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DR MENDELL

In the early 1960s, Dr. Robinson developed a micro-prosthetic implant designed to replace the smallest bone in the human body - the stapes - what was then one of the leading causes of hearing loss in adults. The striking, unprecedented success rate (95.5%) of Robinson's implant brought Dr. Robinson's practice a high degree of international reknown, drawing patients and observing physicians to Providence from as far away as China, Egypt and India. The Robinson Stainless Steel Stapes Prostheses remains, to the present day, one of the most effective and widely used micro-ear implants in the world.

Closer to home, Dr. Robinson had successfully restored the hearing (and thereby touched the lives of) so many thousands of Rhode Island patients and their families during nearly a half century of practice that on at least two separate occasions former Providence Mayor Vincent "Buddy" Cianci had officially declared "Mendell Robinson Day" in the City of Providence, the most recent of which was June 6, 1993, when Dr. Robinson retired as Director of Otolaryngology at The Miriam Hospital. The physician was presented with a key to the City. The State Legislature also acknowledged Dr. Robinson's profoundly beneficial effects on the lives of Rhode Island's residents, and also officially declared June 6, 1993 to be "Mendell Robinson Day" in the Ocean State.

In 1972, while still retaining his Providence practice, Dr. Robinson moved his family to Rehoboth, MA, where a growing interest in equestrian activity inspired the construction of a facility that has twice been named "Horse Farm of the Year" by the Massachusetts Farm Bureau.

Dr. Robinson's present and past affiliations include The University Club, a member emeritus of the Brown Faculty Club, The Ida Lewis Yacht Club, The Rhode Island Medical Society, The American Medical Association, The American Otological Society, The Rhode Island Historical Society, The Rhode Island School of Design Museum, The Massachusetts Forestry Association, The Rhode Island Audubon Society (whose land holdings in Newport were, to a significant extent, donated by Dr. Robinson), The Miriam Hospital Foundation, and

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ROBINSON, MENDELL, M.D., of Rehoboth, MA, born April 8, 1926, died September 29, 2007 at home.



Dr. Robinson's birth was one of the very first at The Miriam Hospital in Providence which had opened its doors just one week earlier and at which, years later, Dr. Robinson would eventually serve as Director of Otolaryngology at the very same hospital.

Son of the late Anna and Sigmund Robinson, Dr. Robinson attended Hope High School and Brown University, from which he was graduated Magna Cum Laude in 1949 (after a two year hiatus during which he served in the Second World War). Subsequent to his graduation from Brown, Dr. Robinson secured his medical degree from Tufts University Medical School, from which he also graduated Magna Cum Laude in 1953 and, in a feat unprecedented in the history of the medical school, secured three out of only four academic awards given to member of the graduation class.

Dr. Robinson interned at the Rhode Island Hospital and did his Residency at the Massachusetts Eye & Ear Infirmary, after which he engaged in additional post graduate work at Harvard Medical School. In 1958, he established a private practice in Otolaryngology (later narrowing his specialty to Otology) on Providence's East Side as The Miriam Hospital's Director of Otolaryngology from 1958-1993