

# GREEN VALLEY NEWSLETTER

## **In Loving Memory of John Robinson “The Mayor of Green Valley”**



John Robinson passed away in 2010 after serving tirelessly for over 60 years, working for the betterment of the people in our community. In November 2019 we started a campaign to raise money for a memorial marker for John. We exceeded our goal of \$3,500 and the remaining funds will be used for a memorial to John in the “John Robinson Town Square” currently under construction in Green Valley.

Special thanks to the following people. All of your efforts made this project a reality:

Tommy Baugh ~ Felecia Brice McFail ~ Ruthy Brown ~ Portia Clark

Fred Craddock ~ Rev. Adrian Nelson, II ~ Wilma Newby ~ Clyde Pelzer

Kim Roberts ~ Candace Robinson ~ Althea Roseboro ~ Dr. Alfred O. Taylor, Jr.

Frances Walker

John was loved and respected by so many people. As you will read in the following pages, sentiments came from far and wide. Donations and comments were received from the following individuals and families:

**Dianne Carroll**

**Carolyn Henderson** – *John Robinson did so much for the Green Valley Community. We all need to help with honoring his resting place with a marker.*

**Wanda Richardson** – *John has done so much for the community, I had to support this worthy cause. Thank you Althea for spearheading this campaign.*

**Portia Clark**

**Katie Cristol**

**Dr. Alfred O. Taylor, Jr.**

**Laura Tinter**

**Alfonso Lopez** – *Mr. Robinson was a truly good person and a great advocate for all of the residents of Green Valley – and the larger community.*

**Tonia Heggs** – *John Robinson was Green Valley's greatest change agent. He was and still is well admired, respected, and loved for his dedication and commitment to community and social change. There wasn't anything that John wouldn't do to help his neighbor, families, a friend, or even a stranger. He was the best. John Robinson and The MLK Community Center is greatly missed. John answered his calling as a missionary to the people, with great compassion. He was the greatest advocate for positive youth events and activities. His greatest strength was his commitment to get young people to become great and not settle for less. Thank you God for John Robinson.*

**Lindsay Malgieri**

**Carolyn Jackson**

**Kimberly Roberts** – *This is just a small token to acknowledge John Robinson for his tireless years of service to the Green Valley Community.*

**Judy Hadden**

**Mark Benbow**

**Donnie Hill**

**Gloria Fleming** – *I remember all he did for our neighborhood and people of Green Valley.*

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**Bobby/Leola Jordan** – *I donated because John Robinson was known by everybody and my husband, Robert Jordan, grew up in the neighborhood.*

**Detta Kissel**

**Fred Peterbark**

**Julius Spain, Sr.** – *I fully support and admire John Robinson and the rich African American history of Green Valley.*

**Shirley Beatty**

**Gene and Shelia Betit** – *Enclosed is a donation to the John Robinson memorial fund. As former parishioners' of Our Lady Queen of Peace parish, we remember John's good works in South Arlington. Gene also worked with John in many Social Justice issues. We are pleased to contribute.*

**C.A. Bonilla**

**Aaronita Brown**

**Ruthy Brown**

**Peggy Carter**

**Donald and Dawn Clark**

**Marcellous Cooper, Jr.**

**Brenda Cox**

**Fred Craddock**

**Carolyn Cudjoe**

**Kathleen Desmond** – *To honor the memory of John Robinson*

**Elizabeth Evans** – *In response to a request by Portia Clark for donations to purchase a marker for John Robinson, please find my enclosed check.*

**Artrelle Frost**

**Anita Green**

**Esther Green**

**Monica Hargrove**

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**Cleveland James, Jr.**

**Carleton Jenkins**

**Portia Linton**

**Macedonia Baptist Church**

**Mt. Zion Baptist Church**

**Charles Moran**

**Bruce Parham**

**Jerolene Pincham**

**Karen Plichta**

**Vernon Roberts**

**Florence Ross**

**Saint John's Baptist Church**

**Frances Sellers**

**Costella Shackelford**

**Peter and Jacque Smith**

**Mary Still**

**Clarence and Dianna Stukes**

**Dianna Taylor**

**Frances Walker**

**William White**

**Mary Beth Zimmerman**

**LaVerne Langhorn**



*Without your kind  
donations, this project  
would not have been  
possible.*

*We are eternally  
grateful for your  
support.*

**John Andelin and Virginia Geoffrey** – We understand that you're collecting funds to honor John Robinson with a grave marker and with support of Green Valley. We're pleased to support you in this. No one deserves it more.

**Violet Terry** – This is a good thing your church is doing for John. Sorry it isn't much.


**David and Toby Brooks** – We worked with dear John Robinson in the 1950s and 60s in civil rights and community development programs. Although we now live in Canada, we cherish our memories of the Arlington community.

**David and Sandra Green**



On Monday, January 20, 2020, The Robinson Family and members of the community, in conjunction with the Green Valley Civic Association, gathered at Pleasant Valley Memorial Park to recognize one of our greatest providers of service to the Arlington community. On this day of service, we unveiled John Robinson's grave marker purchased by the community.

Here are a few pictures taken at the unveiling. Thanks to Fred Peterbark for capturing the moment.



Celebrating a Legacy of Social Justice

### MEMORIAL GRAVE MARKER FUNDRAISER

November 4, 2019

Dear Friends of the late John Robinson,

Our beloved John Robinson passed away on November 4, 2019. He served the Green Valley / Arlington community for over 60 years and worked tirelessly for the betterment of our people. What better way to say thank you than to donate toward his memorial marker?

John did so much for the community and deserves to be honored with a marker on his grave. Pleasant Valley quoted a price of approximately \$1,000. We are asking all in the Green Valley / Arlington community to contribute and share this information with your friends and family.

A GoFundMe account (<https://www.gofundme.com/john-robinson-memorial-grave-marker-fundraiser>) has been established in conjunction with Lomax A.M.E. Zion Church to collect, account for, and distribute the monies received. If you wish to make a contribution by check, please send the check to Lomax A.M.E. Zion Church, 2704 South 24<sup>th</sup> Road, Arlington, VA 22206, marked for the John Robinson Memorial Fund, with a notation of "John Robinson Memorial Fund". Any monies received over the amount of the memorial fund will be dedicated to a commemoration of John at the Town Square in Green Valley.

John loved the Lord and we know that he would be very grateful to know that people can visit his marked grave site at Pleasant Valley Memorial Park.

Contact Althea Roseboro at 703-920-0933 or [hoccasions@aol.com](mailto:hoccasions@aol.com) for further information.

Thank you!















*A Special Note From the Family:*

*The Robinson family of the “Late and Great John Robinson”, would like to thank everyone who contributed to and put their hard work into purchasing the headstone for Uncle John.*

*We the family, are grateful for the extended family Uncle John always had to support him in his acts of kindness or just being there for the Green Valley Community.*

*Thank you and God Bless,*

*The Robinson Family*



# John Robinson's Infamous Quotes

**GET OUT AND  
VOTE! VOTE!  
VOTE!**

**The police looking  
for you too!**

**BAMMAS!**

**I am Royalty!  
And don't you forget it!**

**Hail Mary, full of Grace!**  
(along with hand movements  
in cross formation)

**Low Class  
N\_\_\_\_\_s!**

**Those are Be' Be' Kids**

**Cookie Monsters!**

**There goes the  
Queen of England!**

**We need more  
programs for these  
kids like Summer  
in the Parks**

**Knuckleheads!**

**You look like a dyin' duck  
in a thunderstorm!**

**Did you get that  
outfit from out  
of my office!**

**Jenny Craig is looking  
for you!**



For additional details and updates on the John Robinson Town Square, please contact the Green Valley Civic Association  
P.O. Box 6361  
Arlington, VA 22206  
[www.greenvalleyciv.org](http://www.greenvalleyciv.org)

As we enter into this new decade, let us remember all that John stood for. One of John's passions was to vote. Please get out and vote this November as the country is counting on it. John would be out in the streets, being chauffeured in someone's car, with his megaphone, spreading the word to get out and vote.

