



Remembering our brothers who have passed from this life

CHRISTY, LTC JAMES VINCENT '68

Lieutenant Colonel James Vincent Christy, 82, passed away at his daughter's home in Brandon, Florida on 30 March 2003. Colonel Christy was the Professor of Military Science and Tactics at AMA 1954-57 who came back to be Commandant of Cadets 1965-69,

Christy was a West Pointer who served in the Third Army in World War II and fought in the Battle of the Hürtgen Forest and the Battle of the Bulge where he earned a Bronze Star. He had service in Germany after the war, taught German at West Point, and came to AMA as PMS&T in 1954. In 1957, he became an advisor to the Vietnamese Military Academy in South Vietnam, served with the 101st Airborne, was a military advisor in Mali, and had his last assignment at The Pentagon. He retired in 1965 and came to AMA to teach. He served as Commandant 1966-69.

Christy received a masters in education from Madison College and taught math in Augusta County high schools for 13 years. He was an avid hunter and a member of the Stonewall Jackson Rifle and Pistol Club. He served with the Staunton police as a reserve police officer. He lived in Staunton 1965-87, then moved to Clearwater, FL, where he was appointed Commander of the Military Order of the World Wars.

Colonel Christy is survived by his wife, Marjorie, of Brandon; a sister, Mary, of Michigan; a daughter, Carol Valaes of Florida; and two sons, **James, '67**, of California and John, of Washington State.

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