



FAYETTEVILLE — Nat Robertson, 92, of Fayetteville, died Monday, April 26, 2010.

Robertson was born Aug. 13, 1917, in New York and relocated to Cincinnati as a child. As a young adult, he worked with many youth organizations, operated businesses involving youth activities and served as a Scoutmaster with Boy Scouts of America.

He served in the Army and was stationed in the Fiji Islands during World War II. He attended Ohio State University and became interested in retail business after interning with an independent jeweler in Pensacola, Fla. He later moved to Gainesville, Fla., and opened his own jewelry store in the early 1950s.

Through his success, in the late 1960s, he was able to open what was to become the largest retail jewelry outlet in the Southeast. He also served on the board of directors and as the president of the Florida Jewelers Association.

In the early 1970s, Robertson sold his Gainesville location and relocated his family to Fayetteville. He opened Robertson Jewelers in the Tallywood Shopping Center in 1976. Robertson moved to Fayetteville as the only registered jeweler with the American Gem Society.

He retired in 1998 and enjoyed playing chess with friends and ballroom dancing. He volunteered with numerous groups, including the Airborne & Special Operations Museum and the March of Dimes. He was a faithful member of the Rotary Club and a member of Highland Presbyterian Church.

Robertson is survived by his son, Nat Robertson Jr., his daughter-in-law, Kim, and their family of Fayetteville; and two daughters and their families living in Gainesville, Karen Elizabeth Bolton and Debra Joyce Gray.

The family will hold a private celebration of his life. Arrangements are being handled by Sullivan's Highland Funeral Service of Fayetteville. Instead of flowers, the family is requesting a donation may be sent in his honor to the Fayetteville Rotary Club, P.O. Box 35164, Fayetteville, NC 28305.