

Paul B. Robinson

Paul B. Robinson, age 62, of Grinnell and formerly of Cedar Rapids, died on Wednesday, June 27, 2012, at the Mayflower Community Health Care Center.

Paul was born on November 7, 1949 in Detroit, Michigan, to Albert P. and Elizabeth V. (Baker) Robinson and was raised in Garden City, Michigan. After graduating from Interlochen Arts Academy, he earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Russian Studies from the University of Michigan. He received a Juris Doctor degree in Law from Wayne State University and joined the Michigan State Bar in 1979. In 2001 he received a Master of Laws Degree in International Law from the University of Iowa.



During Paul's early years as an attorney, he specialized in labor law (union side), age-discrimination issues, and general law in Detroit. Later, he spent several years working for the U.S. Tank-Automotive Command in Warren, Michigan, for all branches of the Armed Forces, primarily contract issues regarding the procurement of tracked and wheeled vehicles. In 1995 Paul was hired by the United Nations as Legal Advisor to the Ministry of Trade & Industry, Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia. He wrote "Small Business in Mongolia," conducted business law seminars in outlying regions, reviewed new legislation, wrote educational material describing new laws in Mongolia, and translated documents from Russian to English. Unofficially, he enjoyed "wolf hunts" with the British Ambassador to Mongolia in rural areas. He never saw a wolf, but had several overnights in yurts with Mongolian families who were living the same way their ancestors did a few hundred years before.

Paul's passion was music. He used the piano skills acquired at Interlochen to both entertain as a soloist and to accompany other musicians. He was a member of the Detroit Concert Choir.

Paul is survived by his mother, Elizabeth (Baker) Robinson of Grinnell, and his sister, Linda (Dr. James) Paulson of Grinnell. He was preceded in death by his father.

Memorial contributions may be made in his name to the Mayflower Community Human Needs Fund or to Grinnell Regional Hospice, in care of Smith Funeral Home, P.O. Box 368, Grinnell, IA 50112.

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