



David W. Robinson

July 19, 2023

DAVID W. ROBINSON, 89, formerly of St. Albans, passed away in Huntington July 19 after a short illness.

Dave was preceded in death by his parents Hymie and Mildred (Becker) Robinson and his sister Leah (Robinson) Newmeyer and her husband Pete, all of Wheeling.

On June 13, 1959, he married Joyce C. Haranzo, also of Wheeling. The couple settled first in Middlebourne and then Sutton. They later moved to St. Albans, where they lived for more than 50 years.

Dave was a loving and devoted husband, father, grandfather and brother. He and Joyce have six children: Rande (Jeanie) Robinson of Hickory, NC; Rick (Rebecca) Robinson of Huntington; Reed (Julie) Robinson of Charleston; Ronn Robinson of Beckley; Amie Robinson of St. Albans and Ryan Robinson (Laura Cardinale) of St. Albans. He was grandfather to eight grandchildren: Rainer Robinson and Rachael Robinson (Rande and Jeanie); Katie (PJ) Wolfe; Michael (Samantha) Robinson; Magdalene Robinson (Ryan); and David, Brian and Marieanne Robinson (Rick and Rebecca). He was great-grandfather to Abigail Wolfe (Katie and PJ).

Also left to mourn his passing are sister Brenda (Nicholas) Hun of Hurricane

and brother Gerry (Kathy) Robinson of Wheeling, sister-in-law Judy (Jim) Mauck of Denver, and sister-in-law Kathy (Jim) Haranzo of Darien, CT, as well as numerous nieces and nephews.

Dave was an athlete and academic standout at Wheeling Central Catholic High School, excelling particularly in basketball. His teams were Catholic state basketball champions during the years 1948-1950 and he was named to All-City, All-Conference and All-State teams during that time.

He was recruited by Marshall University basketball coach Cam Henderson in 1951 and played varsity basketball, where he started every game for three consecutive years and was team captain his senior year. He also played baseball for Marshall and was president of his senior class, named in several honoraries and was president of the Newman Club. He graduated in 1955 with a Bachelor of Science degree. He went on to earn a master of science from Virginia Tech.

Dave enjoyed a long and distinguished career with the West Virginia Department of Natural Resources, from which retired as Chief of the Division of Water Resources. He was named a Distinguished West Virginia by Gov. Arch A. Moore in 1987.

In 2003, Dave was inducted in the Marshall University Athletics Hall of Fame. He remained a faithful Son of Marshall, attending games and supporting programs, throughout his life.

Dave and Joyce were active members of St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church in St. Albans for decades, where he served as Eucharist minister and was a member of the Knights of Columbus. He was a devoted fisherman, who instilled a love of the sport in many of his children and grandchildren. Later in life, he looked forward to lake vacations with the extended family.

In 2018, Dave and Joyce moved to the Woodlands Retirement Community in Huntington, where he enjoyed many new activities and friends, most of whom shared his strong affection for Marshall University.

He will be greatly missed by his family and many friends.

Visitors may call on the family from 4 to 6 p.m. Monday, July 24, 2023 at Bartlett Nichols Funeral Home, 409 Sixth Avenue in St. Albans. Following the visitation, a funeral mass will be held at 7:00 p.m. at St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church, 1023 Sixth Avenue, St. Albans. Msgr. Fredrick Annie will preside. A private grave-side service will be held at 11:30 a.m. Tuesday, July 25 at St. Patrick's Catholic Cemetery in Putnam County.

In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations in Dave's memory to the Big Green Scholarship Foundation, P.O. Box 1360, Huntington, WV, 25715.

You may visit Dave's tribute page at BartlettNichols.com to share memories or condolences with the family.

Cemetery Details

St. Patrick's Catholic Church

2124 Joyce Road
Scott Depot, WV 25560

Previous Events

Visitation

JUL 24. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Bartlett-Nichols Funeral Home
409 Sixth Avenue
Saint Albans, WV 25177
(304) 727-4325

Mass of Christian Burial

JUL 24. 7:00 PM (ET)

St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church
525 Holley Street
St. Albans, WV 25177

Tribute Wall

DJ

“ We were sad to hear of Uncle Dave's passing. Please know that we would be there if we could. We love and miss you all. Debbie and Bubba Johnston

Debbie & Bubba Johnston - July 27, 2023 at 11:56 AM

JD

“ I'm so sorry to hear of your loss. Your family was a very important part of my childhood and our friendships will last forever. You are in our thoughts and prayers. Jerry Dahmer

Jerry Dahmer - July 27, 2023 at 09:46 AM

WB

“ P. S. I really miss those days when Dave was in charge of water resources, and our WV streams were treated as important and valuable and irreplaceable resources of our state. Weldon Burrows

Weldon Burrows - July 26, 2023 at 12:22 AM

WB

“ Dear Joyce and family, I am so sorry to learn of Dave's death. Our son, Joey Halstead's funeral was held at Bartlett Nichols Sunday when Dave's obituary was published, and I missed it. Dave was one of my favorite people. I first met him in the fifties or early sixties when Ed Crum and I found an injured rabbit. We took it to Dave, Ed's neighbor, for his advice on what to do. Later Dave helped me decide on a subject for my MU master's thesis. He offered valuable comments on that, which involved mayflies and stoneflies at 6 stations on 3 WV headwater stream systems, and on a later paper on a new species of mayfly that I published. He later gave advice and let me use him as a reference to acquire jobs as a consulting aquatic biologist. Although I'm 7 years younger, I considered him a good and valuable friend, now sorely missed. Best wishes for good health to Joyce. Weldon Burrows

Weldon Burrows - July 25, 2023 at 11:59 PM

AR

Thank you Weldon for the kind words and I am sorry for your loss as well. Prayers to you and your family also.

Amie Robinson - August 01, 2023 at 11:34 AM

JS

“ *Ronn, sending thoughts and prayers to you and your family during this difficult time.*

Jessica Starcher - July 24, 2023 at 06:00 PM



“ 117 files added to the album *Life Tributes*



Bartlett-Nichols Funeral Home - July 24, 2023 at 10:12 AM

FJ

“ Dave hired me in 1969 as a district fishery biologist for the WV Division of Natural Resources where I stayed for 45 years. He was a great supervisor and mentor and he was the mold for all of his predecessors. He really didn't act like a supervisor but as a friend. Those were the days that set the standards for subsequent fishery management in the State. One particular memory was the water fights we had after sampling fish in our reservoirs. Five or six motor boats with 2 or 3 biologists would try to swamp each other by racing around and throwing 5-gallon buckets of water at each other. Dave was always in the middle of it! What a great time and a great guy!
Frank Jernejcic.

Frank Jernejcic - July 23, 2023 at 11:41 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of David W. Robinson.



July 23, 2023 at 08:52 PM

CQ

“ I'm sorry for your loss Ronn and Amie. My condolences to all of your family and friends. 🙏

Craig W Quick - July 23, 2023 at 11:30 AM



“ *Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum* was purchased for the family of David W. Robinson.



July 23, 2023 at 07:40 AM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of David W. Robinson.

July 23, 2023 at 07:40 AM

RP

“ *Dave will be missed and remembered! He was my first boss in my professional career and became a lifelong friend. He was a mentor, an advisor, a leader and a true gentleman.*
Ronald and Carol Preston

Ronald Preston - July 22, 2023 at 07:17 PM



“ A [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) was planted in honor of David W. Robinson.

July 22, 2023 at 02:05 PM



“ *Crystal Cross Bouquet was purchased for the family of David W. Robinson.*



July 22, 2023 at 02:05 PM



“ *My first basketball coach back in the old Lakewood White days. Also, had such a wry sense of humor when dealing with Ryan's misadventures. Incredibly humble man, given everything he accomplished that I never knew until I read his obituary. Great father, great husband, too. A blessing to so many people. He'll be missed by countless people around St. Albans and in the Marshall community.*

Neil Stratton - July 22, 2023 at 11:48 AM



Joe & I got to know Dave when his wife Joyce and I worked together. He was a very warm and friendly guy. Joe loved talking sports with him after mass. We didn't see them since they moved to Huntington and we moved to SC but he will be missed. Our hugs, kisses and prayers go out to Joyce and her family.

vickie Godish - July 23, 2023 at 09:59 AM



So sorry to hear of Dave's passing. He was a wonderful husband and father. Our sincere sympathy to Joyce and their wonderful kids and all the family. Much love, Bob & Becky

Bob& Becky Sutphin - July 23, 2023 at 04:38 PM