



Remembering our brothers who have passed from this life

BRATTON, PAUL HANGER '48

Paul Hanger Bratton, 78, of Millboro, VA., died 13 June 2006 at Stonewall Jackson Hospital, Lexington.

Born in Staunton 31 March 1928, he attended public school in Staunton and Augusta Military Academy from 1944 to 1948. He graduated from Augusta in 1948 as Cadet First Captain (Battalion Commander.)

He enlisted in the Army in July 1948, and served with 3rd Army Infantry at Ft. Meade, MD, before being assigned to the ROTC Military Detachment at Augusta in June 1949. He served at Augusta until discharged in 1952.

After military service he returned to Worthington Hardware Company in Staunton, where he had worked as a youth with his father. In January 1970 he was elected President and General Manager. He left Worthington and started Bratton's Hardware and Explosives Company in 1973.

He also served as President of the Staunton Chamber of Commerce, President of the Staunton/Augusta Economic Development Commission and President of the Augusta Lion's Club, where he was a fifty-year member. He was a Captain in the Virginia Defense Force and worked in Home Property Management and Engineering Services. He was a charter

member at the Covenant Presbyterian Church.

Survivors include his wife, Ruby Cason Bratton of Millboro; four sons, Paul Hanger Bratton Jr. and Judy Price, of Talkeetna, Alaska; John C. Bratton and Paula Phillip-Bratton, of Staunton; David M. and Angela Bratton, of Millboro; and Master Sergeant Michael P. Bratton, of Fort Bragg, NC; one brother, Reverend Jesse Bratton, of Vinton; eleven grandchildren, five great grandchildren and a number of nieces and nephews.

A graveside memorial service to celebrate his life was held on 15 June 2006 at Windy Cove Cemetery, Millboro Springs, with Mr. Fred Leach officiating. Military graveside honors were performed by a US Army detail from Fort Lee, VA. Interment of his cremains was private. .

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– June 13, 2006

Paul Hanger Bratton, 78, of Rt. 1 Box 99, Camp Yellow Jacket Road, Millboro, Va., died, Tuesday, June 13, 2006 at Stonewall Jackson Hospital, Lexington.

Born in Staunton, Va., March 31, 1928 he was a son of the late Jess M. and Pearl Hanger Bratton.

Mr. Bratton attended public school in Staunton and Augusta Military Academy from 1944 - 1948. In 1946 he was Cadet 1st. Lt. on Battalion staff and in 1947 was Cadet Captain Adjutant. He graduated from Augusta Military Academy in 1948 as Cadet Major Battalion Commander.

He enlisted in the Army in July 1948, and served with 3rd Army Infantry at Ft. Meade, Maryland, before being assigned to R. O. T. C. Military Detachment at Augusta Military Academy in June 1949. He served at Augusta Military Academy until discharged from military service in 1952 with letter of Commendation from Commanding General Second Army.

After military service he returned to the hardware business, which he had been working in since he was eight years old with his father. In January 1970 he was elected President

and General Manager of Worthington Hardware Company, Inc. In 1973 he left Worthington Hardware and started Bratton's Hardware and Explosives Company. He also served as President of the Staunton Chamber of Commerce, President of the Staunton/Augusta Economic Development Commission and President of the Augusta Lion's Club where he was a fifty year member. He was a Captain in the Virginia Defense Force and worked in Home Property Management and Engineering Services. He was a charter member at the Covenant Presbyterian Church.

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A graveside memorial service to celebrate his life will be held on Thursday, June 15, 2006 at 3:00 P.M. at Windy Cove Cemetery, Millboro Springs with Mr. Fred Leach officiating. Military graveside honors will be performed by a U. S. Army detail from Fort Lee, Virginia. Interment will be private.

In keeping with his requests his body has been cremated. There will be no viewing or visitation, however friends may call anytime at the residence on Camp Yellow Jacket Road, Millboro.

The family suggests that memorial tributes take the form of contributions to the Augusta Lions Club, PO Box 2613, Staunton, Va. 24402.