

# Reunion Registration Forms—Pages 4-5



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## From the President



Bellhops, Faculty & Friends:

It is with a heavy heart that I write this. On January 7, we lost our Vice President, Randy Howell, to COVID. Randy's love for CMA and our Association was evident in his support and contribution to all of our functions. Randy was very helpful with growing the involvement of the 70's Classes which is the key to keeping our Association active. Randy's loss leaves an empty place in the hearts for all of us who called him our friend. Please keep Rhonda and her family in your thoughts and prayers.

This Holiday season was unlike any other with the disruption of family gatherings and crazy travel problems. I would like to think that our time at CMA helped to prepare us to deal with major life problems and unusual situations. We, some at a very young age, had to make decisions and be accountable for our everyday actions.

We will have a Zoom Board of Directors meeting this Spring. We had a Zoom meeting last Fall and it went very well. We had discussed possibly having a Spring CMA Day at CA during April but due to concerns we will not try to hold it. Hopefully we can get the CMA Day back on schedule this Fall. I have received positive comments about mov-

ing forward with plans to hold our Reunion as scheduled in August. Our older Alumni have a sense of urgency to get back together while we can. DO IT NOW. Make your plans for August 2021 to attend our delayed Reunion. I am hopeful everyone will have their vaccinations by then. I am looking forward to seeing and visiting with everyone after three years. Yes, THREE YEARS.

The 2021 Reunion will be held again at the Marriott Cool Springs in Franklin, TN, August 5 - 8. As our Honor Group, we will recognize our Valedictorians & Salutatorians. This is a group who represented the top of their classes through the years. For the Banquet Dinner Saturday night, registration must be received by noon on Friday in our registration room. We must give the Marriott a number for dinner attendees at that time. Please send your Registration Form, or contact Becky Moon ( [becsmoon@gmail.com](mailto:becsmoon@gmail.com) ) or me ( [frsalze66@gmail.com](mailto:frsalze66@gmail.com) ) to confirm your Saturday night Banquet attendance prior to the Friday noon deadline. We will have the FAB Nashville Beatles Cover Band perform after the Saturday night banquet again in 2021. I encourage you to donate to help cover the cost of the Band. Any donations that exceed the cost of the band will be added to the funding for the CA Scholarship which our Association gives to a CA Graduate each year. There was a concern about the band interfering with the Banquet and our being able to visit with each other. The band will not perform until after dinner, Honor Group Recognition, Auction, and all activities are over. For those who want to get together and not listen to the band, our registration room across the hall will be available with tables & chairs all evening. If you have

not planned on staying for the Saturday night banquet, please reconsider. This is the highlight of our reunion weekend and helps make the reunion a success.

In 2021, we begin celebrating the 50th Reunions for the Classes of the 70's with 1970 and 1971. We will be depending on the support from our younger Alumni to help us move forward in the coming years. If you are a member of the 1970 or 1971 Class, please contact your Class Representative, listed in the Bugle, and plan on joining us in August. I would also like to invite all of the 70's folks to join us. August 2021 is your opportunity to do your part in keeping our Association productive and stable as we navigate the future Reunions. Please remember, the CMA Alumni Association is for anyone who attended CMA for one year, several years, graduate or non-graduate. We all shared the same experience and have many of the same stories. Please contact your classmates and friends and encourage them to attend our 2021 Reunion and renew old friendships and share our old stories.

Cordially,

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Robin Salze  
Class of 1966  
CMAAA President



## Golf Scramble For 2021 Reunion



As in years past, the Association is looking at setting up a golf outing on Friday morning of the reunion weekend. The format and location are being discussed based on the anticipated participation level. Since we have had a difficult time getting enough participants to justify a golf course closing the facility for our group to play a shotgun start scramble type tournament, other formats are being considered, as well as an appropriate location. If you are interested in playing, please contact Bill Wade at [englandclarkwade@bellsouth.net](mailto:englandclarkwade@bellsouth.net) and let him know so he can begin to get an idea on the participation level. We need to have 16 players commit to participate by June 20th or the event will be cancelled for this reunion.



# MOVING?

## STAY IN TOUCH...

Please forward your new address to:  
**CMA Alumni Association**  
**804 Athenaeum Place**  
**Columbia, TN 38401-3156**

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

GRADUATING CLASS: \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY: \_\_\_\_\_

STATE: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

E-MAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

## 50 Year Reunion Contacts For 2021

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### Class of 1970

Charles Hoover  
[charles.hoover@corveva.com](mailto:charles.hoover@corveva.com)  
 100 Lydia Lane  
 Starkville, MS 39759  
 Phone: 662-562-2251

Walter Keith  
[wk4@comcast.net](mailto:wk4@comcast.net)  
 110 Suffolk Crescent  
 Brentwood, TN 37027  
 Phone: 615-406-9577

### Class of 1971

Bill Payne  
[billpayne3@gmail.com](mailto:billpayne3@gmail.com)  
 1017 West 2nd Street, Apt 9  
 Little Rock, AR 72201-2035  
 Phone: 501-551-1534

## Valedictorians and Salutatorians Recognized

This reunion's recognition group is those individuals that were the Class Valedictorians and Salutatorians.

Thanks to the yearbooks for the years 1953-1979 we know the Valedictorians and Salutatorians for those years. We encourage those from earlier years to indicate on your registration form if you were either honoree when a senior at CMA so you can be recognized.

Each Valedictorian and Salutatorian is encouraged to attend the 2021 Grand Reunion and be recognized during the banquet Saturday night.

## Support Your Association

If you want to help your Association with some expenses the opportunity is right before you. We have the Beatles cover band, FAB Nashville, playing at the reunion after the banquet Saturday night. That is an added reunion expense and the Association could stand to have your help in deferring that cost. If you would like to make a donation to help with the expense, please mark the appropriate block on the Registration Form and include the amount in your registration payment. You can also help with our annual expense of providing the CMAAA Scholarship to a CA graduate each year. If you would like to specify a donation to the CMAAA Scholarship Fund you can do that on the Registration Form as well. Please consider helping the Association with these expenses.

## You Can Help Keep the Bugle Interesting and Fresh

This edition of the *Bugle* marks 30 years of publication of our quarterly newsletter. During that time the *Bugle* has gone through numerous changes and you can help the *Bugle* maintain its value by providing your stories, pictures, news updates, Then and Now write-ups, and information on CMA Family losses so it can be shared with the association members through the *Bugle*. Please provide anything that you think would be good for inclusion in the *Bugle* to the below address and help keep the *Bugle* moving forward. Let's keep it fresh and interesting for everyone.

Woody Pettigrew  
 101 Sansberry Lane  
 Madison, AL 35756



## Reminder to Pay your Dues to the Alumni Association

Since the Alumni Association does not send out notices telling its members to pay their dues at a specific time, the best thing to do to keep up with dues payments is to make your payment every two years in conjunction with the CMAAA Reunion. Many individuals do that and pay their dues as part of the registration for the reunion. Even if you are not going to attend the reunion, you can use the registration form to pay your dues. With annual dues being \$25, if you set yourself up to pay in conjunction with the reunion you can pay \$50 every two years and always know when you need to pay your dues. The Reunion Registration form, provided in the Spring edition of the *Bugle*, provides the opportunity to pay your dues even if you are not attending the reunion. Simply fill out the top portion of the registration form and check the box that says "I Am Unable to Attend but have enclosed my \$50.00 for the next 2 Years Dues (\$25.00 per Year)". Send in the form, along with a check for \$50 made out to CMAAA and your dues are good until the next reunion year in 2023. Dues are very important to keep the association going.

**GRAND REUNION**  
**CMAAAA**  
 2021



**Marriott  
 Reservation Process**

**Please make Reservations by 9 July**

**Via Phone (1-888-236-2427):**

1. Ask for Reservations
2. Provide arrival/departure date
3. Reference the CMAAAA to get the special rate of \$139.
4. If they ask for a code to receive the rate, it is CMA.

**Via Internet:**

1. Click this hyperlink: [Book your group rate for Columbia Military Academy Alumni Association](#)
2. To go to the hyperlink, left click on it. This puts you at the CMA Reunion Room Registration page with the special \$139 per night rate.
3. Enter the check-in and check-out dates as well as the room information and click on Check Availability.
4. Verify the room information and rate on the next page and click Select.
5. Continue making reservations by following instructions on the next page.

**If Hyperlink does not work:**

1. Go to this address:  
[www.marriott.com/event-reservations/reservation-link.mi?id=1590167198776&key=GRP&app=resvlink](http://www.marriott.com/event-reservations/reservation-link.mi?id=1590167198776&key=GRP&app=resvlink)
2. This puts you at the CMA Reunion Room Registration page with the special rate of \$139 per night.
3. Follow instructions as above.

**Make this Reunion the one that you will attend. Come spend time with your old classmates and share some memories.**

**Sporting Clays Shooting Event  
 To Be Set Up For Reunion**



A now regular activity at the CMA Reunions is once again being planned for 2021. Dudley Dolinger ('73) has again agreed to coordinate with the Nashville Gun Club to set up a Sporting Clays shooting event on Friday during the reunion for any CMA alumni and friends interested in participating. The event will start at 10:00 AM and will provide participants the opportunity to go to the gun club and go through the stations shooting at 50 sporting clays. The cost for the event is based on what equipment you bring. If you provide your own gun, ammunition, ear protection and eye protection (all required to have), the cost will be \$40 plus tax. If you need to purchase/rent any of the mentioned items, the price will increase accordingly and could make the total cost be \$75 if you needed the gun club to provide everything. All interested in registering for the shoot are asked to submit the registration form along with a \$25 deposit. Since total costs are dependent on individual needs, you should be prepared to make further payment at the gun club. If you would like to participate, please complete the registration form on page 5 and submit it to Dudley Dolinger at the address provided on the form by July 1st. Feel free to contact Dudley Dolinger at 615-476-1820 or at [ddolinger@comcast.net](mailto:ddolinger@comcast.net) if you have any questions. This event has proven to be a great time for all that participate. Join the group and shoot some clays!



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**Schedule of Events**

**Thursday, August 5th**

- 1:00 PM: Early sign-in and registration in Marriott CMA Registration Room until 7:00 PM
- Optional: Individual class activities and free-style group gatherings

**Friday, August 6th**

- 9:00 AM: Registration in CMA Registration Room until 5:30 PM
- 8:00: Golf Tournament—Depending on Interest Level—See Page 5
- 10:00: Sporting Clays Shooting Event, Nashville Gun Club, 1100 County Hospital Road, Nashville, TN
- 3:00: Board Meeting, Marriott Meeting Room
- 5:30 PM: Welcome Reception , CMA Registration Room
- Optional: Individual class activities and free-style group gatherings

**Saturday, August 7th**

- 9:00 AM: CMA Museum open until 2:00 PM except during CMAAA General Membership meeting
- 10:00 AM: CMAAA General Membership Meeting in CA Chapel
  - Columbia Academy welcome and update
  - Election of Board Officers
  - Hall of Honor Inductions
- 11:00 AM: Flag Ceremony for Departed Cadets in Classes of '70 and '71
- 1:00: Individual class activities and free-style group gatherings
- 3:00 PM: Registration in CMA Registration Room until 6:00 PM
- 5:00 PM: Class Group Photos in CMA Registration Room
- 6:00 PM: Reunion Banquet / Recognition Ceremony / Dance at Marriott Ball Room

**Sunday, August 8th**

- Optional: Individual class activities and free-style group gatherings, breakfast, worship, and departure as desired



# 2020 ONE

## REUNION REGISTRATION FORM AUGUST 5th—8th 2021

**Please Respond by July 15th, 2021**



NAME (Last, First, Middle) \_\_\_\_\_ Class of \_\_\_\_\_

HOME STREET ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

HOME PHONE (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ BUSINESS / CELL PHONE (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

E-MAIL ADDRESS (Please Print Clearly) \_\_\_\_\_

Count On Me to Attend the 2020 CMAAA Grand Reunion.

I Am Unable to Attend but have enclosed my \$50.00 for the next 2 Years Dues (\$25.00 per Year)

Names of Others Accompanying me to the Reunion \_\_\_\_\_

I Plan on Arriving at the Marriott, Franklin at Approximately \_\_\_\_\_ AM PM, on \_\_\_\_\_ (Date)

### 2021 CMAAA Grand Reunion Activity Check List

Please check those activities and functions of interest to your party. In so doing, indicate the number of participants and approximate fee per activity. Please mail this completed form with a check (payable to CMA Alumni Association) for the total amount in an envelope to arrive no later than July 15th, 2021. If you have any questions, please contact Becky Moon at 804 Athenaeum Place, Columbia, TN 38401-3156 or (931) 388-9128 or e-mail her at: becsmoon@gmail.com

#### 2021 Reunion Honorees Valedictorians and Salutatorians

Please Indicate if you were a Valedictorian or Salutatorian (Circle Above)  
Activities (Please Check All That Apply)

Grand Reunion Registration Fee (Required).....(\$25.00 per Adult) \_\_\_\_\_ x \$25.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

The registration fee is required regardless of how many or few activities registrants attend. It covers the Association's costs of (1) Promoting / orchestrating the Reunion plus goods and services, (2) Entertainment, and (3) Bugle Newsletter expenses.

Golf Tourney, 8:00 AM, Friday—Golf Registration Form will be provided in Summer 2021 Edition of the Bugle

Sporting Clays, 10:00 AM Friday—Complete Registration Form on page 6 and submit to Dudley Dolinger with Payment

Welcome Reception at Marriott, 5:30—7:30 PM, Friday.....(No Additional Charge)

Band Donation—Help cover cost of Band; Donations in excess of cost will go to CMAAA Scholarship Fund.\$ \_\_\_\_\_

CMAAA Scholarship Fund Donation—Funding for Annual CMAAA Scholarship for CA Graduate.....\$ \_\_\_\_\_

CMAAA General Membership Meeting, 10:00 AM, Saturday on Campus in Columbia.....(No Additional Charge)

Reunion Banquet/Dance, 6:00 PM, Saturday.....(\$50.00/Person) \_\_\_\_\_ x \$50.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Biennial Alumni Association Dues.....(\$25.00 per Year x 2 Years = \$50.00 per Alumni) \_\_\_\_\_ x \$50.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Mail Registration Form and Check made out to CMAAA to: Becky Moon, 804 Athenaeum Place, Columbia, TN 38401**



## Grand Reunion 2 Man Scramble Golf Tournament

Crossing Golf Course, 750 River

Franklin, Tennessee

Friday, August 6th

Sign In: 7:30; Tee

Open to all Al

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**Will Not Use a Registration Form for this Year's Event. Rather, please notify Bill Wade either by phone at 615-838-9730 or by e-mail at englandclarkwade@bellsouth.net by June 20th if you want to play. If we do not get 16 commitments by June 20th, the event will be cancelled for this reunion.**

NAME \_\_\_\_\_  
HOME STREET ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_  
CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_  
HOME PHONE (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_  
E-MAIL ADDRESS (Please Print Clearly) \_\_\_\_\_  
Requested Teammate: \_\_\_\_\_

HANDICAP \_\_\_\_\_  
FROM WHAT \_\_\_\_\_  
FEES \_\_\_\_\_

**Registration Fee—\$55.00**  
**Includes Tee, Lunch and Prizes**

### Notice to Golfers

Please respond with this completed form and your check payable to Bill Wade as soon as possible so he can make plans with the golf course. If you have any questions, call Bill at 615-838-9730 or e-mail him at: englandclarkwade@bellsouth.net  
**NOTE: Proper Golf Attire is Required.**

**Make Check Payable to: Bill Wade**  
**Mail Registration Form and Check to: Bill Wade, P.O. Box 1804, Brentwood, TN 37024**



## Grand Reunion Sporting Clays Shooting Event

Nashville Gun Club

1100 County Hospital Road

Nashville, Tennessee 37218

Friday, August 6th, 2021

Registration/Sign In: 10:00



NAME \_\_\_\_\_ Class of \_\_\_\_\_  
HOME STREET ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_  
CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_  
HOME PHONE (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ BUSINESS / CELL PHONE (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_  
E-MAIL ADDRESS (Please Print Clearly) \_\_\_\_\_

**Pre-Registration Fee—\$25.00**  
**Total Cost Dependent of Supplies Required**

### Notice to Participants

Please respond with this completed form and your check payable to Dudley Dolinger **no later than 1 July** so he can make plans with the gun club. If you have any questions, call Dudley at 615-476-1820 or e-mail him at: ddolinger@comcast.net

**Make Check Payable to: Dudley Dolinger**  
**Mail Registration Form and Check to: Dudley Dolinger, 59 Vaughn's Gap Road, Nashville, TN 37205**

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## Harold D. Church, Class of '37

Harold D. Church, a life-long resident of Maury County, was born February 9, 1919 and died Friday, February 5, 2021 peacefully at Magnolia Healthcare in Columbia. He was the son of the late Clayton Forgy Church and Nora Dene Shaw Church, and the grandson of the late State Senator John W. Church. He was preceded in death by his parents and brother, John Clayton Church, Sr. His education began at the Athendale and McDowell Elementary Schools, continued with Columbia High School and graduated from Columbia Military Academy. His college education was from Andrew Jackson Business College in Nashville, TN with a two-year Associate Business degree. During World War II he served with the 8<sup>th</sup> Army Air Corps and was stationed in England. After discharge in late 1945 he went to Detroit and worked for Ford Motor Company. Returning to Maury County, he worked variously as a painter, carpenter, and farmer until finally retiring in his late eighties. He is survived by two nephews, Dr. John Clayton Church, Jr. (Therese) and Alan Burton Church, a cousin, Mr. Wally Beasley, and three grand-nieces.

## Charles W. Nestor, Class of '48

Charles William ("Bill") Nestor, Jr., died peacefully on January 11, 2021, in Hendersonville, Tenn. A nuclear physicist who spent much of his career at Oak Ridge National Laboratory (ORNL), Bill was born on March 12, 1931, in Nashville, Tennessee, the son of Charles William Nestor, Sr., and Frances Eugenia Rollow Nestor. He attended CMA graduating with the Class of 1948. Bill met his future wife, Sibyl Whelchel, at a dance held at CMA when he was a cadet. Bill and Sibyl were married in 1952 and moved to Oak Ridge, Tenn., in 1953 so that Bill could attend the Oak Ridge School of Reactor Technology (ORSORT). His formal academic credentials, including a doctorate in physics, were earned at Vanderbilt University, but the ORSORT diploma proclaiming him a DOPE (Doctor of Pile Engineering) was one of his prized possessions. After Bill graduated from ORSORT, he and Sibyl moved to Livermore, Calif., where he worked at the newly established Livermore Radiation Laboratory. They re-



**Bill Nestor**

turned to Oak Ridge in June 1955, where Bill joined the Reactor Experimental Engineering Division of ORNL. He retired in 1992, but returned to ORNL as a consultant in 1993, working closely with Subramanian Raman for several years on nuclear structure physics. Bill is survived by five children and their spouses: Nell Nestor and Steve Yeldell, Bonnie Nestor and Charles Crume, John Nestor and Theresa Donahoe, Will Nestor and Karen Oakley, and Anne Nestor and Alan Cady; nine grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

## Roger G. Murray, Class of '49

Roger G. Murray, Jr., age 89, passed away on December 20, 2020. Roger was born in Jackson, Tennessee, the son of the late Roger Murray and Agnes Bradford Murray. He attended CMA graduating with the Class of 1949. He then received a bachelor's degree from Union University, and a law degree from Cumberland Law School. Roger served in the U.S. Army from 1953 to 1955. He practiced law in Jackson from 1962 to 1976. In 1968 he started his own company, Murray Guard, Inc. which did business in many states. From 1972 to 1978 he served in the Tennessee House of Representatives where he chaired numerous committees and sub-committees. He ran for governor on the democratic ticket in 1978. Roger was president of the Jackson Chamber of Commerce, president of Madison County American Red Cross, Chairman of the West Tennessee Heart Association, Chairman of the YMCA campaign, President of Crime Stoppers of Jackson, and was a leading board member of United Way of West Tennessee. He was married to Judith Ligon of Lebanon, Tennessee, in 1960 who survives him. He is also survived by his children, Roger Murray III and wife Kelly, Luanne Story and husband Jimmy, Will Murray, Melissa Bloemer and husband Bernie, and daughter-in-law, Janice Murray. A son, Thomas David Murray, preceded him in death in 2015. He is also survived by eight grandchildren; his sister, Mona Ward and husband, Jerry, and brother-in-law, Gary Ligon and wife Barbara.



**Roger Murray**

## Joe Gilliam, Class of '51, PG 52

Joseph McAfee Gilliam, Jr. of Waverly Heights in Gladwyne, Pennsylvania, died peacefully at home on January 23, 2021 at the age of 87. Joe was born in Lexington, Kentucky, the only child of Joseph McAfee Gilliam and Nellye Cecelia Furlong. Raised in Lexington, Joe attended CMA for four years graduating with the Class of 1951 and was a postgraduate with the class of 1952. From there, he was recruited by the University of Kentucky, joining Paul (Bear) Bryant's football team. Joe served in the United States Air Force from 1954 to 1958. In 1958, he returned to UK to complete his education. He graduated with a bachelor's degree in Political Science in 1960 and a master's degree from the Patterson School of Diplomacy in 1962. On June 25, 1960, Joe married Laura Roberta Weinman, also of Lexington and a graduate of UK. They had two daughters. The family moved eleven times during Joe's 33-year career with AT&T. He concluded his career in Atlanta in 1995 as a Vice President of Network Operations, then retired to the Landings on Skidaway Island in Savannah to enjoy golf, an active social life and beautiful scenery. He was an avid reader and loved to travel, with a particular fondness for the beach. But Joe loved his family above all else. Joe is survived by his wife of 60 years, Laura; his children Cathy (Scott) Heiser and Beth (Peter); his 4 grandchildren Ben (Jessica) Heiser, Julia Goodhart, Erin Heiser and Henry Goodhart; and his dog Rosie



**Joe Gilliam**

## Lamar Gidden, Jr, Class of '53

Lamar Gidden, Jr passed away on October 17, 2019. He was born August 25, 1935 to L.A. and Virginia Gidden. He attended CMA for two and a half years graduating with the Class of 1953. He is remembered for his love of the outdoors, including river life, hunting, fishing and farming. He was preceded in death by his parents. He is survived by his son Lamar Gidden III (Laura), daughter Fonda Shaia (Jen), brother William Gid-



**Lamar Gidden**

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den (Patti) and three grandchildren.

## Foyce Bradshaw, Class of '55

Foyce Kenneth Bradshaw, Jr. passed away on January 19, 2021. He was born in 1937 and was preceded in death by his parents Ettie and Foyce Bradshaw and their infant daughter Mary Margaret. Foyce attended CMA for three years graduating with the Class of 1955. He later attended the University of Alabama and UAM in Monticello. He continued the legacy of his parents by farming in the South Arkansas area. He raised his family in Hamburg, Arkansas, and will be remembered for his great laugh and sense of humor. He lived out his final years in the farm house where he grew up as a child. He leaves behind his three children, Ken Bradshaw and wife Beverly, Deedra Bradshaw Berkemeyer, Kirk Bradshaw and their mother, Donna Meyer Bradshaw-Robb. He is also survived by four Grandchildren and four Great-Grandchildren.



**Foyce Bradshaw**

## Jack T. Sowell, Jr, Class of '56

Jack Thomas Sowell, Jr, 82, retired from Roberson Security and resident of Nashville, died Friday, February 12, 2021 at Waters of Smyrna. Born June 4, 1938 in Maury County, he was the son of the late Jack Thomas Sowell, Sr. and the late Jessie Pigg Sowell. He attended CMA for two years graduation with the Class of 1956. He married Mary Evelyn Christy Sowell who preceded him in death September 11, 2002. Mr. Sowell served in the United States Air Force and was a member of the Church of Christ. Survivors include his stepson, Marvin Jones, Jr. of Nashville; step grandson, Marty Jones of Madison; and several step great grandchildren. In addition to his parents and wife, he was preceded in death by his brother, Richard Thurston Sowell.



**Jack Sowell**

## Robert C. Everett, Class of '58

Robert Case Everett, 81, died Thursday, January 7, 2021. Mr. Everett was born

on March 6, 1939 in Jackson, Mississippi, the son of the late Robert and Katherine Everett. He attended CMA for three years, graduating with the Class of 1958. A veteran, he served his country honorably in the United States Coast Guard. In younger days he enjoyed duck hunting; however, he most cherished spending time with his family, watching the national news, and playing games on his computer. He retired as a successful sales representative from 3M / Kodak. He is survived by his loving wife Rachel Everett of Madison; son, Robert Scott Everett, M.D. and his wife Mackenzie of Dothan, AL; his grandchildren, Larson Grace Everett and Emerson Cole Everett and brother, Pete Everett and his wife Dottie of Jackson.



**Robert Everett**

## Ronald Hoffman, Class of '62

Ronald Hoffman, whose family business, Hoffman Furniture, has thrived in downtown Mobile for a century, died at home on January 10 after a long illness. He attended CMA for two years graduating with the Class of 1962. Known to all as Ronnie, the tall, easy-going businessman was the third generation to run the Hoffman store, a block-long establishment on Dauphin Street, originally general mercantile, founded by Ronnie's grandparents. Ronnie, at 27, took over running the business. For the next fifty years the genial boss saw the business through the ups and downs of Dauphin Street as a shopping venue, additional stores in Prichard and Saraland, and computerization of the office. He was a quiet, empathetic man who helped others without fanfare. Committed to his Judaism, he was a lifelong member of Ahavas Chesed Synagogue. And Ronnie relished dancing. Many evenings he'd join friends at the Azalea dance club in Mobile, or drive to venues from Pensacola to Biloxi to fox-trot, swing dance, and cha-cha. He is survived by his son, Michael Hoffman, and daughter, Denny Elisabeth Logan, sister Sandybeck Lease, step-sister Lynne Davis, nephews, cousins, and extended family.



**Ronald Hoffman**

## Jack M. Shaffer, Jr, Class of '64

Jack M. Shaffer, Jr., age 74, of Knoxville, Tennessee passed away December 3, 2020. He attended CMA for two years as a member of the Class of 1964. Jack served 22 years in the US Army where he retired as a Master Sergeant. He was the recipient of a Purple Heart during his service in the Vietnam War. Upon retirement, Jack returned to Crossville, Tennessee to work with his brother David at JM Shaffer Quarry, a family owned business of 72 years. Jack was a fun loving person who enjoyed golf, skiing, bowling and traveling around the world. His favorite pastime was watching his beloved Tennessee Vols. He is preceded in death by his parents, Jack and Norma Shaffer and brother, James Shaffer. He is survived by his wife, Diana; brother David; brother and sister-in-law Bill and Brenda Cook; daughters Michelle and Kim; step-sons Camron and Bijan Keyhani; several nephews, grandchildren and great grandchildren.



**Jack Shaffer**

## Michael C. Morton, Class of '71

Michael Coleman Morton, loving husband, adored father and friend to all, passed away January 17, 2021. Mickey was born in Columbia, TN on December 5, 1953 to the late James and Giva Morton. Mickey attended CMA for two years, graduating with the Class of 1971. He then attended and graduated from Tennessee Tech University. As a longtime resident of Columbia and owner of Modern Cleaners, he formed countless friendships over the years that provided many shared, fond memories. For the past twenty years he resided in Franklin, Tennessee with his family close by. Disciplined, steadfast, loving, kindhearted, quick to forgive and just plain fun are just a few words to describe the man he was. He often said, "at the end of the day all you have is your family," and he lived the importance of that every single day. He was most proud of two things; his 46 year marriage, and the wonderful adults his children have become. He leaves behind a devoted and loving family, his wife, Debra



**Micky Morton**

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Flowers Morton, daughter, Molly and son, Brian. Other survivors include, brother, Jim (Sonny) Morton, mother-in-law, Mattie Shannon, nephews, David Morton and Stephen Morton, and family dogs, Charlie and Marley.

## Randy Howell, Class of '72

Randy Howell, age 66, husband of Rhonda Ellis Howell, and a resident of Spring Hill, Tennessee left his earthly home to be in his eternal home on Thursday, January 7, 2021. Born on December 24, 1954 in Columbia, Randy was the son of the late James Isaac Howell and the late Betty Ann Linville Howell.



**Randy Howell**

Randy attended CMA for seven years, graduating with the Class of 1972. He was active in the CMA Alumni Association, serving as the Association Vice President at the time of his death. He was a member of West End Baptist Church where he served as the worship leader. Randy was very musically talented, playing the piano, guitar, bass, keyboard, drums, and banjo, but his favorite of all was singing. He was a big people person and an avid Atlanta Braves baseball fan. He is survived by his wife of nearly thirty years, Rhonda; sons Randy (Lyndsey) Howell, II and Adam Howell; daughter Leslie Nicole (Rob) Milner; sister Letha Ann (Glenn) King; grandchildren Rheagan Tabor, Randy Howell, III, Ben Howell, Cheali Howell, Hunter Howell, Will Milner, Avery Milner, Aidan Bonnet, and Samantha Bonnet; brothers in law: Phillip (Sandra) Ellis and Danny (Shelia) Ellis; and several nieces and nephews, great nieces, and great nephews.

## Frank Williams, Jr, Class of '74

Frank Williams Jr., 64, passed away peacefully on January 26, 2021 at Veterans Hospital in West Roxbury after succumbing to an illness. He was the beloved husband of Tong Li Williams. Born in Cullman, AL the only son of the late Mildred (Bailey) and Frank Williams, Sr. Frank was raised in Cullman and



**Frank Williams**

went to CMA at the age of 11. He was at CMA for 6 years, graduating with the Class of 1974. After CMA he attended Southern Benedictine College in Cullman, where he studied math from the Benedictine Monks. Frank received his bachelor's degree at Tennessee Tech University and his Juris Doctorate degree from Samford University's Cumberland School of Law in 1984. He then went to the FBI Academy and was a DEA agent for 2 years. Frank began his own law practice in 1985 in his hometown of Cullman. During his practice he was a member of the Cullman Area Chamber of Commerce and a member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church. His law practice ended in 2006 when he recommissioned within the Army as a JAG Officer and was deployed to Iraq and served 17 months. In November of 2008 until March of 2010, he was deployed to Guantanamo Bay with the CIA. Then reassigned to Vermont reporting to the Pentagon. Following his deployment, he became disabled and was discharged from the Military. He is survived by his loving wife Tong Li, and his children Jenna Williams, Carson Williams, Mary Beth Williams Talmoge, Elizabeth Wu, and David Wu; his sisters Josephine Basden, Julia Chen and her husband Jim, Francine Powell and her husband Dwayne; and several nieces and nephews.

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