



Remembering our brothers who have passed from this life

SIMMONS, THOMAS BAILEY '53

Died of cancer in Fishersville 30 January 2011. Tommy was a well-known businessman in Staunton as well as a dedicated alumnus of AMA and VPI. Tech.

Tommy was "Mister Reunion" to many longtime reunion goers. He bought, stored, carried, and poured the liquid refreshments we enjoyed at many AMA conclaves. He helped to plan and execute every reunion in the 30-year history of the alumni association. Working quietly in the background, he never shirked a task.

It was Tommy who maintained the mailing list back when our school was closed and VMI was providing the computer support (which he also arranged.). He got people together to fold newsletters and stick labels when there was a mailing to go out. He set up the arrangement with VMI's Marshall Museum where valuable AMA artifacts were safely kept, and boxes of school-related papers were stored at his business for many years.

He served as Secretary, Treasurer, and President of the AMA Alumni Association. It is no exaggeration to say that were it not for Tommy's continued and unrelenting commitment, there probably would be no alumni association.

At AMA for two years: Sergeant First Class in B Co; Varsity football, Basketball, Fencing, Baseball; Roller Rifles; *Recall*/Editor and sports editor of the *Bayonet*. ***Ad Astra Per Aspera.***

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