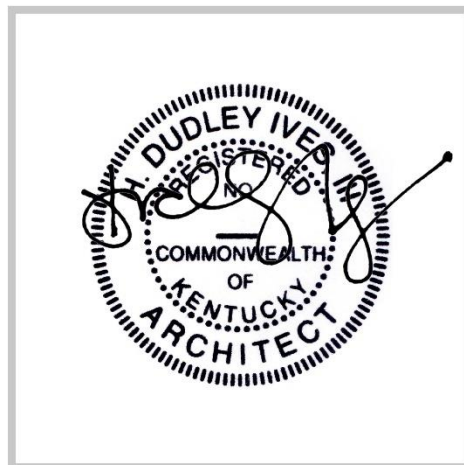


# In Memoriam | Tributes and Memories

H. Dudley Ives III, AIA | co-founder of nectō architecture



## Holly Wiedemann | AU Associates

Dudley was an invaluable contributor to the affordable housing industry, as well as to historic preservation. For AU Associates, he was our team's architect for multiple affordable housing and historic adaptive re-use projects. He served as the architect for thirteen projects developed by AU Associates over the past decade. Lexington area projects include First Presbyterian Apartments, Davis Park View, Versailles School Apartments and he had just completed the construction drawings for the Leestown VA (where we will be building affordable housing for veterans) at the time of his passing. Dudley's creativity and attention to detail were apparent in all of our projects. Adaptive reuse of historic structures requires a broad knowledge of technical requirements, but also an appreciation of architectural details and a strong design aesthetic. Dudley possessed all of those skills, as evidenced by a multitude of other historic adaptive re-use projects he did for us across the state of Kentucky. His efforts will forever be a testament to his ability in many communities throughout our Commonwealth; Beattyville, Glasgow, Buffalo, Jackson, Jenkins, Springfield, Campton and Elkhorn City. His passing represents a loss to our community at large, and to our industry of affordable housing and historic preservation. We are thankful for the time we worked together. The communities and these projects will be the beneficiaries of his efforts for decades to come. We will miss him but know that his work lives on.

## Johan Graham | Director of Development, AU Associates, Inc.

Dudley and I grew up together in the industry. We began transforming old historic structures into affordable housing while we were both in our late twenties; I was the developer and he was our architect. Over the next 12 years, we experienced both professional and personal milestones simultaneously: kids, new projects, home improvements and changing career roles just to name a few. Moreover, those experiences shaped who we were as professionals and we saw ourselves working together until retirement. It was awesome to work with someone at the same life point as myself; we went from young and overachieving to middle-aged and experienced together. The bonds we formed and the trust we had was genuine and unique and we both succeeded by working together which bred more opportunities, both personally and professionally. Losing Dudley was gut-wrenchingly devastating. Professionally, it is a huge loss to the affordable housing community and the Commonwealth of Kentucky as he had such an impact on the restoration of historic structures throughout our rural communities. This legacy will live on forever and I find comfort in that legacy. But personally, his loss is unfathomable. His optimism blessed every inch of my career and his work ethic and problem-solving abilities are lessons that I continue to reflect on and appreciate. They are instilled in every new project on which I work and are the representative building blocks of the people I want to work with in my professional and personal life.

## Grand Opening of the Campton High School Restoration



## Initial site visit to review the historic VA Hospital Campus that was restored into Victory Point



## Nick Sewell | Sewell and Sewell Architects

Dudley and I became friends going through the Architecture program at the University of Kentucky. He was the type of person that was easy to gravitate to, and as the years went on we became great friends and roommates during part of our time at UK. He was always someone I could call if I needed help on something, or just wanted to talk through a situation. That friendship in college carried over into our professional careers, and as I went to work for a large firm in Lexington. Dudley eventually opened up his own architectural firm, "Studio Ives". Dudley was the first of our core group of college friends, many of whom were working at larger firms, that took the leap to start his own firm, and I always looked up to him for that. His drive and success starting "Studio Ives" is what also drove me to pursue starting my own business. A few years after Dudley had been out on his own, myself and my brother (who is also an architect) decided to start "Sewell and Sewell Architects". Dudley was one of the first people I called, just to bounce ideas off of and also to confirm that we weren't crazy for making the leap into ownership. He always told me, "you will never regret working for yourself and doing what you want to do", and he was right. Those words are still words I live by, I even said them to Jay Copley (another long-time friend) when he was trying to decide whether or not to join Dudley and form a new architecture firm together (now nectō architecture). I credit Dudley for helping pave the way for my brother and I (as well as Jay) in our professional careers as architects. Dudley and I continued to stay in contact well after I had left Lexington to open my firm. We would talk about business, workload, whether to hire additional employees, etc., but most importantly to talk about life. I will always remember him for that. He will be missed in many ways, but I will always cherish the time I had with him and am proud to be able to call him my friend.

## Mike Sparkman | Alt32 + Cox Architecture

Dudley was a rare and wonderful person that I felt fortunate to have known, if for only for a few years. Indeed to this day, I have yet to meet another person with such a kind heart. His heavy optimism about life was addictive. He always left me feeling good - good about myself and the good about other people. I found myself attempting to give to others as he gave to me. Dudley had emptied himself of ego and vanity and sought to find things that are less material. All this in combination with his gentle smile, that made you want to be around him.

## Whitley Casey | Shrout Tate Wilson

I met Dudley approximately 12 years ago while he was working for a local architecture firm. I believe our first project was a small bank or office building and we provided the mechanical and electrical design services. We immediately had a great working relationship that continued when he started his own firm and up to his untimely passing. He embraced the 'team' approach to design with easy and open communication and coordination. While our relationship started as a working relationship, it soon turned to personal friendship. We would carpool to jobsites and share personal experiences, discuss a wide range of topics and talk about the future. He became a father before me, and I remembering laughing so hard at the stories he would tell about parenting and raising young children. I can confirm they were all true now that I am living them! I took Dudley turkey hunting one spring. I don't think he had ever been. When he arrived at our hunting location very early one morning, before sunrise, he commented that "the early wake-up was definitely going in the 'con' column for hunting". Dudley was a good architect and a great friend. He will continue to be missed. My deepest sympathies go out his family and friends.