

# Then and Now — Pages 2-4



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## From the President



Greetings to all Bellhops!

I hope all of you had great times this holiday season with your families.

CMA Day at Columbia Academy is probably going to be in September this year, around Labor Day. This is earlier than usual because of the football scheduling at CA. If you would like to visit campus and be part of this then let me know, and we'll see you there. I participated last year and plan to do so again this year. Talking with the students and having lunch with them is a lot of fun. We get to tell them about our times as cadets "back in the day".

We continue to plan for our next reunion in 2023. As some of you may already know, we plan for Grand Reunions to continue until 2029, which will be the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the last class of CMA which was 1979. After 2029, we will have reunions as we can.

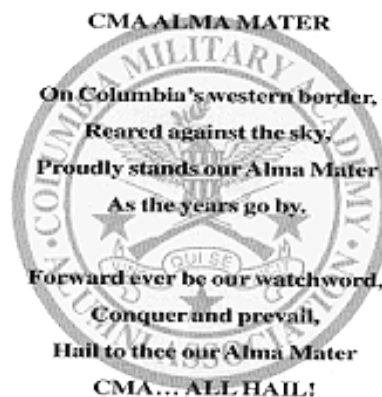
The Board is planning for and meeting with experts to design and implement a Legacy Endowment for keeping our museum open and funding our scholarships in perpetuity. More on that later, but this would be the last time we ask for donations.

I plan to call a CMAAA Board Meeting in April or May to finalize the 2023 Grand Reunion and our Legacy Fund.

Until Our Next Formation,

Tom

Tom Carr  
Class of 1975  
CMAAA President



## Keeping your Bugle Relevant and Interesting

This edition of the *Bugle* marks the beginning of the 32nd year of its publication. The information shared, stories told, reunions advertised and tributes to lost alumni through the Silver Taps during all those years have been a big part of the CMA Alumni Association and its success. The *Bugle* needs your input, letters, articles, pictures and stories to continue to serve the association each quarter. Please contact Woody Pettigrew to contribute items and suggestions for the *Bugle*. You can contact him at [wpettigrew@knology.net](mailto:wpettigrew@knology.net) or at 256-653-7303. Help keep the *Bugle* interesting and relevant.

## A Little CMA History

**May, 1900**—The Chief of Army Ordnance recommended that Columbia Arsenal be closed.

**May, 1904**—The assistant Secretary of War signed a deed transferring the arsenal and 67 acres to the CMA Government Board of Trustees.

**August 28, 1905**—CMA opened with classes beginning on September first.

**1911**—CMA accredited by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools.

**April, 1930**—CMA Operating board went bankrupt and the school closed—cadets were moved to Castle Heights for the remainder of the school year.

**September, 1930**—CMA reopened with new operating body.

**1935**—CMA earns Honor School rating.

**December 1958**—CMA had 388 boarding students and 86 day students, won all of its football games that year, and received a "Superior ROTC" rating.

**September, 1968**—Girls accepted as day students for the first time in grades 6-8 for the 1969-1970 school year.

**1972**—The campus was purchased from the US Government for \$10,000 and deeded to the CMA Operating Board.

**April, 1978**—Colors retired during Military Weekend. CMA dropped its military status.

**June 7, 1979**—CMA Board of Directors resigned and new board assumed responsibility for the school.

**September, 1979**—Columbia Academy opened the 1979-80 school year with 231 students.

# Then and Now

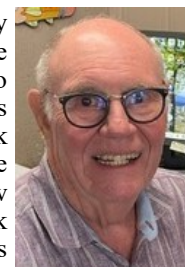
## Henry Hulan, Class of 1959

Henry says he will never forget his first night at CMA in Moore Hall. He was assigned to the big room upstairs that held three cadets. Col. Gracy and Major Moore each had an apartment downstairs and were in charge of the dorm. One of his roommates, Tom France, whom he met moving in would share the bunk beds in the corner but Henry had no idea who had the other single bed in the other corner. It seemed to be quite a while after dinner when this cadet came into the room and announced he was their other roommate and without much conversation they had “lights out” and were fast asleep leaving Henry wondering who this guy was. The next morning he found out the other roommate had just finished his duties in the Mess Hall where he was working part time as part of his football scholarship. His name was Jack Yusk and he and Henry eventually were roommates all of their four years at CMA and still today, 63 years after our graduation in 1959, are still good friends and see each other a couple times a year and talk every month. At CMA you could form friendships that could last a lifetime. A few more close CMA friends, one in Henry’s ’59 class, Harvey Ershing, and two in Moore Hall from the class of ’58, Lynn Bowles and Jimmy Butcher who lived next door for the next three years. Every Friday night a group of them would not eat their Third Mess and when they were dismissed they would race to the Guard House, which housed the only campus phones, and would call a cab to pick them up and take them to a local steak house for their weekly meal treat. This was most Friday nights for three years. CMA gave Cadets the opportunity, not only for a good education, but the opportunity to make these lasting friendships. Henry’s Dad, George Hulan, also went to CMA as did his younger brother, Tom Hulan. His older brother went to The Webb School in Bell Buckle, Tennessee and his sister went to their local Central High School in Shelbyville, Tennessee. After graduating in 1959 Henry attended Tennessee Tech University for 2 ½ years and during his Junior year he was tiring of school and wanted to work in his Family Business of pencil manufacturing. In 1962 he started working with Musgrave Pencil



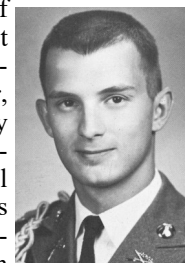
Company in the machine shop learning how all of the production machines operated. He then moved to the factory floor where he ran most of the different department production machines so he could learn the production steps. He then moved to the bookkeeping department where he was exposed to accounts payable, accounts receivable and payroll. The bookkeeper was close to retiring and he gave Henry the job of running the payroll for 90 employees. At that time you had to run the time cards by hand and look up the taxes and enter all of the deductions on a master sheet before the checks were written. Henry did continue his education taking accounting classes at the UT extension in Nashville and later continued courses at Motlow College near Shelbyville. A few years later Henry started dealing with customers and saw that he really enjoyed Sales. His Dad, as president of the Company, was slowing down and the Sales Manager retired so Henry involved himself in Sales full time. After a few years his Dad retired and he became President of the Company in 1992. His older brother, whose love of machines, became VP of Manufacturing and headed up the IT Department. His younger brother was also involved in the Company and headed up purchasing and later was involved in an acquired Set-Up Box Manufacturing Company. Family businesses are great in that you don’t have to go through a lot of channels to make decisions. You can decide to do something one day and implement that decision the next day. But at the same time you don’t have the resources that some of the more public businesses have and that can be a negative. One of Henry’s outside interest during his early working years was the Rotary Club. He headed up the Rotary Interact High School Club for many years and enjoyed the many projects the High School Club was involved in. Fundraising for the annual Interact Conference and Community projects of all kinds kept the Club busy. His church affiliation with the First Christian Church in Shelbyville has always given him a warm sense of belonging to a larger family group. He was active in the Church Choir until COVID shut it down. Another interest was the Tennessee Walking Horse National Celebration which had year round horse shows and one 10 night main show the last of every September. Henry was a Board Member for 10 plus years until he aged out at 70. The board oversaw all of the

Celebrations activities and met monthly to discuss all financial and all upgrade matters. Henry’s hobbies include owning a Harley Davidson Heritage Softail for many years, enjoying riding most weekends. A few years ago he decided to trade his Harley for a Zero Turn Mower feeling the mower was much safer in turning those sharp corners. His other hobby and his ongoing love is vegetable gardening. He loves to prepare the ground, plant the rows and then work to see the vegetables mature and produce. Henry was married to the former Lynn Woodruff and was blessed with three sons born in 1966, 1968 and 1978. Hank, Carl and Harper live in Nashville, Florence Oregon and Shelbyville respectively. Just this past year the youngest son, Harper, joined the Family Business, Musgrave Pencil Company, so now after 60 years Henry can kick-back and relax “a little”. He still goes in a few hours four days a week just to know what is happening. He suspects that his son wishes his Dad might stay home even more. Henry believes that his CMA days were truly good times with very few exceptions. Living with the same group 24/7 for nine months times 4 years you build forever friendships. CMA opened doors and gave him a sense of belonging. He believes that everyone who gave CMA a chance would feel the same way. He appreciates being a part of the CMA Family. CMA ALL HAIL!



## Stan Haskell, Class of 1964

Stan enrolled in the 1960-61 school year at CMA and graduated Class of 1964 as Assistant Battalion Executive Officer with ‘Most Military’ and ‘Neatest’ senior honors. During his senior year as its Commander, Company ‘B’ took top honors of ‘Efficiency’ and ‘Best Drilled’ company. Also, as its Commander, Senior Gold Star Fancy Drill Team won Nashville, TN Fancy Drill Team competitions against regional military schools. Upon graduation Stan returned home to enter



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Memphis State University (MSU), where he stayed for two years. After a two-year hiatus the U.S. Army came calling. Upon receiving their notice to report for a physical examination, he immediately applied to join the U.S. Air Force and was accepted. The Air Force trained Stan in Electronics at Keesler Air Force Base (AFB), Biloxi, MS and then sent him to Offutt AFB, Omaha, NE for hands-on tactical radio equipment experience. Thirteen months later he was sent to Clark AB, Philippine Islands (PI), where he was attached to the 605th Tactical Communications Squadron (TCS). As Sergeant he operated and maintained tactical communications equipment for deployment to Vietnam. During that eighteen month tour he spent twelve months at Air Bases in South Korea. Upon completion of the PI tour, Stan was released from active duty at Travis AFB, Fairfield, CA in 1969. From 1970 to 1971 he worked with an Air Force civilian contractor, maintaining line-of-sight radio equipment sites between Fort Walton Beach and Panama City Beach, FL. After his Mom's passing in 1971 he returned to MSU with the intention of degree completion. Dissatisfied with that goal, he decided to go to work for AT&T in Memphis, TN in 1972 as a Communications Technician, where he worked for ten years. At the end of those ten years he sought a position with Satellite Business Systems (SBS), which moved him to San Francisco, CA in 1982. He worked for SBS as a Satellite Technician for two years and then went to work for Sprint Communications, Operations Division as San Francisco Manager, Circuit Order Department. After two years his job was eliminated in a company reorganization. Three months later he went back to work for Sprint Carrier Services, Wholesale Sales Division, as Technical Applications Consultant for the sales teams, where he stayed for nine years. During this period he won the President's Club Award three times. In 1992 he purchased his current home in San Francisco after having lived in a rental apartment for ten years. His next career move was to the telecom resale common carrier Pacific Gateway Exchange (PGE), Burlingame, CA in 1995, where he held an Order Implementation Manager position for two years. He left



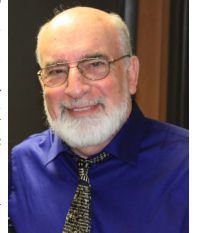
PGE for an Order Processing and Database Manager position at Unisource Carrier Services (UCS), Zürich, Switzerland in the fall of 1997. UCS was purchased by Energis Carrier Services (ECS) in 1999, where Stan rose to Director of Operations, Implementation and Customer Support departments. In 2002 ECS was dissolved and in 2003 he took an Implementation Manager position with Nexus Telecom, where he stayed for two years. In 2006 he returned to the United States. Arriving back in San Francisco at age 61 on the brink of the Great Recession forced his early retirement. Today, he lives comfortably in the City by the Bay.

### Ernie Benko, Class of 1965

Dr. Ernie Benko attended CMA from 1958 to 1965. He relates that he met a lot of fine people while he was at CMA. He particularly remembers the Smalley family - Wayne was his classmate and the Colvert family - Tommy was also his classmate. These families cared for Ernie like he was a member of their family. Another good friend of Ernie's was Jim McEwen. In Ernie's junior year at CMA his mother died and during his senior year his dad had a stroke. Ernie was on the rifle team, played sports on the golf team, basketball team and football team and whatever else I could get into. After CMA Ernie went back to his hometown of Norton, Virginia and started a rock and roll band. Thanks to his CMA classmates from Memphis, his band got to record at Sun Studios in Memphis. After that Ernie went to Clinch Valley College in Wise, Virginia, now the University of Virginia at Wise. He left Clinch Valley College and went to Cumberland College in Lebanon, Tennessee and received a pre-law degree. He returned to Clinch Valley College in Wise, only to leave again; this time for Union College in Barbourville, Kentucky where he received a double major of biology and psychology. Ernie then started a coal company, Thor Excavation Incorporated. The company was selling coal for \$3.50 a ton and when the oil embargo started it went up to \$100 a ton. He then became an executive for Gulf Oil Corporation, a technical expert in explosives. After that Ernie became an industrial engineer and then vice president of Clinchfield Coal Company. The company employed over 3000 men and mined over 18 million tons of coal a year. Ernie then



started Roundtable Industries and that company has been in business for 35 years. The company does court reporting in Virginia, Tennessee, Kentucky and the Federal system. During this time he read law in Virginia. If you read under a practicing attorney you can take the state bar. He did everything to comply with the regulations in this endeavor. Ernie also started a local television station which has since expanded to a network. The network now has a YouTube television station, YouTube Arctelelevision and broadcasts in 91 different countries.

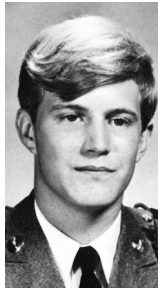


Ernie is also a private investigator working in private, state, and federal cases. Ernie says he owes the success that he has accomplished to numerous other people in numerous walks of life. One of his very dear friends is an attorney by the name of Carl McAfee. He has worked with Carl as a private investigator, court reporter and videographer. Carl is the attorney that went to Russia and got the U2 pilot out of Russia. He also went to Russia and got the release of the Pueblo crew out of North Korea. He helped get the 53 hostages released from Iran. As a side-note, he was also Frank Sinatra's attorney. Ernie attended King University in Bristol, Tennessee and received a Master of Business Administration. He also took classes and received a certificate in Hospital Administration from King University. He was encouraged by his professors at King to attend Argosy University in Nashville, Tennessee and by doing so received his Doctor of Business Administration. More recently he took a class from Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) and received a certificate in Digital Business Strategy, Harnessing Our Digital Future. Ernie says he owes his success to his staff and associates and that he is looking forward to the next door opening.

### Pat Walsh, Class of 1973

James Patrick "Pat" Walsh attended CMA from 1969 to 1973. By his account, he was, to say the least, a poor student, poorly behaved person and out of control young man. The discipline, structure, education and positive peer pressure of CMA turned his life completely around at a time that was probably the exact time necessary to accom-

plish the task. The military structure, excellent teachers and helpful friends were, and are, responsible for much of a successful life. They gave Pat an excellent grasp of many life and business aspects that have served him through many years. While at CMA, Pat participated on the Tennis Team, Cheerleaders



Squad, Cannon Squad and the Color Guard. During his senior year in 1973 he was the "A" Company Commander and Color Guard Commander. He believes that CMA was probably one of the best things that ever happened to him. After graduating from CMA, Pat began working for his family business. He had but one real job for his entire 35 year career, however for three different owner structures. His career was in the manufacturing of cast iron parts, steel fabrications, steel stampings; coating them in glass, porcelain enamel, for the entire indoor appliance, outdoor appliance industry and coating large coal and oil-fired electric generation industry worldwide. It was an exciting career with daily challenges with customers and 200+ employees. Initially in Nashville in the 70's and 80's then in 1991 in a newly designed and built facility in Dickson, Tennessee. It began as a family-owned business through 1988, transitioning to a part of a Canadian conglomerate through 2006 and ended as a part of an equity arm of one of the top 10 publicly held banks in the US. All of which retained Pat through his career. However, the last group and the impending barriers to manufacturing in the US lead Pat to resign



and retire early in 2010. During his career he also served on the Board of Directors for the Porcelain Enamel institute, Hearth and Grill Association and the Bar-B-Que grill association. In 2007 Pat was blessed to meet his wife, Mary, at the same church they attend today. They were married in 2009. Mary has two daughters - Morgan and Taylor. Both went on to achieve college and advanced degrees. They are both married and Taylor had

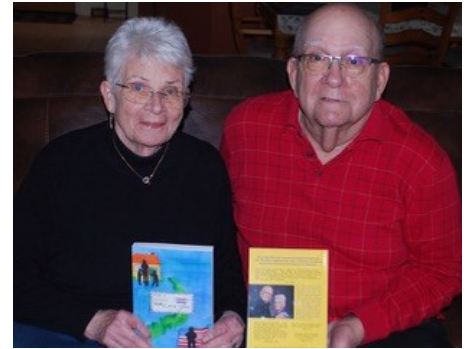
Pat and Mary's first grandchild in 2021. They are hoping for more to come. Along the way Pat developed some hobbies that serve him even today. He enjoys woodworking and making hunting and decorative duck and turkey calls. He has won three National Titles and the Champion of Champions title in Duck Calls as a result of that hobby. Nearing retirement, Pat and Mary became honey bee farmers and started producing honey. Today it is available under the Nashville Nectar Tradename. Pat teaches bee keeping on an ongoing basis to three new students yearly. Pat and Mary still live in Nashville and play at a Tims Ford lake house. They spend time with church and charitable activities and love spending time with and following the lives and careers of their children.

### Ten Years of Then and Now Articles for the Bugle

There have been many great stories shared since the inception of the Then and Now Articles for the *Bugle*. At the suggestion of one of our alumni, these articles were first introduced in the 2012 Summer Edition of the *Bugle* and have allowed many CMA alumni the opportunity to share the CMA and Life stories, although abbreviated, with the rest of the association members. These articles have become a favorite part of the *Bugle* for the readers; the positive feedback continues to come in and the stories shared are both interesting and informative. It is truly amazing to think about the life experiences and real world impacts that the CMA Corps of Cadets produced. There is always room for another story to be shared in the *Bugle*. Please consider adding your name to the list of 94 that have shared their story with the alumni. If you would like to help the *Bugle* continue to be interesting and informative by submitting your story please contact Woody Pettigrew. Please E-mail him at [wpettigrew@knology.net](mailto:wpettigrew@knology.net) or call him at 256-653-7303.



### "Whhhaazzuuppp Dudes" Odds and Ends



Jim Rusk, CMA Class of 1956, and his wife Kathie recently published a book about separation, hope and love during the Vietnam conflict. "Love You" is a compilation of letters, tapes and memories that "air mailed" devotion between Long Binh, Vietnam and Cleveland, Ohio from July 1969 to July 1970. Jim was serving in the Army in Vietnam and Kathie was at home in Cleveland with their two young sons. Their story presents an intimate view of the struggles and triumphs of a military family facing separation. The photographs included in the book were taken by Jim during his travels in Vietnam and while on R&R in Hawaii. Jim's first career was 22 years in the Army after graduating from Kent State University in 1961. His second career was owner of Northern Lights Lodge in Ely, Minnesota for 19 years and now he and Kathie are enjoying retirement in Green Valley, Arizona. Jim and Kathie were married in April, 1962 and are looking forward to celebrating their 60th anniversary this year.



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# SILVER TAPS

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## **William G. Binford, Class of '50**

William Givens Binford, age 90, of Anderson, SC, passed away Friday, January 14, 2022. Born April 21, 1931, in Morganfield, KY, he was the son of the late Henry and Lillie Anderson Binford. He attended CMA and graduated with the Class of 1950. William was a



**William Binford**

graduate of Georgia Tech with a BS in Mechanical Engineering. He worked for McDonnell Douglas Aircraft for 16 years followed by Michelin where he retired after 19 years with the company. He was an avid pilot for over 50 years with a Master Pilot Award. He was a water skiing enthusiast who taught hundreds of people to water ski over the years and also enjoyed snow skiing. William enjoyed traveling the world having visited all seven continents and was an inventor. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his grandson, Brian W. Binford. He is survived by his wife, Kay Ruth Carroll Binford; sons, Steve A. Binford and William C. Binford (Teresa); three grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

## **Joe Clark, Class of '50**

Joe R. Clark, 89, of Reynoldsburg, Ohio passed away in his sleep, Friday, January 14, 2022. He was born May 31, 1932 in Union City, Tennessee to Carl J. and Opal O. Clark. Joe attended CMA, graduating with the Class of 1950. He received his Bachelor's degree from the University of Southern



**Joe Clark**

Mississippi and attended the University of Wisconsin School of Banking. He was a veteran of the United States Army and a member of the Peace United Methodist Church Pickerington. Joe spent the majority of his career in banking and in 1984 began making clocks and repairing clocks and watches. He thoroughly enjoyed this work "hobby" and continued until just a few years ago. He was preceded in death by his parents; first wife, Jennie L. Clark; second wife, Wilma M. Clark; son, Randy Clark; daughters, Jennifer L. Clark and Laura Anne Clark. Joe is survived by his daughter, Rhonda L. Ferguson; step-

daughter, Sheila M. Anderson; sister, Martha (Melburn) Sibley; 5 grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

## **Randy Jackson, Class of '60**

Randolph Scott "Randy" Jackson, 80, died in Columbia, Tennessee on February 10, 2022. He was born in Columbia on January 14, 1942 and was the son of the late Walter Shaw Jackson and Mary Evelyn Rippey Jackson. Randy grew up on a farm on South Cross Bridges Road, the eldest of four children. He attended



**Randy Jackson**

CMA for --- years, graduating with the Class of 1960. He graduated as the Valedictorian of his class and was an All-Mid-South football player. Randy attended Georgia Tech and graduated from the University of Tennessee with a degree in chemical engineering in 1965. He was married on August 30, 1963, to Martha Smith Jackson, his loving wife of 58 years, who predeceased him on November 10, 2021. Randy worked at the Monsanto plant in Columbia before he and Martha moved to Houston, Texas, where he had a successful career in management at Monsanto and Sterling Chemicals. After retiring and returning to Maury County, he spent much of his time tending to his farm and preserving his historic antebellum home, Vine Hill, near Cross Bridges. Randy was an avid reader with an extensive knowledge of history, was well-traveled throughout the United States and Europe, and enjoyed running in 5k races well into his seventies. As a young man, he had more than fifty jumps as a skydiver. Randy is survived by his sons Randolph Scott Jackson, Jr. (Beth) and Gregory Brian Smith Jackson (Roger Moore), who survive him. He was predeceased by his daughter, Daphne Louise Jackson. Randy is also survived by his brother David Brown Jackson, sisters Mary Jackson Cheatham and Lady Alice Jackson, and three grandsons.

## **Henry C. Williams, Class of '64**

Clyde Henry Williams, age 77, of Columbia, Tennessee, passed away Sunday, February 13, 2022. Born August 24, 1944 and raised in Mount Pleasant, Henry was the son of the late Gene Williams and the late Katherine Pugh Williams. He attended Mt Pleasant Ele-

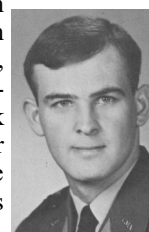
mentary School and then attended CMA for three years in the Junior School in the fourth through sixth grades. He was a former employee of B&F Paving and the Maury County Highway Department. He was a former employee of B&F Paving and the Maury County High-



**Henry Williams**

## **E. Frank Griswold, Class of '69**

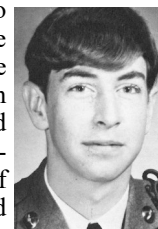
Edgar Franklin Griswold III, 70, returned to his heavenly home on October 31, 2021. He was born November 9, 1950, in Murfreesboro, Tennessee, the son of Edgar and Geraldine Griswold. Frank attended CMA for four years, graduating with the Class of 1969. He was devoted to his family and his firm belief in God. He enjoyed watching movies and staying in touch with family and friends near and far. Frank was a retired Major from the U.S. Army National Guard and owner of Med Evac ambulance service. He was preceded in death by his parents and beloved son, Jason Griswold. He will be lovingly remembered by his wife Lisa Griswold, his daughter Julie Piazza (John), brother Jeff Griswold (Ying), his two grandchildren, two nephews, a niece and many extended family members.



**Frank Griswold**

## **Walter C. Dunbar, Class of '72**

Walter Calvin Dunbar Jr, age 68 of Greenback left this world on January 29, 2022 and went to spend eternity with all the saints that went before him. Walt grew up in Maryville and attended CMA for 3 years graduating with the Class of 1972. He then attended and graduated from



**Walt Dunbar**

Hiwassee College. For the many of us who knew Walt well, we have lost a dear friend who always put others before himself. We will miss his friendship and his contagious smile. Walt was retired from his job at Kimberly Clark. He was preceded in death by his parents Calvin and Sarah Dun-

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bar. Survivors include his wife of 16 years Jane Dunbar, son Justin Dunbar and partner Lindsey Lonas along with their son Jace, stepson Jeff Dunbar, and stepdaughter Jennifer R. Smart (Lance).

## Carl E. Gifford, Class of '81

Carl Edward Gifford, age 59, of Maryville, Tennessee, passed away on Tuesday, January 18, 2022. Carl was a member of Dotson Memorial Baptist Church and worshipped with his family at Foothills Church. Carl took great pride in attending Columbia Military Academy and graduat-



**Carl Gifford**

ing from Columbia Central. He was at CMA for two years, his freshman and sophomore years, as a member of the Class of 1981. He furthered his education at M.T.S.U. Carl proudly owned his own lawn care service for 30 years and loved the friendships he made with his customers. He also taught gymnastics for over 30 years. He had a heart for children and took so much pride in his students. Carl's greatest love was his family. Hosting holidays, grilling out, coaching baseball and his time teaching his grandkids gymnastics at home. Carl was preceded in passing by his parents Charles and Dorothy Gifford and his son Blake Gifford. He leaves behind to cherish his memory his loving wife Rene Gifford and step-son, Brandon (Rebekah) Tyler; sisters, Rev. Patricia (Emmett) Chaput, Vicki (Tom) Wright; brothers Chuck (Jill) Gifford, Rodney (Linda) Gifford; six grandchildren, and many nieces, nephews that held a special place in his heart.



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