



Samuel Jopling

Born in 1928 in the state of New York, he grew up and completed his primary and secondary education in Brooklyn, New York, and would afterwards obtain a degree in engineering at Georgia Tech in 1950. After completing his studies, he enlisted in the US military, and his 20-year service would take him to Iceland, Germany, Vietnam, and various postings in the United States. During this time, he also married and welcomed two children to the world.

Upon retiring from the military, he earned a PHD in accounting from Penn State, beginning an academic career which took him and his family first to Los Angeles, and from there to Halifax, which he would call home for the rest of his life. At Saint Mary's University he was able, as Dean of Commerce, to help shape the then-fledgling business program; and, as a professor of accounting in the years that followed, he will be remembered for encouraging international ties and fostering international students from Asia, Africa and Europe.

His golden years were spent exploring personal interests he had never managed to find time for, in particular theatre, creative writing, and the study of history. He travelled the world with his wife and reconnected with friends and family in far-flung places. He always took great pleasure in socializing, especially when good food was involved, and his friends will remember how much he loved being around people. All who knew him will remember him for his warm smile and his sense of humour, his old-fashioned gentlemanliness, his generosity and kindness towards everyone, and the sense of optimism and happiness which was so much a part of him and which affected all those who came to know him well.

He is survived by his daughter, Mary, his son, Rick, and his grandsons, Julian and Lorenzo; he was predeceased in 2018 by his loving wife of nearly 60 years, Anneliese.

In accordance with his own wishes there will be no funeral service. May his many friends and well-wishers send up their own private prayers and remember him with the fondness and love he so richly deserves.