



Quincy Norris Williams

July 7, 1931 - November 9, 2023

Quincy Norris Williams of Gladwyne, Pa. died on November 9, 2023 at Bryn Mawr Hospital. Born on July 7, 1931 in Philadelphia, Pa. He was the son of Frances (Sue) Gillmore Williams and R. Norris Williams II, a survivor of the Titanic and a renowned tennis champion. He was preceded in death by his brother Duane Norris Williams, sister Frances-Sue Williams Ganoe and son-in-law William R. Griffin Jr.

Quincy graduated from The Haverford School (1949) and Harvard University (1953). He spent two winters in Alaska, courtesy of the U.S. Army, and then earned an MBA from The Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania.

Quincy joined Smith, Kline & French Laboratories in 1957 and surprised everyone, including himself by staying with the company for 29 years. He spent most of his career in general management positions. In 1971, he moved his family to Palo Alto, California to assume responsibility for one of SK&F's medical diagnostic businesses and in 1977 was named President of several allied subsidiaries. In 1979, Quincy returned to Philadelphia where he accepted a corporate staff position with responsibility for developing a strategic plan for the firm's varied businesses in Japan and China. In 1986, he retired from SK&F and joined Fujisawa Pharmaceutical Company as President of U.S. operations, a position from which he retired in 1990. As a result of his interest and experience in Asian affairs, Quincy was a founding member and director

of The Japan-America Society of Greater Philadelphia

Quincy was a lifelong member of The Merion Cricket Club and was an avid tennis player until his mid-eighties. He was a member of The Fox Club and The Ausable Club where he and his family spent summer vacations beginning in 1939. He was also involved in the various alumni organizations of the schools he attended. He was a dog lover, dedicated family man, accomplished vegetable gardener, furniture maker and woodworker and an inveterate putterer.

He is survived by his wife of 67 years, Nancy (nee Gillen), three children, Lydia Williams Griffin, Quincy Gillmore Williams and Alison Williams Gagnon (Robert), as well as six grandchildren. He is also survived by a brother Richard Norris Williams III of Newtown Square Pa.

Services will be held at 2 pm on Saturday, November 18, 2023 at St. David's Episcopal Church (Old Church), 763 South Valley Forge Road, Wayne, Pa. Burial will be private.

Memorial donations may be made to The Haverford School, 450 Lancaster Ave., Haverford, Pa. 19041 Or The Ausable Club Preservation Foundation, 137 Ausable Rd. St Huberts, NY 12943

Previous Events

Memorial Service

NOV 18. 2:00 PM (ET)

St. David's Episcopal Church
763 South Valley Forge Road
Wayne, PA 19087

Tribute Wall



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November 14, 2023 at 10:12 PM



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