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FLORIST NOTE-PLEASE DELIVER ALL FLOWERS TO THE GEORGTOWN FUNERAL HOME ON TUESDAY APRIL 11, 2017

Robert Houston Robinson Sr., age 80, former publisher of The Sussex Countian newspaper in Georgetown, died Wednesday, April 5. A life-long Sussex Countian, Robinson was born May 5, 1936 and was the son of the late Julian Thomas Robinson and Mary Comfort Houston Robinson.

Robinson grew up in Georgetown and Rehoboth Beach. He attended the Georgetown schools and in the 8th grade entered St. Andrew's School in Middletown, DE, from which he graduated in 1955. He attended the University of North Carolina in Chapel Hill on a United States Navy Scholarship. At UNC he was a member of the Navy drill team and St. Anthony Hall fraternity. A short novel he wrote while a student at UNC, "Going the Other Way", was published by Random House in a collection "Three: 1964". Robinson graduated from UNC in 1959 with Honors in Writing.

Robinson then served in the U.S. Navy. After completing his Navy service, Robinson became the third generation of his family to publish the Sussex Countian weekly newspaper, following in the footsteps of his mother and his grandfather, U.S. Congressman Robert G. Houston. He published the Countian for 30 years, retiring after selling the newspaper to The Dover Post.

A very creative person, Robinson had a variety of interests, great intellectual curiosity, and a notable sense of humor. In addition to his novel, Robinson was the author of a number of books on many topics, including "Visiting Sussex: Even if you Live Here", a guidebook to places of interest in Sussex County, "The Craft of Dismantling a Crab", which showed how best to clean crabs and other shellfish, "Old Country Churches of Sussex County", and "How to Do A Kandinsky". He also published works by other authors and for a time authored a periodical about



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shellfish. One of his short pieces appeared in the volume “The Best of Bad Hemingway”, which featured parodies of the writing style of author Ernest Hemingway.

Robinson’s two siblings, Margret Katherine Robinson Peters and Thomas Peter Robinson are deceased. He is survived by his wife of 46 years, Dorothy Battle Rankin Robinson; his son, Robert H. Robinson Jr. and his wife Alix Karl Robinson of Georgetown; and by his daughter, Dorothy Newsom Robinson Scott and her husband Brewster Nelson Scott of Maplewood, N.J. He is also survived by four grandchildren, Clemens Houston Robinson and Graham Newsom Robinson of Georgetown and Samuel Baumann Scott and Catherine Battle Scott of New Jersey; his sister in law, Alice Pitt Robinson of Lewes; his brothers-in-law: the Rev. Albert FitzRandolph Peters of Seaford, and Robert S. Rankin, Jr. of Durham, N.C; and his nieces and nephews and their families.

A Memorial service will be held on Wednesday April 12, 2017 at 11:00 am, at Georgetown Presbyterian Church, 203 N. Bedford St., Georgetown, DE. Friends may visit with the family on the evening of April 11, 2017, from 4:00 PM to 6:00 PM, at Parsell Funeral Homes and Crematorium, Dodd-Carey Chapel, 307 N. Bedford Street, Georgetown, DE. Interment will be private.

Please visit Mr. Robinson’s Life Memorial Webpage and sign his online guestbook at www.parsellfuneralhomes.com.




Events

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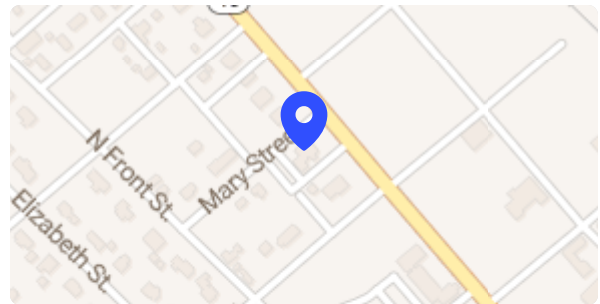
Friends May Visit

 **Tuesday**, April 11, 2017

 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM ET

 **Parsell Funeral Homes & Crematorium Dodd-Carey Chapel**

307 North Bedford Street, Georgetown DE



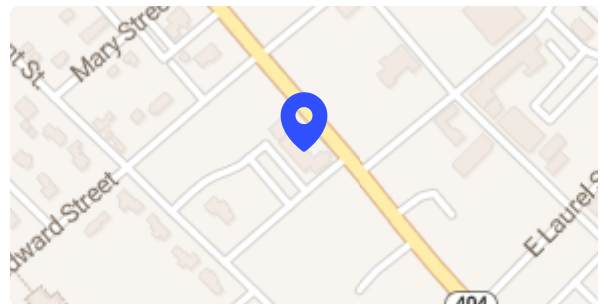
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Parsell Funeral Homes & Crematorium shared a **Tribute Video**.



April 12 at 10:22 AM



Harry Tindall posted:

Battle, Just learned of Bob's passing from Meg Haynes. We send our thoughts and prayers. Our times with Bob at the many Uniform Law meetings were so special. We fondly remember our meat together at the small New Orleans bistro, Coquette. Harry and Marian Tindall

June 20 at 4:14 AM



Eunice Craig posted:

Please accept my heartfelt condolences to you and your family. May your many memories bring you solace; may your circle of loving family and friends provide you with strength; may your faith give you peace. Eunice Craig Friends of the John Dickinson Mansion

April 11 at 3:04 AM



Anonymous sent a Love's Tapestry to the Robinson family.



April 10 at 4:44 PM



Anonymous sent a Fiery Lily and Rose to the Robinson family.



April 10 at 7:56 AM



Betty Brandon posted:

Dear Battle-- I was so sorry to learn the sad news about Robert and want you to know that I am thinking of you and your family at this difficult time. With sincere sympathy, Betty Brandon

April 9 at 4:05 PM



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Nancy Abbott Jefferson lit a candle in honor of Robert.



April 7 at 6:34 PM



Nancy Abbott Jefferson posted:

Battle & Family, It was with great sadness I heard about Roberts death. I remember when we used to play in the boxwoods in your yard, much to Mrs. Robinson's dismay! She used to tell us that they were quite old and invaluable, of course we ignored her and played on! Guess we didn't do much damage as they are still there. .Also remember Catherine visiting Daddy when he was sick. I am in Florida now or I would be at his memorial. My thoughts will be with you all. Hope to see you when I return Again deepest sympathies to you all. Nancy Abbott Jefferson Port Charlotte Florida 941-255-0123

April 7 at 6:33 PM



Anonymous sent an Ocean Breeze Spray to the Robinson family.



April 7 at 12:41 PM



Linda lit a candle in honor of Robert.

Battle, You are in our thoughts. Michael and Linda Layton



April 7 at 10:00 AM



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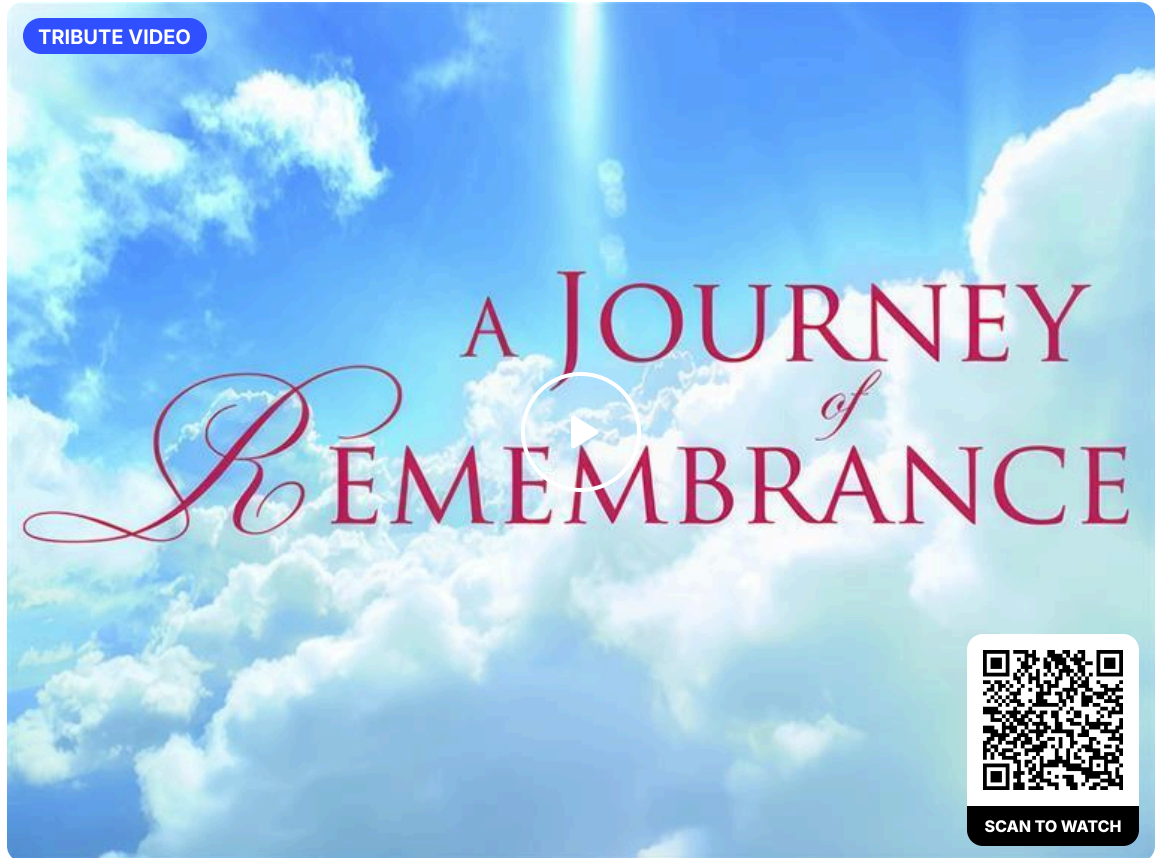
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Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Robert by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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