



John Arthur Robinson

December 3, 1925 - July 5, 2021

John Robinson, age 95, died peacefully under Hospice care on July 5, 2021. His adventurous spirit led him to travel extensively and to live a full and vibrant life. He believed that, in moving to Africa, he started a trend wherein his British family scattered all over the globe.

John was born in London and joined the 610 Squadron of the Royal Air Force during WWII. After the war, he worked in his father's office supply business for several years, but grew tired of gray skies and the rationing that was still a part of British life. A friend told him there were opportunities in Southern Rhodesia and he emigrated there with his young family. He was a natural entrepreneur, and started several businesses in the paint industry. He often said that his 27 years there were one of the best parts of his life.

Once he retired, he visited America and met Gail completely by chance. There was a significant age difference, but when he proposed a month later, Gail said that she knew that if she only had 20 minutes with him would be better than 20 years with anyone else. They were married for 37 years.

In his 80s, he took art classes, and painting became his passion. He was a member of the Plantation Art Club and won several local awards.

John and Gail moved to Leesburg 11 years ago and are members of St.

James Episcopal Church. He was predeceased by his parents and his sister, Barbara Clark. He leaves behind his wife, Gail; his son, Dr. Roger J. Robinson and daughter-in-law, Svetlana, in Malta; his daughter, Angela Howarth, and son-in-law, Charles, in France; his granddaughters, Georgina, in London, England, and Emily, in Malta. He also leaves nephews and nieces: Diana Best, in New Mexico; Susan Hayler and her husband, Dick, in Australia; and Richard and Colin Clark, who live in England. Other survivors include Gail's step-mother, Sarah Sisson, and very good friend, Dallas Tillman, and numerous friends and extended family.

For those who wish, please make memorial contributions to St. James Episcopal Church, 204 N. Lee Street, Leesburg, FL 34748 or Cornerstone Hospice Foundation, 2445 Lane Park Road, Tavares, FL 32778.