



Remembering our brothers who have passed from this life

William (Bill) Blades Robinson, '35

May 29, 1916 - May 22, 2011

Member Ad Astra Society

"Robby", as he was known while at AMA, was a two year cadet who participated in Football and Swimming and was a member of the Monogram Club. He finished his tenure at AMA as a Corporal in "C" Company.

William Blades Robinson, age 94, died peacefully after a long illness on May 22, 2011 at his home in Vero Beach, FL.



He boasted that his secret to living a long life was to "keep breathing."

A Memorial Service will be held in the Lord Chapel at Trinity Episcopal Church in Vero Beach, FL on Wednesday, May 25 at 4:00 p.m. His Funeral Service will be held at Christ Episcopal Church in Elizabeth City, NC on Saturday, May 28 at 3:30 p.m. followed by burial in the Robinson Family Plot at the "old" Hollywood Cemetery located at the intersection of South Road Street and Peartree Road in Elizabeth City.

"Bill" Robinson is survived by his wife, Jane Chandler Gantt Boswell. They were married on September 11, 1943 in New Orleans, LA. When recently asked how long he had been married he replied, "Not long enough."

Mr. Robinson is also survived by his daughters, Laurie Robinson Webb of Boston, MA and Ivy Blades Robinson Loftice of Verona, KY, his son William Blades Robinson, II of Vero Beach, FL, three grandsons, Alexander Webb, IV of Venice, CA, William Robinson Webb of Larkspur, CA and Henry Longley Thomason of Ridgecrest, CA, and a great grandson, Craig Alexander Webb of Venice, CA.

Mr. Robinson was the son of Ivy Blades of New Bern, NC, and Charles Oakley Robinson of Elizabeth City, NC. He graduated from Augusta Military Academy before enrolling at the University of North Carolina in the class of 1939, and later

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graduated from Poughkeepsie Business College.

Before moving to Vero Beach in 1955 Mr. Robinson was the manager of The Elizabeth City Cotton Mill and served on the board of directors of The Robinson Manufacturing Company for most of his life.

He was an active member of Trinity Episcopal Church and a past member of the vestry. He was a Rotarian for the past 65 years and a Paul Harris Fellow. For years he was a member of the Vero Beach Country Club and the Riomar Yacht Club. For over a quarter century he derived a tremendous amount of pleasure from flying his Lake amphibious airplane. His airplane pilot license was issued in 1937 and he flew until age 86. He was a "UFO" a member of the "United Flying Octogenarians." In lieu of flowers the family has asked that contribution be sent to the Vero Beach Rotary Charities Foundation, P. O. Box 643224, Vero Beach, FL 32964 Twiford Funeral Home, 405 E. Church Street, Elizabeth City, NC is serving the Robinson family.