



## Remembering our brothers who have passed from this life

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### **ROLLER, CHARLES SUMMERVILLE JR. 1898**

Roller, VMI class of '01, was president of his class, captain and quarterback of the football team, and editor of the '01 Bomb. He returned to VMI as head football coach in 1907 and 1908. Elected to the VMI Sports Hall of Fame in 1973. He and his brother, Thomas J., built AMA in VMI's image: the barracks, uniforms, organization, terminology and all. (Joe Neikirk, Jun 86 Reunion).

Born 8 September 1879, died 16 Mar 1963, buried at Stone Church with his wife, Janet Campbell Stephenson Roller (4 Dec 1888 - 6 Oct 1969) On his memorial, "Principal of AMA 1907-1963".

Col Tom was the older brother and he managed the academic and business side of AMA. Charles was Commandant and managed sports and the military side.

"Maj. Gen. C. S. Roller, AMA Principal Dies

FT. DEFIANCE, March 17 [1963] (AP)

"Major General Charles S. Roller, 83, principal of Augusta Military Academy here for many years, died Saturday.

"General Roller and members of his family had been associated With AMA for well over a half-century.

#### Son of Commandant

"At the time of his birth in 1879 his father, Col. Charles S. Roller, was commandant of the school. Gen. Roller received his early education at AMA and was graduated from Virginia Military Institute in 1901, where he was captain and All-Southern quarterback of the VMI football team.

"After graduation, he became mathematics instructor and football coach at Furman University, Greenville, SC, until 1902. In that year he returned to AMA and served as commandant until 1907.

"General Roller returned to VMI in 1907 as mathematics instructor and football coach until 1908, when he became head football coach at Washington and Lee University at Lexington.

"He returned to AMA the following year and served as commandant and then principal of the academy until his death. During World War I he served with the rank of major in Europe.

"Gen. Roller is survived by his wife, Mrs. Janet Stephenson Roller, and a

daughter, Mrs. Malcolm H. Livick of Ft. Defiance. A son was killed during World War II.

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Undated obit, probably from the Richmond Times-Dispatch judging from the ads on the reverse.

Note that the obituary refers to his granddaughter, Linda Moorman Roller Livick, as his daughter. Her father, Charles S Roller III, who was killed in an auto accident north of Staunton in February 1938, is the son "killed in World War II."

There is no mention of brother Thomas Jacob Roller who actually was the principal from 1907 until his death in 1946.