



Edward Coalson Sams

March 17, 1946 - September 20, 2015

Edward (Ned) Coalson Sams died on Sept. 20, 2015 in Grass Valley. He was 69.

Ned was born on March 17, 1946 in Washington, D.C., to Margaret Coalson and Gerald Roe Sams. Ned's early years were filled with stories told by his parents about their time spent as prisoners of war during WWII. Stories of starvation, resourcefulness and liberation made a lasting impression on Ned's life.

Ned attended Menlo-Atherton High School where he played football. He went to Montana State University in Missoula, Montana, and played football for the Champs. He attended California College of the Arts in Oakland, California and pursued his passion for pottery and photography.

In 1968, Ned was awarded the "Sherry Ceramics Award" for his ceramics Antiquity Jar. His work was featured at the Crocker Art Museum in Sacramento. As a photographer, he loved capturing nature.

He continued to play football into his 30s as a defensive end for the semi-pro Sacramento Statesmen.

Ned was in attendance at Candlestick Park during Game 3 of the World

Series and witnessed the 6.9 earthquake.

Ned was married to his high school sweetheart, Ruth Harrington, from 1967 to 1974. Ned and Gisela Ramien were married from 1975 to 1997. They raised sons John David, Eric and Gabriel Sams. Ned was married to Margaret Wilcoxin from 1998 to 2006.

He worked for his father at Data Optics as a salesman until 1974. Afterwards, he worked as a salesman in the corrugated paper business.

Over the years, he worked for International Paper Company, Boise Cascade, Stone Container, American River Packaging, and Heritage Paper. He founded Bulk Bin Packaging in 1998. His youngest son, Gabriele, and partner Laurie Schechterle continue the business.

In 2008 at the age of 62, Ned suffered a massive stroke. His determination allowed him to witness the births and lives of his grandchildren.

Survivors include Ned's children, John Sams (Blacie Sams and Conner Sams), Eric Sams (Lori Sams, Michelle Sams, and Gabrielle Sams), and Gabriel Sams (Sara Meyers, Kai Meyers, and Brennon Sams); and sisters, Gerry Schwede and Kathy White (Randy White).

Ned is preceded in death by his parents, Gerald and Margaret Sams, and brother David Sams.

Services will be held at noon on Saturday, Sept. 26 at Chapel of the Angels located at 250 Race Street in Grass Valley. Relatives and friends are welcome at the service and reception immediately following the service at Condon Park.

Previous Events

MEMORIAL SERVICE

SEP **26**. 12:00 PM (PT)

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