



## Raymond Eley Robinson

January 18, 1959 - March 4, 2025

Raymond Eley Robinson, beloved husband, father, brother, and friend, passed away peacefully on March 4, 2025, surrounded by his loving family. Ray was born in Asheville, NC on January 18, 1959 to C. LeRoy Robinson and Mildred Matthews Robinson Dillard who pre-deceased him. He lived a life full of laughter, love, kindness, and dedication to family, friends, and his beloved dogs.

Ray graduated from Newfound School in Asheville, attended Appalachian State University and graduated from UNC - Asheville. He was the Dealer Principal at Matthews Ford, his family's dealership in Asheville, which was founded in 1938 by his grandfather Raymond Eley Matthews. During his career, he was on the board of Wachovia Bank, the Red Cross, Health Adventure, United Way, the Asheville Chamber of Commerce, and the North Carolina Auto Dealers Association. He was an avid golfer and member of Biltmore Forest Country Club and the Brigade of Guards.

Ray is survived by his wife Allison Becknell Robinson; his son, Matthew Tyler Robinson; brother, Johnny L. Robinson (Susan); sister, Debbie R. Wilson; step-daughter, Bennett Willis Bryant (Zach); step-son, James Perry Willis, III (Desiree); grandson, Archer Willis Bryant; and many beloved nieces and nephews. His family and friends will miss his constant good humor, laughter, and kindness. He had a great and enduring love for the many Great Danes he had throughout his life, including Tickle, Aslan, Jake, and Max. In perhaps the biggest surprise of his life, he also developed a great love for a particularly

bad-tempered Shih-Tzu named Henry.

The funeral service will be held at 1:00pm on Friday, March 14, 2025 in the chapel of Morris Funeral Home, 304 Merrimon Ave., Asheville. Interment will immediately follow in Lewis Memorial Park, 415 Beaverdam Road, Asheville. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to Great Dane Friends, a rescue organization for Great Danes in North and South Carolina, at 7007 Golden Eagle Trail, Iron Station, NC, 28080.

A Celebration of Life ceremony is also being planned for a later date. Details will be announced.

# Cemetery Details

## Lewis Memorial Park

415 Beaverdam Road  
Asheville, NC 28804

# Previous Events

## Funeral Service

MAR 14. 1:00 PM (ET)

Chapel of Morris Funeral Home  
304 Merrimon Ave.  
Asheville, NC 28801  
(828) 252-1821  
[info@morrisfamilycare.com](mailto:info@morrisfamilycare.com)  
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## Interment

MAR 14 (ET)

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# Tribute Wall



“ *Beautiful Dreams was purchased for the family of Raymond Eley Robinson.*



March 11, 2025 at 11:51 AM



“ *To all of Ray's family, my condolences and prayers to all at this time.*  
*Bill Pomeroy*

**Bill Pomeroy** - March 10, 2025 at 02:29 PM



“ *Debbie ,Johnny and Family,I am sorry to hear of Rays passing,may God comfort you durng this time.* *Chad Barrett*

**CHAD T BARRETT** - March 10, 2025 at 08:59 AM



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

March 07, 2025 at 02:07 PM



“ *Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Raymond Eley Robinson.*



March 07, 2025 at 02:07 PM

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“ So sorry to hear of Ray's passing. He was always a pleasant presence, and good friend. Everybody who knew him, loved him !!  
Rest in peace , old pal.

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**Gil and Carol Michael** - March 07, 2025 at 11:04 AM