



Samuel Dennis McCullough

October 25, 1930 - February 23, 2025

Samuel McCullough, age 94, of Bloomington, MN, passed away on February 23, 2025. Sam was born in Toronto, Canada, on October 25th, 1930, to Lucy and Samuel McCullough, who had emigrated from Belfast. In 1947, when he was 16, the family moved from Canada to Chester, Pennsylvania, where he graduated from high school. He joined the army during the Korean War and was able to attend college on the GI bill, as well as become an American citizen.

He met his wife, Patty, at a fraternity party in 1956, and when he returned to his room that evening, he told a friend he just met the girl he was going to marry. They were married in September 1957, and in 1958, Sam graduated from Franklin and Marshall College. After graduation, Sam worked as a salesman in several firms, moving to Roanoke, Virginia, and to Park Forest, Illinois.

In 1962, the couple moved to Minnesota where Sam established his manufacturers' representative agency, S. D. McCullough and Associates. He proved very successful, heading a team of salesmen and covering a seven-state area. He introduced plastic pipe and fittings when they were just coming into the market, and successfully pioneered them, promoting the sale of plumbing products through manufacturers' representatives. Sam was one of the founders and a president of The National Association of Manufacturers

Representatives. In 2015, he was inducted into the Association of Industry Manufacturers Representatives Hall of Fame in recognition of the major role his company played in the sale of plumbing products.

Sam loved the Twin Cities and what they offered, attending Minnesota Orchestra concerts, the Guthrie Theater and the Minnesota Opera. He served on the boards of The Minneapolis Institute of Art, The Minnesota Museum of American Art, the Midwest Art Conservation Center and The Minnesota Opera. He was especially dedicated to The Minneapolis Institute of Art and served on their board for sixteen years. He was an active fund raiser for the arts, chairing the Major and Special Gifts Committee, and was very instrumental in raising funds for the Bring Art to Life campaign for the Target Wing in 2006.

Sam had an amazing fashion sense, usually dressed in a three-piece tailored suit. He also had a marvelous sense of humor, which became more self-deprecating in his later years. Patty always had "a lot of material with which to work!"

Sam is survived by his wife of 67 years, Patty; daughters, Stephanie (Garth) and Alexandra (Scott); grandchildren, Jacob (Sarah), Ashlyn, and Jacqueline; great-grandchildren, Delilah and Ezra; and sister, Dorothy. He was preceded in death by his son, Evan, who left us in 2017. Sam was a very special person and will be greatly missed.

Memorial service to be held on Friday, March 7th, at 11 AM, at Washburn-McReavy Bloomington Chapel, 2300 W Old Shakopee Rd, Bloomington, MN 55431. Visitation one hour prior.

In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Minneapolis Institute of Art or donor's choice.

Previous Events

Visitation

MAR 7. 10:00 AM - 11:00 AM (CT)

Bloomington Chapel
2300 W. Old Shakopee Road
Bloomington, MN 55431
(952) 884-8145
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Memorial Service

MAR 7. 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM (CT)

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Tribute Wall

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“ Dear Alex - I am so sorry for your loss, and send my condolences to your mother and the rest of your family as well, I hope the memories you all share are of comfort now and a solace going forward.
In sincere sympathy, Marta Bowman

Marta Bowman - March 07, 2025 at 06:59 PM

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“ Patty, Barb and I are saddened to hear about Sam's passing. We won't be able to attend, although I planned on it, because I came down with Vertigo last night and driving is not advised. IThe impact Sam had on my life words can't describe. He taught me so much about being the best rep I can be. He lead by example.Barb and I will say a special prayer for Sam and your family.
God Speed,
Chuck Webb

Charles Webb - March 06, 2025 at 04:30 PM