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Benjamin Marshall Robertson, Jr., 83, surrendered his valiant 14-month battle with lung cancer on Monday, July 31, 2017. He passed away peacefully at home in Mesquite, TX, surrounded by his loving family and friends. Born on December 16, 1933, in Leavenworth, KS, to Benjamin and Elizabeth Robertson. He graduated from Leavenworth High School in 1952 where he was named the “Athlete of the ’50s” and inducted into the Leavenworth High School Athletic Hall of Fame. He was also the Kansas State High Jump Champion., Ben attended the University of Kansas in Lawrence, KS, where he ran track for one year before joining the Air Force. He spent 8 years at Lackland Air Force base in San Antonio. Ben met the love of his life, Alice Marie Reagan, while on a weekend trip to Bandera, TX. They were married on August 4, 1957 at the Grace Methodist Church of Annaville, TX. Upon discharge from the Air Force in 1961, Ben returned to the University of Kansas and graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Education. He spent 5 years as a store manager for Sears and Roebuck before embarking on what would be his lifelong passion of teaching social studies and coaching sports. His first position was at Argentine High School in Kansas City, KS, where he spent 2 years coaching basketball and track. He returned to Texas as quickly as he could when he was offered a position on the first coaching staff at North Mesquite High School in 1969. Ben started out coaching football and basketball and went on to achieve his greatest success coaching girl’s cross country and track. His teams were the 2-time cross country state runners-up. Ben filled his summers coaching swimming and track for the Mesquite Parks and Recreation program. He retired from teaching and coaching in 1996, but his love of MISD athletics led him to being rehired as a track coordinator and manager of Mesquite Memorial Stadium. He was often consulted for his knowledge and expertise, beloved by the stadium and athletic department employees and worked up until his death. Ben leaves behind his loving wife of 59 years, Marie, with whom he enjoyed many



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trips to New Orleans to celebrate their August 4th anniversary and reminisce at the Court of Two Sisters. He also enjoyed family vacations to Destin, FL and Breckenridge, CO and will be missed by his children: son, Bret Robertson and wife Carole of Dallas; daughters, Valerie Robertson of Dallas, Tracy Trussell and husband Jay of Forney, Stephanie Thrasher and husband Dwayne of Garland; his grandchildren: Jana Fisher and husband Matt, Lauren Stephens and husband Mat, Cristopher Thrasher and wife Anna, Ben Thrasher and wife Sara, Blake Thrasher, Chase Thrasher and wife Brooke, Colin Trussell and wife Megan, Madison Trussell and fiancé Tanner Watson; his great-grandchildren: Cayden, Gabriel, Daniel and Zoe Thrasher, and Ava Fisher. Ben is also survived by his brother, Donald Gene Robertson of Kansas City, MO and 4 nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, Benjamin and Elizabeth Robertson. The family wishes to express its heartfelt thanks and appreciation to Katherine Wang, MD, the nurses of the Texas Oncology – Presbyterian Cancer Center, Presbyterian Hospital doctors and staff, the clinical trial staff of the Mary Crowley Cancer Center and the staff of Seasons Hospice for their immense support and comfort during his long fight. In lieu of flowers, memorials in memory of Ben Robertson may be made to the Mesquite Education Foundation or St. Mark's United Methodist Church. Visitation will be 6:00pm to 8:00pm, Friday, August 4, 2017 at Restland Memorial Chapel. Funeral service will be held at 10:00am, Saturday, August 5, 2017 at St. Mark's United Methodist Church, 3117 Motley Drive, Mesquite, TX 75150.



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ML

Marian Lydick posted:

Marian Lydick purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Benjamin Marshall Robertson Jr..

August 4 at 12:20 PM

SP

Sharon & Russ Burnett, Donna & John Capps, Wesley Patterson posted:

SHARON & RUSS BURNETT, DONNA & JOHN CAPPS, WESLEY PATTERSON purchased the Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant for the family of Benjamin Marshall Robertson Jr..

August 4 at 10:32 AM

BF

Brother "Uncle Don" & Norm And Arbo Family posted:

Brother "Uncle Don" & Norm and Arbo Family purchased the Peaceful White Lilies Basket for the family of Benjamin Marshall Robertson Jr..

August 4 at 8:45 AM

CG

Colin's Friends In The Jacobs Dfw Electrical Group posted:

Colin's friends in the Jacobs DFW Electrical Group purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Benjamin Marshall Robertson Jr..

August 4 at 7:09 AM

RD

Restland Of Dallas posted:

Country Basket Blooms was purchased for the family of Benjamin Marshall Robertson Jr..

August 4 at 5:57 AM



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KD

Kim Delagarza posted:

A man with a Legacy, RIP Coach Robertson! My 4 years of Cross Country and Track made my high school years so meaningful! A coach who believed in us and pushed us to the next level. I remember his board on the door of his track office listed our workout for the day, many time's it said "On the Road Again" Willie Nelson...that meant we were going for a long run! He took our 1983 and 1984 Cross Country Team to the State Meet and always encouraged us to not only be good on the field but in life. He expected a lot of his athletes and students and it made us better people! I am thankful for being a part of his life! You can see his legacy at the stadium, at Track and Cross Country meets that he has left behind but most importantly his family as they are his true legacy. What a beautiful family he created, he was so very proud of his kids and grandkids. I saw Coach and Marie about 4 years ago at DQ near the stadium and we had a good little chat, picking up where we left off last. We shared a few memories, laughs, and of course he spoke of his family with twinkle in his eye. My thoughts and prayers are with you Marie, Stephanie and all of the Robertson clan. Kim Cavender Delagarza

August 4 at 5:35 AM

PM

Pat H.Mitchell posted:

Lit a candle in memory of Benjamin Marshall Robertson Jr.

August 3 at 10:21 AM

RD

Restland Of Dallas posted:

Simply Elegant Spathiphyllum was purchased for the family of Benjamin Marshall Robertson Jr..

August 3 at 8:53 AM

ST

Stacie posted:

I was heartbroken to hear the news of Coach Robertson's passing. He was such a great role model. I had him all 4 years in high school for Track, Psychology, and Economics. He taught me so much more than just those things. I saw him about 15 years after high school at a middle school football game, and he came up to me and asked how I was doing and said my name. I thought, how amazing is this man to remember me after all these years and to still know my name. He asked me if I still ran, and I told him no, but that I did love running all those years ago, thanks to him. He will be missed. RIP Coach.

August 2 at 6:45 PM



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MH

Mitch And Nancy Hancock posted:

Mitch and Nancy Hancock purchased the Florist Choice Bouquet for the family of Benjamin Marshall Robertson Jr..

August 2 at 3:35 PM

RD

Restland Of Dallas posted:

Ocean Breeze Spray was purchased for the family of Benjamin Marshall Robertson Jr..

August 2 at 3:01 PM

RC

Ruth Copeland posted:

Coach Ben always had a smile on his face.

August 2 at 2:56 PM

MG

Mike Gunn posted:

A great coach for my daughters in high school and summer track from early 80s thru early 90s. I worked meets for Ben, he always ran well organized meets.

August 2 at 2:29 PM

BB

Bobby Brady posted:

A great coach, a wonderful teacher, a good and decent man. Godspeed, Coach.

August 2 at 2:06 PM

TF

The Janie Brim Family posted:

The Janie Brim Family purchased the Pink Tribute Spray for the family of Benjamin Marshall Robertson Jr..

August 2 at 1:54 PM



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RD

Restland Of Dallas posted:

A New Sunrise Spray was purchased for the family of Benjamin Marshall Robertson Jr..

August 2 at 1:40 PM

TF

The Burnett, Roberdeau, Stiley, Brown, Christian, Archer, Madden, Schorr, Dubose, Cohen Families posted:

The Burnett, Roberdeau, Stiley, Brown, Christian, Archer, Madden, Schorr, DuBose, Cohen Families purchased the Amazing Arboricola for the family of Benjamin Marshall Robertson Jr..

August 2 at 9:48 AM

C1

Cindy Goode Higgenbottom & Family(Track 1983-1986) posted:

Cindy Goode Higgenbottom & Family(Track 1983-1986) purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Benjamin Marshall Robertson Jr..

August 2 at 8:49 AM

DF

Darlene Cawley, Lance, Tami & Kent Families posted:

Darlene Cawley, Lance, Tami & Kent Families purchased the Vivid Recollections for the family of Benjamin Marshall Robertson Jr..

August 2 at 7:33 AM

NV

Nick Valdez posted:

last I saw time I saw you coach. You were starting the race for my daughter CC District meet in middle school. R.I.P Coach you will be missed. NMHS will always remember you.

August 2 at 5:04 AM

TF

The Jamey Molsbee Family posted:

The Jamey Molsbee Family purchased the Sacred Duty Spray for the family of Benjamin Marshall Robertson Jr..

August 2 at 4:48 AM



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TM

Teri Molsbee posted:

May the memories of Ben forever lighten our hearts and put a smile on our face! He was such a wonderful man and we are so grateful to have known him. Jamey, Teri, Daniel, & Cameron Molsbee

August 2 at 3:51 AM

CA

Charles,Clota,Pam,Jennifer,Gabby,Steven,Amanda posted:

Charles,Clota,Pam,Jennifer,Gabby,Steven,Amanda purchased the Country Basket Blooms for the family of Benjamin Marshall Robertson Jr..

August 1 at 6:06 PM

CN

Coach Richard Naylor posted:

Coach Richard Naylor purchased the Beautiful in Blue for the family of Benjamin Marshall Robertson Jr..

August 1 at 4:31 PM



Memories only last if you share them

Join us in honoring Benjamin by contributing to a collection of shared memories.



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