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It is with heavy hearts that we announce the passing of Vaughn Paddock, a beloved husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather, and friend, who left this world on July 13, 2025, at the age of 84. Vaughn passed away at home in St. Augustine, Florida, in the company of his wife and daughter.

Vaughn was born in Haverhill, MA, to Rose (Krikorian) and Carl Paddock. He earned degrees from the University of Massachusetts (BS) and the University of Miami (MS), and spent a distinguished career as a statistician with the U.S. Census Bureau before embarking on a second chapter as a successful Realtor in Alexandria, VA, alongside his beloved wife and partner of 45 years, Diane.

Vaughn and Diane's partnership was one filled with love, adventures in travel and celebration of the daily things they enjoyed together and with their family members and a cadre of friends. Vaughn was a devoted father to Lisa Dorsey, Kristen Dwyer and Tracey Paddock. He was a proud grandfather to Betsy Johnson, Matthew and Sarah Jenkins, and Ewing and Liam Cone, as well as great-granddaughters Alana and Ruby. He was preceded in death by his sister, Palma, and now joins her and other cherished family and friends in rest.

Vaughn's vibrant life was defined by humor, intellectual curiosity, lively discussions, storytelling, and boundless energy-but above all: love for family, friends, and the underdog. He believed in people deeply and made it his mission to encourage and cheer them on, teach and lift them up. He was a master of puns and dad jokes, and his appreciation of music was demonstrated through his being a U.S. Marine Band groupie and a joyfully spontaneous singer.

Vaughn was a great athlete, always seeking to perfect his tennis game, his golf swing, and was a proud Boston Marathoner. He was an avid supporter of women's basketball (NC State) and a lifelong, exasperated fan of the Boston Red Sox.

Vaughn leaves behind a legacy of joy, strength, and love that will continue to echo in the hearts and voices of those who were lucky enough to know him.

A celebration of Vaughn's life will take place on August 15 at 11 a.m. at Southeast Raleigh Table Methodist Church, 301 S Swain St, Raleigh, NC. 27601, with reception to follow. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made to the Boys and Girls Club of Greater Haverhill <https://www.haverhillbgc.org/> in his memory—an organization close to Vaughn's heart.

Previous Events

A Celebration of Life

AUG **15**. 11:00 AM (ET)

Southeast Raleigh Table Methodist Church
301 S Swain Street
Raleigh, NC 27601

Tribute Wall

JL

“ Long ago and far away, but still among the fondest memories of my 84-year old life, are the years that Vaughn and I were the best of friends as avid tennis players and close colleagues in managing the tennis program for the Waynewood Recreation Association in Alexandria, Virginia where we were neighbors for years.

In projects big and small, from tennis court resurfacing to fiddling with the tennis lights time clocks, we fed each other's perfectionism, which was great for the tennis program but perhaps not totally appreciated by our wives who were nevertheless very accommodating.

Vaughn believed that if a job is worth doing, it's worth doing right, and brought that principle to bear in everything he did.

It was a sad day for Penny and me when Vaughn and Diane departed farther south. We've missed them ever since, and join their family and many friends from over the years in wishing them both well on the new, separate journeys they are now embarked upon.

John and Penny Lane

John Lane - August 15, 2025 at 01:08 AM

MM

“ Our time knowing Vaughn and Diane has been short as we were first introduced around May-June 2023. Our relationship since has been wonderful, as we quickly connected and enjoyed frequent pizza & wine Friday nights. Additionally, our visits to FL and NC further reinforced the strength of our relationship and the value of our friendship. From golf tips, to home repair hacks, to IT support, our time together, ended up as a Vaughn Paddock crash course in intellect, boundless energy, kindness, dedication, passion and showcasing his deeply loving heart.

Fully evident was the warm love and partnership with his beloved wife, Diane, over a 45-year adventure that was never dull, filled with travel, joys, and an unwavering love. Donna and I were touched by Vaughn's devotion as a husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather and we experienced that family was his world and a critical force that shaped his life.

Above all, we saw in Vaughn's life, through his actions that were a testament to the power of believing in people, a champion for the underdog and a steadfast cheerleader for everyone he met. We are very saddened by the loss of Vaughn Paddock. We cherish his great humor, storytelling, joyful spirit, contagious laugh, unwavering belief in living life to the fullest and know this legacy of kindness and love will forever live-on in our hearts and in the lives he touched.



Mike Malloy - August 12, 2025 at 02:47 PM

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“ *What a joy and blessing it has been to be able to call Vaughn my friend. I am so grateful to have had you in my life for almost 20 years. I will miss you my friend, and look forward to seeing you again in God's Heavenly Kingdom.
May God Bless you sweet Diane, and all of Vaughn's family, and may you find peace and comfort in His loving Hands.*

Wayne and Dee Kaltenbach - July 30, 2025 at 10:26 AM

JC

“ *My life is richer because I knew Vaughn Paddock. He was always ready to share a story/joke or just take time to be interested in my life. Vaughn is a special person who "got life" and what's important. You are greatly missed. I look forward to seeing you again in heaven! Jennifer Cattano*

JENNIFER CATTANO - July 30, 2025 at 07:49 AM