



Remembering our brothers who have passed from this life

STARR, CHARLES W. JR '51 "Hap"

"Hap" Starr died 19 October 2010 of a heart attack. He and his wife, Mary Ann, had returned to the mainland after over twenty-five years of living on Water Island in the US Virgins. At the time of his death they were living in New Jersey with his son, Bill, and Hap was undergoing medical treatment for his heart.

Hap was very gregarious and never remained a stranger very long. He and Mary Ann met while they were serving in the Air Force. After that service, Hap graduated from the University of Delaware in 1959 with a bachelor's degree in economics. He had a successful career in publishing and a second career as a master carpenter. He retired to the Caribbean in 1984.

He maintained contact with many of his friends from Augusta over the years that he was in the Virgin Islands.. He never succumbed to e-mail, but he was often on the phone checking up on them and their activities.

For many years Hap attended the AMA alumni reunions, which he did at considerable cost and travel aggravation. He always came with gifts, visited friends all along the way, and took home all sorts of necessities such as an exhaust system for his truck or a part for some appliance which was not available in the USVI. He was the subject of a "Spotlight" article in the 2005 Winter issue of the Bayonet. He

was in fact the "go to guy" in the area, always available to help out in search and rescue, ferrying people, or hauling emergency supplies,

Hap also liked to write, and he contributed several articles to the Bayonet. He had played sports with "Hoover's Gangsters", attended Deane's Camp Kanata for at least one summer session, and he was the sort of man that everyone knows and who never forgets. Most of us were in his debt when he died. He is survived by his wife, Mary Ann, and three sons: Charles "Happ" IV of Texas; and Michael and William, both of New Jersey.

At AMA four years: Lieutenant, Band; Tiger Football, and Lacrosse.

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