# **Board Meeting Set for April 19**



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### MINUTES OF THE COLUMBIA MILITARY ACADEMY ALUMNI ASSOCIATION ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

DATE: October 20, 2007

TIME: 10:05 A.M.

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

Meeting was called to order by President Bill Raiford. Don Kimbrell offered the Invocation.

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

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

# Old Business

Hall of Honor – Winston Elston reported that one nomination had been received to date. He also recommended that we wait to update the memorial with the names of the honorees until we have a few more names to be added. This is due to the expense involved in engraving the memorial. We should probably have it updated following the next group of inductees.

Tax Exempt Status – Don Kimbrell reported that the Association should get the tax exempt status within the next six weeks. All the work done over the last year was done "Pro Bono" by Don's son-in-law, Rick.

Dues Report and Class

**Guard House Lease Signed...**CMAAA Vice President and Museum Committee Chairman Woody Pettigrew hands over a signed copy of the 15 year lease of the Guard House to Mark McMeen, Columbia Academy Board of Directors Chairman. The Guard House is under renovation and scheduled for dedication at the August Reunion. Story on page 2.

Realignment – Bobby Bain reported that he was continuing to look at concepts to represent those who pay dues in the class realignment. This will hopefully encourage people to pay their dues as well as participate. Another factor affecting the realignment was the number of graduates in the older classes available to be part

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# **CMAAA Fulfils Founders Directive, Leases Guard House for Museum**

Mark McMeen, Columbia Academy Board of Directors Chairman, and Woody Pettigrew, Columbia Military Academy Alumni Association Vice President, finalized the arrangement between the Alumni Association and CA to lease the Guard House and convert it into a Columbia Military Academy Museum.

## The establishment of a museum to maintain and display CMA artifacts has been the primary objective of the alumni association since its inception.

#### History

This arrangement is the result of several years of coordination between the two organizations, a year of deliberations by the CMAAA Board of Directors and nine months of fund raising. During the last CMA reunion in 2006, a CMA memorial was dedicated in the area of the old quadrangle on the campus and CMA banners were placed around the quadrangle, establishing a permanent, physical recognition of the long, proud history of CMA.

The CMA Museum is an extension of that recognition and will provide an appropriate location for the preservation and display of Columbia Military Academy memorabilia and artifacts. Restoration work on the Guard House

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Museum Project – Woody Pettigrew reported on new estimates for the Museum Project. He reported that the new competing estimate on the restoration portion from a new contractor was significantly higher than the estimates from the original contractors and he recommended that we stay with the original contractors that are holding to the original costs they presented.

Woody went on to report that we had a group of students from MTSU under the direction of Mike Gavin that wanted to help put the layout for the Museum together. This will be a class project for college level students for has begun with initial efforts being made to repair the roof, front porch area, ceiling, and flooring.

## **August Dedication**

Those efforts will be followed by painting, carpeting, and general interior "fix-ups". As we approach the next reunion, display cases and artifacts will begin to be placed in the Museum. There is still a long way to go to have the Museum ready for the August 2008 CMAAA Reunion but the plan is in place to make that happen.

The Museum Committee consisting of Woody Pettigrew, Mike Gilchrist, Becky Moon, Johnny Gruber and Buddy Fisher will keep the association membership updated through regular updates in the Bugle. Anyone wishing to provide artifacts or any other support to the project should contact Woody Pettigrew at wpettigrew@westar.com or by phone at (256) 653-7303.

class credit. Woody has spoken with Mr. Gavin and says that he believes in the project and wants to help see that it is done right.

The biggest cost of the project will be to repair and reshingle the roof. The Maury County Historical Society has donated \$2000.00 to this restoration. This will definitely help with the monies. To date it appears that we have approximately \$115,000 available for the project. We will plan to solicit pledges over the next few months to get the remainder of the money.

With the tax exempt status for the association, it is believed that this will help with the pledges. Ron Nall '61 suggested that we have a "financial statement" put together so that we will know what we need to get the job done. Ed Tuggle '67, said we just needed to answer two questions prior to getting started – is it feasible and when can we

start.

Before the vote was taken, Woody also reported on changes to the lease. After meetings with Dr England, the CA president; Dr Thrasher, CA President Emeritus; and James Bryant, CA Vice President for Business Affairs: along with the CA Executive Board Members Mark McMeen, CA Board President and Jason Golden, CA Lawyer; two changes were proposed. The first was for CA to have access to the Guard House during the course of the lease and the second was to shorten the lease to 15 years from 25 years as originally proposed. Some discussion took place following this that centered on the cost (per year) impacts because the lease would be shorter and the possibility of adding words to the effect that 2 five year options could be executed following the initial 15 year contract.

A motion was made following this discussion for the CMAAA Board of Directors to vote on. The motion read: **"To allow the Museum Committee to execute a binding agreement for a lease"** 

The Motion was amended to add the following statement: "and that a provision for 2 Five Year Options to the lease to be executed after the 15 Years be added to the lease."

A Voice Vote was taken and the Motion carried with 22 for executing a binding lease, 3 against executing a binding lease with 1 abstention.

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

Following the vote it was pointed out by Woody Pettigrew '73 that the CMAAA Bylaws state that the purpose of our Association is to establish a museum to preserve the CMA heritage, memorabilia, and artifacts of the school. This is the first serious step to meeting that requirement. We have also see Board Minutes, next page

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amended our Bylaws twice. The first was to recognize the Class of 79 as part of our Association and the second was to allow the immediate past president a vote on Association business. It was also mentioned that the Bylaws need to be updated in the future. This will be done soon by the Bylaws committee.

President Bill Raiford said that Bricks from Black Hall were still available for sale. If anyone is interested please contact him. To date we have sold approximately 20 bricks.

### **Grand Reunion Planning**

Planning for The Grand Reunion for 2008 continues. Dates for the reunion are the 1<sup>st</sup> through 3<sup>rd</sup> of August 2008. Plans are to have the Friday night Social at the Graymere Country Club and the Saturday night dinner at the Saturn Union Hall in Spring Hill. Robin Saltze '66 will be in charge of registration and will need volunteers to help. If interested contact Robin. Rob Zimmerman '67 asks about the possibility of having windbreaker jackets for sale along with other items. Becky Moon '75 said that she could provide some information on these areas.

Planning for the Golf Tournament continues. It will be held at the Saddle Creek Golf Course.

Schedule of events are currently being worked with the Friday night get together at the Graymere Country Club, Saturday continental breakfast at the Columbia Academy (CA) Dining Hall (old CMA Mess Hall), Saturday General Membership meeting in Old Main Building with lunch at the CA Dining Hall and the Saturday Night Dinner and Dance at the Saturn Union Hall. Other ideas are being considered for the spouses and will be reported later.

#### **New Business**

"Heights" Challenge - Randy Howell '72 presented a proposal to the board on a challenge from our arch rivals "Heights". CHMAAA has

# CMA Class of '73 and '76 United in Matrimony

September 29th, 2007 marks the latest date for a marriage between two Columbia Military Academy alumni.

Dudley Dolinger, '73 and Mildred (Graham) Raybuck, '76 were cadets together but now will share a life together as Mr. and Mrs. Dudley Dolinger.

The two hosted a picture-perfect outside wedding in Columbia on the last Saturday in September and then took off for a week in Mexico before settling down in Nashville, Tennessee.

### Missing License

As the time for the ceremony approached, it was obvious that CMA cadets were involved; the groom forgot to bring the Marriage License (a revised fishing license was offered but the real license eventually showed up); Bill Patrick lounged around his hotel until minutes before the ceremony thinking the start time was later in the day; the Best Man was subject to good natured ribbing; and the groom was asking that some old pictures of him be taken off the internet.

Greg Thompson, '72 was the Best Man; other former CMA cadets in attendance included Bill Patrick, Woody Pettigrew, Leslie Shelton, Judy (Bone) Pettigrew, and Ann Edson.

### Mexican Honeymoon

After the ceremony, the CMA crowd (including the Bride and Groom) celebrated together for a few hours before Dudley and Mildred took off for their honeymoon. It was another great day for CMA.



Mildred (Graham) Raybuck, Class of '76 and Dudley Dolinger, Class of '73, tied the knot in September in Columbia before leaving on their honeymoon to Mexico. A number of Alumni were on hand for the send off.

challenged CMAAA to an annual Golf Match with a rotating trophy for the winner. There will be two foursomes from each association playing in this annual event. The board voted on the proposal to institute an annual tournament between CHMAAA and see Board Minutes, next page

# Museum Project Progress by Woody Pettigrew

Our fundraising efforts to date have made it possible to move forward with the Guard House Museum Project and will support the museum as originally envisioned. Your generosity has enabled the refurbishing and stabilization of the old and historically significant Guard House and will allow CMA alumni and friends, as well as all visitors to the facility, to step back in time and reflect on Columbia Military Academy and the impact that it had on so many lives. The project is progressing with the renovation efforts being started in November and the concepts for exhibit layouts being explored. The Museum Committee is very confident that the Museum will be ready to open during the August 2008 reunion and is working to ensure the best possible product is delivered.

Our first focus is on the roof and the outside porch area. This provides both a structural and an aesthetic improvement to the Guard House. Other planned outside improvements include repair to the porch ceiling, painting, gutter repair and stone cleaning. Inside improvements that we hope to show with the next edition of the *Bugle* include ceiling repair, floor and bathroom repair, installation of new carpet and interior painting.

In terms of interior exhibits and layout, our original idea was to acquire used display cases and do as much work "in house" as possible to keep costs down. As we have considered options for the interior, we are hoping that we can evolve to a more permanent solution for telling and preserving the history and our collective experiences at CMA. The concept renderings shown represent the Museum Committee's ultimate goals for interpretation of the CMA legacy in the Museum. We envision using a large custom case in the main room to display and describe many of our artifacts and memorabilia, surrounded by large graphic panels built into the existing window encasements that trace the timeline, changes, heroes, and highlights of the school. We would also like to use the room in the front left of the Guard House to re-create a typical barracks diorama prepared for Saturday Morning Inspection.

While the artist's conceptions displayed here represent what we will do in terms of interior display, the final content (custom casework, large custom graphic panels, museum quality figures and artifact mounts, etc) is dependent on the funding capacity of our alumni and friends. We believe we only have one chance to do this right, and would rather ask you to help fund a permanent solution to our preservation objectives than to attempt upgrades at a later date. Many have already contributed and those contributions have made it possible for us to have a CMA Museum. Additional funds will help us develop the best possible displays and exhibits and enhance the experience of all Museum visitors. Our timelines dictate that we make decisions as soon as possible in terms of the costs that we can apply to displays and exhibits. If you would like to contribute to the project and help continue to develop and improve the Museum, please send your contribution to: Becky Moon, 804 Athenaeum Place Columbia, TN 38401-3156



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**Board Minutes from preceding page** CMAAA. The motion passed and planning for this annual event will be done and reported on at our next meeting.

#### Museum Project, Phase 2

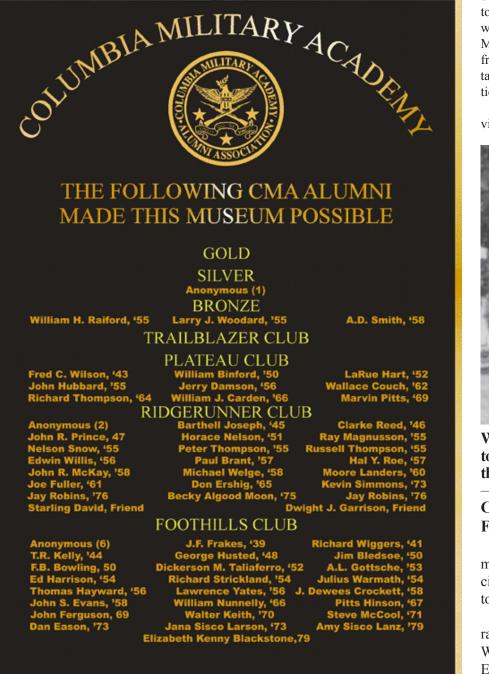
Phase 2 is now in the works for the museum. We will have to get the items we want in the museum catalogued and stored.

The Museum Committee will work this and continue to report at our future meetings.

President Raiford adjourned the meeting at 11:50PM on 20 October 2007. Respectfully Submitted Michael L. Gilchrist CMAAA Secretary

# **1954 CMA Graduate Sells Pharmaceutical Business**

William Propst, Sr, CMA Class of 1954, recently completed a major financial agreement with Apax Partners, a Londonbased private equity firm. Huntsville-based Vintage Pharmaceuticals and its sister distribution company, Qualitest, have been bought by Apax. William Propst, the generic drugmaker's founder, was approached by Apax representatives several months ago about the possible sale and recently completed the



**PLAQUE MOCKUP...**Pictured is a plaque to be displayed on the Guard House following the fund raising program to finance the CMA Museum now under renovation. Donors names shown above are those that have contributed through 12/4/07. Pledge Categories are as follows: **Foothills Club** (Up to \$499), **Ridge Runner Club** (\$500 to \$999), **Plateau Club** (\$1,000 to \$2,499), **Trailblazer Club** (\$2,500 to \$4,999), **Bronze** (\$5,000 to \$9,999), **Silver** (\$10,000 to \$24,999) and **Gold** (\$25,000 and UP).

deal that he believes will be good for not only his family but also the company's employees.

After graduating CMA in '54, he attended Auburn University in Auburn Alabama and Samford University in Birmingham, where he received his Pharmacy degree. His pharmacy work then took him to K Mart where he helped start Qualitest, which distributed generic drugs through K Mart. He eventually purchased Qaulitest from K Mart and and also established Vintage, which ranks in the Top 10 in prescriptions filled among generic drug makers.

William and his family reside in Huntsville, Alabama.



William Propst (right) and hometown classmate James Dickinson at the edge of the Parade Field in 1953.

# Class of '58 Seeks Classmates For 50th Reunion in Columbia

Tom Walbert is missing only 13 members of the Class of '58 and appreciates any help you bellhops may offer to find these individuals.

The 13 missing are: Robert Sherrard Bragg, Thomas Marle Brendle, William Maxwell Ealy, James Wallace Earley, Lawrence Wilbur Hall, Jr., Walter King Hurt, James Woodson Latimer, William Edward Phillips, Harry Richard Ritter, Roberto Roca Pina, Edward Valentine Sheely III, Everett Andrew Smith and William Wallace Woolard.

If anyone knows anything about any of them, please contact Tom Walbert at 1-800-626-0240 or twalbert@ gowalbert.com.

# SILVER TAPS

# Jean (Mrs. Paul W) Cauchon **Junior School Faculty Member**

Jean Cauchon. CMA Junior School faculty member and wife of Capt. (and later Maj.) Paul Cauchon, who taught Physics and Mathmatics and was CMA Band Director, died August 9, 2007. Both were active members of St. Catherine Catholic Church while in Columbia.

In addition to her husband, Jean is survived by sons; Paul Junior, Steven and Alex; a daughter, Christine; and six grandchildren.

Paul Sr. lives at the Fountain, Boca Ciega Bay, 1255 Pasadena Ave., St. Petersburg, FL 33707 \_\_\_

### John H. Mosteller, Class of '41

John Horace Mosteller, a nationally-known dentist practicing in Mobile for more than 40 years and former editor of the Journal of Alabama Dental Association, died April 29. He was 84.

John dedicated himself to the two things he found most important in his life: his family and his dental profession, according to his son, Matt Mosteller, a physician.

He grew up in a small town in Texas and attended Loyola University of New Orleans School of Dentistry following graduation from CMA. At Loyola he met and married a Mobile, girl, Janet Young in 1945.

They moved into his wife's family home on Old Shell Road, and together they raised eight children.

Janet Mosteller died March 8, 2004.

In 1998, Mosteller was inducted into the inaugural class of the Alabama Healthcare Hall of Fame. He was the first vice president of the American Dental Association in 1977-78, the highest office ever held by an Alabamian in the national association, according to biographical information provided at the time of his induction.

A former special lecturer at the University of Tennessee and Loyola University of New Orleans, Mosteller was a retired clinical professor of the University of Alabama at Birmingham School of Dentistry. Dr. Mosteller was well-known for his work in restorative dentistry.

In addition to his son Matt, Mosteller is survived by another son, Charles Mosteller, a physician; five daughters, Cynthia Mosteller and Nancy Mosteller Hoffman, both of Fairhope; Mary Lou Mosteller of Mobile; Pauline Mosteller Danner and Barbara Mosteller Price, both of Panama City, Fla.; and 15 grandchildren.

### \_\_\_\_\_ James W. Wilkes Jr., Class of '42

Dr. James Wallace Wilkes Jr., 83, long-time Columbia physician, passed away Oct. 6.

Born in Columbia, he was the son of the late Dr. James Wallace

Wilkes and Kate Gordon Latta Jones Wilkes. After graduating CMA he graduated Cornell University in



James Wilkes Jr.

Ithaca, N.Y., and Cornell Medical School in New York City.

specialty, His ophthalmology and ear, nose and throat was done at Tulane University, Baptist Memorial Hospital in Memphis and Memphis Eye, Ear, Nose, and Throat Hospital.

He married the former Pauline Connor of Columbia in 1948. Upon completion of his training, they returned to Columbia, where he practiced medicine until his retirement in 1988.

In addition to his wife, Pauline, he leaves a daughter, Dr. Nancy Wilkes of Chapel Hill, N.C., and a son, James Wallace Wilkes III of Dallas, TX. He leaves nieces Helen Shapard Hickman, Kay Shapard Curtis of Columbia, and Helen Connor Wunderlick of Nashville, and nephews, Oliver Benton Quin IV of Venice Beach, Calif., Clark Jones Quin of Boston, Mass., Richard Hillary Quin of Nashville, Thomas Kelly Connor, Jr. of Sandia, N.M., and William Wemyss Connor of Washington, D. C. He was preceded in death by a son, sisters Harriette Jones Quin and Helen Jones Shapard.

Robert Irl Bradford Jr., Class of '43

Robert Irl Bradford Jr., age 81, passed away in Mesa, AZ, August 18. A 1943 post-graduate of CMA, Robert joined the Navy in 1944,

and was honorably discharged in 1946. He graduated Vanderbilt University with a degree in Electrical Engineering. He



**Robert I. Bradford** 

then joined

E.I. DuPont Company, where he worked for 30 years until retiring in 1982. Robert enjoyed hunting, fishing, genealogy and travel.

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His father was a mail clerk on the train which frequently passed the campus and he would throw boxes of cookies over the fence for Robert and his friends, according to classmate, Jack Walker, Class of 45. "It made him quite popular with the other boys,"

Married to longtime love Carlene for 57 years, they moved to Mesa, AZ in 2005 to be closer to their family. He was a kind and gentle man, who will be forever missed by his many friends and family. Survived by his wife, Carlene; son, Robert and daughter-in-law, Janet. He is survived by two grandchildren and a brother, Dr. William M. Bradford of Nashville.

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## Robert W. "Bob" White, Class of '45

Robert Wesley (Bob) White, age 80, of Parsons, TN, died Saturday, December 8, 2007 at Decatur County General Hospital.

Following graduation from CMA, Bob joined the Merchant Marines. According to classmate, Jack Walker, who formed a friendship with Bob over the years, he was well liked. He was on the CMA track team and attended the August, 2006 Reunion.

Bob subsequently joined the family business known as R.W. White and Company in 1946. He continued to operate the business until 1968 at which time he franchised a Vic's Dollar Store now known as Fred's of Parsons.

He raised cattle as a side line and retired in 1992. He served the town of Parsons as Mayor from 1968 to 1972. Bob was an avid fisherman and enjoyed golf and living on the river after retirement. He was a member of Parsons First United Methodist Church.

He is survived by his wife of 60 years, Elizabeth Nadine Kennedy White; three sons, Steve (Benita) of Lexington, TN, Johnny Neal of Columbus, Missouri, Joe Don (Kim) of Parsons, TN; one daughter, Lisa King of Jackson, TN; six grandchildren, Jennifer Patty Burkhalter (Terry) of Jackson, TN, Blake White (Kelley) of Parsons, TN, Allyson White Spillane (Todd) of Brentwood, TN, Loyd Petty (Bambia), Lindsey White, Jessica White of Parsons, TN and six great-grandchildren, Alex, Braden and Emma Claire White, Brodie and Jay Baker Spillane and Alivia Burkhalter. He was preceded in death by grandson, Drew White.

Bob was buried in Concord Cemetery in Decatur County.

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# Edward C. Krausnick, Class of '45

Edward C. "Buddy" Krausnick, 84, of Memphis, died December 10, 2007 at his home. He was interred in Memorial Park Cemetery.

Following CMA graduation he studied at Southwestern College,

M e m p h i s . He served as a pilot in the United States Navy during World War II. He started his career with the



Ed Krausnick

Tennessee Brewing Company, of which his great-grandfather was a cofounder. He served as President until it closed in 1954. Buddy then entered the life insurance business with the Connecticut Mutual Life as a general agent. He was active in the community serving on the founding board of the Mid-South Coliseum. In 1968 he chaired the Freedom of Choice referendum

establishing liquor by the drink. He was a former member of the Memphis Hunt and Polo Club, and the Memphis Country Club, where he served as President from 1972 to 1974. He attended the Church of the Holy Communion for years where he served as senior warden of the vestry. For the last several years he had been an active member of Faith Anglican Church. He was an avid St. Louis Cardinals Baseball fan. He was a former board member of the Hutchison School. Buddy leaves his wife, Gladys W. Krausnick; a son, E. Carl Krausnick, Jr.; a daughter, Carol K. Stout; a stepdaughter, Carol Sherrill-Jones, all of Memphis; five grandchildren: three step grandchildren; and a great-grandson.

# B.B. Densford, Jr., Class of '48

B.B. Densford, Jr. a resident of Fountain Hills, AZ, for 18 years, passed away Nov. 17, 2007 after a long journey with Alzheimer's.

He was born the only child of Bulis B. Densford, Sr. and Dorothy Terry Densford on March 26, 1930 in Memphis, Tenn.

He was a graduate of Columbia Military Academy in Columbia, Tenn. He served as deacon at McLean Baptist Church. He was member of the Imperial Council of the Ancient Arabic Order of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine for North America.

He umpired in the Jackson, Miss. Little League program. He also officiated in the Mississippi conferences for baseball and football high school and college. He was a well known member of the business community in Scottsdale, AZ, for more than 12 years.

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He is survived by his wife of 30 years, Audrey Felts Densford of Fountain Hills. He is also survived by a daughter, Mrs. Beth Jones of Memphis, TN; and sons, James T. Densford of Jacksonville, FL, David C. Densford of Atlanta, GA, and W. Keith Densford of Southaven, MS. He had nine grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

#### Elgan E. Brooks, Sr., Class of '53

Elgan Ellison Brooks, Sr., age 71 of Fayetteville, TN, died August 3. Winston Brooks, his brother, and

Ellison Brooks, his son, officiated at Elgan's funeral. Elgan was an All-M i d - S o u t h Guard for the CMA football team in the Fall of '52.



Elgan E. Brooks

He was a native of Frankfort, KY, He was a retired drug representative, a United States Marine Corps veteran of the Korean Conflict and was a member of the Baptist Church.

Survivors include his wife Mary Alice Cunningham Brooks of Fay-

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etteville, daughter Susan Brooks-Ramsey of Estro, FL, son Elgan Ellison Brooks, Jr. of Hernando, MS, He leaves one grandchild and one brother Winston P. Brooks of Fayetteville. Mr. Brooks was preceded in death by a brother, Mason P. Brooks.

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### Diane C. Milam, Class of '76

Diane C. Milam of Franklin, TN, passed away June 15, 2004. She is survived by sister, Melinda M. Milam; brother, Jerry C. Colley, Jr.; nieces, Susan M. Baldridge, Kathryn M. Baldridge and nephew, Thomas M. Baldridge, Jr.

Following graduation from CMA, Diane graduated from the University of Kentucky.

She was a staff photographer for the Nashville Tennessean and a winner of two Associated Press awards.

She loved horses, having ridden in the Iroquois races as well as other steeplechase events. She was a top breeder of bi-color Persian Cats.

Ms. Milam attended Bellevue Community Church in Nashville and is buried in Nashville's Woodlawn Memorial Park. BUGLE QUARTERLY is published quarterly for a \$3.00 portion of member's annual dues, by the CMA Alumni Association. First Class postage paid in Columbia, TN. POSTMASTER: Please forward address changes to CMA Alumni Association, 804 Atheneaum Place, Columbia, TN 38401-3156.

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