

William H. Robinson, Jr., 68, of Stroudsburg, died peacefully in his sleep Thursday morning, October 10, at Hillcrest Retirement Community, Stroudsburg. He was the husband of the late Elaine M. Robinson, to whom he was married for 46 years until her passing in April of 2013.



Born on November 20, 1944, in Baltimore, Maryland, he was the son of the late William H. Robinson, Sr. and late Alice (Herrick) Robinson.

The first of five siblings, he was raised in St. Johnsbury, Vermont and attended St. Johnsbury Academy before graduating from Maine Central Institute (Pittsfield, ME) preparatory school in 1962. He graduated from the University of Vermont in 1966 with Special Honors while earning membership Phi Delta Theta fraternity, the National Honor Society and Phi Beta Kappa. He obtained his Juris Doctor from the University of Chicago Law School in 1969.

Bill began his legal career as a trial attorney for the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation trying eminent domain cases. Elaine and he moved to the Stroudsburg area in 1973, where he became affiliated with the law firm of Hiscott & Robinson. Bill opened his own practice in 1998. He was active within the Monroe County Bar Association, acting as Secretary of the association, Monroe County Public Defender, and as a Custody Conciliator.

He loved serving the local community by supporting scholastic sports. He was fond of working with Elaine in the Varsity 'S' concession stand at Mountaineer football games. As a volunteer, he watched every game of the Greater Pocono Basketball Tournament for fifth through eighth grade boys and girls at the Stroudsburg Intermediate School. He was a fixture at this event since 1984 and always said that those three weeks in March were his favorite time of the year.

He was an avid reader, historian, crossword-solver, and walking encyclopedia on baseball, doo-wop groups, and US highways. One of his favorite times was when the Boston Red Sox rallied from three games down to stun New York Yankees in the 2004 American League championship and go on to win the first Red Sox World Series in 86 years, an event that do not occur within the entire lifetime of both his parents. Elaine and he also loved to travel, visit their children and grandchildren, and tell funny family stories.

He is survived by two children, Janet Robinson of Hoboken, N.J., and William H. Robinson III and his wife, Toni, of Sugar Land, TX; two grandchildren, Grace Robinson and William Henry Robinson IV; a sister, Marte Rhodes and her husband, Reg, of Newport, VT; brother, Stanley Robinson and his wife, Beth, of Tilton, NH; brother, Howard Robinson and his wife, Lauren, of Bourne, MA; brother, Thomas Robinson and his wife, Elaine, of Waterford, VT; brother-in-law, Gregory Little, and his wife, Peggy, of Estero, FL; and 12 nieces and nephews.

The funeral service will begin at 10 a.m. Saturday, November 9, at Christ Episcopal Church, 205 N. Seventh St., Stroudsburg with the Rev. J. Douglas Moyer officiating. His cremains will be placed next to Elaine's in the church's columbarium following the service.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorial remembrances be made to the Grace Ryland Robinson & William Henry Robinson IV Children's Library c/o Bethany College, 100 Main Street, Bethany, WV 26032.