



Mildred Elizabeth "Betty" Robinson

November 28, 1927 - March 15, 2024

Mildred Elizabeth "Betty" Robinson, 96, of Asheville, passed away on March 15, 2024. Betty was born in Weaverville, NC, on November 28, 1927, to the late Marvin Curtis Robinson and Lucile Carmichael Robinson. She is predeceased by her brother, Marvin C. Robinson Jr., and niece, Jane Robinson Hunnicutt. She is survived by her brother and sister-in-law, Robert J. Robinson and Anne Robinson, sister-in-law, Audrey Robinson, and nieces and nephews, Walton Robinson (Anne), Robert Robinson, Jr., Beth Harrell (Tim), Jonathan J. Robinson (Kelly), Elizabeth Ruth, and Jerry Grace Sadler (Bruce).

Betty attended school in the Buncombe County and Asheville City public schools. She graduated with an associate degree from Mars Hill College. She received her bachelor's degree in mathematics and master's degree in education from the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill. She also received her master's in mathematics from Emory University, Atlanta.

Her lifelong occupation was teaching for 46 years in the North Carolina school system, retiring in 1994. She taught for 2 years in Johnston County, 8 years at Hall Fletcher Junior High, 27 years at Lee Edwards and Asheville High School, and 9 years adjunct faculty at the University of North Carolina, Asheville. Betty was a devoted member of the following organizations: National Education Association, NC Education Association, National Council

of Teachers of Mathematics, NC Council of Teachers of Mathematics, American Association of University Women, Edward Buncombe Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution, and Delta Kappa Gamma Professional Teacher Society.

Betty was a longtime member of the Merrimon Avenue Baptist Church, Grace Episcopal Church, and the St. Giles Chapel at Deerfield Episcopal Retirement Community, all of Asheville, NC.

Betty's love of teaching is known and respected through many generations of the Asheville community. She believed that Education was the greatest gift you could give or receive. She loved reading, especially while sitting on a South Carolina beach at sunset. Reading was her hobby and traveling was a passion. She dearly loved all the many dogs and cats she mothered in her lifetime. One of her greatest gifts was the love she shared with her family, especially her nieces, nephews, and their children throughout her lifetime.

Tribute Wall

MM

“ We are sorry to be so late in posting this but we didn't know about Betty's death until we stopped by to visit her this past week. We usually visited her when we were in Asheville once or twice a year and always found her company delightful. She was my mother's, Ann Upton, best friend from their days of teaching at Lee Edwards and, as we got to know Betty better- after my mother died - I could understand why they were such good friends. She always intimidated me as a young girl (partly because she was a math teacher!) so it was so nice to get to know her as an adult. We will miss her lively conversations on literature and politics and her obsious delight in our visits. Warmest thoughts to all her family.
Marsha & Duncan Munn

Marsha Munn - September 21, 2024 at 01:29 PM

BK

“ Brilliant educator and exemplary lady ! Condolences to JJ and family. Barbara and David King

Barbara and David King - April 03, 2024 at 03:42 AM

SC

“ Miss Robinson was my favorite math and home room teacher. Miss Robinson was so patient, encouraging and accommodating. She always made sure I understood the math with which I struggled. She made me look forward to math rather than dread. She always made sure her home room students were treated with respect and dignity. If they weren't, she did not hesitate to correct. I so wish I had known her in my adult years. My sincere condolences to her family.

Susan Canfield - April 01, 2024 at 05:41 PM

CJ

“ Betty Robinson was my absolute favorite teacher of all time. Teaching math subjects isn't as simple as it may sound, but she was excellent at it. Just as importantly, she was very patient, encouraging and accommodating, making sure all of her students grasped a good understanding of the subject. I always looked forward to her class. She was such a wonderful, caring & patient soul. I have no doubt that she'll be missed by many.

Catherine Joyner - March 31, 2024 at 06:13 PM

SM

“ Betty was a valued member of Alpha Chi Chapter of North Carolina Delta Kappa Gamma for many, many years. She was a devoted educator and influenced countless lives during her long teaching career.

Shirley McIntosh - March 30, 2024 at 08:47 PM

KH

“ Deepest condolences to the entire Robinson family on the loss of your sister/aunt.

Kate Roberts Henry - March 30, 2024 at 08:31 AM

RN

“ An amazing life and career as educator and influencer. Ms. Robinson was instrumental in my pursuit of mathematics as a foundation for my own career and future. She also taught four members of my family (me, sister, mother and aunt). We last visited in 2019 at Deerfield, shared stories and books, and we enjoyed a wonderful lunch together. As students we had our secret nickname for her, "Smiling Betty". Thanks, Ms. Robinson, for everything. Your legacy, encouragement and smile are alive and well!

Richard Nantelle - March 27, 2024 at 11:00 AM