



John Byron Robinson

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Glenna Mae (Bidlack) Robinson. He grew up on the family farm in Radnor, Ohio, and lived in Columbus during his early adulthood. He attended Ohio State University, where he met Martha. They were married on Dec. 28, 1947, and moved to Foley the next year. John farmed, was in the seed-corn and real estate businesses with his father and brother Dale in Baldwin County, and then became an inventor, product manufacturer and business operator in Summerdale and Foley. He awakened early, worked hard and kept at it each day until he was nearly 90 years old and had some mobility issues. He never amassed financial wealth but was rich in love and faith. His best-known products — a burger press for molding meat patties, a hand-held tool for picking up nuts, and a livestock-watering fountain designed to make sure cattle, horses and hogs had fresh water with every drink — were shipped across the nation for several decades. The family includes a son, Steven Robinson (Dianne) of Vinings, Ga.; daughters, Cynthia Robinson of Foley, Linda Garner (Rob) of Snellville, Ga., and Mary McNair (Greg) of Foley; a brother, Clayton Clay Robinson Jr. (Julie) of Palm Beach Gardens, Fla.; grandchildren, Joy Roark (Dan) of Woodstock, Ga., Adam Garner (Andrea) of Lilburn, Ga., Josh Robinson (Susan) of Vinings, Ga., Philip Garner (Cynthia) of Suwanee, Ga., and Andrea Moore (Brett) of San Antonio, Texas. There are nine great-grandchildren, Kyla, Meira and Amos Robinson; Abigail and Aron Garner; Avery, Gavin and Isaac Moore; and Price Roark. He was preceded in death by brothers Russell, Cecil, Dale and Robert and sister Mary (Robinson) Long. A celebration of John's life and the Resurrection will be Saturday, Feb. 6, at First Presbyterian Church, 195 E. Berry Ave., Foley. Visitation will be from noon to 1:15 p.m., with a memorial service at 1:30, followed by a reception. The Revs. Samford Turner and Julian Walthall, former pastors of the church, will officiate. Private burial will be in Pine Rest Memorial Park, Foley. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorial donations be made to one of the following charities: Presbyterian Home for Children in Talladega, Alabama Sheriffs' Boys Ranch (Summerdale), Samaritan's Purse or Doctors Without Borders

Cemetery Details

Pine Rest Memorial Park

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Foley, AL 36535
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Tribute Wall



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“ *John Byron Robinson*

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“ *Divine Peace Bouquet was purchased for the family of John Byron Robinson.*



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