



Remembering our brothers who have passed from this life

## James L. Pigg, '46

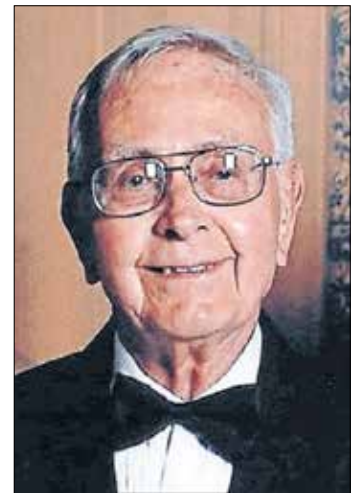
November 14, 1928 - August 11, 2018



42-43 Pvt. Cb. "C," Best New Cadet Co. "C"  
 43-44 Sgt. Co. "D," Honor Committee, Y.M.C.A. Cabinet, Ad Astra, J. V. Basketball;  
 44-45 Lt. Co. "E," Secretary of Student Body, Y.M.C.A. Cabinet, Bayonet Staff, Editor of Recall ;  
 45-46 Capt. Co. "B," President Student Body, President Y.M.C.A., Treasurer Cotillion Club, Varsity Basketball, Bayonet and Recall Staff.

Jimmy has come very close to copping just about all the honors that a cadet could in four years, and yet he is still the same country boy from Kentucky. He started his first year by winning best new cadet. This was followed the next year by his winning "Neatest Cadet," and being elected to the Honor Committee (which he has been elected to every year »nice then). Last year he was on the Y.M.C.A. cabinet, Editor of the Recall, and associate on the Bayonet. This year he climaxed everything by becoming President of the Student Body, member of the Honor Committee. Captain of "B" Company, member of the Varsity Basketball team. Cadet Adviser to the Bayonet and Recall. Treasurer of the Cotillion Club, in fact, next to Brewer, he holds down everything, and a swell job he does of all. Academically, he stayed on the Honor Roll. As to his future, we know what fate has in store for him.

Colonel (Ret.) Jimmy L. Pigg, U.S. Army, of Shalimar died on August 11, 2018 at Fort Walton Rehabilitation Center after a long and brave battle with cancer. He was born October 14, 1928 in Ashland, KY to Louis H. and Carrie Louise Pigg. He spent his youth in Freeburn, Pike County, and Richmond, KY.



He attended high school at Augusta Military Academy in Fort Defiance, VA. Dad was a 1953 graduate of the United States Military Academy, West Point, which was one of his proudest achievements and a guiding star for the rest of his life. His branch of service was Armor with specialties in Force and Research Development. His tours of duty included command at various levels of Tank and Armored Cavalry units, ROTC at Penn State University Mont Alto, a three year tour as a Military Arts & Engineering Instructor at West Point, service as an advisor to foreign military units in Iran & Vietnam, Army General Staff, as well as work in design and testing of new armored vehicles such as the M1A1 Abrams Tank.

These tours included eight years in three foreign countries and twenty-one years in nine states. Dad was a graduate of both the Army and Air Force War Colleges. He also received a Master of Public Administration from Auburn University at Montgomery. His awards include the Distinguished Service Medal, Legion of Merit, and two Meritorious Service Medals.

After retiring from the Army in 1982, Dad resided in Shalimar

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to the present day. He was associated with both the Seaspray and Breakers Condominiums on Okaloosa Island from 1983-2000. He and our mother Nellie shared many wonderful adventures in their 64 years together. He raised us to embrace adventure, integrity, hard work, and devotion to family. He was an extraordinary man who touched countless lives because of his kindness and humble, honest outlook on life.

He is survived by the love of his life, his wife Nellie Shotwell Pigg; children Craig Louis Pigg (Michael Prudent), Victoria Pigg Macut (Steven), Lee Pigg (Jill); grandchildren Sarah Macut-Martin (Don Martin), and Cooper Prudent. We would like to extend our sincere gratitude to the staff at Fort Walton Rehabilitation Center and Emerald Coast Hospice for their dedicated care.

Dad chose cremation. A Celebration of Life will be conducted Saturday, August 25 at Shalimar United Methodist Church.

Visitation will start at 10:00 A.M., followed by the service at 11:00 A.M.. In lieu of flowers, please send donations to the Wounded Warrior Project at PO Box 758517, Topeka, KS 66675.

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