge to always find the best deal big or small, and your love for all things sports! I will carry on your legacy of strength and tenacity. I miss you and I will love you always! Your daughter.... Jamie..

Jamie Robinson Jenkins - December 13, 2022 at 02:59 PM

LR

“ Joe, you will always be in my heart. We were truly ride or die, through thick and thin, come hell or high water, near or far!
Sincerely,
Lorna R.

Lorna Rock - December 13, 2022 at 09:40 AM



“ Days of Sunshine Bouquet was purchased for the family of Joe Richard Robinson Sr..



December 13, 2022 at 09:32 AM

RC

“*Rose M. Cottman lit a candle in memory of Joe Richard Robinson Sr.*



Rose M. Cottman - December 12, 2022 at 04:48 PM

FB

“*From Rick and Brittany purchased the Sentiments of Serenity Spray for the family of Joe Richard Robinson Sr..*



From Rick and Brittany - December 12, 2022 at 12:46 PM

BG

“*Jamie and family you are in our prayers. May your memories of you dad comfort you during this difficult time*

BEANIE, TENESHA, DAVETTE & GREGORY - December 09, 2022 at 09:02 PM

JJ

Thank you all so much! Love and miss you! Hope to see you soon!

Jamie Jenkins - December 12, 2022 at 12:32 PM

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