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Remembering our brothers who have passed from this life.

Parke Hunter Cox Jr ‘54

May 7, 1936 – February 20, 2022

Parke Hunter Cox, Jr. died on February 20, 2022. He was Born in Surry, Virginia on May 7, 1936. He was the son of Parke Hunter Cox and Hazel Davies Turner Cox and the grandson of Paul Clifford Cox and Maude Evelyn Cox. He attended Augusta Military Academy and Hampden-Sydney College where he played basketball, baseball, and football. After college in 1957 he worked for Norfolk Redevelopment and Housing Authority. In 10 years, he became administrative aide to director of development. His next position was Number two man at TVDC, Tidewater Virginia Development Council under Mayor Fred Duckworth. Robert House, city manager of Norfolk at that time said, "in his opinion Hunter Cox was the most successful industrial development man he had the experience of working with." He became Director of Industrial Development for the city of Chesapeake in 1971. From his small office in South Norfolk development office, he helped locate more than $165 million in industrial investments. 38 new expanded industries gave 783 job opportunities. He was instrumental in building Greenbriar Mall, the first regional shopping centers in city which opened in 1981. Under his leadership Chesapeake Municipal Airport was constructed. It was a general aviation cargo airport serving private aircraft. The four-year-old department listed in 1973-1974 the 42 industries were located in Chesapeake. Foster Grant - produced sunglasses. Plasser American Corporation, an Austrian company - the manufacturer of railroad maintenance equipment. Volvo- Volvo built the first foreign operation in the United States in the Chesapeake Greenbrier Industrial area. They built the transit bus that bends in

the middle to make it easier to take turns on city streets. Volvo spent $150 million on the auto assembly plant and plans to employ 3500 people. He was called "the smooth-talking industrial hunter". He is survived by his wife Barbara Ann Carter Cox and their three children, Parke Hunter Cox, Suzanne Cox Stickle and her husband Joseph Walter Stickle and Paul Carter Cox and his wife Suzanne Lea Schomberg Cox and four grandchildren Jaclyn Martin Kowal and her husband Nathan Peter Kowal and Carter Cox Martin and his wife Katherine Kimiko Arita Martin and Sara Ealise Cox and Anna Elizabeth Cox and great grandson, Camden Samuel Martin. May the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communication of the Holy Spirit be with us all. R.W. Baker & Co. Funeral Home, Wakefield Chapel is serving the family.

From the 1954 Recall: “He came to Augusta with his distinguished bearing and he has fulfilled every hope of those interested in him and his future. Voted one of our stars in football, basketball and baseball-when the better guard details are announced in the Mess Hall his name will be among the first mentioned. Honor Roll achievement with distinction as he participates in all sports and still keeps up his studies. His figure with his military precision adds much to the Roller Rifles on parade.” First Sgt. “A” Company.

See more of Hunt’s cadet life at: https://archive.org/details/augusta-military-academy-recall-1954