



## Remembering our brothers who have passed from this life

**RHEA, ROBERT LEWIS '47 Bobby**

Died 2 March 2011 at his Staunton residence. He was 81. Bob was the son of the late Harry Lee and Maude Tolley Rhea, both of whom died when Bob was a child.

At age 9, Bob came to Staunton and was raised by his uncle, the late Augustus Dull, and his wife, Lillian, who died in 1944. Mr. Dull later married Margaret Carper, who had a profound influence on Bob's life. Born April 28, 1929, Bob was the youngest of 10 children. Bob was the last member of his immediate family.

In addition to Nancy Draper Rhea, formerly of Martinsville, his wife of 55 years, he is survived by a son and daughter-in-law, Robert and Deborah Rhea of Cortland, N.Y., and their sons, Will, Jeff and Steve; a daughter and son-in-law, Cordie and Russ Page of St. Louis, Mo.; and a son and daughter-in-law, Thomas and Claye Rhea of Virginia Beach and their children, Taylor, Susan and David. In addition, he is survived by several nieces and nephews.

A graduate of Augusta Military Academy and Bridgewater College, Bob received his LLD degree from the Washington and Lee University School of Law in 1958 and then practiced law in Staunton until his retirement in 2003. From 1964 until 1969, Bob served as commonwealth attorney for Augusta County.

Active in the community, Bob was a longtime member of First Presbyterian Church, where he served as an elder and trustee. He also was a member of the board of directors of Thornrose Cemetery; a charter member of Staunton-Augusta Rotary Club, where he was honored as both a Paul Harris and Skelton Fellow; and a former member of the local board of directors of Virginia National Bank, Sovern Bank and Bank of America.

At Augusta four years: 2d Lieutenant HQ CO; fencing, tennis, track, intramurals, Monogram Club; Honor Committee; Roller Rifles.

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