



Prof. James Robinson Ph.D

September 7, 1944 - January 12, 2016

Professor James Robinson, Ph.D (1944-2016)

CEDAR FALLS- Professor James Robinson, Ph.D, 71, of Cedar Falls, died Tuesday, January 12, 2016, at his home.

He was born September 7, 1944, in Indianapolis, Indiana, son of James Paul and Mary Jane (Groff) Robinson. He married Linda Turner on December 4, 1977 at Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Cedar Falls.

He earned his BA degree in Religion and History from Wabash College and his Ph.D in Religious Studies from the University of Wisconsin, Madison. He was an Associate Professor of Religion at the University of Northern Iowa.

Survived by: his wife, Linda; a son, Darius Robinson of Waverly; a sister, Sally Robinson of Waterloo; two God sons, Nicolas Fettkether and Bodie Turner, both of Dunkerton.

Preceded in death by: his parents; a sister, Sarah Jane Robinson.

Memorial Services will be held 10:00 a.m. Saturday, April 16, 2016, at St. Patrick Catholic Church in Cedar Falls (through the auspices of St. Luke's Episcopal Church). Richardson Funeral Service is assisting the family.

In lieu of flowers, memorials may be directed to UNI Foundation for the Department of Philosophy and Religion, St. Luke's Episcopal Church or Cedar Valley Hospice.

Tribute Wall

SM

“ Dear Linda and Darius,
I'm so sorry to hear that James has died, I'm so sorry for your great loss. My very best wishes to you, and deepest sympathy.
Sue Joseph Mattison

Sue Joseph Mattison - April 14, 2016 at 10:56 AM

BV

“ To the Robinson Family

Our deepest sympathy. I came to know Dr. Robinson in the 80s and had many discussions with him concerning religion and military history. He will be missed.

Bill and Linda Vognsen

bill vognsen - April 14, 2016 at 08:16 AM

RW

“ Dear Linda and Darius--our deepest sympathy for your great loss. James was a dear friend ever since we met in fall, 1966 when he and I [Richard] were graduate students at the University of Wisconsin in Madison (where we were both among the founding members of the campus Tolkien Society, still in existence). His apartment in those days was near the zoo so he called it (if I remember the Sanskrit correctly) *Sinha-nada-vasa*, the place of the lion's roar. He was a deep and careful thinker and extremely knowledgeable about everything from Wonder Woman comics to angelology, as well as witty and amiable. He was always my go-to person for abstruse questions about any of the world's religions and mythologies. I shall miss him very, very much. He and you will always be in our prayers.--Richard and Perri West

Richard West - February 04, 2016 at 05:13 PM

ES

“ To the Family of Dr. Robinson,

My deepest sympathy and heart felt condolences go out to each of you. I had Dr. Robinson as a professor at the University in 1986. I was not really feeling "Religions of the World" at that rather chaotic point in my life, but Dr. Robinson soon became a daily walking across campus friend and mentor. I came to love sharing time and conversation with him. I will never forget his classroom presence and his obvious expertise as he led me from skeptic to becoming a prayerful soul. I hope God's grace holds you close during this most difficult of times. As a lasting result of Dr. Robinson's teaching I know that God will not bring me to something without bringing me through it. Godspeed my friend. You will always be remembered.

*Dr. Eldon B. Swanson
Professor retired*

Eldon Swanson - January 25, 2016 at 02:37 PM

JH

“ *Linda thinking of you and Darius. It is very hard to lose the ones we love. Hoping memories will sustain you and help you through this difficult time.*
Jean Lentz Hilbert

jean hilbert - January 19, 2016 at 08:34 PM

ST

“ *James was a dear friend and valued colleague and, above all, a wonderful man! I'll for ever cherish his memory.*

My heart-felt condolences to Linda and Darius.

Shivesh Thakur

Shivesh Thakur - January 19, 2016 at 11:18 AM

KB

“ *Linda, we are so sorry to read about your loss. Though words of comfort don't seem to ease the pain, we wish to extend our condolences. I have thought about you often wondering how James was doing. I'm sure it has been tough. May God give you strength. Love Kathy Blum.*



Kathy Blum - January 17, 2016 at 05:06 PM

SM

“ *Dear Linda,*

We are truly sorry to hear of James passing. We will continue to keep you and your family in our thoughts and prayers.

Jim, Sandi, Jess, Jeff, Jake, Leta, Josh, Kristine, and Korbin McCann

Sandi McCann - January 15, 2016 at 02:45 PM