

Edgar George Robinson

March 4, 1921 – March 25, 1937

Edgar G. Robinson, 16, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Robinson of Bowdle, SD, passed away on March 25, 1937, at Sioux Valley Hospital in Sioux Falls, SD.

Born on March 4, 1921, in Campbell County, SD, Edgar attended the South Dakota School for the Deaf from 1935 to 1937, where he was a seventh-grade student at the time of his passing.

He had been in fragile health for several years, battling a chronic bone disease, osteomyelitis. Despite multiple operations and long hospital stays, his condition left him with both legs encased in plaster casts, stiff hip joints, and severe difficulty walking. He managed to move only with the aid of crutches and the support of classmates. During this time of struggle, he also lost his hearing. Still, Edgar showed remarkable determination, continuing with his studies and striving for independence in daily life.

The *Rushmore Beacon* wrote warmly of him: *“He was deeply interested in his studies—eager and ambitious. He strove constantly to be independent, asking as little help as possible from others. Though at times his body was racked with pain, though a severe cripple confined to his chair while his schoolmates rushed about free to enjoy their sports and fun, and though the future looked dark and dreary, no one could ever say Edgar complained or grumbled, or tried to blame others for his trouble. We shall ever remember him as a brave and beautiful spirit, full of patience and indomitable courage, never lacking in thoughtfulness of others, often laughing and joking with a keen sense of humor in the face of pain, quickly winning the sympathy and love of everyone who came in contact with him.”*

Edgar is survived by his parents and five brothers and sisters. The body was returned to Bowdle, SD, for final rites and interment, with arrangements by Miller Funeral Home.

