

Grover C. Robbins' son dies

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Local developer and philanthropist Harry C. Robbins died Sunday at Blowing Rock Hospital.

Robbins' family is responsible for bringing Tweetsie Railroad back to the High Country, as well as developing Hound Ears and other local projects. Robbins was the late son of Grover C. Robbins. Earlier this year, the Beech Mountain Parkway was given the honorary name "Grover C. Robbins Highway" in honor of Grover Robbins' contributions to the High Country. The family also owns the Blowing Rock.

Robbins is survived by his wife, Barbara J. Robbins, daughter Wendy, son Mark Robbins and son Christopher Robbins, one of the current operators of Tweetsie Railroad. Funeral services for Robbins will be conducted Wednesday at 2 p.m. at Ruple Memorial Presbyterian Church in Blowing Rock. Friends will be received Tuesday night from 6-8 p.m. at Hampton Funeral Service.

The family has yet to release an official statement.