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CMA Alumni Encouraged To Donate Artifacts to Museum

When was the last time you looked at that old CMA Annual or noticed your old cadet sword hanging in the attic with those wool uniforms that wore the hair off your legs? Have you run across an old photo album that features you in cross belts or a royal blue letter sweater with the big red "C" on the front? What's going to happen to these items when you're gone? Giving them to the grand kids almost certainly destines them for either the Goodwill or the trash.

The Columbia Military Academy Alumni Association is collecting these and many other artifacts for cataloging, storage and use in future CMA museum displays.

One of the keys to keeping a museum viable is changing the displays to show off the school's many activities and it takes a variety of artifacts to keep these displays fresh and evolving.

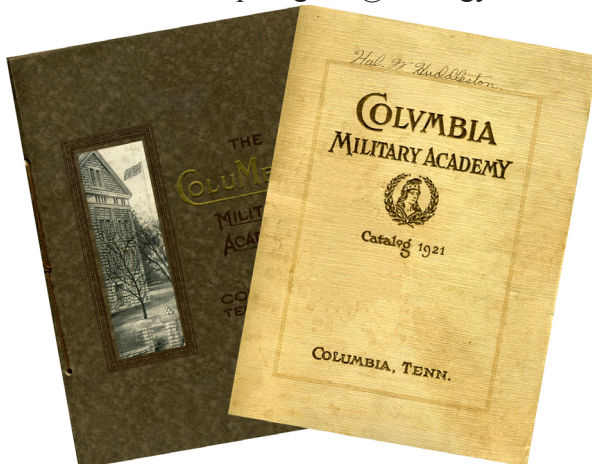
The son of the oldest graduate listed on the web site (Hal Webb Huddleston, Class of '20) is an exception to the forgoing example. Bill Huddleston who did not attend CMA inherited his father's CMA collection and recently donated a couple of early CMA catalogs circa: 1918-

1919 and 1921 to the Association (see below).

Bill resides in Memphis and recalls his father's pride in attending CMA. "I have photos of him in mock combat with the old Springfield '03 with bayonet attached," says Bill. "He felt the school built character while instilling a profound interest in academics."

If you have artifacts to contribute, please call CMA Museum Chairman, Woody Pettigrew at: 256-653-7303 or 256-464-5982 or e-mail him at:

wpettigrew@knology.net



1918-1919 & 1921 CMA Catalogs

A History of CMA by Woody Pettigrew, Class of '73 First of a Series

While working on the CMA Museum project for the past few years I had the opportunity to see many artifacts and read numerous articles and documents covering the history of the school.

While a large majority of the information was documented in our CMA History Book published in 1996, distribution of the book was limited and there are a number of alumni and friends of CMA that have not had the opportunity to take a hard look at the school's history. Bearing that in mind, I am going to attempt to provide an historical accounting of the school through the years. My plan is to write a series of articles to be published in the quarterly editions of the **continued on page 2**

50th Year Reunion Contacts for 2010

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Bugle, starting with this edition. These articles are not intended to be a definitive history, rather a reflection of my understanding of that history. I recognize the high probability that I will make mistakes in my interpretation of the data and I hope that others will take the opportunity to correct any mistakes I make. The only intent is to provide an opportunity for alumni and friends of CMA to learn a little more about their school's history, which hopefully will help all better understand the institution that had such an influence on so many lives.

Columbia Arsenal

Any accounting of Columbia Military Academy must begin with Columbia Arsenal. Had it not been for Columbia Arsenal, it is very likely that there would have never been a Columbia Military Academy. The property, facilities, and initial funding for CMA can all be traced to Columbia Arsenal.

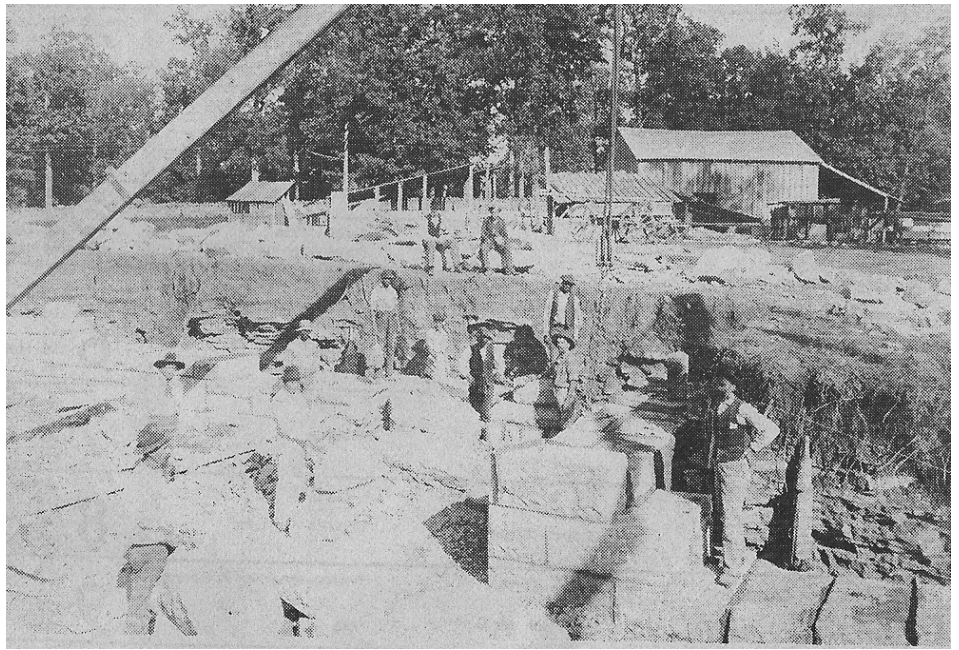
Colonel T. T. Wright of Nashville (known as the father of Columbia Arsenal) first brought the idea of a US Arsenal to Columbians when he brought the matter before the Board of Mayor and Aldermen.

At first it was thought by many to be too big a thing for Columbia



Col. T.T. Wright

to even ask for, much less expect. Colonel Wright was not dissuaded by this and brought the matter before the board a second time requesting that a committee be formed and sent to DeFuniak, Florida to attend a convention there where delegates from different cities were to meet to further the prospect of the



ARSENAL CONSTRUCTION - 1890. . .Laying the foundation for the Commandant's Quarters, later know as Academy Hall, located at the sit of the Buena Vista.

Government building an arsenal somewhere in the South.

W.C. Whitthorne

The board reluctantly appointed a committee that went to DeFuniak, and much to the surprise of all, Columbia was named as the location for the Arsenal.

Colonel Wright had been working with Congressman W.C. Whitthorne, of Columbia, to push the idea and as a result of the decision on the location Congressman Whitthorne introduced a bill in Congress appropriating \$200,000 for a United States Arsenal at Columbia.



W.C. Whitthorne

The bill was passed in 1888 and approved by President Cleveland on 1 May, 1888.

Land Donated

The citizens of Columbia and Maury County agreed to donate the ground necessary and, when

the bill passed, raised \$15,250 for the purchase of the grounds known as Latta Place. The property was then deeded to the Government. The building site was selected by General Flagier, US Army Chief of Ordnance. This property was considered some of the most valuable around Columbia, located one and a quarter miles from Public Square and fronting on the L&N Railroad, Hampshire Pike and Mount Pleasant Pike. The property totaled 67 acres and included the old homestead Buena Vista, which had been on the property prior to the Civil War.

Construction Started in 1890

Although Congressman Whitthorne obtained the facility for Columbia during the first administration of President Cleveland, construction did not begin until President Benjamin Harrison's administration. Ground was broken for the construction of the arsenal in January 1890. The laying of the cornerstone of the arsenal was celebrated in April 1890

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with the Tennessee Governor and numerous dignitaries from Alabama, South Carolina, Kentucky, Ohio and Chicago, Illinois in attendance. It was at this time that the old home Buena Vista was razed. What is now known as Academy Hall was built at the location of the Buena Vista homestead.

No Expense Spared

The government spared no labor or expense in developing and landscaping the property, with the U.S. Corps of Engineers doing the work. They laid out the drives and walks, graded parade grounds, included flower beds, shrubbery, impressive entrances and a bubbling fountain.

The property was surrounded by an iron fence set in a foundation of Bowling Green Limestone, the same limestone used for the four main buildings.

Water for the arsenal came from a dug well and was pumped into two 6,000 gallon tanks on the third floor of the Storehouse (Main).

First Arsenal Commander

Major Conley was the first Commanding Officer of Columbia Arsenal. At the time there were 11 such arsenals spread across the United States. Some of these arsenals were used for manufacturing and others, including Columbia Arsenal, were used as store-houses for government munitions and supplies. Columbia Arsenal's main building stored some 36,000 Springfield rifles and three Gatling Guns.

Included on the arsenal grounds were 2 twelve-pounder Napoleon guns, 2 three-inch wrought-iron Rodman rifles and 4 Cochrane mortars. In addition to the arms and munitions stored at Columbia Arsenal, there were large inventories of saddles, blankets, bridles, and artillery and infantry equipment.

There was a Grand Arsenal Celebration on July 13th 1892 when many dignitaries from Tennessee and the surrounding states came to Columbia Arsenal for a ball and reception in honor of the arsenal. (An original invitation to that event is on display in the CMA Museum.)

By this time, Columbia Arsenal was the pride of Columbia. A feature article in the Columbia Daily Herald April 11, 1892, included the following: "The first place to attract the eye of a visitor coming into Columbia on the South-bound train is the Columbia Arsenal, which includes nine buildings scattered over an area of sixty-seven acres, and which are so situated as to command the immediate attention of the stranger in our midst."

Original Buildings

The original buildings on Columbia Arsenal consisted of the four main stone buildings made of Bowling Green limestone and either four or five brick buildings.

The original stone buildings were the Commandant's Office (later the Guard House), the Storehouse or Main Building (later named Polk Hall in honor of President James K. Polk and now referred to as Old Main), the Headquarters Building (later named Ragsdale Hall in honor of Colonel C.A. Ragsdale who served CMA from 1930 to 1961 as principal, superintendant and president and often referred to as the Administration building), and the Commandant's Quarters (later named Carmack Hall, Academy Hall, and finally Gracy Hall in honor of Colonel J.B. Gracy, longtime headmaster and Latin instructor at CMA).

The brick buildings were used as shops and storage areas on the arsenal. They did not originally serve as barracks since the limited num-

ber of arsenal soldiers lived in the Main Building. Their designations as barracks did not happen until the time of Columbia Military Academy when they were converted into barracks. Those original brick buildings were the Machine Shop which became Barracks #5 (later named Black Hall in honor of Cadet Robert Black who was fatally injured in a football game on September 26, 1930), the barn or stables (later named Whitthorne Hall in honor of Congressman Whitthorne), Barracks #7 (later named Moore Hall in honor of John Trotwood Moore, State of Tennessee Librarian and Archivist from 1919 to 1929), Barracks #8 (later named Frierson Hall in honor of Captain Meade Frierson, Lieutenant-Adjutant of the CMA Corps of Cadets in 1911, who died in World War I), and possibly the building that later became Lee Hall.

There is no information available on the original usage of the buildings that became Moore Hall and Frierson Hall. Some accounts identify the building that became Lee Hall as part of the original Columbia Arsenal buildings but it is possible that the building did not exist before 1913. It was originally a single story building that was later converted into a two story building. The first known reference to the building is in the 1914 timeframe when it was identified as a new gymnasium with a swimming pool.

Seven of these original buildings are still standing with six still serving functional purposes.

Whitthorne and Black Halls have been destroyed and Frierson Hall, while standing, is no longer in use.

Staffing the Arsenal

By 1895 there were a total of 20 personnel assigned to Columbia Arsenal; the Commanding Officer, two Sergeants, three Corporals, and

fourteen Privates.

The officers (commissioned and non-commissioned) lived with their families in the resident houses (now known as Ragsdale and Academy Halls) while the Privates lived on the second floor of the main building (now known as Polk Hall or Old Main) in large rooms that accommodated four men apiece. Each soldier had an iron bed with pillows, sheets and blankets; his share in the lockers built into the walls; and a place at the table in the room. The soldiers worked at various jobs on the arsenal (building, gardening, shop work, cooking, guard duty, etc). In return, they were furnished with uniform, shoes, shirts, underwear, meals and \$13.00 a month.

The property was used as an arsenal for 8 years. During the Spanish-American war in 1898, the arsenal was converted into a recuperative barracks for wounded and disabled soldiers. After the war and the release of the patients, the arsenal lay idle.

In May of 1900, 10 years after the cornerstone for the arsenal was laid, the Chief of Army Ordnance recommended Columbia Arsenal be closed. In August of 1901 twelve train car loads of arms, ammunition, and machinery were shipped from the arsenal to Rock Island, Illinois. The arsenal lay idle for a time after that with only a small guard for the protection of the property. In 1903 Congress passed a bill transferring the entire property to a board of trustees, without cost, for the purpose of maintaining therein a high class military school.

Finally in May 1904 the assistant Secretary of War signed a deed transferring the arsenal and 67 acres to the Columbia Military Academy Board of Trustees and in June 1904 the US Army formally abandoned

CMA Museum Contribution League To be Honored with Bronze Plaque

CMAAA is still seeking donations from alumni and friends to sustain the recently dedicated Columbia Military Academy Museum located in the old Guard House on campus in Columbia. Prospective donors can contact Woody Pettigrew, Museum Chairman, by e-mail at: wpettigrew@knology.net or: (home phone) 256-464-5982 or (mobile phone) 256-653-7303.

Contributions are tax deductible. A mail-in form titled "*Columbia Military Academy Museum Project Donation Form*" on page 5 following the list of contributors specifies contribution levels.

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AVIATION SUPERFINISH. . . Greg Thompson (left), Class of '72, shows the benefits of processing metal aviation and vehicle parts with an isotropic superfinish to Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Army for Research and Technology/Chief Scientist Dr. Thomas H. Killion at the Defense Manufacturing Conference Dec. 2 in Orlando, FL. (U.S. Army photo by Richard Mattox.)

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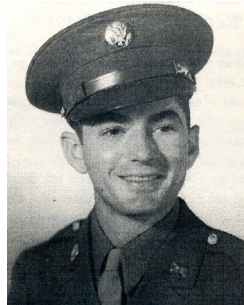
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Edwin E. Greene, Jr., Class of '40

Edwin Eugene Greene Jr., died August 23, 2008 in Spring, TX. Born in Holly Springs, MS, Edwin graduated from the University of Alabama following CMA. He worked as both an accountant and an oil jobber, owning his own company, Greene Oil.



Edwin E. Green Jr.

He attended his 60th CMA Grand Reunion in 2000. As an only child, he told his wife, Allie, the best decision his parents ever made was to send him to CMA. His parents brought Allie to his senior prom and December 27th would have been their 66th wedding anniversary.

A resident of Holly Springs most of his life, he was active in church work at the First Presbyterian Church of Holly Springs where he served as an elder for many years. Upon moving to Spring, TX several years ago, he joined Spring Cypress

Presbyterian Church as an active member.

He was a veteran of WWII, landing on Omaha Beach on day six of the Normandy invasion.

He served on the school board in Holly Springs and for a number of years was a Rotarian. Edwin chaired the Republican Party for Marshall County, MS for 18 years and was a member of the Masonic Lodge in Holly Springs and Al Chymia Shrine in Memphis. He was an active member of Arabia Shriners in Houston, TX where he was a member of the band and participated in charity events for the Shriner's Hospital.

He leaves his wife of 66 years, Allie Boatwright Greene; children, Edwin Eugene Greene, III, Allen LeRoy Greene, Patrice Elizabeth Greene Herring and Kerry Lawrence Greene; six grandchildren and one great grandchild.

Glen P. Barr Sr., Class of '41

Glenn Perkins Barr Sr., age 84, of Huntsville, AL, died March 9, 2008. He retired from the Marshall

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Space Center, Huntsville, in 1979 as an engineer. He is survived by his wife, Mabry Miller Barr.

Glenn was born in Mount Pleasant, TN and served as an officer with the 101st Airborne Division during WWII following graduation from CMA. He jumped into Normandy with hundreds of other paratroopers on D-Day and subsequently received both the Purple Heart and Bronze Star.

Attending Michigan Tech on the GI Bill, he graduated with a degree in electrical engineering. Returning to Tennessee following college, he went to work for Victor Chemical Co. He then moved his family to Huntsville in the 1950s taking a job with the NASA Space Program. He retired after 25 years with NASA and several years with Boeing. He was a member of the First United Methodist Church of Huntsville.

He is survived by his wife, Dr. Mabry Miller Barr; children, Glenn Barr Jr. and Glen's wife Dixie, "Candy" Marie Suther and her husband Russell, and Jane Olsen; seven grandchildren, eight great-grandchildren plus two step children and five step grandchildren.

Grave side services were held at Arlington Cemetery, Mount Pleasant.

H.J. "Big Son" Carter, Class of '42

H.J. "Big Son" Carter, died at his residence in Hazel Green, AL, June 24. He was 84 years old.

He was the owner and operator of the North Alabama Gin in Hazel Green, and a member of the First Baptist Church of Ardmore.



"Big Son" Carter

The Carter family graduated three family members from CMA, according to his son, H.J. "Son" Carter, III.

Mr. Carter is survived by his wife of 30 years, Pamela S. Carter; 4 children, Sandy and James DeWeese, Pamela and Anthony Hicklen, H.J. "Son" Carter, III, Kim Carter and Jo Leigh and Bob Mason.

He is also survived by two stepchildren, Carey Clutts and Stacy Clutts along with 9 grandchildren and 9 great-grandchildren.

Mr. Carter was buried in the Madison Cross Roads Cemetery.

Thompson R. Kelly Jr., Class of '44

Thompson Rucker Kelly Jr., age 81, died Aug. 8 in Huntsville, AL.

He served in the U.S. Navy as a helmsman on LSTs in the Pacific Theatre during WWII attaining the rank of gunner's mate third class. He was aboard the LST 605 when it sailed into Tokyo Bay shortly after the Japanese in August of '45.

Upon his return home, he attended Auburn University where he was a Sigma Nu. He graduated in '50, returning to Huntsville to farm, raise cattle and develop real estate over the next 50 years.

He was an active member in the local Acme and Kiwanis clubs, the local Cattlemen's Assn. and the Soil Conservation Assn.

He attended First United Methodist Church.

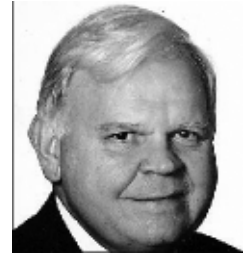
He is survived by his wife, Nancy Hall Kelly; son, Thompson Rucker Kelly, III; daughters, Mary Alice Brinkley Addy, Nancy Caroline Kelly and Katie Kelly Thompson; a sister, Adalene Kelly Hay Bledsoe; and six grandchildren, all of Huntsville.

E. W. McFadden Jr., Class of '47

Everette W. McFadden Jr., Age 79, passed away December 3,

2008. Born in Paris, TN to Mr. & Mrs. Everette Warren (Helen Patterson) McFadden, Sr. At an early age, he started working at Thrift Cash Grocery and around the farm with his father.

He developed a strong work ethic, as well as his sales technique working in the store and selling strawberries, and other farm products to produce wholesalers in Jackson and Nashville.



Everette McFadden

In addition to CMA, he attended UT-Martin and Memphis State University, where he earned a B.S. in Business Administration.

Everette served four years in the U.S. Navy, in which he was commissioned as an officer and served aboard the U.S.S. Baltimore. Upon discharge from the Navy, he settled in Nashville.

Everette entered the Insurance business in 1955 and enjoyed a long, prestigious career, spanning 53-years. He was always proud of the products and services he provided, which undoubtedly benefited countless clients. He earned his Chartered Life Underwriter (CLU) in 1967, his Chartered Financial Consultant (ChFC) in 1985, and his Masters of Science in Financial Services (MSFS) in 1986. He was a qualifying and life-member of the Million Dollar Round Table, and served as President of Nashville CLU and NALU chapters, along with teaching insurance classes and mentoring many new agents over the years.

He was given the Todd Baker Lifetime Achievement Award for from the Nashville Association of Insurance and Financial Advisors. He was also inducted into the Phoenix Mutual Hall of Fame. Everette was consistently involved in

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community service, and served as President of the Nashville Junior Chamber of Commerce, Woodmont Kiwanis Club and the March of Dimes, from whom he received a 25-year service award.

He was an avid tennis player and a founding member of a monthly low-stakes poker club with the same group of men for over 45 years. He was an active member at St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church.

Survived by his wife, Belle Harris McFadden; his four sons, Clyde (Laura), Edmund (Pat), John and Thomas (aka Henry); six grandchildren, all of Nashville and three step-children, John Harris, Laura Harris James (Doug) and Pete Harris and five step-grand-children.

He was interred in Maplewood Cemetery, Paris, TN. Memorials may be made to March of Dimes or St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church, located at 4800 Belmont Park Terrace.

Richard L. Fuller, Class of '47

Richard Loyd Fuller died March 7, 2008 at his residence in Haleyville, AL.

Following CMA, he attended Auburn University and served a 21 month stint in the United States Army during the Korean War.

He was the founder of Richard Fuller Lumber Sales, Inc. in Haleyville and was active in the business until his death.

He is survived by his wife, Onease M. Fuller and one son, Richard Lee Fuller. He leaves four grandchildren and a great-grandchild.

He was a life long Baptist.

W. C. Dunnebacke, Class of '48

Mr. William Charles Dunnebacke, 80, resident of Cayce Lane, died Monday, February 2, 2009 at Maury Regional Medical Center.

Memorials may be made to First

Presbyterian Church, 801 S. High St., Columbia, TN 38401; King's Daughters' School, 412 W. 9th St., Columbia, TN 38401; or Zion Christian Academy, 6901 Old Zion Rd., Columbia, TN 38401.

He joined the United States Navy and served on the U.S.S. Gauger in the South Pacific. After the war, he attended the University of Tennessee.

He was Vice President in charge of the Mining Division for M.C. West, Inc. and later retired from Maury Phosphate Company.

He was a member of First Presbyterian Church, Columbia Military Academy Alumni Association, National Rifle Association, and Herbert Griffin American Legion Post 19.

In addition to his wife he is survived by a son, William Stuart Dunnebacke of Columbia; daughter, Ellen Dunnebacke McCaleb of Hartselle, Alabama; brother, Dr. Fred Hudson Dunnebacke of Columbia; sister, Dr. Thelma Dunnebacke Dixon of Berkeley, California; and three grandchildren.

A. William Shelby, Class of '55

Alexander William "Billy" Shelby, age 72, died January 5, after a long illness. Mr. Shelby was an United States Navy veteran. After graduating CMA he attended Vanderbilt University. He leaves one daughter, Slater Smith (Mrs. Andrew C.) of Eads, TN; four grandchildren, and a plethora of friends. A memorial service was held January 13. The family requests memorials be sent to the Memphis Humane Society or the charity of your choice.

Col. Hoyt L. Prindle Jr., Class of '55

Col. Hoyt L. Prindle Jr., USAF, died peacefully at his Tallahassee, Florida home July 28, 2007, after a long battle with cancer. Hoyt was the first 1960 Air Force Academy graduate from the Ninth Cadet Squadron

to leave this world.

He was a combat veteran with 138 combat missions flown during the Vietnam War. His military decorations include the Distinguished Flying Cross, Air Medal with seven Oak Leaf Clusters, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Meritorious Service Medal with four Oak Leaf Clusters, and Air Force Commendation Medal with one Oak Leaf Cluster.



Hoyt Prindle

Born into an Air Force family he lived most of his life on Air Force bases around the world. At the Academy he was remembered as a fun person to be near, always joking.

After CMA and Vietnam, he obtained his master's degree in business administration from Harvard University. He was assigned to Nakhon Phanom, Thailand, where he flew 119 combat missions as forward air controller navigator in the C-123.

From 1971 to 1973 he served as the executive officer to the Deputy Chief of Staff for Plans at MAC (Military Airlift Command).

He retired from the Air Force in 1990 after 30 years of commissioned service.

Hoyt left behind wife, Debris; son, Hoyt L. Prindle III of Jacksonville, FL.; two daughters, Cyndi Welding of Vacaville, Calif., and Tina Brandon of Quincy, FL.

H. Erwin Wood, Class of '60

H. Erwin Wood, age 66, passed away January 13 at his home in The Woodlands, AR.

He is survived by his loving wife of 45 years Viktoria (Vicki) Wood; children Randall Erwin

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Woo, Amy Wood Wills and Molly Elizabeth Wood; five grandchildren and sisters Abigail Viktoria, Mia Margaret and Fisher Andrew Wills, Morgan Kay and Lilly Viktoria Wood; sisters Miriam Harris and Harryette Wood; and brother John Wood. Erwin received his BS/BA from the University of Arkansas where he was a member of Kappa Sigma Fraternity. He was a longtime member of Woods Edge Community Church. He was buried in Forest Park The Woodlands Cemetery.

Earl R. Edmondson, Class of '63

Earl Raymond "Ray" Edmondson passed away May 28th in Huntsville, Alabama. Ray received his undergraduate degree from the University of North Alabama and his master's degree from the University of Tennessee.

He was a retired Lt. Colonel from the U.S. Army. After retiring from the military, Ray served as a marketing executive with Olin Chemical Company in St. Petersburg, Florida and with BAE Systems in Johnson City, Tennessee. He was in the process of pursuing his dream of living the rest of his retirement on a boat in the Caribbean Islands.

Ray is survived by three sons Terry Edmondson of Woodstock, GA, Michael Edmondson and Patrick Edmondson of Hartselle, AL, one sister Becky Clanton of Huntsville, and two grandchildren.

Ronald D. Holland, Class of '76

Ronald "Ron" Dane Holland died July 31 in Renton, WA.

A long time resident of Alaska, Ron retired in 1997 after 20 years as an airborne infantryman. He was selected for Sgt. Major school.

He often remarked that the best times in life were with his lord and family on a river bank fly fishing, with his troops in training and with his CMA football teammates, the "Bulldogs".

He is survived by his wife Toni or 30 years; his son Dane Holland and Dane's wife, Christina of Los Banos, CA, son Raymond Holland and Raymond's wife, Rozilyn of Bronx, NY; his mother, Doris Jean Holland; brothers Duane, Devin and Rhett Holland; and sister, Ragenne Holland, all of Ohio.

"Life is not measured by the number of breaths we take, but by the moments that take our breath away. Only a life lived for others is a life worthwhile."

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