



Remembering our brothers who have passed from this life

Roger Taney Brooke, '51

January 6, 1932 - 1985



His manly figure leading the AMA Band brought glances of admiration and approval — Intellectually gifted athletically endowed he came into his own this year both as a wrestler almost undefeated and a lacrosse player of fame — Roller Rifles — Honor Roll — Captain of the Band Courteous — affable — industrious gentleman without equal — Varsity Football player — rare combination of brawn and brains.

No obituary was located. The following was published in the Fall 2004 Bayonet:

He was tall, athletic and handsome and his plumed shako made him look even taller. With his flowing red cape, few who saw him march at the head of the AMA Band in 1949-51 will ever forget his presence. Roger Taney Brooke, '51, came to Augusta from Washington, DC and was an AMA cadet for six years. Not only was he the commander of Band Company his senior year, he was an Officer of the Student Body, on the Honor Committee, and captain of both the wrestling and lacrosse teams. His fellow cadets voted for him in the best athlete, best built, most handsome and biggest ladies man categories.

But after he left AMA, he was lost to us for these many years. Only in August of this year did Roger's AMA friend Charles "Hap" Starr, 51, track down one of Roger's sons in Florida to learn that Roger had passed away nearly 20 years ago in Canada. Hap says that Roger got into the copper mining business in the Western United States and later in Canada where he was manager of a company called Carpco Research which did extraction of copper from ore. While Brooke lived in British Columbia, Canada, he bred and raised horses, and there he died in 1985.

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