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From the President



Greetings Classmates (Bellhops):

What an honor it is to serve this Association for the next two years. While I was a bit late to the Association (by 41 years!) I promise to do the best I can to continue the great work done by my predecessors.

The 2020ne Grand Reunion was a great success. I was so happy to see everyone again after the long dark time of COVID. We lost two brothers from that scourge, but we press on in their memory. I hope everyone had as good a time at the reunion as I did.

Next up is CMA Day at Columbia Academy on October 15, 2021. We normally attend Chapel with the students that day and then later sit with some students and answer questions about what it was like to be a cadet "back when". Later that evening, we'll attend a football game. I'm told we might have a special suite to watch the game, so it should be a lot of fun. I plan to be there for sure, and I hope a lot of you will be there, too!

In the last *Bugle* we posted a program at Columbia Academy where a class ring from each year going back to 1930 has been requested by Columbia Academy to a display in the CMA Museum. I have donated mine for the year 1975. If you want to part with your ring

for posterity contact Jill Jones at 931-380-8509 or jill.jones@cabulldogs.org. She will give you a form to sign and make a nameplate for your ring.

During the General Membership Meeting Dr. Thomas of Columbia Academy talked about how one day we will all be gone but the values we learned at CMA will live on and provide an inspiration for future young folk who visit and see our museum. This, I think, is a legacy worth leaving.

Finally, the Saturday after CMA Day we will have a board meeting at the old mess hall at Main on CA campus. All members are welcome to attend, but only the board can vote.

Until Our Next Formation,

Tom

Tom Carr Class of 1975 CMAAA President

CMAALMA MATER

On Columbia's western border, Reared against the sky, Proudly stands our Alma Mater As the years go by,

Forward ever be our watchword, Conquer and prevail, Hall to thee our Alma Mater

CMA...ALL HAIL!

A Note of Thanks From the Past President

Cadets, Faculty & Friends,

Please allow me this final opportunity to thank everyone for your support these last five years. What an interesting journey it has been. Having our 2021 Reunion was made possible by everyone pulling together and making it happen. I was truly humbled by all of the kind words and personal comments I received during the Reunion. As I have said before, this is a Special Group of people that I have had the pleasure of associating with, and I hope I have been able to give back a little of what I received from CMA. I have every confidence in our new President, Tom Carr, and our all 70's Executive Board. Please support them and our Association as we move forward and rebuild a successful CMAAA.

Cordially,

Robin

Robin Salze Class of 1966 CMAAA Past-President

Valedictorians and Salutatorians

For those Valedictorians and Salutatorians that were not able to attend the reunion, please send an e-mail to Robin Salze at frsalze66@gmail.com letting him know your contact information (mailing address) and he will mail your certificate to you.

CMAAA Board of Directors Meeting Minutes 6 August 2021

Attendees

Robin Salze-President (66), Becky Moon-Treasurer (75), Tom Carr-Asst Treasurer (75), Marshall Cranford (54), Skip Snow (55), Lynn Bowles (58), Ron Nall (61), Wally Couch (62), Bill Hart ('62), James Madison (62), Charles Field (63), Mike Gilchrist (63), Harold Smith (63), Billy Akin (66), Bill Wade (68), H.C. Keltner (69), Walter Keith (70), Nelson McGahee (71), Bobby Bain (72), Jimmy Bane (72), Jim Pennington (72), Dudley Dolinger (73), Winston Elston (74), Mike Glover (74), Marshall Briggs (75), Van McMinn (76), Jay Robins (76), Steve Watts (76)

Meeting Minutes

The CMAAA Board meeting was called to order at 3:05 PM on Friday, August 6, 2021 at the Cool Springs Marriott hotel. The meeting began with a moment of silence in remembrance of those we have died since the last meeting. The invocation was given by Mike Gilchrist and Ron Nall led the Pledge of Allegiance. Becky Moon gave the Treasurer's report and she stated that cash on hand as of 30 June 2021 was \$38,048.01. Expected expenditures for 2021 is \$16,810.31. Beck also provided the Museum Financial statement provided by Woody Pettigrew. Cash on hand as of 30 June 2021 was \$16,951.35. Budgeted expenses for October 2021 through October 2022 is \$3,840.00.

Old Business

There was no Old Business.

New Business

Becky Moon suggested the need for additional signatures on the CMAAA General Fund and Museum checking accounts. Tom Carr made a motion that the President and Vice President of the association be added to the signature card at the bank (Reliant Bank). The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Mike Gilcrest was recognized as the head of the nominating committee and presented the recommended slate of officers for 2021-2023. The recommendation was for President—Tom Carr (75); Vice President—Mike Glover (74); Secretary—Sandra Hart (74); Treasurer—Becky Moon (75); and Assistant Treasurer—Kay Bircher (74). There were no additional nominations from the floor. Dudley Dolinger moved to approve the slate of officers and the motion was seconded by Jim Pennington. The recommended slate was approved unanimously.

Robin Salze informed the board that Columbia Academy has tentatively set October 15th as the CMA Day on the campus.

Tom Carr addressed moving the CMAAA reunions to the odd numbered years as we move forward. Ron Nall made a motion to conduct the reunions on odd numbered years and Dudley Dolinger seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Closing

Having no further business to discuss, Jimmy Bane gave the closing prayer and Ron Nall moved to adjourn at 3:45 PM.

CMAAA General Membership Meeting Minutes 7 August 2021

The CMAAA General Assembly was held in the Study Hall of Old Main and was called to order at 10:00 AM, Saturday, August 7, 2021. The meeting was also recorded live on the CMAAA Facebook page to allow those who felt uncomfortable because of the pandemic, or were unable to attend for other reasons, to be involved in the assembly. Just as a fun side note, Robin Salze began the meeting by asking Col. Lynn Bowles, who was Battalion Commander during Robin's first year in '58, to bring the Battalion to attention for his last official meeting as President. He then welcomed everyone and thanked Dr. Thomas, as well as the faculty/staff of CA, for graciously hosting our gathering and allowing us access to the campus and facilities. He then asked everyone to pause for a moment of silence to remember Alumni/Board members we've lost, as well as their families. The Invocation was given by Dr. Thomas and Ron Nall led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Tom Carr gave the Treasurer's report (Becky Moon was attending to the museum), stating that there is \$38,048.01 (cash on hand) in the General Fund. The income from January to June 2021, which includes dues and Reunion fees, is \$9,165.18. Expenses for the next year are estimated to be

\$16,810.31. Tom Carr gave the Museum report (Woody was unable to attend due to illness), saying that the amount of cash on hand, as of June 3, 2021, is \$16,951.35. Budgeted income \$9,100.00. This brings the total budget to \$26,051.35. Budgeted expenses (rent, insurance, miscellaneous) for the last two years of the lease are \$3,840.00. This leaves an available balance of \$22,211.35 for the museum. Robin asked for a motion to approve the minutes from the 2018 General Assembly, as published in the *Bugle*. A motion was made, seconded, and approved.

Robin asked Dr. Thomas to give an update on CA; he was also recognized as an honorary member of our association. Dr. Thomas began by welcoming everyone. This is Dr. Thomas's thirteenth year to serve as president of CA and he wanted to make our alumni aware that we are always welcome to return to the campus and to continue recognizing this place as our alma mater. He said he is very welcoming to anyone coming by or contacting him via phone or email. Last year students were able to attend all year in person despite the pandemic. They were able to deal with cases as they occurred; quarantining and teaching online; the teachers doing whatever was necessary to avoid learning loss. Dr. Thomas credited the teachers for going above and beyond to keep students on track. He told the assembly that Maury County is the fastest growing county in Tennessee. He said this has impacted their enrollment this year; they have several new students who are attending. This year CA has a record enrollment, an increase of over ninety students. They have 1,060 students; including preschool. There are 146 students attending the Spring Hill campus. He stated that they see this as a wonderful opportunity to share their mission, which is not only to prepare these students for their futures; academically, physically, and spiritually; but to help them come to know Christ, encouraging them to be Christ-like in attitude and behavior. Some improvements to the facilities on campus include new seats and carpet in the study hall (assembly), the Science Building has been painted and also has a new roof. There are plans to add on to the pre-school this fall and to renovate the upstairs floor of Academy Hall. Dr. Thomas plans to send out letters about these upcoming projects. When the upstairs of Academy has been renovated, he would like to move the business office to Academy and use the Adminis-

trative Building for academic purposes. They are looking forward to a new football season. Unfortunately, their starting quarterback broke his collarbone during a scrimmage recently, but they are working hard to prepare a new student to start as quarterback when the season officially begins. Last year their softball team won State Championship again; making it the second year in a row they have won. They have a cross country runner who won the State Championship last year; winning the 800, 1,600, and 3,200 all in the same day. He is a senior this year and will be planning to attend one of the SEC schools after graduating. Dr. Thomas shared that the damaged parts of the fence surrounding the campus have been repaired and look much better. They received a small grant from the state; and the association donated over \$20,000 to help with the repairs. He stated that money donated from alumni is placed in the CMA Alumni Endowment Fund, which helps maintain the historical portions/grounds on campus. There are plans to have windows placed in Frierson Hall; they are currently boarded. He reiterated that this could one day be a dormitory to house international students. The CMA Alumni Endowment Fund allows for 5% to be taken out each year for current facility needs. The principle stays there, with the hope it grows 5% each year. Currently, the amount they have is around \$30,000- \$40,000. He encouraged those who can donate to please consider helping this account grow; he also suggested an estate gift. Dr. Thomas's longterm vision is for CA to be able to have the funding to maintain our campus and its history, as well as, the Museum, long after our association is gone. He said anyone who needs help with arranging an estate gift or giving from an IRA account, can contact the school for assistance, free of charge. It will be completely confidential . The Endowment account is managed by a local company: The Parker Group/Baird Company. This is overseen by CA's Board of Directors and Finance Committee. Dr. Thomas expressed his sincere thanks to our Association for all it has done to support CA and their efforts to maintain our legacy on campus through monetary donations.

Mark your calendars for Friday, Oct. 15, 2021! Everyone is invited back for CA's annual CMA Day. This is an opportunity for students to ask questions about our experiences as CMA cadets. There is an open forum (9:00AM), so it's very informal and relaxed. Afterwards, the alumni may eat lunch with students and continue discussions. There will be a football game in the evening, which the alumni are invited to attend. CA graciously provides a suite for the alumni to use while watching the game, as well as, refreshments to enjoy. It makes for a fun day for both the students and alumni.

Robin stated that we have nominees for the Hall of Honor who are in the process of being reviewed, but there are no inductees for this year. The nominees will be reviewed and should be inducted at our next meeting.

Robin asked Mike Gilchrist to announce the nominees for the new Executive Board. Before sharing the nominees, Mike Gilchrist expressed the importance of the CMAAA Scholarship Program and how the students at CA are our legacy. The students who have received the scholarship have gone on to do well in college and beyond. Our Association is doing a lot of good through the scholarship program and we are grateful for the opportunity to help support the students of CA. Mike stated this is the first time to have an Executive Board consisting of all 70's nominees: President: Tom Carr ('75), Vice President: Mike Glover ('74), Secretary: Sandra "Hart" Hasler('74), Treasurer: Becky "Algood" Moon('75), Assistant Treasurer: Kay "Wetzel" Bircher ('74). Mike asked for a motion to be made to approve the nominees for the Executive Board after it was decided to close nominations. A motion was made, seconded, and approved.

Robin stated that fewer and fewer of our 40's and 50's classes are able to attend the reunions/meetings. Our hope/ goal as an association is to reach the 50th reunion for the class of '79. It will take a lot of work, but hoping the younger folks can make it happen. He mentioned the amazing participation of the class of '58. Lynn Bowles and Tom Walbert head up this group and have done a great job motivating their class to be involved. The class of '58 should be a great inspiration to all of us! Robin thanked the Association and all the past Presidents for their support/advice while he has served as President. He reminded all of us that no matter what year we graduated from CMA, be it 40's, 50's, 60's, 70's; we all have similar stories to tell. Not only that, but we have become close friends with people older and younger than us. We truly have a unique relationship as CMA alumni!

The oldest alumni present and the alumni who has traveled the farthest

will be recognized at the banquet this evening. Each will receive a free night at the Marriott.

Robin thanked the Columbia High School Color Guard for participating in the flagpole ceremony following the General Assembly Meeting. The Board of Directors donated \$100 toward their ROTC program.

Jimmy Bane gave the closing prayer; then a motion was made to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 10:38 AM.

CMAAA Scholarship



Columbia Military Academy Alumni Association Board Member Bill Wade ('68), above right, was in attendance at the May 22, 2021 Columbia Academy Graduation ceremony to present the CMAAA scholarship to graduation senior Landon S. Prentice. Among other platitudes held by Landon, he is the legacy of a long line of Columbia Military Academy graduates: Great Grandfather Bam Webster, Grandfather Ricky Webster, Great Uncle Moe Webster, and Uncles Billy Webster and Robert Webster. Landon is the son of David and Brook Prentice and to date is a lifelong resident of Sante Fe, Tennessee.

While a student at Columbia Academy, Landon served as Student Body Secretary, participated in the Best Buddies Club, was a Columbia Academy Student Ambassador, and he participated in Youth Leadership Maury. He has been a member of the Bulldogs Varsity Football and Baseball teams, helping his baseball teammates achieve the 2018 Tennessee State Baseball Championship. He was voted by his peers as the "Most School Spirited", and he won the David Davidson Leadership Award in football.

This is a most distinctive list of accomplishments for Landon, and yet he was also a Scholastic Honor Graduate of Columbia Academy. He will be attending the University of Tennessee at Knoxville this year, majoring in Architecture.

Reunion 2021 - Get Back to Where You Once Belonged



Reunion 2021 - Get Back to Where You Once Belonged



Reunion 2021 - Some Final Shots

"Whhhhaazzuuppp Dudes" Odds and Ends





Robin Salze ('66), above left, and Tom Carr ('75), above right, end the 2021 CMA Grand Reunion sharing breakfast as the transition of the Alumni Association Leadership becomes official. Tom is assuming the position as Association President from Robin, who held the position for five years making him the longest serving President of the Association. Robin can now enjoy the easy life as Past President and Suzanne can have her husband back. Thank you Robin for a job well done and Congratulations Tom on your new role as President

CMA Day at Columbia Academy

This year Columbia Academy will be celebrating CMA Day on Friday the 15th of October. This day, set up by the academy several years ago is designed to give Columbia Academy students a chance to learn a little more about CMA and the cadets that went to school there. The day starts with the CMA alumni attendees attending the Chapel session at 9:00 AM and then hanging around the Chapel for visits by the students. Alums then have the opportunity to have lunch with students in the Mess Hall and visit some more. They are also invited to attend the football game that evening and will have reserved seats for all that attend. A fun day for alums and CA students alike. Make plans to attend.

Class Ring Display Donated to Columbia Academy



As mentioned in the Summer edition of the Bugle, a generous gift was given to Columbia Academy in March. Ronnie Erwin donated a beautifully hand-crafted class ring display in honor of his late father and Class of 1939 CMA alumnus, Eugene Erwin. The display sits proudly in the CMA Museum. You are encouraged to visit the museum and enjoy the newest addition. There are spots for rings from the 1930 Class all the way to the future class on 2066. Several cadets recently donated their class rings to the ring case. Tom Carr, CMA Class of 1975 and CMAAA President, donated his ring and heartily recommends all grads who still have their rings to consider donating them as well. If you have a class ring that you would like to donate, please contact Jill Jones at the Columbia Academy Administrative office. Her e-mail address is jill.jones@cabulldogs.org.







SILVER TAPS

John D. Hawk, Class of '54

John Dee Hawk, 83, of Lake Jordan in Slapout, Alabama died June 4, 2020

after a brief illness. Dee was born in Arab, Alabama on September 21, 1936. He grew up in Guntersville where his father ran the local cotton gin. Dee attended CMA for three years, graduating with the Class of 1954. He then began



Dee Hawk

his degree at Alabama Polytechnic Institute, now Auburn University. He and his wife Ginger both shared great love for Auburn and all things Auburn. They helped pioneer AU motorhome tailgating when they bought an old Winnebago Brave and camped at the Eagle's Cage on football weekends. The old Brave started a lifelong hobby, and they joined the AU Motorhome Club where they had lots of great friends, great food, great fun, great wins, bad losses and GREAT TIMES! Around 1960, Dee joined his father-inlaw, Ben Spear, at Spear Oil Company in LaPine, Alabama. Over the next 40 years he grew the business from a collection of small, rural gasoline stations to a chain of over 20 Shell-branded convenience stores located in central Alabama. In 2000, Dee retired from the gasoline business and moved to Lake Jordan with Ginger where they enjoyed many happy years together in retirement. Dee was preceded in death by his infant son John Dee Hawk, Jr., his parents Fred and Era Hawk of Guntersville, Alabama and his sister Dot Vinyard of Albertville, Alabama. He is survived by Ginger Spear Hawk, his wife of 61 years; sons John Derran Hawk and Fred Denton Hawk; daughter and son in law DeeAnn and Aubrey White; and grandson Dee White.

Gilbert Orr, Class of '55

Gilbert MacWilliams Orr, Jr. (Gillie), 85, died Wednesday September 1,

2021. He was the son of the late Gilbert MacWilliams Orr and Virginia Street Orr. Gillie attended CMA for two years graduating with the Class of 1955. He served in the US Army in Frankfurt,



Gilbert Orr

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Germany from 1959-1960 and graduated from Middle Tennessee State University in 1963. After retiring from the State of Tennessee after 30 years he worked with The Maury County Grand Jury. Gillie was very active in the Boy Scouts of America where he received his Eagle Scout with the Order of the Arrow Award. He spent many years as a Boy Scout Leader with Troup 109. An avid hunter and fisherman, he also was a mentor for many young outdoorsmen. Gillie was a life-long member of St. Peter's Episcopal Church. He is survived by his wife, Lois Harlan Orr, two children Virginia Harlan Orr Sharpe (Steve) and Gilbert MacWilliams Orr, III (Betsy), and four grandchildren.

William Plummer, Class of '58

Mr. William Verner Plummer, age 81, a resident of Lobelville, Tennessee,

previously of Columbia, passed away Wednesday, August 25, 2021, at Maury Regional Medical Center. Born on February 22, 1940, in Maury County, William was the son of the late Robert Plummer and the late Eunice Harden Plummer. He attended CMA for three years



William **Plummer**

graduating with the Class of 1958. He married Ethel "Witsie" Moss on March 7, 1958. He worked at Stauffer Chemical Company from 1963-1981 and later worked at Champion Paper until he retired in 2001. His favorite hobby was fishing; he also enjoyed watching television. In addition to his wife, he is survived by his children, Lisa Gaye Plummer Erickson, Rick Plummer, Hayden Plummer; sister, Lana (David) Workman; 8 grandchildren and two great grandchildren. Along with his parents, he was preceded in death by his brother, Robert Plummer.

Glenn F. Adcock, Class of '62

Mr. Glenn Franklin Adcock, 77, resident of Lewisburg, passed away peacefully on Tuesday, July 20, 2021, at his residence surrounded by his family. Glenn was born on March 4, 1944 in Pasco, Washington to the late Verble Franklin Adcock and the late Kathryn Wilkerson Adcock. He attended CMA

for one year, graduating in 1962. Glenn was a longtime general contractor and

owner of Adcock Construction. He later founded and operated Needmore Ice Company. An avid outdoors man, he enjoyed fishing, golfing and flying remote control airplanes. several years, he was very active as a youth



Glenn Adcock

baseball league coach. Above all, he was a loving and devoted husband, father, grandfather, great-grandfather and friend to all. Survivors include his beloved wife of sixty years, Wanda Wells Adcock; son, Tim Adcock (Kristie); daughter, Jennifer Adcock Hollahan (Tim); Grandson, whom he raised like a son, Christopher Adcock (Kaitlyn); brother, Phillip Adcock (Diana); two grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews. In addition to his parents, he is preceded in death by his son, Dana Glenn Adcock and his two sisters, Sandra Adcock and Phyllis Ann Adcock Sentlingar.

Claud Chellstorp, Class of '62

Claud Alfred "Buddy" Chellstorp, age 78, passed away on Wednesday, May 26, 2021 at his residence

surrounded by his family. Buddy was born on Feb. 12, 1943 to Claus and Ruth Chellstorp in Fairfield, Alabama. He attended CMA for one year, as a member of the Class of 1962. He later served in the United States Air Force and worked for Lockheed



Buddy Chellstorp

Aircraft and LSI Inc. in aircraft technical support. He and his family moved to Coffee County in 1972. Buddy early on became an entrepreneur, starting Communications Specialist (a two-way radio enterprise), Coffee County Answering Service. He was instrumental in building and managing the TV Cable system in Manchester, and was a member of the Coffee County Sherriff's Department. He also started A1 Paging, and was a long-time member of First United Methodist Church in Tullahoma. Buddy was a board member of the Tullahoma Airport Authority, the Treis County Chapter of the American Red Cross, and the noon Tullahoma Rotary Club. Buddy held an FAA Commercial

Multi Engine Instrument Pilot Rating. He is survived by his loving wife, Charlotte Diane Crump Chellstorp and has three children, Melissa Byars, Janet (Jeff) Wooten, and Chad (Chelsea) Chellstorp; six grandchildren; one great -granddaughter; one sister, Gladys Dunn; special niece and nephew, Kathy Peters and David Dunn; as well as many other nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by one brother-in -law, Roy Dunn.

Wallace B. Couch, Class of '62

Wallace B. (Wally) Couch went to be with his Lord and Savior on September

9, 2021. Wally was born in Mt. Pleasant, TN, just ten miles southwest of CMA. He was the youngest of four children. Wally's father was a 5 & 10 Dime Store Merchant in Mt. Pleasant for forty years. In 1954 Mr. Wally Couch Couch sent his boys,



Jimmy and Wally to Columbia Military Academy. Wally was at CMA for 8 years, graduating with the Class of Wally loved CMA and could have made a career of it. Wally went to Lambuth College for five years majoring in Biology and History. He met his lovely wife Karan at Lambuth and they have been married for 54 years. After leaving Lambuth, Wally went to work for Memphis Park Commission as the assistant to the director of the Memphis Botanical Gardens. He later moved over to Code Enforcement for the City of Memphis. He was promoted to senior inspector in 1980 and in 1983 he was promoted to Court Coordinator representing the Dept of Code Enforcement in General Session Court. He finished his career in Memphis with the Memphis Fire Department enforcing new codes. He retired in January 1997 and returned home to Mt. Pleasant, going to work for the Maury County Building Department as an inspector for 15 years. This ended his 42 years of public service in Code Enforcement. CMA had served him well, teaching him dedication, integrity, and loyalty. He spent the last nine years faithfully serving on the CMA Alumni Association Board of Directors. He spent his time in retirement with his daughter and three granddaughters in Memphis and his son and three grandsons in Idaho.

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Wally is survived by his wife, Karan Couch; children: Ginger (Mel) Velasquez, Wallace (Abby) Couch Jr.; six grandchildren; and siblings James Couch, Matilda Beaird, and Ginger Har-

Wallace Stanfield, Class of '62

Wallace Gerald "Gerry" Stanfield passed away June 11, 2021, after a three

year battle with cancer. Born March 21, 1944, in Tuscaloosa, Alabama, to Wallace Gerald Sr and Mary Grace Johnson Stanfield, he was raised in Florence, Alabama. He attended CMA for three years, graduating



Gerry Stanfield

with the Class of 1962. He attended Florence State College (now U of North Alabama) and Auburn University. On May 14, 1965, he married Sandra Linville, and they were married 56 years. He joined the US Air Force in January 1966 and served 23 years, retiring in 1989 as Chief Master Sergeant in the munitions field. Gerry had remote assignments to Kwang-Ju AB, Korea, Tuy Hoa AB, Vietnam, Ching Chuan Kang (CCK) AB, Taiwan, and Suwon AB, Korea. He was a graduate of the Senior NCO Academy and earned numerous awards during his service. During these moves, he attended numerous colleges, graduating in 1977 from Louisiana Tech with a degree In Professional Aviation. He held a commercial pilot license with single, multiengine and instrument ratings. retirement, he and Sandra moved to Lakeland, FL in 1990, where he worked with his brother-in-law at Leonard's (Reid) Ornamental Mixes. He retired from Custom Blends Inc. in 2008. He was a long-time member of Lakeland Rifle and Pistol Club and enjoyed shooting, reloading and all things related. He and Sandra enjoyed traveling across the country, taking frequent long weekend excursions as well as exploring various parts of the country. He was a member of Lake Gibson Church of Christ since his move to Florida. He was predeceased by his parents and sister Melissa Reid. He is survived by his wife Sandra; son Trey of Lakeland; son Jeff of Florence, AL; brother Clyde (Kathleen); two brothers-in-law; three grandsons; one great-grandson; and numerous nephews, nieces and cousins.

William B. Dunlap, Class of '64

Dr. William B. Dunlap Jr., 74, of Union City passed away peacefully Sunday,

Sept. 5, 2021, with his family by his side. Bill was born Nov. 11, 1946, in Memphis, son of the late Dr. William B. Dunlap Sr. and the late Elizabeth (Harpole) Dunlap. married Alice (Cloys) Dunlap April 10, 1965. She survives.



Bill Dunlap

Bill attended Union City High School and attended CMA for one year, graduating with the Class of 1964. He then attended the University of Tennessee at Martin and was a 1972 graduate of Southern College of Optometry in Memphis. After graduation, he joined his father in the family optometric practice. Bill was one of the founding investors of the former First Volunteer Bank in Union City now known as First Citizens National Bank, where he served on the board of directors for many years. He was a member of St. James Episcopal Church in Union City; had been a member of the Union City Kiwanis Club, where he had served as president; had been a member of the Union City Rotary Club; served on the United Way of Obion County board, where he served as chairman; and was a former member of Poplar Meadows Country Club. He is also survived by his son, William B. "Brooks" Dunlap III; his sister-in-law and her husband, Theresa and Norman Carl: one niece. Sarah Carl Croset and her husband, Sam; one great-niece, Tess Evelyne Croset; and several cousins. In addition to his parents, he was also preceded in death by one son, John Cloys Dunlap, and one sister, Alice Dunlap.

Don Stillings, Class of '67

Don Stillings died peacefully, transitioning from death into eternal life in

his home in Normal, Illinois, early in the morning on April 5, 2021 with his wife and three of his children at his bedside. Don was born in Galion, Ohio, on December 10, 1949. He was the son of Delbert Clarence Stillings and Don Stillings Mae Alley-Dorothy



Stillings. He attended CMA for one year as a member of the Class of 1967. He was a successful chiropractor and holistic educator, having his own practice for thirty years. He had the opportunity to touch hundreds of lives both locally in the Southern California area, as well as patients worldwide.

Marvin H. Pitts, Class of '70

Marvin (Monty) H. Pitts Jr., (Abbot Monty Pitts, Osb),69, of Daytona Beach

Florida (formerly of Knoxville, TN) joined his heavenly father August 27, 2021, following a breakthrough case of COVID. He was born June 29, 1952. Monty attended CMA for one year, his junior year, as a member of the Class



Monty Pitts

of 1970, graduated from Farragut High School and attended the University of Tennessee. He was a Master Mason in the Masonic Lodge, Scottish Rite, York Rite and Shriners in Tennessee. He began his long career in the Heavy Machinery Business in the 1970s, owning Southeastern Machinery Corporation and Pitts Engineering Works until retirement in 2010 when he fulfilled his dream of retiring to Florida and enjoying the Atlantic Ocean as his back yard. In retirement he focused his compassion for others and the Lord, eventually becoming an Abbot in the Anglican Benedictine Monastery of Daytona Beach where he enjoyed his work and networking with other Christians across the globe. Monty is preceded in death by his parents, Marvin H. Pitts Sr., and Klyda Nairon Pitts. He is survived by son, Jason T. Pitts; daughter Melanie Pitts Hall (Josh); 4 grandchildren; sisters Melissa Zerfing and Bonnie Kubiak (Larry); brother Jim G. Pitts (Clayla); several nieces and nephews; and several close Brothers across the world associated with the Anglican Benedictine Monastery of the Resurrection.

William McCreery, Class of '72

William "Bill" McCreery, Jr., 67, passed away on August 19, 2021. Bill

was born in Nashville, Tennessee to William and Margaret McCreery and attended CMA for one year, graduating with the Class of 1972. He then attended Peabody and Middle Tennessee State University. Bill loved Bill McCreery



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classical music, with Beethoven's symphonies being some of his favorite pieces. He listened to them in his final hours. Another life-long love was chess. He was a dedicated student of the game with hundreds of books and dozens of sets. In the 1989 Tennessee Chess Open, he won co-Champion of the Amateur Division. He also enjoyed the game of darts and won many trophies in Tennessee dart tournaments. He was also fascinated by military history, in particular the American Civil War and the World Wars. He built a large collection of books, movies, and documentaries concerning those subjects. He opened a video store, Stoneybrook Video, in Nolensville, TN, and ran it for many years. Aside from that, he worked for CESAC, Equitable Securities, and banking, and several other industries. He was preceded in death by his parents and his brother Fred. He leaves behind his sister Marianne Warren, his children, Mary Katherine (James) Hud-Elizabeth (Robert) speth, Sarah Soderstrom, and Scott Adkins McCreery; 9 grandchildren, and 5 great-grandchildren, as well as one great-greatgrandchild.

Thomas R. Speed, Class of '72

Thomas Randall "Randy" Speed, 68, resident of Rolling Fields Circle and

husband of Allison C. Speed, died Wednesday, June 16, 2021 at Maury Regional Medical Center. Born May 26, 1953, he was the son of the late Thomas W. "Red" Speed and the late Mildred Shelby Speed. Mr. Speed



Randy Speed

attended CMA as a member of the Class of 1972 and attended MTSU and received his bachelor degree. He took over his father's business at City Finance for several years and then pursued a career in restaurant management. He enjoyed fishing and hunting and was a member of Ducks Unlimited. Mr. Speed was a past Exalted Ruler at the Elks Lodge 686. He enjoyed spending time at his camp on the Tennessee River. In addition to his wife, he is survived by his sons, Woodrow "Woody" Jackson (Emily) Speed and Benjamin Thomas Speed (Samantha Truelove); sisters, Gayle (Al) Fowler and Lori Dulaney; three grandchildren; God daughter, Britton (Will) Foster and their children; and numerous nieces and nephews.

John David Eley, Class of '76

John David Eley, age 63, of Corinth Mississippi passed away on September

30, 2020. He was born on August 13, 1957, in Corinth, to James and Dorothy Brockwell Eley. John attended CMA for four years, graduating with the Class of 1976. Following graduation from CMA he attended mortician school and cosmetology school. He was known



John David Eley

in Corinth as a hair dresser and for his cake baking and decorating abilities. He was an active member of Acton Church of Christ. He is survived by his parents, a sister, Mary Ann Eley, and a host of cousins, family, and friends.

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