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From the President



Cadets – Well the year is almost over and we are once again in the Christmas Season. As Thanksgiving passed I remembered back to my Cadet days and realized that we spent most of those holidays in school as we only got the one day off. I remember going home with a friend who lived in Nashville, having a delicious dinner and going to the Clinic Bowl High School Championship football games at Vanderbilt before returning to school late on Thanksgiving night. I bring this up to say that the Columbia Academy football team finished a perfect regular season this year and made it to the quarterfinals of the Class 2A football playoffs finishing the season with a 12 and 1 record. We offer our congratulations to the 2014 Bulldogs and their coaches.

Of course, returning to school after being out that one day we were definitely ready to go home for the longer holidays and, for someone who lived in California at that time, my visits home were very limited – only two times a year – Christmas and summer. I have fond memories of those visits but I have to say that being that far away from home made the friendships that I had at CMA that much more important in my

life and made a significant impact on my decision to remain a boarding student when my parents moved back to Columbia. I was probably the only Cadet who brought his parents back to school with him after being there for two years. When I think about those memories and the friendships, I appreciate our association and the confidence that each of you has placed in me to be your President.

Noting our reunion, even though it is almost two years away, we will start planning for our 2016 Grand Reunion early in 2015. We will discuss the possibilities for the reunion at our meeting in March and hopefully make some decisions at that time that will be the best for all the association. Our 50 year honorees will be the classes of 1966 and 1967. We will plan to get the names of the class coordinators out following our March meeting.

On another item, here is an update on the CMA Photos. David White has completed getting the CMA pictures out of the Burt's studio at Orman's Photo Shop. We moved them to our storage room at Columbia Academy and will start to go through them after the first of the year. I'll bring everyone up to date on our progress at our March meeting and in the Spring edition of the *Bugle*.

Finally, I want to take this opportunity to thank each one of you again for your support to our association over the last year. I hope that you and your families have the happiest of holidays and a great new year.

Mike Gilchrist
Class of 1963
CMAAA President

CMA Buildings on the Columbia Christmas Tour



Academy Hall and the CMA Museum (Guard House) were two of the tour stops for the 2014 Columbia Christmas Tour conducted on 5 and 6 December. The Tour Committee contacted Columbia Academy and asked if the two facilities could be part of the 2014 Tour, providing a great opportunity to further highlight the CMA History to the Columbia Community. It is hard to believe that anyone in Columbia under the age of 35 never saw CMA...they all know the campus as Columbia Academy. Additionally, many of the current Columbia residents over the age of 35 were not in Columbia during the time of CMA. The opportunity to show the school history to the community was one not to be passed up. Dr. James Thomas (CA President) and CA Staff personnel manned Academy Hall while Bill Wade ('68) and Woody Pettigrew ('73) worked as hosts at the CMA Museum for the two days and helped explain the CMA Story to over 100 visitors. This event demonstrated once again how fortunate we are to still have the campus and buildings that were CMA. If you have not seen Academy Hall since its latest renovation, you should make the effort to do so.

CMA Alumnus Receives Silver Star for War Heroism



Phillip Fikes, CMA Class of 1965, receives the Silver Star Medal during a 17 October ceremony on Redstone Arsenal, Alabama.

Phillip Fikes of Huntsville, Alabama stood a reluctant center of attention on Friday, October 17th 2014, a decorated Vietnam War hero who appeared to be fighting tears instead of the Viet Cong.

Even war heroes, it was plain to see, have feelings too.

His wife, Frances, stood beside him as a standing ovation filled with appreciation and admiration from an overflow crowd showered down upon him during a ceremony where Fikes was awarded the Silver Star Medal at Redstone Arsenal's Sparkman Center.

"I was very excited, ecstatic, that I did something right," Fikes said before the ceremony, dismissing the role he played in rescuing wounded soldiers on May 23, 1969.

According to his Silver Star citation, this is what Fikes did "right" while on a reconnaissance in force mission in the Kien Hoa Province:

"Immediately after being inserted, the company began receiving heavy automatic weapons fire from three sides. Ignoring the danger of the situation, Lieutenant Fikes immediately moved forward to help those who had been wounded in the initial burst of fire. He crossed the 100 meters of fire-swept terrain between himself and the casualties and began helping them to an evacuation site. In the middle of his efforts with the wounded, he halted long enough to lead an assault on the enemy positions, destroying several and lessen-

ing the volume of fire to the extent that he could finish evacuating the wounded."

Three days later, Fikes encountered a booby trap that took part of his thumb, injured his left knee and caused permanent partial paralysis. Yet he still eventually learned to walk again.



During his five months in Vietnam, Fikes twice received the Bronze Star as well as the Purple Heart, among other awards.

It wasn't until last year, though, that Fikes realized he had been awarded the Silver Star—the third highest military decoration for valor that can be awarded.

He was inducted last year into the Madison County Hall of Heroes and, in the process of that induction, Fikes requested his personnel file from the Army. The file did not arrive until after the Hall of Heroes ceremony.

"Upon opening the package, one of the things in the package was the Silver Star. That's when I found out about it", Fikes said. He then jokingly added, "That's where I messed up. I should have kept my mouth shut."

It led Fikes to being surrounded by a bevy of friends and family at the ceremony. He received the Silver Star from General Dennis Via, Commander of the U.S. Army Materiel Command at Redstone Arsenal.

"I'm tremendously honored, on behalf of the United States Army, to participate in LT Fikes' Silver Star ceremony today", Via said before the ceremony. "It's a fitting reminder and a

visual tribute to his service and sacrifice to our nation, his gallantry in combat, his actions, and representative of his tremendous service to our nation. It's also a visual reminder of the unselfish service and sacrifice of our men and women in uniform who defend our nation's freedoms and also of the sacrifice of their families. It's a great day for the Army, it's a great day for the Fikes family and it's a great day for the Vietnam veterans, who have not always received the recognition and honor that they deserve for their selfless service to our nation."

Fikes spoke for less than two minutes during the ceremony.

"While the Silver Star was presented to me", he said in closing, "I can only accept it on behalf of the soldiers who I had the honor and privilege of serving with in Vietnam. So for them and for me, I say thank you and God bless America."



Phillip Fikes as a Senior at CMA in 1965.

[Old CMA Pictures and Negatives Now Owned by CMA Alumni Association](#)

As reported in the minutes from a previous CMAAA Board Meeting and included in the *Bugle*, the CMAAA was given the opportunity to purchase the old CMA photographs and negatives from Orman Studios in Columbia. The CMAAA Board of Directors approved the purchase earlier in 2014 and the Association now has possession of the photographs and negatives. Some of the pictures were on display during the 2014 CMA Reunion but we now have all of the pictures. The goal is to sort and catalog the pictures and then make them available for purchase by alumni. This will be a long process and it will most likely be the 2016 reunion before the items will be available. Progress reports will be provided in future editions of the *Bugle*.

CMA Memories

This year, earlier in the spring, I was honored by a visit here in Ocean Springs, Mississippi, by Benny Ferdon, CMA Class of 1955, former roommate, then a resident of Narco, Louisiana, now a physician and long time resident of Raleigh, North Carolina. It was a reunion of sorts since both our wives got to visit as well, and we enjoyed re-living some of the old times. Benny and I and another friend from Jackson, Mississippi, made a road trip together in the summer of 1954 (prior to our senior year at CMA) to go down the west side of Florida (well before Disney was anything except the comics) to Key West and back up the east side to see Marine Land and on to New Orleans for Benny's home on the return. We had a wonderful trip over about two weeks on the road, and even went to Cuba by air from Key West and enjoyed the best of Havana for two days. We followed that with Miami. At the start of the trip we each had about \$200 for our expenses and a Texaco credit card with a 1949 Ford loaned by my father. Credit cards back then only were good for gas. The idea was that we could always get back home on it. And by the time we passed Jacksonville on the way north and west, we had just enough cash left for lunch at a country road side restaurant somewhere before Tallahassee. That was a memorable trip for three 17 year olds. Times were a little different back then. The good years. Benny has done well since his graduation from Tulane Medical School. CMA can be proud of him.

I have now served four years as a lay Pastor of a small Presbyterian Church, located in Lucedale, Mississippi, an old community north of the Mississippi Gulf Coast, a well established farming area. It has been a great privilege to serve the Lord and the people in this manner. I am given more of a chance to reflect on meaningful things in weekly sermon preparation from the Bible, but life, including Christian life, is what is reflected from it for our illustration of our contemporary functions as a church and community. Thinking back to CMA helps me come to deeper understanding of what I am doing. It helped me back in 1968 when I was stationed at Bien Hoa Air Base in Viet Nam as a Judge Advocate. CMA

discipline traits have been the secular strength of my life. I feel sure that many others of the CMA community of graduates have experienced some of these same feelings. They coexist with our religious life as well.

Russell Thompson
CMA Class of '55

An event I remember from my time at CMA is the apparent one time event of a Cadet dying in an automobile accident on campus. Courtney Wilhoite and I were in the 7th Grade at the time and we both remember things about the incident. The cadet involved in the accident was Robert Frank (Flea Bite) Jernigan, Jr. and the accident occurred on Saturday, February 1, 1947.

I recall the event occurring on a night of a dance on campus. I heard about the accident at the dance but did not go to the scene. The location of the accident was on the west side of the road between Moore Hall and the baseball field. There was an old log cabin on the baseball field side of the road, the closest side probably 20 feet from the road. There was a rather steep downward slope in the terrain from the road to the cabin.

I remember the Cadet Corps attending the funeral but do not recall if we marched there in formation or did the usual Sunday Morning stroll along the sidewalk. Formation without band seems more likely.

While we had numerous cadets pass away while attending CMA, I believe this is the only incident in which a cadet died as the result of a car accident on the campus.

John Bass
CMA Class of '53

During my first year at CMA I was on the Freshman Basketball team and was able to participate in a weekend road trip with the team that took us to Atlanta to play against the Westminster School located there. We were soundly defeated by Westminster on Saturday

afternoon but Mark Graves (15 points) and Richard Courtney (10 points) did have a good game. While the loss was a disappointment, we did get to enjoy other activities while on the trip. On Saturday night we watched the Freshman and Varsity games between Georgia Tech and Florida State and on Sunday we saw an NBA game between the Milwaukee Bucks (featuring Lew Alcindor) and the Atlanta Hawks. How times a changed...colleges no longer have Freshman basketball teams and are lucky to keep good players longer than their freshman year (hello Kentucky) and Lew Alcindor is now the retired L.A. Lakers-great Kareem Abdul-Jabbar. A fun weekend for a bunch of CMA Freshmen.

Woody Pettigrew
CMA Class of '73

Submit Your Story for Inclusion in a Future Edition of the *Bugle*

This is our first edition of the *Bugle* that incorporates a suggestion that was made during the last reunion to make a collection of our alumni's favorite stories from when they were at CMA. The stories that are told during the CMA Reunions are priceless and should be shared throughout the Alumni Association. There are great stories that are the kind of things that alumni enjoy reading in the *Bugle*. These stories will be run in the *Bugle* and, depending on the number of stories received, may be consolidated and bound as a "Collection of CMA Memories". All alumni are encouraged to provide their favorite memory/story from CMA to be included in this collection. The memory/story can be whatever length is necessary. This section is another way for CMA alumni to share experiences through the *Bugle*. If you have a memory/story you would like to share with other alumni please submit it to Woody Pettigrew at the below snail mail address or you can e-mail it to wpettigrew@knology.net.

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James Dickinson ('55) and his Wife Barbara fly Space-A to Hawaii and Back

Reprinted from the Mar-Apr 2014 edition of R&R Travel News

(Note—Space Available, or Space-A, travel is a program whereby military members, active and retired, can travel on military aircraft to certain destinations when there is space available on the aircraft)

Although we visited Hawaii on four previous occasions over the years using commercial travel, my wife and I decided to tackle the challenge and adventure that a Space-A trip would provide. We didn't have to wait long. Our plan was to travel to Dover AFB, Delaware, spend the night at base lodging, and travel across the street to the passenger terminal the next morning. We learned of a 24 hour delay so we decided to travel 45 miles back home and try again for departure the next morning. This time it worked!



Riding Space-A across the Pacific aboard an Air Force C-17 Globemaster III

Departing Dover on 7 September on a C-17 with only five Space-A passengers (four adults plus a one year old infant) in the empty cargo bay, the flight arrived at Travis AFB, California in five hours. Since on-base lodging was already booked, we were able to spend the night at a Marriot Courtyard at military rates. We were in luck again the next morning as passenger terminal personnel confirmed that a C-5 to Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam, Hawaii, would indeed make a Sunday morning departure. This final leg of the trip took another five hours with 18 Space-A passengers aboard who all enjoyed commercial-type seating the C-5 provides.

Without knowing our likely arrival day in Honolulu, we didn't make advanced arrangements for lodging, but decided to take "pot luck" and try to get in the Hale Koa (military hotel on Waikiki Beach) for a few days. To our surprise, the effort was successful, and we spent the next four days there. From a free publication, "Hawaii Military Guide", at the hotel we learned of beach



Cottages at Pacific Missile Range Facility Barking Sands

cottage rentals at the Navy's missile tracking site (Pacific Missile Range Facility Barking Sands) on the adjacent island of Kauai. A phone call to the recreational facility there got us four more nights of military lodging. If one is looking for serenity, this is the place to go! It does have a Shoppette, gym, swimming pool and meals available at the All-Hands Club.

Our return trip from Hawaii was luckily the reverse route of coming to the islands and also aboard C-17s. Since Pearl Harbor-Hickman is actively



Island Explorers, James and Barbara Dickinson

a passenger hub for the Pacific Theater, many folks and planes are continuously in and out of this terminal. Our outbound Space-A count rose to 29 people going to Travis, then down to 15 going back to Dover the following day; again, with an overnight stay in base lodging.

Like most Space-A travel, change is a consideration one must always take into account. Travel tools you find most useful are Facebook access for the live

Space-A schedules and a cell phone to continually communicate with the respective passenger desk personnel at AMC terminals you expect to depart from. In our case, we experienced a one day delay in flight departures in both directions, so staying up-to-date was meaningful in our decision making.

Col. James Dickinson
ARNG (Ret)
CMA Class of 1955



Annual Golf Tilt with Castle Heights Alumni



Two teams of CMA Alumni again traveled to Lebanon, Tennessee in October to take on some Castle Heights alums during their annual golf scramble conducted in conjunction with their reunion. Bill Akin ('66), Walter Keith ('70), Rick Webster ('71) and Dan West ('75) formed one team while Bill Wade ('68), Jimmy Bane ('72), Randy Howell ('72) and Woody Pettigrew ('73) made up the second team. Both CMA teams shot one under par but, sadly, the score was not good enough to beat the boys from Heights. A rainy day that ended up with soggy results as far as the golfers were concerned. But, it was a great excuse to miss work and have some fun with both CMA and CHMA alums. As you can see in the picture, there was an extremely conflicted golf cart with one of the CMA teams.

Reminders on How You Can Help Your Association

You can save the Alumni Association printing and postage costs by downloading the *Bugle* directly from the CMAAA Website at www.cmaaa.com instead of receiving a hard copy in the mail. If you can help us reduce costs by downloading the *Bugle*, please notify Becky Moon at: athenae@bellsouth.net. Becky will keep your name on the mailing list to receive all mailings except the *Bugle*.

Everyone can help make the *Bugle* a better publication for all of us. If you have articles, pictures, Whhhhaazzuuppp Dudes input, a CMA story, news, etc. that you would like to see in the next *Bugle* please provide input to Woody Pettigrew at wpettigrew@knology.net or via snail mail to:

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Use Your Board of Directors to Influence CMAAA Activities

Everyone is encouraged to review the last page of the *Bugle* and see who is on the CMAAA Board of Directors. These representatives are there to support you and advance the Association. If you have suggestions or items that you want brought to the Board's attention, you can work that through any one of the Board members.

MOVING?

STAY IN TOUCH...

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“Whhhhaazzuuppp Dudes” Odds and Ends



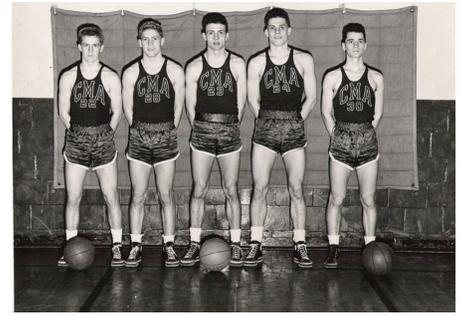
The CMA “Decade of the 70’s” banner was one again on display at the Red Bar in Grayton Beach signifying the annual return of the CMA alumni that gather there every September as guests of Tex Tucker, ‘71. This year’s gathering attracted 20ish alums and guest that had another great week on the beach, enjoying the opportunity to re-tell CMA stories and generally enjoy each other’s company.



Remember Your First Day at CMA?

This picture and caption were taken from the Winter, 1970 edition of the CMA Alumni Magazine. What a great shot that surely will bring back memories for a number of CMA alumni. So, who is the Cadet in the picture? If anyone can identify him, please let Woody Pettigrew know at either his e-mail address, wpettigrew@knology.net, or at 256-653-7303.

A Basketball Blast From the Past



These Memphis area players helped make up the Columbia Military Academy basketball team in 1950. The are (from left) Buddy Kelso (Memphis), Mack Warren (Memphis), Don Dillard (Bartlett), Boyd Arthur Jr. (German-town) and Stark Patterson (Memphis). (Photo courtesy of Courtney Wilhoite, Class of ‘53)



Road Trip. From Left to Right; Greg Thompson (’72), Jim Law (’72), Dudley Dolinger (’73), Don Anderson (’73), Woody Pettigrew (’73), Bill Patrick (’73).

Greg Thompson, Dudley Dolinger, Bill Patrick and Woody Pettigrew took a road trip to Knoxville Tennessee the weekend of 14-16 November to visit Neyland Stadium and other UT landmarks and to watch the Tennessee Volunteers take on the Kentucky Wildcats (Soft Kitty, Warm Kitty). After the ballgame on Saturday, the crew visited Don Anderson’s restaurant (Mulligan’s) in Knoxville and were joined by Jim Law from Maryville. Great fellowship, food and music to cap off the day.

Feedback has shown that the CMA Alumni enjoy reading the *Bugle* each quarter with the greatest interest being on articles, pictures, etc that show what our Alums are doing now. The “Whhhhaazzuuppp Dudes” section of the *Bugle* provides a forum to share little snippets of current events or news on alumni. If you have any items that you think would be of interest to other alums, please submit for inclusion in the *Bugle*.

CMA Endowment Update



Help Preserve CMA's Legacy

The CMA Endowment, established under Columbia Academy's endowment program, is a vehicle for preserving CMA's legacy. This endowment will be used exclusively to provide funds to preserve and protect the legacy of Columbia Military Academy. The goal is to (1) ensure the maintenance and upkeep of the CMA Museum for perpetuity, (2) preserve and protect the original buildings of the Columbia Arsenal and other buildings that were part of Columbia Military Academy, and (3) maintain the memorials and markers across campus that are dedicated to CMA and its alumni. This endowment will be accounted for separately from the other endowments at Columbia Academy and the CMA Alumni Association, or its designee, will receive an accounting of the funds each year. This endowment was established with an initial investment of \$10,000 that was provided by an anonymous Columbia Academy alumnus. That initial gift was made in honor of all CMA alumni, faculty and staff, especially those who served our country in the military, and most especially, those who gave their lives for our country. In addition to that donation, four additional donations were made in 2014. CMA Alumni and Friends are encouraged to make donations to the endowment and to consider including the endowment in their estate planning. To make a donation to the endowment, please send a check made out to Columbia Academy and annotated as a donation for the CMA Endowment to Columbia Academy, 1101 West Seventh Street, Columbia, Tennessee 38401. All donations are tax deductible and will result in the donor receiving a receipt from Columbia Academy that can be used when filing tax returns.

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John Lynch, Class of '46

Dr. John "J.B." Lynch, age 85 of Nashville, passed away at his home on October 20, 2014. Dr. Lynch was born on February 5, 1929 to the late John A. and Eloise Brown Lynch. He grew up in Mt. Pleasant, Tennessee and attended CMA for 2 years, graduating with the Class of 1946. He continued his education at



John Lynch

Vanderbilt University where he earned his undergraduate degree and then attended the University of Tennessee at Memphis Medical School where he obtained his medical degree. After completing his education, he served his country in the Air Force during the Korean War. He then moved to Galveston, Texas to complete his residency at the University of Texas Medical Branch. He became a pioneer in the medical specialty of plastic surgery during his years at UTMB. He developed a specialty in burn treatment and was instrumental in the establishment of the Shriners Burn Hospitals. He became Chairman of Plastic surgery at Vanderbilt University Medical Center and served as Chief of the Head and Neck Services in the Vanderbilt University Affiliated Hospitals. He was dedicated to advancing the medical field and developed an excellent teaching program in addition to a residency. He was a leader in many professional organizations dedicated to the advancement of medicine and plastic surgery. He served as President of Singleton Surgical Society, President of the American Society of Plastic and Reconstructive Surgeons, President of the Southern Medical Association, President of American Association of Plastic Surgery, and Director of the American Board of Plastic Surgery. He received numerous awards throughout his career including the 1987 Outstanding Alumnus at the University of Tennessee Medical School and was awarded an Honorary Citation of the American Society of Plastic Surgery. He loved spending time with his children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. He cherished his family and enjoyed the outdoors. His great joys of life were his family, church, career, hunting, fishing and golfing. He is survived by his loving wife, Mary Joyce Lynch; his children, John B. Lynch, Jr. (Missy) and Mary Callihan (Matt), step-daughter, Jennye

Greene and numerous grandchildren, great grandchildren, nieces and nephews.

Billy K. Walker, Class of '49

Dr. Billy K. Walker (Doc), 83, passed away on October 21, 2014 after an extended illness. He was born on May 20, 1931 in Beech Grove, Tennessee. He was preceded in death by his parents, Joseph Rayburn "Bill" Walker and Jamie (Covington) Walker Jarman.



He is survived by his daughter and son-in-law, Billy Walker Jamie and Dan Helton; son and daughter-in-law, Ken and Ingrid Walker; brother, Joe Tom Walker; grandchildren, Evan Gilman and Carley Gilman and step-grandson, Jim Grizzle. Doc grew up on the family farm. He learned to work hard in their dairy and to love animals. He attended Manchester Central High School for two years and earned a scholarship to play football at Columbia Military Academy for his last two years of high school, graduating from CMA as part of the Class of 1949. Vanderbilt University awarded him a football scholarship and he later transferred to Tennessee Wesleyan College. Doc served in the U. S. Army during the Korean War where he was trained in teletypewriter equipment and maintenance and went on to be an instructor in the military. Following his service in the Army he was awarded a football scholarship to attend Kansas State University's Veterinary School and he graduated with his Doctorate in Veterinary Medicine. After graduation he moved to Woodbury with his family and began his veterinary practice. Doc served as the only veterinarian in both Cannon and Dekalb Counties for about twenty years. Doc had a love for and interest in Cannon County. It led him to be involved in many different ventures. He was one of the founding owners of the Woodbury Nursing Home in the 1970's. Dr. Walker was active in church and was a member of the Grace Assembly of God. He spent many hours working on the food drives through the church. His love for animals and people gave him the opportunity to come into contact with many people. Doc was well known for taking in stray dogs, horses, birds or any other animal that needed care. He also raised coon hounds and enjoyed coon hunting in his limited leisure time. Doc's busy work schedule

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didn't bother him at all since his work was his joy. He wanted to share his love of animals with his children and grandchildren. During the summer he loved to have his grandchildren come stay with him on the farm. He introduced them to farming and the vet business. His daughter and granddaughter were both active with show and competition horses. He loved to watch them show whenever he could.

James T. Haynes, Class of '50

James Tildon Haynes, Jr., age 82, died November 4th at his home in Brownsville, Tennessee. He was born August 17, 1932 in Brownsville. James attended CMA for 5 years, graduating with the Class of 1950. He was preceded in death by his parents, James Tildon Haynes Sr. and Carrie Siler Haynes; his wife, Nell Berta Haynes; and his brother, Charles Haynes. Surviving relatives include his sons, James Tildon Haynes III, William Ronk Haynes and partner Jon Massey, Robert Mark Haynes and wife Gail; his daughter, Carrie Sue Haynes Muldavin and husband Sam; eight grandchildren and six great grandchildren.

James C. Watley Jr, Class of '50

Lt. Col. (Ret) James C. Watley Jr., 81, of Shalimar, Florida, passed away peacefully on November 23, 2014. He was born in Tuscaloosa, Alabama on March 31, 1933. He attended CMA for 3 years, graduating with the Class of 1950 and then attended the U.S. Naval Academy, graduating in 1954. He received his Master's Degree from Texas Tech and served in the U.S. Air Force for 20 years, including service in the Vietnam War. He then followed with 29 distinguished years in the defense industry including President and COO of ASI Systems International. He was actively involved in the community such as serving as deacon and elder of Shalimar Presbyterian, Fort Walton Beach Chamber of Commerce, Honor Guard in Billy Bowlegs, and member of Emerald Coast Military Affairs. He is survived by his wife of 58 years, Elma (Peach), his children, Karen Dills, Susie



James Watley

Crawford (Ron), Jim Whatley (Donna) and Sandy Cole (Jeff), seven grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. His family and the community will remember him as a person of honor and integrity.

Alston B. Wade, Jr., Class of '51

Alston Boyd "Scrammy" Wade, Jr., a lifelong Memphian, died at his home October 25, 2014. Born on September 28, 1932 in Memphis, TN, he was predeceased by his father, Alston Boyd Wade, Sr. and mother Fay Ogilvie Wade. Scrammy was a loving father and grandfather and a loyal friend. He attended CMA for 3 years, graduating with the Class of 1951. Following graduation from CMA he attended Memphis State University where he played football. He was a founding member of the Sigma Alpha Epsilon chapter at Memphis State. While in college, he was drafted into the Army and spent his time during the Korean war playing football for the Army in Japan. Once the war was over, he came home to help his father run the family real estate business. He thoroughly enjoyed fishing for bass, walleye and rainbow trout as well as deep-sea fishing with his family while on vacation. Scrammy loved joking around with his friends and duck hunting at the Old Coca Cola Hunting Club. He was a founding member of the Retriever Club where he enjoyed training his black Labrador retrievers. For many years he sponsored the family vacation to Biloxi, Mississippi and Destin, Florida with his children and later his grandchildren. Later in life, Scrammy kept it simple with a specific weekly routine, capping off each and every evening with a steak and a western movie. Scrammy was a long-time member of the University Club of Memphis and enjoyed spending time there with friends. He was a member of the Second Presbyterian Church. He was an active supporter of the Boy Scouts, Ducks Unlimited, and French Camp Academy in French Camp, Mississippi. He was a very proud and involved grandfather, faithfully attending sporting events, graduations, and plays. He leaves two sisters, Fay Wade Stewart and Elizabeth Wade Larkin, as well

as two sons, Alston Boyd Wade, III (Lucy) and Robert "Bobby" Baldwin Wade (Helen). He also leaves four grandchildren, Elizabeth Chaney Wade, Larson Linda Wade, Caroline Elisabeth Wade, and Robert Baldwin Wade, Jr., and daughter-in-law Katrina Roberts Wade.

Charles D. Pond, Class of '53

Charles D. Pond, 78, passed away on May 5, 2014. He was born on August 23rd, 1935, in Portland, Tennessee. He attended CMA for 2 years, graduating with the Class of 1953. Charles worked as an industrial engineer for Square D/Schneider Electric Company for 43 years before he retired in 2001. He and his faithful, loving and beautiful wife of 43 years Charles Pond shared many summers in Canada where they stayed in a cabin and enjoyed Jehovah God's creations together, especially fishing. Charles is survived by his wife of 43 years, Suzanne Pond; a sister, Jean; a son, Charles S. Pond; and three grandchildren, Morgan, Ashley, Charles Coleman, and Madison Anne. He was preceded in death by his parents, Evelyn and Charles S. Pond, his sister, Anne Recter, and her son, Hayes Clark.



Charles Pond

Gregory D. Gray, Class of '67

Gregory Douglas Gray, 65, of Huntsville, passed away Friday. He attended CMA for two years, graduating in the Class of 1967. He then graduated from the University of Southern Mississippi. He was a member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks Lodge No. 1648 and Acme Club. Survivors include Gregory Gray wife, Mary Gray; children, Greer Eleazer (Will) and Greg Gray, II (Megan); grandchildren, Hartwell Eleazer, Marianne Eleazer, Kinley Patterson and Kolby Patterson, all of Huntsville; sister, Connie Gray Hardin (Kile Patrick) of Columbia, TN; and several nieces and nephews.



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Donald C. Mann, Class of '67

Donald Cameron Mann, native Memphian, died September 20th at the age of 65. He was very active until his last two weeks of life, living life to the fullest and on his own terms, as he always had. He was born on January 31, 1949 to Jane Treadwell and Cameron Mann. He was a student at PDS before attending Columbia Military Academy, MUS and later the Donald Mann Hill School until he matriculated to Brown University in 1968, majoring in Creative Writing. He attended CMA for two years in the sixth and seventh grades (1960-62) and would have been in the Class of 1967 had he stayed at CMA. At Brown, he would hone the wordsmith skills that became one of his hallmark talents. After graduating from Brown, Don briefly attended Rhode Island School of Design and studied furniture design as well as UNC where he studied architecture. Later, Don enrolled at Columbia University where he completed his MBA. While in business school, Don and Ed Grosvenor founded Portfolio Magazine, a fine arts magazine published in the 1970s and 1980s. He started his professional career in advertising at Bloom and Gelb in Manhattan shortly there-after. He started Fusion Marketing Group in Memphis in 1986. Fusion became the industry pioneer and leader in the world of database marketing, introducing new, targeted and specialized credit card products for their bank clients such as the Elvis Presley



Card, and the company was headquartered in Downtown Memphis. After selling Fusion to the Axiom Corporation in 2001, Don purchased a property on Young Avenue and, along with his son, built a world-class recording studio with the help of legendary British studio designer, Alan Stewart, who also built Electric Lady for Jimi Hendrix in New York and the Penthouse Suite for the Beatles Abbey Road Studio. Throughout his life, Don was a lifelong car enthusiast and was a regular at such events as the Monterrey/Pebble Beach Car show, Amelia Island Concourse, and the Cavallino Classic at the Breakers in Palm Beach.

Request for Help with Obituaries

The Board of Directors discussed the inclusion and length of obituaries in the *Bugle* during its meeting in August. The discussion focused on whether we should continue to include full obituaries or just notices of alumni deaths based on the amount of space dedicated to obituaries in the *Bugle*. The decision was to continue with the practice of including full obituaries to properly recognize our lost alumni. To help with this effort, all alumni are asked to forward any obituary information that they become aware of so we can continue to include this information in the *Bugle*. Please pass this information to Woody Pettigrew at either his e-mail address, wpettigrew@knology.net, or via snail mail to:

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