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Class of '20 Grad., Galloping Ghost Selected Walter Camp All Americans

George R. Pfann, CMA Class of 1920 and Red Grange were selected Walter Camp First Team All Americans in 1923. George, at 5 ft. 9 in. and 172 lbs. was quarterback at Cornell while the Galloping Ghost played half-back for the University of Illinois.

It was the era of the single wing and the quarterback was often called the blocking back, but he also had to carry the ball on plunges into the line and was sometimes used as a pass receiver.



George R. Pfann

Cornell/Pennsylvania Rivalry

In Pfann's three years as a starter, Cornell won all 24 of its games and scored 1,051 points against 81 for its opponents. The school's most important games were against the University of Pennsylvania.

In 1921, Pfann was featured as a blocker in front of Edgar Kaw, who scored 5 touchdowns in a 41-0 victory. Pennsylvania was watching for Kaw in 1922 and Pfann did most of the ground gaining as Cornell won, 9-0.

Pfann, captaining the team in the fall of 1923, caught a 30-yard pass for one touchdown and ran 5

yards for the other as Cornell again beat Penn, 14-7.

George Trevor of the New York Sun put Pfann on the all-time All-American team he selected in 1938. Pfann was inducted into NCAA Hall of Fame in 1957 and the Ivy League Football College Hall of Fame.

While at CMA, George lettered in both football and baseball.

Coached/Studied Law

After obtaining his undergraduate degree at Cornell, Pfann studied law there while acting as assistant coach in football and basketball. He then spent a year as a Rhodes Scholar at Oxford, England, the first All American football player to do so.

In addition to football, Pfann played basketball and Lacrosse at Cornell and Rugby and Lacrosse at Oxford..

He practiced law both privately and as Assistant U. S. attorney for the Southern District of New York from 1928 to 1941. He also coached football at Swarthmore from 1931

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Class of '52 Grad to Ole Miss Hall of Fame

Cecil Burford, Jr., Class of '52 was inducted into The University of Mississippi M-Club Athletic Hall of Fame last September.



Cecil Burford Jr.

Cecil made his mark on the baseball field as a standout pitcher for the Rebels. A two-time letterman in 1956 and 1957, Burford helped elevate the Rebel baseball program to new heights, including a College World Series appearance in 1956.

In that run to Omaha, he claimed Most Outstanding Pitcher honors in the 1956 NCAA District III Finals as he helped the Rebels defeat Tennessee

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50th Year

1958

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Tech and Duke. In that '56 season, he also hit another mark that few pitchers have been able to repeat as he no-hit Vanderbilt in a 7-0 win. He is one of only five pitchers to toss a no-hitter in Rebel baseball history.

In his two years in a Rebel uniform, Burford helped the Rebels to a 40-18 record as Ole Miss burst onto the national scene.

"It was indeed very humbling and overwhelming to receive the telephone call that I had been selected for induction into the M-Club Athletic Hall of Fame," Burford said.

Cecil's home address is: 131 Brookside Dr., Senatobia, MS 38668

"Whhhhaazzuupppp Dudes" *Odds and Ends from Here and There*

Bill Fricke, Class of '39, has been diagnosed with a malignant mass in his sinus cavity. It is contained and there is no evidence it has spread or attached itself to the bone, according to his doctor. He is undergoing radiation treatments, but prior to that, had all his teeth pulled to avoid future complications. Radiation will prevent the bones of the head from healing which could lead to a serious infection were one of the teeth to abscess. Bill's wife, Sarah, is now on oxygen 24/7 but is doing better.

Cecil Little, Class of '50, tells us his wife Kay just had an operation on her spine and while the prognosis is good, she is looking at 6 months of rehab. Cecil is "Chief Cook and Bottle Washer" sticking close to home but hopes to join us again in the future.

Bill Alexander, Class of '52, is much, much better according to his wife, Helen. The pulmonary doctor thinks his lung problem will clear up, although he did send the cultures and a biopsy off for diagnosis. We will not have the final report until later. Please continue to keep Bill in your prayers.

Cliff Tanner, Class of '61, has lung cancer but his oncologist reports it has not increased in size. Examination of his

Reunion Registration, Golf Registration Now On CMAAA Site

Alumni can now download and fill out their Reunion Registration Form and Golf Registration Form by accessing the CMAAA web site at: www.cmaaa.com

Click on the "Reunion Registration" button and then on the form.

In addition to registration forms, there is an updated listing of Columbia area motels, their phone numbers and web sites where applicable.

Registration cost is the same as last year.

This year the Guard House will be open to alumni after Saturday's general meeting and again on Sunday. While it is still a work in progress, the Museum Committee's goal is to have it completed in time for the reunion.

CMA/Castle Heights Rivalry To Be Renewed in Golf Challenge

The CMAAA Board was notified at it's Fall meeting that the Castle Heights Alumni Association has challenged it to an annual home and home golf match.

Details are being worked out. Under discussion is the possibility of including one or more Castle Heights foursomes in the CMAAA Reunion Tournament held in even years with Castle Heights hosting the event in Lebanon or Nashville in odd years.

A revolving Trophy has been proposed with each winning team recorded thereon and the winner taking possession until the next winner is determined.

liver indicates there is no cancer there.

Ronnie Wash, Class of '69, lost his wife in August '06 and has been in a slump ever since. His e-mail address is: red6938134@yahoo.com

George Pfann from page 1 through 1935.

On Patton's Staff

During World War II, Pfann was on Gen. George S. Patton's staff and was involved in a history making event as the Third Army rolled across Germany.

German General Günther von Kluge faced Patton's advance on the Western front as commander of Army Group West. Kluge was involved in the assassination plot against Hitler about this same time.

The story goes that Kluge, having heard the news of the explosion designed to kill Hitler at Rastenberg, stated: "If the Fuhrer is dead, we ought to get in touch with the other side at once."

Kluge Contacts Patton

Discovering almost immediately that the attempt on Hitler's life had failed, Kluge decided to contemplate surrender anyway. He then supposedly contacted Patton for a meeting and was absent from his headquarters the entire day of August 15, 1944.

Captain Pfann, secretary to General Patton, later revealed that Patton had also vanished the same day and that the American general had tried to make contact with a German emissary who had not appeared at the appointed place.

According to Kluge's official report explaining his absence, an allied fighter pilot spotted the General's staff car and accompanying radio truck, strafed them and destroyed the radio. Being unable to contact Patton, Kluge returned to headquarters.

Transmission Intercepted

At the fuhrer headquarters, an American radio transmission was intercepted asking for Kluge's whereabouts. It was Patton trying to locate Kluge.

Hitler, immediately suspicious of Kluge, fired him demanding he return to Germany immediately, but Kluge sensing his execution was imminent, took his own life.

Pfann indicated in a letter to Col. W.O. Batts Jan. 24, 1952 that he had
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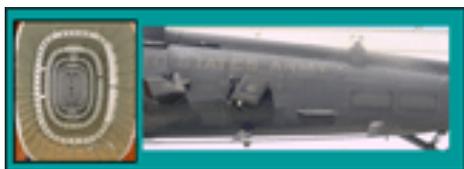
72 Graduate Wins 3rd National Tech. Award

Greg Thompson, class of '72, won his third national award for his work in the area of advanced composite materials.

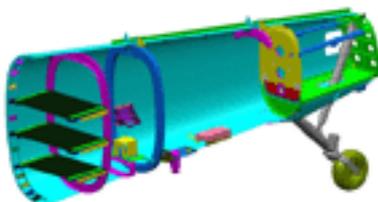
At the annual Defense Manufacturing Conference held 3-7 Dec. at the Paris Hotel, Las Vegas, NV, Greg, along with his teammates, were awarded the 2007 Defense Manufacturing Excellence Award. The citation reads this award is "In recognition of his outstanding and dedicated service to Defense Manufacturing Technology Excellence" as a member of the Common Composite Tailcone (CCTC) Program. The award was provided jointly by the National Center for Advanced Technologies (NCAT) and the Association for Manufacturing Technology (AMT).

The Common Composite Tailcone is currently in the final phase of qualification testing for use on the UH-60M Upgrade helicopter and will replace the legacy metallic structure.

The benefits include: two major part construction (left and right halves), the removal of 5 frames, 29 full length ribs, 9,000 fasteners and 46 pounds of aircraft weight. The metal baseline is shown on the left and the composite design is shown on the right (right side only shown). This project also won the 2005 American Helicopter Society Robert L. Pinckney Award for in recognition of notable achievement in manufacturing research and development for rotorcraft of rotorcraft components brought to fruition in recent years. The Award was created by Boeing in 1995 to honor the memory of Robert L. Pinckney, an eminent manufacturing engineer.



Metal Baseline



Composite Design



Design Team Winners. . .Greg Thompson, Class of '72 (far right) is pictured with his design team that won the 2007 Defense Manufacturing Excellence Award at the Defense Manufacturing Conference held 3-7 December at the Paris Hotel, Las Vegas.

Country Club Supper Classes of '58 and '59

Reunion activities are heating up for the Classes of '58 and '59. Reservations for a joint supper at the Greymere Country Club are being taken by Tom Walbert, Class of '58, and John Hubbard, Class of '59, for the evening of Friday, August 1.

The Class of '60 is also invited to join the celebration even though their 50th won't occur until 2010.

You can reach Tom Walbert at: (Cell) 270-834-0364 or (home) at 270-678-7221, e-mail: twalbert@gowalbert.com

John Hubbard can be contacted at: (Office) 731-584-3314 or (Home) 731-586-7272 or (Cell) 731-220-3351 or (Fax) 731-584-0944, e-mail: hubbard7375@bellsouth.net

Tom and John are gathering the names of those deceased in their respective classes so their names can be added to the list to be recognized at Saturday's Flagpole Ceremony.

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run into several CMA classmates during WWII. Mentioned were Lonnie Nathan and Herbert Toomey.

In addition to campaigns in France and Germany, he was with the Western Task Force in North Africa, involved with Patton in the Sicily invasion and served in the office of the Secretary of War following VE Day. He received the Legion of Merit and the Bronze Star during his tour of duty and in December of 1944 was promoted to Lt. Colonel.

Retired in 1964

After the War he returned to the practice of Law, representing the Cooperative Grange League Federation Exchange, Inc. in Ithaca, NY, as general council until his retirement in 1964.

Pfann and wife Louise, returned to CMA on several occasions in ensuing years. He contributed to the general school fund and represented the Class of '20 in its Alumni Association. He gave the CMA commencement address to the Class of '68 and returned for the Homecoming football game in 1969.

George Pfann died in December of 1996.

**Museum Takes Shape With
Influx of Donor Contributions
Fund to Honor Mrs. Grimes
Suggested by Those that Knew Her**
By Woody Pettigrew

Museum Committee Chairman

The CMA Museum project is steadily progressing. We have completed the work to repair the roof, porch ceiling, inside ceiling and flooring of the Guard House. We were fortunate to have Dicky Thompson's company, Ritco Inc., put the new roof on. Dicky graduated CMA with the Class of '64.

There were no unforeseen problems discovered during restoration and the Museum Committee is now beginning the basic aesthetic work on the inside and outside of the building.

We are well into Phase 2 of the project and have begun basic clean up of the building as well as painting the inside and out. Plans call for the installation of new carpet throughout the Guard House as well as installation of curtains and possibly central heat and air.

Phase 3 has also begun with the collection and preparation of artifacts, determination of museum layout, acquisition of fixtures and final set up.

New Museum Team Member

The Museum Committee has the privilege of having Johnny Gruber (CMA '68) leading the design and layout team. Johnny is the President of Access Museum Services and has been a great addition to the Museum Committee. Johnny developed the renderings that were shown in the last edition of the Bugle and we have worked our budget to employ the suggestions that Johnny provided. We believe that the result is going to exceed all expectations that we had when we first embarked on this project.

We are still seeking donations from alumni and friends to help make this dream a reality. As you can see from the donation list provided with the Donor Plaque mock up, we have great support for the project but there is always room for more donors.

While we are in the final stages of development of the museum, we still need your help to ensure that we can

properly maintain the museum. We will continue to collect donations but will establish a June 30 cut off date to have names included on the Donor Plaque. We want to have the plaque mounted on the wall when the museum opens so we must know all of the names to include by 30 June. If you would like to contribute, please complete the donor form found on page 6 and make your

check out to CMAAA. Mail your check to CMAAA, 804 Athenaeum, Columbia, Tennessee, 38401.

Mariemma Grimes Fund

Mrs. Mariemma Grimes passed away on the 31st of March. Mrs. Grimes spent 26 years at CMA starting in 1952 and was a source of strength for many cadets as they first experienced being away from home. When CMA tran-

Guard House (Before Renovation)



Guard House (After Renovation)



sitioned to Columbia Academy, Mrs. Grimes remained with the school and became the link between CMA and CA. She remained with CA for an additional 25 years and was a source of friendship, familiarity and information for all CMA alumni as they visited the campus as well as a key participant in establishing and maintaining the relationship between Columbia Academy and the CMA Alumni Association. She will be missed.

We have had several recommendations to honor Mrs. Grimes in the Museum. While she has already been recognized as a member of the CMA Hall

Mariemma Grimes, 1923 to 2008

Mrs. Mariemma Beckham Grimes, age 85, retired Administrative Assistant to both the President of Columbia Military Academy and its successor, Columbia Academy, died March 31.

Memorials may be made to the Mariemma Grimes Fund, CMAAA, 804 Athenaeum Place, Columbia, TN 38401; Mariemma B. Grimes Early Learning Center, Columbia Academy, 1101 West 7th St., Columbia, TN 38401; Highland Church of Christ Building Fund, 497 E. James M. Campbell Blvd., Columbia, TN; or the Tennessee Children's Home, P.O. Box 10, Spring Hill, TN 37174.

She was a graduate of Marshall County High School and Columbia Business College. In 1952 she began her career at Columbia Military Academy where the cadets called her "Mother Superior" because she mothered them while they were away from home.

When CMA closed she continued her work with Columbia Academy until her retirement in 2002. She was a member of Highland Church of Christ.

She is survived by nieces, Jenny Beckham (Andy) Robinson of Lewisburg, Gail (Chuck) Richey of Brentwood, Caneta (Tom) Hankins of Franklin; nephews, Jim (Martha) Skelley of Birmingham, AL, William Carl (Sherrie) Grimes of Seguin, TX; great-niece, Victoria Robinson of Lewisburg; sister-in-law, Jackie (B.W.) Grimes of Knoxville.

of Honor, we are also accepting donations to the museum in her name.

Two Alternatives

Two alternatives are being considered for honoring Mrs. Grimes. The first is a plaque to be placed in the Museum and the second is the inclusion of her name on the Donor Plaque at the

level represented by the donations received. The Donor Form on page 6 has provisions for both an individual donation in an alumnus name and a donation in the name of Mrs. Grimes. Any donations made in Mrs. Grimes' name will be credited to her fund and not to the individual making the donation.



COLUMBIA MILITARY ACADEMY

MUSEUM CONTRIBUTION LEAGUE

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SILVER		
Anonymous (1)		
BRONZE		
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TRAILBLAZER CLUB		
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Roger Bedford, '74	C. Fred Wilson, '43	William Binford, '50
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John Hubbard, '59	Richard Thompson, '64	William J. Carden, '66
LaRue Hart, '52	Wallace Couch, '62	Marvin Pitts, '69
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Clarke Reed, '46	John R. Prince, '47	Horace Nelson, '51
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Nelson Snow, '55	Peter Thompson, '55	Russell Thompson, '55
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V. Dewees Crockett, '58	John S. Evans, '58	William Ipock, '62
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Dan Eason, '73	Jana Sisco Larson, '73	Bill Birmingham, '78
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Lyle Hampton, Faculty		

Donation Levels. . . Foothills Club - Up to \$499; Ridgerunner Club - \$500 to \$999; Plateau Club - \$1,000 to \$2,499; Trailblazer Club - \$2,500 to \$4,999; Bronze - \$5,000 to \$9,999; Silver - \$10,000 to \$24,000; Gold - \$25,000 and Up.

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Buford D. Abernathy, Class of '38

Commander Buford D. Abernathy, USN (Retired), age 88, of Louisville, KY died at his home February 27 after a long illness.

He last attended the CMA Grand Reunion in 1996, according to Harry Hill, Class of '46.

He won an appointment to the United States Naval Academy in 1938, by competitive examination, having stood seventh on the list of all competitors from all Honor Military Service Schools nationwide.

While Abernathy's Annapolis graduating class is listed as 1942, he was accelerated to graduate December 19, 1941, after World War II was declared. On receiving his commission, he immediately reported and served in the Pacific theatre.

Remaining in military service during the Korean conflict, he served on the Battleship New Jersey and later as Aide and Flag Secretary with the Commander Seventh Fleet and with Commander Naval Air Force, Pacific Fleet. He next served on destroyers as executive officer and commanding officer. His last assignment was executive officer of the University of Louisville ROTC.

He was a member of Christ Church United Methodist, Louisville Woodcrafters Club and United States Naval Academy Alumni Association.

He is survived by his wife, Judith Pogue Abernathy; son, Kevin W. Abernathy; two stepdaughters, Sandra Brewer Duvall and Marianne Brewer Thomas, both of Charlestown, IN; six grandchildren, Dr. Christopher Mullins, Brian Mullins and Amanda Mullins, Howard D. Thomas, April Thomas and Rebecca Thomas; and five great-grandchildren.

Ralph M. Lehman, Class of '40

Ralph M. "Mac" Lehman, age 85, an industrialist and civic leader in Lafayette, IN, died Dec. 19th at this residence.

After graduating CMA, he graduated Purdue University with a degree in Mechanical Engineering, however, his college career was interrupted by WWII when he served as a 1st. Lieutenant in the U.S. Air Force.

Survivors include wife, Helen; a son, Gary J. Lehman of West Lafayette; daughter, Connie L. Landwehr of Arlington Heights, IL; and brother, Dr. David P. Lehman, CMA Class of '42, of Phoenix, AZ.

Richard G. Wiggers, Class of '41

Richard G. "Dick" Wiggers, died on January 12, 2008, at Baptist Memorial Hospital - Golden Triangle, Columbus, MS. Burial was at Friendship Cemetery in Columbus.

While at CMA he played var-

sity baseball, football, basketball, ran track and was class Treasurer.

Upon graduating, he was awarded a full football scholarship to Mississippi State University where he played quarterback for the freshman team.



In December 1941, he **Dick Wiggers** enlisted in the U. S. Army as an infantry First Lieutenant. He served in North Africa and Europe with Gen. Clark's 5th Army in Italy and was wounded in the Battle of Monte' Casino.

He was an accomplished insurance salesman and was inducted into the Mississippi State Insurance Hall of Fame.

He is survived by his wife, Kathryn "Kat" Wiggers, and daughters Ann DeWeese of Philadelphia and Dane Dean of Snellville, Georgia and son, Gray Wiggers (Bonnie) of Jackson, and eight grandchildren.

Col. Martin D. Howell, Class of '43

Col. Martin D. "Tiger" Howell, Class of '43, died in Alexandria, VA, Nov. 17.

He was an honor graduate at CMA and named to the CMAAA Hall of Honor in 2000. He served in the U.S. Army for 25 years fol-

Columbia Military Academy Museum Project Donation Form

I support the CMA Museum Project with a donation in the amount of _____. I am including my check made out to the CMAAA (Mail To: CMAAA, 804 Athenaeum Place, Columbia, TN 38401)

NAME: _____ CMA CLASS _____

ADDRESS: _____

I DO NOT want my name included in any recognition for making a donation _____. (Please indicate with an "X" if you DO NOT want your name included in the donor's list...an Anonymous donation)

INSTEAD of making this donation in my name, I want this donation to be in Memory of Mrs. Mariemma Grimes _____ (Please mark with an "X" if you want this donation to be recognized in Mrs. Grimes' name INSTEAD of your name.)

Donation Level

Up to \$499 – Foothills Club	\$500 - \$999 – Ridgerunner Club	\$1,000 - \$2,499 – Plateau Club
\$2,500 - \$4,999 – Trailblazer Club	\$5,000 - \$9,999 – Bronze	\$10,000 - \$24,000 – Silver
\$25,000 and Up – Gold		

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lowing his graduation from the U.S. Military Academy in '49.

He excelled as a tackle on the Army football team and was selected to the All Eastern team. He earned a Master's Degree (Magna Cum Laude) from the University of Mississippi and taught foreign policy at the U.S. Army Information Institute while completing his Ph. D at New York University.

Later, he attended the Army War College and was a Fellow at the Center of International Affairs at Harvard. He was highly decorated veteran whose assignments included overseas tours in Germany and Korea plus a combat tour in Viet Nam.

After retirement from active duty in '74, he was awarded the Distinguished Service Medal and was appointed by the President to the Federal Energy Administration. He was later Director of the Office of Foreign Disaster Assistance, and Dept. of State.

He was a 57 year member of Solomon Lodge Nr. 20, a member of the Scottish Rite Bodies and Morocco Shriners.

He is survived and lovingly remembered by his wife Gisela and three children, Lawrence, Victoria and Christina and seven grandchildren.

Alfred B. Wexner, Class of '45

Alfred Burta Wexner, age 80, passed away unexpectedly February 5 while on a buying trip in New York City.

President of The Wexner Companies, Inc., Wexner and his buying team travel to Milan, Paris, London, Las Vegas, and New York several times a year for their Joseph stores in Memphis and Houston, Texas, and a leased operation in Jackson, Mississippi. The company was founded in 1930 by his father and uncle.



Col. Howell

He graduated from both CMA and Washington & Lee University before joining the family business. He is preceded in death by a daughter, Marcy Wexner, and parents, Philip and Rosalie Wexner. He leaves his wife Shirley Feinstein Wexner, with whom he shared his love for 56 years. He also leaves daughter and son-in-law Barrie and Kenneth Wurzburg, daughter Lauren Wexner, a sister; Lois Wexner Jacobson, mother-in-law Bess Feinstein, and five grandchildren.

Robert O. Hyde Sr., Class of '47

Robert Oliver Hyde, Sr., died March 25. He grew up in Memphis, and graduated from CMA before entering and graduating from the University of Virginia where he was president of the Student Union and chairman of the Honor Committee. He was a member of Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity and lettered in football. At UVA, he was a member of the Raven Society, Omicron Delta Kappa, Phi Delta Epsilon, and served as the city editor of the Cavalier Daily. He was also a member of The 13 Society and Tilka and Z, secret societies. In addition, he served on the UVA National Alumni Association Board, serving as president in 1981-1982.

After graduation from Virginia, he was commissioned a second lieutenant in the United States Marine Corps, serving his country as a naval aviator during the Korean War. In 1963, he founded Hyde & Co., Realtors. He was 35-year member of the Memphis Area Association of Realtors and was a charter member of the Multimillion Dollar Sales Club.

He will be greatly missed by family, Holly Hartselle Hyde McDonald, Robert Oliver Hyde, Jr., and Pamela Hyde Bell and 13 grandchildren.

R. O. Williams Jr., Class of 48

Robert O. Williams Jr., Age 77, died on Monday, January 21, 2008 in Nashville. He was preceded in death by his parents, Robert Owen and Lucille Stillwell Williams of Louisville and Lexington, KY, by his wife of 39 years, Nancye Jean (Smith) Williams and his daughter,

Nancye Scott Williams.

He is survived by his wife, Lalah Gee Williams; son, Robert Owen Williams III and his daughter, Katherine Williams.

While at Vanderbilt, Bob served as battalion commander of the Army R.O.T.C. Unit with the rank of Cadet Lieutenant colonel. He served in the army as a second and first lieutenant. Bob had a 28 year career with Bell South. His assignment included Public Relations Manager, Nashville, Group Manager, Union City, District Manager at Columbia and Chattanooga. While at Union City he was awarded the Distinguished Service Award as the Outstanding Young Man of the Year.



Robert Williams

While in Columbia he served as president of the Chamber of Commerce, United Giver's Fund, and Men of the Columbia Presbyterian Church, Nashville; the Rotary Clubs of Union City; Columbia, Chattanooga and Nashville. He also held membership in the Heritage Club and the Alumni Clubs of Columbia Military Academy and Vanderbilt University.

Burial was at Maple Hill Cemetery in Helena, AR.

Freeman Whitt Jr., Class of '50

Freeman ("Mike") Whitt Jr., 75, died December 14, 2007 at his home in Jackson, MS. A private funeral service was held in Ardmore, AL. with burial in Gatlin, Cemetery in Ardmore/

Following Mike's graduation from CMA, he served in the U.S. Army during the Korean War and later worked in the aerospace industry until his retirement in 1995.

He is survived by his brother, O.H. Edwards of Ardmore and two sons, M. Devin Whitt of Jackson,

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MS and Jason D. Whitt of Birmingham.

Kenneth V. Dozier, Class of '70

Kenneth "Kenny" Vernon Dozier died March 31 in Nashville. He worked for AT&T, was a resident of Big Spring Hollow Road in Pulaski and was 55 years old.

Survivors include his mother, Margaret Dozier; wife Betsy Cobb Dozier, both of Pulaski and son William "Bill" Dozier, II of Murfreesboro. He is also survived by daughters, Gwendolyn "Wendy" Roberts of Murfreesboro, Elizabeth "Libby" Stubblefield of Lewisburg and two grandchildren.

Terry R. Briggs, Class of '72

Terry R. Briggs, age 54, of Morristown, TN (born Oct. 13, 1953 in Memphis) departed this life Monday, Feb. 18, 2008, at the Johnson City Medical Center in East Tennessee.

He was a member of All Saints Episcopal Church.

He is survived by brothers, David and Richard Briggs; friend, David Sampson; special sister-in-law, Maudie Briggs, all of Morristown, several nieces, nephews, and a large extended family of friends.

Classmate Greg Thompson suggested our brass CMA Coin with the seal on one side and a historic reflection of CMA on the other, be presented to the family for inter-

ment as a sign of respect on behalf of all Cadets. The coin was interred with Terry.

Jim Carrigan, Class of '76

James Harris Carrigan, Jr., age 50, Class of '76 died Wednesday, March 5, at Medical College of Virginia in Richmond. He was a resident of Cumberland, Virginia. Burial was in Rose Hill Cemetery in Cumberland.

A longtime resident of Maury County, "Jim was a cadet officer, and on the battalion staff his senior year," says classmate Jay Robins. "Those of us who were his classmates remember him as a unique character who was funny, talented, and just a good all around guy."

He owned Cumberland Mill Works in Cumberland, VA.

Mr. Carrigan was a certified Aerotow Instructor, a certified hang glide instructor and a certified scuba diver. He was a member of the Church of Christ.

In addition to his parents, he is survived by one sister, Pam Jernigan of Nashville; one great uncle, J. H. "Red" Morgan of Columbia; an aunt, Sara West Carrigan of Baton Rouge, LA; cousins, Lisa Russell of Alexandria, LA; Lee Anne Carrigan of Baton Rouge, LA; Letitia Wood of Albuquerque, NM; Blake Hendrickson and Stephen Hendrickson, both of Nashville.

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Robin Layton '74; Bill Hart '62

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