

Dr. Ronald J. Robinson, 63, of College Station, beloved husband, father, and son passed away on August 30, 2009 at his residence. A memorial service is set for 2:00 pm Friday, September 4, 2009 at Christ United Methodist Church in College Station.

Dr. Robinson was born March 10, 1946 in Pueblo, Colorado. An Eagle Scout, he graduated from East High School and earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Physics and Mathematics from the University of Southern Colorado in 1968. He was awarded a Master of Science degree in Physics from Baylor University in 1971 and a Ph.D. in Petroleum Engineering from Texas A&M University in 1974. He has been distinguished as a NASA Fellow and earned numerous professional awards.

Dr. Robinson was employed by Getty Oil Company in 1974 and held positions of increasing responsibility. After a period with Grace Petroleum and Intercomp Resource and Consulting, he re-joined Getty Oil in 1980. With the acquisition of Getty Oil by Texaco, he continued to advance and in 1996 was named President of the Texaco Technology Division. He retired from Chevron/Texaco in 2001.

In 2001, Dr. Robinson assumed the position of Professor and Department Head, A.B. Stevens Endowed Chair at the Harold Vance Department of Petroleum Engineering, Texas A&M University, a position he held until 2003.

Additionally, Dr. Robinson served as Chairman of the Board of Directors of Sheltering Arms Senior Services, a United Way Agency. He also served on the Board of Directors for numerous other corporations and ventures. Most recently, he was proud to have been a member of the board of directors of Ensyn and Berry Petroleum Company. He was also a member of Berry Petroleum's compensation committee and corporate governance and nominating committee.

Dr. Robinson is survived by his loving wife of 40 years, Bonnie and his three sons, Kevin and wife Onda, Kyle, and Kurt Robinson. Survivors also include his beloved parents, Jim and Doris Robinson of Colorado Springs, Colorado; his sister Carol Chapman and husband Mark of Fountain, Colorado; Sister Linda Lakner and husband Mike of Wayne, New Jersey; and father-in-law Horace Martin of Pueblo, Colorado.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be contributed to the Dr. Ronald J. Robinson '74 Memorial Graduate Level Scholarship in Petroleum Engineering.

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