

CHARLES S. ROBERTSON, EX-INVESTMENT BANKER AND A PHILANTHROPIST

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Charles Sammis Robertson, a philanthropist and former investment banker in New York, died Saturday at his home in Delray Beach, Fla. He was 76 years old.

In 1961, Mr. Robertson and his first wife, the former Marie Louise Hoffman, who was an A.&P. heiress, gave \$35 million to Princeton University to endow a graduate program for the Woodrow Wilson School for Public and International Affairs, with the proviso that the donors of the gift, the largest ever received by Princeton, remain anonymous.

After Mrs. Robertson died in 1972, her husband reluctantly disclosed the source in 1973 because of great pressure on Princeton to reveal it. Campus radicals had charged that the money had come from the Central Intelligence Agency. The gift was made through the Robertson Foundation, which was established for that purpose.

The \$35 million gift was retained as capital, while the interest and money borrowed on it financed a \$4 million new building for the Woodrow Wilson School and a revision of its graduate curriculum. Helped L.I. Research Laboratory

The Robertsons also aided the Cold Spring Harbor (L.I.) Laboratory, and their gifts were said to have been instrumental in helping it to maintain its pre-eminence in cancer and neurobiology research. The Robertson estate in Lloyd Harbor, L.I., was also given to the laboratory, which uses it for seminars and meetings.

Mr. Robertson was born in New York City. He graduated magna cum laude from Princeton in 1926 with a degree in English. During World War II, he was a commander in the Navy. He was a limited partner of Smith Barney, stockbrokers, now Smith Barney Harris Upham & Company.

Mr. Robertson is survived by his second wife, the former Jane Gent Cain; three daughters, Katherine R. Ernst of LaVerne, Calif., Anne R. Meier of Huntington, L.I., and Marie Damon of Essex Fells, N.J.; two sons, William S. of Huntington, and John L. of Big Fork, Mont.; a sister, Marjorie W. Rose of Cold Spring Harbor, and eight grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held at 4:30 P.M. Friday at St. John's Episcopal Church in Cold Spring Harbor.

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