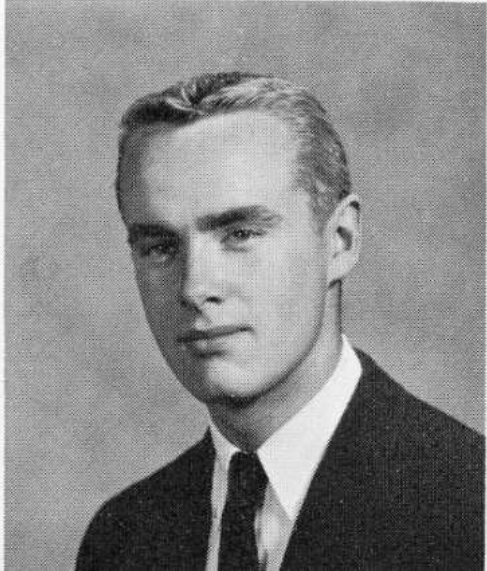


Samuel C. Nuckols

April 2, 1939 - December 24, 2022

January 4, 2023



LANCASTER—**Samuel Claiborne Nuckols**, 83, of Lancaster passed away December 24, 2022.

He is survived by his wife of 55 years, Ella J. Nuckols; daughters, Margaret Williams (Silas) and Paige S. Nuckols; sister-in-law, Virginia Jackson; and his beloved dogs, Cooper, Katie and Molly.

Mr. Nuckols earned his undergraduate

from Dartmouth College and graduated from University of Pennsylvania Architecture School. He practiced in the Northern Neck for 30 years.

There will be no services.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Northern Neck Rotary Club Scholarship Fund.

Currie Funeral Home LLC of Kilbuck handled the arrangements.

The Following sections are excerpts from Sam's submission for our 50th Reunion book, Paths We've Taken.

June 1961: Graduation at last. Proud of the accomplishment but sad to leave.

9/61-9/63: Thanks to ROTC reported to Fort Belvoir, Va., as a 2nd Lieutenant in the Army Corps of Engineers. Served in Fort Bliss, Texas, with the 815 Engineer Construction Battalion, then to Sondrestrom, Greenland, return to Fort Bliss and then to Korat, Thailand, as Executive Officer of the 9th Logistic Command.



Sam Nuckols with Silas Williams (son-in-law), Paige Meg, Ella, and miscellaneous farm dogs and horses

9/63–5/66: Attended University of Pennsylvania, Graduate School of Fine Arts, and graduated with a Master of Architecture. Was fortunate to be a recipient of a Dales Traveling Fellowship and spent five months in Europe visiting churches and museums and studying the hill towns in Italy and France. Ten thousand miles on a Triumph 650; a fantastic experience.

6/66–5/72: Worked for several architectural firms in Philadelphia. Married Ella Sinkler Jackson, 4/18/67, in St. David's Church, Wayne, Penn. Passed the Architectural Board Exams on the first try (more luck than knowledge?). Bought our first house in Moylan-Rose Valley (1840 Spring House) and learned the art of old house renovation. Our first daughter, Margaret Z. Nuckols (Meg), born 1969. We loved Pennsylvania but missed New England.

6/72–9/92: Moved north to Carlisle, Mass., and joined Sasaki Associates (Architecture, Landscape Architecture, and Planning). After renting for a while, we built a new house on four acres of land overlooking a pond. Our second daughter, Paige S.

Nuckols, born 8/5/74. Sasaki Associates was an exciting and rewarding experience as we won several international competitions and received national awards. But after 10 years I felt it was time for a change and was persuaded to become a principal at Acorn Structures in Acton, Mass. Acorn was a small company that designed and manufactured high-end panelized houses and light commercial structures. At that time we were ahead of the curve on passive and active solar design and implementation. We were green before green was in. Meg heads off to

St. Lawrence University to study economics and environmental science. Paige and Ellis get into horses and a small barn is built on our property. The savings and Loan recession of the late '80s and early '90s catches Acorn by surprise (Harvard MBA Partners not infallible.) and we are bought out by Deck House, who has no interest in keeping the old principals around. So much for private stock. Ella says she is tired of frozen water buckets and Paige is headed to Hollings College in Virginia. Despite the recession, our house sells in six weeks.

9/92-9/2010 and counting. Relocated to the Northern Neck in Virginia. Surrounded by water on three sides (Potomac River to the north, Chesapeake Bay to the east, and Rappahannock to the south) we have found the promised land. We were fortunate to find 56 acres on the water and built a new house that has now expanded into Claiborne's Farm, an equestrian training and teaching facility run by daughter Paige and managed by wife Ella. I have a small 1-1/2 person architectural firm that has enjoyed considerable success primarily designing residential structures but also including some institutional and commercial work. When my architectural practice allows and after the pastures are mowed, I enjoy bicycling, rowing an Alden shell, and sailing. That 1965 Triumph is about to get restored but in the meantime I am cruising the back roads on a new Triumph

Bonneville. Boat shoes, shorts, and polo shirts—life is good on the Northern Neck.