

# Reunion Registration Form — Page 2



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## From the President



Greetings to all Bellhops!

Happy Thanksgiving, Merry Christmas, and Happy New Year!

Last time I outlined your board's plan to preserve our CMA Heritage and inspire future generations. I would ask that you carefully consider contributing the Legacy Endowment and perhaps include it in your estate planning. Personally, I have already done so.

We had a great time in Grayton Beach Florida this year with many alumni and have some exciting plans for next year's Florida adventure. Our annual Reelfoot Lake experience will be happening in April. Hope to see many of you there.

I wanted to take some of my message to talk about a giant part of our shared history who left us this year. For those of you who attended CMA in the late 60s and to the mid-70s, AC Howell was a fixture in our Cadet life. He was our Commandant from 1968 till 1974. He was responsible for all aspects of our Cadet life. For me personally, he was a great leader and role model and made many positive contributions to my life growing up. For all of us he was the disciplinarian and often many of us chafed under his strict adherence to

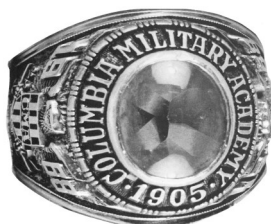
rules, but those lessons lived on in us in a positive way, after all the word discipline is derived from the Latin root word *discere*—"to learn." (Thanks Colonel Gracey!). Those lessons served us well later in life. I had the privilege to take MAJ Howell to lunch a few years back and I told him how my CMA training had helped through a perilous time when I was in the military. He remarked "You learned your lessons and then later when you needed it, you drew on them to get you through." While we lost some other fellow cadets this past year and Woody will post them, I just wanted to pay special tribute to this special man. Thank You Major Howell. You made us better.

Don't forget our reunion coming up in August! I hope to see as many of you as possible.

Until Our Next Formation ,

Tom

Tom Carr  
Class of 1975  
CMAAA President



## 2023 Grand Reunion 3-6 August 2023

### Designated Honor Group for 2023 Grand Reunion

The designated honor group for the 2023 CMAAA Grand Reunion includes everyone who attended CMA during the decade of the 1950s, Graduate or Non-Graduate. Additionally, all individuals that were in Classes that graduated prior to the 1950s will be recognized. In addition to being members of the Corps of Cadets during a period of significant growth of CMA, these classes were instrumental in the establishment, growth and accomplishments of the CMA Alumni Association as we know it today. All members of these classes are encouraged to attend the 2023 reunion and be recognized during the banquet on Saturday night.

### Class Points of Contact for 2023 Reunion

Jimmy Bane ('72) and Woody Pettigrew ('73) are the Class contacts for the 50th Reunion Classes as part of the 2023 CMAAA Grand Reunion.

**50 Year Reunion Contacts For 2023** **Class of 1972**  
Jimmy Bane  
Jbaneinvestments@yahoo.com  
205-342-0360

**50** **Class of 1973**  
Woody Pettigrew  
wpettigrew@knology.net  
256-653-7303



# Reunion Registration Form August 3rd - 6th, 2023



Please Respond by July 15th, 2023

(Please Type or Print Clearly)

NAME (Last, First, Middle) \_\_\_\_\_ Class of \_\_\_\_\_

HOME STREET ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

HOME PHONE (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ BUSINESS / CELL PHONE (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

E-MAIL ADDRESS (Please Print Clearly) \_\_\_\_\_

- Count On Me to Attend the 2023 CMAAA Grand Reunion.
- I Am Unable to Attend but have enclosed my \$50.00 for the next 2 Years Dues (\$25.00 per Year)

Names of Others Accompanying me to the Reunion \_\_\_\_\_

I Plan on Arriving at the Marriott, Franklin at Approximately \_\_\_\_\_ AM PM, on \_\_\_\_\_ (Date)

## 2023 CMAAA Grand Reunion Activity Check List

Please check those activities and functions of interest to your party. In so doing, indicate the number of participants and approximate fee per activity. Please mail this completed form with a check (payable to CMA Alumni Association) for the total amount in an envelope to arrive no later than July 15th, 2023. If you have any questions, please contact Becky Moon at 804 Athenaeum Place, Columbia, TN 38401-3156 or (931) 388-9128 or e-mail her at: becsmoon@gmail.com

### 2023 Reunion Honorees Alumni from the Decade of the 1950s and Before Please Indicate if you are part of that Group (Circle Above) Activities (Please Check All That Apply)

- Grand Reunion Registration Fee **(Required)**.....(\$25.00 per Adult) \_\_\_\_\_ x \$25.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
The registration fee is required regardless of how many or few activities registrants attend. It covers the Association's costs of (1) Promoting / orchestrating the Reunion plus goods and services, (2) Entertainment, and (3) Bugle Newsletter expenses.
- Golf Tourney, Friday—Golf Registration Form will be provided in Spring 2023 Edition of the Bugle
- Sporting Clays, Friday—Registration Form will be provided in Spring 2023 Edition of the Bugle
- Welcome Reception at Marriott, 5:30—7:30 PM, Friday.....(No Additional Charge)
- CMAAA Scholarship Fund Donation—Funding for Annual CMAAA Scholarship for CA Graduate.....\$ \_\_\_\_\_
- CMAAA General Membership Meeting, 10:00 AM, Saturday on Campus in Columbia.....(No Additional Charge)
- Reunion Banquet/Dance, 6:00 PM, Saturday.....(\$50.00/Person) \_\_\_\_\_ x \$50.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- Biennial Alumni Association Dues.....(\$25.00 per Year x 2 Years = \$50.00 per Alumni) \_\_\_\_\_ x \$50.00 = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Mail Registration Form and Check made out to CMAAA to: Becky Moon, 804 Athenaeum Place, Columbia, TN 38401

**GRAND REUNION**  
**CMAAAA**  
**2023**



**Marriott  
Reservation Process**

**Please make Reservations by 6 July to get the Special Rate.**

**Via Phone (1-888-403-6772):**

1. Ask for Reservations
2. Provide arrival/departure date
3. Reference the CMAAAA to get the special rate of \$149.
4. If they ask for a code to receive the rate, it is CMA.

**Via Internet:**

1. Click this hyperlink: [Book your group rate for Columbia Military Academy Alumni Association](#)
2. To go to the hyperlink, left click on it. This puts you at the CMA Reunion Room Registration page with the special \$149 per night rate.
3. Enter the check-in and check-out dates as well as the room information and click on Check Availability.
4. Verify the room information and rate on the next page and click Select.
5. Continue making reservations by following instructions on the next page.

**If Hyperlink does not work:**

1. Please call the number above to make reservations.
2. The hotel website is [www.marriott.com/bnacs](http://www.marriott.com/bnacs) for general information.

**Make this Reunion the one that you will attend. Come spend time with your old classmates and share some memories.**

**Sporting Clays Shooting Event  
In Planning For Reunion**



We are trying to determine interest in having another Sporting Clays event during the 2023 Reunion. Dudley Doolinger ('73) has again agreed to head up the event but we need to determine the interest before he can make arrangements with the Nashville Gun Club. If you are interested in participating this year please get in touch with Dudley so he can determine if there is enough interest. Please contact Dudley at 615-476-1820 or at [ddolinger@comcast.net](mailto:ddolinger@comcast.net) and let him know if you are interested. Take out some of your frustrations on a Sporting Clay.

**How About a Round of Golf  
During the Reunion**



As in years past, the Association is looking at setting up a golf outing on Friday of the reunion weekend. The format and location are being discussed based on the anticipated participation level. Since we have had a difficult time getting enough participants to justify a golf course closing the facility for our group to play a shotgun start scramble type tournament, other formats are being considered, as well as an appropriate location. If you are interested in playing, please contact Bill Wade at [englandclarkwade@bellsouth.net](mailto:englandclarkwade@bellsouth.net) and let him know so he can begin to get an idea on the participation level. A decision needs to be made soon so if you would like to play a round of golf on Friday please get with Bill and let him know. If there is enough interest, more information and a registration form will be available in the Spring 2023 Bugle.

**Please let Dudley and/or Bill know if you are interested in either of these events. They need to know the interest level.**

**GRAND REUNION**  
**CMAAAA**  
**2023**

**Schedule of Events**

**Thursday, August 3**

1:00 PM: Early sign-in and registration in Marriott CMA Registration Room until 7:00 PM  
Optional: Individual class activities and free-style group gatherings

**Friday, August 4**

9:00 AM: Registration in CMA Registration Room until 5:30 PM  
To Be Determined based on Interest:  
Golf Tournament—Details in Spring 2023 Bugle  
To Be Determined based on Interest:  
Sporting Clays Shooting Event, Nashville Gun Club, 1100 County Hospital Road, Nashville, TN  
5:30 PM: Welcome Reception , CMA Registration Room  
Optional: Individual class activities and free-style group gatherings

**Saturday, August 5**

9:00 AM: CMA Museum open until 2:00 PM except during CMAAAA General Membership meeting  
9:30 AM: Board Meeting, Columbia Academy Chapel (Old Main)  
10:00 AM: CMAAAA General Membership Meeting in CA Chapel  
- Columbia Academy welcome and update  
- Election of Board Officers  
- Hall of Honor Inductions  
11:00 AM: Flag Ceremony for Departed Cadets in Classes of '72 and '73  
12:00 PM: Individual class activities and free-style group gatherings  
3:00 PM: Registration in CMA Registration Room until 6:00 PM  
5:00 PM: Class Group Photos in CMA Registration Room  
6:00 PM: Reunion Banquet / Recognition Ceremony / Dance at Marriott Ball Room

**Sunday, August 6**

Optional: Individual class activities and free-style group gatherings, breakfast, worship, and departure as desired

# CMAAA Board of Directors Meeting Minutes 22 October 2022

## Attendees

Tom Carr-President (75), Mike Glover-Vice President (74), Sandra Hasler-Secretary (74), Becky Moon-Treasurer (75), Ron Nall (61), Charles Field (63), Harold Smith (63), Gene Van Meter (63), Robin Salze (66), Bill Wade (68), Howard Keltner (69), Bobby Bain (72), Jimmy Bane (72), Dudley Dolinger (73), Tricia Murphey-Brown (74), Winston Elston (74), Van McMinn (76), Bob Orr (76), Jay Robins (76), Shayne Harris (78)

## Meeting Minutes

The CMAAA Board Meeting was called to order at 12:00 PM on Saturday, October 22, 2022. Our meeting was moved to a later time during the day to allow board members the opportunity to attend the visitation and service for A.C. Howell. Thank you, Tom, for making this possible. The meeting began with a moment of silence in remembrance of Board members and cadets we've recently lost. Tom Carr read a list of those alumni: William Benford ('50) Allen Lay ('46) Joe Clark ('50) T. James Poe ('55) Randy Jackson ('60) Ron Stone ('63) Henry Williams ('64) Don Noffsinger ('63) Frank Griswall ('69) Bill Fry ('76) Walt Dunbar ('72) John Johnson ('52) Tom Templeton ('55) Berdan Craige ('64) James Reese ('42).

Bill Wade gave the Invocation and Tom Carr led the Pledge of Allegiance.

Becky Moon gave the Treasurer's report. The balance in the checking account as of Oct. 4, 2022 is \$28,156.85. She stated the biggest question that needs to be addressed at some point is payback from the General Fund to the Museum Fund. Expenses between January 1, 2021 and October 4, 2022 total \$32,814.09. These expenses include reunion expenses, *Bugle*, CMA scholarship, refunds, Miscellaneous, Board Luncheon and TN Secretary of State. A deposit of \$6,000 was paid to the Marriott for the Reunion in 2023. Income May 4 through October 4 is \$3,651.95. Estimated expenses between October 4, 2022 and December 31, 2022 totals \$750.00. The estimated income from May 1, 2022 through December 31, 2022 is \$100.00. She explained that the reason the CMA scholarship shows a discrepancy is due to the benefactor who wished to increase the yearly

\$1,500 amount by giving \$5,000; raising the fund to \$6,500.00. John William's granddaughter, Eden Carnahan received the 2022 scholarship. It is definitely worth recognizing that eleven previous members of this family attended CMA. Tom asked for a motion to be made for the Minutes from the May 7 Board Meeting to be approved; a motion was made, Winston Elston seconded, and the Minutes were approved.

## Old Business

CMA Day will be Friday, January 6, 2023. Chapel will meet in the Study Hall at 9:40 AM. There will be a basketball game that evening for those interested in attending. Tom is asking for those attending the assembly to please arrive around 9:15 and there will be lunch served following Chapel. Eating lunch with the students gives an opportunity to engage in conversations with them and answer any other questions they might have.

Mike Gilchrist was unable to attend the meeting to discuss the Photo report, however, Tom said that Mike is working with an individual to get all of our photos digitized. They will begin by doing a "trial run"; scanning a couple of the photos to see what they look like in digital format. Then there will be discussion about the cost. All the photos/negatives that were bought from Orman's Studio and currently are being stored in Johnson Hall will be involved in this process. Tom also said once the photos are scanned, with the help of volunteers, we could go back and tag them. This would be a wonderful archive to use and would help with identifying the "who" and "when". And this may eventually be a part of the Columbia Academy website, labeled as archive.

The 2023 Grand Reunion will be the weekend of Aug. 3-6. We will be honoring the classes of the 50's; 1950-1959. If anyone from the 40's attends, they will be recognized, as well. The registration form should be in our next *Bugle*, so everyone can plan ahead and mail in reservations. We are hoping for a good turn out. There was discussion about having the Board meeting prior to the General Meeting Saturday morning instead of holding it at the Marriott Friday afternoon. The Board will plan to meet at 9:30 AM on Saturday, August 5, with the General Meeting following at 10:00.

Tom Carr is planning to send a letter to all existing alumni explaining the CMAAA Legacy Endowment; information about the endowment and

what we are trying to do, and to encourage interest in it. Becky Moon has provided a list of CMA alumni, and CA will be helping to provide a list of their existing alumni, as well.

## New Business

The CMAAA website has some security issues. The website includes email addresses and home addresses and, being insecure, gives easy access to hackers. Tom is wanting to remove this personal information from the website. Tom stated that once this information is removed from the website and if anyone is trying to locate or get in touch with a classmate, he will be open to being called to find out how to reach that person, if he has a current address or email.

There has been a lot of discussion about the band (Reunion) and much concern over the cost. Robin Salze said that he and Becky Moon discussed this and Becky has suggested having a DJ provide musical entertainment instead. A DJ would be more cost efficient and would also allow for a variety of music genres. The cost of a DJ would be around \$500, compared to \$3,000 for the band. Robin said we need to realize with our numbers dwindling at each reunion, it may be wise to cut costs wherever we can. A motion was made to accept the plan to use the DJ for \$500 instead of the band; it was seconded, and approved.

Ron Nall suggested that we approve the General Fund and Museum financial reports before closing our meeting. The reports were approved, having no further discussions concerning the information provided.

The Board enjoyed a wonderful luncheon provided by CA. Following the luncheon, Courtney Hulsey, CA's Director of Development, joined the meeting and welcomed everyone. She told the Board that things are going well and that the enrollment at both CA campuses totals 1,154 students. She stated there are waiting lists for several grade levels, so continued growth is ongoing. She said that Dr. Thomas took a group of 7th graders on a tour in the basement of Academy Hall, into his office, and other places, all the while explaining the history of their school and campus. The students really enjoyed the information shared on the tour. Courtney shared that she had met a '71 CMA graduate over the summer. He had brought his wife to visit the campus and was thrilled when they walked into Museum. He saw the picture of a student blowing a bugle and

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told his wife, "That's me!" Jim Bryan told Courtney that they had come to town to attend a concert and it was on his "Bucket List" to come back to visit the campus and share his experience with his wife.

Tom Carr mentioned to Courtney that he would like to suggest possibly putting a donation box up in the Museum. All proceeds would go toward maintaining the Museum. Anyone who comes to visit will have the opportunity to support the upkeep of this wonderful facility which holds so much of our history and memorabilia.

### Closing

Tom Carr gave the closing prayer and the meeting was adjourned around 1:15 PM.

### CMA Day—2023

CMA Day this year will be on Friday, January 6th 2023. This day is a great opportunity for CMA Alumni to visit the campus and meet with the Columbia Academy students and talk to them about CMA. If you can participate, please meet in the Chapel at 9:15. The students will arrive for Chapel at 9:40. After the Chapel meeting, designated students will remain to have a question and answer session with the CMA Alumni. Afterwards, CMA Alumni are invited to have lunch with the students in the Mess Hall. Eating lunch with the students gives an opportunity to engage in conversations with them and answer any other questions they might have. There will be a basketball game that evening for those interested in attending. Even if you could not participate in the CMA Day activities, come to the campus Friday night to watch the basketball game. CMA Day has proven to be a great experience for the alumni that are able to participate, sharing their CMA memories with young students.



## CMA History Part 2 — From Arsenal to Academy

### From Arsenal to Academy

As the need for a military arsenal in Columbia diminished, the citizens of Columbia conceived a plan to have the property set up for educational purposes. Senator E. W. Carmack and Congressman L.P. Padgett, both of Columbia, cooperated in this movement. This involvement, along with the earlier involvement of Congressman W.C. Whitthorne of Columbia in the establishment of Columbia Arsenal, demonstrated the political support provided by Columbians in the early days of Columbia Arsenal and Columbia Military Academy. As a result, an Act of Congress in 1904



Senator Carmack



Representative Padgett

(approved on 2 April) authorized the Secretary of War, Frank Elmer Oliver, to transfer the Columbia Arsenal property to Columbia Military Academy with the condition that the estate created would be used for educational purposes only. Additionally, the Secretary of War was given full rights of visitation to the school and could, in his discretion, prescribe a military curriculum for the school. Finally, the Act also stipulated that the United States had the right to use the property for military purposes at any time on demand of the President of the United States.

The first Board of Directors meeting of the Columbia Military Academy was conducted at the Tulane Hotel in Nashville Tennessee on 25 April 1904, two days after Congress approved the Act transferring the Columbia Arsenal to Columbia Military Academy. Board members present for this first meeting were B. Lawton Wiggins, James H. Kirkland, Seymour A. Mynders, Harvey H. Hannah, William E. Bostick, Edward E. Barthell and Abram M. Tillman. The first order of business was the election of officers for the board. B. Lawton Wiggins was elected President, Seymour A. Mynders was elected Vice President and A.M. Tillman was elected Secretary and Treasurer. A resolution was then formally adopted that authorized and directed Mr. Wiggins and Mr.

Tillman, President and Secretary, to execute a formal acceptance of the Columbia Arsenal property to be transferred to Columbia Military Academy by the Secretary of War. The board then approved a motion for Mr. Wiggins and Mr. Tillman to select and procure a seal for Columbia Military Academy. Finally, the board approved a motion that Professor H.C. Weber be made custodian of the property to be conveyed to Columbia Military Academy. Thus, two days after the Congressional Act was approved the CMA Board took the first steps in establishing Columbia Military Academy.

During the next Board meeting on 6 May, 2004, the board adopted the seal of Columbia Military Academy. Also of note from the second meeting of the Board was a resolution that the President travel to Washington, D.C. and deliver the formal acceptance of the Columbia Arsenal property to the War Department and receive the deed from the Secretary of War. That official transfer took place on 10 May, 1904.

The Board conducted its first meeting on the CMA property on 8 July 1904. An interesting nuance of this meeting is that the Board approved the transfer of the property of Columbia Military Academy to the new corporation, "The Columbia Military Academy". This was done to meet the requirements set out by the government. Columbia Military Academy was originally founded as a stock company and remained so until 1949. The original restrictions placed by the federal government kept the physical plant separate from the school operation and governed by a separate board. The Board of Trustees, or Government Board as it was called, leased the property to an Operating Board. Professor Weber made a verbal report as custodian stating that he was on the premises on 30 June, 1904 and received the property from the Federal authorities. The Board members then had an additional meeting; that meeting being as the Board of Directors of The Columbia Military Academy. Mr. Wiggins was elected temporary Chairman and Mr. Tillman was elected temporary Secretary of the Board. The Board then approved the By Laws of The Columbia Military Academy. After the By-Laws were adopted, Mr. Wiggins was elected President, Mr. Mynders Vice President and Mr. Tillman Secretary of the Board. At this point there were two separate Boards; the Board of Trustees (Government Board) and the Operating Board. The President and Secretary were authorized to borrow whatever

amount of money might be necessary to meet the current expenses of Columbia Military Academy and they were also authorized and empowered to execute a mortgage on all the property to secure a loan not exceeding \$50,000 to be used in improving and repairing the property and furnishing necessary capital to start operating the school. The Executive Committee was then authorized to make a contract with Mr. H.C. Weber for the conduct of Columbia Military Academy. Finally, a motion was made, and unanimously carried, that Columbia Military Academy not be opened until the Fall of 1905.

There was a meeting of both boards on March 27, 1905. This meeting was called at the request of Mr. Weber. CMA was experiencing financial problems before the school had even opened. Mr. Weber reported that he had been assured that the necessary funds would be forth-coming, and as a result he had made statements in Columbia that were now embarrassing since the money necessary to adapt the buildings for school purposes had not been obtained. Additionally, expenses incurred to that date were approximately \$3,000, which he could not afford to lose. Finally, he did not want to let an opportunity pass for him to be elected Superintendent of the Nashville City schools unless he had positive and definite assurances that the Trustees could provide the necessary money to start the school. As a result, the board asked Mr. Weber and Mr. Bostick to assess some different propositions from various persons looking to open the school. During a subsequent meeting of the two boards on April 18th 1905, the committee of Mr. Weber and Mr. Bostick reported out on two propositions that were made for the opening of the school. One proposition was submitted by Mr. Dudley Gale and another was submitted by Professor J. C. Hardy from Southwester University in Texas. After discussion of the two propositions, the Board unanimously accepted the Hardy proposition and the President was authorized to execute the necessary lease or contract with Professor Hardy.



Professor J.C. Hardy

The President and Secretary were then authorized and instructed to ex-

ecute a deed conveying the property of Columbia Military Academy to The Columbia Military Academy. Mr. Weber resigned as Superintendent. Professor Hardy became the Principal and brought with him Professor Edgerton as Co-Principal. These two served as the initial leaders of the school when the first cadets arrived in the Fall of 2005. They remained as Co-Principals of Columbia Military Academy until June 1912.



Professor John Edgerton

The two boards met on May 22, 1905 for the sole purpose of adopting the official seal for The Columbia Military Academy. Professor Weber presented the seal which had been prepared and upon a motion that unanimously carried, the seal was adopted. An impression of the seal was made on the minutes from that meeting. (That impression is still visible on the official minutes from the meeting and the stamp that makes the seal impression is on display in the CMA Museum.)

Columbia Military Academy opened on August 28<sup>th</sup>, 1905 with classes scheduled to begin on the first of September. The first year of the school was successful beyond expectation, with a total enrollment of 167 cadets representing the states of Alabama, Arkansas, Colorado, Georgia, Kentucky, Mississippi, New York and Tennessee. The first application for enrollment was received from a son for the famed horseman Pop Geers. The faculty, all college graduates, represented Vanderbilt, Cumberland, Virginia Military Institute, Hiram College and the University of Nashville. The first CMA uniforms arrived in October 1905 and CMA's long grey line took form.

*This is Part 2 of a five part series on the History of CMA. The remaining parts will be included in the next three editions of the Bugle.*

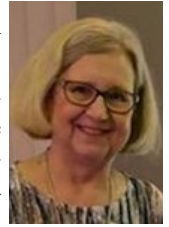
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# SILVER TAPS

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## Suzanne Salze

Suzanne Salze passed away on October 9, 2022 surrounded by loved ones. She was born in Columbia, South Carolina and grew up in Homewood, AL. From a young age, Suzanne had an awesome love for animals, particularly dogs. She was a passionate fan of Auburn University Athlet-

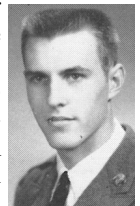


**Suzanne Salze** ics and spent many a Fall Saturday cheering on her Tigers. This passion for Auburn football was something she shared with Robin and her beloved children Brian and Robin. Suzanne was married to Robin Salze, CMA Alumnus, and was very active in the CMA Alumni Association. For numerous years she worked the registration booth for the CMAAA Reunions, devoting much time and energy to the association. When Robin became President of the Association, Suzanne furthered her efforts supporting the association and spent five years supporting Robin and the association while he was President from 2016-2021. Her dedication to the Association was evident as she was instrumental to the execution of the bi-annual CMAAA Reunions. She is preceded in death by her parents, William and Margurette Moore and her brother George Moore. She is survived by her loving husband of 51 years Floyd Robin "Pierre" Salze; son Brian Salze (April); daughter Robin Salze Williams (Jim); grandson Andrew Salze; and brother Bill Moore.

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## Pete Harris, Class of '58 PG and Faculty Member

Woodrow "Pete" Harris, 82, of Nashville and formerly of Columbia, passed away on Thursday, October 13, 2022 in Nashville. Pete was born on December 6, 1939 in Mount Pleasant to the late Woodrow and Hazel Harris. Pete's gift as an athlete was first recognized and flourished when he joined the Monsanto Little League/Babe Ruth baseball team of which his father was the coach. From



**Pete Harris**

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there, he went on to show excellence and racked up many personal records that held for over twenty years. He attended CMA for one year as a Post Graduate with the Class of 1958. He was recruited by Memphis State in three sports, the most promising as a baseball pitcher; for which he was later offered a position on the roster by the Pittsburgh Pirates. He turned them down in order to finish his degree. While at Memphis State, he was President of the EK Chapter of Sigma Chi and met his future bride of Miss Portia Swaim who he married in 1961. Upon graduation, he was offered the Athletic Director position at CMA also taking on the head coaching job of the football program along with ten other varsity sports. Under his leadership, CMA took the titles of Mid-South Baseball Championships in 1964 and 1965 and the 1965 Mid-South Football Championship. Pete was at CMA from the Fall of 1963 until the end of the 1971-72 school year. Following his success at CMA, he was hired by 3M where he sold the first artificial turf for the company to the Dallas Cowboys organization. His talents were again recognized by SpotBilt, and from there, Pete enjoyed his relationship with Bear Bryant at Alabama among other prominent programs. After raising his family in Columbia, he saw opportunities in property and became a licensed Real Estate Broker. He furthered this calling and later received his Tennessee Contractor's License. Radnor/Pulte Homes offered him a position where he met his future wife Rebecca Rountree who he married in 1998. Together, they formed Harris Homes in Brentwood, TN and with the company built over one hundred Harris Homes Luxury Homes in Brentwood and Green Hills. Pete is survived by his wife, Rebecca Rountree Harris; Children, Kim (Brian) Sanderson, Shannon Harris, and step daughter, Salli (Eric) Parrish; Grandchildren, Drew (Laura) Sanderson, Elliott Sanderson, Audrey Sanderson, Madison Flowers, Haley Flowers, Lacey Hagan, and Whit Hagan; Great Grandchild, Andres Sanderson; Sisters, Peggy Holcomb, Susan Hamby, and Connie (Bobby Lee) Harris; and several nieces, nephews, and cousins.



**Pete Harris**

## **A.C. Howell, Faculty**

Albert Carmack (A.C.) Howell, Jr., 83, retired Maury County Budget Director, died Saturday, October 15. The son of the late Albert Carmack Howell, Sr., and Nancy Helen Little Howell, was born on October 13, 1939, in Dyersburg, TN. After graduating from Columbia Central High School in 1957, he attended Tennessee Tech, graduating with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Mathematics. A.C. returned to Columbia following graduation and was employed as a teacher at CMA in 1964. After two years at CMA, he became Commandant of Cadets and remained in that position until 1974 when he left CMA to become assistant budget director of Maury County. A.C. became budget director and director of purchasing after two years and continued in these positions for 24 years, retiring in 1999. In 1973, he opened The Wheel Bicycle Shop on the Columbia Public Square and operated it through December 2016. A.C. was a past president of the Columbia Noon Rotary Club, past member of the Columbia Planning Commission, former Chairman of the Columbia Historic Planning Commission, and a past board member of King's Daughters School, Habitat for Humanity, Columbia Main Street, and Rippavilla as well as a member of the first class of Leadership Maury. He was a long-time member and elder of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church and attended church at McCain's. In his youth, A.C. participated in many sports, but his first love was baseball. He was member of the Little League, Pony League, CHS, and American Legion teams. As an adult, he followed baseball and enjoyed many spring training trips to Florida and Arizona with his friends. A.C. was preceded in death by his wife of 52 years, Judith Gillespie Howell. He is survived by daughters Amy Howell Carney and Mary (Jeff) Mahoney, four grandchildren, and brother Greg (Therese) Howell.

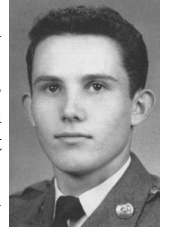


**A.C. Howell**

## **Walter Broadfoot, Class of '55**

Walter Marion Broadfoot Jr. was born on September 21, 1936, in Morgantown, WV, to Walter Marion Broadfoot and Myrtis Brasell Broadfoot. He attended CMA for three years graduating with the Class of 1955. He then attend-

ed and graduated from Mississippi State University where he was a member of Kappa Sigma Fraternity. He was the most devoted Bulldog all of his life. Mississippi State sports were a lifelong passion and he always 'wrapped it in maroon and white'. Walter proudly served his country in the U.S. Army, stationed in Fort Polk, LA. After the Army, Walter started his career with Holiday Inn Incorporated in Memphis where he forged strong relationships with fellow hotel executives. After his time with Holiday Inn, he went out on his own, creating multiple hotel and restaurant ventures. He was especially proud of the development of the partnership group that renovated and operated the former Madison Hotel in downtown Memphis. Walter was so fortunate to love his chosen life's work. He was a member of the University Club of Memphis for 40 years and was especially fond of afternoons with friends in the Men's card room. He had a home at Horseshoe Lake in Arkansas where he enjoyed boating, fishing, biking, and entertaining friends and family. Walter enjoyed flyfishing in Mountain Home, Arkansas, as well as biking trips with his dear Horseshoe friends, and Colorado ski trips with his beloved family. Walter leaves behind his wife of 61 years Anne Uhlhorn Broadfoot, his son The Rev. Walter Marion (Chip) Broadfoot III (Becky, and daughter, Leslie Broadfoot Horn (David), as well as four grandchildren, and a great grandson.



**Walter Broadfoot**

## **James Couch, Class of '56**

James Cummins Couch, Jr., 84, retired employee of Middle Tennessee Bank and resident of Columbia, died Monday, November 14, 2022. Born May 12, 1938 in Davidson County, he was the son of the late James Cummins Couch, Sr. and the late Rebecca Louise Wallace Couch. He attended CMA for two years graduating with the Class of 1956. He then graduated from Vanderbilt University, and served in the United States Army,



**James Couch**

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where he retired as Colonel. James was very active with the American Red Cross, Rotary Club, where he was a Paul Harris Fellow and District Governor, an Eagle Scott, and former County Commissioner. He was a member of Hampshire Community Church. Survivors include his wife, whom he married June 27, 1964, Kate Anderson Couch; children, Kathie Couch (Rich) Prybilla; Dr. James Cummins (Mary) Couch, III; Montie (Rene) Couch; Wally Couch; Edwin Couch; Chris (Jayda) Couch; sisters, Ginger Harlan; Matilda (Sammy) Beard; seventeen grandchildren; ten great grandchildren. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his brother, Wally Couch.

## D. R. Smith, Class of '60

Devereux Richard Smith, who everyone knew as D.R., passed away October 8th, 2022. Devereux was born March 4, 1942, in Shreveport, Louisiana. He attended CMA for two years, graduating with the Class of 1960. During college he served in the Coast Guard and eventually made his way to Ole Miss,



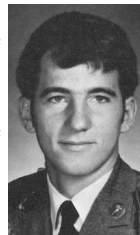
**D.R. Smith**

where he was a member of the Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity. More importantly, he met the love of his life, Janet Hoover. Janet and D.R. married 1967, and started a family in Shreveport, Louisiana, raising two children. A successful real estate appraiser, D.R. was awarded the SRA designation and eventually built a solid practice to which he loved and was part of his life

for over 40 years. D.R.'s other passions included bird hunting: quail, duck and woodcock. He participated in hunts from his early childhood to this past winter. He also loved his tennis days at Pierremont Oaks Tennis Club, and coffee with friends at the YMCA. His biggest love was the love for his family. D.R. and Janet were married for 54 years, as he adored her every minute knowing she was way out of his league. He loved his children to no end. His two granddaughters were the apple of his eye, as they brought so much joy to his life. D.R. was preceded in death by his father, Thomas Julian Smith MD and mother, Laura Devereux Smith; and his sister-in-law, Carol Hoover. D.R. is survived by his wife, Janet Smith; daughter, Rishia Herrington Richards (Alan); son, Justin Devereux Smith (Holly); granddaughters, Rachel Devereux Richards and Julia Frances Smith; and the family bird dogs, Milly and Mae.

## Irby Atkinson, Class of '72

Irby "Skeeter" Atkinson, 69, passed away at home on November 11th, 2022. Irby attended CMA for 5 years, graduating with the Class of 1972.



**Irby Atkinson**

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