

## George Ralph Buck



George was born in Columbia, SC on September 30, 1933, son of Katie Henrietta Lee and Roy William Buck. He graduated from Columbia High School in 1951 and from Clemson University in 1956 with a degree in Architectural Engineering. George served in the US Army, including time in Korea. He continued in the 108th Division, Army Reserves, retiring as Lt. Colonel in 1984.

He passed away on June 4, 2019, losing a short, hard battle with cancer.

He was employed as an architect by Marsh & Hawkins, then AG Odell, and retired from JN Pease in 1998. He was an active member of the American Institute of Architects.

George played volleyball with the architects' summer league and continued long past retirement. He had the enthusiasm of a little boy on the volleyball court, and his team counted on his consistency in serving. He also loved getting on his bike. Until this year, he eagerly joined the annual Mayor's Ride to work - even though he wasn't working.

He was a dedicated member of Myers Park Baptist Church for 60 years, sang in the choir, served as deacon, as a Stephen Minister and in many other roles. George logged many hours of service with local environmental groups, most of them hands-on and getting dirty.

George was a thoughtful and generous neighbor and a friend to many. Most of all, he was devoted to his family. He is survived by his wife of 56 years, Mary Lou [Smith](#) Buck, and his children: Brian, Santa Cruz, CA; Eric, Washington, DC; Robin, London, UK; and by his brother Richard, Columbia, SC and his family.

A memorial service was at Myers Park Baptist Church on Monday, June 10 at 2 pm.

Memorials may be sent to Myers Park Baptist Church, Music and Worship Fund, 1900 Queens Rd, Charlotte, NC 28203 or Catawba Lands Conservancy, 4530 Park Rd Ste 420, Charlotte, NC 28209.