



## Dr. James Webster Robinson

April 16, 1951 - March 2, 2018

Dr. James W. Robinson, 66, Johnson City, passed away Friday, March 2, 2018, at his residence, surrounded by his loving family, following a courageous battle with pancreatic cancer. James was a native of Monroeville, AL, and a resident of Johnson City since 1980. He was a son of Nancie Brantley Robinson, Birmingham, AL, and the late Lewis Robinson. James received his Doctorate of Veterinary Medicine from Auburn University in 1976, during which time he sold Bible's door to door to put himself thru college, and just so happened was the top salesman in the company each year. James opened his first Robinson Animal Hospital in 1992, which has since expanded to four locations. He was a longtime, active member of Central Baptist Church, where he was a member of the choir and served on the Missions Team. James loved more than anything to help others, any way possible. He was an Eagle Scout. James was a collector and enthusiast of vintage classic European sports cars. He loved to dance and travel with his wife, especially beach trips, and enjoyed working outdoors. Survivors, in addition to his mother, include his wife, Kim Robinson; four children, Brantley Robinson (Emily), Ooltewah, Katie B. Emerson (Benjamin), Pullman, WA, Christopher Robinson, Calhoun, GA, Megan Wynne, Cookeville, ; four brothers, Peter Robinson (Lin Hsia), Long Beach, MS, Brian Voge (Kaye), Ocala, FL, Lewis Robinson (Beckie), Dallas, TX, Carl Robinson (Terry), Charlotte, NC; one sister, Diane Rosser (Darryl), Birmingham; four grandchildren; several nieces and nephews; his dear friends, Stuart & Dee Dee Hicks; his numerous beloved employees. The Celebration of James's Life will be held Thursday, March 8, 2018, at 3:00 P.M., at Central Baptist Church, 300 N. Roan St., Johnson City, with Dr. Ronald F. Murray, officiating. Special music will be provided by members of the church choir. A private graveside service for the family will be held at an earlier time in Monte Vista Memorial Park. In-lieu-of flowers, the family requests donations be made to Pet Angel Fund, 202 W. Watauga Ave., Johnson City, TN 37604. Order Flowers Service Details Thursday, March 8th, 2018 3:00pm, Central Baptist Church Interment Details Monte Vista Memorial Park

# Comments

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“ There are no words to describe the sadness of losing my dear friend, James. I have known James since he came to Johnson City. We worked together on countless humane society efforts as well as a myriad of other animal activities. James was always there with his unforgettable smile. His kindness and willingness to help was endless. I am at a loss for words to adequately describe the impact James had on the lives of so many animals. His presence will be greatly missed. I am forever grateful for his friendship. To his family-may his memory always bring you smiles. Sincerely, Bunny Street

**Bunny Street** - August 23, 2019 at 11:56 AM

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“ I met Dr. Robinson through my work at the Unicoi Animal Shelter. I always enjoyed his conversations about sports cars and working around his house. He was truly one on the nicest and most genuine people I have ever met and I will miss him.

**Rick Stahl** - August 23, 2019 at 11:56 AM

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“ TENDERLY MAY TIME HEAL THE SORROW GENTLY MAY FRIENDS HELP EASE THE PAIN SOFTLY MAY PEACE FILL SOME OF THE HEART ACHE AND MAY WONDERFUL MEMORIES REMAIN!

**ROBIN WILLIAMS** - August 23, 2019 at 11:56 AM

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“ Dr. Robinson was a great man and a wonderful vet. He was always in a hurry but always had time to tell people what they needed to hear and when they needed to hear it. He helped my Mother and Me through many triumphs and sadness but was always there answering whatever question I had. We are all diminished by his passing and all the animals He helped that have passed on will great Him in critter heaven where they have saved him a honorary spot.

**Remington and Patricia Riddle** - August 23, 2019 at 11:56 AM

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“ We were so sad to hear of James' passing. We had known him for over 30 years and although lost touch always thought of him fondly. He had a quick wit about him , He was always the kidder. Once when my husband and I became pregnant he jokingly told John, "Well it's about time! I thought I was going to have to come over and show you how it was done!" lol He always spoke to you if you were his dearest friend. We will always remember kindness and especially his smile. .he will be missed. Our prayers are with you. Johnny and sandy Thomas

**john and sandy thomas** - August 23, 2019 at 11:56 AM

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“ My prayers go out to the family for strength, comfort and peace that passeth all understanding. I went to school with James and graduated with him in 1969. He always was smiling and was so nice to me. We were poor but James treated me the same as everyone else. After graduation I became good friends with his father Lewis. We were both members of Alabama Masonic Lodge #3 in Monroeville. James is in Heaven now and we don't want to miss seeing him again ??????a??i??a??i??

**Cecil R Chandler** - August 23, 2019 at 11:56 AM

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“ I am so very sorry for your loss. I never saw Dr.Robinson in person, but have had many pets treated at his clinics. He seemed to be a very special man. May your memories help with the sad times :)

**Rita Mosier** - August 23, 2019 at 11:56 AM

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“ We felt very fortunate to have had Dr. Robinson in our lives for many years ... a terrific vet to our Doberman, Tori, and a friend to us as well. Funny, caring, compassionate ... one of a kind.

**Pat and Bob Weaver** - August 23, 2019 at 11:56 AM

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“ I am so sorry to hear this. Dr. Robinson was a great vet, but most importantly a great human being. I will miss him. My thoughts and prayers go out to the Robinson family and his staff.

**Elaine Taylor** - August 23, 2019 at 11:56 AM

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“ What a unique person! A sponge for knowledge. The biggest heart I have ever seen. We shared a common interest in old cars. We spent many hours talking about them, and I spent many more working on his collection. I will miss him for the rest of my life!

**Bud Laws** - August 23, 2019 at 11:56 AM

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“ James was my friend first, a wonderful vet second. I will miss him. He helped me and numerous pets over the years. He was happy with his wonderful family and life. He was a good man.

**Phillis A Fox** - August 23, 2019 at 11:56 AM

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“ Dr. Robinson took wonderful care of our three beloved fur babies. He was a great man, and a good friend to us for 25 years. Our hearts are broken but he is in a better place. The world is a better place because he lived. Our deepest sympathy to Kim, and his entire family.

**Stewart & Jean Hagie** - August 23, 2019 at 11:56 AM

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“ We are deeply saddened to learn of Dr. Robinson's passing. He was a trusted professional, as well as a wonderful human being. This world would be a much better place, if more people were like Dr. Robinson. I am sure that heaven needed him to help look after the animals that he so tenderly cared for, for so many years. It is now time for your heavenly rest, so you can play with the many animals that God created. And that you helped live a long and healthy life. We will truly miss you. Mr. Larry and Mrs. Sydney Gilbert

Larry and Sydney Gilbert - August 23, 2019 at 11:56 AM

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“ Dr. Robinson took wonderful care of all of our animals and they loved him. He had the unique ability to communicate with animals in a way unknown to many humans, making him a great diagnostician. We will miss him. Peace and prayers to his family.

Jean and Bill Hemphill - August 23, 2019 at 11:56 AM

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“ He will truly be missed. Every time he was in the clinic at Gray he always greeted you with his smile. He loved what he did and you could tell he loved the animals. He had a special way with them. He was truly a blessed man and God gifted him with a love for animals and humans alike. My heart is sad and my husband and I will grieve with the family. God bless the family and may his hand touch them with peace and comfort.

Debbie Ladd - August 23, 2019 at 11:56 AM

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“ We are so sad to hear of Dr. Robinson's passing. We have brought our dogs to him for the past 25 years. He was a really nice man and this is a big loss for Johnson City and pet owners here. Our condolences to his family & employees.

Joe & Mary Martin - August 23, 2019 at 11:56 AM

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“ Dr. Robinson was completely unique and exuberant. Every time we saw him--and for often very serious reasons--he pulled out a funny story from who knows where. He was an excellent doctor and wherever he is now, it just got a lot more lively. We will definitely miss him.

**Wendy & Matt Kayser** - August 23, 2019 at 11:56 AM

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“ We only had the opportunity to know you for a few years through your family and our dear friends, Darryl and Diane Rosser, but you made a lasting impression on us for your kindness, gentleness and love of life. You have left a lasting legacy through the many people you served with your gifts.

**Doug & Jamie Badertscher** - August 23, 2019 at 11:56 AM

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“ When we think of James, we immediately think of his infectious smile and wonderful personality. He made such a difference in people's lives by loving and taking care of their pets. Our thoughts and prayers are with all of his family. We continue to pray for comfort and peace during this time and in the days to come.

**Wanda & Randall Ledford** - August 23, 2019 at 11:56 AM

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“ Our family grieves with the Robinson family. Dr. Robinson took care of our pets for many years. When our adult son was about to lose his boyhood dog, Dr. Robinson sat and talked with him for at least 20 minutes. He talked about his own boyhood dog and about losing him. Dr. Robinson was a kind and gentle soul who is no doubt in heaven right now, playing with that boyhood dog. God bless him and his family.

**David and Linda Story** - August 23, 2019 at 11:56 AM

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“ Dr. Robinson saved our cat Zoe many years ago from near death. She's 16 now and in good health. He & his staff are wonderful! When we had to put our other cat Lizzy down, one of his vets came to our home after his shift to do it. We are forever grateful for the love & compassion they've shown towards us and our pets. It's obvious it came from his example. We will miss you!

**Jim Henrichs** - August 23, 2019 at 11:56 AM



“ We are so very sorry for your loss! We pray that "the Father of tender mercies, and the God of all comfort" will give you peace of mind and comfort in your hearts. (2 Corinthians 1:3, 4) We are grateful that our loving God looks forward, as much as we do, to reuniting us with our loved ones. (Job 14:14, 15)

**The Weavers** - August 23, 2019 at 11:56 AM

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“ Our sincerest condolences to his wife Kim, his family and extended family at RAH. Dr Robinson was a one of a kind person. A truly gifted Dr. We have known him since the early 80s. Brought several pets to him, but really got to know Dr Robinson in 2006 with our baby Sir Winston. For 11yrs Dr Robinson and his wonderful staff and Drs. Have helped and treated our problem child. Winston passed away in August 2017. We have missed seeing Dr Robinson at RAH and always asked how he was doing. He sure had a wonderful personality and told some amazing stories. He once found a piece of grass in Winston paw he had to remove. You would have thought he found a gold nugget. He showed all the tech's. It was really funny. God Bless you. Were praying for you.

**Roger and Brenda Huffine** - August 23, 2019 at 11:56 AM

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“ My family grieves with yours. For over 25 years Dr. Robinson cared for our pets, and he was always helpful, compassionate, knowledgeable, and so very full of life. I have many memories from over the years of his wonderful sense of humor and his sheer joy in what he could do for the animals he treated, as well as the people who brought them to him. I hope your memories will help you through and that you find comfort in knowing he must be surrounded with love.

**Frannie Miller** - August 23, 2019 at 11:56 AM

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“ DR. ROBINSON WAS THE BEST,CARED FOR OUR CATS OVER THE YEARS,UNTIL PRESENT,WHILE CARING FOR CASEY AND MUDDY-JOE.WE DID HAVE THE MISFORTUNE OF HAVING HIM TELL US THAT"MUFFIN" WAS THE MEANEST CAT HE HAD EVER SEEN.HE WAS CARING FOR HER WHEN SHE PASSED. WE HAVE ALSO BEEN BLESSED BY BEING IN CHURCH AT CENTRAL BAPTIST WITH HIM,AND SHARING IN HIS ILLNESS UNTIL HE WAS NOT ABLE TO ATTEND. HE IS MISSED ALREADY. GOD BLESS THE FAMILY, AS WE WILL CONTINUE TO LIFT YOU UP IN OUR PRAYERS.

**CL&Dorothy Morrell** - August 23, 2019 at 11:56 AM

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“ My sincerest condolences to the family of Dr Robinson. Dr Robinson was the kindest most compassionate person....a wonderful veterinarian. I remember when I was a teenager, being the animal lover I am, I had some newborn hamsters that the mother wouldnt care for and I took them to Dr Robinson and he took the time to help me and to show me how to care for them. And didnt charge me a dime. I always thought he was so great to take the time and do something like that. But thats just the kind of man he was ai believe. He truly loved animals and helping them and others. May he rest in peace.

**Kimberly Hammer** - August 23, 2019 at 11:56 AM

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“ Dr. Robinson was the kindest vet you would ever meet. My late husband Steve and I met him over 10 years ago when he took care of our two dogs. He would be so gentle with the animals and would explain what needed to be done if there was a problems with them. My condolences to the Robinson family and I will miss not seeing Dr. Robinson in the office anymore. The last time that I saw him, I asked him if he minded if I could give him a hug and he didn't mind at all. I am so glad that I gave him that hug. not knowing that it would be the last time that I would see him. RIP Dr. Robinson, you are a true 'James Herriot' and it is hard to believe that you are gone.

**Anneke Williams** - August 23, 2019 at 11:56 AM

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“ Dear Kim and family, All of you are in our prayers in the death of James. He always was an enthusiastic person with a big smile on his face. He was a positive force wherever he went, and it was a joy to be around him. God bless and comfort you.

**Kathleen and Charlie Crawford** - August 23, 2019 at 11:56 AM



“ My heart cries for the loss of Dr. Robinson, not only for his dear family, but also for all of the animals and their families that he has helped and all he could have helped in years to come. He was a wonderful person and an exceptional vet, who always had a smile, and was a pleasure to be around. He always took the time to talk with you and explain what was going on with your pet. I'm so very sorry for your pain at the loss of someone who brought so much joy! May God bring you comfort in this time of such great sorrow. Dr. Robinson will be missed by all.

**Susie Honeycutt** - August 23, 2019 at 11:56 AM

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“ My heart has been so broken for Kim, the family and the awesome RAH staff over the past few days. My prayers are for comfort and strength. What a truly inspiring and loving man Dr Robinson was. Dr. Robinson put my 17 year old kitty down in 2007. I was so unsure if it were the right time & this was a cat I had since I was in HS & I just didn't want to rush things. He talked to me on the phone, I will never forget. I had stepped out of the office and could see out a window, just started snowing. His words were so kind. And I just remember standing there crying. I took Dumbo down and Dr Robinson helped him cross that bridge. And at that time he was not even MY vet. He was my husband's. Fast forward a few years and a divorce. From said divorce I took the responsibility of 2 pets (Madison dog and Storm cat). Dr R did an awesome job on an ACL repair for Madison at a young age. She had a passion for tennis balls and squirrels. Madison was my furever girl and was with me for 13 years and 7 months. One day I arranged for my daughter who was 3 not to be home at a certain time. Minutes later, two ladies from the clinic pull up. We talk and they give me some time with my special girl. I took selfies. They came back and after a few minutes I knew Madison was finally running again...across that bridge. Everything was very respectful. Dr Robinson, we'll see you again. But we will miss you!! Thank you for making my life better for knowing you!

**Tracii Bralley** - August 23, 2019 at 11:56 AM

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“ I had the privilege of meeting Dr. Robinson last year. And he was the best Vet I ever met. He will surely be missed. Prayers for his wife & family. RIP, Dr. James Robinson!! :(

**Pamela Davis** - August 23, 2019 at 11:56 AM

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“ Jame was our vet & friend for 27yrs. He & Bob would laugh, talk & discuss "female surgeries". James was one of the first persons in the door when I lost my dearest husband 17 months ago. He didn't have to say much, my children & I knew how he felt. He was a funny, full of life man who had a passion for his profession. These wonderful men are gone now and will never be replaced. Kim and family our love & prayers are with you in these dark days. we are all so blessed to have had such an amazing person pass through our lives. Sincerely Kathy Dunworth, Craig & Caitlin

**kathleen wilkie dunworth** - August 23, 2019 at 11:56 AM

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“ Heaven gained an angel with the passing of Dr Robinson. He was always our family vet. For over 40 years he cared for all the pets in my parent's and later my own family. I never saw Dr. Robinson in a down mood. He more than once soothed my family's nerves as he lovingly cared for our dogs. My deepest condolences to you Kim. I never met you personally but I feel like I know you. Dr. Robinson always mentioned you when my husband and I would bring our dogs to see him. He told us about how much you love your poodle or how you two were going on cruises. My heart aches for you and I will keep you in my thoughts and prayers.

**Amy Steppe** - August 23, 2019 at 11:56 AM

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“ One Scared Little Dachshund One morning I was playing with our small black and tan dachshund Wolfie. I would toss Wolfie's fuzzy squirrel toy across the garage and Wolfie would delightedly give chase and pounce. But after one vigorous jump Wolfie yelped in pain and froze, trembling all over. My first thought was that Wolfie had injured his back. When I called Robinson's Animal Hospital, the staff told me to bring him right in. In the exam room, Dr. Robinson bounded in, all smiles and energy. Wolfie was still in his carrier. I had been unable to coax him out. Dr. Robinson placed the carrier on the exam table. Wolfie was so quiet that Dr. Robinson laughed and said, "Are you sure there's a dog in there?" He began to tilt the opened carrier until it was completely vertical. Dr. Robinson cackled, "He's holding on like a cat!" I was beginning to relax and laugh too, thinking my dog couldn't be too badly injured if he could hold on with that much determination. The next step was for Dr. Robinson to take all the screws off the carrier so we could remove the top. Wolfie was as docile as a rag doll and easily lifted out. Dr. Robinson proceeded to do a back exam, talking reassuringly to me all the while his fingers gently probed for the problem. "Ah...we've found the sore spot! Look at his tail--he's telling us!" Wolfie was wagging his tail in a rapid, anxious flutter. "I think it's just a bruise--he'll be fine in a day or two. We'll give him something to help." Dr. Robinson laughed again and turned to his nurse who had entered the room, "Am I being hyper?" "Yes! Definitely!" was her response, which made us all laugh! By the time we departed, Wolfie and I both had been helped through a stressful morning. I will always remember Dr. Robinson's infectious laugh and that Wolfie had, "Held on like a cat!"

**Betty Jean Benson** - August 23, 2019 at 11:56 AM