Honorary Flower Bearers
Mrs. Carolyn Alexander  Mrs. Sally Rucker
Mrs. Sandra Oglesby  Mrs. Blanche Rivers
Mrs. Beverly Wilkins

Flower Bearers
Granddaughters

Honorary Casket Bearers
Mr. Bernard Rivers  Mr. Jimmy Jones
Mr. Farris Johnson

Casket Bearers
Grandsons & Great-Grandsons

Special Thanks and Appreciation
The Robinson family extends their sincerest gratitude to all of their family and friends who provided the care, fellowship and support to them during this difficult time. May the blessings of the Lord overtake you!

The Robinson Family wishes to express their gratitude and appreciation to:
Hart Health and Rehabilitation, Compassus Care, Piedmont Athens Regional Hospital, Mack’s Funeral Home, Fairview Baptist Church, Broad River Baptist Church & Baker’s Originals & More.

Celebrating the Life Of a Patriarch
Mr. T. J. Robinson

Sunrise: July 11, 1920 ~ Sunset: September 5, 2017

Thursday, September 14, 2017
1:00 p.m.
Fairview Baptist Church
Lavonia, GA
Reverend Samuel White, Officiating
Interment ~ Broad River Baptist Church Cemetery • Lavonia, GA
**Order of Service**

**Processional**

Musical Selection ......................... Fairview Baptist Church Choir
Scriptural Readings ........ Old Testament ...... Rev. Ila G. Allen &
Rev. Lester Grant
Solo ............................................................ Mrs. Cynthia Wright
Prayer ......................................................... Rev. Elbert Morrison
Musical Selection  ......................... Fairview Baptist Church Choir
Reflections .................................................. Family & Friends

**Please keep to a 3-minute maximum**

Solo .......................................................... Mr. Jerome Curry
Eulogy ...................................................... Pastor Samuel White
Recessional .................................................. Soft Music
Interment .......................... Broad River Baptist Church Cemetery
Repass ........................... Fairview Baptist Church Fellowship Hall
So Many Hats

It's been said that one cannot be everything to everybody
This is far from the truth
You have risen to every occasion...Starting with your youth

To our grandparents, you were their youngest son
Navigating your way through life
Growing into your own shoes all while having fun in an era full of strife

To our mother, you stood tall
Hailing as her king
Providing, protecting and ruling the marital home - And bossing her in between

To us, you were our hero and dad
Bringing us up in the right way
We each had our own special bond - With a man who never ceased to pray

Granddaddy, Daddy T, Papa and Papa T
You were known by your children’s descendants
Fond, fun memories and lots of laughs and love - You gave and gave with remnants

Deacon, uncle, cousin, brother, friend, boss, and mentor
You were to ones near and afar
Because your giving spirit and your lovingkindness - Cast beams far brighter than any star

Son, Servant, Laborer and Brother
You are to the Father and the Son
You've paid your dues and earned your crown - The Father has said, “Well done”

You are now absent from your earthly body
And present with the Lord
What a burden you bore - You left your marks on the tablets of our hearts
But sooooo many hats
You wore…

Rest in Paradise! We Love you, Dad! ~ The children of T. J. Robinson
Written by Jan “Lady” Robinson
**Remembering “Mr. T”**

No one knew the young lad born on July 11, 1920, (in Gumlog, Georgia) to Prather Robinson and Lela (Macie) Crump-Byrd would share his sunrise with educators, entertainers, politicians, scientists and authors from the around the globe. Not only did T. J. Robinson (AKA “Mr. T”) enter this world with purpose but having been born and raised during the trying times of Post-WWI; the Great Depression and WWII, T. J. turned the lemons of life into lemonade and lived out his 97-year life to the fullest. He made a profound choice to live and enjoy life versus merely existing during a time where people of color experienced limited educational and equitable opportunities.

On February 7, 1944, he married the love of his life, Jessie Lee Cherry-O’Bryant. Unto this loving 73-year, 7-month union five children were born, Tony, Dan, Roger, Dwindle, and Jan. Prior to their marriage, he also had one son, Walter.

In 1947, he was ordained as a Deacon at Fairview Baptist Church where he faithfully served for 70 years until his health declined. For over 35 years, “Mr. T” owned and operated Robinson Construction Company, Incorporated, which took him on travels throughout the East and South where he performed work for many large companies, celebrities, sports figures and other entertainers. Each of his children were also reared in the business and were taught invaluable skills that they took with them and utilized throughout the courses of their lives. He also mentored and taught the valuable trade to many in the surrounding communities.

T. J. was a proud but private man who had a gentle, loving spirit. He loved God, church, people, family, and work. He stood for what was good and right and was a protector of his family and friends. He had unique wisdom, wit, integrity, ethics, values and an undying faith that is often not seen in the world today.

In January 2017, T. J. experienced a debilitating and life-changing condition that rendered him unable to remain in the marital home. Throughout the course of this trial and until his passing of September 5, 2017, he still never met a stranger. As a matter of fact, “Mr. T” became “Poppa T” to many of whom he relied on for care during his hospitalizations and rehabilitation stays.

Although he had a few periods of ups and downs, many came from near and far to see him; enjoy a laugh; and pray for and with him. Even during his worst of times, he always remembered the promises of God and thus he fought the good fight of faith.

Several family members preceded him in death including his father, Prather Robinson; his mother, Lela M. Crump (Byrd); his brother, W. C. “Doug” Crump Knox; his sister, Mandy Crump; his sons, Walter T. “Hawkeye” Robinson (Robertson), Shelly T. Robinson, and Dansby R. Robinson and a grandson, Walter Lorenzo “Reno” Lee.

The surviving members of the T. J. Robinson family include: his wife, Mrs. Jessie L. Robinson; the family of son Walter T. (Faye) Robinson (Robertson); the family of son Shelly T. Robinson; the family of son Dansby R. “Dan” Robinson; sons Roger D. (Nita) Robinson, Chattanooga, TN and Dwindle K. (Molly) Robinson, Waldorf, MD and their families; and his daughter, Jan D. “Lady” Robinson, East San Francisco Bay Area, CA and her children. Also included as survivors are sixteen grandchildren, thirty-two great-grandchildren; and fifteen great-great grandchildren. Also surviving are a large host of nieces, nephews, other relatives, fellow church members, and close friends.

Mr. T. will always be remembered for his strong legacy and the impact he made in the lives of so many.