



## Mr. Gerald Robinson

December 17, 1937 - February 2, 2024

Gerald A. Robinson passed from this life on February 2, 2024 at the age of 86 after a lengthy illness.

The oldest of seven siblings, Gerald was born in Ranburne, Alabama, to Arnold and Agnes Robinson on December 17, 1937.

He graduated in 1957 from Ranburne High School where he made All-State in football, basketball and baseball. Gerald was outstanding at Ranburne High School; he was president of his class, president of the Student Council, and voted Most Notable in the annual. He was Most Valuable Player at the district basketball tournament in 1956 and also broke records at the state basketball tournament in Tuscaloosa. Gerald was also outstanding in football, scoring 22 touchdowns as quarterback of the RHS Bulldogs in 1957.

Gerald was a true Ranburne fan, not missing a game for 49 years. He was the clock keeper for both football and basketball during those years. Later, he enjoyed watching his great grandson participate in sports at Ranburne High School. As a true sports enthusiast, he enjoyed all sports, especially University of Alabama football.

Gerald, along with Ronald Edwards, worked tirelessly founding the Ranburne Recreation Department. Working on fields and coaching youth baseball and softball, they coached their team to the Babe Ruth Championship in 1979.

Gerald was mindful of developing the youth of the community. His knowledge, personality and persistence will be remembered by all who knew him.

Gerald represented his district on the Cleburne County School Board for 29

years, serving in every capacity on the board. During his time as a board member, he never missed a week visiting Ranburne schools, as new facilities were added there and the Cleburne County Career Technical School was built to serve a growing community.

As a long-time member of Wise Chapel United Methodist Church, Gerald served in multiple leadership roles through the years. His Sunday School class, however, was always his favorite.

Gerald worked in sewing manufacturing all of his life, either in maintenance or sales, retiring from Crowntuft of Heflin. Most recently he enjoyed the time he spent with his "Breakfast Buddies" at Southern Lady restaurant.

Gerald is survived by his wife of 65 years, Joyce Freeman Robinson, and daughters Lucretia Pate and Andrea (Randy) Morgan of Heflin. He is also survived by grandchildren, Nancy (Heath) Brown, Kristina (Gary) Gosdin, and Katelyn Deese; great grandchildren Michael Norton III, Jaxon Gosdin, and Maverick Gosdin; brothers Harlen (Karen) Robinson, David (Sandra) Robinson, and Larry (Gail) Robinson; and a sister, Gail Robinson Loveless. He is preceded in death by his parents, Arnold and Agnes Robinson; brother, Raymond Robinson; and sister, Judy Robinson Turner.

Funeral services will be held on Sunday, February 4, 2024 at 2:00 (Alabama Time) at Wise's Chapel Methodist Church. Bro. Mike Butler and Bro. Brian Smith will officiate. Music will be provided by Mr. Ryan Robertson. Mr. Robinson will lie in state at the church from 1:00 - 2:00 pm. Interment will be held at Cleburne Memory Gardens.

The family will receive friends at the funeral home on Saturday, February 3, 2024 from 4:00 till 6:00 p.m. (Georgia Time).

In lieu of flowers, Gerald may be remembered with a gift to Wise Chapel United Methodist Church, 14950 Highway 46, Heflin, AL.

# Cemetery Details

## Cleburne Memory Gardens

Ranburne, AL 36273

# Previous Events

## Visitation

FEB 3. 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM (ET)

Rainwater Funeral Home  
317 North Carroll Street  
Bowdon, GA 30108  
(770) 258-7239  
info@rainwaterfuneralhome.com  
<https://www.rainwaterfuneralhome.com>

*The visitation is from 4:00 till 6:00 p.m. Georgia Time*

## Funeral Service

FEB 4. 2:00 PM (CT)

Wise's Chapel United Methodist Church  
14950 Highway 46  
Heflin, AL 36264

*The funeral is at 2:00 p.m. Alabama Time.*

# Tribute Wall

CW

“ *Craig Walker lit a candle in memory of Mr. Gerald Robinson*



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**Craig Walker** - March 01, 2024 at 09:57 AM

SL

“ *I remember Gerald fondly, he would stop by during his long walks sometimes with a shotgun (which I don't think he ever fired), just to say hello, always kind to this "furriner", rest in peace my friend.*  
*Sonia Lipham*

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**Sonia Lipham** - February 08, 2024 at 08:43 AM

PH

“ *Patty Hardy lit a candle in memory of Mr. Gerald Robinson*



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**Patty Hardy** - February 04, 2024 at 10:38 AM

VW

“ *Vickie Welch lit a candle in memory of Mr. Gerald Robinson*



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**Vickie Welch** - February 04, 2024 at 08:47 AM

JM

“ *Janie R Meadows lit a candle in memory of Mr. Gerald Robinson*



Janie R Meadows - February 03, 2024 at 02:41 PM

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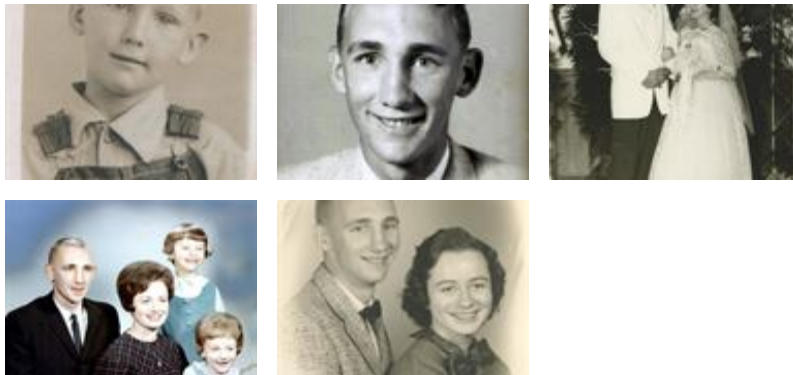
“ *Christie & Larry lit a candle in memory of Mr. Gerald Robinson*



Christie & Larry - February 03, 2024 at 01:50 PM



“ *35 files added to the album Life Tributes*



Rainwater Funeral Home - February 03, 2024 at 10:18 AM

JS

“ Gerald was a wonderful man. I can remember late one evening, we ran out of gasoline . he brought us some. And I really thought he was gonna whoop me. lol I will always remember him

Jerry Shepherd - February 03, 2024 at 08:35 AM

CA

“ He was such a kind person & welcomed a stranger (myself) to his yard to enjoy photographing the beauty found there. My prayers & sympathy to all his family & friends. Very sad news. Carolyn Cavender Alexander

Carolyn Cavender Alexander - February 02, 2024 at 03:31 PM

JS

“ Jan Stitche lit a candle in memory of Mr. Gerald Robinson



Jan Stitche - February 02, 2024 at 02:11 PM

IP

He and Joyce were such good examples to me while growing up at Wise's chapel. I will never forget him. Love & prayers for the family.

Ivona McElroy Pratt - February 03, 2024 at 01:16 PM

TC

“ Tommy&Judy Cantrell lit a candle in memory of Mr. Gerald Robinson



Tommy&Judy Cantrell - February 02, 2024 at 01:04 PM