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THE AMA COMMUNITY IS IN MOURNING

LINDA ROLLER LIVICK

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I first saw Linda Livick shortly after arriving at AMA the Fall of 1966.She was standing with a little boy who I now assume was Todd.
I remembered her as being the kind and smiling Mom who was not only raising a large family of her own, but she was someone who could make every cadet feel welcome and loved. She was for all practical purposes our mom away from home.

With all of the rigors of Military School life, Linda Livick was truly one of those rare, kind and gentle souls that we got to know and love every time we would cross paths with her on campus.

Linda was also the personification of a charming Southern Lady.

She took on the job of being every cadet's mom very seriously. I have heard her say that she loved every one of her "Boys" and I know she meant it.

Case in point.... Every time I would walk up to Linda to say hello at the dozens of Alumni reunions I have attended over the years, I would be greeted with her beautiful smile, I would give and receive a kiss back from her and she would ask me, "Doug, how are things in Puerto Rico? Yes, she really cared very much for her AMA Cadets.

We have lost one of the last great living legacies of our beloved AMA. Linda Roller Livick was born and raised within yards of the AMA Campus and she is one of the reasons that we all remember and cherish our time spent there.

Linda, I will miss your warm smile and southern charm.

Rest in Peace Miss Livick.

Douglas W. Pennock - AMA '72

Charles S. Roller "The Big Boy" and Linda 1942

Linda Livick Roller was a Stuart Hall graduate and graduated in 1953. I was a 1973 graduate so this resulted in my reunion year overlapping with her year. Linda was our Alumni Director for many years and I am guessing retired in about 1998. I returned with Ron for the first couple of reunions and Linda and Mal took such an interest in him and asked after him without fail. The epitome of a Southern Lady and someone we should all try and emulate.

I met Linda initially as I attended dress parades and dances on AMA property and I knew she was an SH graduated. Linda asked me to be the class agent back in 1978 or so and I have been it ever since except with an occasional break now and then. Linda told me I was her best class agent and I have to assume it is true because Linda

does not tell falsehoods. I am sure this is how we became good friends because if she asked me to do something, I gladly did. it. In 1993 I was asked to served on Stuart Hall's Alumnae Council. Since I lived in Cincinnati, this could have been a problem, but I was an airline employee so that made things a little easier to travel. I remember Linda sharing with me quietly that if I served on these boards/councils, I would be expected to make some nice gifts to Stuart Hall.

Looking back this amused me. I had just missed a huge capital campaign for building our Middle School and I feel sure Ron and I were in NO position to support it, but things changed.

When I would visit the Valley, I would always try to get on Linda and Mal's dance card. We had many meals together at the local eateries, we attended funerals together, Founder's Day at AMA, and AMA events, and we just had some jolly good times. She never had a mean word to say about anyone. She was always very gracious and she and Mal were like second parents to me. She never FORGOT my birthday. Her memory was phenomenal. I was afraid to say anything about anyone who lived in Virginia for fear they would be related to Linda or her family!!!

Her children, her grands and her great grands were very much a part of her life and then all of the cadets that she has known over the years. She was fond of all of them.

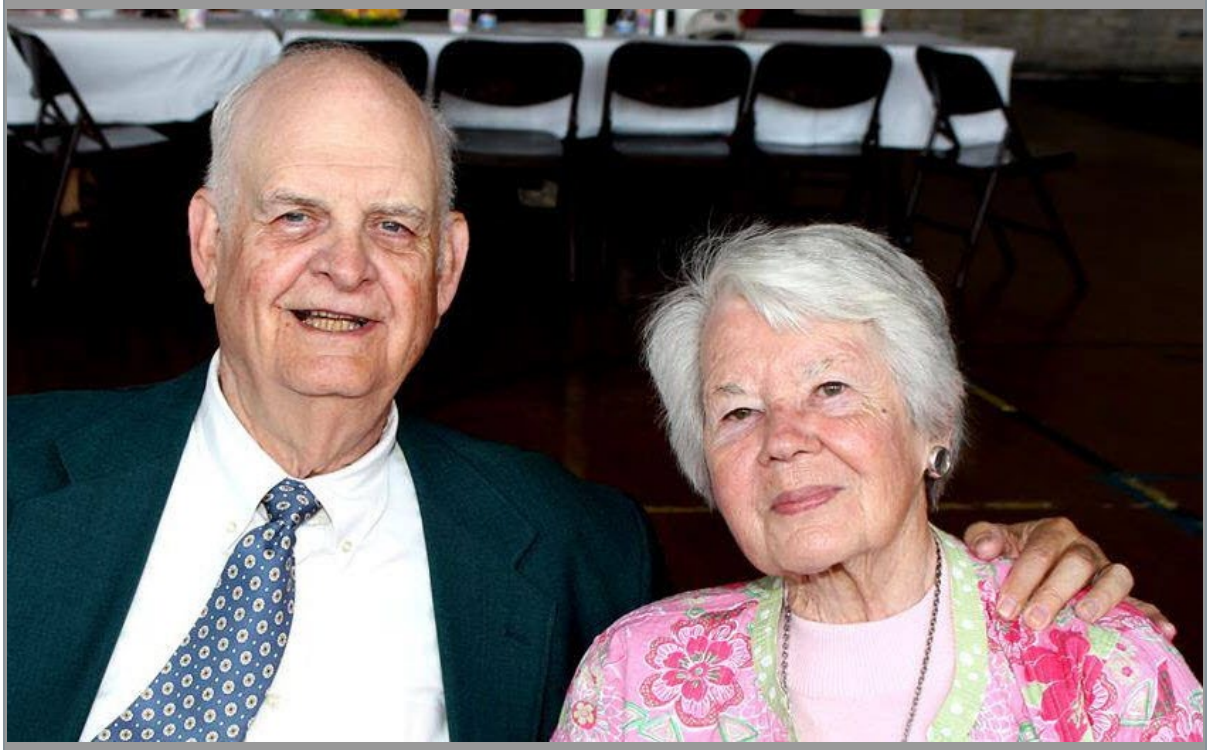
There is a room at our Alumni House named in honor of Linda Roller Livick. Monies were collected in her honor when the house was purchased and renovated. Initially our dear friend Boots Mason, who passed a few years ago, would always stay in the LRL room and Linda would ask me who was staying in "her room". If the house was crowed, I bunked in with Boots. Since Boots died, I stay there and Linda would get a big kick out of my telling her that I was staying in "her room". She will be greatly missed by our Stuart Hall community.

I know Linda was a member of the Augusta County Garden Club for over 50 years. She cherished this group of friends. She would tell me about the homes on the tour or what they were doing. There were occasions that I would send flowers to Linda and her family and I

always let the florist know; she is a member of the Augusta County Garden Club and nothing shabby!!! Her thank you note/card/call would be very timely. Put me to shame.

She was, without a doubt, one of my dearest, loving friends.

Susan Yates - Stuart Hall '73



Mal and Linda Roller Livick

It's heartbreaking to hear of Linda Livick's passing….

An iconic era has passed along with her….one of hard work, pride, dedication, patriotism, family values and family history
Her influence in my life began the first time I saw her in the summer of 1966…. She was in her mid-30's … beautiful, full of energy and grace and very confident.

Over the years when I'd see her at reunions…she was always graceful, welcoming, pleasant and polite and usually with a story about her family, Stuart Hall or her garden….

Visiting her and Mal in their new home was rare for me, but always like visiting a museum…they made time for us AMA cadets … I can only imagine how many people she touched in her long life … she remembered and influenced every one she ever met and her stories we so interesting.

I was always amazed at her strength…the mother of five who bore the anguish of losing two children. She's now rejoined with Charlie and Taylor… I guess it's true… what doesn't destroy you, makes you stronger
God Speed Linda Roller Livick…Rest in Peace

Garry Granger - AMA '71

Left to right - Todd, Lee, Mal Jr., Linda and Mal Livick

There will be a memorial service at the Old Stone Church in Ft. Defiance on Saturday July 10, 2021 at 11:00 am. The family has requested that in lieu of flowers, you may make a donation to the Old Stone Church or the AMA Foundation.

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