



William J. Robinson

October 6, 1918 - March 4, 2011

William J. Robinson, 92, died on Friday, March 4, 2011 at the Sunrise in Paoli from complications of Alzheimer's Disease. He was the husband of the late Beatrice B. Robinson. Born on October 6, 1918 in Villanova, he was the son of the late Henrietta D. and William M. Robinson. He graduated from Lower Merion High School in 1936 and attended Pierce Business school and the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania. He began his career at the public accounting firm of John Heinz and Co. as an office boy. After becoming a senior accountant and a lot of traveling, he joined the insurance brokerage firm of Johnson and Higgins. He then had the time to pass the CPA exam and eventually became Treasurer. In 1953, he was offered the position of Assistant Controller of The Insurance Company of North America (now Cigna), became Controller in 1959 and was promoted to Vice-President/Controller in 1966. As much as he enjoyed working there, health issues forced him to take early retirement. He went on to enjoy various other positions, ending his long career as Director of Yasuda Fire and Marine Insurance Company Ltd. in NYC.

He was active in his church as an elder and trustee for many years. He was a Mason and a member of the Rotary Club. He was a member of both the American and the Pennsylvania Institute of CPA's and he was a past president of the Society of Insurance Accountants. He was a 50+ year member of the Union League of Philadelphia. He enjoyed traveling, collecting antique cars, St. Bernard dogs, gardening and mentoring people. He had an incredible sense of dry humor and was a joy to be around.

He was devoted to his wife, Beatrice, whom he met at church, courted relentlessly and finally married in 1940. He cared for her unwaveringly during her 15 year ordeal with Parkinson's disease -

telling her she was beautiful every day of her life, until her death in 2004.

He is survived by his daughter, Jeanette R. Baldwin, his son-in-law, Robert E. Baldwin and his beloved grandson, R. William Baldwin. He is also survived by his nephew, William F. Whiting, his niece, Margaret Smith, his great-niece, Stacie Fontinell and her two sons, Jack and Luke. His only sister, Margaret, passed away on February 2, 2011.

He will be remembered for his love of God and his care and devotion to his family and many friends. He was a true "gentleman" as was loved and respected by all who knew him. Even at 91 years of age, he would ask his daughter, "How can I help?" His humor, his sense of contentment and his consideration of others will be truly missed.

His funeral service will be held on Wednesday, March 16th, 11am in The First Presbyterian Church of Ardmore, Montgomery Avenue and Millcreek Road, Ardmore, PA, where you may call after 10:30am Interment will be at St. Paul's Lutheran Cemetery.

Memorials may be sent to the Ardmore Presbyterian Church.

