



William Rucker Marrin

March 15, 1934 – April 10, 2021

William Rucker “Fox” Marrin, 87 years of age, lost his long battle with diabetes on April 10, 2021 in his home in Sandy Spring, GA surrounded by his children, wife, and loving caregivers. Fox was born in Richmond, Virginia in 1934 to Edward and Margaret Marrin and was raised on Hanover Avenue along with his four siblings (Edward, Tommy, Jane and Suzanne).

He was educated in Richmond, VA and attended St. Benedict’s School, Cathedral High School and Thomas Jefferson High School. It was during these years where he received his lifelong nickname “Fox” due to his prowess on the basketball court. He was drafted into the Army in 1954 and reported to Fort Jackson, SC for training. His military service took him to Camp Gordon, GA and onto Stuttgart, Germany where he served as a communications specialist. He was honorably discharged in 1956 and returned home to complete his studies at the University of Richmond where he earned a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration in 1959. During college he was the class president of the business school and was an enormously proud member of Kappa Sigma Fraternity where he served as Beta-Beta Chapter Grand Marshall. When recently asked which of his fellow Kappa Sigma brothers were his best friends, he replied: “All of them. I love every one of them.” In 2019 Fox was an honorary recipient of the Kappa Sigma Appreciation Award from the Beta-Beta Foundation.

In 1958 Fox married the love of his life, Nancy Glass Dixon, a teacher from Buena Vista, VA. His long career in the graphic arts industry took the two of them to Roanoke, VA, Shreveport, LA, Munster, IN, South Bend, IN and eventually back to Virginia. In 1998 Fox embraced his entrepreneur spirit and founded a small business in Manassas, VA. He finished his career as the owner of Budget Sign and Graphics while Nancy was teaching business classes at Osbourn Park High School.

Along the way they raised three children and were blessed with nine wonderful grandchildren. Fox had a profound love and loyalty to family and his church. He was an active participant in all activities related to his children and grandchildren, and loved being updated on the happenings of all his relatives. Despite his extensive travels, he had a consistent love and yearning for Richmond, VA and it is there where he will return to be buried amongst his beloved family members.

Fox loved "being-Fox". He was an avid sportsman, enjoyed the outdoors, and had an inspiring sense of adventure and courage. He enjoyed current events, valued freedom, doing things his own way, and had an impressive resolve despite many untold challenges. He was an active member of the Knights of Columbus, the Manassas Rotary Club, and a Minister of Holy Communion at All Saints Catholic Church. However, his most precious legacy is his unyielding commitment to God and his church, a gift that he has successfully passed onto his children and grandchildren.

Fox is survived by his wife Nancy (Sandy Springs, GA); Bill and Alice Marrin (Sandy Springs, GA); Dave and Ellen Marrin (Berkeley, CA); Alice and Wright Turner (Roswell, GA); nine grandchildren (Sarah, Lizzie, Helen, Davey, Ellie, Billy, Kate, John Wright, and Will); brother Thomas Marrin and his wife Susie Marrin (Freemont, CA); and sisters Jane M. Baughan (Richmond, VA) and Suzanne M. Nesi (Furlong, PA).

The Marrin Family is eternally grateful for the numerous caregivers and medical professionals that provided such loving care for their father during his most difficult days, particularly Shirley DeOliveira for her love and commitment to our parents. Shirley was supported by a host of others including Steve, Althea, Josephine, Addy, Hadassah, Ronald and many others.

A memorial service will be held at St. Andrew Catholic Church in Roswell, GA on Monday April 19th at 10:30 AM. A celebration reception will be held on Sunday, April 25th at 3:00 pm at 3313 Hanover Avenue, Richmond, VA. On Monday, April 26th at 10:30 am there will be a graveside service at Mount Calvary Cemetery in Richmond, VA.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be sent to St. Andrew Catholic Church, 675 Riverside Rd, Roswell, GA 30075.