



## Tennis Star and Coach Frank Pilley, '51

Many people who did not know Frank Pilley as a cadet... came to know him when we had that marvelous tennis competition between the alumni of Augusta and the alumni of Fishburne... played at our annual reunions each year.



**Frank prepares to send the ball back over the net  
at the first AMA/FMS Alumni Tennis Match, 1999**

As AMA's team captain for the Hudgins-Roller Cup, Frank led the AMA team to victory in the first few years of the contests.

A consistently quality player on the AMA tennis squad... he was captain of the team his senior year.

Pilley went on to VMI where he was elected team co-captain of the Keydet tennis team.

After college... Frank did not give up tennis. A career Air Force officer... retiring as a full colonel... he continued to play while he was on active duty.

Later, he played in two Virginia State individual championships in singles

and doubles and he also coached tennis in Northern Virginia high schools.

On the very last day of his life... Frank Pilley had done what he loved to do... played his regularly scheduled tennis match.

Here was a man who loved the game until the end.

And left a lasting imprint on every person he played with or played against.

Colonel Frank Pilley... tennis champ with a big heart.

