

CMAAA Board Meeting — May 6th 2023



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From the President



Greetings to all Bellhops!

Spring is here and the next big event is our Grand Reunion scheduled for 3-6 August 2023.

We would love to see as many folks as possible there and hope you will make your reservations soon! We got a very good rate for our rooms at the Marriott and for our banquet as well. We also plan to have a DJ to provide music for your enjoyment..

Quite a few alumni gathered for a great time in Grayton Beach Florida this past September , and we have some exciting plans for our next Florida adventure. Right now, we are looking at St. George Island for our new Florida location. Our annual Reelfoot Lake experience will be happening April 25-30. Hope to see many of you there.

Recently, I took the opportunity to fly on a space available military aircraft. I've been retired quite a while now and don't often get the opportunity to visit with young troops. The (very) young aircrew I flew with were absolute professionals at the top of their game. They were totally dedicated to their work of protecting all of us from harm. I miss working with all those young troops and

feel very proud to have once been a part of their mission. CMA helped lead me to that life.

Until Our Next Formation ,

Tom

Tom Carr
Class of 1975
CMAAA President



Memory from the 2021 Grand Reunion.
Join in on the fun in 2023.



2023 Grand Reunion 3-6 August 2023

Designated Honor Group for 2023 Grand Reunion

The designated honor group for the 2023 CMAAA Grand Reunion includes everyone who attended CMA during the decade of the 1950s, Graduate or Non-Graduate. Additionally, all individuals that were in Classes that graduated prior to the 1950s will be recognized. In addition to being members of the Corps of Cadets during a period of significant growth of CMA, these classes were instrumental in the establishment, growth and accomplishments of the CMA Alumni Association as we know it today. All members of these classes are encouraged to attend the 2023 reunion and be recognized during the banquet on Saturday night.

Class Points of Contact for 2023 Reunion

Jimmy Bane ('72) and Woody Pettigrew ('73) are the Class contacts for the 50th Reunion Classes as part of the 2023 CMAAA Grand Reunion.

50 Year Reunion Contacts For 2023

Class of 1972

Jimmy Bane
Jbaneinvestments@yahoo.
com
205-342-0360

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Class of 1973

Woody Pettigrew
wpettigrew@knology.net
256-653-7303



Reunion Registration Form August 3rd - 6th, 2023

Please Respond by July 15th, 2023

(Please Type or Print Clearly)



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 2023 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)

2023 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, 2023. 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

2023 Reunion Honorees

Alumni from the Decade of the 1950s and Before

Please Indicate if you are part of that Group (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, Friday—Golf Registration Form will be provided in Spring 2023 Edition of the *Bugle*

☐ Sporting Clays, Friday—Registration Form will be provided in Spring 2023 Edition of the *Bugle*

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

☐ 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 CMAAAA 2023



Marriott Reservation Process

Please make Reservations by 6 July to get the Special Rate.

Via Phone (1-888-403-6772):

1. Ask for Reservations
2. Provide arrival/departure date
3. Reference the CMAAAA to get the special rate of \$149.
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 \$149 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. Please call the number above to make reservations.
2. The hotel website is www.marriott.com/bnacs for general information.

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

Sporting Clays Shooting Event In Planning For Reunion



We are trying to determine interest in having another Sporting Clays event during the 2023 Reunion. Dudley Dolinger ('73) has again agreed to head up the event but we need to determine the interest before he can make arrangements with the Nashville Gun Club. If you are interested in participating this year please get in touch with Dudley so he can determine if there is enough interest. Please contact Dudley at 615-476-1820 or at ddolinger@comcast.net and let him know if you are interested. Take out some of your frustrations on a Sporting Clay.

How About a Round of Golf During the Reunion



As in years past, the Association is looking at setting up a golf outing on Friday 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 and let him know so he can begin to get an idea on the participation level. A decision needs to be made soon so if you would like to play a round of golf on Friday please get with Bill and let him know. If there is enough interest, more information and a registration form will be available in the Spring 2023 Bugle.

Please let Dudley and/or Bill know if you are interested in either of these events. They need to know the interest level.

GRAND REUNION CMAAAA 2023

Schedule of Events

Thursday, August 3

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 4

9:00 AM: Registration in CMA Registration Room until 5:30 PM
To Be Determined based on Interest:
Golf Tournament—Details in Summer 2023 Bugle
To Be Determined based on Interest:
Sporting Clays Shooting Event, Nashville Gun Club, 1100 County Hospital Road, Nashville, TN
5:30 PM: Welcome Reception, CMA Registration Room
Optional: Individual class activities and free-style group gatherings

Saturday, August 5

9:00 AM: CMA Museum open until 2:00 PM except during CMAAA General Membership meeting
9:30 AM: Board Meeting, Columbia Academy Chapel (Old Main)
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 '72 and '73
12:00 PM: 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 6

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

CMA Flashback

Maddox Harris, Class of '70

In the fall of 1969, Tom Lanman, as cadet Battalion Commander, and I, as cadet Deputy Battalion Commander, had weekend duty in the Commandant's office on a Friday night. Duty consisted of answering the phone, taking messages, checking on the bullring and mostly watching TV. Usually being on duty was a dull affair, but this particular night was anything but usual.

About 9:00 pm, Major Kim Barton, CMA Academic Director, came into the Commandant's office and told Tom and me that two cadets had been caught drinking in town. He told us that Sergeant Major Moore, Assistant Commandant, was bringing the boys back to campus and when they got to the office, Tom and I were to observe, but not say a word. Even though we were the highest ranking cadet officers on campus, we fully understood the chain of command and our position in the presence of teachers and administrators.

When Sergeant Major Moore came into the office with the cadets (whose names will not be divulged to protect the guilty), they stood at attention in front of Major Barton. Major Barton quickly told them to stand at ease, which under the circumstances appeared very difficult, as everyone in the room knew, drinking by cadets was an offense that always had the penalty of immediate expulsion from the school. There may have been other offenses that could get you sent home, but in my three years at CMA, I had never heard of anyone being expelled for any other offense.

As the cadets stood in front of Major Barton, the thought of the penalty for their actions must have taken all the fun out of what they had done in town. One of the cadets, who was usually an irreverent jokester, showed no sign of his usual demeanor.

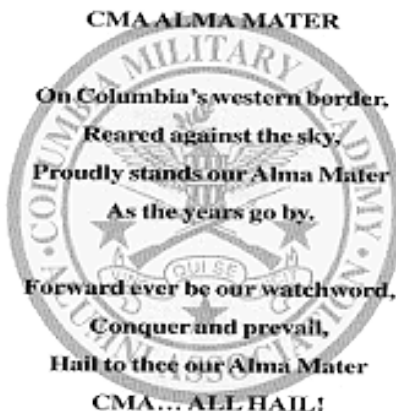
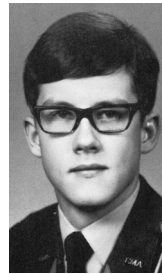
Major Barton began to question the cadets about their actions that night and was lecturing them about the irresponsibility of their behavior. This was my first time to actively witness boys being expelled, but after ten or fifteen minutes, the questioning and lecturing seemed to be excessive. It occurred to me that this might be Major Barton's first time in dealing with this type of situation, as he was the academic counselor and not the Commandant, who usually dealt with discipline and punishment. Major A. C. Howell was the

Commandant, but he was off that night and couldn't be reached by phone.

Just as I began to question, in my mind, how long the inquisition would go on, Major A. C. Howell came bounding into the office. With a scowl on his face, he quickly assessed the situation and asked, "What's going on here?" Major Barton started to speak and Major Howell abruptly cut him off, and asked the boys if they had been drinking. They both answered, "Yes, sir." Major Howell said, "That's all we need to know." He told the two cadets, "Your parents will be called first thing in the morning and told that you have been expelled for drinking. You will be put on the bus home before breakfast and your things will be packed up and shipped to you in a couple of days. You are confined to quarters for the rest of the night." He then had Sergeant Major Moore escort them to their barracks.

My three years at CMA was a good experience and I realize that many of the lessons I learned there didn't come from books. The night of this incident, I learned from Major Howell that a man in authority has to make good decisions, and then use the power of his authority to remedy a situation as quickly as possible for the benefit of all the parties concerned. Major Howell was a man who knew how to be in charge and was not afraid of the responsibility of looking after the safety and well being of the cadets put under his charge.

Maddox Harris attended CMA for 3 years and, as indicated in the article, was the Deputy Battalion Commander his senior year, the 1969-1970 school year.



A Quartet of Trouble or at least a Troubling Quartet



Jim Ford ('71), Jim Law ('72), Kent Simpkins ('71) and Tex Tucker ('71) met up in Florida in February and had a "Roommate Reunion". Jim Ford and Kent were roommates and Jim Law and Tex were roommates while at CMA.

CMA Day—2023

Another great CMA Day for those that were able to participate. Columbia Academy continues to remind its students of the CMA history. Billy Akin ('66), Mike Glover ('74), Tom Carr ('75), Ron Nall ('61), Jim Borum ('66) and Eugene Van Meter ('63) represented the Corps of Cadets and enjoyed a few hours with the CA students.



It is always good to get back on campus and the six alumni were able to give the students a new perspective on their campus and the CMA history.

CMA History Part 3 — The First 25 Years

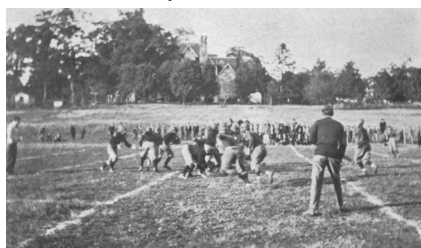
The First 25 Years

Columbia Military Academy got off to a good start in 1905 with the first year exceeding all expectations. Based on this beginning, CMA set the stage for how the school would operate. The academy was modest in its claims. It advertised itself simply as a preparatory school, preparing its cadets for any college or university in the country, or for the United States Academies at Annapolis and West Point. The courses offered were considerably broader than the usual preparatory schooling including instruction in two modern languages, physics, chemistry and more mathematics than was normally taught. Two courses of study were offered: (1) College Preparatory – the work in this course was that adopted by all the best colleges and universities as their entrance requirements; and (2) Academy Course – intended especially for young men who did not expect to enter college after leaving CMA, or who expected to attend a professional (trade) school. The military department at CMA operated under the direction of the Department of the Army when the school founded in 1905 and was a Class “M” military school from 1905 until 1918 when it added a Junior ROTC department.

The rules of CMA were few and simple. In addition to those relating to military discipline, the following were initially established: (1) Every student is required to be attentive to duty, punctual in attendance, and thorough in his work; (2) Students must not leave town without permission from the principals. To secure this permission the student must in every case present a written request from his parents or guardian; (3) Loafing about town is prohibited; (4) Students must not leave the premises after supper, and must be in their own rooms by ten minutes after eight each night; (5) Smoking is not allowed; and (6) Accounts must not be opened in town. For the rest, the ordinary rules of gentlemanly conduct applied. As indicated in the early CMA catalog for the initial years, “Columbia Military Academy is not a reform school. Our discipline is military, yet each boy is put on his honor. We do not want a boy who requires great severity of discipline to make him obedient. If your boy is uncontrolled in his life, if he has the tobacco habit and is unwilling to give it up, if he is not willing to subscribe to our regulation and yield a prompt obedience to

our discipline; above all, if the Academy is not to receive your hearty support in enforcing its rules, we do not want him. If such a boy gets into our school, he will be dismissed, and his parents or guardian help responsible for the full year’s tuition.”

It did not take long for tragedy to strike the Corps of Cadets. On Friday May 4th, 1906 Cadet Walter A. Geers (cadet who had the first application for enrollment) was struck by a thrown ball in a baseball game between CMA and Morgan School. He died the following Sunday morning. The entire corps of cadets assembled in Dress Gray uniforms to take part in his funeral procession. The funeral was conducted at the First Presbyterian Church on May 7th with interment in Rose Hill Cemetery with full military honors.

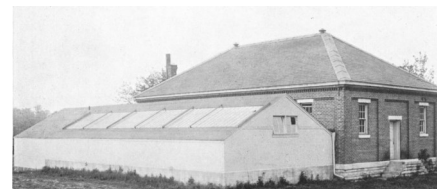


Sports were a big part of CMA. This football game played on the CMA field occurred in 1910.

The year 1909 was an eventful year for the CMA Cadets. The CMA Brass Band made its debut in February 1909 with John Hoyle as Drum Major. In May, 1909, the school paper *The Cadet* was first issued. It was published monthly by the Corps of Cadets. Several publications of *The Cadet* are on hand at the CMA Museum. In November 1909 the cadets held a night shirt parade to celebrate a football victory, the first such parade noted in the papers. This was to become a tradition with the usual terminus of the parades being on the campus of the Columbia Female Institute, a girls school on West Seventh Street.

The Honor System was introduced to the school during the 1910-11 school year. An Honor Committee of 5 Cadets whose responsibility it was to handle all cases of dishonesty presented to them. While initially focused on classroom examinations, it was expected that all matters of discipline would eventually rest with the hands of the cadets. Initially, all cadets were held responsible for the elimination of cheating on examinations and each cadet was pledged to report any attempt to cheat to the Honor Committee. Shortly later, though probably not related, CMA was accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and schools in 1911.

During a Board Meeting on July 12th, 1912 it was decided that the Magazine building on the grounds would be converted to a gymnasium. The work was completed in 1913 with both a gym and a swimming pool being erected. The gym was named Geers Gymnasium, reportedly in honor of Pop Geers, famed horseman that resided in Columbia, but possibly in honor of his son Walter Geers, who was the first person to submit an application to attend CMA and was the first CMA cadet to die during a school year in May 1906. (The gym was later converted to a barracks and became Lee Hall. This supports the idea that what became Lee Hall was one of the original buildings on Columbia Arsenal. It originated as the Magazine building for Columbia Arsenal, was converted to the Gym and then was converted to the barracks ultimately named Lee Hall.)



Geers Gymnasium and Swimming Pool. Later converted to a barracks (Lee Hall) with a second floor added.

Full capacity for cadets in 1913 was advertised as 150. At this time, the Main building housed cadets and Barracks # 5 (what later became Black Hall) housed cadets. By 1913, each room was lighted by both gas and electricity and heated by steam. The grounds were lighted by electricity. On November, 1913, by Vol 1, Number 1 of the *Bugle Call*, became the monthly publication by the CMA cadets, replacing *The Cadet* that had originated in 1909. A copy of the first *Bugle Call* is on display in the CMA Museum.

For a period of time during the teens, Cadets at CMA were divided into three classes, according to their efficiency and conduct records. The classification was denoted by the letters “A”, “B”, and “C”. The “A” class boy must have been in perfect harmony with the intents and purposes of CMA, and he must have put forth every effort to meet the requirements in efficiency and in conduct. The “B” boys were those who met the requirements generally, but sometimes carelessly, or possibly accidentally, failed to meet all the requirements. The “C” class boys were those who failed to meet the ordinary requirements of the school, either in the class-

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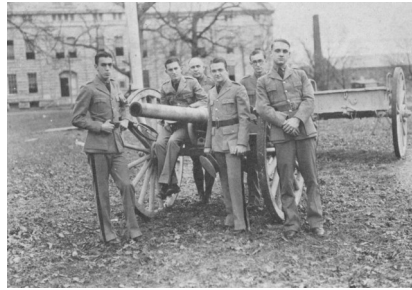
room or in their general attitude and deportment. In other words, the "C" class boys were "temporarily out of harmony". The classification was made every two weeks, and if a boy was rated class "C" twice in succession, he was put on probation, and if he did not immediately show improvement, he was dismissed, as such a boy was "undesirable and detrimental to the welfare of the other students".



Cadets relaxing for a picture with family and friends with Barracks #5 in the background. Circa 1917.

Twenty-seven cadets went to Washington, DC to attend the inauguration of President Woodrow Wilson in March, 1917. In less than a month, the United States would be at War and in May, 1917, Clarence Fry became the first CMA Graduate to die while in service to his country. By the time World War I was over, 287 former CMA Cadets had participated in the conflict. While many former CMA Cadets paid the ultimate sacrifice during World War I, Army Captain Meade Frierson (CMA Cadet from 1905 to 1911) is the most recognizable name to later CMA Cadets. Captain Frierson was first wounded in action on July 31st 1918 and then killed in action in an effort to save the life of a comrade at Valpricz, France on August 29th, 1918. Upon the request of the men of his command, he was awarded the Distinguished Service Cross for bravery and leadership. One of the original buildings on Columbia Arsenal (first known to CMA Cadets as Barracks #8 and home of the Junior School in 1920) was later renamed Frierson Hall in his honor. In a World War I highlight for both CMA and the town of Columbia, General John J. Pershing's special train stopped at CMA and he reviewed the Corps of Cadets in December 1919.

In the summer of 1923 the entire Academy plant was renovated. More than \$45,000 was spent in improving the interiors of the buildings and living conditions. Wiring, plumbing, and cadet bedroom furnishings were renewed. As a result, the CMA capacity for Cadets was well over 200.



The Cannon and Caisson were a favorite for Cadet pictures during all the CMA years. This photo is from the 1927 Recall. The Cannon and Caisson are on display at the CMA Museum.

There were many individuals in position of leadership over CMA and the Corps of Cadets during the first 25 years of the school. Between the two Boards and the School Superintendents, Presidents and Headmasters, many individuals framed those years. Focusing on the men that were part of the direct leadership for the Cadets shows that Professors Hardy and Edgerton remained with CMA as Co-Principals until 1912 and are credited with establishing a solid foundation for the Academy's future. In the following years the terms President and Superintendent were used (and mixed) to denote the senior faculty member. The following men held those titles over the years: Colonel J. L. Craig (1913-1914); Dr. J. H. Spearing (1915-1917); Colonel O.C. Hulvey (1917-1918); Colonel E.B. Fishburne (1918-1923); Colonel C.E. Crosland (1923-1927); Colonel I.A. Cunningham (1928-1930). Colonels Fishburne and Cunningham were part of the CMA Faculty for many years, while serving as the Superintendents for the years shown.

While CMA was growing and the improvements to the campus and enrollment numbers steadily increased through the most of the 1920s (the year 1927 saw the largest enrollment to that date for the school), the school was actually conducted with many financial difficulties until 1930. The depression years were particularly hard on enrollment and school financing, and brought bankruptcy to the administration of I.A. Cunningham and A.B. Tarpley in April 1930. Enrollment had dropped to the point that school operations could not be maintained and two months before the end of the school year the entire student body was transported by train to Castle Heights Military Academy in Lebanon Tennessee to finish out the 1929-1930 school year.

This is Part 3 of a 5 part series on the History of CMA. The remaining parts will be included in the next two editions of the Bugle.

SILVER TAPS

Jere Bowden Cobb, Class of '53

Jere Bowden Cobb passed away April 18, 2021. He was born on November 4, 1935 in Jackson, Tennessee and attended CMA for 1½ years, graduating with the Class of 1953. After graduating, he attended the University of Virginia graduating in 1957. He graduated 1st in his class with a degree in



Jere Cobb

aeronautical engineering. After college, Jere was commissioned in to the U.S. Navy, and attended USMC Basic Officer School. He attended flight school in Pensacola, Florida and Kingsville, Texas graduating in 1960. As a fighter pilot with the Marine Corps, he flew the A7-Corsair, the F8-Crusader and the F4-Phantom among others. Jere was hired as a test pilot by NASA in 1963. He went to Langley Air Force Base and then transferred to Ellington Air Force Base in Houston where he made his home for 55 years. He was instrumental in zero-gravity training and was often flying NASA's specially outfitted KC-135 nicknamed "vomit comet". He logged more hours in the Lunar Landing Test Vehicle (LLTV) than any other pilot and trained the astronauts including the first man on the moon, Neil Armstrong. When not working, Jere could often be found flying acrobatic maneuvers in a Starman. A classic Type-A personality and an avid athlete and competitor, Jere was a runner, biker, and skier, played handball and tennis, was a certified scuba diver, and worked out at the gym until just prior to his passing. He was a voracious reader and loved blaring jazz music on the radio. Married for 53 years to Paula Cobb, he had four children, Laura Mulholland, Cynthia Cobb, Gregory Allen, and Kimberley Gurry. He had four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren as well as a sister, Penny Kervill. Jere had many loyal and loving friends and family who will all miss him greatly but carry his legacy of love and learning as well as his quick smile with them always.

Jack Summers Hart, Class of '53

Jack Summers Hart, US Army Retired, 87, from LaFayette, Georgia passed away on December 7, 2022, at his home. He was born on August 12, 1935,

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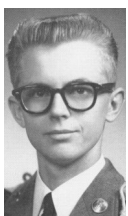
in Chattanooga, Tennessee, the only child to John Lory and Sara S. Hart. He spent his childhood in Erin, Tennessee and attended CMA, graduating with the Class of 1953. It was at CMA where his love of country, service and duty was fostered. He graduated college from Tennessee



Jack Hart served in the ROTC during his collegiate years. Upon graduation, he was commissioned as a second lieutenant in the United States Army where he served for 22 years of active duty with four years in the Tennessee National Guard. He retired as a Major on November 30, 1978. In serving our country, he was awarded various military awards including Defense Service Medal, Vietnam Service Medal with Four Bronze Stars, Vietnam Campaign Medal, Bronze Star, Meritorious Service Medal, Army Achievement Medal, Senior Parachutist Badge, Green Beret Qualification, and Jungle Expert Badge. After retirement, he and his family moved to LaFayette, Georgia. He served Tri City Construction as the General Superintendent, LaFayette Housing Authority as the Executive Director, Building Inspector for the City of LaFayette, the owner of Construction Management Associates, Co-Founder of LaFayette Rentals Inc. and HARPO, Inc. Jack is survived by his wife of 59 years, Karen Ann Pope Hart; LTC Steven. D. Hart, Ph.D. (Christina), CSM Brian Pope Hart (Patty), Jeffrey S. Hart (Bel), and Lori A. Hart, Ph.D. (Clay Wardlaw) and sixteen grandchildren and one great grandson. In addition to his blood family, LeBron Wooten (Teresa), was an honorary son that he loved like his own.

L.E. Gibson, Class of '58

L. E. "Gib" Gibson, 82, of Greenville, Texas, went to be with his Lord in heaven on February 14, 2023. Born in Mississippi to L.E. Gibson, Sr., and Gladys Gibson, he spent much of his life in Texas in Commerce, Wolfe City, and Greenville. Gib attended CMA for 4 years, graduating with the Class of 1958, where he made many lifetime friends. He also earned degrees at Mississippi State University

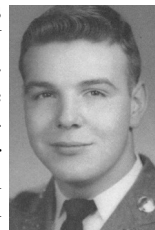


Gib Gibson

and Texas A&M-Commerce, where he worked in the Business Office. He was the technical support and later owner of Floral Solutions software company. He retired from Henington Studios in Wolfe City. Gib was a faithful member of Christ Community Church in Greenville, where he served as a deacon and usher. He had several hobbies which brought him joy. He learned wood-working at an early age from his father. He enjoyed photography, shooting, playing golf at Webb Hill Country Club, watching birds and other wildlife, and creating beautiful flower beds. He never met a dog that didn't love him. Gib leaves behind his loving wife Mary Lois and his children from a previous marriage and their families.

James R. Bass, Class of '62

James Robert Bass III, age 78, of Bartlett, Tennessee passed away on Sunday, February 19, 2023. James was born in Bradford, TN and attended CMA for 4 years graduating with the Class of 1962. He remained an active member of the alumni association throughout his life. Upon his discharge from the U.S. Navy, Jim attended



James Bass

University of Tennessee at Martin and graduated with a degree in Business. After several years working in the business community and serving parttime in the Tennessee Air National Guard, Jim returned to active duty. He served with the TANG until his retirement in July 2001. Upon his military retirement, Jim served as an aircraft mechanic with FedEx until May 2016. Jim was passionate about his faith and his family. He was a devout member of Faith Baptist Church, Bartlett and a member of the John Luce Sunday School Class. Throughout his life, Jim freely gave of his time and resources to help those in need. He was an encouragement to all and is remembered by many for his kind words and smile. Jim is truly missed by all who have known him. Jim is survived by his beloved wife of 51 and half years, Nancy Jones Bass; his daughter, Stephanie (Nathan) Prince; his son, James "Jay" (Kristy) Robert Bass, IV; and seven wonderful grandchildren. He is also survived by his sister, Mary B. (Jim) Hines; his brothers-in-laws Keith Jones and Kenneth (Mickie) Jones; and numerous other relatives and friends.

Patrick E. Murphy, Class of '66

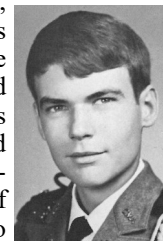
Patrick Emmett Murphy passed away at his home on February 11, 2023, with loved ones at his side. Patrick was born on November 13, 1948, in Atlanta GA, to parents James and Elizabeth Murphy. Patrick attended CMA for 2 years, graduating with the Class of 1966. He



was a graduate of the **Patrick Murphy** University of Ireland Galway and St. Bernard's College of Cullman Alabama. His vast and successful professional career included that as an educator at Fletcher Middle School, an accounts manager at Ashland Oil and Valvoline, owner and president of Centerpoint Marketing, a journalist and author of fiction novels, and the sales manager of CaboRico Yachts. Pat achieved his life-long ambition of attaining his Irish citizenship and residency in recent years where his adopted countryman welcomed him warmly into the fold. He is survived by his son, James; sisters, Judith E. Murphy, Dixie Murphy and Rosalie Rivers; niece and nephews. Patrick was sadly predeceased by his sister, Alba Murphy.

Benjamin Clement, Class of '67

Benjamin Edwin "Ed" Clement, Jr., age 73, of Fredonia, Ky, passed away Thursday, February 2, 2023 at his home. Ed was born May 15, 1949 to the late Benjamin "Ben" and Edith Vaughn Lewis Clement. Ed attended CMA for 4 years graduating with the Class of 1967. He went on to Western Kentucky University attaining a bachelor's degree in Psychology with minors in Archaeology and Sociology. While visiting sites in Greece, Ed originally intended to head west and travel down into Tunisia to search for Australopithecus (early human remains in Africa) but ended up taking a ferry to Turkey and backpacking through the Middle East ultimately reaching a beach in India practicing Buddhist meditation where he had an encounter with Jesus Christ. This encounter resulted in Ed returning to Kentucky, living in a cabin



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and taking a deep dive into the Bible where a Marine Colonel led him to the Lord changing his life forever. While attending home Bible studies, Ed met Nancy and God put them together. They married in 1976 and accepted the call to ministry. From 1976 to 1981, Ed and Nancy facilitated weekly Bible studies at the Earle C. Clements Job Corps Center Chapel until moving to Fredonia. Once settled in Fredonia, they pastored a store front church called Gospel Fellowship in Marion, KY which is now Life in Christ. God called Ed and Nancy into ministry at Eddyville Assembly of God where they pastored for the next twenty-five plus years retiring in December of 2021. Ed is survived by his loving wife of forty-six years, Nancy Murray Clement; daughters Andrea Clement, Christen Clement Ringle (Joe); son Ben Clement III; sister Anne Clement; seven grandchildren, and several nieces and nephews. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by sister Sarah Wendell Clement.

Robert Derryberry, Class of '70

Robert Carlton Derryberry, Jr., 71, former employee of General Electric and Premier Manufacturing and resident of Columbia, died Wednesday, February 22, 2023 at Maury Regional Medical Center. Born December 13, 1951, in Maury County, he was the son of the late Robert Carlton Derryberry, Sr. and the late Frances Wall Derryberry. He attended CMA for four years, graduating with the Class of 1970. He



Robert Derryberry

was an avid University of Tennessee and Country music fan. He was a very active in the Churches of Christ where he served in Maury County. Survivors include his wife, whom he married May 7, 1982, Suzanne Shoulders Derryberry of Columbia; children, Dr. Robbye (Danny Doak) Derryberry, Anna Grace Derryberry Carter, Paul Matthew Derryberry, Abigail Anthony; seven grandchildren, two great grandchildren; sister, Jewell Ann Copeland; one nephew and one niece. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his son, William Clark Derryberry.

Haynes Molloy, Class of '73

Marc Haynes Molloy, 67, passed away September 19, 2022. A native of Lawrenceburg, Tennessee, son of the late Dr. Laurence Benjamin and Letitia Jane Jakes Molloy. He attended CMA for 1 year, graduating with the Class of 1973. He was a patient transport systems manager and of the Christian faith.



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Surviving are two sons, John Molloy (Rebecca) and Matthew Molloy (Chrissy); two sisters, Kim Moses (Charles) and Kerri Tuten (Hank); four grandchildren; and his loving companion, Wanda Green. He was predeceased by three brothers, Larry Molloy, Mike Molloy and Brian Molloy.

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