



Remembering our brothers who have passed from this life

MINOR, JOHN BOLLING '42

John Bolling Minor, 83, formerly of Mount Vernon, OH, died 2 December 2006 at Cypress Glen Retirement Community in Greenville, N.C.

Minor grew up in Danville, VA. After graduating from Augusta Military Academy in 1942, he entered the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. When World War II began, Minor enlisted in the US Army where he served as a captain in the 507th Parachute Infantry of the 82nd Airborne Division. He parachuted into France behind enemy lines on D-Day. He was awarded a Bronze Star for gallantry and a Purple Heart for wounds suffered in combat. Watching the D-Day invasion from the air just before he jumped was one of the most memorable experiences of his life, Mr. Minor recalled in a book written about Knox County, OH, veterans.

Honorably discharged in 1946, Mr. Minor returned to UNC. He graduated in 1948 with a B.S. degree in commerce and married Genevieve Hazelwood Ray of Danville. They raised two daughters, Jane and Genevieve.

From 1949 until his retirement in 1974, Minor owned and operated the Coca-Cola Bottling Co. in Mount Vernon, OH. He was president of Ohio Bottlers of Carbonated Beverages and the Ohio Coca-Cola Bottlers Association and a director of Danville Coca-Cola for 20 years. Besides serving as a director of Citizens Building and Loan, he was a longtime director of the First-Knox National

Bank and a limited partner in Heritage Row and a developer of the Medical Arts Building.

Mr. Minor was a strong believer in civic service. He was president of the Mount Vernon Jaycees, the Chamber of Commerce, United Community Fund, the Regional Council on Alcohol and the Mount Vernon Country Club. In addition, he was a director and board member of the YMCA, the Freedom Center and the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Board. He was a member of the Rotary and Homestead Clubs and a deacon at the First Presbyterian Church.

His wife, Genevieve, died in 1974. He is survived by daughter, Genevieve M. Moeckel of New Bern, N.C.; daughter, Jane M. Woodin, and son-in-law, Raye P. Woodin III of Rocky Mount, N.C.; six grandchildren; and one great-granddaughter.

At Augusta for four years, Minor excelled in everything! *Ad Astra Per Aspera*, Best New Cadet, Best NCO, First Captain; YMCA, *Recall* Staff, Student Body Officer, YMCA (State Secretary); Fencing, Football, Track, Rifle Team and Cavalry.

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