



## Samuel Matthews Vauclain III

July 3, 1915 - November 20, 2007

### SAMUEL MATTHEWS VAUCLAIN, III

Samuel Matthews Vauclain, III formerly of Ardmore died on November 20, in Waverly Heights, at the age of 92. He was born in Bryn Mawr, PA on July 3, 1915 of parents Jacques Leonard Vauclain and Myra Elliot Vauclain. He attended The Haverford School, graduating from The Lawrenceville School in 1933. He graduated from Princeton University in 1938 and was a member of The Elm Club.

After graduation, he went to work as a geological scout for the Sun Oil Company in Mississippi. Drafted into the Army on December 10, 1941, he completed his basic training at Fort Bragg. Sent to OCS at Ft. Sill, OK, Sam was commissioned 2nd Lieutenant in October 1942, and transferred to the Military Intelligence Training Center at Camp Ritchie, MD where he taught a terrain intelligence course. In January 1944, he was shipped to the South Pacific, serving in the Intelligence Service at Lae, Finchhaven and Hollandia in New Guinea. Then on to Leyte and Luzon in the Philippines and finally to Manila. He collected the Bronze Star Medal and Philippine Liberation Award, leaving the Army as a Captain in January 1946.

Mr. Vauclain returned to work with Sun Oil's exploration office in Tallahassee, FL. In 1947, he was transferred to Jackson, MS as assistant district geologist, and, in 1952, he was moved to Sun Oil's Philadelphia headquarters as regional staff geologist. Appointed Head Staff Geologist in 1956 for Sun's U.S. and Canadian operations, he served in this capacity until April 1971 when he

took early retirement. Several years later, he became Treasurer of Thomas Jefferson Hospital's The Penny Wise Thrift Shop in Ardmore until the mid-90's.

A former member of The Merion Cricket Club, Rittenhouse Club, Racquet Club of Philadelphia, The Nassau Club, Princeton Club of Philadelphia. Princeton Club of New York, and American Association of Professional Landmen, he was a member of The Military Order of Foreign Wars of the United States, The American Legion Post #945, and C.C. Morris Cricket Library Association,.

Mr. Vauclain is predeceased by his wife, Edwina Flowers Vauclain whom he married in Jackson, MS on April 25, 1942. He is survived by his daughters, Edwina F. Vauclain of Eagles Mere, PA. and Anne E. Vauclain of Haverford, PA and her husband Nicholas C. Hayes, three grandchildren, Samuel Matthews Vauclain Hayes, Benjamin George Vauclain Hayes and Morgane Anne Vauclain Hayes, his sister Annie K. V. Klotz, various nieces, nephews and cousins.

His Memorial Service will be held on Tues. Nov 27, 11am in Church of the Redeemer, corner of Pennswood and New Gulph Rds., Bryn Mawr. Burial is private in the Churchyard.

In lieu of flowers, the family would appreciate contributions to Eagles Mere Foundation, Box 402, Eagles Mere, PA 17731. Arr. Chadwick & McKinney Funeral Home

# Previous Events

## Service

NOV **27**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Church of The Redeemer  
230 Pennswood Road  
Bryn Mawr, PA