



Remembering our brothers who have passed from this life

MAHANES, RONNIE ARMSTRONG '53

Ron Mahanes, President of the Augusta Military Academy Alumni Association from 1984 through 1986, passed away 4 July 1995, at Sunset, SC, after a long illness. Mahanes is remembered for his unstinting efforts to re-open AMA as the Virginia Military Academy after the forced closing in 1984.

After AMA, Ron attended the American University and was the previous owner of The Flower Mart and University-Mahanes Florist in Charlottesville, the city where he was born.

In Charlottesville, Ron was elected president of the Exchange Club. He was a member of the Orange Chapter of Harley Owners Group, and had been active on the Democratic State Committee in his home state, Virginia.

At Augusta four years: Sergeant, Band: bus driver; played Junior Baseball and Basketball.

Alumni Association President Gary Nicholson, '70, called Ron, "one of the truest friends Augusta ever had. We were saddened to hear that he had lost his battle to the illness he had fought with such strength and courage." Ron attended the 1995 Reunion in May, though he was too ill to participate in all the functions

Goodloe Saunders, '57, who bought the flower businesses from Ronnie, said that "Ron lived and breathed AMA. It was his avocation. He was always, 'talking up' the school and telling everyone what a wonderful place AMA was, and all it meant to him and his family."

He is survived by his wife, Dora "Doe" Harmon Mahanes; his mother Virginia Lang Mahanes; his children, Ronnie A. Mahanes II of Charlottesville, Gary Wayland Mahanes of Charleston, SC, Melanie Lang Mahanes-Scates of Richmond, and Spencer Armstrong Mahanes of Charlottesville; and two step-daughters, Theresa A. Theodose and Lynn T Theodose of Boulder, CO.

He also is survived by one brother, **Dr. James R. Mahanes, '56**, of Easley, SC.

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