



## DR. C. TED ROBINSON

December 22, 2015

### Obituary of DR. C. TED ROBINSON

Dr. C. Ted Robinson, 82, passed away on December 22, 2015 from complications of Parkinson's. Born in Jacksonville, Ted attended Robert E. Lee High School there. He was the national high school breaststroke champion in 1951. He continued his education at the University of Florida. In 1953 and 1954 he won both the 100 and 200 yard breaststroke events in the SEC finals and established a new conference record in the 200 yard event as a sophomore. At the 1954 Florida AAU Championships, he set new records in both the 100 and 200 yard events. In 1954 he was named to the All-American Swimming Team and is in the University of Florida Sports Hall of Fame. During his time at U of F he took a 2 year break in his education and enlisted in the Army. He served the 2 year hitch while being stationed in Hawaii. As Ted was fond of saying, "he fought the battle of Waikiki Beach". Upon his return to the University of Florida he completed his education graduating with honors with a degree in Science. After graduating from Florida he entered dental school at the Medical College of Virginia in Richmond. He graduated number one in his dental class and stayed at the medical College of Virginia to complete his internship and residency training in Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery.

Ted moved to Winter Park at the completion of training in Virginia and joined in

practice with Dr. Don Tillery, Sr. This would be the foundation of what would become the well-known and well-respected oral surgery group of Tillery, Robinson, Lightbody and Payor. He retired from the practice in 2005.

Dr. Robinson is past president of the Southeastern Society of Oral Maxillofacial Surgery and of the Orange County Dental Society. He was a member of numerous societies including the American Board of Oral Maxillofacial Surgery, The American Society of Oral Maxillofacial Surgeons, Florida Society of Oral Maxillofacial Surgeons, The Florida Dental Association, The American Dental Association and The Greater Orlando Dental Society.

Ted loved all things outdoors. His long fascination and love of nature began when he was just a boy. With very tolerant parents, his pets included a fox, an alligator, raccoon, snakes, turtles and just about anything else that he could catch. He enjoyed duck hunting earlier in life and he was an avid fisherman. Ted made many fishing trips to the Florida Keys with both family and friends dating back to his days as a teenager. As an adult he took his boat, the Mrs. Robinson, offshore every Thursday for years. And fishing expeditions to the Bahamas with his buddies were a regular occurrence. But he was an even more avid birder. He traveled to countless nooks and crannies across the lower 48, Alaska and Canada in his pursuit of seeing as many bird species as possible. In 2011 when health issues prevented him from traveling any more, he had seen a total of 820 species. This put him in 13th place out of all birders for the territory described above. Ted was a member of The American Birding Association, Florida Ornithological Society, Florida Audubon Society and Orange Audubon Society. Over the years he participated in many bird surveys on public land, the information from which was used to complete bird checklists for many of the area's County and State Parks.

Ted is survived by wife, Jean; children: Chuck Robinson, Susan Rebecca Jones, Chad Robinson, Loren Clanton, Kelly Plouffee, David Andrews and

Ross Andrews; grandchildren: Leslie Funk, Dustin Robinson, Todd Robinson, Emily Robinson, Rachel Robinson, Brandon Jenkins, Kristin Plouffee, Tayler Jenkins and Paige Plouffee. Ted was predeceased by sons, Steven Robinson and Todd Robinson.

No funeral service are planned. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to American Birding Association, P. O. Box 3070, Colorado Springs, CO 80934 or to Cornerstone Hospice, 8009 S. Orange Avenue, Orlando, FL 32809-6711.

# Tribute Wall

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“ *Dr. C. Ted Robinson, Brilliant. Healer. Nature Lover. Native Floridian. Explorer. Superior Birder. Traveler. Teacher. Witty. Movie Star Handsome. Charming. Dynamic. Great Conversationalist. Mentor. My husband's Best Friend. We love and miss you, Teddy. Dear Jean and Family our hearts and prayers are with you. We love you. Dawn and Greg Bretz*

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**Dawn C. Bretz** - January 09, 2016 at 12:00 AM

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“ *Ted was a mentor and blessing for all of us that are general dentists. he gave help and support that was nonjudgmental. his calmness and expert advice was always appreciated. besides that he was a genuinely nice guy. I will always be thankful that I had the good fortune of knowing him. he has a wonderful legacy. art ryder*

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**art ryder** - January 06, 2016 at 12:00 AM

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“ *With Deepest Sympathy*

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**The Dental Society of Greater Orlando** - December 31, 2015 at 12:00 AM

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“ *Ted was a great man! He and I would get together for lunch every so often and talk about fishing and hunting. He was not only my doctor, but a friend as well. I am sorry to hear of his passing. May God rest his soul.*

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**Charles Rahn** - December 30, 2015 at 12:00 AM

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“ So sorry to hear of the passing of Dr Robinson. I worked as a dental assistant for Dr Tillery back in the 70's and also assisted Dr Robinson. He was always very kind to everyone especially the very anxious frightened patients that had come to him. I will always remember how he would put them at ease. My condolences to the family. Kathy Lord

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**Kathy Lord** - December 30, 2015 at 12:00 AM



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