



## **ROBINSON, E. GLENN**

### **Co A 383<sup>rd</sup> Infantry**

South Charleston, West Virginia  
Jan 1, 1924 – Feb 28, 2013 (Age 89)

E. Glenn Robinson, a long-time resident of South Charleston, passed away at his home on February 28, 2013, after a short illness; He was 89. Glenn was born in Charleston on January 1, 1924, the son of Elmer G. Robinson and Eva Rexrode Robinson. He was preceded in death by his parents and one sister, Martha L. Graham.

He attended Charleston schools and graduated from Charleston High School in the Class of 1940. After one year at (now) the University of Charleston, he entered the military service. Following World War II he returned to his education. He attended The Ohio State University from January, 1946 until he was awarded a B.Sc. degree in Business Administration, with honors. In 1948 he entered the Law School at Ohio State for one year before transferring to the College of Law at West Virginia University. In 1950 he received the JD degree from WVU, finishing first in his class.

He was awarded the Order of the Coif. During World War II Glenn served in the 96th Infantry Division of the United States Army. He saw extensive combat experience, having landed with the first assault waves on the Island of Leyte in the Philippines in October, 1944 and the Japanese Island of Okinawa in April, 1945. Glenn was severely wounded on Okinawa and spent seven months in military hospitals while recovering. His 96th Division was one of only four divisions to be awarded the Presidential Unit Citation for extraordinary valor in combat during the War. Glenn was awarded the Combat Infantryman's Badge, the Bronze Star and the Purple Heart, among other citations.

He started his practice of law in Charleston in 1950 and continued to be quite active until he chose to retire in 1991. During that period he was a partner in the firms of Shannon and Robinson (1950-1952), James, Wise, Robinson & Magnuson (1952-1976) and Love, Wise, Robinson & Wood roe (1976-1983). He was a founding partner of Robinson and McElwee in 1983 and continued to serve that firm as Of Counsel from the date of his retirement until his death. Glenn received many professional honors during his career. He was elected President of the Kanawha County Bar Association (1967), President of The West Virginia State Bar (1972), and President of the West Virginia Bar Association (1982). He was an Emeritus Member of the Fourth Circuit Judicial Conference, a Fellow Emeritus of the American College of Trial Lawyers, and a Life Fellow of the American Bar Foundation. He was a charter member of the West Virginia Defense Counsel, a charter member of the West Virginia Chapter of the American Board of Trial Advocates, and a member of the Organizing Committee of the John A. Field, Jr. American Inn of Court. He was twice awarded the State Bar's Certificate of Merit, the highest award made by the Board of Governors. He was one of the first twenty lawyers selected by its Board as a Fellow of the West Virginia Bar Foundation. Glenn was also active in civic and community affairs during his life. He served as President of The Children's Home Society of West Virginia and as an officer and director of Kanawha Country Club. He was an active member of First Presbyterian Church of South Charleston for more than sixty years and served as a Trustee for thirty years. He was a member of the Charleston Rotary Club for many years and received its award as a Paul Harris Fellow. Throughout his life Glenn was an enthusiastic sports fan, especially football and baseball. In his early years he was a big band musician in Charleston

and Columbus. He was a collector of big band and traditional jazz recordings. In later years travelling became a favorite activity. He had visited all fifty states and thirty countries. But his greatest pleasure was enjoying trips, with his family, to his second home near Green Bank in Pocahontas County.

Glenn often said that the smartest thing he ever did was to marry his beloved wife and best friend, Emma Lou. They shared 65 years together and she survives him, along with their-four children: Richard G. Robinson of Green Bank, Martha L. (Wesley) Chandler of Greenville, South Carolina, William E. (Julie) Robinson of South Charleston, and Ann K. Robinson of South Charleston; three grandchildren, Jessica A. Robinson of South Charleston, Andrew G. (Karen) Robinson of Houston, Texas, and Laura M. Chandler of Fort Mill, South Carolina; one great grandson; and numerous nieces, grandnieces and grandnephews.

Family and Friends may call at Snodgrass Funeral Home, South Charleston from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM, Sunday, March 3. Funeral Services will be held at the funeral home on Monday, March 4, at 11:00 AM with the Rev. Gary McGrew officiating. Burial will follow in Sunset Memorial Park, South Charleston. In lieu of flowers the family suggests that memorial donations be made to First Presbyterian Church of South Charleston, 508 Second Ave., South Charleston, WV 25303 or to a charity of your choice. Condolences may be sent to the family through [www.snodgrassfuneral.com](http://www.snodgrassfuneral.com) and selecting the obituary. Snodgrass Funeral Home is handling the arrangements.