



Donald Krebs Robinson

November 23, 1918 - December 3, 2012

Donald Krebs Robinson, age 94, died at home December 3, 2012, after a brief illness.

Mr. Robinson was born November 23, 1918 in Jacksonville, Illinois, the first child of Frank A. Robinson and Louise E. Wetzel Robinson. On August 2, 1947, he married his beloved wife Cordah Elizabeth ("Betty") Munsell Robinson, who preceded him in death in 2007. Three children preceded him, daughter Patricia Ann, twin infant sons, as well as Mr. Robinson's parents, and his sister Frances Stephens.

Surviving Mr. Robinson are his daughter and son-in-law, Cordah Elizabeth and Charles Edward Pearce, of Bloomington Indiana, his grandson and granddaughter-in-law, Charles Richard and Sara Cashman Pearce, and his great-granddaughter, Catherine Elizabeth Pearce, all of Chicago, Illinois.

Mr. Robinson is survived by his brother Robert A. Robinson of Winter Haven, Florida, sisters Mary ("Beth") Strawn of Santa Fe, New Mexico, and Helen J. Kohr, of Lake Forest, Illinois, two sisters-in-law Dolores Campbell and husband William, of Mt. Vernon, Illinois, Barbara Sloan and husband Alexander, of Florence, Alabama, and many nieces, nephews, and cousins.

Mr. Robinson was a life-long member of the Congregational Church in Jacksonville, Illinois, and active in its leadership. He was a

graduate of Illinois College, and received his Master's degree from Western Illinois University. Mr. Robinson was a veteran of World War II, serving as an Anti-Aircraft Height Finder Operator in Washington, D.C. Mr. Robinson was an enthusiastic member of the Morgan County Historical Society, participated in numerous civic events, and was a member of the American Legion.

Mr. Robinson was an imaginative teacher of fifth and sixth grades at Jefferson School in Jacksonville. He held a U.S. patent on an instructional device for teaching arithmetic. He was also an educator at Jacksonville State Hospital.

While living with his daughter in Bloomington, Indiana, Mr. Robinson was bouyed by the warm friendship of Madeleine Gonin, Erick and Kimberly Carballo, Patrick and Marina Fiore, and his Bloomington cousin Jo Burgess. He maintained as well his treasured friendships from Illinois. His family and friends will miss him greatly.

Always the learner, Mr. Robinson maintained his interest in the history of Morgan County, the State of Illinois, and the life of Abraham Lincoln. He had a ready memory of Jacksonville from his very youngest years forward, and was a source of fascinating anecdotes about Morgan County, Illinois.

Memorial services in Jacksonville, Illinois and Bloomington, Indiana are pending. Mr. Robinson will be interred at Diamond Grove Cemetery in Jacksonville, Illinois. Memorial contributions may be made to Illinois College in Jacksonville.

Allen Funeral Home 4155 South Old Highway 37 is handling the arrangements and online condolences may be sent to the family at www.allenfuneralhome.org.