



Mr. Grady Davis Robinson

February 27, 1930 - February 5, 2024

Grady Davis Robinson was born on February 27, 1930 in Bethel Springs, Tennessee the son of Benjamin Augusta Robinson and Anna Hurst. In 1932 his sister Mozelle Marie Robinson was born in Bethel Springs, Tennessee. On February 5, 2024, he transitioned peacefully in Humboldt, Tennessee at the Tennessee State Veterans Home.

He attended old McNairy High School in Selmer, Tennessee and was on the championship basketball team in 1948. He attended Tennessee A&I State University in Nashville, Tennessee and was a classmate of Xerona Clayton.

After attending Tennessee A&I State University he was in the U.S. Army for two years serving during the Korean war and stationed in Kentucky, South Carolina and Massachusetts.

After leaving the Army he moved to Cleveland, Ohio as part of the great migration north and worked at the U.S Post office while living in Cleveland. While in Cleveland, Ohio he was a active participant in the civil rights movement, working as president of CORE (Congress Of Racial Equality) knowing and meeting civil rights leaders such as Stokely Carmichael, Roy Innis, NFL star Jim Brown, Rev James Bevel, and various members of SNCC and the SCLC. Books such as Harambee City: The Congress of Racial Equality in Cleveland and the Rise of Black Power Populism, and When The

River Burned: Carl Stokes and the Struggle to Save Cleveland give active details on the civil rights work of Grady Robinson.

In February 28, 1970 he married Frances Battle of Cleveland, Ohio and in 1972 he moved his family back to Bethel Springs, Tennessee to be closer to his mother and father.

He worked as a farmer, and also a store owner in Bethel Springs, Tennessee and was the deacon and treasurer for New Bethel United Methodist Church from the 1970s until the 1990s.

During his years back home in Tennessee he was an active caretaker for his mother, Anna Robinson, father, Augusta Robinson and aunts and uncles until they all transitioned.

In 2006 his wife Frances Battle transitioned, and he was her active care taker while she was sick.

He leaves behind one son:Rahssan Malik Robinson; one granddaughter: Enare Frances Robinson;one daughter-in-law: Ada Eta Robinson; two sisters: Janice Johnson and Sue Johnson and a host of cousins, friends, and associates he met over the years

Previous Events

Family Hour

FEB 17. 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

New Bethel United Methodist Church
74 Wright Street
Bethel Springs, TN 38315

Celebration of Life

FEB 17. 12:00 PM (CT)

New Bethel United Methodist Church
74 Wright Street
Bethel Springs, TN 38315

Tribute Wall

MI

“ Marsue (Hurst), Paul, Jackie & Tom Irwin planted a [Memorial Tree](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Mr. Grady Davis Robinson.

Marsue (Hurst), Paul, Jackie & Tom Irwin - February 16, 2024 at 10:55 AM



“ Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Mr. Grady Davis Robinson.



February 16, 2024 at 10:55 AM

ME

“ Marie & Edana purchased the Red Rose Bud with Babys Breath (Silk Cemetery Flowers) for the family of Mr. Grady Davis Robinson.



Marie & Edana - February 15, 2024 at 08:38 PM

PL

“ Patricia Lee lit a candle in memory of Grady Robinson



Patricia Jackson Lee - February 15, 2024 at 08:52 AM

PL

“ *Patricia Jackson Lee*



Patricia Jackson Lee - February 15, 2024 at 08:47 AM

AM

“ *Angela Moore lit a candle in memory of Grady Robinson*



Angela Moore - February 14, 2024 at 07:14 PM

JI

“ *Jackie Irwin lit a candle in memory of Grady Robinson*



Jackie Irwin - February 13, 2024 at 03:56 PM

CS

“ *Claud Stackens lit a candle in memory of Grady Robinson*



Claud Della Stackens - February 12, 2024 at 10:10 PM

RC

“ *Ruthy Campbell lit a candle in memory of Grady Robinson*



Ruthy A Campbell - February 11, 2024 at 06:47 PM

WS

“ *Willie Tamela Sain sent a virtual gift in memory of Grady Robinson*



Willie and Tamela Sain - February 09, 2024 at 07:58 PM