



Remembering our brothers who have passed from this life

MINES, CSM ERNEST GRAY

Ernest G. "Pete" Mines of Staunton died 15 September 2008, in Fishersville. He was born 21 May 21 in Bath County, a son of the late John and Madeline Mines.

Command Sergeant Major Mines (US Army, Retired) was a Vietnam veteran. His awards included the Distinguished Service Cross, the Bronze Star for Valor, the Air Medal, the Purple Heart and the Vietnamese Gallantry Cross, with Palm.

CSM Mines was assigned to the MS&T Department at AMA from 1965-69 and returned after his retirement to serve as Commandant from 1979-1981. For the past 20 years, he was the caretaker of Staunton National Cemetery.

A graduate of Mary Baldwin College, he served as a teacher in the Augusta County school system. He was a member of Olivet Presbyterian Church, where he served as an elder and Sunday school teacher. He was a member of Augusta County Lions Club

In addition to his wife, Frances, he is survived by a son and daughter-in-law, Col. Pete and Elizabeth Mines of Fayetteville, NC.; two daughters and sons-in-law, Robin and Col. (Ret.) Edward Hevener of Lake Gaston and Kitty and Robin

Saunders of Hot Springs; a sister, Lucille Swink of Hot Springs; 11 grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; and a number of nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by a brother, George Mines, and a sister, Connie Folks.

He was buried with full military honors in Staunton National Cemetery.

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