



James "J.R." Henry Robinson

June 27, 1925 - December 15, 2020

James Henry Robinson, age 95, went home to be with the Lord on December 15, 2020 with his family by his side at Novant Health/UVA Culpeper Medical Center, Culpeper, VA.

James (Jimmy or JR as many like to refer to him) was born June 27, 1925, to Henry Dixon and Julia Payne Robinson, in Manassas where he was a lifelong resident.

Growing up in Manassas James had the privilege of working for several places such as the bowling alley which resided above E. R. Conner's grocery store, he later worked for the Smith's Bakery on Battle St., then Central Mutual Telephone Co. and eventually accepted a job with the Town of Manassas Electric Department in 1950 where he retired as superintendent after 35 years of service.

James also joined the Manassas Volunteer Fire Department in 1944 where he became a class A pump operator/driver. During the 76 years as a member of the department, James received the coveted "Fireman of the Year" award on three different occasions; in 2003 he received the Wade C. House Service award for outstanding service. James was the longest serving member of the fire department in its history to date.

He also enjoyed volunteering as a greeter at Prince William Hospital/NOVANT Health Care Facility for 12 years where he gained the Lifetime Associate status.

James is currently a member of the Triumph Baptist Church in Vint Hill Farms,

VA.

James interests included restoring antique fire equipment for the fire departments museum, having coffee with the guys at McDonalds, eating out as often as he could convince his family to take him, and telling stories of his childhood growing up in Manassas.

James is survived by his daughter, Betty Belshee of Bealeton, VA, and a son Thomas (Tommy) Robinson (Karen) also of Manassas, 6 grandchildren; and 11 great-grandchildren.

James was preceded in death by his wife of 60 years, Lillian Price Robinson, his son James Luther (JR) Robinson, his grandson Stephen Thomas Robinson, his parents, a brother, Rodney of Pomona, CA., Sisters, Weltha Hunt of Manassas, VA., Thelma Mooney of Ironton, OH., and Wanda Louise Perfect of Dallas TX.

The family would like to thank the staff and caregivers at "Our Father's House" Christian Home in Culpeper, VA for the care and love they have bestowed upon him for the last 22 months. He loved all of you and was very appreciative of his care. We would also like to thank the staff and Drs. at Novant Health/UVA Culpeper Medical Center for the care they provided our dad and ourselves the last few days prior to his passing.

A funeral service will be held at Triumph Baptist Church 4267 Sigler Road, Vint Hill Farms, VA 20187. on Monday, December 21, 2020 at 11:00 a.m. with a viewing one-hour prior. Interment will follow immediately at Manassas city cemetery.

In lieu of flowers, you may make a donation in James's name to either his Church, Triumph Baptist Church, 4267 Sigler Rd., Vint Hill Farms, VA 20187 or Our Fathers House Christian Home, 15261 Jubilee Rd., Culpeper, VA 22701.

Previous Events

Visitation

DEC 21. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

Triumph Baptist Church
4267 Sigler Road
Vint Hill Farms, VA 20187

funeral

DEC 21. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (ET)

Triumph Baptist Church
4267 Sigler Road
Vint Hill Farms, VA 20187

Burial

DEC 21. 1:15 PM - 1:45 PM (ET)

Manassas City Cemetery
9317 Center Street
Manassas, VA 20110
(703) 257-8372
<http://www.manassascity.org/181/Cemeteries>

Tribute Wall



“ *Pierce Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of James "J.R." Henry Robinson*



Pierce Funeral Home - December 19, 2020 at 02:52 PM

HC

“ *I remember many an afternoon with Jimmy and Lillian, when I was with Betty, just having a laugh. There was never a dull moment and never a frown, ever! I always tried to visits with them when ever I returned to Manassas for visits.*

He will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved him.

Lit Churchill

Howard Churchill - December 24, 2020 at 12:04 PM

BR

I have many fond memories of Jimmy and Lillian we always had fun celebrating Birthdays and Anniversaries we were always looking for places to eat, I know he liked fried Oyster and Shrimp that was one of my special treats we had some great times.

Barbara Reese - January 05, 2021 at 07:29 PM

DM

“ So sorry to hear this sad news.

Those we love don't go away,
They walk beside us every day,
Unseen, unheard, but always near,
Still loved, still missed and very dear.
Anonymous

Dee (Churchill) McMillan - December 23, 2020 at 09:04 PM

GR

“ I remember at the age of 10 spending the day with Uncle Jimmy and my cousin Tommy in the "City" of Manassas. Uncle Jimmy was one of the few relatives my dad actually liked, and he encouraged me to spend time with them.

We spent a lot of that day at the firehouse. Uncle Jimmy showed us the fire trucks, the fire house and introduced us to the firefighters. We got to sit in the firefighters lounge and drink ice-cold coca-colas.

When I grew up I worked at the hospital where Uncle Jimmy was a volunteer, and he was there just about as much as I was. But I got paid and he did it out of the kindness of his heart.

God bless and rest in peace.

Much love,

Gary Robinson and family

Gary Robinson - December 21, 2020 at 01:33 PM

HP

“ No one could have meant more to the Manassas Volunteer Fire Company than Jimmy Robinson. As a Life Member myself, I joined in 1978... Jimmy was, of course already a long time member. And, there were already great and wonderful stories of his service then. When I left active service to join the Council in 1993, Jimmy was still going strong, creating more stories of service to Manassas and its Citizens. He always had a true and great desire to give of himself to the Company, and, through it, to this great Community. With his service, he helped make Manassas even better.

It was not surprising to me that Jimmy and his family, and many friends joined together at the groundbreaking for Fire Station #21 on Dumfries Road (15 November 2019). He would not have missed it... But, we will miss him.

Hal Parrish

Hal Parrish - December 18, 2020 at 02:56 PM

RD

“ I have know Jimmy since I was a child,grew up with his daughter Betty He was a special man.He was always so friendly and would joke a round with me no matter where I would see him. He will be truly missed My condolences to the family Ruth Ann Diehr (Kidwell)

Ruth Dier - December 18, 2020 at 10:41 AM

DL

“ I had the pleasure of knowing Mr. Robinson for some thirty years. He was a real pleasure to be around and listen to the abundant history he would share about his life, friends and experiences. I know he will be greatly missed. Prayers for peace and comfort for family and friends.

Daniel Lam - December 17, 2020 at 02:22 PM

MG

“ I served on the Manassas City Council from 1980 to 1996 and had the opportunity of working with Jimmy during many of these years. He was a dedicated employee of our city and worked diligently during our times of fantastic growth to assure that our Electrical system continued to serve our community. You never had to wonder what was on Jimmy's mind, he told you. His love and loyalty to the Manassas Volunteer Fire Dept. and its' history never waived. My wife Vera and I extend our deepest sympathy to the Robinson family.

Maury Gerson - December 17, 2020 at 01:51 PM

DH

“ In 1965, I stumbled into the Manassas Town Works Dept, looking for a summer job. I was told, "Don't go to Electric Dept, James Robinson will work your butt off." When I went in to Town of Manassas Maintenance Area, Mr. Robinson was the first person I ran into, and he was extremely nice and hired me on the spot for summer job. I'll admit, I was a little fearful at first, and he did work us pretty good, but he was one of the most fair and best boss I have ever had. Just the other day, several friends and I were discussing growing up in Manassas, and I mentioned Mr Robinson, and what a fine man he was to work for. I wish I had taken the opportunity to have told him so. Condolences to the family.

David Hoffman - December 17, 2020 at 12:23 PM