



ANDREW C. ALLOCCO – Died Monday, April 17, 2017 in Greece, New York at the age of 70. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Rochester, New York on March 15, 1947 to the late Sam and Angelina Allocco. He is survived by his brother, Thomas (Lorraine) Allocco; sister, Laura (Robert) Baker; his cousin, Mary Lou Martorana-Dill; several nieces and nephews. Andrew served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Rochester Chapter #20**. The funeral service was held at 10:00 AM on Tuesday, April 25, 2017 in Christ of Light Mausoleum Chapel at the Holy Sepulchre Cemetery. Military Honors were accorded by the United States Army. Friends may make contributions to Vietnam Veterans in Andrew's memory.

CURT WILLIAM ANDERSON – Died unexpectedly on Tuesday, December 20, 2016 at Our Lady of Lourdes Medical Center at the age of 63. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania on October 3, 1953 to the late James and Marie Anderson. He resided in Willingboro for the last 37 years. Curt served in the United States Navy aboard the USS Hunley during the Vietnam War. Curt recently retired from Drexel University, where he worked in the Information Resource Technology department for 17 years. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Bordentown Chapter #899** and lifetime plank owner and member of the crew of the Blue Water Navy Vietnam Veterans Association. Two of Curt's greatest passions were music and travel. Proficient in piano, clarinet and bagpipes, he felt privileged to lend his talent to the Mission of Honor and other worthy causes. Ever excited about his next trip with his wife, he was always planning new adventures for them. But above all, he was a devoted family man. He is survived by his loving wife of 37 years, Kathleen (née Gallagher); daughter Caitlin Civitello (Lou); his four siblings James Anderson Jr. (Maureen), Marie Vesper, Teresa Jermyn (Rick) and Maureen Anderson; brothers-in-law Frank Gallagher (Dottie) and Chris Gallagher (Kaye); many nieces, nephews, great-nieces and nephews. Memorial donations may be made in Curt's name to Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter NJ 899, P.O. Box 263 Bordentown, NJ 08505 or Doane Academy, 350 Riverbank Burlington, NJ 08016. A Celebration of Curt's life was held on Wednesday, December 28, 2016 at 11:00 AM at the Bordentown Home for Funerals, 40 Crosswicks Street, Bordentown. Calling hours were held on Tuesday evening from 6:00-9:00 PM and on Wednesday morning from 9:30 AM until the time of the service. The burial was in the Brigadier General William C. Doyle Veteran Cemetery. Arrangements were under the direct care and supervision of Robert L. Pecht, Bordentown Home for Funerals, 40 Crosswicks Street, Bordentown, NJ 08505. Please go to Curt's Book of memories page at www.Bordentownhomeforfunerals.com to upload a picture, light a candle, make a donation or offer condolences to the family.

MICHAEL EDWARD ANDRE, SR. - Died Wednesday, March 22, 2017 while under the care of Hospice at the Veteran Affairs Medical Center in West Palm Beach, Florida. He was 71 years of age and a resident of Port Sainte Lucie, Florida. The cause of death is unknown. He was born February 24, 1946. Michael was a United States Marine Corps - Vietnam Veteran serving from 1965-1969. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Port Sainte Lucie Chapter**

#566. He is survived by his wife: Karon Andre, of Port Ste. Lucie, FL; his son, Michael E Andre, Jr., of MA; his son, Chad E. (Stephanie) Andre of Tampa, FL, and; his grandchildren, Christopher, Haley, Madison, Joshua and Emma Andre.



JAMES J. BACIK (USAF, MAJ-Ret.) - Died Saturday, September 17, 2016 at Gaylord Hospital at the age of 84. He was a resident of Shelton, Connecticut. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Bridgeport, Connecticut on July 14, 1932 to the late James and Mary (née Timko) Bacik and was a Shelton resident since 1976. He was the devoted husband of 48 years to Jeanette (née Boudreau) Bacik. He served with the United States Air Force for 21 years before his retirement in 1975. During his career he earned the rank of Major and also received the Purple Heart, Distinguished Flying Cross and six Air Medals. He was an *At-Large Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Connecticut**. Mr. Bacik is the beloved father of Timothy J. Bacik and his wife Michele, Jeanne Dziewulski and her husband Douglas, Lise Robinson, Dan Bacik and his wife Kim, Michelle Caruso and her husband Matthew, Jonny Maria Bacik, and James Alden Bacik, brother of Jean Casey, Don Bacik, Tom Bacik, and the late Mary Tirreno. He is the loving grandfather of twelve grandchildren and one great-grandchild. Mr. Bacik is also survived by several nieces and nephews. On Wednesday, friends were invited to go directly to Saint Margaret Mary Church, 50 Donovan Lane, Shelton at 11:00 AM for his Mass of Christian Burial. His burial with military honors was in the Lawn Cemetery.

MAURO M. BACOLO - Died Saturday, December 10, 2016 in Ocean Grove, New Jersey at the age of 69. The cause of death was metastatic cancer. He was born and raised in Brooklyn, New York. Mauro retired to the Jersey Shore with his wife, Victoria, while their son, Adrian, remained in Brooklyn. Mauro's life was spent in service to his country, community and family. He enlisted in the United States Navy at the age of 17, performing two tours of duty in Vietnam before being honorably discharged. Later, he served as Commander at VFW Post #5195 in Red Hook, Brooklyn. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Brooklyn Chapter #72**. Following the events of 9/11, Mauro re-enlisted in the military with the New York State Guard, serving 12 years in the 88th Brigade. He completed his service with the rank of Sergeant First Class. Mauro graduated from the School of Professional Horticulture at the New York Botanical Garden. He spent 30 years with the New York City Department of Parks and Recreation, overseeing horticulture operations throughout Brooklyn. Mauro brought his gardening expertise to Ocean Grove, where his home garden stood out amongst the town's best. True to character, he spent his time helping the Ocean Grove Chamber of Commerce, Citizens Patrol, Historical Society and Beautification Project. Mauro was a beloved man, patriot, veteran, husband, father, friend and neighbor who asked for very little but gave so much to others. He was known to tell his son, "You don't have to be a physicist to know what matters". Visitation hours were held from 12:00-1:00 PM and the Memorial Service was from 1:00-2:00 PM on Saturday, December 17th at Trinity Church, 503 Asbury Avenue in Asbury Park. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Intrepid Fallen Heroes Fund (www.fallenheroesfund.org). The Ocean Grove Memorial Home was in charge of the arrangements.



THOMAS SETH BAIR, SR. - Died in Harriman, Tennessee on Thursday, October 13, 2016 at the age of 72. He was a resident of Kingston, Tennessee and formerly of Shady Spring, West Virginia. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on April 17, 1944 in Daniels, Tennessee to the late James Henry Bair and Marjorie Eleanor (née Johnson) Bair. He was a disabled coal miner, and was a United States Air Force Veteran. He had made his home in Tennessee for the past two years, having moved from Shady Spring, WV. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Hico (West Virginia) Chapter #860**. He was preceded in death by two sisters, Debbie Porter and Rachel Tallman, by a brother, James Bair, and by a grandson, Ryan Looney. Those survivors left to cherish his memory include his children; Thomas Bair, Jr., of Cool Ridge, Rebekah Marlene Bair of Bastian, Virginia, and Theodore Samuel Bair of Kauai, Hawaii; four grandchildren; Jacob Tyler Looney, Natalie Brooke Richardson, Wyatt Gage Bair and Hiro Gage Bair; brothers: Charles David Bair and his wife, Cristina, of Shady Spring, Ralph Bair of Daniels, John Bair and his wife, Vicki, of Cool Ridge, Nathan Bair of Shady Spring, Gail Bair and his wife, Rose, of Salem, Virginia, and Steve Bair and his wife, Cindy, of Elkins; sisters: Naomi Meadows and her husband, Sherman, of Daniels, Margaret McComas and her husband, Larry, of Shady Spring, Carolyn Crouch and her husband, Tye, of Daniels, and Helen Cook of Ohio; the mother of his children, Loretta Kunze of Cool Ridge, along with many nieces and nephews also survive. Funeral services were conducted at 11:00 AM on Wednesday, October 19, 2016 at the Rose and Quesenberry Funeral Home Shady Spring Chapel with the Reverend Jeffery Meadows officiating. Friends visited with the family from 6:00 PM until 8:00 PM on Tuesday at the funeral home. Burial and military graveside rites were at the Donel C. Kinnard Memorial State Veterans Cemetery in Dunbar, WV. The pallbearers were family members and friends.



MILES D. BECKSTROM - Died Friday, November 4, 2016 in Ham Lake Minnesota at the age of 73. The cause of death was complications from pneumonia. He was born on May 26, 1943 in and grew up in Pine City, Minnesota. He served as a United States Navy Corpsman in Vietnam. He graduated from Saint Barnabas Nursing and Minneapolis School of Anesthesia. He worked many years as an anesthetist. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Saint Paul Chapter #320**. He is survived by his wife of 50 years, Jan; children, Kari (Paul) Solheim, David (Tracey) Beckstrom; grandchildren, Reed and Britta Solheim, Lizzie, David and Jon Beckstrom; sisters, Dar and Joy; nieces and nephew; companion LuLu; as well as friends. The family offered heartfelt thanks to all the doctors and nurses at VA Health Care who provided comfort to Miles and his family (especially the TLC from Dr. Alicia Phillips). A memorial service was celebrated at 7:00 PM with a visitation from 4:00-7:00 PM on Monday, November 14, 2016 at the Hillside Funeral Chapel (2610 19th Avenue NE, Minneapolis). Interment was in the Fort Snelling National Cemetery with full military honors. Memorials were requested in his memory to the donor's favorite charity. Washburn-McReavy.com Hillside Chapel was in charge of the arrangements.

VIRGIL K BEDWELL – Died recently in 2017 in Canton, Illinois at the age of 73. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on January 21, 1944. He is survived by his wife, Moneta Bedwell, of the home. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was an *At-Large Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Illinois**.



JOHN LEON “Shanghai Jack” BLAIR – Died peacefully on Thursday, April 13, 2017 in Lawton, Oklahoma at the age of 92. The cause of death is unknown. He was born November 1, 1924 in Detroit, Michigan to the late Collins and Margaret Blair. Right after graduating high school, John enlisted in the United States Navy in July 1943. He served during World War II, Korea, and Vietnam. During his 34 years of service he served on 21 different ships. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Lawton Chapter #751**. He married Pearl Northrup on November 24, 1951. John enjoyed collecting coins and stamps. He often attended stamp shows and coin shows with his collections. He was a member of the Stamp Club in Lawton and still attended meetings. He was a volunteer at MWR and enjoyed attending Change of Command and retirement ceremonies. He was always volunteering and helping in any way he could. He will be greatly missed by many people who knew and loved him. Survivors include his wife of 65 years, Pearl; his children: Christine Udes; son-in-law, more like a son, Richard Udes; Michael Blair; Gerald Blair; Laura Blair; Dianne Hebert; Emily Clarke; and Patricia Davis; his brother, William Blair; and numerous friends. He will be greatly missed by his family, friends and the many lives he touched during his life. A visitation was held on Wednesday, April 19, 2017 from 2:00-8:00 PM at the funeral home. The funeral Mass was held on Thursday, April 20, 2017 at 11:00 AM at Holy Family Catholic Church. Burial with full military honors was held at the Fort Sill National Cemetery, Elgin, under direction of Whinery-Huddleston Funeral Service.

DAVID L. BONE – Died Monday, April 24, 2017 in Kingman, Arizona at the age of 69. The cause of death was cancer. He was born January 19, 1948 in Pontiac, Michigan. He served in the United States Army from March 25, 1968 to 1969. He was a ride captain for the Patriot Guard Riders. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Kingman Chapter #975**.

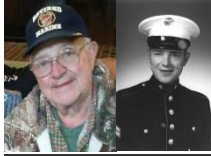
JAY S. BROWN – Died Wednesday, June 17, 2015 in Owings Mills, Maryland at the age of 67. The cause of death is unknown. He was born April 28, 1948. He is survived by his wife, Judy Ann Brown, of the home. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Baltimore Chapter #451**.



DAVID BLAIR BUBER - Died peacefully on Friday, May 12, 2017 at the Portsmouth Hospital in Portsmouth, New Hampshire with his devoted and loving family at his bedside. He was 70 years of age. He was a resident of North Hampton, New Hampshire. The cause of death

is unknown. He was born in New Britain, Connecticut on March 17, 1947 to the late Arlene and Del Buber. He was raised in Avon, Connecticut and graduated from Avon High School. He enlisted in the United States Marine Corps and served his country proudly with the Marine Corps Special Operations Command, as well as providing personal security for countless visiting dignitaries in the US Embassies of Moscow and Rome. He was an *At-Large Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – New Hampshire*. Upon his honorable discharge, David returned to school, earning his Bachelor's Degree from the former New Hampshire College, and began his professional career in the wire and cable industry with Madison Wire and Cable Company of Worcester, MA. He then worked for Simplex Wire and Cable Company of Newington, NH acquiring the position of Vice President of Operations. He was particularly proud of his part in the development, manufacture and successful deployment of TAT8, the world's first transatlantic submarine telecommunications cable developed for AT&T in 1985, as its Program Manager. He continued his career with another Tyco subsidiary at The Rochester Corporation of Culpepper, VA as their Vice President of Operations until 2000. After retiring, he shared his knowledge as an independent contractor, providing consulting services to the wire and cable industry in Italy and Japan. David was a faithful, hard-working man who was totally devoted to his family and friends. He cared about his community, serving on the North Hampton Zoning Board of Adjustment for over six years; as Chairman for three years. He believed in its structure, fairness, and adherence to the laws of the State of New Hampshire and the Town of North Hampton for its future enjoyment. David enjoyed the beauty of his surroundings, often quipping that "it's better than Newark"...when appreciating the ocean, wide open spaces, and magnificent horses at Runnymede Farm that he watched from his home. He enjoyed hunting and fishing, and treasured times talking about weapons and ballistics with his son, nephews, brother-in-law and friends. Known for his quotes, sayings and brilliant mind, David hosted a vast knowledge of just about everything. He was our "go to" man without a computer, and he relished a lively debate. He leaves his beloved wife, Marcia (née Raynes) Hannon-Buber; his son Scott A. Buber of Nashua; his stepson, Michael Hannon and his wife Melissa of Kents Hill, Maine; his sisters, Beth-Ann Schmid and her husband, David of Macedonia, OH, and Ellen Gustafson and her husband of Colchester, CT. David is also survived by his sister-in-law, Karen Raynes of Hampton; his grandchildren, A.J., Alyssa, Graham, Luca, Josie, and Lena; his great granddaughter Bralee, and several, nieces, nephews, cousins and their families. There were no calling hours. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at 10:00 AM on Friday, July 7, 2017 in Saint Theresa Parish, 814 Central Road, Rye Beach, NH. Relatives and friends were respectfully invited. The burial was private. In lieu of flowers, consider donating to Wags for Warriors at www.wags4warriors.org or a program of your choice. Please remember David with a prayer and with a special kindness to someone in his memory.

DAVID BENJAMIN BURNETT – Died Friday, December 2, 2016 in Irving, Texas at the age of 73. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on June 10, 1943. He served in the United States Army Intelligence Corps stationed at Fort Sam Houston. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Irving Chapter #137**. He pursued a Bachelor's Degree from North Texas State University in Denton and also took courses at Texas Baptist College in Arlington. A graveside service with Military Honors was held at 1:30 PM on Thursday, December 8, 2016 at the Dallas Fort Worth National Cemetery in Dallas.



NATHAN W. BUTTKE (USMC, GSGT-Ret.) - Died Thursday, July 28, 2016 at his home in Albany, Oregon at the age of 79. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on January 2, 1937 in Monroe, Wisconsin to the late Floyd and Elizabeth (née Hartig) Buttke. He married Joanne Dockerty on March 15, 2008, in Wahoo, Nebraska. He joined the United States Marine Corps when he was 16 and retired from the Marine Corps in 1984 which included three combat tours of duty in Vietnam. He then worked 20 years for the City of Lincoln and Pavers Inc. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Albany Chapter #585**, Disabled American Veterans, American Legion Post #10 and Saint John's Lodge #17 of Albany, and Past Master of the Masons in Lincoln, Nebraska. Nathan enjoyed dancing, camping, four-wheeling on sand dunes and wood crafts. Nathan is survived by wife Joanne (née Dockerty) Buttke; daughters Terry (Buttke) Kisling and Paula (Buttke) Wells; son Nathan Buttke of Hopemills, North Carolina; stepson James Dockerty Jr. (Shawn) of Fremont, Nebraska; stepdaughter Jaymie (Dockerty) Finster (Charles) of Hillsboro; brother Floyd Buttke Jr. (Pat) of Atwater, California; sisters Sharon (Buttke) Mulligan and Karen (Buttke) McGinley, both of Adams-Friendship, Wisconsin; two granddaughters, three great-granddaughters, two stepgrandsons, three stepgranddaughters and several nieces and nephews, all who he loved dearly.



JAMES LOUIS "Jim" CALDWELL (USAF, MSgt-Ret,) - Died on Saturday, April 1, 2017 at home in Lancaster, Pennsylvania, at the age of 78 after a long courageous battle with Parkinson's disease. He was born in Bolivar, Pennsylvania on August 17, 1938 to the late Charles and Helen (née Durand) Stover and was adopted and raised by his parents the late John and Ruth Caldwell. He was the husband of Bernadette "Bonnie" (née Friel) Caldwell to whom he was married for 34 years. Jim graduated with his bachelor's degree in education from Clarion University and taught leadership school for several years at Cannon AFB in New Mexico and served during the Vietnam War and retired with the rank of MSgt from the United States Air Force in 1977. He was an avid reader, big game hunter, was very intelligent and loved children. Jim was a wonderful husband, father and grandfather and built his log home where they lived for 18 years in Crawford County, PA. He was a Phillies fan and a member of Saint John Neumann Catholic Church, 3rd degree Knights of Columbus #867 Lancaster, Big Brothers and was a *Life Member* and *Board Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America - Lancaster Chapter #1008**. Surviving in addition to his wife Bonnie are three children Juli Bovard (Paul), Jamie Romine (Tom), Kelly Scott Caldwell; three stepchildren Gary Millay (Michelle), Leslie Bosick, Jeffrey Millay (Shannon); nine grandchildren James Geibel, Jessica Bovard, Andrew Millay, Jackie Bosick, Sarah and Spencer Millay, Whitney Henry, Laci Romine and Tawni Mitchell; seven great-grandchildren; one brother Robert Caldwell (Gwen); three sister-in-law's Loretta Caldwell, Geri Kendro (Nick) and Rita Lee (Ron) and several special nieces and nephews. Jim was preceded in death by a brother Richard Caldwell. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on Saturday, April 8, 2017 at 10:30 AM at Saint John Neumann Catholic Church, 601 East Delp Road, Lancaster, PA 17601 with Reverend Father Daniel Powell as celebrant. The interment

was private. A closed casket visitation was held from 8:30 AM until the time of his Mass at the church. Following the funeral mass at the church military honors were rendered by the Red Rose Honor Guard and Vet 21 Salute. Memorial contributions may be made to Hospice and Community Care, 685 Good Drive, P.O. Box 4125, Lancaster, PA 17604 in his memory. Jim's family would like to thank the staff from Hospice and Community Care for the wonderful care Jim received these past 6 months along with the staff from Saint John Neumann for their support as well. Jim enjoyed all the staff that visited him.



LYNN CHARLES "Chuck" CALHOUN - Died Friday, January 20, 2017 in Knoxville, Tennessee at the age of 69. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on February 9, 1947 in Dallas, Texas to the late L.C. and Addie Lou (née Guinn) Calhoun. He was also predeceased by his sister, Carolyn Ann Stockton. Chuck is survived by his loving wife of 49 years, Chris Calhoun; daughter, Rachel Little; sons, Justin Calhoun and Jason Calhoun; and grandson, Jacob Little. Chuck was a proud member of the United States Army and served a tour in Vietnam. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Knoxville Chapter #1078**. He played football for and continued to be an avid fan of the Florida State Seminoles. Chuck was an active member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints. He served a mission for the church at the Bishop's Storehouse. He also participated in the Quilts of Valor organization. Chuck will be remembered as a man with an incredibly strong work ethic who loved football, people, and most of all, his family. Services were held at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints on Wednesday, January 25, 2017 with receiving of friends from 6:00-7:00 PM and the service began at 7:00 PM. Interment was at the East Tennessee Veteran's Cemetery with full military honors on Thursday, January 26th at 11:30 AM. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made either to the Disabled American Veterans, Quilts of Valor, or the Autism Society of East Tennessee. Gentry Griffey Funeral Chapel is honored to serve the Calhoun family and invites you to view and sign their online obituary below.

DAVID W. CAMPBELL - Died Monday, November 17, 2014 at his home in Fort Wayne, Indiana at the age of 66. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Fort Wayne on July 28, 1948 to the late William and Catherine Campbell. David was a United States Army Vietnam Veteran. He was an *At-Large Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Indiana**. David earned several bachelor degrees in his years of schooling. He most recently worked with FEMA for the past 10 years serving from Hurricane Katrina thru Hurricane Sandy before retiring. He was a member of Emmanuel Lutheran Church. David was a volunteer for the Coast Guard Auxiliary, earning the rank of Commander with Division 091-22-04. He was boat crew qualified and an instructor. His hobbies, apart from his funny sense of humor and telling jokes, included being a HAM Radio Operator, painting, and spending time with family. Surviving are his wife Diane Campbell of Fort Wayne, daughters, Rosalie (Tony) Martin of Fort Wayne, Tracy (John) Rogers of Auburn, step-daughters, Stephanie (Rob) Goodman, Jennifer (Nick) Rich both of Fort Wayne, stepson, Matthew Etzler of Denver, CO, 11 grandchildren, 2 great-grandchildren, and brother, Steve

(Norma) Campbell of Angola. In addition to his parents, David was also predeceased by his son, Matthew Campbell. The funeral service was at 1:30 PM on Friday, November 21, 2014 at Emmanuel Lutheran Church, 917 West Jefferson with calling hours from 12:00 PM until the service. Pastor Thomas Eggold officiated. Memorials may be made to the Wounded Warriors Project.



JOSEPH LOUIS "Joe" CARBONE, JR. - age 79, of Erma Died peacefully on Wednesday, November 23, 2016 at his home in Erma, New Jersey at the age of 79. He was formally of Cape May, New Jersey and had been a Cape May area resident for over 40 years. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on June 18, 1937 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania to the late Joseph L. Carbone, Sr. and the late Santa (née Torrieri) Carbone. Joseph served his country in the United States Army during the Vietnam War. He was the owner/operator of Clam Haulers Inc. of Erma, NJ; and a *Life Member* and *Past President* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – North Cape May Chapter #602**. Joe was instrumental in volunteering his trucking firm delivering medical supplies and equipment to Florida during Hurricane Andrew in 1992. He was preceded in death by his wife of 48 years Eleanor (née Steves) Carbone. Joe is survived by his daughter Sandy (Charles) Owens and his three sons: Joey, James (Linda), and John (Donna) Carbone. Also surviving are his; eight grandchildren; 4 great-grandchildren; and his long-time friend Kathy Hilton. There was a Mass of Christian Burial at 11:00 AM on Friday, December 2, 2016 at the Parish of Saint John Neumann, Saint John of God Roman Catholic Church, 680 Townbank Road, North Cape May, NJ 08204; where friends were received from 10:00 to 11:00 AM. Interment was in the Cape May County Veteran's Cemetery, 127 Crest Haven Road, Cape May Court House, NJ 08210. The family suggested donations in Joseph's memory to the VVA Chapter #602, PO Box 908, North Cape May, NJ 08204. To share condolences, please visit www.evoyfuneralhome.com.



DAVID P. CLARK - Died Wednesday, April 12, 2017 at the Highland Healthcare at the age of 69. He was a resident of Troy, Kansas. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on August 18, 1947 in Troy, Kansas to the late Robert L. and Mary A. (née Sell) Clark. He was a member of the United States Army, serving in Vietnam as a medic. David owned and operated his own business as a land surveyor in Troy, Kansas. He was also a member of the American Legion Post #55, Troy, Kansas, VFW Post #5531, Wathena, Kansas, society of Land Surveyors of Kansas and Missouri. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Saint Joseph (Missouri) Chapter #75**. David married Kay Cornett on January 11, 1971 in Miami, Oklahoma. She survives of the home. Additional survivors are his son, Rick Clark (Amanda), Highland, Kansas; his daughter, Wendy Rahe (Bob), Hiawatha, Kansas; his grandchildren, Justin, Ellie, Cooper, Lilly and Zayla Clark; his dog, Lady; his brother, Bill Clark, St. Louis, Missouri; his sister, Mary Rose Sargent, St. Joseph, Missouri, and; his nieces and nephews. The funeral service was at 10:30 AM on Tuesday, April 18, 2017 at the Community of Christ Church in Fanning, Kansas. Visitation hours: were from 6:00-8:00 PM on Monday evening at the church. Friends also came after 9:00 AM on Monday at the Harman-Rohde Funeral Home in Troy, Kansas. The burial was in the Mount Olive Cemetery, Troy, Kansas,

where there were military honors under the auspices of the Troy American Legion Post #55. Memorials were requested to go to the Troy Class of 1965 Scholarship Fund.



KENNETH WESLEY CLARK - Died Wednesday, April 19, 2017 at Tennova Healthcare in Clarksville, Tennessee at the age of 76. He was a resident of Clarksville. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on March 3, 1941 in Montgomery County, Tennessee to the late Wesley and Ruby Clark. He was a Vietnam Veteran of the United States Air Force and was a member of the American Legion Post #233 and a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Clarksville Chapter #396**. He was retired from Acme Boot and worked for many years at Austin Peay State University. Kenneth was a Baptist and both attended and was a friend of the Church of God of Prophecy. He enjoyed gardening, woodworking and stain glass, loved his pets Miss Freckles, Miss Bea and Sam. He is survived by his wife, Lyndell Clark; his brother, Ted Clark; his sister, Mildred Ann (Jim) Blumhoefer, and several nieces and nephews. In addition to his parents he was preceded in death by his brother, Clarence Wayne Clark. The funeral service was on Monday, April 24, 2017 at 3:00 PM at the Sykes Funeral Home Chapel. The Reverend Bob Creasy officiated. The family received friends on Sunday, April 23, 2017 from 2:00 PM to 5:00 PM at the Sykes Funeral Home and on Monday from 2:00 PM to 3:00 PM. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to the Church of God of Prophecy, Missions or VBS funds, 1586 Ashland City Road, Clarksville, TN 37040. Online condolences may be made at www.sykesfuneralhome.com.



JOHN PATRICK "Pat" COLLINS - Died Saturday, January 28, 2017 in Omaha, Nebraska at the age of 74. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on March 14, 1942 to the late Charles and Elizabeth Collins. He was also predeceased by his brother, Burt Collins. He is survived by his wife, Judy; his stepson, Brian Phillips; his granddaughters, Rachel and Melissa; and many nieces and nephews. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Weston Chapter #279**. The funeral was held on Tuesday at 11:00 AM at the Korisko Larkin Staskiewicz Chapel. Visitation hours were on Monday from 4:00-7:00 PM with a 6:00 PM prayer service at the Funeral Home. The interment was in the Omaha National Cemetery. Korisko Larkin Staskiewicz Funeral Home, 5108 "F" Street. www.klsfuneralhome.com.



RICHARD A. "Dick" CONE - Died Saturday evening, January 7, 2017 at Strong Memorial Hospital at the age of 69. He was a resident of Stafford, New York. The cause of death was cancer. He was born on October 23, 1947 in Batavia, New York to the late Arnold and Elnora

(née Legg) Cone. Dick was a very loving family man and well known by many as "Papa". He was a proud United States Army Vietnam-era veteran and provided services to the residents of Genesee County as a Deputy Sheriff for 32 years. He was a licensed private pilot and a life member of the Stafford Fire Department. Dick was an avid football fan, enjoyed going to car shows and spending time with his family camping. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Warsaw Chapter #193**. He is survived by his wife of 45 years, Deborah (née Burgess) Cone; his daughters, Lori (Shane) Totten of Stafford and Traci (Tim Wharton) DeWitt of LeRoy; granddaughters, Morgan DeWitt, Allison DeWitt and Ashley Totten; brother, Steven (Marie) Cone of Stafford, along with many nieces, nephews and dear friends. Visiting hours were on Thursday, January 12th from 4:00 – 8:00 PM at the Falcone Family Funeral and Cremation Service, Inc., 8700 Lake Road (Route 19), LeRoy, where his funeral service with military honors was held on Friday at 11:00 AM. The interment was private at the convenience of his family. Contributions in memory of Dick were suggested to either the NYS Veterans Home at Batavia, 220 Richmond Avenue, Batavia, NY 14020 or Wilmot Cancer Institute, 262 Bank Street, Batavia, NY 14020.



RICHARD H. "Dick" COOK - Died Sunday, March 19, 2017 at Dartmouth Hitchcock Medical Center in Lebanon, New Hampshire at the age of 70, following a long illness. He was a resident of Bennington, Vermont. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Bennington on November 27, 1946 to the late Harold and Evelyn (née LeBlanc) Cook. Dick married the former Janet Schena on September 20, 1969. Janet predeceased him on December 25, 1986. Dick was also predeceased by his longtime companion, Marjorie "Tish" Barnes on November 14, 2014. Dick graduated from Bennington Catholic High School with highest honors in mathematics. Upon graduation, he enlisted in the United States Air Force where he served his country in Oklahoma, Texas and Alaska. It is in Alaska where he enjoyed fishing and skiing, two of his lifelong passions. Dick is survived by his daughter, Renée Cook and her fiancé, Justin Cash of Quechee, VT; two sisters, Kathy (Cook) DeLucco and her husband, Jay of South Burlington, VT, Carol (Cook) Wendell of Jupiter, FL, and; his brother, Jim Cook of Bennington, VT as well as several nieces, nephews and cousins. The family would like to sincerely thank the Emergency Room and ICU medical teams at Southwestern Vermont Medical Center in Bennington as well as Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center in Lebanon, NH. Due to their exemplary care Dick and his family were able to enjoy a truly memorable time together. A heartfelt thanks to Fr. Hugh of North Bennington as well as Fr. Sam at Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center for facilitating the renewal of Dick's spirituality. The funeral was held from the Mahar and Son Funeral Home on Saturday, March 25, 2017 with calling hours from 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM followed by church service at Sacred Heart-Saint Francis-de-Sales Church at 12:30 PM where the Mass of Christian Burial. Burial took place at the family plot in the Park Lawn Cemetery. Memorial contributions can be made in Richard Cook's memory to the Vermont Fish and Wildlife Trust Fund, 1 National Life Drive, Davis 2, Montpelier, VT 05620-3702 or by calling (802)828-1000 or online at <http://www.vtfishandwildlife.com>. Guestbook condolences may be made at www.maharandsonfuneralhome.net.



LESTER MELVIN "Mel" COOPER, JR. - Died Tuesday, June 9, 2009 at Huntersville Oaks in Huntersville, North Carolina at the age of 58. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Memphis, Tennessee on August 11, 1950 to the late Lester Melvin Cooper, Sr. and Peggy (née Long) Cooper. He graduated from Memphis Technology Institute. Mr. Cooper was a United States Army veteran, where he was in the Army Security Agency, serving in Okinawa and Vietnam. He was the National Comptroller for the Scottish-American Military Society (SAMS). He was an *At-Large Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – South Carolina**. Mr. Cooper was an avid fan of the University of Tennessee football, Duke Basketball and Carolina Panthers Football. He loved horses and was the coach of Carolina Impact Girls Softball Team. Surviving are his long-time companion, Pamela G. Tysinger; two sons, Scott Cooper of Abilene, Texas and Todd Cooper of Fort Mill; his extended family, Crystal Maze (John) of Charlotte, Tiffany Pettit (Conan) of Fort Mill and Amanda Griffin (Jad) of Fort Mill; two brothers, Gary Cooper of Tennessee and Jeff Cooper of Arkansas; and grandchildren, Scotlyn Cooper, Irelyn Cooper, Jacob Pettit, Mackenzie Maz, and Sophie Maze. A memorial service was at 11:00 AM on Saturday, June 13, 2009, at the Wolfe Funeral Home Chapel with the Reverend Tony Caruso officiating. The burial was in Memphis. Memorials may be made to Hospice and Palliative Care, 705 Griffith Street - Suite #203, Davidson, North Carolina 28036; or to Saint Jude's Children's Research Hospital, Tribute Program, 501 Saint Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105-9956. Condolences to the family may be made at www.wolfefuneralhome.com.

ROBERT W. COOPER – Died Friday, September 2, 2016 in the Emory L. Bennet Veterans Nursing Home in Daytona Beach, Florida at the age of 96. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on Thursday, December 4, 1919. He served in the United States Army during World War II. He was a *Permanently Hospitalized Member* of **Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America – Port Orange Chapter #1048**.



ARTHUR MELVIN "Art" CORNISH - Died Thursday, April 6, 2017 in Eureka, Utah at the age of 68, surrounded by his loved ones at the Davis County Hospital. He was formerly of Clearfield, Utah. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on April 14, 1948. He is survived by his wife, Sharlyn Cornish; five daughters; a daughter-in-law; three sons-in-law; eighteen grandchildren; a great-granddaughter; two stepdaughters; two stepsons; a sister, and; his stepmother. He was preceded in death by his wife Sherrie Lyn Cornish; a son Cory; a daughter; a granddaughter; a sister, and; his parents. Art was a veteran of the Vietnam War and received several medals. He worked at Dugway until his retirement. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Ogden Chapter #1079**. He then started the first food bank in Eureka, Utah. He was also a crossing guard in Clearfield, Utah and served on the citizen patrol until his passing. He was a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, serving in many callings. He enjoyed fishing and being with his family and friends and serving others. He was

well liked by many and will be missed by all. We would like to thank Davis County Hospital, Hospice and a very special thanks to Chris and Andrea Kay for taking such great care of our father. The funeral services were on Monday, April 17, 2017 at 11:00 AM at the Eureka LDS Church where friends came to visit the family from 9:30 to 10:45 AM. The burial was in the Eureka Cemetery with full military rites by Santaquin American Legion - Post #84.

GENNARO PETER “Geno” COSCO – Died Monday, March 13, 2017 in Montale, New Jersey at the age of 71. The cause of death was lung cancer. He was born in Utica, New York to the late Carmen and Gladys Cosco. Gene was raised on Long Island, NY. After graduating from high school he enlisted in the United States Army and served during Vietnam where he was awarded two Purple Hearts. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Rutherford Chapter #800**. Upon returning home, he attended Hofstra University where he met the love of his life, Jane, and later graduated with a degree in business. The two were married and moved to New Jersey where they bought properties to renovate. The Cosco's are a loving, adventurous bunch and always enjoy being surrounded by family and friends, whether at their vacation home Gene built with his own two hands in Vermont, fishing in Key West, or surrounding the giant kitchen island he expanded to entertain. He was an extremely generous man and wherever he went there was sure to be way more than enough food. He was a straight talker, always inspiring unapologetic truth all around him. He and Jane dedicated themselves to developing a lively, loving home, raising two bright, wonderful, strong women, working hard to be able to enjoy all the beauty life had to offer. Gene is survived by his loving wife of 44 years, Jane Cosco; his two daughters: Jennifer Cosco and Lindsay Holt, her husband Denver and a grandson Daxon. The Cosco family received friends on Sunday, March 19, 2017 from 4:00 PM until 7:00 PM with a Memorial Service commencing at 3:30 PM and military honors were rendered at 4:00 PM at the Vander Plaat Funeral Home, (vpfh.com), 257 Godwin Avenue, Wyckoff. In lieu of flowers, contributions in Gene's memory may be made to the American Lung Association, 3001 Gettysburg Road, Camp Hill, PA, 17011.



DAVID ALLEN COULTER – Died Sunday, December 27, 2009 in Momence, Illinois at the age of 60. The cause of death was colon cancer. He was born in Little Rock, Arkansas on August 31, 1949 to Jesse and Mary (née Moss) Coulter. On August 7, 1970, he married Marion Schlosser in Wiesbaden, Germany. He is survived by his wife, Marion Coulter of Momence, IL; two sons, Mike and Hans Coulter, both of Momence, IL; his parents, Jesse and Mary Coulter, of Momence, IL; six brothers and four sisters-in-law, Steve Coulter, of St. Anne, IL, Jesse and Susan Coulter, of Charleston, WV, Terry Coulter, of Momence, IL, Tim and Tonia Coulter, of St. Anne, IL, and James and Monica Coulter, of Momence, IL; three sisters and three brothers-in-law, Becky and Bruce Tammen, of Essex, IL, Carolyn and Don Walden, of Momence, IL, and Donna and Tim Hamilton, of Momence, IL; seven grandchildren, and; one great-granddaughter. He served in the United States Army with an airborne division in Vietnam. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Morgantown (West Virginia) Chapter #306**. He was also a member of The American Legion Post #40. A memorial service was held on January 2, 2010 at

11:00 AM in Momence Church of the Nazarene in Momence, Illinois. The Reverend Don Keyser was the celebrant.

RODGER COWAN – Died recently in 2017 in Saint Louis, Michigan at the age of 74. The cause of death is unknown. He was born August 22, 1942. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was an *At-Large Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Michigan**.

BARBARA A. CRAMER – Died in January 2014 in Lawndale, California at the age of 79. The cause of death is unknown. She was born on November 22, 1934. She was a Veteran of the Vietnam War. She was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Torrance Chapter #53**.

FRANCIS R. “Frank” CUNNINGHAM - Died Sunday, October 24, 2004 in Union Beach, New Jersey at the age of 51. He was formerly of Keyport, New Jersey. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in 1953 to Elizabeth Cunningham and the late Frank Cunningham. He was the devoted father to Caitlin Cunningham and Brigid Cunningham; former husband of Maggie Long-Cunningham; lifelong friend of Andre Gollerstepper; dear brother of John Cunningham, and; cherished uncle of several nieces and nephews. He was a *Life Member* of **Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America – Keyport Chapter #721**. A service was held on Thursday at 8:30 AM at the Day Funeral Home, 361 Maple Place, Keyport, NJ 07735, followed by a 9:30 AM Mass of Christian Burial at the Holy Family Roman Catholic Church, Union Beach. Cremation was private. Friends came to visit the family on Wednesday from 2:00-4:00 PM and from 7:00-9:00 PM at the funeral home.



RAD FOSTER DEDMON (USA, SFC-Ret.) - Died Thursday, January 13, 2000 at the Rowan Regional Medical Center at the age of 81. He was a resident of Salisbury, North Carolina. He was born on November 2, 1918 in Davie County, North Carolina to the late Sallie (née Foster) Dedmon and Herbert Marshall Dedmon. He was educated in the Davie County schools. A World War II veteran of the United States Army, he landed on Day 1 of the Normandy invasion. He also served in the Korean War and served two tours of duty in the Vietnam War. Mr. Dedmon was owner/operator of Dedmon Sewing Machine Co. He attended No Creek Primitive Baptist Church in Davie County. He was a member of the Spencer Moose Lodge, the VFW and Spencer American Legion Post #241, where he had served as commander and chief. He served on the athletic board of American Legion baseball and coached girls' basketball at Spencer School. He was a former member of the Spencer Jaycees. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – El Paso (Texas) Chapter #574**. He is survived by a brother, George Dedmon, Ringgold, Ga., and a sister, Addie Henderson, Salisbury. The funeral services were at 2:00 PM on Sunday at the Lyerly Funeral Home's James C. Lyerly Chapel, conducted by the Reverend Claude Aldridge. Members of Spencer Moose Lodge sat in a group. The burial was in the Rowan Memorial Park, with military graveside rites conducted by the

Rowan County Veterans Council. Visitation hours were from 1:00-2:00 PM on Sunday at the funeral home. Memorials were requested to go to the Rowan County Veterans Council, P.O. Box 1054, Salisbury, N.C. 28145-1054.

FLOYD U. DUTTON - Died Friday, March 3, 2017 in Zephyrhills, Florida at the age of 71. The cause of death is unknown. He was born July 19, 1945. He is survived by his wife, Jorume Dutton; his son, Terry (Gennaine) Dutton, and; his granddaughter, Autumn Dutton. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Hollidaysburg (Pennsylvania)**. The Whitfield Funeral Home in Zephyrhills was in charge of the arrangements.

CHARLES JAMES EDER, SR. - Died in his sleep on Tuesday January 31, 2017 in Dundalk, Maryland at the age of 66. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on April 15, 1950, the eldest of four children and is survived by his son, Charles J. Eder, Jr., two brothers, Bob and Jim and a beloved dog, “Boomer”, who was his best pal. Mr. Eder was a Vietnam Veteran who served eight years in the United States Air Force. He was an *At-Large Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Maryland**. He retired, after 25 years of service, as a well-respected Baltimore City Police Officer. To those who knew him best, he was a generous and caring man who loved his family and his country. He was always firm but kind. A hard and tough guy, but to all who loved him, he was old softy at heart. Mr. Chuck, “Da Sarge”, you were an “oldie but goodie” and will be greatly missed.

PHYLLIS MARIE ENGER – Died Wednesday, January 11, 2017 in Mayville, North Dakota at the age of 76. The cause of death is unknown. She was born on February 14, 1940. She was a member of **Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America – Mayville Chapter #374**. Visitation hours were from 5:00 – 7:00 PM on Monday January 16, 2017 with a 7:00 PM public prayer service at the Luther Memorial Home Chapel in Mayville and resumes one hour prior to the service at the church. The funeral service was at 10:30 AM on Tuesday, January 17, 2017 at the

RICHARD L. FEHRENBACH – Died recently in 2017 in Jasper, Georgia at the age of 72. The cause of death is unknown. He was born October 18, 1944. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Dawsonville Chapter #970**.



FASI M. FILIAGA - Died Saturday, January 7, 2017 in Ogden, Utah at the age of 83. The cause of death was heart failure, renal failure and diabetes mellitus – Type II. He was born on June 4, 1933 in Western Samoa to the late William and Mei Filiaga. In 1957, he came to the United States to stay with his sister in Hollywood, California. Six months later, as a British citizen, he was drafted in the United States Army. After basic training, he received orders to go to Germany where he met his sweetheart Johanna Schuler. They were married on September 17, 1960 in Germany. Their vows were later solemnized in the Switzerland LDS Temple. He served in the US Army for 22 years in many capacities, including Drill Instructor and Transportation Support System Specialist. He mastered driving and repair of wheeled and track

vehicles. He was awarded the Purple Heart and Bronze Star while serving in Vietnam. He also received numerous awards and certificates for his service. After he retired from the military in 1980, he moved his family to Ogden, Utah, where he worked for the Dialysis Center repairing equipment, owned and operated Hill Top Chevron, and also worked at DDO. He served on the Ogden City Council for two terms. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Ogden Chapter #1079**. Throughout his life, he was an active member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. He served a mission in Samoa and has held many positions, including Bishop. He most enjoyed working with the youth and Boy Scouts. He loved sports and enjoyed playing racquetball, football, baseball, and boxing. He enjoyed going fishing in the ocean. He loved his family and enjoyed family dinners and spending time with his children and grandchildren. His family will miss him dearly. They will especially miss his love of singing and telling stories! He had his own lyrics to every song, including the alphabet. Fasi is survived by his wife, Johanna; four children, William (Kathleen), Fasi, Jr., John (Camille), and Stephan (Amy); twelve grandchildren, and; six great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his daughter, Elenora; his parents; three sisters, and; four brothers. Many thanks go to Lissa and others of the Intermountain Hospice Care for their loving service. Funeral services were held on Saturday, January 14, 2017 at 11:00 AM at the Canyon Hollows Ward, 1550 Ruston Avenue, Ogden. Friends visited with the family on Friday from 6:00 to 8:00 PM at Lindquist's Ogden Mortuary, 3408 Washington Boulevard and on Saturday from 9:00 to 10:30 AM at the church. The interment was in the Lindquist's Memorial Gardens of the Wasatch, 1718 Combe Road, Ogden, Utah.

CHARLES F. FREEMAN – Died recently in 2017 in Mesquite, Texas at the age of 72. The cause of death is unknown. He was born November 6, 1944. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Mesquite Chapter #137**.

MILTON HENRY GABLER – Died in April 2017 in Flatonia, Texas at the age of 71. The cause of death is unknown. He was born October 18, 1945. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Schulenburg Chapter #870**.

CHRISTOPHER H. GAGE – Died recently in 2017 in Morongo Valley, California at the age of 64. The cause of death is unknown. He was born June 5, 1952. He is survived by his wife, Cynthia. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was an *At-Large Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – California**.

DOUGLAS L. GARWOOD – Died Saturday, January 28, 2017 in Stonington, Illinois at the age of 72. He was born in Stonington on February 8, 1944. He graduated from Stonington High School in 1962. In 1966 he earned his B.S. in Agricultural Science and in 1968 his M.S. in Agronomy from the University of Illinois. He received his Ph.D. in Genetics from Penn State University in 1973. He was a generous *Donor* to **Vietnam Veterans of America – Illinois**. Douglas was married to Betsy. A funeral service was held at 10:00 AM on Friday February 3, 2017 at the McClure Funeral Home in Taylorville with the Reverend Billy Bob Howard officiating. Visitation hours were on Thursday from 5:00 until 7:00 PM in the funeral home. The burial was in the Old Stonington Cemetery. Memorials may be made to the Old Stonington Cemetery Association or the Old Stonington Baptist Church.

WESLEY V. "Wes" GEARY (USA, CH (COL)-Ret.) – Died Wednesday, February 24, 2016 in Plano, Texas at the age of 82. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Klondike, Texas on December 6, 1934. His family moved to Pampa, Texas in 1943 and he completed high school in Pampa. He is a graduate of Texas College in Tyler, TX and one of the first black graduates of Southern Methodist University's Perkins School of Theology in Dallas, TX. Wesley served parishes in Texas, Florida, Arkansas, and Oklahoma before joining the United States Army Chaplain Corps in 1963 as a 1LT. He served a tour of duty at Ft. Sill, OK before being assigned to the 1st Infantry Division in Vietnam in 1966. He served with three Infantry Battalions: 1/18th, 2/18th and the 1/28th. After he was wounded the second time he was assigned to Division Headquarters as an Assistant Division Chaplain. After his combat tour he was assigned as R and R Center Chaplain in Hawaii. His other noteworthy assignments were: Brigade Chaplain, 4th Infantry Division, Ft. Carson; Assistant V Corps Chaplain, Frankfurt, Germany; Staff and Faculty, US Army Chaplain's School; Division Chaplain, 101st Airborne Division; Command Chaplain Ft. Riley, KS; Command Chaplain, U. S. Forces Korea 8th Army; and Corps Chaplain, III Corps, Ft. Hood. He is a graduate of the Command and General Staff College. Geary's decorations include: the Defense Superior Service Medal, Legion of Merit with two oak leaf clusters, Bronze Star with V-device and two oak leaf clusters, Purple Heart with oak leaf cluster, Air Medal and Meritorious Service Medal with oak leaf cluster. Since retirement he has been active in religious, military and civic organizations, including pastoring several Presbyterian churches and a United Church of Christ congregation. He was the regional president of AUSA (Association of the United States Army), a leader of in the Kiwanis Club and Omega Psi Phi Fraternity. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Mesquite Chapter #137**. He was director of the Samaritan Inn homeless shelter in McKinney, TX. Chaplain Geary is a retired minister from the C.M.E. Church and lived in Plano, TX with Bobbye Louise, his wife of fifty-eight years. They have two children; Wesley Geary III and Dr. Vanessa Paugh and two grandchildren, AJ and Genevieve.

MICHAEL E. "Mike" GEISLER – Died Monday, April 24, 2017 in Webster, New York at the age of 71. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Rochester, New York on October 27, 1945 to the late William and Margaret Geisler. He was also predeceased by his brother, William. He is survived by his brother, Stephen; his sister-in-law, Joanne; his nephews, Michael (Jennifer) and Thomas (Michelle), and; his cousins and friends. Mike was a Past Commander of VFW Post #9483 and a PUFL Member of the Cottreal-Warner American Legion Post #942. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Rochester Chapter #20**. He was a United States Air Force Vietnam Veteran. Contributions in his memory can be made to C.W. Post #942, 818 Ridge Road, Webster or to the Veterans Outreach Center. Interment was at the Webster Union Cemetery. A Celebration of Mike's Life took place at the Legion Post on Friday, May 5th at 4:30 PM.



KENNETH "Ken" GEMBEL, JR. - Died Monday, March 13, 2017 at the age of 74, after an extended illness in the Covenant Hospice Center, Mobile, Alabama. He was a resident of

Mobile, Alabama. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Norwich, Connecticut on December 8, 1942 to the late Anna (née Kozlowsky) and Kenneth Gembel, Sr. He was the husband of Carlyn (née Weseman) Gembel, formerly of Clinton, Alabama. They had been married for 51 years. He was a veteran of the United States Marine Corps and worked and retired from General Dynamics, Groton CT. He also worked and retired from the State of Connecticut Department of Public Safety as a dispatcher. He was an *At-Large Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Alabama*. Services were held in May at the Devine Providence Church, Norwich, CT, followed by a military burial at the church cemetery. He is survived by his wife Carlyn, son, John (Cindy) of East Haddam, CT, his sister Kathleen (William) Gembel Harris, of Arizona, a sister-in-law, Jeanette Petersen of Clinton. He was preceded in death by his parents and a son, Michael Carl Gembel.



PAUL GORMAN - Died Wednesday, December 28, 2016 in Lynchburg, Virginia at the age of 77. The cause of death was Alzheimer's disease. He was born in Lynchburg on April 18, 1939, the sixth child to the late Judge Joseph V. and Mary Jane (née Desmond) Gorman. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by one brother, Joe Gorman, Jr., two sisters, Jane Gorman and Cecelia G. Kennedy and an infant granddaughter, Frances Gorman. Paul graduated from Holy Cross School, attended University of Virginia and received a Bachelor of Arts from Lynchburg College in Mathematics and a Master of Engineering from George Washington University. He worked for Wiley and Wilson and later for Lynchburg College in the physical plant from which he retired in 2005. He served his country in the United States Navy aboard the USS Greenwich Bay and the USS Canberra. He was a lifelong member of Holy Cross Catholic Church where he began as an acolyte, bell ringer and was an usher for many years. He also served on the Cemetery Committee and the Church Council. He was a lifelong member of the Izaak Walton League, NRA, American Legion Post #16, where he served faithfully on the Honor Guard and he volunteered at Virginia Boys State for many years. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Lynchburg Chapter #196**. He is survived by two children, Michael P. Gorman (Tammy) and Michael's godson, Kaegen, of Thibodaux, LA and Page Gorman of Lynchburg; two brothers, Bill Gorman (Janet) of Newport News and Jerry Gorman (Joyce) of Richmond and two sisters, Marguerite G. Miletic (Peter) of Hylton Head, S.C. and Henrietta "Cookie" G. Weidman of Purvis, MS and a granddaughter, Charlie Gorman, the light of his life, of Lynchburg. He is survived by his caregiver, former wife and forever friend, Ann (née Coffey) Gorman. Paul was a gentle man who lived his life quietly, never wanting attention even though he spent his time giving to his family, his church, his neighbors and to many charities. He was never too busy to stop what he was doing to help others. The world has lost a good man who will be greatly missed. The family has very much appreciated the compassionate care of the Gentle Shepherd Hospice nurses and Marilyn Bailey. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated Saturday in Lynchburg, Virginia. He was buried at Holy Cross Cemetery. In lieu of flowers the family requested that one of Paul's favorite charities be considered: Little Sisters of the Poor, Saint Joseph's Home, 1503 Michaels Road, Henrico, VA 23229 or the Covenant House, 460 West 41st Street, New York, NY 10036.



WILLIAM H. "Bill" GRAHAM - Died Wednesday, March 1, 2017 at the DuBois Nursing Home in Clearfield, Pennsylvania at the age of 87. He was a resident of Clearfield. The cause of death is unknown. He was born December 9, 1929 in Clearfield to the late Henry and Sarah (née Dixon) Graham. He retired from Al Hamilton Contracting after 30 years of service as a heavy equipment operator and was also owner and operator of Bill Graham Logging Co. Mr. Graham was a United States Army veteran having served during the Korean Conflict. He was a member of the Clearfield Honor Guard where he held the position of commander and chaplain, serving at 282 military funerals. He was a member of the Mount Joy United Methodist Church. Mr. Graham was also a member of the Clearfield American Legion John Lewis Shade Post #6, the Clearfield Veterans of Foreign Wars F. Michael Sicks Post #1785, the Mosquito Creek Sportsmen's Club and the Old Town Sportsmen's Club. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Clearfield Chapter #974**. Bill is survived by five children; Teresa A. Snyder and her husband Don, of Ramey, Brenda L. Fannin and her husband Jay, Debbie L. Bennett and her husband Stephen, W. Scott Graham and his wife Joyce and Mark Graham and his wife Sharon, all of Clearfield; fourteen grandchildren, Christina, Tyson, Matthew, Joshua, Zachary, Andrew, Kimberly, Victoria, Codi, Cheyenne, Brandy, Breann, Cruise and Sarah; twenty-two great-grandchildren, Quinn, Claire, Celine, Grady, Eliza, Eva, Bo, Jayden, Bryson, Jacob, Caleb, Lilliahnna, Jensen, Chantz, Kira, Cruise, Allison, Emma, Ryder, Colt, Libby, and Claire; two sisters, Ann Lamere of New York, and Edith Lorah and her husband Richard, of VA and a number of nieces and nephews. Mr. Graham was preceded in death by his parents, his wife, Juanita M. (née Maines) Graham who passed away September 22, 1995 and whom he married January 19, 1952 and four brothers; Theodore, Samuel, Russell and Delbert Graham. Funeral services were held at the Mount Joy United Methodist Church on Saturday, March 4, 2017 at 11:00 AM with the Reverend Mark Brower officiating. Military Honors were accorded at the church by the Clearfield Honor Guard. Interment was in the Shiloh Cemetery. Friends were received at the Bennett and Houser Funeral Home, Inc., of Clearfield on Friday, March 3, 2017 from 2:00 to 4:00 and from 6:00 to 8:00 PM and on Saturday at the church from 10:00 AM until the hour of the service. The family suggested that in lieu of flowers contributions be made to the Bennett and Houser Funeral Home, Inc., 312 East Locust Street, Clearfield, PA 16830.



DENNIS W. "Denny" GRAY - Died suddenly on Tuesday, March 28, 2017 in Fairfield, California at the age of 67. He was a resident of Davenport, Iowa. The cause of death was a heart attack. Denny was born on November 30, 1949 in Moline, Illinois to the late Ervin K. and Donna J. (née Hoskins) Gray. He served in the United States Navy during the Vietnam War. Denny was retired from Oscar Mayer in Davenport. He served the City of Rock Island as a Firefighter/EMT for 11 years and had proudly started the EMT program at Oscar Mayer. Denny rode Harley Davidsons, rode with the Patriot Guard Riders, avidly supported the Iowa Hawkeyes

and Saint Louis Cardinals and was very active in his church, Westside Assembly of God. Denny also served with and was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Quad Cities (Rockford) Chapter #299**. He especially enjoyed the time spent with his grandchildren. Those left to honor his memory include his daughter, Stephanie Gray of Silvis; his grandsons, Koehler Gray of Loveland, Colorado, Jose Martin and Allen Valtierra-Gray, both of Silvis; his sister and brother-in-law, Claudia & Mel Hill of Eldridge; his nephews, Mark (Gina) Eckhardt of Fairfield, California, Sean (Stephanie) Eckhardt of Davenport and Dan (Jeanette) Kivlin of Davenport; and several great-nieces and nephews. Denny was preceded in death by his parents; his twin sister, Ruth Ziegenbein; and his nephew, John Kivlin. Funeral services were held at 10:00 AM on Friday, April 7, 2017 at Westside Assembly of God in Davenport where he was a member. Visitation hours were from 4:00 PM to 7:00 PM on Thursday at the McGinnis-Chambers Funeral Home in Bettendorf, Iowa. The burial was at Saint Ann Cemetery in Long Grove, Iowa where military honors were accorded by the Vietnam Veterans of America, Quad-Cities Chapter #299. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the American Heart Association or to Vietnam Veterans of America, Quad-Cities Chapter #299.

RONALD M. GRIM - Died Tuesday, August 5, 2008 shortly after admission in the Brownsville Hospital, Brownsville, Fayette County, Pennsylvania at the age of 61. He was a resident of Monessen, Pennsylvania. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Reading, Pennsylvania to the late Irvin E. Grim, Sr. and the late Margaret E. (née Henry) Grim. He was the husband of Teresa “Terri” A. (née Cecchini) Grim. They were married on February 10, 1983. He was a United States Army veteran serving in Vietnam. He was a stationary engineer at the State Correctional Facility, Pittsburgh. He was an *At-Large Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Pennsylvania**. He is survived by his wife, his sons, Robert Grim and wife Anne, Randy L. Grim, Sr. and wife Donna R., all of Pottstown; Daughters, Robin (Grim) Flores, New Jersey, Rochelle (Grim) husband of Adam Santana, Auburn, PA, Louise (Freeman) husband of David Cameron, Derry, PA, Debra Hendricks and Janet Marburger, both of Leesport; Sister, Linda (Day) husband of Blair Boyer, Mertztown; 13 Grandchildren; 3 Great Grandchildren. He was predeceased by Son, Michael Freeman in 2003; Sisters, Doris Day and Diane (Day) Herring, and Brother, Irvin E. Grim, Jr., and a Grandson, Randy Lee Grim, Jr. Funeral services were on Tuesday, August 12, 2008 at 10:30 AM in the Ludwick Funeral Home, 333 Greenwich Street, Kutztown, Pennsylvania. Interment with Military Honors was provided by the Ray A. Master, Post #217, American Legion, Tipton, in New Bethel Zion Cemetery, Kutztown. Friends visited the family on Monday evening from 7:00 to 8:30 PM. Arrangements were by the Ludwick Funeral Home, Kutztown, PA.



MARVIN D. GUTHRIE - Died Saturday, July 18, 2015 in the Barnes-Jewish Hospital, Saint Louis, Missouri at the age of 71. He was a resident of Sandoval, Illinois. The cause of death was kidney disease and renal failure. He was born on June 25, 1944 in Centralia, Illinois to the late Edward O. “Coty” and Dorothy (née Spears) Guthrie. On October 10, 1980, he married Judith A. Ragland in Nashville, Illinois and she survives. He is survived by his wife; three

sons, Brent A. Guthrie and wife Janice of Carlyle, IL, Brian E. "Gooter" Guthrie and wife Lisa of Centralia, IL and Kevin P. Clark and wife Corrine of Wichita, KS; one daughter, Alicia E. Vinson and husband Darrell of Odin, IL; 13 grandchildren, Garrett Guthrie, Macie Guthrie, Joshua Clark, Seth Clark, Nico Rodriguez, Maya Rodriguez, Samuel, Oliver, and Keaton Vinson, Vanessa Vinson, Aquelio Vinson, Shani Vinson, D.J. Vinson, and Alexander Powers; two brothers, Wilson Dean Guthrie and Richard Lincoln; and three sisters, Sally Heyduck, Carol, and Brenda Hawkins. He was preceded in death by his parents, mother-in-law, granddaughter, Erin Powers; and stepmother, Effie (née Story) Guthrie. Marvin was a member of Scott Lodge #79 in Carlyle, IL, Centralia Shrine Club, Scottish Rites in Belleville, IL, served as a member of the AMVETS, and the American Legion. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Centralia Chapter #176**. He served in the United States Army from 1961-1967. Known as "Marvelous Marv", he sold cars for numerous dealerships throughout his life and then worked at Murray Center in plant maintenance for many years. Marvin also enjoyed attending auctions and buying and selling antiques. He loved his animals and greatly enjoyed spending time with his family. The funeral services were held on Wednesday, July 22, 2015 at 11:00 AM at the Sutherland-Garnier Funeral Home with Pastor Steve Upchurch officiating. Entombment was at the Hillcrest Memorial Park, Centralia, IL. Friends came at the funeral home on Tuesday from 4:00 PM until 8:00 PM and again on Wednesday from 10:00 AM until the time of the service. Masonic Services were accorded by the Scott Lodge #79 of Carlyle, IL at 7:00 PM on Tuesday. Memorials may be made to the American Kidney Foundation, Centralia Humane Society or the donor's choice and will be accepted at the funeral home.



LLOYD CLIFTON HALES – Died Monday, January 16, 2017 at the Emory Bennett Veteran's Nursing Home in Daytona Beach, Florida, surrounded by friends and hospice. The cause of death is unknown. He was friend to all and loved without ever finding fault. He built up his fortune with friends his entire life. The main motive in his life was showing kindness. His priority was people always. He leaves behind his wife of 37 years, Marian Ballou Russell, one son Patrick Hales (Sharon) in TN., two grandchildren Robin and Leslie. He also has four step children, Melaine Merritt (Emmet), Kerry Russell (Leah) and their son Logan, Robin Russell (Elizabeth) and Dana Russell, deceased, all reside in FL. Also, to cherish his memory is his sister, Anne Long, NC. He was a veteran and served in the United States Army in central Europe during World War II. He was a *Permanently Hospitalized Member* of **Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America – Port Orange Chapter #1048**. He and his family lived in Nashville, Tennessee until his retirement from the Post Office after 35 years. After the death of his first wife he remarried Marian and moved to Tampa, then Anna Maria and finally Daytona Beach. He loved sports especially football and followed college football religiously keeping records for all games for 35 years. He cared for everyone and never found fault. He was always ready to listen with patience that never ended. He was a faithful friend and only had positive and complimentary remarks for everyone. His fortune was in his loving feeling toward humanity. Many thanks go out to the nurses, CNA's on the Delta wing and especially the physical therapy department at Emory Bennett. They were untiring in their care and kindness. The beautiful blue eyes are closed now and the southern gentleman is at rest. Lloyd has left the building.

CHARLES E. HALL – Died recently in 2017 in Altoona, Pennsylvania at the age of 65. The cause of death is unknown. He was born June 12, 1951. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Hollidaysburg Chapter #967**.

ROBERT RAYMOND HANLEY – Died Sunday, March 19, 2017 in the Montrose, New York Veterans Home at the age of 78. The cause of death is unknown. He was born July 28, 1938. He served in the United States Marine Corps during the Vietnam War. He was a *Permanently Hospitalized Veteran Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Pleasantville Chapter #49**. The arrangements were made under the direction of Edward F. Carter, Montrose, NY.



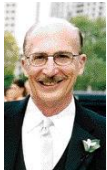
HENRY FRANK "Bud" HARDEN, JR. - Died Saturday, September 24, 2016 at the Emory L. Bennett Memorial Veterans Nursing Home at the age of 79. He was a long-time resident of the Daytona Beach area. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on September 19, 1937 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Henry enlisted and proudly served in the United States Air Force upon graduation from the Dobbins Vocational and Technical School. During his 4 years in the USAF, Henry travelled extensively throughout the Orient while working on the Guided Missile Program. After his honorable discharge, he began a 20+ year career with General Electric in Philadelphia, Denver, Tucson, and Daytona Beach writing technical programs for mostly government entities such as NASA. He was a *Permanently Hospitalized Member* of **Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America – Port Orange Chapter #1048**. Henry continued his career with Ian Martin Corporation, QComp Communications, and after semi-retiring, the City of Port Orange while staying very active in local politics. Henry "Bud" Harden loved travelling, politics, and sports, with his absolute passion being golf. He was fortunate to play at some of the best courses in the country and won several amateur tournaments. After suffering a stroke at the age of 54, Bud developed golf clubs for the disabled that could be used while sitting. Henry Frank Harden, Jr. is preceded in death by his son, Douglas. He is survived by his sister, Barbara Hollenbach, four children: Diana Hopkins, Suzanne Salgado, James, David and eleven grandchildren: Gennaro, Abby, T.J., Miranda, Blake, Grace, Alexis, Alec, Alyssa, Alaina, and Ashlynn. A private family gathering will take place Friday October 7, 2016. We miss you PopPop.



PAUL DANIEL ANTHONY "Pete" HARRINGTON – Died Tuesday, October 11, 2016 in Cortland, New York at the age of 73. The cause of death is unknown. Pete was born May 17, 1943 in Cortland to the late Roy and Rachel (née Congdon) Harrington. He graduated from Cortland High School and Broome Tech. Pete served his country in the United States Army from 1964- 1967 in the Army and he received the sharp shooter award. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Dryden Chapter #377**. He enjoyed playing cards and bowling .he had been employed at Smith Corona, and as a surveyor for Milt Green and Denkenberger land surveyors. He volunteered for the Disabled American Veteran and was Coordinator of Medical Transportation as well as treasurer. Pete is survived by his brothers, Henry "Hank" Harrington and LeRoy "Joe" Harrington; his nephews, John Harrington and Mark (Molly) Harrington; his great-nephew, Kyle Harrington and great-niece, Megan Harrington; his aunt,

Clara Harrington Bleck. In addition to his parents Pete was predeceased by his nephews, Michel and David A Harrington. Calling hours were held on Sunday from 12:00-2:00 PM at the Wright-Beard Funeral Home, 9 Lincoln Avenue, Cortland NY. The funeral services were on Monday at 12:00 PM at the Funeral Home. The interment was in Saint Mary Cemetery. In lieu of flowers memorial contributions in Pete's name is asked to be given to the DAV Chapter #91, Owego Street, Cortland NY 13045.

EARL C. HAWKINS – Died recently in Cumberland, Maryland at the age of 67. The cause of death is unknown. He was born May 18, 1949. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Cumberland Chapter #172**.



PAUL THOMAS HAYNES - Died Thursday, July 2, 2015 at the VA Hospice Unit from sepsis and complications of a spinal cord injury suffered in July 2009. He received outstanding medical care from the Veteran's Hospice Unit and Home Based Primary Care Program. He was 71 years of age and a resident of Bordentown, New Jersey. He was born and raised in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania on September 5, 1943 to Pauline Haynes and the late George Haynes. A graduate of North Catholic High School, Paul was a First Lieutenant in the United States Army serving as a forward observer in Vietnam during the Tet Offensive, where he was awarded several meritorious commendations including the Bronze Star for Bravery. He was an *At-Large Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – New Jersey**. He attended Clemson University on a full football scholarship before volunteering for Vietnam. Upon his return home, he earned a Bachelor's of Finance and Marketing from Saint Joseph University and an MBA in Business Administration. His 40 plus year career as first a salesman, then area, district and national sales manager included such companies as Xerox, Canon, Danka and Greentech Energy Services. His occupation took the family from Philadelphia to Cleveland, Boston, Atlanta and several towns in New Jersey - his favorite being Moorestown. Paul was a life-long athlete until the accident in 2009 left him a catastrophically disabled quadriplegic. He was an avid fan of any sporting event in which his sons participated. Paul was a very spiritual person with a great love for God and others; a gentle giant who treated everyone with respect and consideration. He was at the heart of any party with an infectious laugh and huge smile who enjoyed music, reading, a good cigar and attending theatre performances. He practiced what he preached; most important to him were faith, family and friends. His affable nature, intelligence, large frame and contagious smile were tempered by compassion and humility. Paul is survived by his beloved wife of 45 years Jean (née Downey); his loving mother, Pauline; devoted sisters, Pat Cowden and Carolyn Thompson; and remarkable sons and daughters-in-law, Paul and Michele, Jonathan and Amanda, Ryan and Meghan, and Colin and Lani. Paul was preceded in death by his father, George Haynes. He was the adoring Pop-Pop to granddaughters, Riley, Charlotte, Emma, Kayla, Kenley, and Gia; and grandson, Kellen; uncle to dozens of nieces and nephews; and true friend to many. He was an inspiration to all who knew him and all who knew him, loved him. Relatives and friends were invited to Paul's viewing at Mount Laurel Home for Funerals, 212 Ark Road, Mount Laurel, NJ 08054 from 6:00 to 8:00 PM on Monday, July 6th. An

additional viewing took place from 10:00 to 10:45 AM on Tuesday at Christ Our Light Church, 402 Kings Highway North, Cherry Hill, NJ 08034. A Funeral Mass and life celebration was at 11:00 AM. Interment was in the Jesus Bread of Life Cemetery, Mount Laurel. In lieu of flowers, the family requested donations to A Step Toward Hope, Inc., a charity which helps those with catastrophic disabilities, 300 West Route 38, Moorestown, NJ 08057 or www.asteptowardhope.org. Mount Laurel Home for Funerals was in charge of the arrangements.

PAUL J. HERRICK, JR. - Died Sunday, June 5, 2016 at the New York State Veteran's Home, Montrose, New York at the age of 71. He was a resident of West Haverstraw, New York. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on August 20, 1944 in Suffern, New York to the late Paul J. Herrick, Sr. and Lena (née Corica) Herrick. He was a 1962 graduate of Haverstraw High School. He attended SUNY Cortland and Fort Hayes State University. He proudly served in the United States Army from 1965 - 1967 and was assigned to the 57th Military Police Company at West Point, New York. He was a *Permanently Hospitalized Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Pleasantville Chapter #49**. Paul is predeceased by his father Paul, Sr. in 1997 and his mother Lena in 2006. He is survived by his sister Nancy of West Haverstraw; his niece Allison (Gabriel) Collazo and great-nephews Gabriel, Gavin, Gionni and Grayson Collazo all of West Haverstraw. He is also survived by his aunt and uncle, Mary and Neil Battinelli of Walden, NY; his aunt Antoinette Corica of West Haverstraw and many cousins. Paul was a member of the Leo Laders Post #130 American Legion Post. He was a loving, genuine and caring man. He will be remembered for his kindness and generosity and missed by his family. The family received friends and relatives on Thursday June 9th from 2:00-4:00 and from 7:00-9:00 PM at the TJ McGowan Sons Funeral Home, 133 Broadway Haverstraw, NY. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on Friday, June 10th at 10:00 AM in Saint Peter Church in Haverstraw. He was interred in Saint Peter Cemetery.



ARTHUR J. "Art" HEYDERMAN – Died Tuesday, April 18, 2017 in Countryside, Illinois at the age of 71. He was formerly of Bettendorf, Iowa. The cause of death was a heart attack. He was born on January 1, 1946 in Brooklyn, New York. He was the beloved husband of 49 years to Renee (née Pearlman); loving father of Brian Heyderman, Deborah (Tim) Vasil, and Cathy Heyderman; dear grandfather ('Poppy') of Chloe and Declan Vasil; brother of Mark (Carol) Heyderman; uncle and friend of many. Art was a proud Veteran of the United States Army Corps of Engineers who served during the Vietnam War, and later in the United States Army Reserves for over 28 years. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Bettendorf Chapter #776**. He was a Retiree of the Rock Island Arsenal, and a member of the Iowa ACLU, NDIA, and the Democratic Party. He will be dearly missed. The committal at the Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery in Elwood, IL took place on Thursday, April 20th at 2:00 PM. Family and friends were invited to gather at the cemetery visitor's center at 1:30 PM. In lieu of flowers, donations made to the Vietnam Veterans of America were appreciated.

(<https://vva.org/>). The arrangements were entrusted to the Hallowell and James Funeral Home, Countryside, Illinois.

HERBERT W. HICKS, JR. - Died Tuesday afternoon, May 31, 2016, at his home in Fayette, Ohio at the age of 70. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on April 8, 1946, in Toledo, Ohio to the late Herbert and Viola (née Blasingame) Hicks. He married Judith E. Mayberry on July 2, 1985, in Wauseon, OH, and she survives. Herbert grew up in Toledo and graduated from Whitmer High School Class of 1964. He proudly served our country as a member of the United States Navy during the Vietnam War. Following his military service, he began employment with Chrysler-Jeep in Toledo, where he served as a maintenance supervisor for over 30 years. He enjoyed computers and fishing at his beloved Harrison Lake, where he lived. He was an *At-Large Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Ohio**. Surviving in addition to his wife, Judi, are their four children, Patrick Krieger of Wauseon, Kimmi (Brandon) Floro of Toledo, Raymond (Tanya) Braden of Mechanicsville, VA, and Kalyn (Wade) Taylor of Perrysburg, OH; a sister, Kathy (James) Schudel of Swanton, OH; sixteen grandchildren; and eight great-grandchildren. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a sister, Sharon Keisser. Cremation has taken place and private family services were being planned at the Marzolf Shelter at Harrison Lake. The Hicks family is being served by the Eagle Funeral Home in Fayette. Those planning an expression of sympathy may consider memorial donations in honor of Herbert to CHP Hospice.



RONALD DUANE “Ron” HIEBERT - Died Friday, March 3, 2017 at home in Sonora, California after a series of illnesses within a month of his 70th birthday. The cause of death is unknown. Ron was born in Modesto, California to the late Robert R. Hiebert and Naomi (née Eubank) Hiebert on April 5, 1947. He attended Downey High School, class of 1965. Ron loved spending time in the mountains. He was on the Dodge Ridge Ski Patrol for some time before he was drafted into the United States Army in July of 1966. After basic training, he went onto Green Beret school. His first assignment was in Africa, then Israel, then several Middle-Eastern countries, training foreign militias to use American arms. From there he volunteered to go to Vietnam and had dual assignments: a crew chief with the 1st Aviation Brigade flying Musket Helicopters and serving on missions with the 5th Special Forces. Helicopters he was in were shot down three times, and he was lost on the ground, MIA, for more than 31 days in 1968. He was honorably discharged from the military with three Purple Hearts, a Bronze Star with Vita Vice, and the Air Medal for service to his Country. Ron was an Elk, a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Sonora Chapter #391**, VFW, E Clampus Vitus and Motherlode Corvettes. His life's work started at Twinning Laboratories, then 21 years at Gallo Winery, and his last job in Sonora with Suburban Propane. He was a kind man with a wicked, infectious laugh. He loved his family, his Country, American history, travel, country music, Nascar, chocolate, his many Lhasa Apso dogs, fly fishing, hunting and his 1979 yellow Corvette. He was preceded in death by parents, Naomi Galos, his stepfather, William Galos, his father Robert R. Hiebert and his stepmother, Elaine. Ron is survived by his wife, Jan, his stepson Matthew, Sandy and Emmalynn Daines, his children, Jeannie Hiebert, Elaine Hiebert, Dan and Lois Hiebert; his sisters, Cheryl Wright and Charlene McCafferty, and; many nieces, nephews and cousins. He was also survived by extended family members Rebecca and Tom Dixon, Andrea, Mike, Myles and Addison Sanchez, Stefanie, Anthony, and Alyzabeth

Bauman. A memorial service was held at Terzich and Wilson Funeral Home on Thursday, March 9th at 2:00 PM. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations may be made to the Vietnam Veterans of America, Chapter #391, Wounded Warriors Project, or the Gary Sinese Foundation. www.cvobituaries.com.

DARRELL C. HOLDER - Died Sunday, July 27, 2014 at Saint Francis Hospital, Greenwood, Indiana at the age of 67. The cause of death is unknown. He was born August 10, 1946, in Columbus, Indiana to the late Claude and Lucyetta Holder. In 1964, he married Sonna L. Hamilton and together they had two children, Ian Holder and Katie Holder Ryan. Darrell served in Vietnam with the Indiana Army National Guard, Company D (Ranger) 151st Infantry. He was a Purple Heart and Silver Star award recipient. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Indianapolis Chapter #295**. He was a Mason of the Hope Masonic Lodge #150, and served as Worshipful Master in 1977. He worked at Indiana Bell for 27 years and was a square dance caller for 40+ years. Darrell is survived by his wife, Sonna; his children, Ian (Traci) Holder and Katie (Jason) Ryan; and grandchildren, Claire and Kenlee Ryan. Funeral services were held at the Norman Funeral Home in Hope, Indiana on Thursday July 31st, at 11:00 AM. Visitation hours were held on Wednesday, July 30th, from 4:00 to 8:00 PM. The Masonic Service was held at 8:00 PM following visitation. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Helping Hands for Freedom. Donations can be made online at hh4f.org or through the Norman Funeral Home.

HARRY J. "Shoe" HOY – Died Saturday, July 23, 2016 in Hudson, Florida at the age of 69. The cause of death was lung cancer. He was born on November 11, 1944. He served in the United States Marine Corps during the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Dearborn Chapter #267**. He was the Secretary for the 3rd Battalion, 3rd Marine Division in Vietnam. He was buried alongside his wife in Arlington National Cemetery.



NORBERT D. JANAK - Died Thursday, February 9, 2017 at his home in Hallettsville, Texas at the age of 70. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on December 27, 1946 in Hallettsville to the late Mike V. and Lillie (née Wagner) Janak. Norbert went to Wied School, and graduated from Saint Paul Catholic High School in Shiner in 1965. He was drafted into the United States Army in January, 1966. After training at Fort Lewis, WA, for one year, Norbert was then sent to Vietnam, working with a heavy artillery unit for one year. After returning from the Army January 1968, Norbert then worked for TRW Mission in Houston for five years. After his father's death in 1973, he moved back to Wied and continued the farming/ranching operation until his death. At an early age Norbert enjoyed singing and playing guitar. After returning from the Army Norbert continued his music. He played with the "The Legends" and then the "Gold Dust" band. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Schulenburg Chapter #870**. Norbert is survived by: his loving companion of 24 years, Maggie Boehm; four sisters, Mary Jo Veit of Shiner, TX, Gussie Kelnar of Hallettsville, TX, Terrie Nerren (Nick) of Houston, TX, Rose Mary Knox (Bob) of Stockton, CA; four brothers, Ludy Janak (Diane) of Hallettsville, TX, Patrick Janak (Monika) of Victoria, TX, Edmund Janak (Frances) of Houston, TX, and Benjamin

Janak (Linda) of Victoria, TX; and numerous nieces and nephews. Norbert was preceded in death by his parents, his brother, Julius Janak, and his brothers-in-law Lawrence Veit and Raymond Kelnar. The Funeral Mass was at 2:00 PM on Tuesday, February 14, 2017 at Saint Mary Catholic Church of Hallettsville. Visitation hours were from 4:00 PM on Monday, February 13, 2017 at the Kubena Funeral Home with a Prayer Service at 6:00 PM. The pallbearers were Michael Veit, Brandon Janak, Brian Kelnar, Chris Nerren, Michael Janak, and Travis James Boehm II. The honorary pallbearers were Greg Veit, Kevin Kelnar, Mark Kelnar, and Jeremy Janak. The celebrant of the Mass was Monsignor. John Peters. Memorials were requested to go to Vietnam Veterans of America (VVA) Chapter #870, The American Heart Association, Saint Mary Catholic Church or Donor's Choice. The burial was in Saint Mary Catholic Cemetery.



WAYNE E. JOHNS - Died at 1:00 AM on Wednesday, March 23, 2016 at the Lebanon VA Medical Center, Lebanon, Pennsylvania at the age of 59. He was a resident of New Cumberland, Pennsylvania. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on November 3, 1956 in Manchester, Pennsylvania to Betty R. (née Clinton) Long of Manchester and the late Arthur D. Johns, Sr. He served in the United States Marine Corps during the Vietnam War and had worked as an auto mechanic. Mr. Johns was a Life Member of the Hollidaysburg Veterans of Foreign Wars and a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Hollidaysburg Chapter #967**. In addition to his mother, Mr. Johns is survived by two daughters, Erin Van Valen, and her husband Abel, of York Haven, Jessica E. Johns, and Keith Shaub Jr., of York; five grandchildren, Gage, Camryn, Peyton, Kayleen and Jaiden; two sisters, Ada M. Steele, and her husband Bruce, of New Cumberland, and Deborah A. Cross, and her husband Randy, of York; three half-sisters, Mary Jo Hammond of Texas, Judith Turner of Texas, and Barbara Sipe of Idaho; three half-brothers, Gary Johns of Dover, Matthew Roach of York, and Mark Roach of York. He was also preceded in death by two half-sisters, Betty Conelly and Gloria Winemiller; and a half-brother, Arthur Johns, Jr. Funeral services were scheduled for 10:00 AM on Tuesday, March 29, 2016 at the William E. Little Funeral Homes, Inc., 60 South Main Street, Manchester with the Reverend Chuck Sprengle officiating. Viewing hours were from 9:00 to 10:00 AM. The burial was in the Prospect Hill Cemetery with full military rights presented by the York County Veterans Honor Guard. Memorial contributions may be made to Wounded Warriors, P.O. Box 758517, Topeka, KS 66675. The family would like to thank the nurses and staff at the VA Medical Center in Altoona for the exceptional care they gave to Mr. Johns.



PETER "Pete" JOHNSON - Died Sunday, November 20, 2016 at the Wisconsin Veteran's Home at Chippewa Falls, Wisconsin at the age of 69. He was a resident of Chippewa Falls. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Japan on December 5, 1946 and moved to the United States in 1954 along with his brother, to be with his parents, the late Melvin and Jean Johnson. He grew up in Chippewa Falls, attending Notre Dame Grade School, two years at

McDonell High School and graduating from Chippewa Falls High School in 1966. He participated in the sports of baseball, football and wrestling. Pete proudly served his country for 20 years, trouble-shooting aircraft problems as an airplane mechanic for the United States Air Force from 1966 to 1986, including a tour of duty in Vietnam. Peter was married to Noriko Ishii at the consulate in Okinawa in 1970. His daughter, Mickie was born in Charleston, South Carolina in 1971. After retiring from the Air Force, Peter operated a painting business in California until 2002 when he returned home to Chippewa Falls to help his mother. From 2002 to 2009 he truly enjoyed the role of custodian for the Notre Dame Middle School. He loved his daughter, Mickie and his granddaughter, Brittney very much and was so proud of both of them. Peter was a lifelong member of Notre Dame Parish and the Knights of Columbus Goldsmith Council #974 in Chippewa Falls. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Eau Claire Chapter #5**. Peter was preceded in death by his parents; his grandson, Victor Joseph Sugar; and one of his best friends, John Anderson. The funeral services were held at 12:15 PM on Tuesday, November 22nd at Holy Ghost Church in Chippewa Falls. The Reverend Monsignor Mark Pierce was the celebrant of the Funeral Mass. The interment was in the Hope Cemetery in Chippewa Falls. Military rites were conducted by the Chippewa Falls Patriotic Council. Friends came to visit from 11:15 AM until the time of the service at Noon on Tuesday, November 22nd at Holy Ghost Church in Chippewa Falls. Music during the Mass was provided by Judy Brist. Readings were given by Brittney Nicole Sugar and Candi Anderson. Eucharistic ministers were Russ Rowan and Pat Rubenzer. The Pall Bearers were Jack Calkins, Butch Dachel, Ray Harling, Steve Hedrington, Tom Joas, Steve Rykal and Terry Wedemeyer.

WILLIAM P. KENNEDY – Died recently in 2017 in Torrance, California. The cause of death was a heart attack. He served in the United States Marine Corps with a tour of duty in Vietnam in 1966. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Torrance Chapter #53**.



MARY M. KENSILL - Died at her home in Harborcreek, Pennsylvania on Wednesday, November 23, 2016 at the age of 74. The cause of death was scleroderma. She was born in Erie, Pennsylvania on June 29, 1942 to the late John and Helen Higgins. Mary was a member of Saint James Roman Catholic Church. In 1997, she helped co-found the Erie County Vietnam Veterans' Memorial and has served as Treasurer until her passing. She was a *Life Member* of **Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America – Erie Chapter #435**. Mary worked for WQLN, Scott Enterprises and Saint Mary's Home prior to her retirement. She enjoyed reading, traveling, Lake Erie sunsets, and lighthouses. Mary is survived by her husband of 37 years, Kenneth Kensill; one daughter, Deborah Ackley; one son, Patrick Kensill (Katie); one stepson, Kenneth Kensill III (Andrea); two sisters, Ann Higgins, and Dee Space (Jerry); four grandchildren, Jared, Kasey, Khloe, Colin and one on the way; and several nieces and nephews. Friends visited the family at the Dusckas-Taylor Funeral Home and Cremation Services, Inc., 5151 Buffalo Road (at Hannon Road in Harborcreek Township), on Friday from 2:00 to 4:00 PM and from 6:00 to 8:00 PM and were invited to attend a Funeral Mass on Saturday at 9:00 AM at Saint James Roman Catholic Church. Entombment was in the Mary Queen of Peace Cemetery. Memorial

contributions may be designated to The Erie County Vietnam Veterans' Memorial, c/o 4808 East Carver Avenue, Erie, PA 16511 or Scleroderma Foundation, Western Pennsylvania Chapter, 7 South BioMedical Science Tower, 3500 Terrace Street, Pittsburgh, PA 15261.

JOSEPH KOGUT – Died in March 2017 in Tonawanda, New York at the age of 67. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Lackawanna, New York on March 12, 1950. He served in the United States Navy from 1968 to 1973. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Tonawanda Chapter #77**.



ALAN R. KOVAR – Died Tuesday, January 31, 2017 in Sagamore Hills, Ohio at the age of 80. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on October 9, 1936. He was the beloved husband of Irene (née Wierzchowski) (Wier) Kovar for 53 years; dearest cousin of Bette Neuhaus; dear brother-in-law of Leon Wierzchowski, Dianne Skuhrovec and Thomas Wierzchowski. He served in the United States Air Force during the Korean War and the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Lakewood Chapter #249**. He was a Eucharistic Minister in his parish, a member of Knights of Columbus, Past Commander of AMVETS Post #80 and AMVETS District #20, member of Catholic War Veterans, member of Maple Heights American Legion and Memorial Day Committee, accomplished private pilot and avid bowler. Friends were received at the Saint John Funeral Home, 923 Broadway, Bedford (one mile west of Forbes-Broadway exit I-271) on Sunday from 4:00 – 8:00 PM. The Mass of Christian Burial was on Monday, February 6th at Saint Barnabas Church, Northfield at 12:00 NOON. The burial was in All Saints Cemetery. Although flowers are appreciated, the family suggests contributions to the Saint Vincent de Paul Society.

ROBERT D. LAW – Died recently in 2017 in Sonora, California at the age of 72. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on December 28, 1944. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Sonora Chapter #391**.

CHARLES J. "Chuck" LEDTJE - Died Sunday, April 23, 2017 at the Pinnacle Specialty Care in Cedar Falls, Iowa at the age of 68. He was a resident of Cedar Falls. The cause of death was multiple sclerosis. He was born on April 24, 1948 in Marshalltown, Iowa to Robert and the late Alleen (née Williams) Ledtje. He graduated from Dike High School in 1966, served in the United States Navy during Vietnam, and was an electrician with Hormel Foods in Fremont, Nebraska. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Bettendorf Chapter #776**. Chuck is survived by his father, Robert Ledtje of Elberon, IA; and two brothers, Earnest Ledtje of Wilton, IA, and Mike Ledtje of Santa Clara, CA. He was preceded in death by his mother and a sister, Kathy Nekola. No services will be held.



FREDERICK WALTER "Fred" LEWIS - Died Saturday, April 8, 2017 in Clarkston, Wisconsin at the age of 67, after battling cancer. He was also a resident of Hazel Park, Michigan and Madison Heights, Michigan. He was born in Hazel Park on March 16, 1950 to the Hershel and Mary Lewis. Fred graduated from Hazel Park High School. He enlisted in the United States Air Force and proudly served in the Vietnam War. Fred retired from the City of Hazel Park after 37 years of service. During his time with the City, he was employed part-time by Beaumont Hospital Security. Fred also retired from the 43rd District Court (Ferndale). He was a longtime member of the Fraternal Order of Police Lodge #130. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Clinton Township Chapter #154**. His witty sense of humor was second to none, and he enjoyed watching sports and spending time with his family. He is survived by his wife, Peggy (née Robidou), daughter, Lisa (Brent) Bernys, sons, Paul (Kerri) Lewis and Jeff (Jennifer) Lewis, seven grandchildren, sisters, Geri O'Meara and Elsie Merrifield, and brother, Dennis (Kathy) Lewis. In addition to his parents, he was also predeceased by his sister, Cookie Szymanski, brothers-in-law, Larry Szymanski, Ed O'Meara, and Frank Merrifield. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Vietnam Veterans of America (www.vva.org). Memorial visitation was on Wednesday, April 12th from 3:00-8:00 PM at the Hopcroft Funeral Home, 31145 John R. Road, Madison Heights. Laying-in-State was on Thursday, April 13th at 10:30 AM with a Mass at 11:00 AM at Saint Mary Magdalen Church, Hazel Park. www.hopcroftfuneralhomes.com.



LEONARD ANDREW "Len" LONG (USMC, MAJ-Ret.) – Died Monday, January 2, 2017 in New Bern, North Carolina at the age of 81. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Richmond, Virginia at Retreat Hospital on August 28, 1935 the eldest of four children to the late Lauretta and Robert Andrew Long. He is survived by his wife of 57 years Dauphne and four sons Leonard (Tony), Paul, Timothy, and Jonathan. He is also survived by his sisters Virginia Clifton, Kristeen McLamb, and brother David Long. He graduated John Marshall High School and entered the United States Marine Corps Reserve in March 1953 on a delayed entry training program. His enlisted fields included combat engineer, truck mechanic, radio technician, and radio engineer. He started his career as a Private and was commissioned a Chief Warrant Officer in September 1966. In 1971 he was commissioned as an LDO 1st Lieutenant and was promoted to LDO Major in 1979. Major Long retired in 1985. His awards include Meritorious Service Medal, Good Conduct Medal, Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Vietnam Service Medal w/1 silver and 2 bronze stars, Vietnam Campaign Medal w/device, Combat Action Ribbon, Presidential Unit Citation, Navy Unit Commendation, Republic of Vietnam Cross of Gallantry w/Palm, Marine Corps Expeditionary Medal, RVNC Ribbon Bar w/device, Navy Achievement Medal, Republic of Vietnam Meritorious Unit Commendation Civil Action Colors First Class Citation, Navy Unit Citation, M-14 Expert Rifle Badge, .45 Pistol Sharpshooter. He was honored in 1970 with the President's Outstanding

Young Men of America Award. Len spent his entire life in service to the youth of America through active involvement in the Boy Scouts and Cub Scouts. He held numerous positions and received uncounted awards including the Silver Beaver Award, Vigil Honor member of the Order of the Arrow Croatan Lodge, Eagle Class of 2010 Honoree, Cubmaster Award of Merit, Lamb Award, and Whitney M. Young Award. His contributions to Scouting spanned Woodbadge, Philmont, unit, district, and council level service, Order of the Arrow, Learning for Life, the National Jamboree Staff. His service to youth spanned the globe as he engaged in service. Len was a past President of the New Bern Civitans, a lifetime NRA member, Master Gardener, American Legion, Veteran of Foreign Wars, Gideons. He was an *At-Large Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – North Carolina*. He was a Master Electrician and taught at Craven and Pamlico Community Colleges. Len also devoted his life to service to the church. He was a long-time Lutheran engaged in church service spanning the globe. From ushers, building maintenance, Sunday school, vacation bible school, men's groups, church council, and more he always took the task and did God's work. He will be greatly missed by all.

TYLER WAYNE LUBSEN – Died Thursday, March 9, 2017 in Reno, Nevada at the age of 63. The cause of death is unknown. He was born April 28, 1953. He served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Reno Chapter #989*.

WILLIAM C. LUCAS – Died Sunday, April 16, 2017 in Lockport, New York at the age of 72. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Niagara Falls, New York on August 20, 1944. He served in the United States Army from 1967 to 1969. He was a *Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Tonawanda Chapter #77*.

JOHN MICHAEL LYNCH – Died Sunday, April 30, 2017 in The Villages, Florida at the age of 68. The cause of death was Stage IV Brain Cancer. He was born in Des Moines, Iowa on June 6, 1948. He served in the United States Navy from May 6, 1966 to May 7, 1969. He served three tours of duty in Vietnam. Among his medals were the National Defense Service Medal, Vietnam Service Medal with two bronze stars, the Vietnam Campaign Medal and the Navy United Commendation Ribbon. He was a *Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Oxford Chapter #1036*.



JAMES "Jim" MALLOY, SR. - Died Saturday, April 1, 2017 in Mesa, Arizona at the age of 70. He was a resident of Cumberland, Maryland. The cause of death is unknown. He was born February 13, 1947 in Cumberland, to the late Joseph L. and Margaret (née Murray) Malloy. He was also preceded in death by a granddaughter, Amanda Smith. He served in the United States Marine Corps during the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Cumberland Chapter #172*. Jim is survived by his childhood sweetheart and wife of 51 years: Deana (née Rice) Malloy; and his children: James Malloy, Jr., Tracy Malloy, Crystal Woods and husband, Glenn, Tara Gonzalez and husband, Thomas; Joseph Malloy and wife, Jennifer; and, Heather Donahue and husband, Shaun. He also leaves behind his grandchildren: November, David, Joseph, Shantay, and Kelsie Malloy; Jamie and Dalton Smith; Jayla Brunson; Jarren

Brunson; C.J. Armstrong; Jacob, Mia, Lilianna, and Skylah Gonzalez; O'Chun Jones, Ronan, and Aisling Donahue; Kellsea Ault; Kasidea, Hannah and Madyson Miltenberger; and 11 great grandchildren. Jim is also survived by his brother: William Malloy and wife, Jan; as well as numerous nieces and nephews. At Jim's request, he was cremated. A memorial service was held on Friday, April 21, 2017, at the Tri-State Ministry Center at 11:00 AM with Pastor Stevie Leydig officiating. Friends were received one hour prior to the service. A private interment was held at the Maryland Veterans Cemetery at Rocky Gap. Military honors were accorded at the cemetery by the Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter #172 Color Guard.



EDWARD W. "Ed" MANNA - Died Friday August 28, 2015 at UPMC in Altoona, Pennsylvania at the age of 67. He was a resident of Hollidaysburg, Pennsylvania. The cause of death is unknown. He was born May 5, 1948 in Beaver Falls, Pennsylvania to the late Frank and Concetta (née DePietro) Manna. He is survived by two sisters: Verna Lardieri of Hollidaysburg and Bonita Pacovsky and husband Stanley of Altoona. Two Brothers: Joe Manna of Florida and Ted Manna of Hollidaysburg; His best friend: Henry Burnett. He is also survived by many nieces, nephews, great-nieces, and great-nephews. He was preceded in death by a sister, Connie Walko and his brothers John, Frank, Nick, Billy, and Tullio. Ed was a graduate of Hollidaysburg High School. He served in the United States Marine Corps as a Sergeant during the Vietnam War. He previously worked as a Custodian for Hayes Large Architects, LLC. Ed was very active with VFW Post #3 where he served as past Post Commander. He was one of the *Charter Members* and *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Hollidaysburg Chapter #967**. He was a member of the American Legion, Catholic War Vets, Cesare Battisti Club, Buccinese Club, Swiss Rifle Club, UVA, Heidelberg Country Club, Bavarian Aid Society, and the Fraternal Order of Clubs where he served as past President. He enjoyed spending time with his family especially with his loving nieces, nephews, and great-nieces and great-nephews. Friends were received from 10:30 AM until the 11:30 AM funeral service on Saturday September 12, 2015 at the Axe and Santella Family Chapel 1534 4th Street, Altoona, PA 16601 with full military honors. A luncheon was held at the Catholic War Veterans Post, 290 Valley Avenue, Altoona, PA 16601 after the service. In lieu of flowers contributions may be given to a memorial fund for Ed C/O Verna Lardieri and sent to First National Bank 224 Allegheny Street, Hollidaysburg, PA 16648.

NORMAN BENJAMIN MARGULIES - Died Thursday, September 11, 2014 at the University in Newark, New Jersey at the age of 72. He was a resident of Manasquan, New Jersey. The cause of death was an automobile accident, death resulting. He was born in Neptune, New Jersey on August 22, 1942. He has lived in Manasquan all of his life. He was a Civil Engineer for Merck in West Point, Pennsylvania for over 40 years before retiring. He was a Vietnam Veteran of the United States Army. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Allenhurst Chapter #12**. He was a coach in Manasquan for pop warner football and Little League, an avid scuba diver, worked for many years with the Manasquan Beach Department and as a Crossing

Guard. He was predeceased by his sister, Ruth Finkelstein and is survived by his wife of 41 years, Judith Ann (née Maguire); his son, Bryan and his partner Daniel, of Syracuse, NY; his daughter, Cindy Cimino and her husband Sam, of Wall, New Jersey, and; his granddaughter, Isabella. Visitation hours were on Tuesday, September 23, 2014 from 11:00 AM to 12:30 PM at the Neary-Quinn Funeral Home, 39 South Street, Manasquan, NJ. A graveside service was at 1:00 PM at the Atlantic View Cemetery in Manasquan. In lieu of flowers, donations were requested to be made to the American Diabetes Association, P.O. Box 13067, Alexandria, VA 22312 or the National Kidney Foundation, 30 East 33rd Street, New York, NY 10016.



RONALD STERLING "Ron" McCAUL (USA, LTC-Ret.) - Died Friday, November 18, 2016 in Montgomery, Alabama at the age of 87. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on November 15, 1929. Ron retired from the United States Army after 25 years of service, having served in both Korea and Vietnam. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Wetumpka Chapter #607**. He was preceded in death by his wife, Jacquelyn McCall McCaul, and a sister, Bernice Lewis. He is survived by six children, Peggy McCaul-Ames, Beth Ivey, Randy McCaul, Merry Henry, Darryl McCaul (Jesalyn) and Ronda McCaul Walker (Jason); two brothers, Hugh McCaul and Bobby McCaul; numerous grandchildren and great grandchildren. Visitation hours were held at the Alabama Heritage Funeral Home on Tuesday, November 22, 2016 from 10:00 AM until 11:00 AM, followed by a graveside service with full military honors in the Alabama Heritage Cemetery with Pastor Jeff McFarland officiating. Arrangements were under the direction of the Alabama Heritage Funeral Home, Montgomery, AL.

CRAIG R. McLAREN – Died recently in 2017 in Elmore, Alabama at the age of 67. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on April 21, 1950. He served in the United States Army in the Vietnam War assigned to the 173rd Airborne Division. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Elmore Chapter #190**.



THOMAS G. "Tom" McFARLAND - Died at his home in Jackson, Michigan on Monday, April 24, 2017 at the age of 67. The cause of death was heart failure. He was born on January 23, 1950 in Bay City, Michigan to the late William and Lieselotte McFarland. He is survived by his wife, Edith McFarland; five children, David (Kimberly) McFarland of Jackson, Bryan McFarland of Mt. Pleasant, Roxanne Schneider of Dundee, Kevin Smith of Maybee, and Rebecca (Frank) Bogedain of Maybee; seven grandchildren, Josh, Logen, Hayden, Katie, Brian, Alexis, and Andraya; and one brother, Steve McFarland. He was preceded in death by his parents, William and Lieselotte McFarland and one sister, Liz Ohlrogge. Tom graduated from North West High School. He was a United States Army Veteran of the Vietnam-era, where he received a Purple Heart. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Jackson Chapter #109** and the Military Order of Purple Heart Chapter #799. A memorial service was

held on Sunday, May 7th at 1:00 PM at the American Legion Post #29, 3200 Lansing Avenue. In Tom's memory, contributions to Vietnam Veterans of America would be appreciated.

WILLIAM McFARLAND – Died recently in 2017 in Gold Beach, Oregon at the age of 54. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on May 7, 1962. He was a member of **Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America – Brookings Chapter #757**.

JOHN “Jack” MICHALSKI – Died Sunday, June 5, 2016 in Moline, Illinois at the age of 81. He was formerly of Rock Island, Illinois. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on September 16, 1934. He graduated from Alleman Catholic High School and the University of Omaha later earning an MBA from Pepperdine University. Jack served his country with honor and dignity in the United States Army. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Moline Chapter #669**. He was married to Mary. A Mass of Christian Burial was at 10:00 AM on Thursday, June 9, 2016 at Saint Pius X Church in Rock Island. Visitation hours were on Wednesday from 4:00 – 7:00 PM at the Rafferty Funeral Home, 2111- 1st A, Moline. Burial was at the National Cemetery in Rock Island with full military honors conducted by the American Legion Post #246 Moline. Memorials can be made to Rock Island County Historical Society.

JORDAN F. MONROE – Died recently in 2017 in Grapevine, Texas at the age of 85. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on November 22, 1931. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Bismarck (North Dakota) Chapter #150**.



JOHN MICHAEL MORROW - Died Tuesday, December 13, 2016 at the Froedtert Memorial Hospital following a courageous battle with cancer. He was 67 years of age and a resident of Racine, Wisconsin. John was born in Racine on July 28, 1949 to the late Marvin and Dorothy (née Lamb) Morrow who survives. John graduated from William Horlick High School, “Class of 1967” and went on to proudly serve in the United States Army stationed in Vietnam from 1969-1970. He was an *At-Large Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Wisconsin**. On February 1, 1984, he was united in marriage to Blanca E. Villarreal. John was employed by Western Publishing for 27 years, retiring in 2001. John enjoyed motorcycling, taking walks, John Wayne movies, “driving his wife nuts”, acting as Blanca’s private dishwasher while she was baking, and spending time with family and friends socializing. He will be dearly missed. He is survived by his wife of 32 years, Blanca; his daughter, Rosemarie (Timothy) Divan; four grandchildren, Andy Bosworth, April Bosworth, Jasmine Trevino, Jerimiah Gonzales; six great-grandchildren; his mother, Dorothy Morrow; his sister, Becky Dunham; his nephews, Mike Dunham (Holly Smith), Mark Dunham; his great-nephew, Max Dunham; his longtime friends, Kermit and Daryl Barker, and; many other relatives and dear friends. John was preceded in death by his father Marvin and his daughter Blanca Gonzale. Relatives and friends were invited to attend funeral services with full military honors on Friday, January 6, 2017 at 11:00 AM at the Southern Wisconsin Veterans Memorial Cemetery. The Reverend Mark Doidge officiated. Memorials to the Wounded Warrior Project were suggested. The family wishes to extend a

special thank you to the Doctors, nurses and staff at the Froedert Hospital Center for Advanced Care.



WILLIAM B. "Bill" MULLAN - Died Wednesday, July 13, 2016 at the Rutland Regional Medical Center in Rutland, Vermont at the age of 72. He was a resident of Rutland. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Queens, New York on July 26, 1943 to the late Barney (Bernard) and Mary (née Grieve) Mullan. Upon graduation from Nassau Community College, Bill went to work as a chemical lab technician. But he enjoyed hiking and being in the woods and decided to become a forestry technician. After serving in the United States Army, which included a year in Vietnam, he attended and graduated from NYS Ranger School in Wanakena, NY. He then became a Vermont state forestry technician. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Rutland Chapter #1**. Later in life, he became a VT state social welfare worker. Survivors include his wife of 38 years, Elaine (née Cyr) Mullan; their daughter, Jamie, wife of Shawn Pemrick; four sons by a previous marriage Corey, Craig, Keith and Thomas; and several grandchildren. He was predeceased by a brother, John. The funeral Mass will be celebrated Sat., July 16, 2016, at noon in Christ the King Church, with the Reverend Father Justin Baker officiating. Friends came to visit from 10:00 AM to Noon in Engle Hall prior to the service on Saturday, July 16, 2016. Following the service, a reception was held in Engle Hall. Memorial contributions may be made to the Rutland County Humane Society, 765 Stevens Road, Pittsford, VT 05763; Christ the King Church, 66 South Main Street, Rutland, VT 05701; or Trinity Episcopal Church Discretionary Fund, 85 West Street, Rutland, VT 05701. Arrangements were under the direction of the Tossing Funeral Home.



GAYLORD BARRY NOBLES - Died Thursday, April 20, 2017 at the Arnot Ogden Medical Center at the age of 70. He was a resident of Elmira Heights, New York. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on January 30, 1947 in Batavia, New York to the late Roland C. and Dorothy M. (née Bey) Nobles. On June 10, 1972 Gaylord married Crystal A. Webster. Prior to her passing on September 6, 2005, they had celebrated 33 years of life and love together. His brother and sister-in-law, Keith and Elizabeth (Betty Jo) Nobles also preceded him in death. He is survived by his children: son, Jason; daughter, Jill; grandson, Dillan; along with many beloved nieces, nephews and cousins. He was blessed to have countless friends such as David Beitz, who he met in third grade; Kevin Webster, brother of his beloved Crystal; along with countless shipmates such as Wygant "Buck" Courter, Dan Lee and Captain Joseph Felty USN (ret.), who he sailed with and never left his life. After high school graduation in 1966, Gaylord enlisted in the United States Navy from 1966 to 1972. He served at Kodiak Naval Station, Alaska and aboard the ammunition ship USS Haleakala AE-25, on which he sailed numerous cruises to the Tonkin Gulf of Vietnam. In November of 1970, he began a career with the NYS Department of Corrections at the Attica Correctional Facility. After 30 years of dedicated service, he retired as Correctional Officer in April 2001 from the Elmira Reformatory. He served his community as Den Leader, Webelos Leader and Cub Master of Pack #71, Scout Master of Troop #71 and

Committee Member of Troop #13, all of Elmira Heights. He was a supporter of the American Red Cross, Boy Scouts of America, ASPCA and benefactor of the "Crystal Webster Nursing Scholarship" awarded to a graduating senior at Crystal's alma mater of Wellsboro High School, Wellsboro, PA. He served as Officer and President of the AE/AOE Sailors Association, Life Member of the AE/AOE Sailors Association, VFW Post #524 of Corning, NY, a *Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Elmira Chapter #803*, Westfield Historical Society of Westfield, PA, American Legion Post 0519 of Westfield, PA, US Navy Memorial of Washington, DC, Chemung County Rod and Gun Club, The National Rifle Association, Chemung County Military Honor Guard, sponsored by the American Legion Post #154 and is a strong defender of the United States Constitution and Bill of Rights. Gaylord was an avid genealogist who traced his direct lineage back 11 generations to Thomas Nobles, who came to Boston, MA from Scotland in 1653. His 4th and 5th great-grandfathers were patriot soldiers of the American Revolution. Family and friends are invited to gather at the Olthof Funeral Home, Inc., 1050 Pennsylvania Avenue, Elmira/Southport, NY on Tuesday, April 25, 2017 from 4:00 to 7:00 PM. Funeral Services honoring his life were held there on Wednesday, April 26th at 10:00 AM. The Reverend Edward Collins officiated. Interment was in the Brookfield Cemetery, Brookfield, PA where he was laid to rest with his beloved Crystal and his ancestors who rest there dating as far back as the pioneer settlers of Brookfield in 1812. Military Honors were accorded to Mr. Nobles at his gravesite by the group he was a part of for many years, the Chemung County Veteran's Honor Guard. Gaylord's tribute wall may be signed at www.olthof.com. Gaylord would often close his conversations with shipmates by saying, "Have fun and keep sailing!"

JOHN R. O'CONNOR – Died recently in 2017 in Lutz, Florida at the age of 73. The cause of death is unknown. He was born June 7, 1943. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was an *At-Large Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – New York*.



RONNIE WAYNE ODOM (USA, CSM-Ret.) - Died Thursday, November 17, 2016 in the comfort of his home in Lake Charles, Louisiana at the age of 73. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on August 30, 1943 in Elizabeth, Louisiana to the late Lenox and Minnie Odom and was raised in the Plainview, Louisiana community. He was a 1961 graduate of Plainview High School and a 1972 and 1979 graduate of McNeese State University. He served in the United States Air Force and was a Command Sergeant Major (E-9) in the United States Army Reserve having retired a Finance Disbursement Officer. He was proud to serve Operation Enduring Freedom in Kuwait. Mr. Odom was a member and Past Commander of the American Legion Post #1 and VFW Post #2139. He was a member of ***Vietnam Veterans of America – Lake Charles Chapter #1098***. From 1981 – 2001 “Coach Odom” taught American History and Free Enterprise at Barbe High School where he was the head golf coach, offensive back coach for the football team, assistant basketball and track coach. He was a member of the SWLA Umpire Association, a referee in the SWLA Football Officials Association, enjoyed officiating high school football and umpiring high school baseball and girls softball. Mr. Odom was also a member of US Golf Association, McNeese Cowboy Club and Sale Street Baptist Church. He was also

preceded in death by one sister, Beverly June Welch, and; a nephew, Randal Johnson. Mr. Odom is survived by two sisters, Frances O. Johnson of Oakdale, LA and Kay Jacobs and husband John of Houston, TX; three nephews, Michael Welch of Austin, TX, Gregg Jacobs of Houston, TX and Shannon Johnson of Moss Bluff and one niece, Lisa Welch Posey of Kyle, TX and many friends. Memorial services were held on Tuesday, November 22, 2016 at 1:00 PM at Sale Street Baptist Church with the Reverend Randy Edwards officiating. Visitation hours were on Tuesday from 11:00 AM until the time of service at the church. The family of Mr. Odom extends heartfelt thanks to Henry Burge for being a kind, caring and devoted friend. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the charity of choice.



PATRICIA ANN OGG - Died Tuesday, March 7, 2017 in Port Arthur, Texas at the age of 73. She was a resident of Orange, Texas. The cause of death is unknown. She was born in Chandler, Oklahoma on July 25, 1943 to the late Clifford and Alma Ogg. She graduated from Orangefield High School in 1961. Patricia joined the Women's Army Corps in September of 1965 where she served during the Vietnam War. She was honorably discharged in 1968. She was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Beaumont Chapter #292**. Patricia retired from North Orange Veterinary Clinic after 20 years. She will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved her. She was preceded in death by her parents; and her brother, William Ogg. She is survived by her children, Sally Hargrave and husband Cliff, of Bridge City and Jeanie Lafleur and husband Kent, also of Bridge City; grandchildren, Morgan Sanchez, Samantha Hargrave, Codi Sheppard, and Courtney Wilson; great-grandchildren, Kamden Slagle, Chandler Sanchez, and Carson Sanchez. A graveside service was held at 11:00 AM on Friday, March 10, 2017 at the Hillcrest Memorial Gardens in Orange. Visitation hours were from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM on Thursday at the Claybar Funeral Home in Bridge City, Texas.



LUKE P. PATRINO - Saturday, January 28, 2017 in Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio at the age of 69. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Akron, Ohio on July 3, 1947 to the late Vincent and Vivian Patrino. He was a life-long resident of Cuyahoga Falls. He was a graduate of Cuyahoga Falls High School and served in the United States Army and was a Vietnam combat veteran. He retired from the elevator constructor's union. He was the Chapter Commander 12-3 of the Combat Veterans Motorcycle Association helping homeless veterans. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Midland (Pennsylvania) Chapter #862** and a *Life Member* of **Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America – Midland (Pennsylvania) Chapter #862**. In addition to his parents, he was also predeceased his sisters, Carmella Justine and Janet Benjamin; his nephew, Daniel Patrino, and; many aunts, uncles, and cousins. He is survived by his brothers, Vincent (Margaret); Donald (Ellen); his brother-in-law, George Justine; seven nieces and nephews; five great-nieces and great-nephews and a special friend, Colleen Billings. Visitation hours were on Thursday, February 2, 2017 from 5:00 until 8:00 PM at the Clifford-Shoemaker Funeral Home, 1930 Front Street, Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio 44221. Memorial Services

were conducted on Friday at 11:00 AM with Dr. David Baker officiating. Inurnment was at the Ohio Western Reserve Cemetery in the spring of 2017. Memorials may be made to Combat Vets Motorcycle Association, <<http://combatvet.org>>. The services were entrusted to Clifford-Shoemaker Funeral Home and Crematory.



LARRY F. PATTERSON - Died unexpectedly on Sunday, April 2, 2017 in Owego, New York at the age of 69. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on May 19, 1947 to the late George "Pat" and Violet Patterson. He is also predeceased by his granddaughter, Summer Johnson. He is survived by his daughter and son-in-law, Karen and Jeff Johnson; three grandchildren, Kara, Trevor, Luke; his great-granddaughter, Raelynn; four brothers and sisters-in-law, Jerry (Carol) Patterson, Roger and Donna Patterson, Kenneth and Melody Patterson, Michael (Heather) Patterson, and; several nieces, nephews and cousins. Larry was drafted in the United States Army in the mid-sixties and served a tour of duty in Vietnam. He was a life member of Glen A. Warner VFW Post #1371, having serviced as past Adjutant, the American Legion Tioga Post #401, having served as a past commander, and a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Owego Chapter #480**. Larry retired from Binghamton University after many years of service. Funeral services were held on Saturday, April 8, 2017 at 11:00 AM at the Estey, Munroe and Fahey Funeral Home, 15 Park Street, Owego. The family received friends on Saturday from 10:00 to 10:45 AM prior to the services at the funeral home. Condolences may be made to Larry's family at www.emfaheyfuneralhome.com.



JAMES LOWELL PHIFER (USA, CWO4-Ret.)- Died Monday, January 23, 2017 at the Tennessee State Veteran's Home in Clarksville, Tennessee at the age of 74. He was a resident of Burns, Tennessee and formerly of Clarksville, Tennessee and Cypress, Texas. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on November 29, 1942 in Minden, Louisiana to the late Ollie Phifer, Major, US Army-Retired and Ruth (née Dance) Phifer. He was a 1962 graduate of Clarksville High School, lettering in football and track. He received a track scholarship to Northwestern State University in Natchitoches, LA. He earned his B.A. there while also participating in the ROTC program. He was a member of the First Presbyterian Church in Clarksville, TN. James entered the United States Army in 1966 and served in the Vietnam theatre for one year, and was promoted to the rank of Captain during his four years of service. It was during that time, that James' life-long love affair with flying helicopters was born. Hueys were his specialty and he excelled at the skill. During his term of service he was awarded the Purple Heart, Bronze Service Star and the Distinguished Flying Cross for heroism while participating in aerial flight. After being honorably discharged from active duty with the regular Army, James joined the Tennessee National Guard and retired after twenty-five years of service as a Chief Warrant Officer 4. He was a member of the American Legion, a member of **Vietnam**

Veterans of America – Dickson Chapter #950 and the VFW. While serving in the National Guard, Mr. Phifer also worked as an industrial engineer for several corporations. In his spare time, he enjoyed fly fishing, especially at Kentucky Lake. Survivors include his children, Matthew L. (Cynthia) Phifer and Jodi Phifer (Le) Hastings; his grandchildren, Reed Allen Phifer, Colt Lee Phifer, MaeLynn Hastings and Andrew Matthew Hastings; his siblings: Harold Phifer and Linda Slobey, and; his aunt, Ann Methaney. In addition to his parents he was also predeceased by his brother, Greg Phifer. A memorial service to celebrate the life of James Phifer was held on Saturday, January 28, 2017 at 5:00 PM at the First Presbyterian Church in Clarksville, Tennessee. Cremation Society of Tennessee assisted the family with the arrangements and online condolences may be made to the family at www.cremationsocietyoftn.com.



FRANKLIN D. "Frank" RAYHILL - Died Thursday, March 30, 2017 at Midlands Living Center in Council Bluffs, Iowa at the age of 84. He was a resident of Council Bluffs. The cause of death is unknown. Frank was born on November 19, 1932 in Marshall, Missouri to the late Finis and Marguerite (née Cornwell) Rayhill. He served his country during the Korean Conflict and the Vietnam-era in the United States Navy and the United States Air Force. Frank married Velma Butner on March 10, 1956. He worked in Food Service at the VA Hospital in Omaha, retiring in 1994. He was a member of VFW Post #737, DAV Chapter #5, and American Legion Rainbow Post #2. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Glenwood Chapter #798**. Frank was preceded in death by his wife, Velma in 2016; his brother and two sisters. Frank is survived by daughters, Arzelia Morgan of Fort Collins, Colorado, Nora Clark of Council Bluffs, Gladys Rayhill of Belt, Montana, and Joyce Rahill of Omaha; eight grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; four great-great-grandchildren, and; several nieces, nephews and other relatives.

ANTON F. SCHAREN BROCK – Died recently in 2017 in Eau Claire, Wisconsin at the age of 61. The cause of death is unknown. He was born July 26, 1955. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Permanently Hospitalized Veteran Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Eau Claire Chapter #5**.



ROBERT H. SCHERMERHORN, JR. - Died home in Manlius, New York on Wednesday, September 2, 2015 at the age of 68. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Syracuse, New York on October 27, 1946 to the late Robert H. Schermerhorn, Sr. and Carol Schermerhorn. Robert served in the United States Army during Vietnam. He proudly served as a LRRP and received two Purple Hearts during his service. Robert was an *At-Large Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – New York** and the Military Order of the Purple Heart. He later worked for FedEx as a Ramp Agent. Robert loved being "Papa" to his grandchildren and

fishing and hunting with his dad. Surviving are his wife Yvonne of 20 years; daughter, Aimee Hoppins; grandchildren, Jeffrey Frawley, Courtnee Hoppins, Paige, Norman, Lane and Ben Perl; great-grandchildren, Madilynn Frawley and Carmen Ravesi. He was predeceased by his stepdaughter, Shannon Frawley. Calling hours were on Tuesday from 11:00 AM-1:00 PM at the Newell-Fay Manlius Chapel, 8171 Cazenovia Road, Manlius. A funeral service followed at 1:00 PM at the funeral home. Burial with full Military Honors was in the Manlius Village Cemetery, Military Drive, Manlius. Contributions may be made to Clear Path for Veterans, 1223 Salt Springs Road, Chittenango, NY 13037.

JAMES RANDALL SCHNELLE - Died Monday, May 8, 2017 in Cameron, Missouri at the age of 69. The cause of death is unknown. He was born September 28, 1947 in Unionville, Missouri to the late Robert James and Louise (née Gillespie) Schnelle. James is survived by his sons, Seth, Aaron and Jared Schnelle; and five grandchildren. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Cameron Chapter #848**. Natural Farewell was under the direction of Meierhoffer Funeral Home and Crematory. Inurnment was in Lemonville Cemetery, Lemons, Missouri. Online guestbook and obituary is at www.meierhoffer.com.

DENNIS SHREWSBURY – Died Wednesday, April 5, 2017 in South Lyon, Michigan at the age of 75. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on June 11, 1941 in Detroit, Michigan. He served in the United States Coast Guard from June 1961 to July 1965 during the Vietnam-era. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Plymouth Chapter #528**.



MICHAEL KNOX "Mike" SIMMONS (USA, SFC-Ret.) – Died Friday, March 31, 2017 in Victoria, Texas at the age of 85. The cause of death is unknown. He was born December 23, 1931 in Victoria to the late George Knox and Erna (née Kimbrough) Simmons. He was also predeceased by his sister, Flora Jacqueline "Mickey" Oliver (James). He is survived by nieces and nephews, Deborah Oliver of Fountain, Colorado, and Pamela Fanelli (Greg), Sharon Slone (Dale), James Oliver, Jr. (Belinda), Melanie Hood (George), George Oliver, and Mary Christine Pribyl (Lee), all of Victoria; twelve great-nieces and great-nephews, and; twelve great-great-nieces and great-great-nephews. Mike spent his childhood playing along the crumbling walls of La Bahia in Goliad, Texas. After the death of Mike's father, a highly-decorated WWI veteran, his mother moved the family to Aloe Amy Air Field in Victoria where she worked in the aircraft Supply Warehouse during WWII. They lived at the Yucca Heights Military Housing on the post. Mike graduated from Patti Welder High School, and then tried out his acting abilities in the Victoria Community Theatre. Following his father's call to military service, Mike joined the United States National Guard, and then served in the United States Army in Germany, Vietnam, Japan, and Korea in the years 1962-1982, earning the Meritorious Service Medal, Cross of Valor, Vietnamese Service Medal with 1 silver and 1 bronze star, and the Korean Defense Medal, among others. After retirement, he was a solid member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Victoria Chapter #898**, finding good friends among vets such as Ernest Montez. Mike also

spent many hours assembling and painting military models, and relating stories from his vast knowledge of history. His family remembers his annual Christmas party, complete with the Christmas village and model train he artfully constructed for everyone's enjoyment. Others will remember Mike cruising around town in his blue Cadillac, "the Blue Ghost", on his daily trips to H.E.B., Hobby Lobby, the Mall, and the bank, joking and making friends along the way. Memorial services with military honors were held on Saturday, April 8th, at 2:00 PM at the Grace Funeral Home in Victoria. Private burial was at the Oaklawn Cemetery in Goliad. Donations can be made to Vietnam Veterans of America, Chapter #898. To leave a condolence of memory, visit www.gracefuneralhome.net. Arrangements were entrusted to the personal care of Grace Funeral Home.



GORDON R. "Gus" SIMS - Died peacefully at ManorCare Health Services, Davenport, Iowa on Sunday, March 26, 2017 at the age of 70. He was a resident of Albany, Illinois. The cause of death was a heart attack due to bladder cancer. Gus was born October 27, 1946 in Clinton, Iowa to the late Cecil and Dorothy (née Williams) Sims. He was a 1964 graduate of Fulton High School. Gus served his country for four years in the United States Army – a Vietnam War veteran. Gus was united in marriage to Barbara Miller on December 27, 1982 in Camanche, Iowa. Gus was a truck driver for 16 years and for 9 years, along with his wife, owned and operated "Fulton Seamless Gutters". Later he owned and operated "Sims Maintenance" in Albany, Illinois. Gus was a member of the Fulton American Legion, he was also a 32nd Degree Mason, at the Clinton Masonic Lodge, and a member of the Clinton AMVETS. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Bettendorf Chapter #776**. For many years, he stood in as Santa at the Fulton Bank. Gus was also active in the Junior Achievement program at the Fulton Middle School. Gus loved socializing, especially with his breakfast club – friends he'd meet with every morning. He also enjoyed playing golf. Gus was a type of guy that if he didn't tease you, he didn't like you – he was a friend to everybody. Every 6 weeks he took a case of snack crackers to the "Chemo Suite" at the University of Iowa Hospitals. He would also volunteer for the Christmas dinner held at the Fulton American Legion Hall. He was a guy always on the go and always willing to help others out. He will be sadly missed by all those who knew him. Gus is survived by his wife Barbara of Albany, IL; two daughters – Lori Nichols of Clinton, IA and Ephony Horton of Clinton, IA; five grandchildren; one great-grandson; two brothers – Frank (Cheryl) Sargent of FL and Frosty Erickson of DeWitt, IA with several nieces, nephews, cousins and his many friends, as well as his fur baby Murray at home. He was predeceased in death by his parents, one daughter – Josie Sims and one brother – Richard Sargent. Funeral services were held at 10:30 AM on Friday, March 31st, at the Lemke Funeral Homes – South Chapel (2610 Manufacturing Drive, Clinton). A visitation took place from 4:00 PM to 7:00 PM on Thursday, March 30th, at the Lemke Funeral Homes - South Chapel. The burial took place at the Rock Island National Cemetery. Lemke Funeral Homes assisted the family with the arrangements. Memorials made can be directed to the wishes of the family.

CHARLES E. SMITH – Died Saturday, March 25, 2017 in Kingman, Arizona at the age of 78. The cause of death was end-stage renal failure. He was born on July 7, 1938. He served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Lake Havasu City Chapter #975**.



ROBERT EUGENE "Butch" SMITH, JR. - Died 11:10 AM on Wednesday, November 23, 2016 at his home in Lima, Ohio at the age of 68. The cause of death was Diabetes Mellitus – Type II. Butch was born on December 13, 1947 in Lima to the late Robert Eugene and Beatrice (née Edens) Smith, Sr. On December 13, 2007 he married Helen B. (née Payne) Smith who survives in Lima. Butch proudly served two tours in Vietnam as a combat medic in the United States Army. He was an avid fan of The Ohio State Buckeyes and the Cincinnati Reds. Butch enjoyed watching NASCAR and country music. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Lima Chapter #89**. Survivors include: wife, Helen B. Smith, sons, Allen Eli (Emily) Smith, Robert E. "Tiger" Smith, III, Favian "Buddy" Routson and Richard J. (Bianca) Smith; daughters, Teresa Winegardner, Kara Winegardner, Amy Meyer and LaShanda K. Moore; sister, Darlene (William) Smith-Howard; good friends, Gary L. Mason and Gary Daley; his beloved K-9 friend, Cinnamon; many grandchildren, cousins and friends. He was preceded in death by a son, Donald Smith and two sisters, Barbara J. Betts and Geraldine Smith. Graveside services were at 11:00 AM on Friday, December 2, 2016 at the Woodlawn Cemetery, Lima. Pastor John Butler officiated the service. Military honors were provided by the United States Army and the VFW #1275. The family received friends from 3:00 - 6:00 PM on Thursday, December 1st, at the Chiles - Laman Funeral and Cremation Services, Eastside Chapel. In Lieu of flowers contributions may be made to the American Diabetes Association, 2451 Crystal Drive, Suite #900, Arlington, VA 22202. Condolences may be expressed at chiles-lamanfh.com.



TERRY LYNN ST. GEORGE - Died unexpectedly on Monday, April 17, 2017 in the Union Hospital at Dover, Ohio at the age of 68. He was a resident of New Philadelphia, Ohio. The cause of death is unknown. A son of the late John St. George and Marjorie (née Johnson) Stevens, Terry was born in Union Hospital at Dover, Ohio on July 1, 1948. He was a 1966 graduate of Tusky Valley High School and briefly attended Kent State University prior to joining the United States Army and honorably serving his country as a Chaplain Assistant. Following his discharge from the Army, Terry began his studies in the medical field but found his life passion to be music. For the past 50 years, he played at many local venues and was a part of Velvet Crest, American Grease, the duo Garbrandt & St. George, and most recently, The Next. He also performed a great deal as a solo artist. For the past six years, he has enjoyed being a driver for Horizons, Inc. His favorite job, however, was being grandpa and babysitting his grandson, Syllis. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – New Philadelphia Chapter #857**. He will be missed by his wife, Revecka (née Ridgway) St. George, whom he married on March 29, 1988; their children, Terry St. George, Jr. and Greer (Travis) Llewellyn all of New Philadelphia; his grandson, Syllis Llewellyn; an expected grandchild due in September; his sister, Marla

Gordon of Worthington, Ohio and numerous nieces, nephews, aunts and uncles. In addition to his parents, Terry was preceded in death by a brother, John "Butch" St. George and a nephew, Greg Gordon. A memorial service is being planned for a later date. Cremation has been cared for by Geib's Tuscarawas Valley Crematory. Those wishing to do so may direct memorial contributions to the Carl C. Stoller Post 1445 New Philadelphia VFW, 441 Park Avenue NW, New Philadelphia, OH 44663 or to the Mineral City American Legion, PO Box 416, Mineral City, OH 44656. Those wishing to do so may send the family a personal condolence and light a candle in remembrance of Terry by visiting the funeral home's website at www.GeibCares.com.

RONALD DAVID "Ron" STILLWELL – Died Thursday, January 19, 2017 peacefully at Carson Tahoe Hospital in Carson City, Nevada at the age of 73, with his wife and daughter by his bedside. The cause of death was cancer. He was born in San Francisco, California on January 24, 1943 and grew up in the Bay Area. After high school, Ron enlisted in the United States Coast Guard and three years later he married his high school sweetheart, Kathleen Flood. After completing his military service, he owned a cabinet shop, specializing in kitchen and bath remodels. The family moved to Reno in 1982 where Ron worked as a project manager for a millwork company. Ron was an avid fisherman and an expert at tying flies. He was a loving husband, father and grandfather. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Carson City Chapter #388**. Ron was an avid fisherman and an expert at tying flies. He was a loving husband, father and grandfather. Ron was an avid fisherman and an expert at tying flies. He was a loving husband, father and grandfather. A military service was held at the Veteran's Memorial Cemetery in Fernley, Nevada on March 17th at 12:30 PM. In lieu of flowers, donations in his name may be made to the Carson-Tahoe Cancer Resource Center, 1535 Medical Parkway, Carson City NV 89703. Please specify for Reel Recovery; a fishing retreat for cancer patients.



RICHARD JOHN "Dick" STRICHERZ - Died Thursday, November 17, 2016 at the Avera McKennan Hospital in Sioux Falls, South Dakota at the age of 79. He was a resident of Watertown, South Dakota. The cause of death was a stroke, hypertension and atrial fibrillation. Dick was born August 26, 1937 in Watertown to the late Killian and Stella (née Wall) Stricherz. He graduated from Waverly High School in 1955. He joined the United States Navy on March 6, 1956, where he served attached to ship's company on several aircraft carriers including the USS Constellation, USS Coral Sea, and USS Midway. He was attached to several aircraft attack squadrons and fast attack squadrons, submarine hunting patrol aircraft squadrons, and also tactical support squadrons. He served as an air crew member and flight engineer aboard specialty aircraft. Richard achieved the rank of AEC, Chief Petty Officer within the Aviation Electronics Specialty. He was awarded six Good Conduct Medals, the Meritorious Service Unit Medal, the National Defense Service Medal with a Bronze Star, the Vietnam Service Medal with three Bronze Stars, the Vietnam Campaign Medal, the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal (Korea-Vietnam) and the Navy/Marine Corps Commendation Medal. On February 16, 1958,

Dick married Herlinda Lujan in Gilroy, California, at Saint Mary Parish while he was stationed at NAS Alameda, Calif. After being transferred to NAS Barbers Point, Oahu, three children, Brenda, Barth Dean and Mary were born. Later, another child, Richard, was born in California. While stationed at NAS Lemoore, California, Dick began a lifelong hobby of playing Santa Claus. He was then transferred to the Naval Air Station, Cubi Point Philippines where Herlinda passed away. Other children, Delores, Jerry, and Marilou were welcomed to the family through adoption. Upon returning to Watertown in 1978, Dick married Purificacion "Fe" Almanon at the Immaculate Conception Church on July 15, 1978. The following year Dick retired from the United States Navy after 24 years of honorable service and entered a consulting service with Department of Defense foreign allies writing technical manuals for the operations and maintenance of U.S. made aircraft. Dick earned his Bachelor of Science Degree in Alcohol and Drug Studies from the University of South Dakota in Vermillion in 1990. He was certified as a CCDC III in South Dakota. He later became a counselor at the Human Service Agency and taught substance abuse classes at Watertown's Lake Area Technical Institute and Mount Marty College. Dick was proud of his 40 years of sobriety and he mentored many in Alcoholics Anonymous. Dick also loved to play Santa Claus at the Watertown Mall, Maple Street Diner, Waverly School, Valley Queen Cheese factory, Knights of Columbus Hall, Watertown Bramble Zoo and also many private parties. He enjoyed bringing joy to children as Santa over the years. Dick was also a member of the Knights of Columbus, VFW, DAV, Phil-Am group, and he drove the VA van for his fellow veterans. He was instrumental in securing the Veterans Memorial at Stokes-Thomas City Park at Lake Kampeska. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Watertown Chapter #1121**. Dick is survived by his wife, Fe, of Watertown; his children, Brenda Lei Ann (Clay) Kruger of Kent, Wash., Delores (Steven) Jacobi of Lancaster, Calif., Marilou Anca of Lucina City, Philippines, Jerry Aquino (Joja Fallaria) of Cotta, Philippines; his siblings, Janice Stricherz of Watertown, Kelly (Carole) Stricherz of Chamberlain, Nancy (Daniel) Bell of Canton, Ohio, Dr. Matt (Kelly) Stricherz of Montezuma, N.M., Dave (Sue) Stricherz of Watertown, Mary (Pete) Evanson of Vadnais Heights, Minn., and Vina (Jim) Clendenin of Watertown; 16 grandchildren, Richard M. Stricherz, Rose Hervagault, Susanna Zyubin, Megan Jacobi, Skyler Hervagault, Elizabeth Jacobi, Nathan Hervagault, Mary Jacobi, Scott Jacobi, Richard Jacobi, Joshua Jacobi, Gerjan Aquino, Jewell Aquino, Dave Anca, Paul Anca and Marc Anca; four great-grandchildren, Harmony Stricherz, Rowley Stricherz, Rebekah Stricherz and Cassimir Stricherz; and many nieces and nephews and God Children. He was preceded in death by his grandparents, John and Jennie Wall and Mathias and Barbara Stricherz; his parents, Killian "Kelly" and Stella (Wall) Stricherz; his first wife, Herlinda; and infant children, Barth Dean, Mary, and Richard John. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at 10:30 AM on Monday at the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church in Watertown with Reverend Father Kevin O'Dell as celebrant. Music was furnished by the Immaculate Conception Church Funeral Choir and Deb Schroeder as cantor accompanied by Danielle Holmquist-Holida. Visitation hours were from 3:00 to 7:00 PM with a scripture service at 7:00 PM at the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church on Sunday. Interment was in the Saint Mary Cemetery, Watertown. Military Honors were conducted by the Frank H. Adams Post #750 of the VFW and Codington County Post #17 of the American Legion of Watertown, and local United States Navy Reserve Members. The pallbearers were Dick's grandsons Richard Stricherz, Skyler Hervagault and Nathan Hervagault,

and his nephews Josh Stricherz, James Clendenin Jr. and Paul Clendenin. The arrangements were being handled by the Wight and Comes Funeral Chapel, www.wightandcomes.com.



JAMES EDWIN "Jim" SUTHERLAND - Died peacefully in his home in Merced, California on Monday November 24, 2014 after a 4-year battle with cancer. He was 68 years of age and formerly of Patterson, California. He was born on March 31, 1946 to the late Robert Sutherland and Claudine (née Rodriguez) Sutherland. Jim is survived by his son, Jim Ritchie, granddaughter Rhiannon, nieces Jackie Basaldua, Dawn Buhler-Heinricks, and Kristen Wagoner, nephew Michael Buhler, and sister Shirley Probst. In addition to his parents, he was also predeceased his stepfather, Ramiro Rodriguez and his brother Kenneth Sutherland. He was a lifetime local resident and owner of Town & Country Dog Grooming. He had many interests and always enjoyed life to the fullest. He was a proud Vietnam veteran and life member of the VFW and American Legion. He was an *At-Large Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – California**. He was also somewhat of a local celebrity, singing the National Anthem at numerous local events and performing at churches, retirement homes and hospitals. All who knew him will miss him. Full Military Honors were at the Winton District Cemetery on December 13, 2014 at 10:00 AM followed by a Celebration of Life at Gateway Community Church at 11:00 AM. In lieu of flowers, please send remembrances to Bristol Hospice, SPCA, or Veteran Associations.

HARRY F. SYDNEY, JR. – Died recently in 2017 in Washington, North Carolina at the age of 79. The cause of death is unknown. He was born November 10, 1937. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Greenville Chapter #272**.



JAY THOMPSON - Died peacefully Wednesday, April 19, 2017 in Durand, Illinois at the age of 75, with his family at his side at the Medina Nursing Home. He was formerly of Rockford, Illinois. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on April 13, 1942 in Centerville, Iowa to the late Marvin and Phyllis (née Winger) Thompson. After graduating high school he joined the United States Navy and was honorably discharged. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Rockford Chapter #984**. He later married his loving wife Jacqueline (née Walco) in Rockford on February 3, 1996. Jay was a skilled truck driver with a great sense of humor and was a member of the Meridian Sun Masonic Lodge #505 in Holcomb. He was a proud father and grandfather who loved his family very much. His wisdom and ability to make you laugh at the silliest things will be greatly missed by his family and many friends. Survivors include his daughters, JoLaine (Lucas) Blum of Covington, KY., Cassandra (Nathan) Potter of Durand, Melissa Dennis and Lee (Steve) Nygren both of Rockford; grandchildren, Atraeyu, Aydrienne, Tristan, Ava, Macy, Samantha, Kevin, Natasha, David and Joseph; great-grandchildren, Juniper, Lorelei and Olivia; sister, Penny (Larry) Jones of Davis Junction; sister-in-law, Laurece Thompson

and numerous nieces, nephews, cousins and special friends. He was preceded in death by his parents, wife and brothers, Marvin and Evan Thompson. The family wishes to extend a heartfelt thank you to the wonderful staff at Medina Nursing Home and to Agrace Hospice. The funeral service was on Sunday, April 23, 2017 at 1:30 PM at the Fitzgerald Funeral Home and Crematory, Riverside Chapel, 3910 North Rockton Avenue. Visitation hours were held from 12:00 PM until time of the service. In lieu of flowers memorials were requested to the family for a fund to be established. Express online condolences at: www.fitzgeraldfh.com.



EILEEN M. (née Hertzi) TONER - Died Friday, February 10, 2017 in Erie, Pennsylvania at the age of 69, after a valiant battle with cancer. Eileen passed with the same dignity and grace that she had throughout her life. She was born in Akron, Ohio on September 28, 1947 to the Joseph and Elizabeth Hertzi. Many may not know that Eileen got her teaching degree from Akron University and spent several years teaching 1st grade students at Greensburg grade school from 1969-1972, a job that perfectly suited her caring and nurturing personality. It was during this time that she met the love of her life, Renot Mark Toner and began 45 years of a happy marriage together. Soon after marrying Renot and beginning a family, a new chapter of life began in Erie, where Eileen spent 13 years at home helping to raise her two beautiful daughters, Dawn Marie and Amanda Beth. Eileen went on to work at Gannon University from 1985 to 1999, much to the delight of her coworkers. She brought a great attitude and an impeccable work ethic with her to the Registrar's office every single day. She was a member of **Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America – Erie Chapter #435**. Eileen's favorite word was "joy" and no one could have better embodied the full meaning of that word. She loved to create beautiful things through both jewelry-making and painting. Eileen very much enjoyed crocheting, singing and gardening. She was an avid reader and would be thoughtful in recommending books for others to enjoy. Eileen loved without limits and always cared for others before herself. She was preceded in death by her brother, Don Hertzi. Eileen leaves behind: her loving husband, Renot; her two thoughtful daughters, Dawn (and husband, Fred) Peskorski and Amanda (and husband, Steve) Kinter; five energetic grandchildren, Gavin Wakefield, Spencer and Mason Peskorski, and Ryleigh and JT Kinter (who all lovingly called her "Grandma Kozy"); her brothers, Joseph and Arthur Hertzi; dear friends and in-laws, Candene and Donald Korom, and Kim Evans; and nieces and nephews, Emily, Lisa, Michael, Brian, Barbara, Steve, Kenny, Mike and Debbie. Eileen spent the coldest part of the year in Florida with her husband and newfound friends. She led an active life involving herself at the Self Center, where she participated in Reiki Shares and other wonderful groups. Eileen would have asked that you hug each other with sincerity in her memory, as she was often heard to say, "When you hug . . . mean it." Friends visited the family at the Dusckas Funeral Home, Inc., 2607 Buffalo Road on Sunday from 1:30 PM until the time of the Memorial Service at 4:00 PM. Private interment was held.

DANNY A. WALTERS - Died Monday, June 30, 2014 at the Davis Medical Center in Utah at the age of 62. He was a resident of Pocatello, Idaho and formerly of California. The cause of death

is unknown. He was born on December 26, 1951. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Permanently Hospitalized Veteran Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Idaho Falls Chapter #972**. As per Danny's wishes, he was cremated. Interment of ashes was held at the VA Cemetery in Boise, Idaho. For memorial service information, please call the Idaho State Veterans Nursing Home.



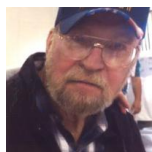
HOLLIS WAYNE WARD - Died Wednesday, March 22, 2017 at the Hope Creek Care Center, East Moline, Illinois at the age of 69. He was a resident of Rock Island, Illinois. The cause of death was Agent Orange-related Parkinson's disease. Wayne was born on July 11, 1947 in Winfield, Alabama to the late of Hollis G. and Bernice (née Conner) Ward. Wayne served his country in the United States Army in Vietnam. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Moline Chapter #669**. He married Patti Ward on March 23, 1974 in Fort Myers, Florida and they remained lifelong friends. Wayne worked in food service while living in Florida. He greatly enjoyed spending time with friends, fishing and traveling. Wayne was also an accomplished student and teacher of martial arts and he earned a black belt in Tae Kwon Do. Left to cherish his memory are his friends and caretakers; Herb and Judy Crompton of Sherrard, the Schmidt family, and the Silvis family. He was preceded in death by his parents. Funeral services for Wayne were held at 4:00 PM on Sunday at the Wheelan-Pressly Funeral Home and Crematory, 3030 7th Avenue, Rock Island with the Reverend Donald William Johnson officiating. Visitation hours were from 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM on Sunday at the funeral home. Cremation rites were accorded following the services. Private inurnment was held the Rock Island Memorial Park Cemetery, Rock Island. Memorials may be made in care of the Rock Island High School Class of 1965 Scholarship Fund.



JANICE GAIL (née Anderson) WARNER – Died Thursday, February 19, 2015 in Norfolk, Virginia at the age of 70. The cause of death is unknown. She was born in Norfolk on January 18, 1945 to the late Avery Tracy Anderson and Geraldine (née Wise) Anderson. Her brother Tracy Skinner Anderson, brother-in-law Eugene Francis Christian both predeceased her. Gail graduated from Maury High School in 1963 and Norfolk Hospital Nursing School graduating as an RN in 1966. She received a scholarship for nursing school for efforts as a candy striper during high school. Wanting to travel Gail joined the United States Air Force serving in England AFB, Louisiana. She volunteered for duty in Vietnam at the Cam Rahn Bay AFB with the 26th Causality Staging Flight. She supervised medics treating upwards of 100's of battle casualties a day preparing them for returning home for the states. She served from June 1967 to July 1978. Her last duty station was Minot AFB in North Dakota wanting snow and cold after Vietnam. She got it on April 22, 1970 it snowed 28 inches in one day. She was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Virginia Beach Chapter #48**. Gail was very proud of her two sons, her

skills as a Registered Nurse, her abilities as a wildlife rehabilitator specializing in small animals of all kinds, her work as a volunteer and staff nurse at Virginia School for Deaf and Blind and her ability working with crafts with the deaf and blind students there. She was also proud of her years working in support of Tidewater Association for Hearing Impaired Children, and her successful tree climb of the Glouster Tree in West Australia. The tree supports a fire lookout at 275 feet. The eucalyptus tree is one of the tallest trees in Australia, she is one of a very few women to accomplish this feat. Gail loved green and purple, miniatures and other objects. She loved beautiful things, nature, statuary, painting and working with media. She treasured family memorabilia of all sorts, paintings carvings, sculptures and preserving them all for future generations to come. She had marvelous taste in all things. Gail loved her husband, her sons, her family and her dogs Snowball and Amy. She is survived by her husband Michael Kirk Blair Warner, her sons, Jonathan James Avery Warner and Tracy Michael Blair Warner, sisters, Lois Avril Clark, her husband Howard Lee and Linda Caroline Christian, cousins Frederick Danny Lowe and his wife Dorothy Dottie, Verna Nann Hooper, sister-in-law Shirley Norman Anderson. A private burial with full military honors was in the Forest Lawn Cemetery, Norfolk on Wednesday, February 25, 2015 at 2:00 PM. Arrangements were under the care of the Altmeyer Funeral Home.

JOHN ROBERT WHITE - Died Monday, April 3, 2017 in Bristol, Tennessee at the age of 69. He was a resident of Morristown, Tennessee. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on in Concord, North Carolina on April 13, 1947 to the late Lonnie White and Mary Lottie (née Moore) White. John was a member of All Saint's Episcopal Church for 37 years; a United States Army veteran, where he served in Vietnam for two years as a Staff Sergeant. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Morristown Chapter #1073**. John retired in 2006 from the tire business. Most importantly, John was a loving husband, father and grandfather. He was preceded in death by his father, Lonnie White; mother, Mary Lottie Moore; daughter, Tonya N. White and son, Jon G. White. Survivors include his wife of 46 years, Brooke P. White; his daughter, Kara R. White; his grandson, Trevor J. Murphy; his brothers, Larry M. and Randy White; his sister, Joani Hicks; his niece, Beth Butler, and; his nephews, Oliver, Marshall and Raleigh White. A memorial service was held on Saturday, April 8, 2017 at 4:00 PM at All Saints Episcopal Church, 601 West Main Street, Morristown, TN 37814, with the Reverend Father J. Mark Holland and Father Jim Sharp as co-officiants. A reception followed the service at the church. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Autism Speaks at www.act.autismspeaks.org or to United Cerebral Palsy Foundation at www.ucp.org/donate.



WILLIAM A. WHITTAKER - Died Saturday, April 22, 2017 in Killeen, Texas at the age of 70. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on February 2, 1947 in Sanford, Maine to the late John and Barbara (née Shephard) Whittaker. Mr. Whittaker proudly served in and retired from the United States Army and was currently the *President and Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Harker Heights Chapter #1000**. He is preceded in death by his mother and father; brother, Norman Whittaker; and sister, Sandra Dwyer. He is survived by his

loving wife, Sharon Whittaker; children, Bonnie and husband Thomas Tingle, Tawnya and husband Larry Dutcher, Tim and Jen Whittaker; brothers, Harry and Richard Whittaker; numerous grandchildren; as well as other numerous family members and friends. He will be dearly missed. A visitation was held on Thursday, April 27th from 5:00-7:00 PM at the Heritage Funeral Home, 425 East Central Texas Expressway, Harker Heights. The funeral service was held on Friday, April 28th at 10:00 AM. The interment was in the Killeen Memorial Park, 3516 Lake Road, Killeen. In lieu of flowers, Mr. Whittaker had asked that donations be made to the Vietnam Veterans of America - Chapter #1000 at P.O. Box 2123, Harker Heights, TX. Donations will be directed to the memorial being erected at the Central Texas State Veteran Cemetery.



KENNETH GREGORY WILKEWITZ - Died Monday, August 15, 2016 in Zachary, Louisiana at the age of 68. The cause of death was cirrhosis of the liver and tonsil cancer. He was born on November 29, 1947 in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania to the late Kenneth and Josephine Wilkewitz. He was a retiree of Xerox Corp. He served his country in the United States Army during the Vietnam War and was a member of VFW, a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Denham Springs Chapter #488**, DAV and The American Legion. He is survived by his wife of 46 years, Precilla (née Landry) Wilkewitz; daughter, Jonette Valega (David); son, Justin Wilkewitz (Kelly); three grandchildren, Victoria Valega, Jude Wilkewitz and Luke Wilkewitz; great-grandchild, Carson Wade Harris; sister, Connie Wilkewitz Hardy (Steve); three brothers, Bob Wilkewitz, John Wilkewitz (Norma) and Joe Wilkewitz; sisters-in-law, Alice Deshotel (Carl), Joy Constance, and Delores Guillory (Mike); brother-in-law, Rennel Landry (Loretta) and numerous nieces and nephews. In addition to his parents he was also predeceased his mother-in-law, Evelyn Sonnier Landry, father-in-law, Harris Landry; brothers-in-law, Archie Landry and Donald Constance; sister-in-law, Joyce Wilkewitz and nephew, Bryan Constance. Relatives and friends were invited to join the family for the visitation at Baker Funeral Home, 6401 Groom Road, Baker, LA on Friday, August 19, 2016 from 5:00 PM to 8:00 PM with a VFW Ritual at 7:00 PM. Visitation resumed at Saint John the Evangelist Catholic Church, 306 Ann Street, Lacassine, LA on August 20, 2016 at 9:00 AM until the funeral service at 11:00 AM officiated by Father Richard Vidrine. The eulogy was read by Corey Tullier during the service. The Rosary was recited by the Saint Rafael Catholic Daughters at 10:30 AM. The graveside service and burial was at the Saint John the Evangelist Catholic Church Cemetery in Lacassine, LA. A reception was held at the Woodlawn Baptist Church in Iowa/Woodlawn, LA. The pallbearers were Chad Deshotel, David Valega, Stevie Trosclair, Jamey Hardy, Garret Landry, Rickey Guillory and Jared Leblanc. Rick Fauver and Carroll Knot were honorary pallbearers. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Saint Jude Children's Research Hospital, 262 Danny Thomas Place, Memphis, TN 38105.

JAMES L. WOOLARD - Died recently in 2017 in Winterville, North Carolina at the age of 71. The cause of death is unknown. He was born March 15, 1946. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Greenville Chapter #272**.

THOMAS C. YORK – Died Monday, March 28, 2016 in the Emory L. Bennett Veterans Nursing Home in Daytona Beach, Florida at the age of 79. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on July 24, 1936. He was a *Permanently Hospitalized Member* of **Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America – Port Orange Chapter #1048**.



WALTER W. ZIEJA - Died Monday, April 10, 2017 in West Bend, Wisconsin at the age of 72, following a hard fought battle against cancer. He was born on September 2, 1944 in Chicago, Illinois to the late Walter and Bernice (née Ast) Zieja. After graduating from Burlington High School, he served with the United States Air Force during the Vietnam War. Following his discharge, he returned to Wisconsin, settling in the Lake Geneva area. On November 12, 1984, he was united in marriage to Darlene M. Breuer at Saint Mary Catholic Church in Burlington. In 1991, the family moved to West Bend. He was a member of the Father Casper Rehrl Council #1964-Knights of Columbus, West Bend Lodge #1398 Loyal Order of Moose, Lieutenant Ray Dickop Post #36 American Legion, and a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – West Bend Chapter #448**. Survivors include his wife, Darlene; two children, John (Ashley Wimberly), of Kewaskum and Sara, of West Bend; two granddaughters, Addison and Sophia; one brother, Gerald, of Allenton; one sister, MaryAnn Sczubleski, of Chicago, IL; two brothers-in-law Gerald (Pat) Breuer, of West Bend and Glen Breuer (friend Val Stetler), of Allenton; one sister-in-law, Sharon (Ed) Tennies; other relatives and friends. The family greeted relatives and friends at the church on Thursday, April 20th from 2:00 until 3:45 PM. A Memorial Mass of Christian Burial was held on Thursday at 4:00 PM at Holy Angels Catholic Church. The Knights of Columbus held a prayer service in memory of their Brother Knight at the church at 2:00 PM. Military Honors were accorded at the cemetery performed by the West Bend Veterans Color Guard and Firing Squad. The Schmidt Funeral Home of West Bend was in charge of the arrangements.

**ETERNAL REST GRANT UNTO THEM O LORD! AND LET PERPETUAL LIGHT SHINE UPON THEM!
MAY THEY REST IN PEACE! AMEN! MAY THEIR SOULS AND THE SOULS OF ALL THE FAITHFUL
DEPARTED, THROUGH THE MERCY OF GOD, REST IN PEACE! AMEN!**

FATHER PHILIP G. SALOIS, M.S.

National Chaplain