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CMAAA Awarded Recognition by Maury County Historical Society

Each year the Maury County Historical Society recognizes individuals and organizations who have contributed significantly to the identification and preservation of Maury County history. This year's award winners were honored at the annual awards luncheon held Sept. 18 at Rippavilla Plantation. The Society also awards up to three scholarship grants to college students annually. Campus Guard House

The Guard House restoration by the Columbia Military Academy Alumni Association received the 2010 Non-Residential past Award.

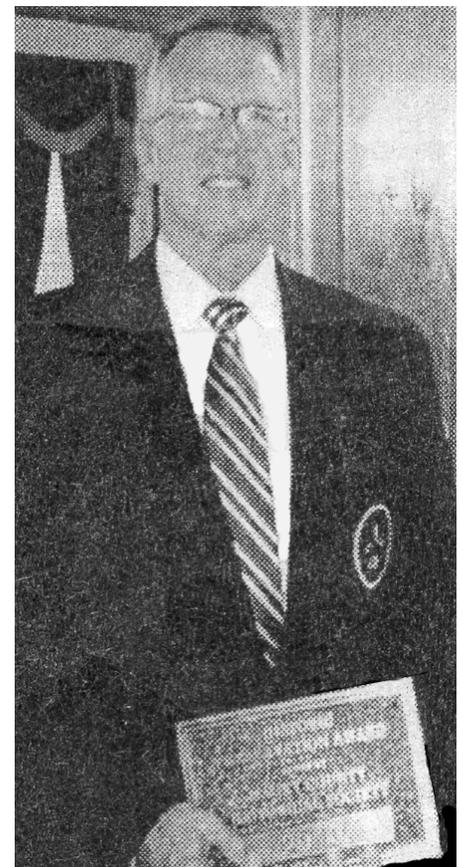
In early 1888, the last congressional representative from Maury County, Washington Curran Whitthorne Sr., proposed an arsenal for his home city of Columbia and on May 10 of that year the act to create the facility was signed into law by President Grover Cleveland. An arsenal of 67 acres on the Mt. Pleasant Pike, which was then on the outskirts of Columbia and had belonged to the Buena Vista plantation owned by the late Dr. William Julius Polk, was built. Two decades later, when there was no longer a need for a federal arsenal in this location, the facility became the Columbia Military Academy in 1905.

Standing watch over the entrance to the Columbia Arsenal, the guard house was used as a brig during its early days. During CMA's years, watch was kept from the guardhouse

to ensure that cadets did not get out and girls did not get in. Cadets served on guard duty, stopping cars entering the campus and asking their destination, giving directions if needed. The CMAAA (Columbia Military Academy Alumni Association) raised money and undertook the project to fully renovate the guard house, which was opened as the Guard House Museum in August of 2008.

Receiving the Award for the Association was Woody Pettigrew, Class of '73 CMA graduate.

Membership in Maury County Historical Society can be obtained from the Maury County Historical Society, P.O. Box 147, Columbia, TN 38402-0147.



GUARD HOUSE AWARD. . .The Maury County Historical Society recognized the restoration and conversion of the CMA Guard House into a Museum as one of six outstanding county projects meriting an award for 2010. Woody Pettigrew, Museum Chairman who spearheaded the project from beginning to end was on hand to accept the award for the project funded by CMAAA. Anyone can visit the CMA Museum by calling 256-653-7303 in advance for admittance.

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Class of '61 to Hold Off-Year "True" 50th Reunion in 2011

by Joe Bailey, Class of '61

The dates of June 3 through 5, 2011 have been set aside for the true 50th (believe that) reunion of the Class of 1961.

The Jameson Inn in Columbia will be the headquarters. Allyson Trull is the general manager and has been very gracious in helping make arrangements for our group. We have contracted for a block of rooms at the rate of \$82.99 per night. When making reservations mention "50th Year" to get the special rate. Any questions can be directed to Allyson at 931-388-3326.

We will have a dinner on Friday evening with time and exact location to be named later.

Moore and Karen Landers have asked us to come to their home Saturday afternoon for a social hour (time will be set later).

Dr. Thomas, the president of Columbia Academy will open the campus to us for a tour Saturday morning. He is very receptive to our group. This will be a plus for all and especially those who have not visited Columbia lately.

We will have a Sunday morning breakfast followed by departure and church if desired.

I am personally, looking forward to seeing many old friends.

We would like to see as many of the members of the classes of '59, '60 and '62 as can attend as we all had close friends in these classes. To best of my knowledge we have lost 16.

I need help in locating Gerald (Jerry) Mills; William (HC) Kelley; James O. (Joc) Curtis; William Murray Kelly; James Oliver and George Marshall Terrell and have lost contact with Buddy Person and Griffith Harrell.

CMA Museum on Home Tour

The CMA Museum was one of seventeen Maury County historic buildings included in the 2010 Maury County Association for the Preservation of Tennessee Antiquities (APTA) Home Tour conducted on 3 and 4 December.

"A Very Maury Christmas" was the theme for the tour that originated at the Athenaeum Rectory in Columbia.

The tour featured numerous historic buildings as well as private homes in downtown Columbia and in the surrounding countryside.

The CMA Museum was part of the tour

along with such historic buildings as the James K. Polk Ancestral Home, Hamilton Place (Rattle and Snap), Elm Springs Plantation and the Athenaeum.

Additionally, numerous private homes were included in the tour. Proceeds from the tour benefited the Maury County ATPA and are used to fund scholarships and educational programming available through the historic mansions. A special thank you to Jim Borum, Class of '66, and Randy Howell, Class of '72, for hosting visitors to the CMA Museum during the tour.



RARE CMA BOOK ENDS. . .These bookends are one of only two sets hand made from the wood of a Hackberry tree located near the CMA campus fence in the area just west of the Guard House/Museum. The craftsman is Randy Walters, the woodcarver in Columbia that made the wall cabinets in the Museum. One set was raffled off at the last Reunion Banquet and won by Ed Tuggle, Class of '67. The other was given Bill Raiford, Class of '55, past President of the Association by Don Kimbrell, current Association President. Ed Tuggle donated his book ends back to the Association which then auctioned them off for \$1,000 to Bill Wade, Class of '68. Proceeds went to the Museum fund.

Suggestion for 2012 CMA Reunion

Ray Garrison, Class of '57, proposes a "One Last Fling" theme at the 2012 Reunion for the Classes of '55, '56 and '57. The turnout for these classes has been steadily declining since the '50th anniversary and he feels we need one more well attended gathering before we "climb the mountain".

Tom Faires, Class of '57, suggests gold-colored name tags signifying "Old Gold". No supper gathering would be planned and Tom is volunteering to pick Ray up in Bentonville, AR and bring him. The suggestion will be aired by Hal Roe, Class of '57 at the next board meeting.

"Whhhhaazzuupppp Dudes" Odds and Ends from Here and There

Joe Bailey, Class of '61, had lunch with Gene Smith before he had knee surgery in December. Gene came through the surgery with flying colors. Joe talked on the phone with the nurses and they claim they had him up and walking. "Happy New Year to all, looking forward to the reunion June 3, 4, and 5." He claims he is getting a great response from the Class of '61 for the reunion.

Bob Beadles, Class of '61 had open heart surgery in Bradenton, FL in January, 2011.

Greetings from Dewey, AZ aka "Frostbite, AZ"! It's 7:00 AM, and 7 (SEVEN) degrees in our back yard, with minus temps in Ashfork (about 48 miles north of here).. double-digit negatives in the Grand Canyon...and 27 "balmy" degrees in Las Vegas. It's that kind of weather, where not all that long ago, in NY, we would quip, "I'm freezing my "nookies" off! Well, folks, it definitely is "de ja vous", where that's concerned, here in the high chaparral of Arizona! YEE HA!

Our "high" for today is forecast to be 35 degrees...a veritable heat wave, with the low tonight getting down to 15 degees!

"Happy New Year"!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Rhoda & Ed Willis, Class of '56

Dear CMA Class of '61,

Thank you so much for the gift to Camp Lee in memory of Cliff (Clifford Lee Tanner, Class of '61). He certainly enjoyed the reunions we got to attend. We all know he is in a much better place but the hole in our hearts and lives is still there. May good memories of Cliff bring all of you joy and laughter.

Love, Marjorie (Tanner)

My wife and I enjoyed a nice ten (10) day vacation to Oregon, Washington, and Victoria/Vancouver, British Columbia. We went up by bus and returned on a "Princess," repositioning Cruise Ship, the "Coral Princess." Three days at sea South from British Columbia to San Pedro, California, where our bus driver met us and drove us back to the Central Coast (San Luis Obispo, CA.).

I'm still in my "Volunteer Mode," as a Hospice Partner, Caring Caller - our men's retired group delivers flowers to our local Care Facilities - three local nurseries give us beautiful roses to deliver to the patients. Best regards,
William O.H. Perry, Ph.D., Class of '49

Robin Wilkinson, Class of '51 (PG '52), has been diagnosed with stage four cancer. Early tests indicated the origin of the cancer was the pancreas. Robin's daughter, Tracey, has kept his CMA classmates and friends up to date on his condition and treatment. Treatment included the extensive use of Morphine, Oxycondone, Oxycotia and Dilaudid. Because of his weakened condition, he cannot tolerate chemo therapy. After starts and stops, the extensive use of drugs were discontinued and he has been checked into Hospice. "My father loves the phone calls, and the other day my father received a card from my sister, he loved receiving this mail 'Smile'. My father is back home now and would love to hear from you. Call him at 727-726-1639 or e-mail him at: rwilkin2@tampabay.rr.com "God Bless and My Love To All!"

Tracey Wilkinson

Randall Yearwood, Class of '51, writes:

Many of you know and many of you don't know about my accident. I want to bring you up to date on what is going on. I don't want you to do anything but pray.

On November 9th at 4:00 AM I fell going to the bathroom. I fell flat on my behind. I sat down with all my weight on my behind. I could not sit up, stand up or anything. Joan called an ambulance, and they took me to St. Thomas. They gave me a CT scan, MRI and an X-Ray. They found nothing! They kept me for three days, patted me on the head and sent me home on Thursday. (All my doctors told me St. Thomas was the absolutely the last choice of the hospitals in Nashville including Nashville's General and Fisk.)

I went to my regular doctor on the following Monday. He said we are going to get serious with this. He put me in Centennial. They gave me an MRI. My L-3 was crushed into little bitty pieces. On Wednesday he had one of Nashville's best neurologist operate on me. He is only 36 years old!!! He blew up my L-3 and cemented it back like it should have been. He went in and ground off the part of the disc that was mashed and protruding into the spinal column space. They kept me in the hospital until the following Saturday. The following week I went back for a follow up visit with my surgeon. The opening had become infected. They had to go back in and open it up and wash it out with antibiotics. They used staples to put me back together. They took those out this week.

I am now on the road to recovery. The pain has been horrific!!! The doctors have

been wonderful. The nurses at Centennial were just on top of everything and so kind and nice. One of those nurses was the new wife of my surgeon. She was beautiful and just as beautiful in behavior. Another nurse was the granddaughter of the minister that married Joan and me. They, each and everyone, were just as nice, kind and professional as they could be. When I left, they came and gave me a hug. That brought tears to my eyes.

So many of you have sent thoughtful gifts, cards, and called. I appreciate all that you have done and said. I am sorry that it took me so long to get back to you, but I could not write because my hand was so shaky and my back hurt too much to sit at my computer. From the bottom of my heart I thank each one of you for your prayers, thoughts and kindnesses. May you have a very merry and wonderful Christmas. I hope you and your family get to be together and enjoy each other with love for one another and have the love of Jesus first and foremost on our minds and on our hearts.

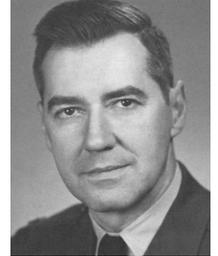
You can be sure I am going to be careful to not break my back in 2011. To break my L-2 in January and my L-3 in November is enough for a lifetime. Thank you again for your thoughtfulness.
Randall

Your *Bugle* editor, Bill Raiford, Class of '55, has had some close calls at home. His eldest son, Drew, was diagnosed with Stage 3 colo-rectal cancer in early 2011. At age 43 he underwent chemo therapy and radiation to shrink the tumor prior to surgery. He underwent a colostomy during surgery and remedial chemo therapy following surgery. Drew is scheduled to have his bowel reattached in a couple of months. Bill's former wife, Carol, underwent a routine pacemaker change out and due to a series of unfortunate events had a stroke. Following convalescence and rehab she is resting at home following subsequent open heart surgery.

Pat Smith, Class of '66, has updated the CMA web site server. Pat has hosted the web site at: www.cmaaa.com since it's inception at no cost to the Association and has maintained the current web listing (www.cmaaa.com). Our thanks go out to Pat for his contribution and continued dedication to helping keep the memory of CMA available to the public.

Gilbert Grosvenor Edson Sr., CMA President/Headmaster

Gilbert Grosvenor Edson Sr., Age 95, passed away at home January 4, 2011. Col. Edson served as an English Instructor, CMA Headmaster and Vice President from 1962 to 1968 and as both Headmaster and President of the Academy from November 1968 until August 1970. The 1966 Recall was dedicated to him.



Gilbert Edson

He is survived by his wife, of 69 years, Mary Elizabeth; son, Gib Edson, Jr. (Debbie); daughters, Joy Dougherty (George deceased); Ann Gremillion (Bob); grandsons, Andrew (Jane), Matthew and David Edson.

A graduate of University of the South, (Phi Beta Kappa) and Harvard University, M.A. he was also an educator at Montgomery Bell Academy, Gilman School in Baltimore, MD, and Avon School in CT.

Col Edson was a Naval Officer in WWII.

Interests included boating, tennis, Bridge and Canasta. Volunteered at St. Thomas Hospital, Stephen Ministries, Elder at his church, loved his Sunday School class and Changing Gears. He donated his body to Vanderbilt School of Medicine. Ashes were interred in Memorial Garden at Westminster Presbyterian Church.

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Lawrence “Tubby” Murphy, CMA Science Dept. Chairman

Lawrence Grady “Tubby” Murphy, age 86, retired teacher and coach, died last May 13, 2010 at his residence on New Lewisburg Highway.

He was buried in Rose Hill Cemetery with military honors provided by Herbert Griffin American Legion Post #19.

The Maury County native was the son of the late Henry Grady Murphy and Gladys Read Murphy Studer. Following graduation from Bosse High School in Evansville, IN, he headed West on an adventure to fulfill his childhood dream of becoming a Colorado cowboy. After eight months he changed course and enlisted in the U. S. Marine Corps.

After military discharge, he entered Vanderbilt University and was a member of Sigma Chi Fraternity. He then attended Tennessee Tech in Cookeville earning a B.S. Degree in 1949. Following several years teaching, he earned his Master’s Degree at Vanderbilt-Peabody. He returned to teaching and during his career taught at Whitthorne Junior High School, Central High School, Columbia Military Academy, Tullahoma High School and Hampshire High School. During his tenure at CMA, Major Murphy served as Chairman of the Science Department. Over the years he coached wrestling, football, track and field, and cross country.

Active in civic and community affairs, he was a member of Herbert Griffin American Legion Post #19, Columbia Lions Club, Columbia JayCees and was a Scout Master while at CMA. He was a member of First Presbyterian Church.

Survivors include his college sweetheart at Tennessee Tech and wife of 62 years, Sue Brannock Murphy of Columbia; son, William Read (Doris) Murphy of Aiken, South Carolina; daughters, Rebecca Sue Murphy of Springfield, Illinois, Tricia Anna (Bobby) Call of Columbia, and Molly (Britt) Locke of Milan; grandchildren, Sara Elizabeth (Dr. Mark) Call-Hughes, Amy Rebecca (Jeremy) Luna, Rob Murphy (Lindsay) Call, Andrew Glenn Locke, and John Lawrence Locke; great-grandchildren, Bailey Allen Luna, Emma Grace Hughes, Murphy Lynn Call, Macy Anne Luna; sister, Rosemarie Studer of Richmond, Virginia; brother, Nicholas Studer of Corvallis, Oregon.

Active pallbearers were Jim Borum, Steve Vagnier, Jackie Lawson, Hal Landers, Moore Landers, Kenny Cecil, Kevin Crabtree, and Howard “Buck” Locke. Honorary pallbearers include Ray Porter, Billy Cooke, Frank Belamy, Richard Fly, and former CMA students.

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William Christopher, Class of ‘38

William Downing Christopher passed away December 17, 2007 at Casa Dorinda. Bill was born in London, Ohio, January 28, 1920 to Dr. Harry and Helen Christopher. He completed his four year high school education at Columbia Military Academy, C o l u m b i a , Tennessee. He attended Ohio State University in 1938 and Santa Barbara State College from 1939-1941. Bill entered the United States Army October 1941 and attended officers training at Fort Hood, Texas in Tank Destroyer School, attaining the rank of Captain while serving in the South Pacific.



Bill Christopher

He married Marian Moser January 23, 1943.

In 1945 he joined the Edwin M. Knowles China Co. located in Newell, West Virginia where he was involved in both manufacturing and served as Vice President of sales until the company was liquidated in 1963. He served as the Executive Director of the American Restaurant China Council until 1976. He was the West Coast Sales Manager for the Sterling China Company of Wellsville, Ohio until retiring in 1975.

He was a member of the Chamber of Commerce, Rotary Club, Masonic Scottish Rite, American Restaurant China Council, Cosmopolitan Club and the Retired Officers Association. He also enjoyed golf and community volunteer work.

John R. Bridgewater, Class of ‘43

John R Age 87 of Manchester, TN, passed away December 2, 2010. After graduating CMA, Mr. Bridgewater studied at Vanderbilt University and graduated from Georgia Technological University with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Mechanical Engineering, where 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, he was the 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 also 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 also 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. .

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Bob Wesley White, Class of ‘45

Robert Wesley (Bob) White, age 80, of Parsons, TN died December 8, 2007 at Decatur County General Hospital.

He was born April 11, 1927 to the late R.W. and Bessie Pearl Roberts White.

After graduating CMA in 1945 he joined the Merchant Marines.

Bob later joined the family business known as R.W. White and Company. He continued to operate the business until 1968 at which time he franchised a Vic’s Dollar Store now known as Fred’s of Parsons.

He retired in 1992. He served the town of Parsons as Mayor from 1968 to 1972. Mr. Bob was an avid fisherman and enjoyed golf and living on the river after his retirement. He was a member of Parsons First United Methodist Church.

He is survived by his wife of 60 years, Elizabeth Nadine Kennedy White; three sons, Steve (Benita) of Lexington, TN, Johnny Neal of Columbus, Missouri, Joe

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Don (Kim) of Parsons, TN; one daughter, Lisa King of Jackson, TN; six grandchildren, Jennifer Patty Burkhalter (Terry) of Jackson, TN, Blake White (Kelley) of Parsons, TN, Allyson White Spillane (Todd) of Brentwood, TN, Loyd Petty (Bambia), Lindsey White, Jessica White of Parsons, TN and six great-grandchildren, Alex, Braden and Emma Claire White, Brodie and Jay Baker Spillane and Alivia Burkhalter. He was preceded in death by a grandson Drew White.

He was buried at Concord Cemetery.

Van D. Spaulding Sr., Class of '53

Van David Spaulding, Age 76 of Franklin, TN, died Oct. 12.

He was a beloved husband, father and grandfather. He was veteran of the U.S. Army serving during the Korean Conflict. He attended CMA and would have graduated with the Class of '53 but dropped out to graduate from Central High School in Columbia.

He went on to obtain a B.S. Degree from Peabody College at Vanderbilt. He was a Member of the Historic Society of Franklin, TN, Presbyterian Church and an elder at Hillsboro Presbyterian Church.

He was involved in committee work, volunteer work and Meals on Wheels.

He was preceded in death by Boyce and Myrtle Paschall Spaulding and survived by wife of 53 years, Alice Allen Spaulding; sons, David (Scottie) Spaulding and Collins (Angela) Spaulding; brothers, Jack (Ruth) Spaulding and Joel (Evelyn) Spaulding; grandchildren, Bo, Emmie, David and Mary Alice Spaulding. Funeral Services were October 15, at Williamson Memorial Funeral Home, Sally Hughes officiating.

Interment followed at Woodlawn Memorial Park. Pallbearers were Bo Spaulding, David Spaulding, Bruce Spaulding, Jack Allen, Josh Petre, Alex Dixon and Phillip Harris. Honorary Pallbearers will be Cecil Chance, John and Trey Duke, and Patrick Spaulding.

Memorials may be made to Historic Franklin Presbyterian Church.

Joe L. Gufford, Class of '58

Joe L. Gufford, Jr., age 70, of Windermere, FL, beloved husband, father and grandfather, went home to be with the Lord December 20.

Joe was born Sept. 27, 1940 in

Orlando, FL. He spent his youth living in Winter Garden.

He became one of the youngest Eagle Scouts from Troop 210 in Winter Garden.

Prior to graduating CMA he was named "Mr. CMA" and "Most Military". He went on to graduate the University of Florida where he earned his BS, Masters of Education and Doctorate of Education.

Joe served as a professor at both the University of Florida and Georgia Southern University in Statesboro, GA. He also served in the

US Army where he graduated from the US Army Airborne School, earned his Green Beret and served in the Special Forces.

Joe was a Mason and a Shriner. He was a member of Messiah Episcopal Church of Winter Garden. He is survived by his loving wife, Marlyn Clemens Gufford; sons, Joe and Charles (Amanda); and four grandchildren.

In lieu of flowers memorial donations may be made to MRSA Research Center for The University of Chicago Medical Center <http://mrsa-research-center.bsd.uchicago.edu/give.html>

Dr. Larry L. Needham, Class of '63

Dr. Larry Lewis, PhD, born December 10, 1945 in Cairo, IL, went to heaven October 23. He was preceded in death by his father, William Glen (Tony) Needham.

He is survived by his beloved family, wife of 38 years, Doris Luker Needham, Dahlonga, GA; son, Lance Needham, M.D., Memphis, TN; mother, Erma Lee (Joe) Jones, Franklin, TN; sister, Sharon (Jack) Vaughn, Franklin, TN; grandson, Loghan Needham, Memphis, TN; nieces and nephews. He was the grandson of the late Lewis and Mary Jane Needham and the late Frank and Lena Dunning, all of southern Illinois.

In 1957 he moved with his family from southern Illinois to Franklin, TN. He was a non-graduate at CMA but instead became a Franklin High graduate where he was voted class "Best All-Around". He played basketball for CMA.

His name is still on record at Louisville's Freedom Hall as making the

longest shot ever made in that prestigious arena. He received his B.S. in Chemistry from Middle Tennessee State University, Murfreesboro, TN in '68 and in '72 earned his PhD in Organic Chemistry from the University of Georgia, Athens, GA. He held postdoctoral fellowships at both Vanderbilt University and the University of Georgia. He served in the U.S. Army Reserves at Ft. Gordon, GA from August '72 to November '72. He received an Honorable Discharge as Captain, U.S.A.R.

He was employed by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) in Atlanta, GA for over 34 years where he served as Chief, Organic Analytical, Toxicology Branch. He devoted much of his time to the development of methods for assessing human exposure to a variety of environmental toxicants and was considered to be one of the preeminent human exposure assessment experts in the field.

He traveled the world working with governments to eradicate disease and to benefit mankind. For his work and devotion to mankind, he was privileged to be the recipient of numerous individual and group awards, with the latest being the 2010 Constance L. Mehlman Award. This award is presented to the person who, in the prior year, most helped shape a National or State policy or that provided new approaches for reduction or prevention of exposures.

Two of numerous other awards include his being the recipient of the Public Health Service-Superior Service Award for outstanding leadership and notable achievements in national and international efforts to assess human exposure to toxic substances and his being named the CDC Supervisor of the Year. He authored or coauthored over 350 peer reviewed publications and many published abstracts. Some of these papers have been landmark papers showing human exposure to environmental toxicants in the general population and determining appropriate matrices for biomonitoring at each life stage. He made in excess of 200 presentations at international, national, regional and

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Joe Gufford



Larry Needham

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local meetings both as a contributor and as an invited speaker and was sought after advisor both domestically and internationally.

He was a member of many domestic and international societies and was considered by his peers a brilliant scientist. He also served as President of the International Society of Exposure Science (ISES) and was elected ISES's first Distinguished Lecturer.

He was the current Editor-in-Chief of Chemosphere: Persistent Organic Pollutants and served on the editorial boards of Environmental Health Perspectives and the International Journal of Hygiene and Environmental Health.

He was an avid golfer (having achieved his first hole-in-one three weeks ago), tennis player, University of Georgia Bulldog fan and supporter and St. Louis Cardinal fan.

He loved and was greatly loved by his family and by a multitude of friends. He will be missed, but will forever live in the hearts of his family.

A life-long Methodist, he was a member of Dahlenega First United Methodist Church and the Tuesday morning Achasta Bible Study Group. A memorial service was held at Dahlenega First United Methodist Church on October 25 and a celebration of life dinner was held immediately thereafter at Achasta Golf and Community Clubhouse.

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VA Specifies Agent Orange Source of Heart Problems

A new decision affecting Vietnam veterans has been passed down by the Veterans Administration (VA). Anyone subjected to Agent Orange can apply for benefits if they suffer from heart problems.

Here are the rules:

- 1) You must have served in Vietnam.
- 2) You must have been exposed to Agent Orange.
- 3) You must have had a heart attack during service or following discharge.
- 4) You must apply through VA using their forms.
- 5) You need not have ever applied for benefits but you must have an honorable discharge (Should the vet be deceased his estate can apply in his behalf).
- 6) There are numerous ways veterans were exposed and all are subject to benefits if they fit the above criteria.

VA contacted Phil Morrison, Class of '61, and presently they are helping approximately 90,000 vets they know have had heart problems. The VA may not know about your heart problems if you are not in the system. Previous refusal does not apply and anyone fitting the criteria should apply immediately. The stakes are enormous for the vets and their families or estates.

Please pass this along to everyone you know who may have been a Vietnam vet. You can help a living vet or his wife and children. Vets have been told Agent Orange was safe but this is no longer the case.

I will help anyone I can.

Phillip C. Morrison, CMA Class of '61; Phillip1961@charter.net

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