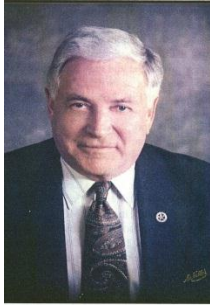


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OKOBOJI – Robins Hollister Jackson, a veritable lion of the construction industry, passed away September 8, 2009 of a massive heart attack. Robins was born in Toulon, Ill. to Lester T. Jackson and Elvene Robins Jackson on March 23, 1924. At age 2, the family moved to Cedar Rapids where he resided throughout his childhood. Upon graduation from St. John’s Military Academy, he enrolled at Iowa State University, but was called to military duty soon after he began studies. Robins served three years in the Army Air Corps, mainly in a B-29 group on the island of Saipan in the South Pacific. He returned home and earned his engineering degree from ISU and received a commission in the Air Force Reserves. He retired as a major in 1967.

Upon graduation from ISU, Robins joined his brother Bill’s firm in Emmetsburg. In 1957, when Jackson Construction Co. shifted emphasis from building to primarily highway paving, the firm moved its headquarters to Nevada (Iowa) to be near its primary market area. After unsuccessful attempts to expand operations in Texas and Louisiana, all operations were eventually consolidated in Waterloo, where Robins’ son Stephen heads the company, now renamed Cedar Valley Corp.

At the time of his death, Jackson was chairman emeritus of Cedar Valley Corp. and a board member of Aspro Inc. and BMC Aggregates LC. He had a long history of involvement in the construction industry association. During his career, Robins served as president of the Iowa Concrete Paving Association, the American Concrete Paving Association, Associated General Contractors of Iowa and most notably in 1992 the Associated General Contractors of America. After completing his term, he was invited to serve as president of the Confederation of International Contractors’ Association, a worldwide confederation of five regional contracting federations. During that tenure, he and his wife, Ro, traveled to 32 countries.

Locally, Robins served on the Dickinson County Planning and Zoning Committee and was an active member of St. Alban’s Episcopal Church. He was also a Mason and Shriner.