



## Donald W. "Nick" Robinson

May 22, 1931 - December 7, 2016

Donald W. "Nick" Robinson, age 85, passed away Wednesday, December 7, 2016 at Lake West Medical Center, Willoughby. He was born May 22, 1931 in Painesville.

Donald "Nick" graduated from Harvey High School in 1949, where he was a star baseball and basketball player. He entered in the US Air Force in 1951. He did service in Munich, Germany during the Korean War as a Military Policeman (MP). He was honorably discharged in 1955. He was married October 31, 1959 to Annie Bass. He was a member of the Labors Union 496 and was employed as a Union Steward at the Perry Nuclear Power Plant. Mr. Robinson also served as the Legal Redress Chairman for the Lake County NAACP during most of his membership with the organization.

He counseled and provided sound legal advice to many people in Northeastern Ohio. Mr. Robinson enjoyed golfing and was a member of Casement Country Club. He also was an avid bowler.

He is survived by his children, Davine Alexander, Erick Robinson, Stacey Harris, Darryl Harris, Leah Robinson, Melissa (Raymond) Martin, Heather Robinson and Icelandic exchange student Margaret "Magga" Thordadottir; 13 grandchildren; 16 great grandchildren; a host of nieces, nephews and cousins; and his former wife; Annie Robinson. He also leaves behind his loyal pets,

Little Boy, Little Girl and Jennifer.

Preceding him in death is his son, Gregory Alexander; father, Donald Lilly mother, Frances Plantt; his beloved grandmother, Irene Robinson; his sister, Patsy Rivera and his life companion, Beverley Taylor.

A funeral service will be held at 11:00 a.m., Saturday, December 17, 2016 at New Hope Baptist Church, 428 W. Jackson St. Painesville, Ohio 44077 where the family will receive friends 10:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m., Saturday. Officiating will be Pastor Roderick A. Coffee I.

Interment at Riverside Cemetery, Painesville.

Arrangements entrusted to Brunner Sanden Deitrick Funeral Home & Cremation Center, 8466 Mentor Ave. Mentor, OH. 44060.

Send flowers or offer condolences at [www.brunners.com](http://www.brunners.com)

# Cemetery Details

## Riverside Cemetery

385 Riverside Drive  
Painesville, OH 44077  
(440) 392-3727

# Previous Events

## Visitation

DEC 17. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (ET)

New Hope Baptist Church  
428 West Jackson St  
Painesville, OH 44077  
(440) 357-6968

## Funeral Service

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# Tribute Wall



“ Sometimes in your life you meet a person that touches your heart more than others. My dad, Nick Robinson, was one of those persons.

*During my exchange student year in the U.S. I got placed with my mom, Annie Robinson, and their kids . Before my stay I couldn't imagine calling someone DAD other than my Icelandic father. But his warm personality made it so easy. When I called him dad people used to stare at us. A black man with his white teenage daughter. We both used to laugh about that.*

*During those thirty years, my family and I have kept in touch, and always felt welcomed, which is very important to me. We have visited, exchanged phone calls and gifts. Dad always thought of everything and his packages were filled with surprises.*

*I asked dad to walk me down the aisle in 2006, when I got married. Sorry to say he couldn't take on the long trip to Iceland, but that's how I felt about him. I wanted him close to me on my big day, and I know he would have wanted to come. He mentioned that in almost every phone call.*

*And now there is time to say goodbye. I am so truly sorry that I will not be able to attend his funeral.*

*Dad you are in my heart, and always will be. I thank you for all that you did for me and for our wonderful memories together.*

*Have a save journey to a new place where we will meet again someday.*

*Your daughter - Magga*

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**Margrét Þórðardóttir** - December 16, 2016 at 12:10 PM

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“ Love Gary Journigan and Family purchased the Crystal Cross Bouquet for the family of Donald W. "Nick" Robinson.



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**Love Gary Journigan and Family** - December 16, 2016 at 03:49 AM

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“ The earliest memory I have of Nick is when I was at Hobart Middle School back in the early 80's. At that time he lived across the street from the school, and told me if I ever needed some extra money for lunch to just stop by and ask. When the first Air Jordan's came out at Foot Locker Nick took me there and got them for me. He didn't hesitate at the price he just asked me, "Are those the ones you want"? When it came time for me to go in the military Nick, was one of the few who supported my decision. I want everyone to know that Nick was a great mentor, and he helped me become the man I am today. To his children, your father treated me as if I was his own son. It was because of your father's countless acts of giving to others that I learned how to become a cheerful giver. I will always cherish the memories I have of Nick and never forget that the Lord placed him in my life for a reason. I am truly going to miss you Nick, and I will never forget you. May the Lord continue to bless the family in their time of need. Love, Gary Journigan.



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**Gary Journigan** - December 15, 2016 at 12:34 PM



“ *Full Of Love Bouquet was purchased for the family of Donald W. "Nick" Robinson.*



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December 13, 2016 at 12:24 PM



“ *Nick got me my first job in construction at the C.E.I. eastlake power plant working 10 hours a day 6 days a week.he picked me up and dropped me off for 3 months straight until I got my own car.he helped me get many construction jobs.Then he helped me and a whole lot of people win 2.3 million dollars in a class action discrimination lawsuit against laborer's local 496,which had to close down after that action.He was a very great man to me and I know many others also.May GOD be with him on his journey home!!! and may GOD be with the entire Robinson family during this holiday season.*

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**Shane Hamilton** - December 13, 2016 at 10:39 AM