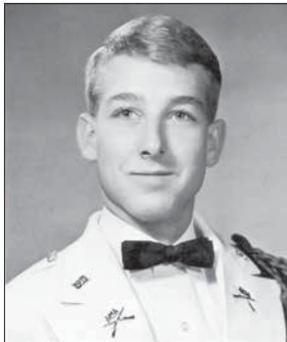




Remembering our brothers who have passed from this life

## Thomas Austin Matthews Jr., '65

August 8, 1946 - May 21, 2020



Pvt., 1; Sgt., 2; Lt., 3; Roller Rifles, 2, 3.

Suddenly Tom discovered that his path had been a big one . . . that there were people at AMA who realized what he had been doing during his three years . . . and as quiet as he had been, this made him even more quiet. But with Tom things aren't always so very quiet. With Pey and George, he's been the real Tom, and his platoon proves that he has what it takes to inject the spirit into a group. Kidded about the fact that he can pose for toothpick ads, Tom takes it all in and just gives a big grin. As a friend Tom is unsurpassed, and he'll be able to tell of his life at AMA for years to come. It's been real!

MATTHEWS, Thomas Austin Jr., 73, of Mechanicsville, died May 21, 2020, at home.

He was predeceased by his father, Thomas Austin Matthews; and mother, Edith Kelly Matthews.

He is survived by his wife of 49 years, Virginia "Ginny" Adams Matthews; children, Thomas (Dana), Troy and Dawn (Greg);

and sister, Betty Jean "BJ" Cyr (Ron). He is also survived by his 17 grandchildren, Leah, Grey, Josiah, Solenne, Jude, Pete, Reece, Ainsley, Rebekah, Henry, Levi, Timothy, Hannah, Emme, Benjamin, Elise, and Jack.

Before marriage, he served four years in the U.S. Air Force.

After working for his father at B.T. Crump, he and a friend started Northrun Saddlery, where he worked until 2017. There, he enjoyed selling equestrian equipment, attending shows and making friendships. He also enjoyed being with his buddies at Farrington Hunt Club and looked forward to deer hunting season each year. Going to the farm in Hanover on weekends to cut grass or just hang out were important and brought enjoyment to him.

A private graveside service will be held.

