



Coach William Joseph Robinson, Sr.

June 3, 1911 - April 28, 2008

No obituary found for this tribute.

Previous Events

Visitation

Friday, May **2**. 3:00 PM - 8:00 PM (ET)

O. H. Pye, III Funeral Home
17600 Plymouth Road
Detroit, MI 48227
(313) 838-9770
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Service

Saturday, May **3**. 12:30 PM (ET)

Fellowship Chapel
7707 West Outer Drive
Detroit, MI 48235

Tribute Wall



“ *Coach William Joseph Robinson, Sr.*

January 21, 2023 at 09:34 PM



“ *Hi!*
My name is Jessika!###imported-begin##Hirewiregor##imported-end##

December 15, 2008 at 01:17 AM



“ *Coach,*

You helped me truly understand about life's journeys. You gave me the insight and skills to meet life's challenges that I will not ever forget. I will continue to give back to others, what you taught me. I know that you continue to watch over me and the many other lives you have touched.

*Forever in My Life with Love!,
J.A. Connally (ace) - 1967###imported-begin##James A. Connally (ace)##imported-end##*

May 07, 2008 at 03:26 PM



“ To the family of Mr. Robinson,

Though I have never met you, your legend is Michigan history. True sports fans know your legacy. It is said God places us on earth for a season and more over for a reason. Your life and those you touched is a testimony of the man you were. God bless you. My sympathy to the family. Thank you for sharing this wonderful man with us. Former Pershing faculty...long time fan.##imported-begin##Jackie Davis##imported-end##

May 02, 2008 at 09:48 PM



“ To The Robinson Family we are praying for you!

*Greater Mt., zion Baptist Church Family
15600 Evanston Detroit, Michigan 48075##imported-begin##Pastor R. A. Hill##imported-end##*

May 02, 2008 at 03:40 PM



“ coach robinson will be greatly missed we at belmont nursing center will miss that big smile##imported-begin##Diane mayes##imported-end##

May 02, 2008 at 11:15 AM



“ Coach, You are a Special Person and our World caught a extra special Blessing by having you walk among us. You inspiring life and motivational manner has left an indelible mark on Generations. Your relentless pursuit of Excellence in every endeavor, to will ourselves to Win, to drive ourselves to achieve, has left it's mark in not only on the Snead Families but in literally millions of others. You were Relentless. We love you, Coach! We pray that your Spirit will live on and through our lives, 'tll we meet again. Peace & Blessings to your Family. Love, Greg Snead, an Old Doughboy###imported-begin##Gregory Snead###imported-end##

May 02, 2008 at 10:47 AM



“ COACH ROBINSON,

MAY GOD BLESS YOU AS HEAVEN'S DOORS OPEN TO RECEIVE YOU IN.

SENATOR HENRY E. STALLINGS###imported-begin##SEN. HENRY E. STALLINGS###imported-end##

May 01, 2008 at 03:57 PM



“ COACH ROBINSON,

MAY GOD BLESS YOUR SOUL ETERNALLY,

SEN. HENRY E. STALLINGS###imported-begin##HENRY STALLINGS###imported-end##

May 01, 2008 at 03:55 PM



“ Coach Robinson,
May the Lord welcome you home with open arms.##imported-
begin##Minister Jay Jackson##imported-end##

May 01, 2008 at 01:11 PM



“ My deepest sympathy goes out to the Family of Coach William J. Robinson, Sr. He will always be remembered for his talent, work and true dedication to all the lives that he touched in the world of sports.

Brenda J. Miller
Fellowship Chapel
Steward Board##imported-begin##Brenda J. Miller##imported-
end##

May 01, 2008 at 10:25 AM



“ As a kid, I remember my father, Winfield Henry, speak so fondly of Coach Robinson. He often spoke about the type of coach and life teacher Coach Robinson was back at Miller High School. Oddly enough, I don't remember many game or basketball stories. It was always about how Coach Robinson taught, nurtured, and developed young men helping them to become responsible adults. I often felt that a lot of the things my dad tried to instill in me came directly from Coach Will Robinson. The Henry Family will always hold dear the memories of Coach Robinson.##imported-begin##David Henry##imported-end##

May 01, 2008 at 12:23 AM



“ I first met Coach Robinson in the Spring of '64, at Pershing High, where Will held a basketball roundup of all the Jr. Highs that fed Pershing. Coach Robinson had his basketball players pick out jr. high students and form teams for a "tournament".

To this day, I remember how he spelled out the requirements of his program. He also told us that if one were to fulfill those requirements, Coach Robinson would find a way to get that person a college education.

It wasn't an easy program. Coach Robinson told us that maybe five of the hundred kids that were there that day would make it through. Through the next few years, a few new phrases were learned. "Don't be last", "lightning's gonna bump the stump" "anything almost right...is wrong"

In '67, when we graduated, the ones left from that group were Wiley Davis, Jim Connally, Granville Cook, and me. True to his word, we all went on to college.

Coach Robinson often said that his job was to turn boys into men. Athletics was one of the tools he used in his life's work. Would that there were more like him.##imported-begin##Eric Witzke##imported-end##

April 30, 2008 at 08:20 PM



“ We will all miss you.##imported-begin##Edward McBrier##imported-end##

April 30, 2008 at 06:24 PM



“ I first met Coach in September 1957 when I played for him on the Freshmen Football team at Cass Tech. I then tried out for his Freshman Basketball team, but didn't make it. Later that basketball season, I went to the gym and started working for Coach as his student manager of the Varsity Team. Noteable players I came in touch with were Dorie Murray and David Snead. The Coach became the Father that I had lost in 1944. I owe everything to Coach. I will miss him.##imported-begin##Tom Nanasy##imported-end##

April 29, 2008 at 11:58 PM



“ I've met Coach Robinson at Pershing in 1959, during a summer swimming class. He was a "molder" of men. If you weren't one in the begining, you were one at the end. He'll be sorely missed. May God bless his family.##imported-begin##Gunar Robinson##imported-end##

April 29, 2008 at 03:50 PM