



# Dr. David Ernest Robinson

APR 24, 2022



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**S**ervices may also be viewed live stream by visiting <https://youtu.be/gO57Kw-k3jQ>.

Florist Note- Please deliver all floral arrangements to the Lewes Funeral Home on Friday between the hours of 10 AM and 4 PM.

David E. Robinson

In September 1943, Dave was born in Dover, Delaware to Ernestine Davis Robinson and J. Frank Robinson. In April 2022, he peacefully and gracefully transitioned to be with his heavenly father while at his home in Lewes with his wife and children by his side.

Dave was raised in Lewes on Manila Avenue, and he grew up working in his parents' store, Robinson IGA, now Lloyd's Market. He enjoyed learning the skills of a butcher, and Dave loved taking the food orders to Otis Smith's menhaden fishing fleet. Dave spent his summers swimming in the canal, bay, and ocean, and he could even waterski on one foot. Dave attended Lewes High School, where he played football, and he proudly played in the 1961 Blue-Gold All Star Football game. After high school, Dave played football at West Chester State College. Later, Dave received his master's and Specialist Degree from Missouri Central State College, and he earned his Doctorate from Nova University.

After graduating from college, Dave returned to teach and coach football in Lewes. Then, in 1968, Dave began his career in the Caesar Rodney School District. Dave was a teacher, assistant principal, and principal at Caesar Rodney High School, and he served as the district superintendent in the last six years of his career until his retirement in 2004. Dave was a very hands-on administrator, visiting every school and attending a variety of events in the district during his career. He believed in being present to support students and staff. Throughout his career, Dave received many accolades. In 1995, he was honored as the state of Delaware's secondary principal of the year by the National Association of Secondary School Principals. The Delaware Interscholastic Athletic Association presented Dave with the Lifetime Achievement



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Award in 2018. In 2021, Dave was humbled when the Caesar Rodney School District named their newest school in Magnolia the David E. Robinson Elementary School. After his retirement from Caesar Rodney, Dave was a consultant for the Vision 2015 coalition and the University of Delaware, and he worked as an adjunct professor for Wilmington University. When Dave moved back to Lewes, he worked as the Interim Superintendent of Cape Henlopen School District. In that one year, he brought in many coaches and led the upgrade of Champion's Stadium. He was so happy he finished his career full circle in town where he grew up.

Dave lived life to the fullest! He and Linda traveled every year, and they visited all fifty states and Ireland, hiked to the bottom of the Grand Canyon (and back out), and even flew over Mt. Saint Helens a month after it erupted in 1980. One of Dave's favorite things to do while traveling was to visit college campuses, and Dave always found a way to get inside the campus football stadium and basketball arena, whether he was invited or not. Dave was a runner for many years, running everything from 5Ks to marathons. He also enjoyed cycling, riding the Erie Canalway trail and across Iowa several times in RAGBRAI. Thanksgiving was one of Dave's favorite days, and in some years, as many as sixty family members and friends would gather in fellowship and fun. Dave was great cook, and many friends will remember eating his barbeque chicken or steaks. Later in Dave's life, he was diagnosed with myelodysplastic syndrome. Then, after a bike accident in 2016, Dave was confined to a wheelchair. Despite his hardships, he still rolled around Lewes with a smile on his face. Dave made friends wherever he went. He loved life, and all the people in it.

Dave is survived by his wife of 53 years, Linda, and daughters Dr. Amy J. Robinson (Bill Crotty) and Alison Robinson Hughes. Dave's six loving grandchildren are Ava, Darcy, Logan, and Liam Crotty, and Lelia and Daisy Hughes. Dave is also survived by his siblings, Linda Robinson Souder (Ron), Jim Robinson (Trish), and Joe Robinson (Kristen). He leaves behind many nieces, nephews, and wonderful friends.

Services will be Saturday, May 14, 2022, at Bethel United Methodist Church, 129 W. 4th Street, Lewes, DE where a visitation will be held from 9am -11am and a celebration of Dave's life at 11am. Services may also be viewed live stream by visiting <https://youtu.be/gO57Kw-k3jQ>.

In lieu of flowers, donations in Dave's memory can be made to Bethel UMC, 129 W 4th St, Lewes, DE 19958; Beebe Medical Foundation, Family Practice Residency Program, 902 Savannah Rd, Lewes, DE 19958; or the David and Linda Robinson Scholarship care/of the Greater Lewes



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Foundation at <https://greaterlewesfoundation.org/dr-david-e-and-linda-s-robinson-scholarship-fund/>.

Please sign his virtual guestbook at this site.

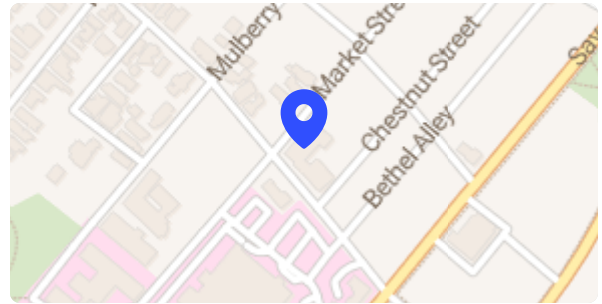


## Visitation


 **Saturday**, May 14, 2022


 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM ET

 **Bethel United Methodist Church**  
129 West 4th Street, Lewes DE

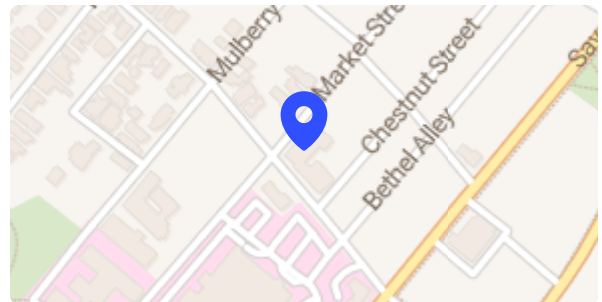


## Celebration of life

 **Saturday**, May 14, 2022

 11:00 AM ET

 **Bethel United Methodist Church**  
129 West 4th Street, Lewes DE



## Cemetery Details

 **Bethel Methodist Cemetery Columbarium**  
DE



## Tribute Wall

Dr. David Ernest Robinson



**Dr. Doris Person** lit a candle in honor of David Ernest.

Dr. Robinson was my very first visitor on my first day as a school administrator. We talked for almost two hours with him offering nuggets of wisdom as he shared information about his life as an educator and our love for the Cape region. He also with sincere intention tried to recruit a dear friend of mine from Maryland to join our Cape Family. Sending prayers to his family and friends.

May 13 at 5:36 PM



**Anonymous** sent a Rose Remembrance to the Robinson family.

May 10 at 5:23 AM



**Anonymous** sent a Basket Full of Wishes to the Robinson family.

May 6 at 6:27 AM



**Anonymous** sent a Woven Rectangle Ash Holder Key Chain to the Robinson family.

May 1 at 2:04 PM



**Ann Moore** lit a candle in honor of David Ernest.

April 30 at 6:57 PM





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**Ann Moore** posted:

I am so sorry to hear of David's passing. The last time I saw David was after the memorial service for Jim Bastian. We laughed about old times growing up and the fun we had. Before leaving I kissed him on the head and we both said take care. Linda and family please know you all are in my thoughts and prayers.

April 30 at 6:54 PM



**Barbara Steiman** lit a candle in honor of David Ernest.

Dave was kind and thoughtful when I met him as an interim Superintendent at Cape. Sending strength and love to his family.

April 30 at 6:55 AM



**Diane** lit a candle in honor of David Ernest.

April 29 at 8:05 AM



**Sharon Barkins-Wasson** posted:

Many years ago when I taught at the CRJHS, I wrote Dave a note regarding my favorite class. I told him that the elementary and junior high teachers seldom see the finished product. This class graduating was very special to me and would it be possible for me have a seat to see them graduate. Dave returned my note with a letter asking me to not only attend the graduation, but to hand out the diplomas. I will never ever forget that day and the kindness and thoughtfulness of this great man. Dave was loved by more people than can be counted. Sharon Barkins-Wasson

April 28 at 10:21 AM



**Barbara And Wayne Moore** posted:

We are so fortunate to have been friends with Dave Robinson and his beautiful wife Linda. We cherish their visits to our home in North Carolina and Tennessee. We have so many great memories of this terrific man. We will miss you Dave and we plan to go to Woody's in August and have a crab cake in your memory.

April 27 at 3:29 PM



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**Charlotte A. Bastian** lit a candle in honor of David Ernest.



David Robinson was a great man and a hero in my mind. We grew up together in Lewes and went all through school together. He was a great athlete and leader in many ways. We were separated for a number of years due to the fact that he went on his journey to serve our country and the Caesar Rodney School district. I was so happy when he and Linda moved back to Lewes to retire and we were able to pick up where we left off. His parents had the Robinson IGA before LLOYD and were good friends with my parents. His brothers and sister and her husband grew up with my brothers and everyone was close. That was when Lewes was a small town with everyone knowing everyone! I felt very thankful that David served Cape Henlopen School District for one year with his extreme leadership. I had grandchildren going to Cape and felt so glad he was there. I feel so very blessed that I have had the opportunity to have quality visits and time with David and Linda. He was so very proud of his children and grandchildren and set the perfect example for a true husband, father and grandfather. The wonderful memories of him will always remain in my heart as long as I live. God bless his precious family. Your classmate and friend, Charlotte Adkins Bastian

April 26 at 5:27 PM

AK

**Andrea Knutzen** posted:

I have the fondest memories of growing up with Dr Robinson as my principal but more as Ali's dad. He and Linda always welcomed me, and all the rest of us, into their home. I pray the great memories make each day easier. I will never forget the yellow pants.....no one could rock them like Dr. Robinson!!! Sending each you my thoughts and prayers! Love you, Ali Your dad was one of the best!!!

April 27 at 11:34 AM



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**Caddie A. And Chubby Joseph** posted:

Chubby Joseph & I along with our oldest son, Charles Joseph usually sit in the back row of Fellowship Hall for the 0915 Sunday Worship Services. Dave and Linda sat on the opposite side. He in the wheelchair, Linda in a chair beside him. We were present the Sunday, following his bicycle accident, that he got up from his wheelchair and walked to the front to take communion. Utter quiet when we realized what was happening. You could have heard a pin drop. Once he was back in his seat, the Pastor said "I think we've seen a miracle." A loud applause and the appearance of a few tears of gratitude were observed. Dave & Linda continued to sit of the back row of Fellowship Hall with us. He said that Chubby & I were holding down our side of the row and he and Linda would do the same for the other side. Once the decision was made to cease treatment any longer for his blood cancer, Dave & I shared a saying each Sunday. " Are you hanging in there?" The answer was "Hanging In there." We are going to very much miss Dave's presence on Sundays. I pray God continues to Bless Linda and her family for all the love, support & caring they showed him. A man who still had much to give, gone too soon. We'll see him in his new home one of these days. May God ease your sorrow Linda. Caddie Ann & "Chubby" Joseph

April 27 at 11:03 AM



**Marie Reed** lit a candle in honor of David Ernest.

Reedy and I Are so sorry to hear about Dave our prayers and love to Linda and the whole family and friends

April 27 at 10:20 AM



**Ted Haas** posted:

" To Whom Much Is Given, Much Is EXPECTED". Dave Robinson gave what was expected and MORE. Working with Dave in several committees of the Bethel Methodist Church of Lewes, I personally witnessed his expected service plus more to his church and Lewes community. It was my true pleasure to be mentored by this man in his devotion to his faith and fellow man. Ted Haas

April 27 at 9:29 AM



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**Mary Lou Warren** lit a candle in honor of David Ernest.

Sending hugs & prayers to Linda & family, & the entire Robinson family on the passing of Dave. What a wonderful man he was ! And a wonderful role model for his children & grandchildren, as well as all that were fortunate enough to know him. Praying that God will grant you peace & comfort in the days ahead, knowing that Dave is resting in the loving arms of our Lord & Savior.



April 26 at 5:27 PM



**Ray & Pat Baranowski** May 1 at 4:24 AM

Ray & I were so saddened to hear of Dave's passing. We will always remember his kindness to our family & that great smile of his. Rest In Peace Dave , you will be remembered by so many.



# Memories only last if you share them

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



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