



Remembering our brothers who have passed from this life

SPENCER, IDA PAGE WATTS

(MRS. FRANK EDWARD SPENCER JR. '49)

Died 15 February 2016 after a very brief illness.

Ida was half of our greatest support team: Spencer and Zinkhan. For years she and Joyce Zinkhan collaborated in establishing and maintaining a standard of excellence for the local alumni, who are the actual staff of the Foundation/Association. Whatever needed to be done, they were first to lend a hand. When others were finished with the major tasks, they were still on the job, tending to the details.

Whether planning the overall project of an event like the picnic for the VMI cadets marching to New Market or the mundane and menial tasks of actually cleaning the Alumni House and Museum and presenting the best possible face to its visitors, Ida and Joyce were tireless in their efforts. Neither lady expected reward or even great praise for their efforts; they were there to get the job done, and they would do it

themselves if no one wanted to help. If something more were needed to do the job, they saw to its procurement, at their own expense if necessary.

All of this was done with the same loving spirit that they showed their husbands over the years, thus enabling the men to spend so much time and treasure on the alumni activities of a school which neither of the ladies had ever attended.

Both Ida and Joyce will be sorely missed, but the example of their dedication lives on.