

## Scott A. Robinson continued family civil rights legacy

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Scott A. Robinson was a dedicated son, husband, father, friend, educator, and advocate for justice.

He was born to Patricia Alsup Robinson on April 16, 1966. He died on June 14, 2013, after a lifelong battle with sickle cell anemia.

Born and raised in Minneapolis, his grandparents, Frank and Viola Alsup, instilled a strong sense of integrity, honesty and honorability in him. Inspired by his grandfather's community organizing work, Robinson was involved with NAACP youth activities and performed sickle cell advocacy work. Most recently, Robinson served as an advocate for the Alzheimer's Association at the Georgia State Legislature. He competed in, and coached golf and tennis from childhood into his later years.

Robinson graduated from Morehouse College in 1992 with a Bachelor of Arts in English and a minor in journalism. During and after college, Robinson was mentored by Johnson Publishing Company (Ebony and Jet Magazines) president and CEO, John H. Johnson, and the company's chief administration officer, LaDoris Foster. Robinson said his association with Johnson Publishing Company "gave me my life."

Robinson's association with Johnson had a profound impact on him as he became more aware of the power of education and the beauty of Black culture and history, and he became

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determined to celebrate Black culture through his teaching of young children.

In 1998 Robinson joined the International Leadership Institute in a diplomatic mission to South Africa and Zimbabwe, an experience that greatly impacted on his view of the world.

Robinson spent more than 16 years teaching in public and private schools, and non-profit community oriented environments in both Minneapolis and Atlanta. He created and implemented a civil rights immersion learning program; taking students from Minnesota to the historic southern states for a first-hand look at our nation's history.

More than his public accomplishments, Robinson was a dedicated family man with a strong network of great friends. His bright smile and loving spirit is what people will remember most about him. Robinson is survived by his mother, Patricia Alsup Robinson, wife Sonia Robinson, sons Sage Robinson, David Robinson and Alonzo Robinson, goddaughters Tyiesha Young and Samantha Shepherd, other relatives and hundreds of friends who loved him dearly.

His life was celebrated on June 30 at the Murray Brothers Funeral Home Cascade Chapel at 1199 Utoy Springs Road in Atlanta. A second memorial service was held on July 7 at the Emmanuel Tabernacle Church, 2501 E. 22nd St in Minneapolis. For those who wish to offer condolences, the family request that a contribution to the Sickle Cell Foundation of Georgia be made in Robinson's honor.