



## Mrs. Margaret "Robin" Buck Nicolls

November 21, 1942 - February 19, 2024

Margaret "Robin" Buck Nicolls, 81, of Baltimore, passed away on Monday, February 19, 2024.

She was born to Frederick R. Buck and Margaret Sale Buck, in November, 1942, when her dad was in England on duty with the U.S. Navy. His father, Charles H. Buck, sent his son a telegram with four words: "Beautiful Margaret Robinson Born".

Robin is survived by her beloved husband, Robert H. "Nick" Nicolls, her sons David Scott McMillin (Lillie) and Charles Rhys McMillin (Amber) and Nick's daughter Megan Dobbs (Sean) and son, Andrew Nicolls. Also survived by a brother, Rick Buck (Barbara).

During Robin's childhood and teen years (ages 9 through 21), she spent summers in Canada at the family's beloved "Birch island" cottage on Rideau Lake in Ontario, and at the summer Camp Wapomeo, on Canoe lake in Algonquin Provincial Park. During those years she became highly skilled in canoeing and sailing, and led numerous canoe trips through the wilds of Algonquin. Robin was the first of the second generation of the Buck family to attend Calvert School, following her father and three of his siblings, from the 1920's and early '30s. She went on to Roland Park Country School, where she excelled academically and in lacrosse and field hockey.

Robin's college years at Wilson College in Pennsylvania saw her continue with success playing lacrosse as a defender and being named to the U.S. Women's Team. For her final year she was elected President of the Student Government and in that capacity attended a meeting of college leaders at the White House, during the term of Lyndon Johnson.

During her 40-year career as a teacher at Calvert School, she pursued and received a Masters in Liberal Arts from Notre Dame College and received the Bernice Goldenberg Academic Achievement Award. In the early years of her retirement, she taught students from all over the world, via Calvert's renowned Home Instruction department.

Always a passionate student of North American history, Robin was awarded grants that led her and Nick to follow the Trail of Lewis & Clark, and the trails of the indigenous people of the Great Plains, from Fort Laramie to Wounded Knee. On Subsequent trips, they travelled across Canada from Newfoundland and Nova Scotia to British Columbia.

Robin's hobbies included reading mystery novels and non-fiction books, crossword puzzles, Scrabble, and watching crime dramas on TV. Animals were a part of most of her adult life, including 4 beloved dogs: Punkin, Ernie, Mollie and Dixie. During retirement, she and Nick lived on Churn Creek, a beautiful tributary of the Chesapeake Bay near Chestertown, and she volunteered with the Animal Care Shelter for Kent County and the Eastern Neck National Wildlife Refuge near Rock Hall.

A Celebration of her Life is planned for Friday, March 8, 2024 at 2pm at the Episcopal Church of the Redeemer, 5603 North Charles Street, Baltimore, MD 21210. In lieu of flowers, expressions of sympathy may be directed to The Animal Care Shelter for Kent County (<https://acsks.org/>), Eastern Neck

National National Wildlife Refuge (<https://friendsofeasternneck.org/>) or Calvert School (<http://www.calvertschoolmd.org/donate>)

# Previous Events

## Memorial Mass

MAR 8. 2:00 PM (ET)

Church of the Redeemer  
5603 N Charles Street  
Baltimore, MD 21210

# Tribute Wall

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“*Robin was a wonderful lady and our neighbor. We all miss her insights at our Summit Circle Third Monday Book Club. She was a valued friend.*

*Cinda Raley*

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**Cinda Raley** - February 22, 2024 at 12:54 PM