



Ellis "E.J." John Robinson Jr.

December 16, 1951 - July 31, 2021

Ellis "E.J." John Robinson Jr. of Dewey died Saturday in Bartlesville. He was 69 and had faithfully served the Lord his Savior through his life, music, home church and children's ministry.

Ellis John - or E.J. as he was known - was born the son of Ellis John Sr. and Imo Jean (Morgan) Robinson on December 16, 1951, in Mena, AR. He was raised in Mena and wasn't aware until he started school that his given name wasn't E.J. He developed his love for music at a young age and played the saxophone in the school band. Once he received cleft pallet correction surgery, he found his voice and enjoyed singing – using his voice to glorify God by singing in the church choir and performing special music selections. E.J. graduated from Mena High School with the Class of 1970 and went on to further his education at Ozark Bible College in Joplin, MO, and Dallas Bible College before moving to Bartlesville in 1975.

E.J. started a long and happy career with Phillips Petroleum in 1978 but retired just short of his 40-year anniversary due to ill health. Early in his career E.J. met Miriam Lynn Hacker at Phillips, hit it off and united in marriage on June 12, 1982, making their home in Dewey where they raised five children. E.J. was active in the ministries of the church and served as deacon and elder, but his true passion was in working in the children's ministry.

E.J. passions revolved around his children and family. He enjoyed staying active and loved bowling and riding his bicycle. He enjoyed playing and watching sports especially if one of his children was on the team, and he faithfully coached and cheered them on along the way. No surprise too that his love for technology has been handed down to his kids - he brought it into the home and was always tinkering on something. Together, E.J. and Miriam loved to travel, taking several cruises, visiting national parks and calling on family. He was also known for his keen sense of humor and a mischievous knack for pulling pranks, but most of all he was a loving husband, father and grandfather to his family who will miss him dearly.

E.J. is survived by his loving wife Miriam of 39 years; five children John (Mary) Robinson, Stephanie (Adam) Green, Jaime Robinson, Sarah (Justus) Schmidt and Seth Robinson and fiancé Brooke Thomason; granddaughter Abigail; brother Oscar (Ruby) Robinson; sister Emma (Rodney) Lott; mother Imo Jean Robinson and mother-in-law Caroline Wiltse. He is preceded in death by his father and three sisters, Velma Robinson, Armel Robinson and Audra Fairfax.

E.J.'s family will receive friends at Tyro Christian Church, Tyro, KS, on Thursday, from 6-8 p.m.

Funeral services will be held 10 a.m. on Friday at Tyro Christian Church. Services are under the direction of Carter Davis and the Davis Family Funeral Home – Dewey Chapel. Online condolences and remembrances may be shared at www.DavisFamilyFuneralHome.com.

Previous Events

Friends and Family Gathering

AUG 5. 6:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CT)

Tyro Christian Church
301 Market St.
Tyro, KS 67364
<http://www.tyrochristian.org>

Funeral Service

AUG 6. 10:00 AM (CT)

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Tribute Wall



“ *Davis Family Funeral Home created a Tribute Video in memory of Ellis "E.J." John Robinson Jr.*



Davis Family Funeral Home - August 04, 2021 at 04:30 PM

RN

*I absolutely love this video. Such an amazing life. Such an amazing family. Such an amazing man.
Ramona Nichols*

Ramona Nichols - August 05, 2021 at 03:19 PM



“ *Pictures of a beautiful life lived with so much love for all, thank you for being my hero when dad died, so grateful for the times you visited. Thank you for being the Father of a wonderful family and the adoring husband to my sister that all wives pray for God to bless them with...till we meet again in the sweet by and by EJ. Love you brother! Becky*

Becky Granlund - August 05, 2021 at 03:30 PM

BN

“ *BRETT & RAMONA NICHOLS purchased the Medium Dish Garden for the family of Ellis "E.J." John Robinson Jr..*



BRETT & RAMONA NICHOLS - August 05, 2021 at 03:02 PM

RD

“ *All who knew him knew a good man.*

Ron Dix - August 05, 2021 at 12:49 PM

JM

“ *Jerald & Georgia, Donnie & Marcy purchased the Emerald Garden Basket for the family of Ellis "E.J." John Robinson Jr..*



Jerald & Georgia, Donnie & Marcy - August 05, 2021 at 09:23 AM

BL

“ *My deepest condolences to all the family. Ellis was a dear friend whom I've always admired and enjoyed playing baseball throughout our childhood. He will be missed and heaven will rejoice at his coming home to the Lord.*

Bill Lowrance - August 04, 2021 at 11:22 PM

CW

“ *I remember him as being exceptionally kind as a young man.*

Candy Warden - August 04, 2021 at 10:26 PM



“ *Lovely One Spathiphyllum Plant was purchased for the family of Ellis "E.J." John Robinson Jr..*



August 04, 2021 at 10:01 PM

CS

“ Merv and I are blessed to have known EJ and grateful to God for bringing our families together in the marriage of our son to your sweet daughter. We will miss EJ so very much. May Our Great God comfort all of the Robinson family deeply in His love and peace.

Cindy and Merv Schmidt - August 04, 2021 at 08:52 PM



“ Beautiful in Blue was purchased for the family of Ellis "E.J." John Robinson Jr..



August 04, 2021 at 08:22 PM



“ I worked with EJ in the IT dept. at Phillips for many years. He was always willing to help on any project that came our way. He had a special spirit and you could see it all the time in his eyes. He made people feel at ease and was so good to explain anything to those users who found technology a challenge. He was fun to work with and yes, quite the prankster! My thoughts and prayers to the family. Know that his Phillips family hold you in their thoughts!

Kristy Kier - August 04, 2021 at 05:59 PM