



Sam Scrutchins

July 15, 1945 - February 17, 2022

It is with deep sadness that we announce the sudden passing of our father Samuel “Sam” Harvey Scrutchins on February 17, 2022 at the age of 76 in his hometown, Benicia, CA, where he resided for the past 46 years. He profoundly loved his home and family and will be dearly missed by his former wife and mother of his four children, Marilyn Scrutchins, his four children, Elaina Scrutchins, Hillary Scrutchins, Joanna Leal (John Leal), Benjamin Scrutchins (Destiny Scrutchins), four grandchildren, Payden, Annika, Sophia, Sam, and best friend, Alice Donovan.

Born July 15, 1945, in Lake City, FL, Sam was the beloved adopted son of Thomas Scrutchins and Mary West. He was a proud Eagle Scout and member of the high school football team. He served in the Army and the Army Reserves. Sam became a CPA when he graduated with a degree in Accounting from the University of Florida in 1968 and was an avid Florida Gators fan. Sam worked as a Senior Analyst for the Federal General Accountability Office for 39 years. He loved his job and most enjoyed auditing the IRS and reviewing the feasibility of Inertial Confinement Fusion.

Sam was devoted to his family and raising his children. For many years he dedicated all his time outside of the office to managing the local swim team, the Benicia Blue Dolphins, in which his children were very active. He was passionate about meteorology, science, and extraterrestrial life. After retirement, Sam traveled extensively, worked exhaustingly on home improvement projects, and obsessively followed politics and the stock market. He was a life-long learner of science, devouring periodicals, articles, and programs to remain current.

When Sam was 72, he discovered his biological father through “23 and Me.” Having lived his life as an adopted son, finding his birth family and connecting with three brothers and three sisters brought him tremendous fulfillment and joy. In short order, a large family reunion was held in Texas in 2018.

Sam’s life will be celebrated at the Community Congregational Church in Benicia on

Saturday, February 26, at 2PM. All are invited to share in his memory both in person and via zoom. A zoom link will be shared. All are welcome.

Previous Events

Memorial Service

FEB 26. 2:00 PM.

Community Congregational Church

Tribute Wall

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“ Sam and I slept together for a year in high school . . . relax! It was a boarding school, and we had twin beds. We kept in touch, deeply, for the next 58 years. Think about that. How can that happen? Must be because he was a dude of the first order. I'm absolutely crushed.
Chuck Shepherd

Chuck Shepherd - March 14 at 07:00 PM

TE

“ So sorry about Sam. I guess my best memory was when Conni and I, Sam and Marilyn, and Dana and Charles went to see "Jesus Christ Superstar" in Dallas somewhere around the year 1972. (Us three couples hung out together allot then). We sat in the front row of the auditorium. We all had typed copies of the play's transcript and flipped the pages throughout the presentation. If I recall correctly, I think we also shared a magnum of champagne (sparkling wine) while the show was going on. In later years, Sam and I disagreed politically but I always considered him a friend even though he de-friended me on Facebook over politics. Again, bye Sam and if there is an afterlife maybe we will meet again. Prayers for you, Marilyn and the rest of your family.

Tim Elkins

Tim Elkins - February 26 at 06:16 PM

MR

“ I met Sam when my kids joined the Benicia Blue Dolphins. I quickly learned that he was the dedicated and driving force for the team. He worked tirelessly for the team. He was intelligent, tough but fair , a quick and great sense of humor, fun and loved his family dearly. He will be missed. May he Rest In Peace. Love and hugs to the family.
May, Bob, Kim and Chris Ryan

May Ryan - February 26 at 01:55 PM