



Clayton Robertson

January 20, 2024

Clayton Myers Robertson, age 94, of Portsmouth, Virginia, died January 20, 2024, in Columbia, South Carolina.

Mr. Robertson was the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Robertson and husband to the late Nancy Reed Robertson. Born in Chattanooga, Tennessee, Clayton grew up in Bozoo, West Virginia before moving to Hampton Roads as a teenager. A life-long learner and educator, Clayton taught for more than 40 years at several schools and colleges in and around Norfolk. While his academic interests were numerous, special education, history, and archaeology were primary.

Mr. Robertson took a keen interest in civic organizations; he was a 33rd degree Mason, a member of Portsmouth #100 Masonic Lodge for over 70 years, as well as a loyal member of Shriners International. He was also a charter member of Aldersgate United Methodist Church (New Creation United Methodist Church) in Chesapeake, Virginia.

As a devoted husband and cherished family member, Clayton, alongside his beloved wife Nancy, embodied a life characterized by poise, love, and infectious laughter. Clayton's joyous spirit, marked by his knack for humor, touched the lives of many, making this farewell both a somber reflection and a tribute to a life well-lived.

He is survived by his cousins Rev. Evelyn Middleton of Columbia, South Carolina and Allen Cook of Buckhannon, West Virginia.

A graveside service will be held at 2:00 PM Tuesday, January 23, 2024, at Greenlawn Memorial Gardens with Masonic Rites with Rev. Scott Middleton officiating.

Memorial contributions in Clayton's memory may be made to the Charity of your choice.

Cemetery Details

Greenlawn Memorial Gardens

3920 Airline Blvd
Chesapeake, VA 23321

Previous Events

Graveside Service with Masonic Rites

JAN 23. 2:00 PM (ET)

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Tribute Wall

DC

“ Clayton was my elementary school principal in Chesapeake, VA. He was also a speaker at Jolliff United Methodist Church numerous times throughout my life. I have looked up to him for as long as I have known him, and was always thrilled when we would see him in the restaurants we would frequent on Sundays after church. He was always there for me if I needed guidance. What a wonderful person and friend to have had in my life.

Debbie Baldwin Clements - December 31, 2024 at 09:19 AM

CW

“ Clayton Robertson presided over my father's , brother's and mother's funerals. He was such a comfort to my family. We loose a great man and his lovely wife.
Always grateful, daughter of Herbert and Hazel Winborne and sister to Herb Winborne,
Cathy Winborne

Cathy Winborne - January 23, 2024 at 01:28 PM

JD

Clayton always showed up on Sundays at aldersgate with his bow ties and so we'll dressed. He always made me laugh with his quick humor and anecdotes. His mother "miss Kitty" lived in Edgefield behind my mother in law.

Judith dickerson - January 24, 2024 at 12:41 PM

CM

Mr. Robertson was my 8th grade history teacher at Churchland Jr. High School. Always a gentleman he took an interest in the fact that I truly loved history. He instilled that in me for which I am forever grateful. He knew my father and always asked about me. Following my school years, my employment with The Virginian Pilot and Ledger Star found me in 1971 when our Portsmouth offices moved from the old Star Building to The Citizens Trust Building. Mr. Robertson lived in the lovely old historic home next door. Ironically, that old home was my cousin's family home. We had many discussions about it's history. He would often stop by my office to chat on his daily newspaper pickup walk. A scholar, historian, mentor and true southern gentleman that I will always remember. See you on the other side old friend.

Candace (Yeager) Morgan - May 20, 2024 at 11:08 AM

AP

“ My dad, Robert Collins would have breakfast with Clayton at Churchland Hardee's every Tuesday for many years. They were brothers in the Masons. Daddy was waiting to greet him into Heaven. God's Blessings to his Family. Clayton was a great man.



Anne Putnam - January 22, 2024 at 07:01 PM



“ Peaceful White Lilies Basket was purchased for the family of Clayton Robertson.



January 22, 2024 at 06:34 PM

SM

“ Sara M. planted a grove of 3 [Memorial Trees](/store/Product.aspx?ProductId=4518) in honor of Clayton Robertson.

Sara M. - January 22, 2024 at 06:29 PM