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**COLUMBIA
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ASSOCIATION**

Board of Directors Meeting
April 9, 2011
Academy Hall
Columbia Academy Campus
Columbia, TN
ATTENDEES

Don Kimbrell – President '53, Robin Salze – Secretary '66, Becky Moon – Ass't. Treasurer '75, Charles (Buz) Dooley '52, John Bass '53, Jim Bell '53, Courtney Wilhoite '53, Marshall Cranford '54, Bill Raiford '55, Hal Roe '57, Lynn Bowles '58, Tom Walbert '58, John Hubbard '59, Ray Myatt '60, Ron Nall '61, Warren Miller '63, Don Noffsinger '63, Jim Borum '66, Bill Wade '68, Randy Howell '72, Jim Pennington '72, Greg Thompson '72, Dudley Dolinger '73, Woody Pettigrew '73, Winston Elston '74, Robin Layton III '74, Van McMinn '76, Jay Robbins '76, Shayne Harris '78, Christy Herrmann '78, and Buddy Fisher – Friend of The Board.

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CA HONORS FALLEN MARINE. . .The Columbia Academy student body turned out along with hundreds of Columbia residents in February to pay tribute to Marine Lance Cpl. Andrew Carpenter. Carpenter died Feb. 19, nearly a week after being shot in the neck while on patrol in Afghanistan. He leaves his pregnant wife, Crissie Carpenter.

Meeting Minutes

The meeting was called to order by President Don Kimbrell. The Invocation was given by Randy Howell. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by John Bass

Dr. James Thomas, Columbia Academy President, addressed the Board. Dr. Thomas thanked the Association for its commitment to CMA and its support of Columbia Academy. He reported that there is a new roof on Academy Hall. There is also a new roof on Frierson Hall which is not in use at this time. CA plans to build a new gymnasium as part of their \$10 million Vision 2020 Campaign. They have continued next page

**50 Year
Reunion
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for 2012**

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raised \$7.7 million at this time. The new gymnasium will be built on the south side of the football field. Moore Hall will not be affected. This campaign reflects the vision CA has for the school by the year 2020. In addition, CA is upgrading the school technology and paying down its debt. The Spring Hill Campus now has 51 students in grades K thru 5. Columbia Academy was reaccredited this year. This makes 100 years of accreditation from 1911 through 2011.

A motion was made, seconded and approved to accept the minutes from the August 6, 2010 Board of Directors Meeting and the August 7, 2010 General Meeting, as published in the Bugle.

Becky Moon, Assistant Treasurer, gave the Treasurer Report. There is \$30,887.23 in the regular checking account. The 2010 Reunion cost was approximately \$20,581.74. The Reunion cost was less than prior years but, the Association did not make money from food or drinks as previous years.

The approximate revenue from the 2010 Reunion was \$25,602.00. Cost of Mailing The Bugle is \$1,500.00 per mailing and cost during Reunion years is doubled due to increased size. Becky suggested The Board consider areas of revenue when making decisions for the 2012 Reunion. A motion was made, seconded and approved to accept the Treasurers report.

Woody Pettigrew reported that CMAAA received the Historic Preservation Award from The Maury County Historical Society for the work done on the Guard House to convert it to the CMA Museum. He stated that CA has partially restored the water fountain which was by the quadrangle and will let CMAAA have it to install in a location to be determined. The current plan is to install at the Museum but we may look into having it completely restored and installing it in the new Columbia Academy gymnasium. The Museum currently has \$18,756.38 in its account. The projected additional revenue for the remainder of the lease period (thru 2022) is \$20,585.00 with projected expenses of \$29,614.00, resulting in a \$9,727.38 surplus. Fund raising will continue as there will be additional expenses if we exercise the two five year lease options on the Museum. There could also be additional, unexpected expenses. Woody reported that the Museum windows need reworking and will plan a work day to do the repairs.

Old Business

Woody Pettigrew discussed his "50 for 50" proposal, which was originally presented to the Board at the August meeting and included in the minutes, to raise funds to maintain the Alumni Association through

Suggestion for 2012 CMA Reunion

In a brief "before the meeting discussion" at the April CMAAA board meeting, Ray Garrison's (Class of '57) suggestion of a "One Last Fling" theme complete with "Old Gold" name tags, at the 2012 Reunion for the Classes of '55, '56 and '57 was aired and it was felt that it should be coordinated on the opening Friday night after the "attitude adjustment hour" by class representatives of the three respective classes (Randall Henderson '55; Bill Raiford '55; Tom Hayward '56; and Hal Roe '57) if projected attendance warranted.

2029 which is the 50th Reunion for the last CMA graduating class. Ron Nall proposed that the Executive Committee review the proposal and make a recommendation to the Board on if and how to proceed. The motion was seconded and approved.

New Business

There was a discussion about raising dues. A motion to raise annual dues to \$40.00 was made, seconded and voted on. The motion was defeated by a 16-11 vote. A second motion was made, seconded, and approved to raise the annual dues to \$25.00. A motion was made, seconded, and approved to offer Lifetime Dues in the amount of \$500.00. Bill Raiford will mail cards to non dues paying Alumni in an effort to enhance the dues collection.

New Business

There was a discussion of the 2012 Reunion plans. The Saturn Banquet Hall may be available for use. Cost and rental details will be researched. The Saturn Gym is not available. There was a discussion of the use of The Embassy Suites again. Response from most participants at the 2010 reunion was positive. Don Kimbrell will check on available dates, better rates, and a way for the Association to make money on some of our functions. A motion was made, seconded, and passed to return to The Embassy Suites for the 2012 Reunion. There was a discussion about the Reunion Golf Tournament. Randy Howell suggested those interested in playing golf meet and play but not conduct a tournament due to the limited numbers. Becky Moon suggested we recognize the World War II veterans at the 2012 Reunion. This recognition and a theme for the 2012 Reunion will be discussed in detail at the next board meeting. Jim Borum suggested the Association publish a notice in the Columbia Daily Herald.

Randy Howell offered a closing prayer for dismissal and lunch.

Respectfully Submitted
Robin Salze '66
CMAAA Secretary

**"Whhhhaazzuupppp Dudes"
Odds and Ends**

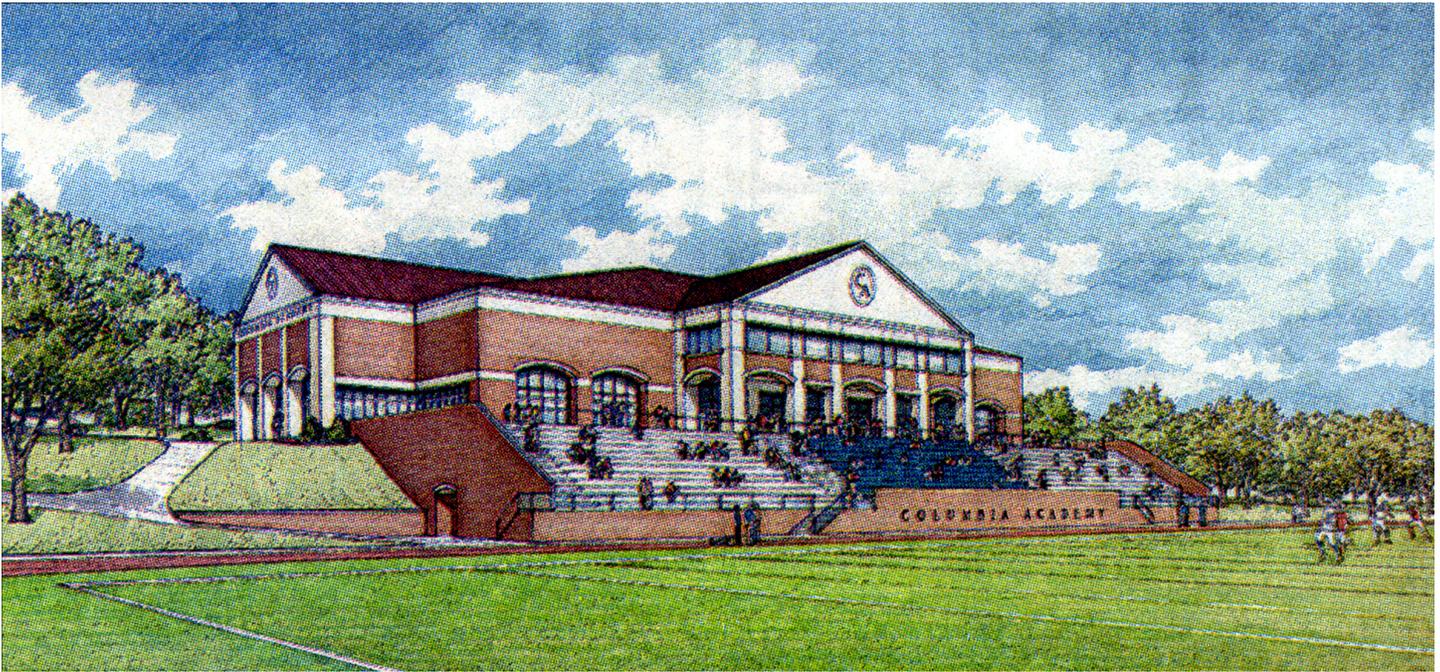
Two former "Bellhops", graduating from CMA a decade apart, met for the first time on April 14, 2011. Guy Willis, CMA '46 and Ed Willis, CMA '56, met at the Fort Whipple Museum in Prescott, Arizona where the former has served as a volunteer since 2004. Being of no relation to one another, the two former alumni enjoyed meeting and conversing with one another as to their common "Southern Heritage", and the events in their lives that led them to CMA as a preparatory school. After a "back & forth" conversation as to a synopsis of their respective lives, the two parted company in the hope that "their paths would cross again" in the not too distant future. It's a "small world", indeed. Ed.

Stan Boyd, class of '56, survived another in a series of open heart surgeries in March. This surgery involved the insertion of a pig valve. He has experienced no evidence of arrhythmia and walked 1.8 miles following surgery with no angina pain. He is now resting comfortably at his Louisville, KY home. Stan's philosophy, "Chicken today, Feathers tomorrow!"

John Taylor, class of '61, had been in hospital for 15 days in serious condition. He had emergency surgery for his stomach, and as a result his heart stopped but John said the Lord gave him a second chance. He was in ICU. He's out of the hospital. He does not e-mail but his phone number is 423-488-0745. Please give him a call. Contacted Bob Beadles, '61. He is recovering well and has plans to attend the mini-reunion June 3. Bob resides in Braddenton, Florida. Joe Bailey, Class of '61.

The Class of '61 is urged to Please get your reservations in for the reunion June 3-5. Contact Allyson Trull at the Jameson Inn; 931-388-3326 mention CMA and receive the rate of \$82.99.

Jim Whitmer, Class of '61, reports that six months before Jimmy Freeman, Class of '61, crashed and died that he had crashed into the Gulf and severely damaged his lungs while shattering a vertebra. He is able to get around but cannot sit up or be up for more than a short while. He and Jim roomed together for the last four years at CMA. He wants everyone in the Class to know that he will miss you and hopes to be at the next one. He signs, "Your friend,



NEW CA GYM. . . . Pictured is an artist sketch of the new \$10-million gym planned for the Columbia Academy campus. The new facility is the centerpiece of a capital improvement campaign designed to replace the old Gym just South of South Jackson. It will be located on the South side of the football field.

New Structure to Replace Old CMA Gymnasium

CA president, James Thomas, proudly displayed the newly proposed athletic complex for the CMAAA (Columbia Military Academy Alumni Association) board members at its April 9 meeting . He reported that of the \$10-million needed to construct this facility and a new Spring Hill campus, \$7.5 million had already been pledged.

The program will include a new gym and football bleachers (\$5-million); increased school endowment (\$2-million); annual fund instructional cost (\$1-million); renovations to an existing building at the site (\$750,000); technology upgrades (\$500,000); debt reduction (\$500,000) and a the Spring Hill start-up costs (\$250,000).

The fund raising campaign, know as “Vision 2020”, will result in a minimum of 1,250 seats, a weight room, a locker room, classroom space, coaches office space, a fitness room for faculty and staff and luxury boxes overlooking the football field. Home team bleachers will be attached to the new building on the south side of the football field. Bleachers will feature chair back seats.

The old gym, built in 1941, will be converted for use as a practice gym. Moore Hall will not be affected by the construction.

Thomas said parents identified a new gym as one of the school’s top needs in a recent survey. He said the new complex will attract tournaments and new students

to a burgeoning enrollment.

On the technology front, in the Fall of this year students in grades 7 through 12 will be issued iPads to be powered by the wireless system already in place on campus.

School officials want to increase the school’s endowment by \$2-million as a part of the project which will be used to provide tuition assistance and faculty salary increases.

“It’s a game-changing opportunity for our school,” says Thomas. “I tell people Columbia Academy is at a turning point in its history thanks to the campaign.”

The school’s present enrollment is 650 students in grades pre-kindergarten through 12.

Classes in the fall are to include the new Spring Hill satellite on Beechcroft Road.

Thomas also outlined the possibility of organizing a sustaining fund to maintain the old Guard House next to Main for perpetual use as a museum dedicated to the history of the school which originated as Columbia Military Academy in 1905.

Be a Part of “Vision 2020” Project

If you wish to participate in the capital campaign “Vision 2020” fund raiser project sponsored by Columbia Academy, please contact:

Columbia Academy
c/o Development Office/Confidential
1101 West 7th Street
Columbia, TN 38401

A sign-up card will be mailed to you requesting information on the size and timing of your gift.

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STAY IN TOUCH...

Please forward your new address to:

CMA Alumni Association
804 Athenaeum Place
Columbia, TN 38401-3156

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STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

PHONE: (____) _____

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Agenda: Class of '61 Mini Reunion

June 3: You may check in at Jameson Inn beginning at 3PM. Informal meet and greet in lobby. Dinner at 7:30 PM at Legends Restaurant (3 traffic lights from Jameson Inn).

June 4: Breakfast is open at hotel 5:30AM. Leave for CMA 8:30 AM at Columbia Academy. CA president will meet our group at 9AM for a tour. 3:30 PM social time at Moore and Karen Landers home. Dinner place and time to be announced.

June 5: Breakfast, fellowship. Departure prior to 11 AM.

Reservations and other Phone Numbers

Jameson Inn ---931-388-3326

Legends-----931-380-1888

Moore Landers--931-619-0915

Buford Gladney-931-626-5294

Bobby Alderson-931-626-0913

Joe Bailey-----502-773-2301

VA Benefits Now Available for Ischemic Heart Disease

Ischemic heart disease involves a reduction of blood flow and oxygen to the heart. There is usually a buildup of cholesterol and other substances, called plaque, in the arteries that bring oxygen to heart muscle tissue. Over time, this damages and weakens the heart muscle making it difficult for the heart to fill and pump blood to the rest of the body.

Ischemic heart disease is a common cause of congestive heart failure. People with this condition may at one time have had a heart attack, angina, or unstable angina. A few people may not have noticed any previous symptoms.

Veterans with ischemic heart disease who were exposed to Agent Orange or other herbicides during military service (NOTE: This includes all Vietnam Veterans) may be eligible for disability compensation and health care benefits. Vietnam Veterans may apply for disability compensation for ischemic heart disease using VA's Fast Track Claims Processing System.

Veterans who served in Vietnam or another area where Agent Orange was sprayed may be eligible for an Agent Orange registry health exam. It's a free, comprehensive examination.

Surviving spouses, children and dependent parents of Veterans who were exposed to Agent Orange and died as the result of ischemic heart disease may be eligible for benefits. These benefits include Dependency and Indemnity Compensation, education, home loan and health care benefits. If you think you may qualify, call the VA at: 1-800-749-8387 and Press 3

John R. Bridgewater, Class of '41

John R. Bridgewater, age 87 of Manchester, TN, passed away Thursday, December 2, 2010. Mr. Bridgewater studied at Vanderbilt University and graduated from Georgia Institute of Technology with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Mechanical Engineering. He was a member of the Delta Tau Delta Fraternity.

He was a Mechanical Engineer with Rohm & Haas Chemical Co. in Knoxville, TN until moving to Manchester in 1970 to serve as Plant Engineer (later Plant Manager for the Batesville Casket Company).

Following retirement from Batesville Casket, he was Operations Manager for Smith & Proffitt Machine and Engineering in Hopkinsville, KY and later became an engineering/management consultant.

A United States Army WWII Veteran, he was a longtime member of Rotary International and a member of the Manchester Industrial Board in the late 1970's and early 1980's (serving a term as Chairman).

He was born in Riddleton, TN to the late John R. Bridgewater and Carrie Bradley Bridgewater, and was preceded in death by his wife, Betty Anderson Bridgewater (August 2010) and daughter, Sherry Elizabeth Bridgewater.

He will be fondly remembered as one who enjoyed his Austin Healey sport cars; "piddlin" at "the place"; going to auctions/trading; swapping stories with friends; and collecting John Deere memorabilia.

He is survived by his two sons, John R. Bridgewater II and wife Betsy of Columbus, IN, and Alan K. Bridgewater and wife Jennifer of Athens, AL; sisters, Nan Bridgewater Dugger of Nashville and Jane Bridgewater Whitley of Riddleton; four grandchildren, William C. Bridgewater of Orlando, FL, A. Kent Bridgewater II (Sonia) of Bremen, Germany, Angelina H. Bridgewater (Adel) of Worms, Germany and Andrew R. Bridgewater of Bremen, Germany; one great-grandchild; and a host of friends.

Published in The Tennessean on December 9, 2010

Admiral John Butts, Class of '47

Admiral John Butts passed away peacefully after a long illness on January 13. After graduating CMA he continued for a year as a post graduate before entering the U.S. Naval Academy and graduating with

the Class of 1951. He became a submarine officer attending Submarine School in Groton, CT, and serving with distinction on several diesel submarines. As a Lieutenant Commander, he was selected to serve in the Eisenhower White House as an assistant Military Aide. He left his mark during that tour, as noted on his end-of-tour fitness report with a handwritten comment from President Eisenhower: "The finest military officer with whom I have ever served."

Having been present at the highest levels of the Executive Branch, and with the realization that the future of the submarine force lay with nuclear power, Admiral Butts applied for transfer and was accepted into the restricted Line for Special Duty, Naval Intelligence (1630). His initial tours in the intelligence field included duty at the Office of Naval Intelligence as a LCDR, and with the Naval Investigative Service in the Philippines (1964-65) as the conflict in Indochina began to intensify.

Returning to the National Capital Region, he served in the ONI Estimates section (1965-67), and on the staff of the Supreme Allied Commander in Europe, (1968-71). Returning to CONUS with his family, Admiral Butts headed the Naval Section in DIA (Directorate for Intelligence) at Bolling AFB, and subsequently as Commander of NFOIO (Naval Field Operational Intelligence Office) in the mid 1970s. Selected for flag rank while serving as the J2 at USCINCLANT at Norfolk, he returned to Washington to Command the ONI and his last active tour as the Director of Naval Intelligence at the height of offensive and defensive submarine operations of the Cold War (1982-85). Admiral Butts and his wife Joy retired to Pensacola, FL, in 1985, where they lived in retirement until shortly before he passed away.

In addition to his wife of some sixty years, he leaves daughters Jennifer and Janet, son Jeff and several grandchildren.

He was interred at Arlington National Cemetery with full military honors 12 April 2011.

For those wishing to send condolences, his wife Joy's mailing address is: 13550 Heathcote Blvd., Gainesville, VA, 20155.

Robin E. Wilkinson, Class of '51

Robin Eaton Wilkinson, age 76, of Clearwater, passed away Feb. 13, surrounded by loved ones. He was born in Mem-

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phis, TN on March 16, 1934 and had been a resident of the Tampa Bay Area for 55 years. Mr. Wilkinson grew up in Shelby, MS and after 1952 as a CMA PG he attended Mississippi State University.



Robin Wilkinson

He proudly served in the United States Navy from 1954-1956, returning to college at the University of Florida, where he graduated in 1959.

He had an extreme love for the Florida Gators, Blue Angels, fishing and golf. Survivors include his beloved wife of 43 years, Nancy; daughters, Robin Kilgore (Hill), Melanie Shoemake (Aubrey), Tracey Wilkinson; sons, Craig Wilkinson (Sue), Mark Wilkinson and Robert Wilkinson, & eight grandchildren. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to Suncoast Hospice Foundation in Mr. Wilkinson's name.

Richard K. McAdams, Class of '59

Richard K. McAdams, Sr., 70, a loved, well-known, life-long resident of Maury County, TN died March 26, 2011 at Maury Regional Medical Center following a three month illness.

Funeral services were conducted at Graymere Church of Christ with Brother John Vaughan and Brother Wendell Robinson officiating. Burial followed in Polk Memorial Gardens.



Richard McAdams

Memorials may be made to Daniel Thomas Endowment Fund at Columbia Academy, 1171 West 7th Street, Columbia 38401 or Jerry Schoeberl Scholarship at the University of Tennessee at Martin, 328 Administration Building, Martin 38238. Notes of sympathy may be sent to www.oakesandnichols.com.

Born and reared in Maury County, he was the son of the late Sherman McAdams and Grace Savage McAdams. As a youngster, he attended Highland Park Elementary School (with perfect attendance), Columbia Military Academy, and was a 1959 graduate of Columbia Central High School. He also attended Western Kentucky Univer-

sity in Bowling Green. His entire working career was as conductor for CSX & L&N Railroad Companies.

Mr. McAdams was a member and active in the work of the Graymere Church of Christ for a number of years and loved his God and wonderful church family.

Also active in civic and community affairs, he loved life, loved to laugh and talk with his family, and loved the railroad and to fellowship with his railroad friends and former co-workers. He was known for his kindness and tender heart. He was a former member of the Columbia Jaycees and having attained the rank of Eagle Scout in his youth, remained an avid supporter of Boy Scouts of America.

A remarkable sense of humor characterized Richard, serving him well as father and grandfather of a large, loving, and active family. He was a friend, if you needed one, a brother, if you didn't have one, and a "Poppie" to all children.

He was the beloved husband, best friend, and soulmate of the former Marna Morrow. Their marriage of almost 48 years was solemnized August 3, 1963 at East Side Church of Christ, Columbia. This union was blessed with six children, Edith G. Schoeberl of Columbia, Amy (Shane) Wilson of Columbia, Julie M. Woods of Franklin, Richard K. (Katie) McAdams, Jr. of Murfreesboro, Patrick R. (Selena) McAdams of Memphis, and Erin McAdams of Columbia; ten grandchildren, Stratton Schoeberl, Isabella Schoeberl, Jerald "Trace" Schoeberl, III, Lillian Wilson, McAdams "Mac" Wilson, Austin Woods, Walker Woods, Richard "Trey" McAdams, III, Williams "Wills" McAdams, and Taylor McAdams; brother, Danny McAdams; sister-in-law and brother-in-law, Myra and Jim Thomas; brother-in-law and sister-in-law, Buddy and Carla Morrow; nieces, Jennifer (Larry) Richardson and Amanda Ruth (Roscoe) Voss; nephews, Archie Manson Morrow, Richard (Gwen) McAdams, Tim McAdams, David (Jan) Thomas, James (Jennifer) Thomas, John (Natalie) Thomas, Danny McAdams, Jr., Jamie McAdams, and Ben (Ashley) McAdams; several beloved cousins and great-nieces and great-nephews.

In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a son-in-law, Jerry Schoeberl and a nephew, Daniel Thomas.

Active pallbearers were Archie Manson Morrow, David Manson Thomas, Richard L. McAdams, James S. McAdams, Edwin Couch, Jeremy McCoy, Ronnie Perkerson, William Stanfill, Ray Pace, Tommy Hulan, Larry Fox, Melvin Potts, Lee Selman, and Mike Brown.

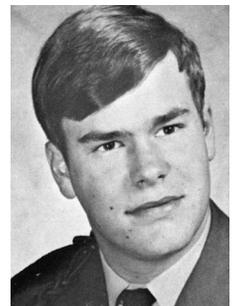
Honorary pallbearers include CSX and L&N employees, Railroad Retirement breakfast friends, Boy Scout Troop #109, Elders and Deacons of Graymere Church of Christ, Alan Scudder, Gary Martin, Jerry Williams, Elmer "Buddy" Rogers, Jim Schoeberl, Tippy Moore, Dr. James Marshall, Dr. Andrew Sisk, Dr. Amit Choski, Dr. Gibran Naddy, Dr. Steven Simmons, Dr. Allan J. Naftilan, Lamar Goad, Allen Dean, Carl Lealand, Jim Lindsey, Jim Cook, Allison Foster, Phil Hulsey, Mark Hughes, Sammy McCandless, Gene Lindsey, and Doris, Susan, and Marilyn from Hospice Compassas, Heart Failure Floor at Vanderbilt University Hospital, Derrick Stratton, Rachel Schultze, and Melissa at Vanderbilt.

The McAdams family wants everyone to know that Richard expressed his thankfulness and gratitude for all who prayed in his behalf, supported his family by furnishing food, sending cards, visiting him while at home and with his family. He wanted to send his love through his family to all those who showed them kindness, support, and love throughout his illness.

Lewis J. Barksdale III, Class of '71

Lewis Jones Barksdale III of Barksdale, MS died at home on March 19.

He was born November 23, 1953 in Memphis, TN to Lewis Jones Barksdale, Jr. and Mary Jane Sabin Barksdale, who both preceded him in death.



Lewis Barksdale

He is survived by children Lewis Jones Barksdale IV and Margaret Elizabeth Barksdale; two grandchildren, Lewis Jones Barksdale, V (Hunt) and Robert Gaines Barksdale all of Clarksdale, MS; and his sisters, Leslie Barksdale Bell of Duncan, MS and Priscilla Barksdale Thompson of Collierville, TN. He is also

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survived by five nephews: Marvin Alden Bell III of Shelby, Warren Barksdale Bell of Merigold, William Snyder Bell of Duncan, Edgar Alston Meeks, Jr. of Memphis, TN and Brett Hamilton Meeks of Oxford. After graduating CMA he attended and graduated from the University of Mississippi.

Jones was an avid sportsman and long time member of Beulah Island and Donaldson Point Hunting Clubs. He was a communicant of Saint Georges Episcopal Church. He was involved in farming interest in Quitman County and owned and operated Dalmar Plantation. Mr. Barksdale also served on the Quitman County Republican Executive Committee for many years. Services were conducted at Saint Georges Episcopal Church in Clarksdale, MS.

A private interment was held at Odd Fellows Cemetery in Grenada, MS. Memorials may be made to Saint George, (Episcopal Church or St. Jude Children's Research Hospital .

Anthony V. Bates, Class of '73

Anthony Victene "Vic" Bates, 55, Superintendent of Waste Water Treatment for the City of Franklin, TN died February 19, at his residence on Carol Drive in Columbia, TN.

Funeral services were conducted at Oakes & Nichols Funeral Home with Pastor Randy Miller officiating. Entombment followed in Polk Memorial Gardens Mausoleum.

Memorials may be made to Pet Pals of

Maury County, P.O. Box 1623, Columbia, TN 38402 or Friends of Luigi Cat Rescue, 2824 Bransford Ave., Nashville, TN 37204. Notes of sympathy may be sent to the family at www.oakesandnichols.com.

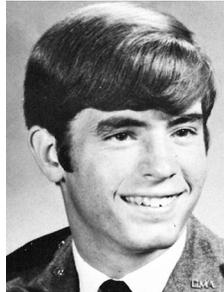
The Maury County native was the son of the late Billy Brown Bates and Elsie Walding Bates.

After graduating CMA, he attended Columbia State and received his B.S. degree in Biology from Middle Tennessee State University.

On February 24, 1979 he married Pam Waldrum Bates of Columbia who survives him. Vic had many interests in life among which were motorcycles especially his Harley-Davidson. He loved playing the guitar and was an avid collector of guitars. He was also a silversmith and enjoyed making jewelry.

Survivors in addition to his wife are his mother-in-law, Betty Waldrum of Columbia; sister-in-law Beverly (Craig) Fincher of Columbia; brother-in-law Barry (Emily) Waldrum of Murfreesboro; niece Melissa Armbrister; nephews David (Faye) Waldrum, B.J. (Rebecca) Waldrum; seven great nieces and great nephews; several cousins; and his beloved pets, Mandy, Honey, Suzy and Boo.

Pallbearers were Rick Mullen, William Massey, Dave Edwards, Matthew Glenn, Jason Gilliam and Jim Brady.



Vic Bates

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