



Roderick Douglas Robertson

May 25, 1933 - February 6, 2018

Roderick Douglas Robertson died Tuesday, February 6, 2018 from a heart attack at the age of 84. He was a fixture in the Art Museum area of Philadelphia. Many remember the gentleman who often walked with his hands behind his back, sometimes wearing a pith helmet in the summer or a long tan trench coat in the winter, and more often than not, carrying a large brown briefcase. He had a love of Flemish Giant rabbits that he kept as pets, and enjoyed going to the movies and listening to music. He was born in Mineral Wells, Texas, graduated as Valedictorian from Mineral Wells High School, and then graduated with honors from the University of Texas in Physics. Although his first job was with RCA Victor, he later returned to college, getting a graduate degree from Drexel University and began teaching Physics at Community College of Philadelphia. Teaching students became his life's calling. Frustrated by not finding the kind of textbooks he wanted, he wrote his own, and later even learned the craft of metal working so he could build the kind of lab equipment he needed. Mr. Robertson is survived by the three of children of his only sister, Rosemary Robertson Johnson. She passed away in May of 2017 at the age of 97. The surviving relatives are Carol Lunsford, Jan Manos and Eric Johnson, plus a large number of great nephews and nieces. Mr. Robertson also had a brother Donald Bruce Robertson who died in 1993. Parents of Rod Robertson were Beth Whatley Robertson and Angus Robertson, Jr. of Mineral Wells, Texas. Rod Robertson leaves a bequest at Community College of Philadelphia to provide scholarships to deserving

students. Those interested may also leave contributions to this cause so important to him, or may also contribute to the American-Aspergers Association: <https://www.autismspeaks.org/resource/american-aspergers-association>. Arrangements by the Dinan Funeral Home, 1923 Spring Garden St., Phila., PA 19130 Condolences may also be sent to www.dinanfuneralhome.com

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“ *Roderick Douglas Robertson*

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