



## Phillip R Mather, Jr

February 17, 2008

Phillip R. Mather, Jr., age 66 died Sunday, February 17, 2008 at his home. Born in Cleveland, Ohio, he was the son of the late Phillip Ralph Mather and Mildred Henderson Mather. Phil graduated from the Citadel in 1963, where he was a member of the Summerall Guard. He retired from the military in 1966 at the rank of captain, having served near Frankfurt, Germany, and was a U.S. Army Airborne Ranger. Phil loved teaching and had taught at Myrtle Beach High School, Horry Georgetown Tech and currently taught at Carolina Bays Academy. He also had worked with Myrtle Beach Heating and Cooling for many years. He was a member of Socastee United Methodist Church where he sang in the choir. He was also a member of the World View Tuesday Meeting club. A sister, Elizabeth, preceded Phil in death. Surviving are his wife, Gilda Drew Mather; son, Phillip Drew Mather and wife Chihiro of Rock Springs, WY; daughter, Melissa Mather and husband Erich Fritz of Austin, TX; grandson, Miles Lincoln Fritz mather of Austin, TX and a brother, William F. Mather of Pine Bluff, NC. Services will be 11:00 AM, Wednesday at Socastee United Methodist Church with Pastor Ray Smith officiating. Interment will follow in Southeastern Memorial Gardens. The family will receive friends from 6:00-8:00 PM, Tuesday at Goldfinch Funeral Home, Beach Chapel. Memorials may be made to International Mesothelioma Program, ICO, David J. Sugarbaker, MD, Brigham and Women's Hospital, Division of Thoracic Surgery, 75 Francis St., Boston, MA 02115.



# Tribute Wall



“ I taught with Phillip at Carolina Bays Academy last year, and will remember him for the passion he had for those topics that were dear to him. On the day of his funeral, I was teaching a lesson about Africa. The tribes used to elect an "official rememberer" for their village to keep track of their history and pass it to future generations. Last year, our students nominated Mr. Mather as the official rememberer of CBA because of his keen mind for details and his love of storytelling. I think all those who knew him would agree that this title is a fitting one.##imported-begin##Joy Paul##imported-end##

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March 01, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ Dear Mather Family, I knew Phil at the M.B. airport. I will remember him as the personable and interesting gentleman that he was. You have my sincere condolences.##imported-begin##Steve Gardner##imported-end##

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February 22, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ I was sorry to learn of the passing of Phil. I have many fond memories of our Citadel times. Frank Price Class of 63 K Company Summerall Guards##imported-begin##Frank Price##imported-end##

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February 22, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ Gilda and family, I am so sorry to learn of your husband and father's passing. I know that there is a deep void in your hearts and lives at this time. I take comfort in knowing that we serve a Heavenly Father who never leaves or forsakes us and pray you will experience His presence in an unusual way through this. You are in my heart and prayers. Love, Judy###imported-begin###Judy Davis###imported-end##

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February 20, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ Drew, I am so sorry about the loss of your father. I met him when we taught at Carveres Bay. He was a great gentleman and will be greatly missed. My family will keep you in our prayers. God bless you!###imported-begin###Leveta Pierce###imported-end##

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February 20, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ One of the most dependable and well liked members of "K" company. I will miss you. Vic Shumaker###imported-begin###Victor A. Shumaker###imported-end##

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February 19, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ We have missed Phillip at school this entire year. It is comforting to think he is teaching Science to his current students using fluent German.###imported-begin###Kim & Joyce Partenheimer###imported-end##

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February 19, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ Drew, Sorry to hear of your loss. I feel your pain, I lost my step mother and father in law the past year and you will certainly be in our thoughts and prayers. God Bless you and your family in this time of need. Joe Williams The Citadel c/o 1993 Socastee High c/o 1988##imported-begin##Joe Williams##imported-end##

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February 19, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ Hello Drew and family, I wanted to express my deepest sympathy to you and your family. I know it has been very difficult for you in these past months. Your father is at peace now, free of pain and sickness. As you know I went through this a year and a half ago. It is very sad and heart aching to lose a parent. Just try to remember all the good times. You will be in my prayers and thoughts. My sincere condolences, Lorrie O'Brien##imported-begin##Lorrie O'Brien##imported-end##

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February 19, 2008 at 12:00 AM



“ Drew, I have not had contact with you for so long, but I was quite sad to hear about your Dad. You have been so heavy on my mind today. Please know you have a friend in Columbia who thinks of you often and I will be praying for you and your family.##imported-begin##Katherine Johnson Jones##imported-end##

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February 18, 2008 at 12:00 AM