



Samuel Howell Gross Jr.

June 17, 1945 - June 20, 2023

Samuel Howell Gross, Jr. 1945-2023 age 78 passed away peacefully at home in Sarasota, FL on June 20, 2023 following a severe heart attack on the golf course a few weeks earlier. He is survived by his beloved wife of 50 years Patricia Gail Connelly (72), brother Ragan Gross (75) sister-in-law Sylvia Adele Ajali (58), son Christopher Connelly Gross (43), daughter Kelly Rea Richey (46), son-in-law Derek Michael Richey (43), and grandsons, Lincoln Dee Richey (14), Davontay Howell Richey (13), and Colin Ryder Richey (10). Sam was born in Hagerstown, MD; graduated from North Hagerstown High school in 1963; and graduated from the University of Tennessee in 1969 with an BA in Architecture. He proudly worked for 20 years with the Washington, D.C. office of Skidmore, Owings, and Merrill until he started his own firm Eviron, Inc. where he served as President until his retirement in 2012. Sam believed passionately in leaving his architectural mark on the world through his buildings and his paintings and he had a deep reverence for the environment. He was an avid golfer who proudly scored his only hole in one on the Belle Haven Country Club golf course in 2014. Above all, Sam was devoted to his family and friends. In keeping with his wishes, a private family-only farewell ceremony will be held in his honor. Donations to any environmental cause are welcomed.