

Board Approves Guard House Lease



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MINUTES OF THE COLUMBIA MILITARY ACADEMY ALUMNI ASSOCIATION ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

DATE: June 30, 2007

TIME: 10:00 A.M.

LOCATION: Academy
Hall, Columbia Academy
Campus, Columbia, TN

Agenda and Reports

Board Members in Attendance

Bill Fricke '39	George Thomas '42
Jack Walker '45	John Chenault '52
John Bass '53	Don Kimbrell '53
Marshall Cranford '54	W.H. Raiford '55
Nelson Snow '55	Tom Hayward '56
Hal Roe '57	Tom Walbert '58
John Hubbard '59	Ron Nall '61
Wallace Couch '62	Mike Gilchrist '63
Don Noffsinger '63	Tom Colvert '65
Ed Tuggle '67	Bobby Bain '72
Randy Howell '72	Woody Pettigrew '73
Winston Elston '74	Becky Moon '75
Jay Robins '76	Blair Binkley '77

Support the Museum Project, Own A CMA Barracks Brick

A genuine barracks brick taken from one of the oldest buildings on the CMA campus is now available to alumni for \$25 plus postage (\$10 USPS in contiguous states).

The handsome brick carries a brass plate with the school name and the dates it contributed to the education of some of the finest scholars and leaders in today's world.



Proceeds from the sale of these bricks will go toward the CMA Museum Project presently underway to convert the old campus Guard House into a display area for school artifacts and memorabilia.

If you have anything to contribute for display in the museum, please e-mail Museum Committee Chairman, Woody Pettigrew at: wpettigrew@westar.com

The meeting was called to order by President Bill Raiford. Don Kimbrell offered the Invocation followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by John Bass.

Minutes from our last meeting were approved by the association as written.

Treasurer's report was given and approved by the association.

Old Business

Tax Exempt Status – Don Kimbrell reported that the Tax Exempt Form requesting tax exempt status for the association was ready to send out and we should receive it back in about 60 days.

Dues Report and Class Realignment

Bobby Bain reported that he was investigating the realignment of class groups which should help us to get people to remember. He added dues notices would go out the end of the month. He plans to meet with Alice Algood on the realignment also.

Museum Project

Woody Pettigrew started out by taking care of some old business as he reported on the brick from Black Hall that was presented

to Nancy Prickett Whitley. This was given to her by the association in memory of her father Major Prickett, long time resident of Black Hall and Instructor at CMA.

The Motion on whether to continue to pursue the CMA Guard House as a Museum for the association was discussed next. Woody started out with some background and what had been done by the committee. He noted that he believed that the cost to do the remodeling of the Guard House plus all other costs would add up to approximately \$175,000 as it was laid out in the letter that Woody sent to the entire CMAAA mailing list in February. He said a vote was taken at the March 07 to continue the project for the next 90 days to allow additional time for the fund raising effort to progress and then have the board make a final determination on continuing or terminating the project. This effort raised approximately \$35,000 before the June 30 meeting. This, coupled with the association's approximately \$40,000 remaining from the Memorial

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50th Year

Reunion Contacts

1958
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270-834-0364 (cell)
270-678-7221 (home)

1959
John Hubbard
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Camden, TN 38320
hubbard7375@bellsouth.net
731-584-3314

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Project, brought the total funds available for the museum project to approximately \$75,000. Woody said that he thought this amount was not enough to continue but he would go along with any decision the Board made.

The lease agreement was covered next. He said that he had a Lawyer review it and he suggested that we try to negotiate on the utilities cost where CA pays it and the association pays the school. There was also an escape clause noted that allowed both parties to terminate the agreement if needed and stipulating if Columbia Academy terminates the lease without cause it will reimburse the CMAAA on a pro-rated basis for the initial money spent restoring the building. Woody reported that a preservation specialist reviewed the property and presented a very favorable report. A question was asked at this point on whether the structure could be on the National Historical Register. This was discussed and an action was taken to see if CA had any information on this area. Woody then reported on the results of two cost estimates received on performing the restoration work (new roof, new ceiling on porch area, new ceiling inside the

guard house, repair work to the floor) at a total cost of approximately \$22,000. He had also obtained an estimate for liability insurance at the cost of \$174 a year.

At this point much discussion occurred on the pros and cons to pursuing or halting our present course of action. Jack Walker '45 argued that the city might turn the old court house into a museum once they built a new judicial center and this would be available to the association to use space as a museum for "free". However it was argued by both Becky Moon '76 and Alice Algood that this was far from a certain fact and if it did happen it would be another area we could use in addition to the Guard House. Ed Tuggle '67 asked with the monies we currently had in hand could we start the project. That was a possibility and could be looked at. Ron Nall '61 stated emphatically that his entire class (Class of '61) was totally against the Guard House Museum project and that when the motion was called he would vote that way. He believed that we could make this contract more attractive to the association and offered to have his lawyer review it for enhancements. Woody noted this and said that he would provide it to Ron to have it reviewed. Many side discussions occurred

and were heard by the board. The motion was finally called on whether to continue with the Guard House Museum Project or not. If the motion passed, the association would pursue the arrangement as laid out in the February letter and work to get a lease in place with Columbia Academy. If the motion failed, the project would be cancelled and all donations received would be returned and all pledges would be voided.

Voice Vote Carries: 18 for - 11 against

(Documentation used in capturing the facts in these minutes is part of the permanent record of the association along with the Voice Vote for each board member in attendance at this specially called meeting.)

New Business

President Bill Raiford said that Bricks from Black Hall were available for sale. If anyone was interested please contact him.

Grand Reunion for 2008 is now in the planning stages. Dates for the reunion are Thursday, July 31st through Saturday, the 2nd of August 2008. Plans are to have the Friday night Social at the Graymere Country Club and the Saturday night dinner at the Saturn Union Hall in Spring Hill. These plans were voted on by the board and the motion carried.

Wally Couch '62 asked if the association would consider having a one charge Lifetime Dues for our members. It was proposed that the cost of such a membership could be set at \$300. A motion was made by Wally and seconded by Ed Tuggle '67. The Motion carried.

A Motion was made to reimburse Woody Pettigrew '73 for the expenses he incurred with the mail out to the full association mailing list concerning the Guard House Museum Project. Woody thanked the board but stated that he did not want to be reimbursed.

It was mentioned that if you had any old annuals from CMA that the Maury County Archives would like to put together a group of Annuals from the beginning of CMA until it closed in 1979.

The Board was advised that we could possibly get some support for the Museum Project from the Maury County Historical Society. Woody Pettigrew will investigate this possibility and advise the Board at a future date.

President Raiford adjourned the meeting at 12:05 PM, 30 June 2007.

Respectfully Submitted: Michael L. Gilchrist, Secretary, CMAAA



CMA Class of '45...CMA grad Barthell Joseph Jr., (left) visited classmate Joe Gillespie and his wife Ann at their home in Atlantic Beach, FL back in August. Cadet Gillespie graduated from Vanderbilt, got his law degree from Ole Miss, then returned to Vanderbilt for his Medical degree, opening a practice in Augusta, GA from which he retired.

Conversion of Guard House To Museum Moves Ahead

The CMA Alumni Association Board of Directors conducted a special meeting on Saturday, 30 June to review the status of the Guard House Museum Project and make a final determination on the project. After much debate concerning the cost of the project, the specifics of the lease we will establish with Columbia Academy, and the amount of funds that have been raised to date to support the project to date, the Board voted to proceed with the project with a goal of having the Museum ready for dedication at the August 2008 Reunion.

We still have a long way to go, both in terms of fund raising and the time it is going to take to get the project completed, but we are on a path now to realize a purpose stated in our Association's original By-laws...to establish a museum for the display and preservation of Columbia Military Academy artifacts and memorabilia.

We have final estimates on the renovation work and are working to finalize the lease arrangement, meeting with the Columbia Academy Board in September to sign the lease and begin work on renovating the Guard House. The CMAAA Museum Committee consisting of Mike Gilchrist, Becky Moon and Woody Pettigrew will continue to spearhead this project but will be glad to take any suggestions or help from anyone that can provide the time.

There are many aspects to this project and we welcome any and all help. If you have already made a donation or pledge to

the project, we thank you for that.

If you have not made a donation, or if you have made one but want to make another, we encourage you to do so by completing the form provided in the Bugle and submitting it.

Work is about to begin and we need the support of the Association to make this project a success. We will keep the Alumni As-

sociation membership apprised by providing updates in the quarterly Bugle.

The Maury Country Historical Society is aware of the project to convert the Guard House to a CMA Museum and made a \$2,000 donation to the Alumni Association to support the project. This donation not only provides financial assistance to the project but, just as importantly, it reflects the Society's interest in and support of the project. We will continue to work with the Society as we proceed with the project.



Guard House

Guard House Museum Pledge Form

I support the CMA Museum Project with a donation in the amount of \$ _____

I am including my check made out to CMAAA or pledging to make a payment by the end of 2007.

(Please specify which). Check Enclosed Pledge Enclosed.

Name: _____ CMA Class of _____

Address: _____

- Foothills Club (Up to \$499) • Ridgerunner Club (\$500 to \$999)
- Plateau Club (\$1,000 to \$2,499) • Trailblazer Club (\$2,500 to \$4,999)
- Bronze (\$5,000 to \$9,999) • Silver (\$10,000 to \$24,999) • Gold (\$25,000 and Up)

Please check this box if you do not want your name included on donor's list.

Please detach Form and mail to: CMAAA, 804 Anthenaem Place, Columbia, TN 38401

**Fall CMAAA Board Meeting
Scheduled for October 20**

October 20th has been designated for the next CMAAA Board meeting to be held on campus in Academy Hall at 10 a.m.

Anyone in the Columbia Area wanting a Barracks Brick adorned with a bronze plate (see page one) can save the \$10 shipping fee by stopping by to pick one up.

The meeting will focus on preparations for the 2008 Grand Reunion but will also address other business of the Association.

To date only 10 Board Members have responded to Bill Raiford that they will attend and 20 are needed for a quorum. If a quorum is not secured, the meeting will be canceled. Bill's e-mail address is: memnet @memphisnet.net

**“Whhhhhaazzuupppp Dudes”
Odds and Ends from Here and There**

Jack Williams, who attended CMA from 1935 until his graduation in 1939 has requested he be added to the mailing list to receive the *Bugle* and information on the the next Reunion scheduled for Aug. 1 and 2 of 2008. He wants to take home the “oldest grad” award and wants all to know he likes to inject a bit of humor whenever he’s able.

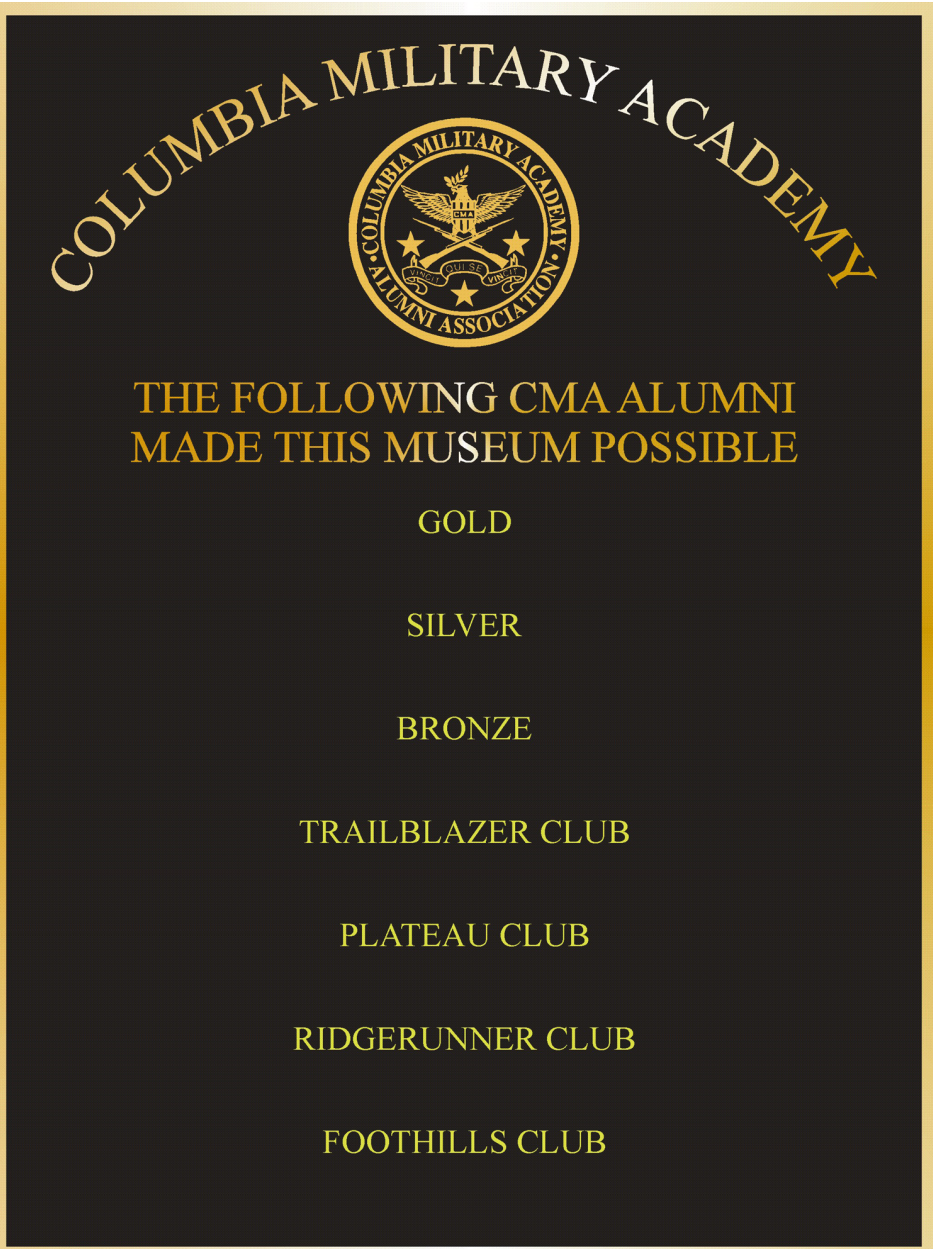
W.B. Fletcher, Class of ‘41, was kind enough to donate a 1906 CMA Yearbook titled the “Bugler” to the fledgling Museum archives now being compiled. His brother, Charles Bingham also went to CMA. W.B. found the book while preparing to move from Indianola, MS to Madison, MS.

John E. Kerley, Class of ‘57, sends his thanks to CMA for preparing himself and his two younger brothers for the U.S. Naval Academy. His two brothers are deceased.

Henry Beckman, Class of ‘57, ordered one of the barracks bricks featured on page one of this *Bugle* and related his first memorable 20 minutes at CMA in 1954. “It was a dark, rainy Sunday night when Coach Jones entered my room in Black, picked me up by my belt, dropped me on the floor, and told me I should be studying,” said Beckman.

“It turned out to be the beginning of one of the best things that ever happened to me. I found more true friends (mostly gone now) in that old barracks and school and never wanted to move anywhere else on campus.” His roommate at the time was “Gene” Cox, Class of ‘56.

Joe Bailey, Class of ‘61 has been compiling a list of classmates since 2004 and needs help. Anyone knowing the where-



GUARD HOUSE PLAQUE...This is a mockup of a plaque listing Museum contributors by their respective donor group which will be displayed on the Guard House. Donors within their group will be listed in alphabetical order with their class designation.

- Gold: \$25,000 and Up**
- Silver: \$10,000 to \$24,999**
- Bronze: \$5,000 to \$9,999**
- Trailblazer: \$2,500 to \$4,999**
- Plateau: \$1,000 to \$2,499**
- Ridgerunner: \$500 to \$999**
- Foothills: Up to \$499**

abouts of James Oliver, James McNeil, Stephen Kleinsmith, Charles Perry, William H.C. Kelly, William M. Kelly, John Taylor, William Anderson, Robert Bassham, Robert Clay. Ronald Hart, Arthur Cosby, Doug DeRosa, Walter Whitfield or Riesley Jones, please e-mail him at: coachjoeb4@yahoo.com

Bill Alexander, Class of ‘52, had a couple of close calls back in May but is

doing much better, according to his wife, Helen. The doctors were not sure if it was his heart, diabetes, gall bladder or a virus. He had been scheduled for an operation to clear a blocked artery which had to be postponed. It and another blockage were later cleared when he regained his strength.

John Redmon, Class of ‘71, recently enjoyed the company of his son John, on 30 day leave from Iraq.

SILVER TAPS

William W. Clarke III, Class of '38

William Whitlock Clarke III, died May 9 of ALS at his home in Portola Valley, CA.

Following graduation from CMA, Bill attended Purdue University.

He was bi-lingual, having studied Spanish as an adult, taught flying, was a singer, square-dancer, played tennis, traveled and loved motor-cycling.

A decorated soldier during WWII, he did reconnaissance surveying behind enemy lines. Following the war he joined United Airlines, working there for 37 years.

He was an active member of the Episcopal Church and was married to his wife, Baja, for 70 years. He leaves three children; Victoria, Sarah and Eric. .

Boyd Lee Godfrey, Class of '44

Funeral services for Boyd Lee Godfrey, 81, were held Monday, June 4, at Dawalt Funeral Home, in Salem, with burial in Crown Hill Cemetery, Salem, with full military honors.

He died Thursday, May 31, 2007. He was a native of Salem, IN and a former resident of Jeffersonville, IN.

He was born Sept. 13, 1925 to Roger

H. and Dexter Gordon Godfrey in Salem.

His occupational pursuits included auctioneer, real estate broker, insurance agent and claims adjuster. He was the Salem Speedways' first track announcer from 1947 to 1956 and was retired from the Census Bureau in Jeffersonville.

He played varsity baseball for three years at CMA before entering the Navy. He was a World War II veteran assigned to the Blimp Corp. and subsequently, a member of Veterans of Foreign Wars, American Legion, the Columbia Military Academy Alumni Association and First Christian Church of Salem. He attended St. Patrick Catholic Church in Salem.

Survivors include his wife, the former Marilyn Lofton Upson; a daughter, Joann Dattilo and husband, John of Charlestown, IN; a son, Chris Godfrey and wife, Jane, of New Albany, IN; four grandsons, Jeremy and Jordan Dattilo and Sean and Andrew Godfrey; and an aunt, Alberta Ribelin, all of Salem.

He was preceded in death by stepson, Frank Upson.

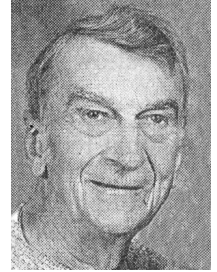
Hugh B. Whitaker, Class of '47

Hugh Bryant Whitaker, age 78, died

February 6 at his home near Calhoun, KY.

Following graduation from CMA, Hugh attended Western Kentucky State Teacher's College.

He was a retired farmer, served as a volunteer fireman since 1942 and was fire chief for the city of Calhoun and the McLean County Central District.



He was a member of the Calhoun Christian Church where he served as **Hugh Whitaker** a deacon for more than 40 years. He was a U.S. Air Force veteran and a member of the Honorable Order of Kentucky Colonels who authorized a resolution in memory of Mr. Whitaker following his death.

Hugh enjoyed spending time on the Green river with his family and friends and listening to bluegrass music.

Survivors include his wife of 55 years, Loretta; two sons, Larry Whitaker and Luie Whitaker; two daughters, Lois Kuegel and Lori Troutman; ten grandchildren, Shelby Decker, Andrea Searcy, Kristie Bowlds, Bridget Reid, Houston Whitaker, Luke Kuegel, Molly Troutman, Clay Kuegel, Will Troutman, and Jack Troutman; and eight great-grandchildren.

Hugh was accorded full Military Honors at his burial in the Calhoun Cemetery

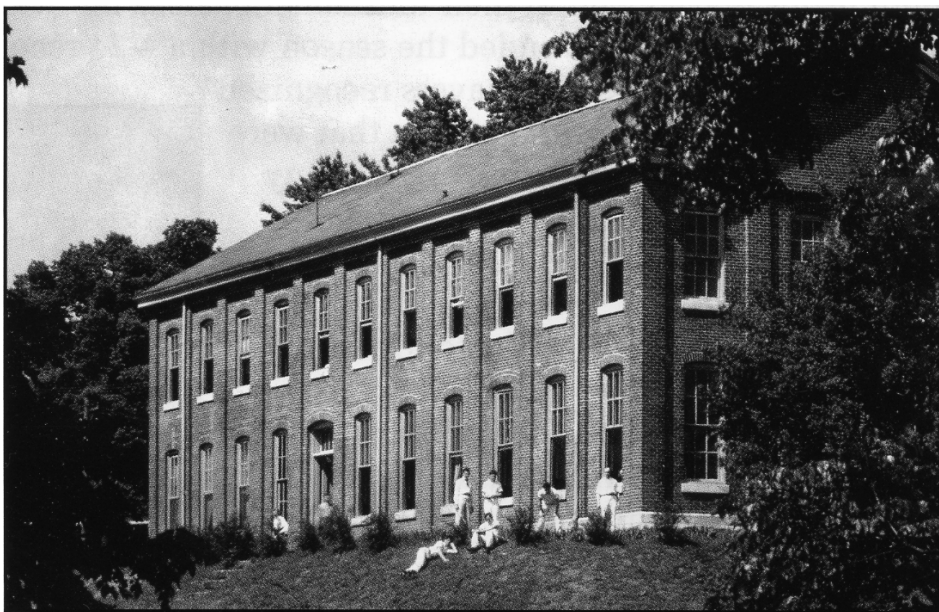
Bryant M. "Pop" Allen, Class of '52

Bryant Manning Allen, age 72, died Monday, January 30, 2006, at St. Dominic Jackson Memorial Hospital, Jackson MS.

Following graduation from CMA, Bryant attended Mississippi College and the University of Mississippi where he earned a business degree. After graduation he served in the Army G-2 Intelligence. He had always had an interest in art and in 1965 opened Bryant Galleries in Jackson. A year later he opened a New Orleans gallery in the French Quarter. During this time he also served as Education Director for the Art Association of Jackson.

He would give slide presentations at the Municipal Gallery and give talks at schools. Bryant grew his gallery business by traveling throughout the country and around the world in search of fine artists that he could introduce to collectors in Mis-

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Black Hall Marches Into History...The remaining shell of old Black Hall, named after Cadet Robert Black, has been torn down after more than 100 years as a CMA landmark. Known originally as Barracks #5, the building housed a machine shop and heating plant for the old Arsenal prior to its use as a barracks. Robert Black was killed playing football for CMA in 1930. The building was renovated in 1938 following the same floor plan as Jackson Hall built in 1937. Bricks found recently on the porch of North Black have been decorated with a brass plate and are for sale by the Alumni Association for \$25 each plus postage.

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Mississippi and to visitors to New Orleans. Over the years, he and his wife and co-owner, Doris Allen, traveled to such countries as France, Germany, Spain, Hungary, Italy, Haiti, Mexico and Canada.

Bryant's desire to discover new talent led him to artists as far away as Buenos Aires and Ukraine. At one time, there were five Bryant Galleries' locations: Jackson, New Orleans, Birmingham, Atlanta and Palm Beach. Other locations were Houston and Dallas, Texas.

Among the many artists who began their career with Bryant Galleries were Wyatt Waters, William Dunlap, George Thurmond, Rolland Golden and Donny Finley. Bryant had also represented such national and internationally noted artists as Alvar, Dean Mitchell, Leonardo Nierman, Alan Flattmann, Juan Medina, Ed Dwight and many others.

The New Orleans gallery he built is now the oldest and largest gallery in New Orleans and continues in operation in the historic French Quarter. Bryant loved animals and over the years he had a series of Bassett Hounds. Jackson residents knew Bryant for years as the man who drove to work with a blue and gold Macaw on his shoulder.

When not searching for new artists, Mr. Allen was an avid Ole Miss football fan. His other passion included cooking.

In addition to his wife, Bryant is survived by two sisters, Ros Haertlein of Fredricksburg, Texas and Jeane Ferrin of Austin, Texas; a nephew Albert Haertlein and nieces Alma Hartlein, Deeny Hartlein, Flavia Ferrin Gaskin, Beth Ferrin Williams and great

nephews Michael and Bryant Haertlein, who worked for a time at the Bryant Galleries of New Orleans. There are also several great nieces and nephews.

James W. Case, Class of '68

James Wilkerson Case, 58, of Jeddo, MI, formerly of Sterling Heights, passed away at home in his wife's arms July 17, after a short battle with Mesothelioma.

His was married to Kimberly Carpenter, May 8, 2006 in Gatlinburg, TN. He found the love he always searched for and knew existed.

James was employed by the Detroit News Partnership as a pressman for 11 years prior to his illness. He absolutely loved his years as a white water rafting guide in West Virginia's New and Gauley Rivers. He also was an avid collector of coins and enjoyed watching his vast collection of movies. James was a proud and successful 11-year member of Alcoholics Anonymous.

Survivors include his wife Kim; daughter, Darla Reeder; grand daughter Taylor Bland all of Texas; stepchildren, Peter & Amy Schmidt, step grandson Jackson Lincoln, all of Michigan; sister Jo Lee; nephew Jason Lee; great niece Alden Lee, all of Arkansas.

James was preceded in death by his beloved pet Bud, with whom his ashes were mixed.



James Case

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