



## Joe Ernest Robins

March 4, 1920 - March 15, 2021

Joe Ernest Robins, 101, of Travelers Rest, husband of the late Mary O'Dell Robins, passed away Monday, March 15, 2021 at his home.

Born in Greenville County, he was a son of the late Edward Norton and Mamie Brazie Robins. He was owner of Robins Lumber before retirement, Army Captain, veteran of WWII, 1943 graduate of Clemson College, and a member of Enoree Baptist Church.

He is survived by a son: Joe E Robins, Jr.; daughter: Jill Blanton(Devon); grandsons: Evan Blanton, Eric Blanton(Logan); great-grandchildren: London, Joshua, Sarah Jo Blanton; and sisters: Evelyn Montayne, Vivian Foster, June Dickerson(John).

Along with his wife and parents he was predeceased by one brother and one sister.

There will be a Virtual Memorial Service available soon on Facebook at the "Joe E. Robins, Memorial Page".

A private burial will be held in Greenville Memorial Gardens.

The family will be at their respective homes.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Enoree Baptist Church – Senior Ministry, 881 Tigerville Rd. Travelers Rest, SC 29690.

# Cemetery Details

## **Greenville Memorial Gardens**

7784 Augusta Road  
Piedmont, SC 29687

# Events

**Details are pending.**

# Tribute Wall



“ *The Howze Mortuary created a Tribute Video in memory of Joe Ernest Robins*



**The Howze Mortuary** - March 17, 2021 at 10:07 AM

MC

*Beautiful family with beautiful memories.*

**Mike clark** - March 17, 2021 at 03:04 PM

LR

*Sentimentally Beautiful!  
Rest In Peace Mr. Joe Robins!*

**Linda Ragland** - March 17, 2021 at 03:32 PM

JE

*Larry this is absolutely beautiful. You did a wonderful job.*

**Jane.com Eanes** - March 17, 2021 at 04:26 PM

JE

*Joe and Mary were high school sweethearts till the end.  
I know they are together and just as much in love.  
Jill, you did a wonderful thing to make Joe's last year's so comfortable  
and normal and I know how much Joe Jr was a big part of the picture.  
God couldn't have given them any better children to make this hard  
journey with. Prayers for comfort and peace for everyone.*

**Jane.com Eanes** - March 17, 2021 at 04:36 PM

EC

*Beautiful Memorial. Rest In Peace 🙏*

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**Elois Cannady** - March 17, 2021 at 06:33 PM

DJ

*I like well lived. We will deeply miss Uncle Jo. We were blessed to have known him. Prayers for the family, we love you all.*

*David R. Jones*

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**David R. Jones** - March 17, 2021 at 09:59 PM

JE

*Cherished memories! A beautiful and talented family. You are in my thoughts and prayers.*

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**Jean Ettefagh** - March 17, 2021 at 11:54 PM

BN

*This is so beautiful what a beautiful family*

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**Barbara Norwood** - March 18, 2021 at 10:00 AM

BH

*Mr Robins was a man who inspired many people .  
He was a very main part of my success as a musician.  
He loved music and help many young struggling musicians in ways that kept us focus on the music and how a good clean life was important and he taught so many that caring and understanding was part of life I will always think of him as not only a manager but a second dad teaching me life lessons .  
Joe Robins will always be in my heart .  
Butch Hendricks*

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**Butch Hendricks** - March 23, 2021 at 10:41 AM

BE

“ In the late ‘60s (my high school years) I was fortunate to have befriended Joe and Mary Robins along with daughter Jill and son Joe who were members of the same church my Dad and Mom attended. Having a mutual interest in music (son) Joe and I got together playing in many bands over the ensuing years with his folks somehow putting up with all the chaos and racket as we gathered at their residence for practice, repeatedly making a mess of their well kept, tidy living room what with all the instrumentation and equipment strewn about. They didn’t have to do that. But they did. When my parents marriage was on the rocks and eventually failed, Joe and Mary stepped in and filled a void by keeping me out of mischief and employed me at their saw mill (with lots of time flexibility given I was still in school). They didn’t have to do that. But they did. Later they generously provided me room and board in what was once their starter home known as “the Little House”. I regularly showed up for yummy lunches and dinners at Mary’s table! They didn’t have to do that. But they did. For a time Big Joe (or The Boss as I called him) brought his skills in managing a business to one of our musical group iterations. Not just with his words but also with deeds and his physical presence. How he was able to work a full day at the mill then leave out with the band to drive sometimes hours to the gig, stayed there as the band played on for hours, helped pack up gear and load afterward, then drove us back home the same night... This could only be accomplished by a man having incredible commitment and stamina (and a wife with endless patience). They didn’t have to do that. But they did. When a passenger in his car on those many trips I listened when he espoused his view of the world, offering advice, perspective or recommendations. These frequently were woven with iterations of his own life experiences, to the point and often blended with humorous moments underscoring those examples. As the decades passed I’ve had many occasions to warmly recall those memories, those good times. After retirement from my professional career I was able to stop by and visit Joe and Mary at their home on a much more regular basis. It was always so good to see them, catch up on things and reminisce. What an honor and pleasure it has been to

*know Joe and Mary. They were very much a second Dad and Mom to me in so many ways and I will so deeply miss them.*

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**Bob Edsall** - March 25, 2021 at 05:02 PM

DA

“ *What a super nice guy!! I will never forget his support of The Tikis. I am really sorry for your loss! Praying for both Jill and Joe.*  
*Doug and Rita Atkins*

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**Doug Atkins** - March 24, 2021 at 11:41 AM

NR

“ *I have always remembered Mr. Robins fondly. I remember his great sense of humor and his laughter and how he could grill a perfect T-bone steak. It's the oddest thing...I live in eastern N.C. now and came down to our lake place in Anderson Sunday night and decided to take a drive by myself in the area of Travelers Rest and northern Greenville County on Monday. Before heading back, I was drawn to go by the Robins home. I'm not sure if Mr. Robins lived there still, but it's where he and Mary lived when I knew them in the seventies. I just sat there a while thinking about them before driving back to Anderson. Then tonight I googled Mary to find Jill's last name in her obituary...and then googled Mr. Robins and found that he had passed away on the day I was there at the house thinking of him and Mary. I hadn't seen them for many years, but I had great affection for both of them. They are together again and in peace, but I am so heartbroken for Jill, Joe and the whole family. They were both wonderful people. May God bless and comfort you as you deal with this deep loss.*

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**Nancy Rollins** - March 17, 2021 at 10:53 PM

CW

“ *Jill and Joe, I am so sorry for your loss God bless you and comfort your hearts. You are in my thoughts and prayers 🙏.*  
*Charlotte Cantrell Walters*



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**Charlotte Walters** - March 17, 2021 at 05:21 PM

FN

“ *Jill and family, you lost a precious loved one and my prayers are with you for God's comfort and perfect peace now and in the days ahead. I always enjoyed Mr. Robins violin playing and the joy he expressed while playing. Heaven now has another saint playing in the angel choir. God Bless you all. In Christ love, Felecia Nix*

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**Felecia Nix** - March 17, 2021 at 02:30 PM

SC

“ *Joe always had a smile on his face. It was a blessing to have him sing in the choir at Enoree Baptist Church and to play his violin when I served as minister of music there in the 1980s. My prayers are with the family.*

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**Steve Crouse** - March 17, 2021 at 01:55 PM

KL

“ I have a photo of Joe and my Father, Jack Galway, when they were 6 years old. They remained best friends for their lifetimes. Joe was the best man at my parents wedding, they went to school together at Greenville High and Clemson. I have memories of our family celebrations together. When my Mother past away Mary and Joe constantly checked on my Father to see if he was ok or needed something. We all should be so lucky to have childhood friends....that last a lifetime.

Joe was a true kind “Gentleman” and will be missed by his family and friends.

Sending my condolences to them all.

Rest In Peace Joe with your beautiful Mary.

Karen Galway Lake

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**Karen Galway Lake** - March 16, 2021 at 02:53 PM