

## VIETNAM VETERANS OF AMERICA

Office of the National Chaplain

**FOUAD KHALIL AIDE** -- Funeral service for Major Fouad Khalil Aide, United States Army (Retired), 78, will be Friday, November 13, 2009, at 7 p.m. at the K.L. Brown Funeral Home and Cremation Center Chapel with Larry Amerson, Ken Rollins, and Lt. Col. Don Hull officiating, with full military honors. The family will receive friends Friday evening from 6-7 p.m. at the funeral home. Major Aide died Friday, November 6, 2009, in Jacksonville Alabama. The cause of death was a heart attack. He is survived by his wife, Kathryn Aide, of Jacksonville; two daughters, Barbara Sifuentes, of Carrollton, Texas, and Linda D'Anzi, of Brighton, England; two sons, Lewis Aide, of Columbia, Maryland, and Daniel Aide, of Springfield, Virginia, and six grandchildren. Pallbearers will be military. Honorary pallbearers will be Ken Rollins, Matt Pepe, Lt. Col. Don Hull, Jim Hibbitts, Jim Allen, Dan Aide, Lewis Aide, VVA Chapter 502, and The Fraternal Order of Police Lodge. Fouad was commissioned from the University of Texas ROTC Program in 1953. He served as a Military Police Officer for his 20 years in the Army. He served three tours of duty in Vietnam, with one year as an Infantry Officer. He was recalled to active duty for service in Desert Shield/Desert Storm. He was attached to the FBI on their Terrorism Task Force because of his expertise in the various Arabic dialects and cultures. He was fluent in Arabic, Spanish and Vietnamese and had a good working knowledge of Italian, Portuguese and French. He was the Chief, International Military Student Office of USAMPS for 33 years. Some of Major Aide's awards and decorations include three awards of the Bronze Star, Purple Heart, Meritorious Service Medal, Air Medal, Joint Service Commendation Medal, Army Commendation Medal, Navy Unit Commendation Medal, and Vietnamese Service Medal with seven campaigns. For his combat service in Vietnam, he was awarded the Combat Infantryman's Badge. Affiliations: Military Order of the Purple Heart; Anniston Morning Rotary Club; Deputy Sheriff, Calhoun County; Past Chaplain of the Fraternal Order of Police; *Past President* and *Charter Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Anniston Chapter #502**; and Commander of the Fallen Comrade Unit of the Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 502. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 502 or to a charity of your choice. Online condolences may be sent to the family at: [www.klbrownfuneralhome.com](http://www.klbrownfuneralhome.com).

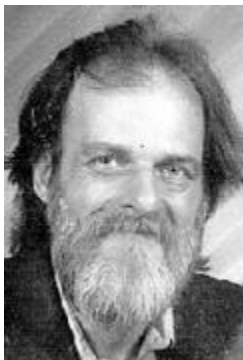
**ANTHONY A. "Tony" ALLEN** – Died Sunday, July 12, 2009 in a local nursing home in Texarkana, Texas at the age of 67. He was a resident of Texarkana, Arkansas. The cause of death was Parkinson's Disease. He was born in Fouke, Arkansas on March 14, 1942. He is survived by his wife, Cherrie Allen, of the home; one son and daughter-in-law, Cody and Sharon Allen, of Texarkana; two daughters, Crystal Cole, of Arden, Arkansas and Leslie Allen, of Texarkana; two sisters, Myrtis Landrum, of Texarkana and Betty Laird, of Houston, Texas, and; six grandchildren. He served in the United States Marine Corps during the Vietnam War. He was a member of Lighthouse Assembly of God Church. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Texarkana (Texas) Chapter #278**.

**TRACY WAYNE ALLENDER** - Died Friday, October 23, 2009, in the Wesley Medical Center in Wichita, Kansas, at the age of 53 years. He was a resident of Blackwell, Oklahoma.

The cause of death is unknown. Tracy Wayne Allender was born in Blackwell on March 31, 1956, to O. O. "Sonny" and Lois Rae (Lee) Allender. He grew up in Blackwell attending Blackwell Public Schools graduating in 1974 from Blackwell High School. He entered the United States Navy on January 19, 1977, in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, and served until his honorable discharge on June 12, 1978. Following his discharge he enjoyed playing music and riding his motorcycle. He was a member of **Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America – Ponca City Chapter #750**. He is survived by his mother, Lois Allender of Blackwell, Oklahoma; his wife, Terry Allender of Blackwell, Oklahoma; a daughter, Kimberly Snyder; a step-daughter, Ashley Jones of Stillwater, Oklahoma; two sons, Joe and John Koehler; and a granddaughter, Kherington Snyder. He was preceded in death by his father; and a brother, Sonny Allender. Services are scheduled for 2:00 p.m., Tuesday, October 27th in the First Baptist Church in Blackwell with the Rev. Matt Smith of Immanuel Baptist Church officiating. Burial will follow in the Blackwell Cemetery with military rites performed by the United States Navy. Honorary casket bearers will be Collene Short, Darrel Whitfield, James White, Lynn Short, Wendy Sadowsky, Linda Zaitshik, Kenny Beard, Linda Beard, Sonja Short and Sheri Day. Casket bearers will be John Koehler, Joe Koehler, Brad Short, Gene Zaitshik, Alva Olmstead and Dale Fleming.

**HUGH EDEN ANDERSON** - Died on Sunday, May 24, 2009 at the Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Ann Arbor, Michigan after enduring a long illness of cancer. He was 64 years of age and a resident of Saline, Michigan. He was born to Hugh E. and Barbara Anderson on March 14, 1945 in Highland Park, Michigan. He married Barbara Baldwin on June 12, 1965 in Pinckney, Michigan. Hugh proudly served his country as a United States Army Ranger in Vietnam and was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Ann Arbor Chapter #310**. He was an active member of St. Andrew's Catholic Church in Saline. What he most enjoyed was time spent with friends and family with his grandchildren as the highlight. Survivors include his wife Barbara, his two sons, Jerry (Stacey) Anderson of Livonia, David (fiancé Wendy) Anderson of Saline, his brother Clay (Caryn) Anderson, two grandchildren; Alyson and Nolan, a dear cousin Juan de Gomar as well as good friends Mom Shock, David and Dick Shock, Harry Novak and Nancy Inmon. He was preceded in death by his parents. Memorial contributions may be made in his memory to the VA Ann Arbor Healthcare System, 2215 Fuller Rd., Ann Arbor, MI 48105. A memorial service will be held 11 a.m. Thursday, 6-4-09 at St. Andrew the Apostle Parish in Saline with visitation one hour prior to services with Fr. William Stevenson presiding.

**JOHN D. ARIE** – Died recently in 2009 in West Point, Iowa at the age of 83. The cause of death is unknown. He was born March 10, 1926. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was an *At-Large Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Iowa**.



**MICHAEL E. ARNOLD** - Died Wednesday, September 2, 2009 in Fairlawn, Ohio at the age of 61. The cause of death was the result of self-inflicted wounds. He was born in Columbus, Ohio on November 13, 1947 and served in combat with the United States Army during Vietnam. Before his illness, he was employed at Goldsmith and Eggleton for 30 years. Michael was a member of V.F.W. Post 1070, *President* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Cuyahoga Hills Chapter #34**, and chairman of Super Kids

Classic (soap box derby for the disabled) for 25 years. He will be remembered as a loving husband, father, son and hero. Preceded in death by his father, Robert, he is survived by his forever loving wife of over 14 years, Mary Arnold (Henly); children, Mandy Porter, Cristina Spiegel and Richard Spiegel; mother, Marie Mowery; stepfather, Guy Mowery; sisters, Barbara (Richard) Gabriel, Sylvia (John) Myers; grandchildren, Gregory, Gabriel and Christian; many nieces, nephews, friends and loved ones; dogs, Dusty, Buddy and Hogan. Michael will be missed by everyone. Calling hours will be held from 4 to 8 p.m. Thursday at the Ciriello and Carr Funeral Home (39 S. Miller Rd., Fairlawn, OH 44333), where Chaplin Paul K. Berry will conduct a service at 11 a.m. Friday. Interment with full military honors was at Ohio Western Reserve National Cemetery. For those who wish, donations may be made to the family care of the Funeral Home.

**DAVID LEROY AYERS** – Died Wednesday, November 25, 2009 in Ottawa, Kansas at the age of 64. The cause of death was renal failure. He was born December 25, 1944 in Emmett, Kansas. He is survived by his son, Luke Ayers, of Ottawa, Kansas. He served in the United States Army with two tours of duty in Vietnam: 1) March 1966 to March 1967 in the infantry, and 2) as a Pilot with the 335<sup>th</sup> Aviation Assault Helicopter at Fort Riley, Kansas. He became a Unit Commander in May 1969 and Rotary Wing Aviator Helicopter Pilot in June 1971. Among his awards was the Air Medal nineteen times. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Ottawa Chapter #912**.

**RONALD WAYNE BARNHILL** - 62, of Lashmeet, West Virginia, died on Wednesday, August 12, 2009 at 1:00 a.m. after a long illness of heart failure. He was born August 11, 1947 in Bluefield, West Virginia. He is survived by his loving wife, Roseanna Barnhill of Lashmeet; daughter, Crystal Hopson, Lashmeet; two grandchildren, Brandon Trey Galford and Alicia Lindsie Galford; one step granddaughter, Brittini Hopson; one special nephew, Ace Mitchell Gearheart; special brother-in-law, Wayne Gearheart. He served in the United States Army with a tour of duty in Vietnam from 1967 to 1968. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – East River Mountain (Bluefield) Chapter #985**. At Ronald's request, he will be cremated, and there will be no funeral services. Dudley Memorial Mortuary in Bluefield, Va. is serving the Ronald Wayne Barnhill family.

**WASIL BARABASH** – Died Friday, October 10, 2008 in Rochester Hills, Michigan. The cause of death is unknown. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Mount Clemens Chapter #154**.

**JOHN H. BARRETT** - Died Sunday morning, June 24, at Boston's West Roxbury Veterans Administration Hospital, after a long battle with leukemia. He was 62 years of age. He was a social worker at Tewksbury Hospital for 33 years and a Vietnam War veteran. He was the devoted husband of June (Batakis) Bowser-Barrett. He was born in Stoneham, Massachusetts on February 5, 1945. He was the third child of the late David and Madeline (Nelson) Barrett. He graduated from St. Patrick's Grammar School, Malden Catholic High School and Salem State College. Mr. Barrett served in the United States Army Artillery 101st Air Cavalry in Vietnam. He continued his service in the National Guard for 11 years, as a staff sergeant. He was a member

of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Stoneham Chapter #837**. He also worked for the town of Stoneham before coming to Tewksbury Hospital in 1974. For most of his career, he was an active member of the Service Employees International Union, Local 509, and served as chapter president, contract negotiator and grievance chair. He was a member of the Billerica Irish American Club, serving several terms on the board. He and his wife were longtime members of the Suburban Adventure Club. For more than 10 years, he was an enthusiastic volunteer at the Lowell Folk Festival, leading the "bucket brigade." Every two weeks for more than 12 years, he drove to the Red Cross in Dedham and donated platelets. Mr. Barrett's passion was nature and the outdoors. He loved camping and hiking, having climbed most of the 4,000-footers in New England, family members said. He loved spending time at his second home in Woodstock, N.H., and his adopted home, Woodstock Station, as well as traveling to Europe with his wife. Besides his wife, he is survived by his children, Carolyn Barrett of Tyngsboro, and Shaun D. Barrett, of Manassas, Va.; a sister and brother-in-law, Madeline and Charles Brennan of Randolph; a stepson, David Bowser of Florida; a niece, Laura Shedin of Stoughton; his nephews, Stephen Brennan of Natick and James Brennan of Randolph; and two grandnieces, Shayla and Brenna Shedin. He also leaves his former wife, Sandra (Howes) Barrett of Tyngsboro; and his lifelong friends, Lee Fitzpatrick of Lynnfield, and the Rev. Paul Duffy of Taiwan. He also leaves all of his clients and co-workers at Tewksbury Hospital, who were a huge part of his life.

**WILLIAM DAVID “Bill Hooch” BASKETT** – Died Wednesday, January 2, 2008 in Indianapolis, Indiana at the age of 63, formerly of Beech Grove, Indiana. The cause of death is unknown. He was born February 28, 1944. He is survived by his daughter, Cindy Urich. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Indianapolis Chapter #295**. Funeral services were conducted at 1:00 PM on Saturday, January 5, 2008 at the Yokley-Trible Funeral Home in Tompkinsville, Kentucky. Visitations after 9:00 AM on Saturday.

**CLEON W. BEGLEY** – Died recently in 2009 in Hazard, Kentucky at the age of 67. The cause of death is unknown. He was born November 18, 1941. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Hazard Chapter #851**.



**DONALD LEWIS “Don” BENDER** - Died Sunday, April 19, 2009, at Hospice of West Alabama at the age of 68. He was a resident of Tuscaloosa, Alabama. The cause of death was cancer. He was born in Marietta, Ohio on September 26, 1940 to the late Earl and Dorothy Bender. He is survived by his wife, Ingrid Epp Bender; daughters, Deborah Miller of Marietta, Ohio, Beverly McFadden of Waterford, Ohio, Kathleen Noble of Fresno, California, and Barbara Vaqilar of Fresno, California; one sister, Barbara June Feathers of Marietta, Ohio; nine grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren. Don graduated from Marietta High School and Maryland College before joining the United States Army as a Captain. He served in Germany twice and in Vietnam. He was wounded twice in Vietnam and was awarded the Purple Heart. In addition, he received the Vietnam Service Medal, Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal, and National Defense Service Medal. He was a member of various organizations, including VFW District Commander, past Elks Exalted Ruler, past Moose Governor, and the Purple Organization. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Tuscaloosa Chapter #301**. For the last 30 years, his home was in Tuscaloosa, and his love was

the Crimson Tide. Don had a real love for life and never met a stranger. He will be missed by us all. Services will be 11 a.m. Thursday, April 23, 2009, at Tuscaloosa Memorial Chapel Funeral Home with Dr. Herb Thomas officiating. Burial will follow in Tuscaloosa Memorial Park with Tuscaloosa Memorial Chapel Funeral Home directing. Visitation will be Wednesday from 5 to 7 p.m. at the funeral home. Honorary pallbearers are Dr. Jerry McKnight and Hospice of West Alabama. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to Hospice of West Alabama.

**LINDA MAE BYRD** – Died Friday, July 24, 2009 in Taylor, Michigan at the age of 61. The cause of death is unknown. She was born May 3, 1948. She was the loving mother of Melinda Byrd, Tracey (Steve) Anderson, and Scott (Debra) Byrd, and the dearest grandmother of Alexis, Amelia, and Morgan and dear sister of William (Marn) Barnette, Alice Garcia, LeMoine (Homer) Sullivan. She was a *Life Member* of **Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America – Lapeer Chapter #267**. Memorial services were Saturday August 1, 2009 at 10:00 a.m. at Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints (at the corner of Pelham & Rotunda -in Dearborn, MI.).

**GLEN EUGENE BOATRIGHT** – Died Thursday, August 6, 2009 in Lawton, Oklahoma at the age of 58. The cause of death is unknown. He was born August 29, 1950 in Lawton, Oklahoma to Earnest Eugene and Geraldine Mae (Knight) Boatright. Glen grew up in Lawton and attended school here. He joined the United States Army on July 16, 1968 in Fort Lewis, Washington. While serving his country, he received the National Defense Service Medal, the Victory Service Medal, the Expert Quality Badge with Rifle Bar and the Overseas Service Bar. After his honorable discharge from the Army on July 25, 1969, he returned to Lawton and attended barber school and worked as a barber for many years until becoming ill in 1996. He married Margaret B. Juneau on January 29, 1988 in Lawton. He was a lifetime member of the VFW Post 5363, a member of the American Legion Post 29. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Lawton Chapter #751**. He was preceded in death by his parents; grandparent; one sister and one grandson. He is survived by his wife, Margaret of the home; his step son Bill Juneau of Lawton; his daughter in law Tracy Goad of Lawton; his step daughter and her husband Wanda and Richard Blann of Lawton; two brothers Jack Boatright of Lawton and Kevin Underwood of Amarillo, Texas; five grandsons Ricky Blann, Kevin Blann, Jesse Juneau, Darrin Johnston and Trey Goad.

**JAMES R. BOENAU** – Died recently in 2009 in Monroe Township, New Jersey at the age of 62. The cause of death is unknown. He was born March 19, 1947. He is survived by his wife, Carol Boenau, of the home. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Baldwin Place (New York) Chapter #541**.

**HENDRIK S. BOLLERUD** – Died Monday, January 26, 2009 in Schertz, Texas at age of 75. The cause of death was a 23 year battle with Parkinson's Disease. He was born in Chico, California on November 21, 1933 to the late William and Dorothy Bollerud. He was raised in Durham and graduated from Durham Union High School in 1951. Hendrik served in the United States Army for 20 years and upon retiring lived in San Antonio, Texas. While in the Army, Hendrik served a tour of duty in Vietnam where he was awarded the Silver Star with Valor. Hendrik was a

member of the Masonic Lodge as well as the Shrine. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – San Antonio Chapter #366**. He leaves behind his wife, Cheryl, 6 Children: William Bollerud, Sylvia Landis of San Antonio; Natalie Downing of El Paso, Texas; Christine Bollerud, of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma; Wolfe Bollerud of Indianapolis, Indiana; and Tracy Wright, currently of Japan. He also leaves 9 grandchildren and 1 great-grandchild. He is also survived by his brothers and sisters, Halvdan of Paradise; George of Elk Grove; Suzanne DiPemo of Santa Rosa; and Paulette Triay of Fullerton, California; and numerous nieces and nephews. The funeral was held on January 29, 2009 at Fort Sam Houston, Texas with Military Honors.

**ROBERT FRANK BRANDMEIER** – Died Saturday, March 10, 2007, in Milwaukee, Wisconsin at the age of 59. The cause of death was Agent Orange-related cancer. He was born in Milwaukee on October 22, 1947 to the late Alois and Florence Brandmeier. In addition to his parents, he was predeceased by two twin children, Troy and Laura; sisters, Janna, Juanita and Florence; brother-in-law, Jim and sister-in-law, Honey. He is survived by his children, Robert H. (Diane), Laura (Ken) Friday, Amy (Ryan) Bobber; his sister, Elaine Cain; his brothers, Jim (Carlene), John (Donna) and Paul Rick; his grandchildren, Andy, Matthew, Joshua, Gina, Kyle (Shawna), Amanda, Dominic, Terrell and Kaya; great-grand-daughter, Alexis. He is also survived by other relatives and friends. Visitation 3-6 PM Thurs., March 15 at the: ZWASKA FUNERAL HOME 4900 W. Bradley Rd. (414)354-5330 [www.zwaskafuneral.com](http://www.zwaskafuneral.com) Funeral Services 7 PM also Thursday, March 15 at St. Mark's Evangelical Lutheran Church, 8635 North 60th Street, Brown Deer. Interment 11 AM Fri. at Southern Wisconsin Veterans Memorial Cemetery, Union Grove, WI. Robert was a proud veteran of the Vietnam War. He served in the United States Army with the 1st Squadron, 4th Cavalry from 1964-1967. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Milwaukee Chapter #324**. This proud American hero, our dad, brother, grandfather and friend will be missed and never forgotten. In lieu of flowers, Memorials have been established in his name with the Order of Silver Rose, 9157 Ann Maria, Grand Blanc, MI 48439 which honors victims of Agent Orange and the St. Aidan's Fire Fund, First Bank Financial Center, 940 Bell Ave., Hartford, WI 53027.

**VIRGLE RAY BRIGHT** - Funeral service for Virgle Ray Bright, 61, of Munford, Alabama will be at 2 p.m. on Monday, September 28, 2009 at Usrey Brown-Service Funeral Home with the Rev. Paul Thompson and Ken Rollins, president of Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter #502 officiating. Visitation is from 5-8 p.m. on Sunday, Sept. 27. Burial will be at Eastaboga Cemetery. Mr. Bright died Saturday, September 26, 2009 in Birmingham, Alabama. The cause of death was H1N1 Swine Flu. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America Anniston Chapter #502** and Union T. Baptist Church. He was born in Dell City, Alabama on March 12, 1948 to the late Gene and LeeAnn Gafford. He is survived by his wife of 38 years, Shirley Bright, son, Michael Bright (Kathy), son, Shane Bright, daughter, Emily Burns (Gerald), brother, Terry Bright, grandson, Kyle Bright, granddaughter, Ivy Bright, granddaughter, Kayla Bright, grandson, Blaise Stephens, granddaughter, Carly Bright, grandson, Jaden Demoss, grandson, Dakota Burns, mother-in-law, Sybille Salter, sister-in-law, Doris Williams, nephew, Justin Williams (Sandy), and nephew, Lonnie Williams. Pallbearers are Justin Williams, Michael Hawthorne, Eric Strickland, Johnny Morriss, Mike Smith, and Jeff Smith. Usrey Brown-Service Funeral Home will direct the service.



**JOHNNY M. BROWN** - Died peacefully Wednesday evening, August 19, 2009 at Parkwest Medical Center, in Knoxville, Tennessee at the age of 78. He was a resident of Knoxville. The cause of death was heart disease. He was born December 19, 1930. Johnny was a devoted husband, father and grandfather. He retired from the United States Army as Chief Warrant Officer 4 following of 27 years of service. He was an *At-Large Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Tennessee**. Johnny was preceded in death by parents, William Otis Brown, Rossie Inez Nelson Brown and brother, James Paul Brown. He is survived

by his wife of 52 years, Lillie Bulla Brown; sons and daughters-in-law, Jonathan and Grace Brown, Timothy and Cathy Brown, Gregory and Agnes Brown; daughter, Kimberly Brown and partner, Shauna Stubbs; grandchildren, Mitch, Jessica, Stephen and wife, Andrea, Corinne, Deborah, Anna, Jennifer and Jonathan. Johnny is also survived by his sister, Ruby Hazel Bell of Valley, Alabama. Funeral services will be held at 7 p.m. Sunday at Central Baptist Church of Bearden with Rev. Steve Humphries officiating. The family will receive friends following the service. Family and friends will gather at 11:30 a.m. Monday at East TN State Veteran's Cemetery for graveside services will full military honors conferred by the U S Army. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to American Heart Association, P.O. Box 840692, Dallas, TX. Click Funeral Home Farragut Chapel, 11915 Kingston Pike is serving the Brown family.

**NORMAN G. BUTLER** – Died Thursday, January 24, 2008 in Washington, DC at the age of 61. The cause of death is unknown. He was born November 29, 1946. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Washington DC Chapter #958**. It is with regret that we notify the members of Steamfitters Local 602 of the death of Brother Norman Butler. Private services were held by the family. Notice number 1279. J.C. Savia, Sr., F.S.T.

**JAMES EDWARD CALLAHAN** - 62, of 103 Maple Grove Drive, Pittsfield, Massachusetts died Tuesday, July 29, 2008 as a result of injuries sustained in a motorcycle accident. He was born in Pittsfield on March 27, 1946, son of James E. and Kathleen Mulvaney Callahan, he was a 1964 graduate of St. Joseph Central High School. A Viet Nam veteran, he was a sergeant in the United States Army from Sept. 27, 1965, to Sept. 26, 1969. He served as a combat medic for which, among other commendations, he was awarded the Bronze Star medal and the Bronze Star medal with Oak Leaf Cluster. Mr. Callahan was most recently employed by the Massachusetts Turnpike Authority as a toll collector, retiring in 2001 with 13 years of service. Previously, he had worked for Sheaffer Eaton Paper Co., the City of Pittsfield Department of Public Works, and City Tire. He was a *Life Member* and *President* of **Vietnam Veterans of America - Pittsfield Chapter #65**, a life member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, the American Legion, and Disabled American Veterans, and a member and past president of the American Legion Riders. He served as an officer for many of the Memorial Day and Veterans' Day ceremonies and, in 2006, was named Pittsfield Veteran of the Year. He was a fan of the Red Sox and loved to ride his Harley. His greatest love was his grandchildren. He leaves his son, Paul A. Callahan of Pittsfield; two daughters, Cheryl Callahan Belknap of Pittsfield and Shena Callahan of Dalton; three

grandchildren, Eric, Nicole and Taylor; a nephew, Scott Casella; a niece, Deanna Strout; six great-nieces and nephews; a son-in-law, Gary Belknap; a daughter-in-law, Michelle Callahan; a brother-in-law, Edward Casella, and his former wives, Judith Mole Callahan and Maureen Isenhardt. He was predeceased by a sister, Joan Casella. FUNERAL NOTICE: Services, with full military honors, for James Edward Callahan, who died Tuesday, July 29, will be Friday, Aug. 1, at 9:15 a.m. from DERY FUNERAL HOME with a Liturgy of Christian Burial at 10 at St. Charles Church, celebrated by the Rev. Peter A. Gregory, pastor. Interment was in Pittsfield Cemetery. Calling hours will be today, Thursday, from 4 to 7 p.m. at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, contributions in memory of Mr. Callahan may be made to Soldier On in care of the funeral home, 54 Bradford St., Pittsfield.



**STEVEN CRAIG CAMERON** - Died Thursday, April 30, 2009, in Rockford, Illinois, expectedly of a heart attack at the age of 64. He was a resident of Milton, Wisconsin. He was born April 29, 1945, in Rockford, Illinois to the late Alexander J. and Lois L. Cameron. He married Patricia Ganshart on February 27, 1966, in Rockford, 17 days before he shipped to Vietnam with the United States Marine Corps. Steve became a salesman of farm equipment for McNall Equipment, Janesville, and later for I.G. Hall in Johnstown. After many years there, he joined A.C. McCartney, Durand, Ill., with his sales territory for farm equipment continuing in southern Wisconsin and northern Illinois. He is survived by wife, Pat; and children, Scott (Rebecca) Cameron of Boulder, Colo., Julie (Justin) Musgrove of Des Moines, Iowa, and Kelli Cameron of Madison, Wis. He was happy in his new role as a grandpa to Lilly Ann Musgrove, and soon to be grandson, Alexander James Cameron. Other survivors include siblings, Kenneth and Penny Cameron of Aurora, Ill., Faye and Andy Larson of Rockford, David and Kay Cameron of St. Charles, Ill., and Dianne and John Matheny of Hammond, La.; along with many nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his niece, Cathy Cameron. Service at 11 a.m., Monday, May 4, in Milton United Methodist Church, 241 Northside Drive, Milton. There was a family burial in New Milford Cemetery in New Milford, Illinois, following the service and luncheon. Visitation from 3 to 6 p.m. Sunday, May 3, in the church. In lieu of expressions of sympathy, memorials may be made to a scholarship fund that will be established in his name for agricultural education. Whitcomb-Lynch-Albrecht Funeral Home of Milton is assisting the family.

**HARRY J. CAMPBELL** – Died September 2008 in Cincinnati, Ohio at the age of 61. The cause of death is unknown. He was born April 2, 1946. He served in the United States Navy during the Vietnam War. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Cincinnati Chapter #10**.



**HERSCHEL DEAN CARMICHAEL** - Died Wednesday, November 25, 2009, at the Veteran's Administration Hospital in Big Spring, Texas, after a short battle with heart disease. He was 60 years of age. Herschel was born March 20, 1949, in San Angelo to Archie Wilson and Melba Deanne (Wooldridge) Carmichael in San Angelo. After graduating from Central High School in 1967,



Herschel enlisted in the US Army in 1968 and served at Fort Bliss, Texas, Fort Leonard Wood, Mo., and Fort Ord, Calif., in addition to a tour with the 520/537 PSC 1st Logistical Command in Bien Hoa, South Vietnam. Herschel served in the United States Army from May 1968 until May 1971, he served a tour of duty in Vietnam from June 1969 until June 1970 and he served with 520th/537th PSC 1st Logistical Command at Bien Hoa, RVN. Herschel was a Charter Member of VVA Chapter 457 in San Angelo and he was a former VVA Texas State Council Treasurer. Herschel was a founding member of Vietnam Veterans Assistance Foundation of Texas, Inc. where he served as a VVAFT Director and chaired the VVAFT RFP Committee. He was a friend, a fellow veteran and I am very thankful for our friendship over the past ten years. While stationed at Fort Ord, Calif., Herschel began attending classes for restaurant management, which became a lifelong profession and eventually he received an associate's degree in business from Cisco Junior College. Herschel worked extensively towards creating a Vietnam Memorial in San Angelo and the Southwest Military Museum. He was a *Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – San Angelo Chapter #457*. He was instrumental in bringing the moving wall Vietnam Memorial to this area and served in all official positions of the Vietnam Veterans of America, Chapter 457, of which he is a lifetime member. Herschel's efforts brought the first Vietnam veterans' vehicle plates to Texas and he proudly displayed them on his vehicle. In addition to his work for Vietnam veterans, Herschel served as president of his Central High School class reunion in 2008. His Bobcat classmates were dear to him. Survivors include daughter Leslie Vaughn and husband John of Christoval, Texas; son Chad Carmichael of Boulder, Colo.; mother Melba Carmichael; sister Charlotte Theis; and twin brother Robert Carmichael, all of San Angelo. Also surviving are granddaughters Lindsey and Lainey Vaughn; nieces Natalie Tillery, Amanda and Jamie Carmichael; and nephew Chris Carmichael. Family visitation will be from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Monday, Nov. 30, at Johnson's Funeral Home. Private memorial service will be held at a later date. Special thanks to all who supported Herschel and family throughout his illness with their kindness, help and understanding. His family suggests memorials made to Disabled American Veterans or American Heart Association. "PePaw, your Princess and Lulubug love you very, very much!"

**THOMAS ARTHUR "Art" CLARKE** - Died Saturday August 22, 2009, at his home in Leavenworth, Kansas at the age of 69, after a courageous battle with cancer. He was surrounded by his family. Art was born Jan. 31, 1940, in Essex County, Va., the son of Clarence and Virginia (Davis) Clarke. At the age of 18 Art joined the U. S. Army. During his 20 year Army career Art was stationed in; Korea, South Vietnam, several locations in the U.S. and Alaska. Art was awarded the; Purple Heart, Combat Infantry Badge, four good conduct ribbons, four campaign awards and a Drill Sergeant Badge. He retired from the Army on August 31, 1981. Art also worked for the; Roanoke, Va., Sheriff Dept., Vinton, Va. Police Dept. and was a correctional officer in Saluda, Haynesville and Moneta, Va., and Lansing Correctional Facility until his retirement in 1998. On Aug. 17, 1973, he married Joan Spraker-Little. She survives at the home. He is also survived by his children, Robin (Jeff) Howery of Roanoke, Va., Mark (Brenda) Little, Scott (Kim) Little both of Leavenworth and Lecca (Don) Goode of Stillwell, Kan.; 11 grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; his brother, Billy Clarke; his sisters, Christine Jones, Virginia Nichols, Mary Jane Brown and Ann Brown; and many nieces and nephews. He

was preceded in death by his parents; foster parents; his brothers, John Clarke, Clarence Clarke and Latney Clarke. Art was a member of the VFW, GWRRA touring association, National 4th Infantry (Ivy) Division Association, American Legion and the Eagles React. Art will be remembered for his love of animals, Gold Wings, his love and memories of being in the Army. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Leavenworth Chapter #75**. Visitation will be from 6 to 8 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 25, 2009, at the R.L. Leintz Funeral Home. A funeral service will be at 10 a.m. Wednesday, Aug. 26, 2009, at the funeral home. Burial with full military honors will follow at Leavenworth National Cemetery. A reception will follow the burial from noon to 1:30 p.m. at the VFW. In lieu of flowers memorials are suggested to St. Luke's Hospice of Leavenworth, Pet Rescue Mission, or Leavenworth VA veteran's activity fund.

**EDDIE T. COLEMAN, JR.** – Died Friday, September 15, 2006 in Blackfoot, Idaho at the age of 82. The cause of death is unknown. He was born December 17, 1923. He is survived by his wife, Joan Coleman, of the home. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Rego Park Chapter #32**.

**ROBERT E. CONSTABLE** – Tuesday, July 21, 2009 at the Veterans Home in Montrose, New York at the age of 65. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Cold Spring, New York on July 24, 1943. He served in the United States Army. He was a *Permanently Hospitalized Veteran Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Pleasantville Chapter #49**.

**MICHAEL L. COOK** – Died recently in 2009 in Hanover, Illinois at the 60. The cause of death is unknown. He was born December 5, 1948. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Illinois Chapter #928**.

**LELAND GLENN “Lee” COON** - Master Sergeant, United States Air Force, Retired (1962 - 1982) Died Thursday, November 12, 2009, in Round Rock, Texas at the age of 67. He was born on January 17, 1942 in Jackson, Michigan to the late Willis Glenn and Rowena Leone Coon. Leland was survived by his loving life partner, Patsy Widup; children, Cathy Coon; grandchildren, Cody Glenn Coon, April Lea Starnes and Justin Forrer. Master Sergeant Leland Coon passed away from Lymphoma caused by Agent Orange from service in Vietnam. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Bastrop Chapter #915**. Visitation will be held 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. on Tuesday, November 17, 2009, at Cook-Walden/Capital Parks Funeral Home in Pflugerville. Funeral Services will be held at 10:00 on Wednesday, November 18, 2009, at the Memorial Chapel of Cook-Walden/Capital Parks Funeral Home. Burial with Full Military Honors will follow at 1:00 p.m., at Central Texas State Veterans Cemetery in Killeen.

**JAMES LESLIE COX, SR.** – Died Friday, July 17, 2009 in Adams, Wisconsin at the age of 63. The cause of death was a heart attack. He was born December 14, 1945 in Onalaska, Wisconsin. He served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Adams Chapter #729**. Graveside services and interment took place in the White Creek Cemetery in the town of Easton, Wisconsin.

**HAROLD DEAN CRITCHLOW** - Died at 3:50 P.M. Friday, October 31, 2009, at Mercy Medical Center in Des Moines, Iowa at the age of 64. He was a resident of Bloomfield, Iowa. The cause of death is unknown. He was born April 26, 1945, in Ottumwa, Iowa to Harold E. and Elizabeth Bell Critchlow. He married Diana Powell November 26, 1977. A graduate of Ottumwa High School in 1963, he served in the United States Army in Vietnam. He worked for John Morrell and Co. and for Maytag Corporation, from which he retired. He then worked for Barker's in Keosauqua, Southern Iowa Diesel and the Davis County Hospital. He was a member of Disabled American Veterans and a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Ottumwa Chapter #667**. Surviving are his wife, Diana; a son, Harold Lee Critchlow of Ashland, Mo.; a daughter, Carrie Ann Critchlow of Tulare, Calif.; two granddaughters, Madison and Chloe; two sisters, Geraldine Hubbartt of Ottumwa and Connie Wilkening of Hedrick; a brother, Gary W. Critchlow of Largo, Fla. He was preceded in death by a sister, Carolee Clark. His body has been cremated. Visitation with the family present will be from 5-7 p.m. Thursday at Reece Funeral Home. Memorials may be made to the family for his grandchildren's education.

**MARY L. CROUCH** – Died Thursday, February 8, 2007 in Conroe, Texas at the age of 56. The cause of death is unknown. She was born in Houston, Texas on October 11, 1949. She is survived by her loving husband, Barry Crouch; her mother, Rose Harris; three daughters, Traci, Tami and Patti; three brothers, Charles, David and Don; two sisters, Melanie and Carolyn; three brothers-in-law and their wives, Jack and Debora, Doyle and Rosa and Dale and Pat, and; several grandchildren. She was a geriatric nurse since 1967. She was the Auxiliary President of the Willis VFW Post, a member of The American Legion Auxiliary and a *Life Member* of **Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America – Willis Chapter #734**. Funeral services were conducted in the Houston National Cemetery Chapel with the Reverend Jim Godwin, officiating. Interment was in the Houston National Cemetery.

**ROY A. CUNNINGHAM** - 61 years old, of Leominster, Died Sunday, December 6, 2009, in his home in Leominster, Massachusetts at the age of 61. The cause of death is unknown. He was born January 29, 1948 in Winchendon, Massachusetts son of Robert and Anna (Murphy) Cunningham, and had lived in Sterling and Fitchburg before moving to Leominster nine years ago. He graduated from Wachusett Regional High School in Holden. He is survived by his wife, Gail K. (Anderson) Cunningham; by 3 sons, Ryan P. Cunningham and his wife, Courtney of Ocean Springs, Mississippi, James B. Cunningham and his wife, Brianna of Fitchburg, and Shaun P. Cunningham of Fitchburg; a daughter, Meaghan M. Cunningham-Potter and her husband, Chris of Barnstable; a stepson, William Bashaw and his wife, Heather L. of Athol; 2 step-daughters, Heather K. Bashaw of Leominster, and Holly Ford and her husband, Raymond of Leominster; 3 brothers, James Cunningham of Maine, David Cunningham of Connecticut, and Thomas Cunningham of Florida; a sister, Shirley Cunningham of Florida; and 6 grandchildren, Marcus Cunningham, Emily Ford, Brandon Ford, Gabriel Bashaw, Haylee Bashaw, and Madison Bashaw. He was predeceased by his 1st wife, Sheran A. (Puglisi) Cunningham in 1997. He served in United States Marine Corps and was a Vietnam War Veteran, where he received a Purple Heart. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Leominster Chapter #116**. Roy had worked at Plastics Inc. in Leominster before retiring in 2000. Previously, he had worked at Cincinnati Milacron in Worcester for several years. He was a member of the Disabled American

Veterans, the Vietnam Veterans #116, and the Marine Corps League. He enjoyed playing with his grandchildren, gardening and riding his John Deere tractor. Roy donated the vegetables he grew to the Veterans Home on Pearl Street and volunteered at Sholan Farms in Leominster. He loved to help out his neighbors, and he had a heart of gold. A funeral service will be held on Tuesday, December 8, 2009 at 11 am in the Silas F. Richardson & Son Funeral Home, 106 West Street, Leominster. Burial with military honors will be in Forest Hill Cemetery, Fitchburg. A calling hour will be held on Tuesday from 10 - 11 am in the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to either the Disabled American Veterans or the Vietnam Veterans #116, both at 100 West Street, Leominster, MA 01453.

**JESSE RONALD DAVIS, JR.** – Died Sunday, March 29, 2009 in Albany, Oregon at the age of 62. The cause of death was Agent Orange-related glioblastoma. He was born June 2, 1946 in Newark, Ohio to the late Jesse Ronald (Ron) Davis, Sr. and Elizabeth Jane (Canter) Davis. He married Margie Dawn Hartman in November 1969. In addition to his wife, Marjorie, of the home, he is survived by his daughter and son-in-law, Renée Elizabeth and Craig Born; his granddaughter, Ella Elizabeth, of Albany; his stepbrother, Danny Artz, of Newark, Ohio, and; his stepsister, Helen Artz, of Hebron, Ohio. In addition to his parents, he was also predeceased by his stepbrother, Earl (Buddy) Artz. He served in the United States Army from 1965 to 1967. He served in the Central Highlands in Vietnam near Pleiku. He served in the Graves Registration Unit of the 4<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division where he handled the remains of military troops killed in action. He was a 40-year member of The American Legion Ohio Post #585. He was a *Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Albany Chapter #585*. Memorial services were conducted in Asum-Dufour Funeral Home in Albany, Oregon with Brock McLeod, officiating.

**ARTHUR LEROY “Art” DAYTON** - Died Tuesday, October 13, 2009 at Hamilton Hospital in Webster City, Iowa at the age of 64. He was a resident of Webster City. The cause of death was heart disease. A funeral service will be held Saturday – 12:30 PM at Asbury United Methodist Church in Webster City with Rev. Linda Bibb officiating. Visitation will be at the Boman Funeral Home with the family present from 5 – 7 PM on Friday. He was born August 4, 1945 in Webster City to Charles & Evelyn (Balsley) Dayton. Art was on the track and football teams at Webster City High School and graduated in 1965. He joined the United States Marine Corps after high school. He achieved the rank of Sergeant and received three Purple Hearts while serving in Vietnam. He received an honorable discharge in 1969 and worked for the next 34 years at Electrolux in Webster City. On December 27, 1969 he married Marcia Rae Schnell in Webster City. Art was very active in veteran’s circles. He was the past commander of the Military Order of the Purple Heart post 462, Commissioner of Veterans Affairs for Hamilton County, served on the UAW Veterans Commission, and was a member of the Devil Dogs, Disabled American Veterans, Veterans of Foreign Wars, American Legion, and MCL. He was a *Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Fort Dodge Chapter #861*. He was involved with veteran’s work including but not limited to Vets Day at Knoxville, Homeless Veterans Stand-down in Des Moines, Veterans Home in Marshalltown, monthly meetings with the Rockwell City Corrections Facility Veterans. Veterans work was one of his passions along with his family & friends. Survivors include: his wife Marcia of 40 years; three daughters Tammy Harris, Cathy Dayton-Baez, Ann Dayton & her special friend Keith Dawson whom Art had known

for several years; four grand children Shelby, Cody, Sophia & Mateo; sister Sherry (George) Merz niece Dawn Obrecht & family all of Webster City; uncles and aunts Roger (Berneta) Balsley and Deloris Balsley all of Webster City, Judy Kunz of Traer & Janice (John) Merz of Fort Dodge; brother-in-law Melvin (Carla) Schnell of Eagle Grove; sisters-in-law Ruth Norris & June (Larry) Larson all of Webster City; many nephews, nieces & friends. He was preceded in death by his sister Sonja, mother, & grandmother Olive Smith.

**BRUCE A. DEAN** – Died recently in 2009 in Logan, Utah at the age of 64. The cause of death is unknown. He was born May 27, 1945. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was an *At-Large Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Utah**.

**GILBERT LLOYD DECKER** – Died Monday, June 2, 2008 in Glen Burnie, Maryland at the age of 67. The cause of death was cancer. He was born March 15, 1942 to the late Teresa M. and James T. Decker, Sr. He is survived by his brothers and sisters, James Decker, Jr., Richard Decker, Jo Anne Engel, Cheryl Barker and Helen Miller. He is also survived by eleven nieces and nephews. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Baltimore Chapter #451**. A memorial mass will be held on, Friday, June 13 at 10 A.M., at Holy Trinity Catholic Church. Interment was in the Maryland States Veterans Cemetery. Donations may be made in his name to the American Cancer Society, 1041 Route 3 North, Building A1, Gambrills, Maryland, 21054.

**THOMAS J. De HORSEY** – Died Friday, November 6, 2009 in Secane, Pennsylvania at the age 63. The cause of death was heart and liver failure. She was born November 5, 1946 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. He is survived by his wife Lynn De Horsey of the home. He served in the United States Marine Corps during the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Liberty Bell (Philadelphia) Chapter #266**.



**JOHN "Jack" THOMAS DELANEY** - Died Saturday, November 28, 2009 at his residence in Blackstone, Massachusetts at the age of 62. The cause of death was after a courageous battle with cancer. He was born April 14, 1947. He was the husband of Denise J. (Dussault) Delaney whom he married on May 19, 1984. An Army Veteran, he was in active duty for seven years serving a tour in Vietnam and was in the Army Reserves, retiring as a Lt. Colonel. He received the Bronze Star Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Vietnam Service Medal, Vietnam Campaign Medal and Republic of Vietnam Cross of Gallantry with Palm. He retired as a Certified Registered Nurse Anesthetist for the Veterans Administration and worked part time for D&G Associates. He was Blackstone's Emergency Management Director and was

on the Public Safety Committee, Board of Health, Parks and Recreation Commission, Tags and Trout Committee, Parade Committee, Mendon Street Athletic Field Project and Finance Committee. He was on the Board of Directors for Visiting Nurses of Greater Woonsocket from 1978-1985, serving as Vice-President and President. Jack was a member of the Elks Lodge #850, VFW Post 7272, Ancient Order of Hibernians Division 17, American Legion Post #85 and Polish American Citizens Club. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – James Michael Ray Memorial (North Smithfield, Rhode Island) Chapter #818**. Besides his wife, he is survived by his mother, Pearl Priestley of O'Fallon, Missouri, two sons, John W. Delaney and his wife Amie and their sons Sean and Liam, and William A. Delaney, all of Utah, two sisters, Carol Mowry of Woonsocket and Kim Haggerty of O'Fallon, Missouri, and his brother, Norman Priestley of Manville, Rhode Island. He was preceded in death by his stepfather, Norman Priestley. A Funeral Service will be held on Saturday, December 5, 2009 at 10:30AM in the Emmanuel Episcopal Church, 120 Nate Whipple Highway, Cumberland, Rhode Island. Calling hours are omitted and burial will be private. In lieu of flowers, contributions in his memory may be sent to the Emmanuel Episcopal Church or VNA Care Network & Hospice, Development Office, 120 Thomas Street, Worcester, Massachusetts.

**DANIEL P. DeLOLA** - Died Wednesday, August 19, 2009 in Owego, New York at the age of 67. The cause of death is unknown. He was born April 16, 1942 to the late Milo DeLola and Julia Warner. In addition to his parents, he was also predeceased by his brother, David DeLola. He is survived by his wife, Adelheid Berg; children, Christine Darrow, John DeLola, Christopher Mosher; stepson, Thomas Sterling; three grandchildren, Corinne, Corey and Gabrielle; two sisters and brother-in-law, Jewel Warner, Amy and John Carey; two brothers, Milo DeLola and Leo Warner; several nieces, nephews and cousins; and his loyal companion Ashes. He served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Owego Chapter #480**. Funeral services for Daniel P. DeLola were held Friday, August 21 at 10 a.m. at the Woodlawn National Cemetery in Elmira, New York. The family received friends at 1 p.m. at the VFW Hall in Owego.

**WILLIAM E. "Bill" "Grumpy" DePUE** – Died Saturday, July 18, 2009 at Corning Hospital in Corning, New York at the age of 58. He was a resident of Pine City, New York. The cause of death was pneumonia and Agent Orange-related lung cancer. Bill was the son of the late John and Barbara (Frisbee) DePue. He was born in Elmira, New York on November 15th, 1950. Surviving him is his loving wife and dearest friend, Liz; daughters, Kristin (Gary) Horn of Elmira, Sarah DePue (Mike Adario) of Elmira; grandchildren, Julia and Josh; brother and best friend, Richard "Dick" (Debbie-Susi) DePue of Elmira Heights, NY, and brother, John (Sue) DePue of Pine City; sister, Donna Davenport of Clearwater, FL; several nieces and nephews, including Michael (Nikki) DePue, and their children, Lexie and Austin, Tim (Kaylee) DePue and their son, Joshua; brother-in-law, Jim Davenport; the mother of Bill's children, Carla (Mike) Booker with Carla's mother, Adeline Church of Elmira; several nieces and nephews. In addition, Bill is dearly missed by his loving mother and father-in-law, Lois and Bill Johnson; sisters and brothers-in-law, Doug and Kathy Packard, Adrienne Harnas, Jennifer and Ed (Strong) Eilhardt, Harry Taylor, Tara (Jim) Ameigh, Jackie (Elliot) Taylor; loving friends Vicki and Vinnie Freeman of Elizabeth

City, NC. Although the Vietnam War changed his life, Bill was proud to be a United States Army veteran of the Vietnam War. Bill also was very proud to serve on the Chemung County Honor Guard. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Elmira Chapter #803**. He worked for the United States Postal Service for 25 years. Those who knew Bill the best can see the man he was in the lyrics of the song "Pilgrim". Written and sung by Kris Kristofferson; Wearin' yesterday's misfortunes like a smile-Ounce he had a future full of money, love, and dreams, Which he spent like they was goin' outa style-And he keeps right on a 'changin' for the better or the worse, Searchin' for a shrine he's never found-Never knowin' if believin' is a blessin' or a curse, Or if the goin' up was worth the comin' down-He's a poet, he's a picker-He's a prophet, he's a pusher-He's a pilgrim and a preacher, and problem when he's stoned-He's a walkin' contradiction, partly fiction, Takin' every wrong direction on his lonely way back home. He has tasted good and evil in your bedrooms and your bars, and he's traded in tomorrow for today-Runnin' from his devils, Lord, and reachin for the stars, And losin' all he's loved along the way-But if this world keeps right on a turnin for the better of the worse, And all he ever gets is older and around-From the rockin' of the cradle to the rollin' of the hearse, the goin' up was worth the comin' down. Bill will be truly missed by all who understood his love, life and were blessed by the love he held in his soul. Graveside services will be held at Woodlawn National Cemetery on Tuesday, July 22nd, 2009, at 1:00 p.m. with full Military Honors accorded, paying tribute to Bill's personal sacrifice to our freedom and country. All family, friends and most of all veterans are welcome. The Rev. Dan Pickering will officiate. A memorial service to celebrate the life of Bill will be later in the week and will be announced. A "Candle of Remembrance" may be left for the family in obituaries at [www.olthof.com](http://www.olthof.com) "Leave a loving legacy."

**ROGER F. DEWALD** - Died suddenly at the Veterans Hospital in Cincinnati on Wednesday evening October 7, 2009 at the age of 62. He was a resident of Harrison, Ohio. The cause of death was a heart attack. He was born September 18, 1947 in Cincinnati, Ohio. Roger was a Service Officer with the Veterans Service Commission. He was a United States Marine Corps Vietnam Veteran, receiving the Purple Heart Medal and was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Reading Chapter #10** and the Veterans of Foreign Wars. Loving husband of Janice (nee Drury) Dewald. Devoted step father of James (Lori) and Philip (Carolyn) Boland. Beloved grandfather of Laraine and Josephine Boland and Danielle and Joshua Bass. Dear brother of Richard (Glenda), James (Mary) and the late Gerald and Thomas Dewald. Friends may call at Miller-Busse & Borgmann Funeral Home, 3464 Central Parkway at Clifton Hills, Clifton, Monday October 12, 2009 from 11:00 AM until time of Memorial Service at 1:00 PM. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be directed to the donor's favorite charity.

**ALLEN RAY "Rusty" DONOVAN** – Died Tuesday, September 22, 2009 at the Grant Memorial Hospital in Petersburg, West Virginia at the age of 60. He was a resident of Cabins, West Virginia. The cause of death is unknown. He was born November 7, 1948 in Tunnelton, West Virginia to the late Martha Ellen (Titchenell) Shaver. In addition to his mother, he was also predeceased by his son, Allen Ray Donovan, Jr.; four sisters, Lyda Cline, Nora Shaver, Mary Ann Shaver and Velma Shaver, and; three brothers, Nathan Shaffer, Samuyel Shaffer and Watson Shaffer. He is survived by his wife, Melinda (Kimble) Donovan; three sons, Rusty Donovan, of Cabins, Tyrone Donovan, of Cabins and Harold Ray Donovan, of Tunnelton; one daughter,

Wanda Donovan Savage, of Bruceton Mills, West Virginia; his mother-in-law and father-in-law, Dorothy and Carlos Kimble of Upper Tract, West Virginia; six grandchildren; two sisters, Shirley Funk, of Kingwood, West Virginia and Mildred Williams, of Breezewood, Pennsylvania, and; one brother, Royal Donovan, of Pennsylvania. He served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War. He was a member of Veterans of Foreign Wars – Petersburg Post #6454 and Disabled American Veterans. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Cumberland (Maryland) Chapter #172**. He was a member of Petersburg Church of God and Lighthouse Community Church. Funeral services were conducted in the Schaeffer Funeral Home in Petersburg with Bishop Aaron Davidson, officiating. Interment with full military honors was in Maysville Cemetery in Maysville, West Virginia.



**CALVIN DEE DOTSON** - Died Friday, November 27, 2009 in Sun City, Arizona at the age of 61, after a long and courageous battle with liver disease. He was born November 8, 1948, in Fort Sill, Oklahoma, he was the second oldest of seven children born to Houston and Mary Ann (Hornsby) Dotson. Calvin is survived by his two sisters, Susan Dotson and Peggy (Dotson) Al-Nassar, two daughters; Jessica Metz and Jennifer O'Connell, and four grandchildren; Nicolas and Maya Metz, Diego Miranda, and Liam Bonilla. Calvin's father, mother, three brothers (Danny, Houston, Paul) and one sister (Kathy), precedes him in death. Calvin attended Kenilworth

Elementary School, West High School, Phoenix College and the University of Phoenix, graduating with a degree in computer science. He was a proud Vietnam Veteran, serving in the United States Army during the Tet Offensive. He was a soldier at heart and a jack of many trades including a skilled brick mason which he revered as an art. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Phoenix Chapter #432**. He was most recently employed at the Phoenix VA Hospital as a Data Base Manager. He will be greatly missed by his co-workers, family and friends, who will always remember his adventurous spirit, love of travel and the open road and most of all his deep and abiding loyalty to all of his fellow veterans. Visitation will be held at Menke Funeral Home (12420 North 103rd Avenue, Sun City, AZ) on Friday, December 4th at 11:30am. A procession to follow to graveside services which will be held at 1:30pm at (23029 North Cave Creek Road Phoenix, AZ). In lieu of flowers, donations can be sent to the Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 432 (PO Box 40173. Phoenix, AZ).

**PAUL DUMSCH** – Died in September 2009 in Willis, Michigan. The cause of death is unknown. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Ann Arbor Chapter #310**.

**JAMES N. "Jim" DUNN** - Died Friday, December 5, 2008 at the Soldiers' Home in Holyoke, Massachusetts, after a long illness at the age of 60. He was a resident of Springfield, Massachusetts. The cause of death was Huntington's Corea Disease. He was born in Holyoke on July 29, 1948 to the late William F. and Elinor E. (Cote). James was a lifelong resident of Springfield. He was an eight-year United States Army Veteran of the Vietnam War serving his country as a combat photographer in Vietnam. A retired mail handler at the U. S. Postal Service Bulk Mail Center, James was a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #6645 in Russell,



Massachusetts, **Vietnam Veterans of America – Springfield Chapter #866** and the Disabled American Veterans. He had a great love of nature and animals and he also loved camping, boating, hunting and fishing. He was also an amateur photographer. Predeceased by his parents and his brother, William F. Dunn Jr., he leaves his wife of 37 years, Cheryl; sons, Shannon M. Dunn and Ryan T. Dunn, of Springfield; daughter, Jennifer E. Zollo and her husband, John of Agawam; sisters, Patricia of California and Caroline of Southwick; grandchildren Zachary, Emma and Gabrielle Zollo of Agawam and many nieces and nephews. He loved his family and will be greatly missed by them. Family and friends are invited to attend James committal service with military honors, Tuesday at 9:00 a.m. at the Massachusetts Veterans Memorial Cemetery, Agawam. Calling hours will be held Monday from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. at Nowak Funeral and Cremation Services, Springfield. Memorial contributions may be made to Huntington's Disease Society of America, 505 Eight Avenue, Suite 702, NY, NY 10018. For directions or to sign the online guestbook please visit: [www.nowakfuneral.com](http://www.nowakfuneral.com).

**JERRY LEE FADDIS** – Died Saturday, August 2, 2008 in Georgetown, Ohio at the age of 65. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Corbin, Kentucky on December 11, 1942. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Cincinnati Chapter #10**.



**DONALD MICHAEL "Mike" FERGUSON** - Died November 22, 2009 in Anthony, Texas at the age of 63. He died after a long illness of cancer. He was born in Salinas, California on March 17, 1946 and raised in Albuquerque, New Mexico. He graduated from Valley High School in 1964. He served in the United States Marine Corps and in Vietnam War. Mike was a member of the American Legion, **Vietnam Veterans of America - El Paso Chapter #574**, a life member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and Disabled American Veterans. Mike was an active member of the VFW until his illness. He was a member of Coronado Baptist Church. He is survived by his wife Vickie Ferguson of Anthony, TX, sons: David Ferguson, of Albuquerque, Daryl and Dwayne Ferguson of Marshalltown, IA, daughters Dawn Templeton of Marshalltown, IA and Nicki Loflin of El Paso, TX. Granddaughter Haleigh Ferguson, Grandsons, Zachery Ferguson, Brock Templeton, Beau Templeton, Dusty Ferguson, Dawson Ferguson; Sister Beth Black; Brothers Ronald Ferguson, Thomas Ferguson, Keith Ferguson, Billy Ferguson. Visitation Wed. 11-25-09 from 3 to 8 p.m. Church Service Fri. 11-27-09 11 a.m. at Coronado Baptist Church, Followed by a Graveside Service at Ft. Bliss National Cemetery at 1 p.m.

**THOMAS P. FINNERTY, JR.** – Died on November 21, 2009 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania at the age of 66. The cause of death was liver and kidney failure. He was born August 26, 1943 in Philadelphia. He was the beloved husband of the late Sandra and loving father of Heather L. and Thomas P., III. Also survived by his granddaughter Amanda Hopkins, sister Patricia Gould, nephew Donald and niece Michelle. He was a member of **Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America – Liberty Bell (Philadelphia) Chapter #266**. Tom served as a past Director of the

Veteran's Advisory Commission in the City Council of Philadelphia. Relatives, friends and members of the Vietnam Veterans of America Liberty Bell Chapter #266 are invited to attend his Memorial Gathering Saturday from 10 A.M. to 12 from the Aldworth Funeral Home, Decatur and Charles Sts. Interment Private. In lieu of flowers, donations to the VVA Chapter #266, 1517 E. Luzerne St., Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19124 would be preferred by his family.

**WALTER S. FREEMAN** – Died recently in 2009 in Middlebury, Vermont at the age of 74. The cause of death is unknown. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Permanently Hospitalized Veteran Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Vermont Chapter #926**.

**MICHAEL J. FULLER** – Died recently in 2009 in Hinesburg, Vermont at the age of 61. The cause of death is unknown. He was born July 30, 1948. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Vermont Chapter #926**.

**JOHN M. GAILOR, SR.** – Died Sunday, December 6, 2009 in the Vermont Veterans Home in Bennington, Vermont at the age of 64. The cause of death is unknown. He was born February 27, 1945. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Permanently Hospitalized Veteran Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Bennington Chapter #601**.

**TOBI R. GEIBIG** - It is with great sorry that we must report the passing of Tobi Geibig, executive director of the Michigan Veterans Foundation, Detroit Veterans Center and charter member of Chapter 9. He died on Saturday, September 19, 2009 as a result of a gunshot wound to the head in his home in Detroit, Michigan. A woman present in the home was arrested. Tobi was a champion for veterans and other troubled persons. He completed college in Detroit while undergoing extensive reconstructive surgery for his wounds acquired in Vietnam. He was an active member of the University Veterans Club. He was a *Charter Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Detroit Chapter #9** even before there was a VVA. As treasurer of Chapter #9 he was influential in loaning VVA national the money to keep the organization forming. He was a major force in the development of the 108 bed Detroit Veterans Center transitional housing program. He will be greatly missed by veterans within the City of Detroit. Tobi was also a leader within the National Homeless Veterans Coalition. He never let problems defeat him when it came to helping the less fortunate. His only downfall was the inability to distinguish between those who could be helped and those who did not want help. Service will be held Saturday September 26 4:00 P.M. at Charles Verheyden Funeral Home, 16300 Mack Avenue, Grosse Pointe, Michigan.

**DANIEL R. "Dan" GOGOL** - Died Thursday, September 3, 2009 at his home in West Springfield, Massachusetts after a long battle with bladder cancer. He was 60 years of age. He was born March 29, 1949 in West Springfield to the late Michael and Jenny Gogol. Dan worked as a carpenter in the area for many years. He served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War and was awarded a Bronze Star with Valor. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Westfield Chapter #219**. Dan enjoyed golfing, gardening, camping, hunter and fishing. He was also a double showcase winner on the "Price is Right". Dan leaves his loving wife Karen A. (Stapleton), and his dog Puppy; also his brothers John, William (Marie), and Dave

(Kay); his sisters Jane Watras and Carol (Luis) Soto, his brothers-in-law Michael (Lil) Stapleton, Bill (Patti) Stapleton, also his sister-in-law Donna Stapleton. Dan was predeceased by his father and mother-in-law Bill and K-T Stapleton, and brother and sister-in-law John Stapleton and Cathy Thompson. Funeral services will be held Wednesday at 10:00 AM at the Toomey-O'Brien Funeral Home, 1043 Westfield Street. Burial will follow in the Massachusetts Veterans Memorial Cemetery, 1390 Main St., Agawam. Calling hours will be held Tuesday from 4 to 7 PM. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Chicopee VNA, 2024 Westover Rd., Chicopee, MA 01022 or to the VVA - Liberty Chapter #219, P.O. Box 7, Westfield, MA 01085

**ALLEN H. GOLDEHATT** – Died Friday, July 17, 2009 in Kansas City, Kansas at the age of 79. The cause of death is unknown. He is survived by his wife, Erlene Goldelatt, of the home and his son, Steve Goldelatt, of Kansas City. He served in the United States Air Force during the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Ottawa Chapter #912**.

**ELWIN DAVID GREEN** - Died Tuesday, September 29, 2009, at his home on Southside Avenue in Cherry Creek, New York at the age of 61. The cause of death is unknown. He was born March 20, 1948, in Jamestown, New York, the son of the late Howard G. and Ruth M. (Meyers) Green. He did a lot of mechanical work around the Cherry Creek area and also did some truck driving. Elwin was a member of the Cherry Creek Fire Department, Cherry Creek- Pine Valley Veterans of Foreign Wars, South Dayton American Legion, Randolph American Legion and the Veterans of Modern Warfare. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Jamestown Chapter #865**. He served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War. He is survived by his three sons: Shannon T. (Sarah) Green of Dunkirk, N.Y., Duane H. (Snoi) Green of Fort Drum, N.Y., and Robert E. Green of Conewango Valley, N.Y., a daughter; Jolene M. (Mike) Green of Jamestown, N.Y., Janet E. Green, his companion, of Cattaraugus, N.Y., 16 grandchildren and a sister, Nancy L. (Edward) Marsh of Little Valley, N.Y. Besides his parents, he was preceded in death by his three brothers: Larry H. Green, Robert D. Green, Paul G. Green, and his sister Joan A. Cross. Memorial services will be held Saturday, October 3, 2009, at 11 a.m. at Hills Funeral Chapel, 478 Balcom Corners, South Dayton, New York. The Rev. Kenneth Pratt of the Cherry Creek Assembly of God will be officiating. Inurnment will be in the Cherry Creek Cemetery. Visitation will be held at the funeral chapel on Friday from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. Family suggests memorials to Cherry Creek Fire Department, Box 204, Cherry Creek, NY 14723.

**RICK “Rickie” GRUBB** - Died 12:25 a.m. Sunday, September 20, 2009 in the Adena Regional Medical Center in Chillicothe, Ohio, unexpectedly at the age of 61. He was a resident of Chillicothe. The cause of death was heart disease. He was born August 17, 1948, in Knockemstiff, Ohio, to the late Forrest and Opal Penrod Grubb. On March 22, 1973, he married the former Kathy Dunham who survives. Also surviving are daughters, Anna (Chris) Shanton and Christina Grubb and her fiancé Edward Basham, all of Chillicothe; grandchildren, Ty and Gabe Shanton and Sabrina Basham; a brother, Randy Grubb; and several nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by a brother, Forrest “Sam” Grubb, Jr. Rick retired from the United States Air Force, after 26 years of service, having served during the Vietnam and Gulf Wars. He was a member of Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #108, AMVETS Post #4, American Legion Post #62

and a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Chillicothe Chapter #810**. Funeral services will be held 1 p.m. Thursday, September 24, 2009 in the WARE FUNERAL HOME with Rev. Jack Norman officiating. Burial will follow in Greenlawn Cemetery where full military honors will be conducted by the Wright – Patterson Air Force Base Honor Guard. Friends may call at Ware's from 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday.



**WILLIAM J. HANLON, SR.** - 68, of Washington, VA Died on Wednesday, April 15, 2009 at Fauquier Hospital, Warrenton, Virginia at the age of 68. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Fulton, New York on March 19, 1941. Mr. Hanlon served in the United States Army for 11 years including a tour in Korea and two tours in Vietnam. He lived in Warrenton for 35 years and was a member of the American Legion Post #72, the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #9835 and the Moose Lodge. He was a member of

**Vietnam Veterans of America – Winchester Chapter #1019**. Mr. Hanlon was active with the Virginia Defense Force for many years and the Izaak Walton League. He is survived by four children; Brenda Lee Lowery of Platte City, Missouri, Roseann Herdgen of Vinton, Iowa, Joanne Hanlon of Hastings, Minnesota and William J. Hanlon Jr. of Greenville, North Carolina. Additional survivors include a brother, Walter John Hanlon, Jr. and his wife, Carolyn of Fulton, New York, grandchildren; Jackie Little, Brandi Hanlon, Stephen Bertsch, Jacob, Morgan and Olivia Lowery and MacKenzie Hanlon, and two great grandchildren; Madison and Dakota Little. He also leaves a nephew, Walter John Hanlon III and a large extended family. The family will receive friends on Sunday, April 19 from 4-7 PM at Moser Funeral Home, 233 Broadview Ave, Warrenton. Graveside Services will be held on Monday, April 20 at 1 PM at Warrenton Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the veteran's organization of your choice.

**HARRY M. HANSEN III** - Died Tuesday, July 21, 2009 at his home in Moline, Illinois at the age of 60. The cause of death was Diabetes. A Mass of Christian burial will be 10am Friday, July 24, 2009 at Sacred Heart Church, Moline. Visitation will be 4-7pm Thursday at Rafferty Funeral Home, 2111 – 1st St A, Moline with a Christian Wake service at 3:30pm. Burial will be at St. Mary's Cemetery, East Moline. Memorials can be made to the Diabetes Association. Harry was born December 17, 1948 in Moline, the son of Harry Jr. and Agnes Mullen Hansen. Harry was a police officer for the Moline Police Department for 30 years. He was assigned to the Florencia District for many years. Harry was the Police Chief of New Windsor 2004-2006. Harry was a member of Sacred Heart Church for 60 years, Vice President of Moline Viking Club, *Associate Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Quad Cities Chapter #299**, Lifetime Member of Moline Fraternal Order of Police, Illinois Police Association, Board of Directors QC Senior Olympics, Son of Moline Legion Post 246, Viva QC Board Member, Original Member of Community of Orientated Policing, member of Committee for the Moline Police Archives and Charter member and Past President of Fraternal Order of Police. He worked security for New Windsor Rodeo and volunteered for several other organizations in the QC Area. Harry was a person who gave back to his community through his volunteer activities. Survivors include his

father, Harry Jr. of Moline; daughter and son-in-law, Brenda and Scott Stevenson of Geneseo; son, Steven Hansen of FL; grandchildren, Jessica Stevenson, Evan Stevenson and Lyndie Hansen; sister and brother-in-law, Barb and Ken Dreifurst of Moline and many special friends most of all Ron and Alicia Staes. Ron and Harry went through school together from kindergarten at Sacred Heart and Alleman High School graduating in 1966 and served on the Moline Police Department together.

**THOMAS H. HANSEN, JR.** – Died Tuesday, September 15, 2009 in the Veterans Home in Montrose, New York at the age of 62. The cause of death is unknown. He was born August 27, 1947. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Permanently Hospitalized Veteran Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Pleasantville Chapter #49*.

**WILLIAM J. "Bill" HARDEE** – Died Sunday morning, October 25, 2009, at his residence in Bluefield, West Virginia after a short illness at the age of 66. Born August 19, 1943 in Vivian, West Virginia, he was the son of the late William Hardee and Vernella Bartley Knea. He was a 1963 graduate of Welch High School. He was a veteran of the United States Army, serving during the Vietnam Era, from 1963 to 1966. He was a *Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Bluefield Chapter #985*. He was a member of the Athens Church of God, Athens, West Virginia, he was a retired electrician from Concord University, Athens, West Virginia, and was a resident of Rt. 1, Bluefield, most of his life. Other than his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife, Hazel Graham Hardee on March 28, 2007. He is survived by his stepchildren, Douglas "Buddy" Lawson, Danny Lawson, Carlos Mullis, Carol Yates, and Jackie Morgan; one brother, Fred Hardee and wife Lynn of Vivian, West Virginia; two sisters, Betty Snow and husband Carl of Mansfield, Ohio, Patty Fenton of Mansfield, Ohio; and nieces and nephews. Funeral services will be conducted Thursday, Oct. 29, 2009 at 11:00 a.m. at the Widener Funeral Home Chapel, Northfork, West Virginia with the Rev. Stanley Metz, officiating. Burial will follow at the Woodlawn Memorial Park, Bluewell, West Virginia where military graveside services will be conducted by the Mercer County Veterans Council and the West Virginia National Guard Honor Guard. Friends may call Wednesday night at the Widener Funeral Home, Northfork, from 6 to 8:00 p.m. Friends and family will serve as pallbearers. Arrangements by Widener Funeral Home, Northfork, West Virginia.



**WILLIAM T. "Bill" HARRY, JR.** (USAF, COL.-retired) - Died Friday, September 4, 2009 after a long illness. The cause of death was multiple myeloma and amyloidosis. He was born in Suffolk, Virginia to the late William T. Harry Sr., a former Floyd County High School principal, and his mother, Esther Parks Harry. Col. Harry graduated from high school in Edenton, N.C. He received his B.A. degree in history from North Carolina Wesleyan College and his Masters from Central Michigan University. His distinguished military career of 29 years included flying over 7,000 hours with 257 combat missions in Southeast Asia as a B-52 radar navigator. His decorations include the Distinguished Flying Cross, the Legion of Merit, the Meritorious Service Medal, 13 Air Medals and three Air Force Commendation Medals. Following his retirement from the Air force, he worked for the Virginia Department of Veterans Services, retiring as a Regional Manager in 2005. Col. Harry was actively involved in

numerous capacities in the VFW Post #4389, the Air Force Association, the Valley Veterans Council and the Military Officers Association of America. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Roanoke Chapter #81**. He was a member of First United Methodist Church of Salem. He is survived by: his loving and devoted wife, Linda West Harry; his daughter, Suzanne Cipolla, her husband, Rob, and their children, David and Caroline, of Richmond, Va.; and his son, David Harry and his fiancée, Linda Arnold, of Flemington, N. J. Bill is also survived by his sister, Nancy Lewis and her husband, Otis, of Lebanon, Ohio; father-in-law and mother-in-law, John and Esther West, of Roanoke; and sisters-in-law, Joan West Bork and her husband, Casey, of Whitehouse Station, N.J. and Becky West Smythers and her husband, Clyde, of Blacksburg, Va. He also leaves behind many dear nieces and nephews. During his five years battling multiple myeloma/amyloidosis, Bill showed amazing strength and resilience, while never complaining. A gracious, kind gentleman, he will be greatly missed. Although Bill enjoyed numerous hobbies and interests, his lifelong passion was military history, specifically, World War II and military aircraft. A Celebration of Life Memorial was held Tuesday, September 8, 2009 at Oakey's South Chapel, Roanoke, at 4 p.m. Visitation took place from 2 to 4 p.m., prior to the service. Burial will be held at Arlington National Cemetery November 16 at 1 p.m. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society, P. O. Box 4072, Pittsfield, MA 01202 and (888) 773-9958.

**WILLIAM EDWARD HAYNES** - Died on Tuesday, August 25, 2009 in Capitol Heights, Maryland at the age of 62. The cause of death is unknown. He was born September 12, 1946. He was retired from DC Government Department of Recreation and Park. He was the former husband of Althea Haynes; devoted father of William Edward Haynes II. He is also survived by a brother Robert Haynes; other relatives and friends. Mr. Haynes will lie in state at Lane Memorial CME Church, 1423 C. St., NE, Wednesday, September 2, from 10 a.m. until services at 11 a.m. Rev. Shirley Clanton, officiating. Interment was in Mt. Olivet Cemetery, McKenzie, Tennessee.

**JOHN J. HERBOLD** (Retired U.S. Marine Corps Sgt. Maj.) - Died in Crescent City, California on Saturday, October 17, 2009 at the age of 85. He was a resident of Brookings, Oregon. The cause of death is unknown. John was born July 26, 1924, in Newark, New Jersey to the late Joseph and Elsa Herbold. He grew up and attended school there. John entered the United States Marine Corps in 1942 and began what would be a 30-year career that included meritorious service in World War II, the Korean War, and two tours in the Vietnam War for which he received the Bronze Star with a combat "V." He retired as a chief warrant officer in 1970, but reverted back to Sergeant Major. John served two years in the Fleet Marine Corps Reserve. Following that, John worked at various places including at a fabrication company that made titanium parts for the space shuttle. He moved to Brookings in 1980 where he was active in the Elks Lodge 1934, the Marine Corps League, was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Brookings Chapter #757** and the American Legion. Survivors include his sons John Herbold Jr. and his wife Cathy of Klamath Falls, Kurt Herbold of San Diego; grandchildren Celeste, Jason, Nathan Herbold and his wife Stephanie; great-grandchildren Leandra, and Eric Herbold; stepchildren Sara and Eric Anderberg, Patricia and Lee Burch, Tammy Dwinell, Jimmy and Linda Johnson, Johnny and Tina Johnson, David and Shawn Johnson, Ken Woodel and Rick Woodel.

Also surviving are numerous other grandchildren and great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by a son, William Joseph Herbold in 1996. A celebration of John's life with full military honors will be at 2 p.m. Saturday, Nov. 21, at Brookings Elks Lodge, 800 Elk Drive. A luncheon reception will follow there. Cremation was held at Redwood Memorial Crematory; private inurnment will be in Arlington National Cemetery in Arlington, Virginia.



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**WILLIAM J. "Slick" HILGER, SR.** – Died Wednesday, July 8, 2009 in Milwaukee, Wisconsin at the age of 64. The cause of death was lung cancer. He was born September 25, 1944 in Milwaukee. He is survived by friend and beloved wife, Linda Hilger; his son and daughter-in-law, William, Jr. (Jerelynn); two daughters, and Holly Hilger; his grandchildren, Jakob and Milayna Hilger; his three sisters and brothers-in-law, Karen (Tom) Kane, Terri (Nick) Manriquez and Marie (John) Magyar, and; his nieces, nephews, other relatives and many friends. William was a proud United States Marine Corps veteran of the Vietnam War and a Police Officer for the Milwaukee Police Department. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Milwaukee Chapter #324**. Visitation Tuesday, July 14, 11:00 AM to 12:30 PM at the Funeral Home, followed by a Memorial Service at 12:30 PM. Schramka Funeral Home 7841 W. Appleton Avenue, Milwaukee.



**MARTIN WAYNE "CoCaNo" HILLEARY** – Died in El Paso, Texas on Tuesday, July 14, 2009 at the age of 65. The cause of death was cancer. He was born September 11, 1943 in Nucla, Colorado. He came to El Paso as a child and graduated from Bel Air High in 1962. He had completed 1 yr. of college after he served in Vietnam with the United States Army. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – El Paso Chapter #574**. He started his career at the Southern/Union Pacific Railroad in 1962 and retired after 45 yrs. Martin leaves behind his loving and devoted wife Joyce Cobb Hilleary, four children

Marnie Gerk, Lisa Hernandez, Mark Hilleary, and Melissa Rivas and 10 grandchildren Justin & Amanda Shoup, Cheyenne Hilleary, Lauren & Samantha Gerk, Anthony Hernandez, Mathew Hilleary, Alicia Hilleary, Isaac & Kayla Rivas. He is preceded in death by his father Harold Hilleary and mother Bertie Burks. His Memorial service will be held on Tuesday, July 21, 2009 at 12:30 P.M. at Mt. Carmel Funeral Home with inurnment to follow at 2:30 P.M. at Fort Bliss National Cemetery.

**DARREL HOFF** – Died recently in 2009 in Calmar, Iowa at the age of 77. The cause of death is unknown. He was born December 17, 1932. He is survived by his wife, of the home. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was an *At-Large Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Iowa**.

**PHILLIP C. HOPSON** – Died recently in 2009 in Russell, Massachusetts at the age of 87. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Rochester, New York on December 13, 1921. He

served in the United States Army and served in the Vietnam War. He served in World War II from September 28, 1942 to November 26, 1945. He retired after a long career in the military. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Pittsfield Chapter #65**.

**WILLIAM R. HORHAY** - 61, of Edison, Died Monday, September 28, 2009, at Haven Hospice at JFK Medical Center, Edison, New Jersey at the age of 61. He was a resident of Edison. The cause of death was cancer. He was born in Scranton, Pennsylvania on July 2, 1948. He was formerly of Metuchen, New Jersey before moving to Edison 23 years ago. He served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War. He was a diesel technician with Operating Engineers #825, Newark for 40 years. He was a communicant at St. Francis Cathedral, Metuchen and a member of the Wednesday night adorers; a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Elizabeth Chapter #779**; and member of Knights of Columbus Council, Edison. William was a bass singer with the Solid Gold and Jersey Gold for 35 years. He was in the process of restoring a 1965 Corvette and he thoroughly enjoyed hiking, biking and the outdoors. Surviving are his wife of 40 years, Mary Ann Thornton Horhay; two sons, Bryan of Toms River, and Michael of Hopelawn; a brother, Christopher of McAdoo, Pa.; and two sisters, Kathleen Wagner of Chino Hills, Calif., and Debra Girgat of McAdoo, Pa. Visitation will be from 2 to 4 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 1 at the Flynn and Son/Koyen Funeral Home, 319 Amboy Ave., Metuchen. Funeral services will be at 9:45 a.m. Friday, Oct. 2 from the funeral home, followed by a 10:15 a.m. Funeral Liturgy at St. Francis Cathedral. Interment will be in St. Gertrude Cemetery. Contributions are requested to the Haven Hospice at JFK Medical Center.

**WILLIAM J. HUFF** - Died Monday, August 17, 2009 in Columbus, Ohio at the age of 66. The cause of death is unknown. He was born October 20, 1942 to the late William and Kathryn Huff. He is survived by his sister, Natalie and his brother, Daryl. He served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Grafton Chapter #559**.

**MILBURN DOYLE HURT** - Died Wednesday, June 27, 2009 at his home in Busy, Kentucky at the age of 60. The cause of death is unknown. He was born October 8, 1948 to the late Logan Hurt and the late Gertrude Arms Hurt. He is also preceded in death by one brother Logan Hurt Jr. Milburn was a retired coal miner and he also served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Hazard Chapter #851**. He is survived by his loving wife: Karen Hurt; special baby girl: Jo Ann Hurt; four brothers: J.W., Henry, Clyde & Hargis Hurt along with a host of nieces, nephews, family & friends. Visitation was held from 6-9 PM on Monday, June 29, 2009 at Maggard's Mountain View Chapel. Funeral services were conducted at 1PM on Tuesday, June 30, 2009 at the First Creek Baptist Church with the Reverend A. D. "Pete" McGee, officiating. Interment was in Resthaven Cemetery in Jeff, Kentucky.

**GARY S. HUTCHISON** – Died Friday, May 29, 2009 in High Ridge, Missouri at the age of 67. The cause of death was heart failure. He was born in Saint Louis, Missouri on December 1, 1941. He was the beloved husband of Mary Anne Hutchison (née Howell); dear father of Michelle (Darrell) Delaney, Michael Hutchison, Rodney Hall and David (Jennifer) Hall; dear grandfather of



Alicia and Ryan Delaney and Mackenzie Hall; dear brother of Judy (Tony) Richards and Linda (Doug) Meyer; dear brother-in-law, uncle, nephew, cousin and friend to many including Bill W. He served in the United States Marine Corps during the Vietnam War. Mr. Hutchison was a member of First Battalion 9th Regiment (The Walking Dead), John Phillips Detachment #1214 U.S.M.C. League, Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #1102, American Legion Post #37 and **Vietnam Veterans of America – Manchester Chapter #1028**. Services: Funeral from KUTIS AFFTON CHAPEL, 10151 Gravois, Tuesday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>, 1pm. Interment with full military honors was in the National Cemetery. Guard of Honor #1 Service Monday 7 p.m. Memorials to V.V.A., 7708 Old Lemay Ferry Rd., Barnhart, Missouri, 63012 appreciated. Visitation Monday, June 1<sup>st</sup> at 9pm.

**HERBERT O. JENSEN** – Died Wednesday, December 25, 2002 in Woodstock, Georgia. The cause of death is unknown. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Sawyer (North Dakota) Chapter #80**.

**ELMER M. JOHNSON** – Died Monday, January 12, 2004 in Sequim, Washington at the age of 81. The cause of death is unknown. He was born June 23, 1922. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Mount Vernon Chapter #212**.

**CHARLES E. JOHNSTON** – Died recently in 2009 in Greenwood, South Carolina at the age of 67. The cause of death is unknown. He was born July 11, 1942. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – McCormick Chapter #816**.

**DAVID R. KABALA** – Died recently in 2009 in Livonia, Michigan at the age of 62. The cause of death is unknown. He was born September 29, 1947. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Dearborn Chapter #267**.



**ROBERT N. "Bob" KELLY** – Lansing, Michigan. Born March 26, 1941 in Lansing, the son of Francis P. and Ruth (Burdick) Kelly, passed away on Friday, January 16, 2009 at the age of 67. The cause of death is unknown. Robert graduated from Lansing Eastern High School in 1960 and then served with honor in the United States Army in Vietnam with the 189th Assault Helicopter Company, earning a Distinguished Service Medal and an Air Medal, subsequently becoming an *At-Large Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Michigan** and Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #6132. He served with the Lansing Fire Department for 33 years, during which he was awarded a Medal of Valor by the Board of Fire Commissioners after rescuing an unconscious victim from a burning building in a truly unselfish act of bravery. Robert retired from the LFD as Battalion Chief in 1997. He was preceded in death by his parents, sister Mary Kathleen Christy, brother Howard J. Kelly, niece Sheila (Kelly) Roop, and stepson Troy Elliott. Surviving are his wife of 34 years, Bonnie (Glenn Elliot) Kelly; son, Shane; stepsons, Robert and Charles Elliott; daughter, Theresa Marie Kelly; grandchildren, Casey, Kelli and Jessica; brother, Francis P. "Mick"; and sisters, Sr. Ruth Anne, Margaret Rose, Barbara Therese and Patricia Maureen. A memorial service will be held at 2:00 p.m. on Friday, January 23, 2009 at the Gorsline-Runciman Funeral Home, 900 E. Michigan Ave. The family will receive visitors one hour prior to the service at the

funeral home on Friday. The family invites you to remember and celebrate Robert's life. He will always be remembered by those who knew and loved him, for we know that we are blessed that he shared his life with us. For those desiring, contributions may be given to the Lansing Fireman's Benefit Association, 120 E. Shiawassee Ave., Lansing, MI 48933. In honor of Bob's Irish heritage the family request visitors to wear something green.

**JAMES R. "Butch" "Two Dog" KELSEY II** - Died Monday, March 2, 2009 at the Bath Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Bath, New York at the age of 62. He was a resident of Elmira, New York. Butch was born July 23, 1946, a son of Marie Costley Kelsey and the late James R. Kelsey. In addition to his mother Butch is survived by his son David A. Kelsey of Winter Haven, FL; step-granddaughter Kerystine Asselta of Orlando, FL; brother Billy Joe Kelsey of Corning, NY; uncle Bob Costley of Wellsburg; niece Amy Kelsey of Elmira, nephew Mikey Kelsey of Breesport; along with many great-nieces and great-nephews. Butch was a United States Army veteran serving his country for 3 years, including 1 tour of duty in Vietnam. He also served with the United States Navy Seabees for 11 years and was stationed in different spots throughout the Pacific. In his younger years Butch was an avid basketball and baseball player. Very active with veterans organizations he was a member of the following...VFW Post #901, Catholic War Vets, American Legion Bentley Post #443, Cooties Pup Tent #35, D.A.D. @ VFW Post #901, and member and past commander of VFW Post #6083. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Elmira Chapter #803**. Butch's greatest honor was being part of the local Military Honor Guard, being able to give fellow vets their special recognition for serving their country. Friends are invited to McInerney Funeral Home, corner of Water and Walnut Sts., on Friday, March 6, 2009 from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. A funeral service will follow at 7:15 p.m. Interment, with full military honors accorded, will take place on Saturday, March 7, 2009 at Forest Lawn Memorial Park.

**TIMOTHY G. KETTLE** – Died recently in 2009 in Janesville, Wisconsin. The cause of death is unknown. He is survived by his wife, Lorrie Kettle of the home. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Janesville Chapter #236**.

**RICHARD L. KIMBROUGH** – Died recently in 2009 in Harrogate, Tennessee at the age of 61. The cause of death is unknown. He was born December 1, 1947. He is survived by his wife, Kelcy, of the home. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was an *At-Large Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Tennessee**.

**RONALD GENE KOCK** - Died Wednesday, October 21, 2009, at Fort Meade Medical Center in South Dakota at the age of 61. He was a resident of Rapid City, South Dakota. The cause of death was PTSD, alcohol abuse, malnutrition and failure to thrive. He was born in Sioux Falls, South Dakota on October 26, 1947 to Bernice Kock, of Sioux Falls and the late Leonard Kock who died in 2005. In addition to his mother, he is survived by his wife, Kathy Kock, three daughters, Shelley (John) Olson, Nichole (Rob) Kirk and Amber (Jon Kirk) Kock, and two grandchildren, Jada and Cade Olson of Rapid City, all of Rapid City; his brother, Larry Kock of New Hampshire; and two sisters, Sherry Larson of Sioux Falls and Linda Dahl-Naab of Sisseton.

He was preceded in death by his father, Leonard Kock in 2005. Ron served as a Sergeant in the United States Marine Corps from 1966 to 1968 in the Vietnam War. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Rapid City Chapter #463**. Memorial visitation will be from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Monday, Oct. 26, at Kirk Funeral Home. Memorial services will be at 10:30 a.m. Tuesday, Oct. 27, at Peace Lutheran Church, with the Rev. Dave Lindenberg, officiating. Inurnment will follow at 1:30 p.m. at Black Hills National Cemetery near Sturgis, with military honors by VFW Post 1273 of Rapid City. Honorary pallbearers will be Vietnam Veterans of America Firebase 463. A memorial has been established to Fort Meade Medical Center for pew cushions in the Chapel.

**JERRY M. KRAYCS** – Died recently in 2009 in Roscommon, Michigan at the age of 68. The cause of death is unknown. He was born May 28, 1941. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Sheboygan Chapter #274**.

**ROBERT T. KUMPAS** - Died Sunday morning, August 9, 2009 at his home in Scranton, Pennsylvania at the age of 59. The cause of death is unknown. He and his wife, the former Bonnie Trach, celebrated their 36th wedding anniversary on July 21 2009. He was born in Scranton on February 23, 1950, son of Gertrude Stott Kumpas Matti, Scranton, and the late Charles Kumpas, he was a graduate of Holy Rosary High School, class of 1968, and enlisted in the United States Marine Corps. He served in Vietnam with the 3rd Marines, earning the National Defense Medal, Vietnam Service Medal, Vietnam Campaign Medal, Combat Action Award and the Vietnam Cross of Gallantry, among others. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Dallas (Pennsylvania) Chapter #1035**. In addition, he attended Johnson School of Technology for welding and blueprinting and retired from Ironworkers Local 489. He was a member of Holy Rosary Church, St. Stephen's Booster Club and VFW Post 5209. He was a devoted New York Yankee fan and a Lionel train enthusiast, but his first love was his dedication and commitment to his family. Also surviving are two daughters, Erica Phillips, Nescopeck; and Jennifer Polemitis, Scranton; a son, Robert T. Jr., Scranton; three grandchildren, George and Athena Polemitis, Scranton; and Cole Phillips, Nescopeck; and a brother Charles, Clarks Summit. A blessing service will be Thursday at 11 a.m. in the Bomberger-Lesko Funeral Home Inc., 1660 N. Main Ave. Interment will be private at the convenience of the family. Friends may call Thursday, 10 until service time.

**WILLIAM ALEXANDER "Bill" LaFOLLETTE** – Died Tuesday, June 9, 2009 in Roseville, California at the age of 64. He died after a long struggle with pulmonary fibrosis complicated by pneumonia. He was born March 4, 1945 to the late Gene and Carol LaFollette. Bill was a devoted and loving husband of Karin Carlson LaFollette for 14 years; loving father of Donna LaFollette, Donald LaFollette (Phyllis), Carolyn LaFollette Matthews (Jeffrey Lloyd), Darla LaFollette Dodge (John Dodge) and Paul Newman (Rosanna); respected grandfather, to Dustin, Jodee, Ricki, Samantha, Jessie, Cynthia, Christopher, Caitlin, William, Alexandra, Dillon, Sierra and Bradley; eight great-grandchildren; loving brother, of Sarretta Knapp (Michael Knapp); loving uncle and Godparent, to Ryan Knapp and Courtney Knapp. Bill served in the United States Air Force and retired from the United States Army having attained the rank of Warrant Officer 2. Bill served during the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Kootenai (Idaho)**

**Chapter #89.** Bill had a deep love for God, our country and his family. There will be a memorial service, with full military honors, at the Sacramento Valley National Cemetery, 5810 Midway Road, Dixon, California.



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**RICHARD A. "Dick" LORENZINO** – Died Tuesday, November 24, 2009 in Racine, Wisconsin at the age of 78. The cause of death is unknown. He was born May 4, 1931 in Racine to the late Ricardo and Ida (née Bonucci) Lorenzini. He had been a lifelong resident of Racine. He attended Sacred Heart and graduated from St. Catherine's High School 1949. From 1950 until 1954 he served with the United States Marine Corps, attaining the rank of Tech Sergeant within three years. During

that time he served at Parris Island, the Depot of Supplies in Philadelphia and the Third Marine Division in Japan. He was employed at Western Publishing Company for 44 years, retiring in May of 1993. He was a supervisor in the MIS Department for over 25 years. For many years he was a Coordinator for United Way while working at Western. He was a life member of the VFW 10301 and the Marine Corps League, holding various positions within each organization. He brought back to life the Marine Corps Honor Guard. He was a member of **Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America – Racine Chapter #767**. He was also a member of the Racine Veterans Firing Squad, Chaplain of the Racine Veterans Council, Coordinator of the Veterans Flag Holder Project, Coordinator for Adult Volunteers in Project Acceptance, and served on the Sheriff's Advisory Committee. He was the owner of Glass With Class, Inc. and enjoyed making stained glass panels. Survivors include his two sons, Craig (Karen) Lorenzini of Palm Bay, Fla. and Kurt (Sue) Lorenzini of Palm Bay, Fla.; five daughters, Terri Lorenzini of Stoughton, Kathryn Lorenzini of Ft. Lauderdale, Fla., Becky (Dennis) St. Martin of Racine, Laura (David) Ley of Thomasville, Ga., Michele Lorenzini of St. Louis, Mo.; 14 grandchildren, Shane (Susan) Lorenzini, Jessica (Allan) Hart, Desiree' St. Martin, Amanda (Kenny) Lightner, Daniel Lorenzini, Michael Lorenzini, Robbi Charles, Mark (Stephanie) Lorenzini, David Ley, Jr., Lance Ley, Bradley (Kelly) Ley, Nicholas (Natalia) Lorenzini, Jennifer Lorenzini, and Angelina Lorenzini; and several great-grandchildren, Gina, Bella, Destiny and Emily Lorenzini, Lilly Lightner, Elyse Miannecki, Sean and Sylvester Gray, III; as well as several nieces and nephews. Preceding him in death were his parents, Ricardo & Ida (nee: Bonucci) Lorenzini; a sister and her husband, Olga and Anton Specht; two brothers and a sister-in-law, Hugo and Florence Lorenzini, and Don and Nora Lorenzini; and great-granddaughter, Kaylee Lynn Lightner. Memorial visitation will be held on Tuesday, December 1, 2009 at 9:30 a.m. with memorial services following at 10:30 a.m. at the funeral home. Private family inurnment will take place at Southern Wisconsin Veterans Memorial Cemetery in Union Grove. In lieu of flowers donations can be made to the Veterans Flag Holder Project or Legacy Veterans Center. The family would like to extend a heartfelt thanks to Dick's niece Diane and her husband Ron Turner for all of their support and compassionate care they provided to our father, Dick. Their love loyalty and always being there for him and for us are deeply appreciated and will never be forgotten. And good bye from Mickey and Maggie. Semper Fidelis. Purath-Strand Funeral Home and Crematory, 3915 Douglas Avenue.

**CHARLES ALVIE LOVE** - Died Monday, June 15, 2009, at his home in Grove, Oklahoma at the age of 61. He was formerly of Kansas City, Kansas. The cause of death was cancer. He was born April 10, 1948 in Seminole, Oklahoma. He served in the United States Army from January 30, 1969 to October 2, 1970 with a tour of duty in Vietnam with the HHC, 101<sup>st</sup> Aviation, 101<sup>st</sup> Airborne Division. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Kansas City Chapter #317**. Memorial services were conducted at 11:00 AM on Friday, June 19<sup>th</sup> at Worley-Luginbuel Funeral Home in Grove. Memorials are suggested to the Vietnam Veterans of America, 3027 Walnut, Kansas City, Missouri 64108.

**THOMAS L. R. LOVELL** – Died recently in 2009 in Lubbock, Texas at the age of 77. The cause of death is unknown. He was born December 13, 1931. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was an *At-Large Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Texas**.

**JOHN ANTHONY MARESCA** – Died on Sunday, June 7, 2009 in Calistoga, California at the age of 63. The cause of death was sepsis from an infection following a craniotomy. He was born on March 19, 1946 to John and Gussie Maresca of Brooklyn, New York. John was raised in Brooklyn and after graduating from high school he worked in his Father's meat market and at the Fulton Fish Market. He was drafted in 1966 and served two years in the United States Army, one year of which was served in the Vietnam War. Returning home he attended Bernard Baruch College for accounting. He put himself through college by driving a cab in New York City. After graduating from college he worked for a couple of firms in NY before moving to California in the late 1970's. John worked for a few firms in San Francisco before starting his own CPA Firm. In 1997 he married Sandra Bruce Rinaldi of Novato, California. They settled in Calistoga where John continued his work as a CPA. His interests included traveling with his bride Sandee, grape growing, wine making and collecting Vintage Porsches. He was a member of the California CPA Society, Porsche Club of America, The 356 Club, Our Lady of Perpetual Help Mens Club and was an *At-Large Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – California**. John is survived by his wife Sandee, his beloved golden retrievers Sadie and Anthony, his twin brother Joseph Maresca (Regina) of Staten Island, NY, his Uncle Paul and Aunt Sara Benfari and several cousins also of NY. Services will be held on Wednesday June 17, 2009 at 1:00 PM at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Catholic Church, 901 Washington Street in Calistoga. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, The Milo Foundation Domestic Animal Sanctuary, to the Calistoga Pet Clinic for the care of local injured and rescued animals or to a charity of your choice.

**JOHNNIE B. MAYS** – Died Saturday, August 1, 2009 in Fort Smith, Arkansas at the age of 65. The cause of death is unknown. He was born February 1, 1944. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Fort Smith Chapter #467**.

**VIRGIL LEE McCUDDY** - 64, widower of Pauletta Mays McCuddy, of Jackson, Tennessee, formerly of Nicholasville, Tennessee died Friday, June 26, 2009 in Jackson after a lengthy battle with lung cancer. He was an independent insurance salesman for many years, was involved in many civic organizations and was a veteran of the United States Air Force, serving in five

campaigns in Vietnam. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Jackson Chapter #995**. He was the son of the late Sterling L. McCuddy Sr. and Marie Wilson McCuddy. Survivors include two brothers, Sterling L. (Sheila) McCuddy and William P. (Debra) McCuddy, nephews, Mitchell L., Duane, Jason P. and Michael D. McCuddy, several beloved cousins. Services will be 1pm Mon at Betts & West Funeral Home with Rev. Jeff Mandrell. Burial will follow in Maple Grove Cemetery. Visitation will be from 4-8pm Sun at Betts & West Funeral Home. Bearers will be Sterling L. McCuddy, William P. McCuddy, J.C. Bourne, Jimmy Bowman, David Garrett and Dale Smith. Donations are suggested to Nicholasville Christian Church.

**MARTIN JOSEPH McISAAC** – Died Tuesday, November 17, 2009 in Lawton, Oklahoma at the age of 75. The cause of death is unknown. Services will be 11:30 a.m. Tuesday at the Holy Family Catholic Church with Rev. Joseph R. Ross, Pastor of Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church, officiating. Sergeant McIsaac died Tuesday at his home. Burial with full military honors will be at Fort Sill National Cemetery, Elgin, under the direction of the Becker Funeral Home. There will be a wake service 7:00 p.m. Monday at the funeral home. He was born September 3, 1934 in Waterbury, Connecticut to Harold and Genevieve (Neilan) McIsaac. He attended SSPP Parochial School and graduated with the class of 1952 at Crosby High School. He joined the United States Army in 1956 with two tours of duty in Vietnam, two in Germany and one in Panama. He retired at Fort Dix, New Jersey in 1977. He earned the Bronze Star Medal, Army Commendation Medal, Good Conduct Medal, 5th Award, National Defense Service Medal, Vietnam Service Medal, Vietnam Campaign Medal, Vietnam Cross of Gallantry with Palm, Presidential Unit Citation, and the Sharpshooters Medal. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Lawton Chapter #751**. He married Mary Pauline Russell in 1971 in Prospect, Connecticut. He was employed by the Lawton Public Schools from 1987 until 1999. He is survived by his wife, of the home; two sons and a daughter in law, Eric N. McIsaac of

Irving, Texas and Keith M. and Kimberly McIsaac of Lawton; two grandchildren, Caden A. McIsaac and Kelsey B. McIsaac; two brothers and sisters-in-law, Harold J. and Nori McIsaac and H. Donald and Lenore McIsaac all of Waterbury, Connecticut; and several nieces and nephews. His parents preceded him in death.

**RICHARD C. McMILLAN** – Died Friday, October 2, 2009 in Birmingham, Alabama at the age of 61. The cause of death is unknown. He was born February 21, 1948. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member, four-term President and twelve-term Secretary/Treasurer* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Birmingham Chapter #416**.

**ROGER L. MEADOWS** – Died Friday, October 31, 2009 in Northeast, Maryland at the age of 61. The cause of death was Agent Orange-related lung cancer. He was born on December 16, 1947. He served in the United States Marine Corps during the Vietnam War with Delta Company, 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, 9<sup>th</sup> Marine Regiment “*The Walking Dead*”. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Owego Chapter #480**.

**ROBERT E. “Bobby” MILLER** – Died Sunday, November 1, 2009 at the Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Providence, Rhode Island at the age of 59. He was a resident of Barrington, Rhode Island. The cause of death was Agent Orange-related cancer. He was born in Gloucester, Massachusetts on February 22, 1950 to the late Joseph Miller and Constance Anaski Miller. He is survived by his wife, Carol, of the home. He served in the United States Army from March 30, 1967 to April 6, 1970 with a tour in Vietnam from March 1968 to March 1969. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Greater Providence Chapter #273**.

**COLONEL LEWIS L. MILLETT, SR.** - Idyllwild resident and *Medal of Honor recipient* died Saturday, November 14, 2009 at Jerry L. Pettis Memorial VA Medical Center in Loma Linda, California after a brief hospitalization at the age of 88. He was a month shy of his 89th birthday on December 15<sup>th</sup>. He was born December 15, 1920 in Mechanic Falls, Maine. A cause of death was not announced although Col. Millett had suffered various health problems and been hospitalized five times over the past decade, according to one of his surviving sons, Lewis (Lee) Millett, Jr. of Idyllwild. Lee said the funeral will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 5 at the Medal of Honor Memorial in the Riverside National Cemetery. Lee said that Congresswoman Mary Bono Mack (CA-45) is expected to attend the funeral. Also expected is retired Navy Lt. John Finn, who at age 100 is the oldest living Medal of Honor recipient for his actions during the Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor. In 1951, President Harry Truman bestowed the Medal of Honor, the nation’s highest level of valor, on Col. Millett for his heroic action during the Korean War. At that time, Millett was a captain in the U.S. Army. All told, Col. Millett’s military career spanned more than three decades and three wars — WWII, Korea and Vietnam — during which he also received the Distinguished Service Cross, the Silver Star, two Legions of Merit, three Bronze Stars, four Purple Hearts, three Air Medals, the Army Commendation Medal and many foreign awards. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Riverside Chapter #47**. Upon hearing of Col. Millett’s passing, Bono Mack, who called him a “dear friend,” issued the following statement, “Col. Millett went far above and beyond the call of duty both in his military career and in life, putting the needs and lives of others before his own ... [he] was steadfastly devoted to the noble cause of freedom and preserving the values that have made our nation great ... we owe such a man our deepest respect and gratitude ... his memory will live on in the hearts and minds of a grateful nation.” Nearby where his father will be laid to rest in the Riverside National Cemetery stands the POW-MIA Memorial sculpted by his son, Lee, a Vietnam veteran. The sculpture is a prisoner of war, bound and kneeling with face turned up to the heavens in supplication. In recounting memories of his father, Lee paid him many accolades but perhaps the greatest was when he said, “My dad was always supportive of me; if it wasn’t for him, I wouldn’t be an artist.” Col. Millett is also survived by son and Idyllwild resident, Tim Millett and a daughter, Elizabeth. He was predeceased by his youngest son, Sgt. John Morton Millett, who died in 1985 while serving as an Army medic with the 187th Infantry Regiment. The colonel’s wife, Wynonna, died in 1993.

#### **Citation**

Capt. Millett, Company E, distinguished himself by conspicuous gallantry and intrepidity above and beyond the call of duty in action. While personally leading his company in an attack against a strongly held position he noted that the 1st Platoon was pinned down by small-arms, automatic, and antitank fire. Capt. Millett ordered the 3d Platoon forward, placed himself at

the head of the 2 platoons, and, with fixed bayonet, led the assault up the fire-swept hill. In the fierce charge Capt. Millett bayoneted 2 enemy soldiers and boldly continued on, throwing grenades, clubbing and bayoneting the enemy, while urging his men forward by shouting encouragement. Despite vicious opposing fire, the whirlwind hand-to-hand assault carried to the crest of the hill. His dauntless leadership and personal courage so inspired his men that they stormed into the hostile position and used their bayonets with such lethal effect that the enemy fled in wild disorder. During this fierce onslaught Capt. Millett was wounded by grenade fragments but refused evacuation until the objective was taken and firmly secured. The superb leadership, conspicuous courage, and consummate devotion to duty demonstrated by Capt. Millett were directly responsible for the successful accomplishment of a hazardous mission and reflect the highest credit on himself and the heroic traditions of the military service.

**JOYCE MARIE MINER** - Died peacefully at her home on Beech Street in Bennington, Vermont on Sunday, June 14, 2009, following a courageous battle with cancer at the age of 59. Joyce was born in Bennington on Aug. 28, 1949, daughter the late Herbert A. and Marjorie Woodard McIntire. Joyce grew up in Bennington where she attended local schools, graduating from the first class at Mount Anthony Union High School in 1968. She was the wife of John Miner. She enjoyed helping others, especially youth level sports, including baseball, football and bowling. She also enjoyed working with and supporting the Veterans. She was a member of **Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America – Bennington Chapter #601**, where she served as editor of the local publication for 12 years. She and John were very active in local and state Veterans affairs, especially the Vietnam Veterans. She loved bowling and had been a member of the ladies Green Mountain League. She also liked to spend time fishing. Joyce was an avid NASCAR fan and followed Jeff Gordon for many years until she switched to Jimmie Johnson's team. She will be remembered as a devoted wife, mother and grandmother. Her favorite companion was her dog, Hero. Joyce leaves her husband of 37 years, John Miner, whom she married April 22, 1972 in Bennington; sons, Wayne Stevens of Hoosick Falls and Tad Miner of Bennington; a daughter Tammy Wilt of Hoosick Falls; a brother, Gary McIntire of Florida; six grandchildren, Jessica and Chris Stevens, Matthew Wilt, Pdraigh, Camron and Johnathan Miner, a great-grandson, Ryan LaPorte, and many nieces, nephews and cousins. She was predeceased by her sister, Barbara Clairmont. Funeral Notice: Services will be Wednesday, June 17, at 1:30 p.m. at the Hanson-Walbridge Funeral Home with the Rev. Robin Greene officiating. A memorial gathering will follow at the V.F.W. Post 1332 in Bennington. Interment services will be private in Evergreen cemetery in Arlington. Should friends desire, gifts in memory of Joyce may be made to the Bennington Veterans Honor Roll in care of the Hanson-Walbridge Funeral Home, 213 West Main Street, Bennington, VT 05201. To send personal e-mail condolences to the family, please visit [www.sheafuneralhomes.com](http://www.sheafuneralhomes.com).

**JERRY L. MOYER** – Died recently in 2009 in Crown Point, Indiana at the age of 63. The cause of death is unknown. He was born June 11, 1946. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Portage Chapter #905**.

**FRANK WARREN NAPIER** – Died Saturday, May 30, 2009 in Newport, Kentucky at the age of 60. The cause of death was cancer. He was born October 28, 1948 in Dayton, Kentucky. He is



survived by his wife, Daisy M. Napier, of the home; his mother, Frances Ice, of Willoughby, Ohio; three sons, Frank W. Napier, Jr., of Peach Grove, Kentucky, Larry Smith, of Butler, Kentucky and David Smith, of Camp Springs, Kentucky; five daughters, Judy Tarter, of Foster, Kentucky, Nancy Sanders, of Butler, Kentucky, Carol Hofstetter, of Grant's Lick, Kentucky, Nora Moses, of Hartville, Tennessee and Donna Sears, of Independence, Kentucky; five brothers, Steve Napier, of Hebron, Kentucky, George Napier, of Newport, Kentucky, Randy Ice, Kevin Ice and Richard Ice, all of Willoughby, Kentucky; 17 grandchildren, and; 17 great-grandchildren. He served in the United States Army with a tour in Vietnam from 29 July 1969 to 19 June 1970. He was a member of Saint Stephen Roman Catholic Church. He was a Fourth Degree member of the Knights of Columbus, a member of Veterans of Foreign Wars, Disabled American Veterans, Catholic Order of Foresters, Moose Lodge and Elks Club. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Florence Chapter #88**. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated in Saint Stephen Catholic Church. Interment was in Saint Mary Cemetery in Alexandria.

**RUSSELL J. NELSON** – Died recently in 2009 in Rancho Palos Verdes, California at the age of 63. The cause of death is unknown. He was born December 30, 1945. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Long Beach Chapter #756**.

**WILLARD L. "Willie" NELSON** - Died Saturday May 9, 2009 in Hampshire Memorial Hospital at the age of 56. He was a resident of Romney, West Virginia. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on March 18, 1953 in Maryland, to George W. and Carrie Wilma (Peer) Diven. He worked as a lawn caretaker. He was a member of the Apostolic Tabernacle, Romney, West Virginia. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He is survived by his wife Claudia (Bloodgood) Nelson, a daughter, Jennifer Keller of Harrisonburg, Virginia, three sons, Joshua Nelson, of Petersburg, West Virginia, Jody Nelson, of Frederick, Maryland and Jonathan Nelson, of Fisher, West Virginia, a sister, Romana Ganoe, of Chatsworth, Georgia, two brothers, Woodward G. Diven, of Phenix, Alabama, Gilbert Diven, of Saddleboro, North Carolina, and; four grandchildren. He was preceded in death by a brother, George L. Diven. A memorial service was held on Saturday May 16, 2009 at 1:00 P.M. in the Apostolic Tabernacle, Romney with Pastor Larry Powell and Daniel Stiltner, minister officiating. All arrangements are being handled by McKee Funeral Home, Romney, West Virginia.

**JOSEPH NICATRA** – Died recently in 2009 in Concord, New Hampshire at the age of 80. The cause of death is unknown. He was born August 7, 1929. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Bow Chapter #41**.

**ROGER ALAN NICHOLS** – Died Thursday, October 8, 2009 in Grand Prairie, Texas at the age of 62. The cause of death was complications from Agent Orange-related Diabetes Mellitus Type II. Roger was born October 23, 1946 in Durant, Oklahoma to the late H. R. and Stella Nichols. In addition to his parents, he was also predeceased by his brother, Claude Nichols. He is survived by his wife, Cathy Nichols; sister and brother-in-law, Kathy and Danny Whitworth; brothers and sisters-in-law, Randell and Vicky Nichols, Kevin and Julie Nichols; daughter and son-in-law, Michelle and Mike Sullivan; sons, Michael McIntire and Jeffrey Nichols; daughters and sons-in-

law, Tracy and Luke Heater and Cristen and Mitch Floyd; 14 grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins. He served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Grand Prairie Chapter #1013**. Service: 2 p.m. Tuesday at Bean-Massey-Burge Chapel. Interment: 10:30 a.m. Wednesday in D-FW National Cemetery. Visitation: 6 to 8 p.m. Monday at the funeral home. Memorials: May be made to The Woods United Methodist Church building fund in Roger's name.

**JAMES ALDEN "Jim" NORDSTROM** – Died Friday, September 7, 2007 in Portage, Indiana at the age of 65. He was formerly of Saint Anthony Village in northeast Minneapolis, Minnesota and Northern Texas. The cause of death is unknown. He was born May 14, 1942 in St. Anthony Village to Juanita (Ness) Nordstrom, of St. Anthony Village and the late Alden M. Nordstrom. He is survived by his wife, Jacqueline Anders of Portage (formerly of Minneapolis, MN); son, U.S. Air Force Staff Sergeant, Eric (Lucila) Nordstrom, RAF Lakenheath, U.K.; son, U.S. Army Staff Sergeant, Carl Nordstrom, Fort Knox, KY; sister, Marlene Nordstrom (Kenneth Wood) of Weston MA; and brother, Robert Nordstrom of Minneapolis, MN. He is also survived by grandchildren, nephews, nieces, aunts, an uncle, cousins and many veterans, fishing, hunting and other friends. Jim spent the last several years selling RV's in Northwest Indiana. He served in the United States Army at Fort Ord, California during the Vietnam War and was very proud of his and his son's military service. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Portage Chapter #905**. He was happiest spending time with his family; hunting, fishing and doing anything outside. He will be missed by all who knew and loved him for his generosity of spirit and love of life. A memorial service is pending at Kraft Funeral Service and Crematory, 370 N. County Line Road, Hobart, IN. Notice of a memorial service in Minneapolis will be found online at [www.startribune.com/legacy](http://www.startribune.com/legacy). In lieu of flowers, please donate a memorial to the Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 905-Porter County.

**DONALD J. NOWAK** – Died recently in 2009 in Rome, New York at the age of 77. The cause of death is unknown. He was born February 20, 1932. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Rome Chapter #708**.

**JOSEPH A. NUNEZ** – Died Tuesday, April 10, 2007 in Columbia, Maryland at the age of 74. The cause of death is unknown. He was born September 27, 1932. He is survived by his devoted companion Patricia Levay; and his loving son, Scott Nunez and Donna Nunez. He served in the United States Marine Corps during the Vietnam War and retired at the rank of Gunny Sergeant. He was an *At-Large Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Maryland**. Relatives and friends are invited to call at the Witzke Funeral Homes Inc., 5555 Twin Knolls Road., Columbia, MD, 21045, on Friday from 3 to 5 and 7 to 9 P.M., where funeral services will be held on Saturday, 2 P.M. Interment Arlington National Cemetery, April 25, 1 P.M.

**JOEL OBUCHON** – Died Tuesday, August, 11, 2009 in Crescent City, California at the age of 61. The cause of death is unknown. He was born October 1, 1947. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Brookings (Oregon) Chapter #757**.

**LUDMILLA ODELL** – Died recently in 2009 in Cottontown, Tennessee and the age of 79. The cause of death is unknown. She was born September 7, 1930. She was a member of **Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America – Gallatin Chapter #240**.

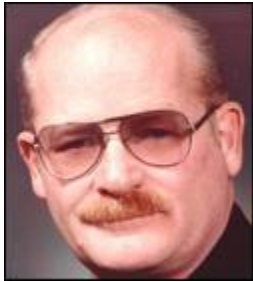


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**JAMES “Mick” PERKINS, SR.** - Died unexpectedly at home in Racine, Wisconsin on Tuesday, October 20, 2009 at the age of 53. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Racine on January 19, 1956, son of the late Ronald and Barbara (née Bundy) Perkins. After high school, Mick enlisted into the United States Marine Corps, serving from 1973 until 1975, and then in the reserve components of the Army Navy. On October 2, 1976, he and Anna Marie Bure were married at St.

Dismas Catholic Church in Waukegan, Illinois. Mick was very proud of his military service, and was a life member of the Marine Corps League; American Legion Post 310; a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America - Racine Chapter #767**; the Racine County Veterans Firing Squad; and was very active at the VFW/Legacy Center. For each of the last 38 years he participated in the Racine 4th of July parade on either the Iwo Jima or Spirit of '76 float. He was passionate about World War II history, and in 2007 traveled to the beaches of Normandy, and many World War II museums. Mick also enjoyed collecting World War II memorabilia. He was very honest and frank in his beliefs, but you always knew where you stood, and his sense of humor will be missed by many. Mick was greatly anticipating the birth of his 3rd grandchild. He is survived by his wife, Anna; their children, Michelle Ann (Josh) Hudson of Kenosha, and James Michael (Kerry) Perkins, Jr. of Racine; grandchildren, Henry Perkins, and Mae Holiday Perkins; sisters and brothers, Dawn (Joe Mara) Cooper of Milwaukee, Sandra Schumaker of Racine, Scott (Tina) Perkins of Norfolk, Va., Isa Sadlon of Milwaukee, and Marie (Nolan) Penson of Sacramento, Calif.; many nieces and nephews, other relatives and friends, including Rick Ferraro of Crown Point, Ind.. He was also preceded in death by his brother-in-law, Willie Schumaker. Funeral services will be held in the funeral home at 6 p.m. on Friday, October 23, 2009 with Rev. Ron Gramza officiating. Visitation will begin at 4 p.m. Interment and military honors will be conducted at West Lawn Memorial Park on Monday at 2 p.m. Memorials to the Disabled American Veterans have been suggested. DRAEGER-LANGENDORF FUNERAL HOME AND CREMATORY 4600 County Line Rd. 552-9000.





**GUY S. "Mike" PHILBRICK** - 73, of North Tonawanda, Died Monday, November 2, 2009 in Mt. St. Mary's Hospital. He was a resident of North Tonawanda, New York. Mr. Philbrick was born June 15, 1936 in Niagara Falls, the son of the late Dorothy E. (Philbrick) Mallam and the late Dr. Guy S. Philbrick, and step-son of the late James Mallam. He graduated from LaSalle High School and attended Niagara University. He served in the United States Marine Corps from 1955 to 1960 and received an Honorable Discharge in June 1964. In 1978 he joined the Army Reserve and became a member of the 865th Evac Hospital out of Niagara Falls Reserve Center. In

1990 he was called to active duty as part of Desert Shield and Desert Storm and deployed with the 365th Evac Hospital. Among his decorations, medals, badges, citations and campaign ribbons awarded or authorized were the Army Service Ribbon, National Defense Service Medal, U.S. Marine Corps Good Conduct Medal, Army Reserve Components Achievement Medal, Army Commendation Medal, Southwest Asia Service Medal with 2 Bronze Stars, and the Kuwait Liberation Medal. When he returned from operation Desert Storm he was assigned to the 865th General Hospital, Niagara Falls. In 1995 he retired from the Armed Forces with 25 years of service. Over the years he worked for Howard Johnson's Restaurant and the Ramada Inn in Niagara Falls. He worked for the Remington Rand Corp, Tonawanda, Bell Aerosystems in Wheatfield. During 1964 thru 1967, he owned and operated Wurlitzer Park Mobil Station in North Tonawanda. In 1982 he was appointed to become a New York State Correction officer. In January 2002 he retired from the Department of Corrections after 20 years of service. He previously attended St. Peter's Episcopal Church in Niagara Falls. He was a life member of the Conrad F. Kania Detachment of the United States Marine Corps League and Post #26 Amvets, and a member of the Niagara River Yacht Club, all in North Tonawanda. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Niagara Falls Chapter #681**. Survivors include his wife of more than 50 years, Barbara Ann (Zastrow) Philbrick of North Tonawanda; seven children, Amy Philbrick of Tampa, FL, Kelly Philbrick of Depew, Guy S. Philbrick III (late Dawn) of Niagara Falls, Lisa Ebert (Joseph) of Sanborn, Daniel Philbrick of North Tonawanda, Jodie Rodriguez of Niagara Falls, Peter Philbrick (Cheryl) of Kenmore; nine grandchildren, Michael, Nicole, William, Leighann, Ann Marie, Samantha, Guy IV, Victoria, Randy and Janelle; a great-grandson, Dillon; brother, Walter "Tom" Philbrick and wife, JoAnne of Vero Beach, FL; sister, Barbara L. Christian and husband, Chris of Estes Park, CO; step-brothers, Whitney Mallam (Bonnie) of Lewiston and David Mallam (Joanne) of Tonawanda; cousin, Claudia Peek of Niagara Falls and many nieces and nephews. Mr. Philbrick was predeceased by his brother, Robert M. Philbrick and his wife, Judith A. (Bradshaw) Philbrick. Friends may call Wednesday and Thursday from 2-4, 7-9 PM in the LANE FUNERAL HOME, INC., 8622 Buffalo Avenue, where funeral services will be held Friday 11 AM, with the Rev. Dr. Isaac Ihiasota officiating. The interment will be in Riverdale Cemetery, Lewiston, New York.

**JOSEPH E. POLASKI** - Died at 3:30 p.m. Sunday, September 13, 2009, in his Jamestown home at the age of 81. The cause of death was cancer. He was born August 14, 1928, in Johnsonburg, Pennsylvania, to the late Joseph and Helen Blashaw Polaski Sr. Joe attended Falconer High School, and was a veteran of the United States Army serving during the Korean War in Germany. In earlier years, he was employed by Watson's Manufacturing and Edborg's Appliance

Store. Prior to retirement, he was employed by Lutheran Social Services. He was a member of Holy Apostles Parish, Saints Peter & Paul Catholic Church, John W. Tiffany Post 53, Veterans of Foreign Wars. He was a member of **Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America – Jamestown Chapter #865**. Joe will be remembered as a loving husband, father, grandfather, and enjoyed puttering and working around his home. He had an appreciation for the simple pleasures in life and could often be found sitting on his patio observing all forms of wild life that came across his view. Surviving are his wife, Agnes Roebuck Polaski, whom he married May 23, 1953, in Wilcox, Pa.; a son, Kevin Polaski of Falconer; a daughter, Yvonne Frederick of Jamestown; three grandchildren: Christopher Frederick of Jamestown, Joel Frederick of Los Angeles, Calif., and Aimee Frederick of Jamestown; two great-grandchildren: Monica Murphy and Matthew Frederick. Besides his parents, he was preceded in death by a grandchild, Rachel Frederick; a brother, Norman Polaski; and an infant sister. The funeral will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday in the Falconer Funeral Home. The Rev. Dennis Mende, pastor of Holy Apostles Parish will officiate. Burial will be in Holy Cross Cemetery. Friends will be received by the family from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. today in the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be donated to Hospice Of Chautauqua County, 20 W. Fairmount Ave., Lakewood, NY 14750, St. Susan's Center, 31 Water St., Jamestown, NY 14701 or to a charity of one's choice.

**SAMUEL THEODORE POOLE, JR.** – Died Tuesday, April 14, 2009 in Frederick, Maryland at the age of 62. The cause of death was hypertensive atherosclerotic cardiovascular disease. He was born February 25, 1947 in Frederick to Thelma Elaine (Fox) Poole and the late Samuel Theodore Poole, Sr. In addition to his mother, he is survived by two sisters and one brother-in-law, Sandra Poole, of Frederick and Carol Elaine and Ronnie Putman, and; several nieces and nephews. He served in the United States Marine Corps during the Vietnam War and was honorably discharged in 1971. He was a member of the Marine Corps League and The American Legion – Martinsburg (West Virginia) Post #14. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Frederick Chapter #304**. Funeral services were private.



**NORMAN E. "Norm" PULLY** - Died Wednesday, October 14, 2009, in Fort Payne, Alabama, while on vacation at the age of 67. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on November 12, 1941 in Petersburg, Virginia. Norman served in the U.S. Navy for 22 years, retiring in 1980 as a Chief Boatswain Mate. Among medals and awards he received during that time were the RVN Gallantry Cross Unit Citation, the National Defense Medal, the Navy Good Conduct Medal, Vietnam Campaign and Service Medals, the Navy Meritorious Unit Commendation, and the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal. He also had received a Navy Letter of Commendation in 1977. Norman later served as a firefighter with the Yuma Proving Ground Fire Department, worked at the YPG Commissary and Naval Air Facility, El Centro, and retired in 2008 from Customs and Border Protection at the San Luis Port of Entry. He also had worked for the Arizona Department of Agriculture, Bard Water District, Yuma Regional Medical Center and Fry's Foods. Norman obtained Associates Degrees in Fire Science, Animal Science, and Plant

Science from Arizona Western College. During his 39 years in the Yuma community, Norman was an active participant in several organizations, including Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation, Southwest Bowhunters, Yuma Jaycees, Arizona Rangers, American Legion Post 56 and the International Association of Firefighters. He was a *Charter Member* and first *Chapter President* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Yuma Chapter #975**. Norm kept us laughing, the kind of guy that would make a motion to adjourn 10 minutes after the State Council meeting started. He touched so many of us and will be truly missed. He also was the *Founding President* for the **Vietnam Veterans of America – Somerton Chapter #835**. The "omery ol' man's" favorite early morning pastime in recent years was meeting friends for coffee at local restaurants. Norman is survived by his wife of 49 years, Anita of Yuma; daughter's, Theresa Bucsko of Yuma, Norma (Kenny) Dameron of Waynesboro, Virginia, and Laura Pully of Snyder, Texas; grandchildren, Michelle (Justin) Collum of Glendale, Arizona, and U.S. Marine Corps Lance Corporal Keith Dameron and Michelle Dameron of Waynesboro, Virginia; great-granddaughters, Taeler Collum of Glendale, and Alicia Clatterbaugh of Waynesboro; sister, Lorena (Sherman) Davis of Fayetteville, North Carolina; brother, Benjamin (Nancy) Pully; and two step-sisters, two half-sisters, and three half-brothers. Norman was preceded in death by his parents, Benjamin O. Pully and Alma Elizabeth Childress; step-mother, Elizabeth "Nanny" Pully; brothers, John and Eugene; and a step-brother, Charles Nuckols. A visitation will be held at Johnson Mortuary on Wednesday, October 21, 2009 from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Funeral services will be held at Johnson Mortuary on Thursday, October 22, 2009 at 11:00 a.m. Officiating will be Pastor John McMurrin of Stone Ridge Church. Friends of the family are invited to a celebration of life luncheon at the Yuma Jaycees Clubhouse following the funeral service.

**BRUCE W. QUINN** – Died Friday, September 11, 2009 at the Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Batavia, New York at the age of 73. The cause of death was non-small cell lung cancer. He was a resident of Alexander, New York. He was born December 28, 1935, in Batavia, son of the late Thomas and Ninabel Merrill Quinn. He was a graduate of Alexander High School Class of 1953. Mr. Quinn retired from the United States Air Force after 20 years of service as an orthopedic technician. He was stationed in Korea and served two tours in the Vietnam War. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Leroy Chapter #193**. He also worked at the Attica Westinghouse for eleven years and drove school bus in Attica for 14 years. He was a member of the Varysburg Church of Christ and was an avid golfer. Surviving are his beloved wife of 36 years, Billie Griffith Quinn of Alexander; eight loving children, Larry (Mary) Quinn of Chaffee, Cindy (Peter) Antonucci, Jeep (Barbara) Quinn, Lorrie (Bruce) Treat and Jerry (Diane/Dee Dee) Quinn all of Alexander, Janice (Bobby) Freeman of Texas, Cyndi (Elvis) Hatton of Oklahoma and Sue (Sam) Larkin of Texas; nineteen grandchildren; thirteen great grandchildren; a brother, Gene "Pickles" (Marlene) Quinn of Pavilion; a sister-in-law, Yvonne Quinn of Georgia and many nieces, nephews, cousins, dear friends and lifetime friend and confidant, Larry Weber of Eugene, OR. He was the brother of the late Patrick Quinn and Ann Marie Wilchak. Friends may call from 4 to 8 p.m. Tuesday at Marley Funeral Home, 135 Main St., Attica, New York, where a service will be held Wednesday at 11 AM. Burial will follow in Forest Hill Cemetery, Attica. Memorials may be made to Lifeline Chaplaincy, 1415 Southmore Blvd., Houston, Texas 77004.

**TERRY R. RAMSEY** - Died Tuesday, October 13, 2009 in Bel Air, Maryland at the age of 66. The cause of death is unknown. He was born October 24, 1942. He was the beloved husband of Mary Ellen (née Rowe) Ramsey for 24 years, devoted father of Kelly L. Miller and her husband Gary, Daniel J. Deckman and his wife Lee, brother of Gale R. Quick and her husband George, William L. Ramsey and his wife Janet. He is also survived by eight grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Bel Air Chapter #588**. A memorial service is being planned for a future date. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to The Perry Point V.A. Medical Center. Arrangements were made by Peaceful Alternatives Funeral and Cremation Center, P.A.

**THOMAS ANTHONY REICHES** – Died Friday, November 13, 2009 in New Rochelle, New York at the age of 65. The cause of death is unknown. He was born October 14, 1944 in New Rochelle. He served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Pleasantville Chapter #49**. Funeral services were conducted in the Maxcy and sons Beauchamp Chapel in New Rochelle. Interment was in Beechwoods Cemetery.

**LARRY F. RICH** – Died in December 2008 in Crooksville, Ohio at the age of 62. The cause of death is unknown. He was born October 27, 1946. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Zanesville Chapter #42**.

**WILLIAM C. “Bill” RINGERSMA** -Died Friday, October 2, 2009 at the James H. Quillen V.A. Hospital in Johnson City, Tennessee at the age of 60. He was a resident of Unicoi, Tennessee. He was a native of Phillips, Wisconsin born March 29, 1949 and had lived in Unicoi for several years. Mr. Ringersma was a son of Jane Eder Ringersma of Phillips, Wisconsin and the late Charles Ringersma, Jr. He had worked as a Park Ranger in the Buffalo Mountain Park and was a United States Army veteran having served his country in Vietnam. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Elizabethton Chapter #824**. In addition to his father he was preceded in death by a step-son, Jackson Myers. Survivors in addition to his mother include his wife, Jackie Shoun Ringersma; a daughter, Anna Richmond and her husband, Marquis of Cookeville, TN; a son, Mica Charles Ringersma and his wife, Cretia of Johnson City; a step-daughter, Jessica Casey Woods and her husband, David of Birmingham, AL; six sisters, Sally Smith, Sauk City, WI, Susan Rakow, Madison, WI, Rose Klawitter, Portage, WI, Nancy Szymik, Park Falls, WI, Jane Frederickson, Marshfield, WI and Marjorie Lizak, Phillips, WI; six grandchildren, Jadon Ringersma, Lyawana Richmond, Malachi Williams, Brooklyn Ringersma, Daniel Ringersma and Cynthia Woods; several nieces and nephews. The funeral service for Mr. Ringersma will be conducted 7:00 PM Monday, October 5, 2009 in the Woodall-Anderson and Dugger Funeral Home with the Rev. Blaine Shoun, Jr., officiating. The family will receive friends from 5:00 PM until service time. Graveside services will be held 11:00 AM Tuesday, October 6, 2009 in the Mountain Home National Cemetery. Pallbearers will be Mica Ringersma, Marquis Richmond, David Woods, Wiley Adams, Donald George, Owen Adams and Robert Koontz. Military Honors will be accorded by the VFW Post 4933 color guard. Everyone attending this service is asked to meet at the funeral home by 10:30 AM to go in procession to the cemetery.



**EUGENE "Gene" RISHFORTH** - Died Thursday, November 19, 2009 in Miamisburg, Ohio at the age of 63. The cause of death was cancer. He was born August 30, 1946 in Miamisburg. He was the husband and soul mate of Jean (Lilja) Rishforth. Mr. Rishforth was a life-long resident of Miamisburg and an Army veteran of the Vietnam War. He displayed his patriotism as chairman of the committee that brought the Vietnam Veterans Memorial, The Moving Wall to the Miamisburg community in 2008. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Dayton Chapter #97**. He expanded his life hobby into a full-time profession as the owner of Star City Classic Parts, a classic Chevrolet restoration parts store; was past President of Gem City Classics car club and past Vice President of Miamisburg Merchants Association. He was active in many Miamisburg community activities. In addition to his wife, he is survived by his children; Christopher of Dayton, Jennifer of West Carrollton and Michael of Miamisburg. He was the brother of James Rishforth of Richmond, IN. He is also survived by his grandchildren Zachary, Kara, Ashlynn and many nieces. A nephew, James D. Rishforth, preceded him in death. Funeral will be from First Baptist Church, 323 N. 11th St, Miamisburg on Tuesday, November 24, 2009 at 10:00 am. Visiting hours, at the church, Monday, November 23, 2009 from 6:00 - 8:00 pm. Rather than flowers, contributions to Honor Flight are requested. To leave a special message for the family online, visit [www.NewcomerDayton.com](http://www.NewcomerDayton.com).

**THERMAN DEAN ROBBINS** – Died Saturday, July 18, 2009 in Santa Rosa, California at the age of 62 following a lengthy illness. He was born June 6, 1947 to the late Therman and Rosamond Robbins. He was also predeceased by his sister, Jacqueline Duff. Dean is survived by sisters Diana Dolinsek and Rosella Sissle of Santa Rosa, and numerous nieces, nephews, and great nieces and nephews. Dean was a Vietnam veteran and a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Santa Rosa Chapter #223**. He was also a member of Bennett Valley Senior Center. Family and friends are invited to attend a memorial service followed by military honors to be held on Saturday, July 25, 2009, 10:30 a.m. at Santa Rosa Memorial Park. Funeral arrangements were under the care of Santa Rosa Mortuary Eggen and Lance Chapel.



**JOSE "Joe" RODRIGUEZ** - We will bless every memory within our hearts and though we can't see you, we know you are near for we feel your love all around us." The 61 year old golden heart of our beloved Jose "Joe" Rodriguez, stopped beating on Tuesday, October 20, 2009. He was born in Mexico on January 17, 1948. He was a resident of El Paso, Texas. He was a devoted family man; his love for God, family, and country was immense. Joe proudly served in the United States Marine Corps during the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – El Paso Chapter #574**.

Meeting and helping people was important to him and it is what made him a successful insurance agent with AIG for over 31 years. Now that he is in God's beautiful garden along with his parents, Jesus and Carmen Rodriguez, helps us ease the great pain we feel. Lovingly carrying on his memory is his wife of 38 years, Socorro Rodriguez, sons and daughters-in-law, Joseph J. and Emily Rodriguez, and Louie A. and Erika Rodriguez, grandchildren, Nicolas, Mia, Galilea, Ethan, Miguel, and Alfredo, siblings, Jesus, Petra, Carmen, Elena, Ruben, Ricardo, Javier, Consuelo, Margarita, and Lourdes. Visitation will be on Thursday, October 22, 2009 at Mt. Carmel Funeral Home from 5:00 P.M. to 9:00 P.M. with recitation of the rosary at 7:00 P.M.



Funeral Mass will be on Friday, October 23, 2009 at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Catholic Church at 9:30 A.M., interment will follow at Ft. Bliss National Cemetery with Military Honors.

**JOSEPH M. ROSZKO** – Died recently in 2009 in Dupont, Pennsylvania at the age of 63. The cause of death is unknown. He was born June 8, 1946. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was an *At-Large Member* of **Vietnam Veterans America – Pennsylvania**.

**THOMAS DWAYNE RUSH** – Died Tuesday, September 22, 2009 in Sherman, Texas at the age of 65. The cause of death was respiratory failure, COPD and end-stage renal disease. He was born August 30, 1944 in Ector (Ely Community), Texas to the late L. H. Rush and Adelene Booher Rush. He married Janis Cates in the Ely Community on June 12, 1964. In addition to his wife, he is survived by his daughter and son-in-law, Cassie Anne and Nestor Mejia, of Sherman; his sister, Wanda Godwin, of Bonham, Texas, and; five grandchildren, Alexis Mejia, Sydney Mejia, Reina Mejia, Brittny Thomas and Izak Mejia. He served in the United States Air Force during the Vietnam War. He was a member of the Hebron Baptist Church. He was a member of the Patriot Guard Riders. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Sherman Chapter #973**. Funeral services were conducted in the Mullican-Little Chapel in Bells/Savoy with the Reverend Houston Garner, officiating. Interment was in the Oak Hill Cemetery in Whitewright, Texas.

**MICHAEL SCHOW** - Died Friday, May 15, 2009 in Pocatello, Idaho at the age of 68. The cause of death was from complications of cancer. He was born May 13, 1941, in Los Angeles, California to the late Glenn Neil and the late Kathleen Isobel (Land) Schow. Michael spent most of his early life in Idaho and graduated from Plummer High School in Plummer, Idaho. He enlisted in the United States Army on May 29, 1959, and served for five years during the Vietnam War. He married during the war and had a son, Cleveland, and helped raise a daughter, Nicola. They were later divorced. He married Linda Lamb in 1973, and they had three children, twins, John and Kathleen, and Marcus. They were divorced in 1994. He married Janice Munk Meacham January 1, 1995, in Elko, Nevada. He became a parent of five more, Ellen, Kerri, Amanda, Ronda, and Kenneth. Michael worked primarily for the USPS as a carrier. He was also actively involved helping veterans as a service advocate. He was also past post commander for the local Veterans of Foreign Wars Post as well as acting as post commander for The American Legion, a life member of The American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Disabled American Veterans, Non-Commissioned Officers Association, and the 40/8. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Pocatello Chapter #901**. He was also an honorary member of the Fleet Reserve. He also belonged to the Elks Lodge. Michael loved fishing, hunting, rock hounding and lapidary. He is survived by his wife, Janice Schow, Pocatello; children; Cleveland (Natalia) Mardlin, Bedford, England, John (Elizabeth) Schow, Nebraska, Marcus Schow, Nebraska, Elly (LeRoy Chavis) Phillips, Kerri (Dan) Rensch, Amanda (John) White, Roni (Dave) Eckman, and Kenny Holloway, all of Pocatello, Idaho; and a brother, James Schow, Plummer, Idaho; 14 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by a daughter, Kathleen, his parents and a brother, Nicholas Schow. A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday, May 20, 2009, at Colonial Funeral Home Chapel, 2005 S. Fourth Ave., Pocatello. A

viewing will be held Tuesday evening, May 19 from 6 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home. Military honors will be at Mountain View Cemetery following the services.

**KARL F. SCHROTH** – Died Wednesday, September, 2, 2009 in Puyallup, Washington at the age of 60. The cause of death was cancer. He was born October 28, 1948 to Grace E. Schroth and the late CPT Glenn S. Schroth (U.S. Army-Ret). He was a former resident of Alameda, California. He is survived by 2 sisters, Anna M. Toste and Christine (Jim) Knori, 4 nieces, 1 nephew and 7 great nieces and nephews. Karl was a proud Vietnam United States Army veteran and fought many battles, but none so bravely as his final battle with cancer. His courage, strength & sense of humor will forever outlive what his body could no longer endure. He was a *Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Oakland Chapter #400*. He cherished his lifelong friends from Alameda who so selflessly stood by him. So be at peace now my dearest brother; and for all that truly knew Karl he would leave you with his famous end to any sentence... YADA, YADA, YADA. Services will be September 15, 2009, 11:30am, at Tahoma National Cemetery, Kent, Washington, with full military honors. In lieu of flowers, please make donations to St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital or The American Cancer Society.

**DIANE SEARS** - (née Jarvis), died Thursday, July 23, 2009 in Milford, Ohio at the age of 56. The cause of death was complications from cancer treatments. She was born in Cincinnati, Ohio on May 1, 1953. She was the beloved wife of Gary R. Sears, devoted mother of Rodney L. Sears and Eric T. Sears, loving grandmother of Nick, Kaitlin and Ian Sears, dear daughter of Cloye and Thelma Proffitt Jarvis, caring sister of Michael C. (Marti) Jarvis, also survived by numerous relatives and friends. She was a member of **Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America – Batavia Chapter #649**. She was the Assistant Chapter Treasurer and the Chairperson of the Annual Christmas Dance and Sock-Hop for the Chapter. Services Evans Funeral Home, Milford, Tuesday, July 28, 10:30 AM, visitation Monday, 6 8 PM. Memorials to Freedom in the Wind Church, 927 State Route 28, Suite G, Milford, Ohio 45150.

**BOBBY E. DAVIS SHAFFER, JR.** – Died Sunday, August 23, 2009 at his residence in Richmond, Indiana at the age of 61. The cause of death was cancer. He was born in Richmond on January 21, 1948 to the late Bobby E. Davis Shaffer, Sr. and Leona Shaffer Caplinger. In addition to his parents, his stepfather, William Caplinger is also deceased. He is survived by his wife of 40 years, Joyce Shaffer, of the home; five children, Bobby Joe Shaffer, of Centerville, Indiana, Billy E. Shaffer, of Fort Carson, Colorado, Holly Wisdom, of Anchorage, Alaska, Joseph Whitehead, of Richmond and Amber Whitehead, of Richmond; his stepbrother, Melvin Caplinger, of Richmond; two sisters, Bernice Wilson, of Richmond and Louretta Dixon, of Richmond, and; grandchildren, Jordan Shaffer, Caleb Shaffer, Jacob Shaffer, Breanna Shaffer and Hailee Shaffer. He served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Richmond Chapter #777**. A memorial service was conducted at the Hillcrest Baptist Church in Richmond with the Reverend Martin Holman, officiating.



**ARDELL W. "Artie" SHAW** - Died Tuesday, February 19, 2008 at Bath VA Hospital in Bath, New York at the age of 71. Artie was born April 13, 1936. He is survived by daughter, Ellen Shaw-Smith; son-in-law, Dr. Robert Smith;

and grandchildren, Ryan and Skye Smith. He is also survived by close and loyal brother, Harry L. Shaw; and sisters, Lynne Campbell and Loraine (Earl) Dugger; as well as many nieces and nephews, including close niece, Kim A. Bennett, and nephews, Charles Bennett and Richard Mast. Ardell served in the United States Army and was a retired Army Sergeant First Class, who served during the Korean War and Four Tours of Duty in Vietnam. He received numerous commendations, including The Bronze Star with Three Oak Clusters, and the National Defense Service Medal with Ten Oak Clusters. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Elmira Chapter #803**. Artie volunteered tirelessly for over 30 years in service of veterans and others in need. He was instrumental in beginning the DAV Transportation Program from Elmira to the Bath VA Hospital. He also opened the first clothing donation center at the same facility. His extensive volunteer commitment won him the George H. Seal National DAV Volunteer Award. He was also honored for his volunteer work for the Red Cross and served as past president of the Southport Coin Association. Artie served many years as a loyal member of Masonic Order Union-Cooley Lodge, Waverly Masonic War Veterans Post #45, and Corning Consistory. He was the first person to receive the New York Masonic War Veterans Award. Those wishing may call at Olthof Funeral Home, Inc., 1050 Pennsylvania Ave., Southport, on Saturday, February 23, 2008, from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. with Funeral Service to honor Ardell there at 1:00 p.m. Followed by a graveside service at Woodlawn National with Full Military Honors accorded at the cemetery. There will be a Memorial Service held Sunday, February 24, 2008, at 1:00 p.m. at The Chapel at the Bath VA, Bath, NY. Those wishing may make memorials to The Volunteer Services Program, c/o Bath Veterans Hospital, Bath, NY. Those wishing may leave the family a "Candle of Remembrance" in Obituaries at [www.olthof.com](http://www.olthof.com).

**JOHN H. SIMMONS** – Died Monday, July 27, 2009 at his home in Charleston, Tennessee at the age of 63. The cause of death was a heart attack. He was born May 28, 1946 in Cleveland, Tennessee to the late Rachel Huffine Simmons and Hugh Lee Simmons of Bradley County. He was also preceded in death by his grandparents, Frank and Emma Baldwin Simmons of Bradley County and Ben and Rose Byrd Huffine of Chattanooga. He is survived by wife of 32 years, Sharon Simmons; two children, Penny Farmer (Steve) of Knoxville and Grant Pirkle (Danielle) of Charleston; four grandchildren: Skylar and Darby Pirkle of Charleston, Jenifer and Courtney Farmer of Knoxville; brother, David Lee Simmons (Charlene) of Leawood, Kansas; sister, Mary Ann Radford (Thurmon) of Mt. Desert, Maine; aunts, Ruby Simmons and Ruth Simmons Moore (John B) and Mildred Johnson (Jim), mother-in-law, Opal Miller; sisters-in-law, Jeanette Brown (Jackie) and Martha Moses (Eddy) all of Bradley County as well as his uncle, James Huffine (Ruth) of Gallatin and several cousins, nieces and nephews. John grew up in Cleveland and attended Arnold Elementary and Arnold Junior High School. He graduated from Bradley High School, Class of 1964 and was elected Best Dressed by his classmates. He attended Tennessee Wesleyan College from 1964-1966 and joined the United States Navy in 1966 serving until 1970. John served as a corpsman at Bethesda Naval Hospital and served in Vietnam as a corpsman with the 1st Marine Division. John was involved in many combat situations in Vietnam which resulted in a profound impact upon him for the rest of his life. John traveled as a sales representative for Hardwick Clothes of Cleveland from 1970 until 2001. He was an eleven year member of the Hardwick Presidents Club for the top Hardwick Salesmen and was selected Salesman of the Year several times during his career. He retired from Hardwick Clothes in 2001.

due to his disability. John was very active in Veterans Affairs both locally and at the State and National level. In 2008, he was named Disabled American Veterans (DAV) Veteran of the Year for the state of Tennessee. He served as service officer for the American Legion Post 81. He has helped countless veterans get their claims approved. John would tell you that helping Veterans was his purpose and kept him going. John did this in spite of being classified as 100% disabled himself and often in pain. He was also active in the local VFW Post #2598 and he was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Cleveland Chapter #596**. He was a very active member of the Tennessee state Veterans' Homes Board; being appointed by Governor Phil Bredeson. He was to take on the Chairman's position later this week. John was deeply committed and involved in getting a state VA Nursing Home in Bradley County. He has been instrumental in getting at \$3 million dollar anonymous donation and pushing through the Tennessee House Joint Resolution 807 supporting a nursing home here in Bradley County. John has been very active in "behind the scenes" lobbying in Nashville supporting legislation beneficial to Veterans. John served on the Cleveland-Bradley Communications Board which oversees operation of the 911 Center. He was a regular Monday-Saturday attendee at the Liar's Table at the Old Fort Restaurant on 25th Street. He was outspoken at the table about his political beliefs, while at the same time maintaining close friendships and respect. Funeral services will be conducted at 1 p.m. Thursday, July 30, 2009 at Candies Creek Baptist Church with the Reverend Reed Wright officiating. Interment will follow at the Candies Creek Baptist Church Cemetery with military honors. John Haile, Steve Stewart, Joe Davis, Davis Morelock, Don Samuels and Jeff Morelock will serve as pallbearers. A white dove release ceremony will conclude the service.



**BILLY J. SLUSHER** - Funeral service for LTC (Retired) Billy J. Slusher, 74, Lawton, Oklahoma will be 1:00 p.m., Monday in the Becker Funeral Home Memorial Chapel, with Chaplain (LTC) Paul Andreasen officiating. Colonel Slusher died Tuesday, November 24, 2009 in Lawton. The cause of death is unknown. Burial with full military honors will be in the Post Cemetery, Fort Sill. He was born April 18, 1935 in Oklahoma City. He graduated from Newcastle High School in 1953. He attended the University of Oklahoma and received a BA in History in 1958. He was commissioned in the U.S. Army through the R.O.T.C. program. He married Sylvia Weaver on May 27, 1960. He spent most of his twenty-year Army career flying both fixed and rotary wing aircraft and was involved in the early development of armed helicopters. He served two tours each at Fort Sill, Oklahoma; Fort Hood, Texas; Fort Knox, Kentucky and three tours of duty in Vietnam. He also served tours of duty in Germany and Fort Rucker, Alabama. His awards and decorations include the Army Aviator Badge, Vietnam Service Medal with Seven Service Stars, Purple Heart, National Defense Service Medal, Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal, Presidential Unit Citation, Armed Forces Reserve Medal, Distinguished Flying Cross with First Oak Leaf Cluster, Bronze Star Medal with Second Oak Leaf Cluster, Senior Army Aviator Badge, Air Medal with V Device and Nineteenth Oak Leaf Clusters, Four Overseas Service Bars, Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross Unit Citation with Palm and the Meritorious Service Medal. His last Army position was with Cameron University as Assistant Professor of Military Science from October 1973 to July 1976 and became Professor of Military Science from August 1976 until his retirement from Active duty in May of 1979 with over 20 years of active service.

Following his retirement from the Army, he spent one year teaching High School R.O.T.C. in Houston, Texas, and sixteen years working for the Oklahoma Department of Human Services as a job developer. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Lawton Chapter #751** and was known as the "Ole Redbird" caller on the Sports Animal Radio Program. He was member of the DAV and a past member of the Noon Lion's Club. He is survived by his wife, of the home; a daughter and son-in-law, Dina and Gregory Seward, Lawton; two granddaughters, Lauren Blount, and Melisa Seward, both of Lawton. Memorial contributions may be made to the Oklahoma Medical Research Foundation, 825 NE 13th Street, Oklahoma City OK 73104, or to the charity of the donor's choice. The family will greet friends from 2-4 pm, Sunday, at the funeral home. An online guest book and sympathy cards are available at [www.beckerfuneral.com](http://www.beckerfuneral.com).

**JOHN J. SMITH** - Died on Wednesday, October 8, 2009 at the VA Medical Center in Ann Arbor at the age of 63. He was a resident of Milan, Michigan. The cause of death is unknown. He was born October 29, 1945 in Monroe, Michigan to Stephen and Mary (Balog) Smith. On April 6, 1968 he married Julianna Mester in Milan and she survives. John graduated from Dundee High School in 1964 then joined the United States Navy serving two tours in Vietnam. He was a *Charter and Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Ann Arbor Chapter #310** of Washtenaw, Michigan, the DAV and VFW. Besides his wife Julianna he is survived by daughters, Rosemary (Don) Griffis of Milan and Malissa Smith at home; two grandchildren, Morgan and Riley Griffis; two brothers, Lawrence "Jack" Szabo of Maybee and Edward (Beverly) Smith of Ypsilanti; and sister, Lillian (Ray) Blakley of TN. He was preceded in death by his parents; brother, Robert Szabo; and a nephew, Roy Blakley. Visitation will be 5-8pm Saturday and Sunday 2-4 and 6-8pm at Ochalek-Stark Funeral Home, Milan where services will be held 11am Monday. Burial was in the Marble Park Cemetery. Memorials may be made to VVA Chapter 310 of Washtenaw.



**KEITH HOWARD SMITH** - Died Friday, October 21, 2005 in Woodbury, Minnesota at the age of 63 after a year-long battle with lung cancer. He was born February 26, 1942. He was predeceased by his parents. He is survived by his wife, Sharon; children, Brian, Kimberly (Andre) Rheaume; step-children, Mandy (Chad) Westerman, Lamont (April) Williams; grandson, Keondre Lane; and siblings, nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends. He was a member of Woodbury, Oakdale and St. Paul Chambers of

Commerce; MAPE state employee; board member of Washington County Workforce; member of Metro Economic Development Association and National Automatic Merchandising Association. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Saint Paul Chapter #320**. He dedicated many years as a public guardian for Vietnam Vets; most recently, he was a successful owner of Woodbury Vending Company. Visitation was Monday, October 24th, 5-7 pm at Wulff Woodbury Chapel, 2195 Woodlane Drive, Woodbury. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on Tuesday, October 25<sup>th</sup> at 12:30 pm at Saint Ambrose Roman Catholic Church, 4125 Woodbury Drive, Woodbury. Interment with full military honors was at Fort Snelling.

**DAVID A. SOURS** - Died Sunday, October 4, 2009 in Crownsville, Maryland after his long battle with Lung and Brain Cancer at the age of 60. He was born in Baltimore, Maryland on September 7, 1948. David is survived by his wife of 35 yrs Joyce (Longo) Sours, devoted father to Karen Sours Brustad and her husband Brian and granddaddy to Joshua and Cora Brustad. David is also survived by his mother Edna (Reckline) Sours of Fort Ashby, W. Va. One brother Chip Sours, four sisters Deborah Chaney, Cindy Yocum, Robin Ullery, Jean Kesner and numerous nieces and nephews. David truly loved life and making people happy, he will be missed by his many friends. David enjoyed hunting, fishing, boating and spending time on the farm. He received a Purple Heart for his service in Vietnam while serving with 1st Battalion, 9th Marines 3<sup>rd</sup> Marine Division from 1966-68. David was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America - Cumberland Chapter #172**, Cumberland, MD and a life member of DAV, he belonged to VFW #304, Masonic Lodge #213 and American Legion Post #0023. David was employed at Constellation Energy for 39 years in several positions. Visitation will be held on Tuesday and Wednesday 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 P.M. at the DONALDSON FUNERAL HOME & CREMATORY, P.A., 1411 Annapolis Road, Odenton. A Funeral Service will be held on Thursday 11:30 A.M. in the Funeral Home Chapel. Interment was in the Maryland Veterans Cemetery, Crownsville. Should friends desire contributions may be made to the WOUNDED WARRIOR PROJECT, 7020 A C Skinner Parkway, Suite 100, Jacksonville, FL 32256.

**ROBERT E. "Spawny" SPAWN, JR.** - Died peacefully Thursday, September 3, 2009 in Owego, New York at the age of 61. The cause of death was heart disease. He was born October 26, 1947 to Alice Spawn of Newark Valley, New York and the late Robert E. Spawn, Sr. He was also predeceased by two brothers-in-law, Larry Conklin and Timothy Keller. He is survived by his children, Patrick, Anna, Nicholas and Wayne; also the mother of his children, Patricia Nelson; his life was enriched everyday with his grandson, Carter Jaykob Spawn, whom he enjoyed watching, taking him to the park, movies, Chuck E. Cheese and the Dollar Store (Carter's favorite). Also surviving, his mother (his best gal) Alice Spawn, Newark Valley; two sisters, Alice Conklin and Dave Hoyt, Port Crane, and Abbie Keller, Newark Valley and friend, Gary Johnson, Berkshire; a brother, David Spawn, Endicott; and several nieces and nephews, Kaycee, Monica and David; grandnephews, Tristen, Michael and Ryan; two aunts, Dorothy Shear, Apalachin and Anna (Peg) McClure, White Plains, New York. Robert was a great man, who served ten years in the United States Army as a sergeant, proudly serving in Korea and Vietnam. He was a proud member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Owego and was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Owego Chapter #480** and the American Legion Post #1700's Last Mans Club. Robert served his country, but lived for his children. Besides his family, he enjoyed fishing, boating, camping, western and war movies, action flicks and the TV show Two and a Half Men. The family would like to thank Tim Langstaff, for being a best friend to Bob, without him Bob's many trips to the VA Medical Center would have been difficult. Memorial Services will be announced at a later date.



**HARRY CHRIS SPEARS, JR.** - 67, Died Monday, June 8, 2009, in Sebring, Florida at the age of 67. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Lancaster, Wisconsin on November 23, 1941 to Harry Chris, Sr. and Marguerite (Kohl) Spears. He was an air traffic controller, served in the

United States Air Force during the Vietnam War and he was a life time member of the Veterans of Foreign War and American Legion. He was an *At-Large Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Florida**. He enjoyed working and was employed at the Avon Park Bombing Range since 1991, and he enjoyed spending time with his family and friends. He is survived by his son, Christopher Spears of Ft. Myers, Florida.; father, Harry Chris Spears Sr.; brothers, Greg Spears and Mark Spears both of Illinois; sisters, Sharon Butler (Floyd) of Illinois and Sandra Hrasky (Erv) of Montana. He was preceded in death by his mother, Marguerite Spears. Cremation arrangements were entrusted to the Stephenson-Nelson Funeral Home. Stephenson-Nelson Funeral Home, Avon Park, Florida.

**WILLIAM C. "Bill" SPENCER** - Died Tuesday, November 24, 2009 in Coldwater, Michigan at the age of 69. The cause of death was cancer. He was born December 16, 1939. He served in the United States Army having served two tours of duty in Vietnam – one with the 25<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division and the second with the Americal Division. He was a *Life Member* and *Past-President* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Coldwater Chapter #730**. The service will be held on Monday at 11:00 a.m. at The Church of The Holy Spirit in Coldwater. Visitation will be held on Monday prior to the service beginning at 9:00 a.m. at the church. Arrangements are being cared for by Dutcher Funeral Home in Coldwater.

**STEVEN L. SPICER** - Died Thursday, October 29, 2009, in Beebe Medical Center, Lewes, Delaware at the age of 62. He was a resident of Georgetown, Delaware. The cause of death was a massive heart attack. Steven was born in Milford, Delaware on August 11, 1947 to late George L. and Rachel Ann (Hitchens) Spicer. He was a veteran of the United States Marine Corps, serving during 1965 to 1969. He was a radio sales account executive for Benchmark Corporation for 10 years, retiring in 2003. He was a member of the Transformation Station in Georgetown, a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Millsboro Chapter #546**, Life member of the Georgetown-Ellendale VFW 2931, and a member of the Disabled Veterans. He also enjoyed traveling, fishing, all outdoor water sports, and gardening. He is survived by his son, Zackery B. Spicer and his girlfriend, Nikki Toohey of Georgetown; cousins, Jean Birch and Cindy Taggart, both of Ohio; his cat, Stormy; and his dog, Hurricane. Funeral Services will be 1 p.m. Monday, Nov. 2, 2009, in the chapel of Short Funeral Services, 609 E. Market St., Georgetown, where friends may call Monday after 12 noon. Interment will be in Union Cemetery, Georgetown. Contributions may be made to Home of the Brave, 6632 Sharps Rd., Milford, DE 19963; or the Transformation Station, 402 Elizabeth St., Georgetown, Delaware 19947.

**MILLS EDWARD STRATTON** - Died on Friday, October 16, 2009 in the Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Dallas, Texas at the age of 63. Mills was a longtime resident of Durant, Oklahoma. He was born on May 21, 1946 in Suffolk, Virginia to Richard and Frances (Duke) Stratton. He is a graduate of Southeastern Oklahoma State College with a bachelor's degree in Sociology and a minor in criminal justice. Mills married his first wife, Melvetta Lynn May in 1976 in Paris, Texas. She precedes him in death. Mills faithfully served in the United States Army as a medic. He served in Korea and spent two tours in Vietnam. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Durant Chapter #986**. He was very proud of his service time and he enjoyed reading

military books and magazines. Mills also enjoyed watching television and was a huge John Wayne fan. He loved collecting things and many kinds of electronics. He was a member of the Cobb Baptist Church, he was a good man and he loved the Lord. Mills was also preceded in death by his half-brother H. C. Cole III. He is survived by his second wife, Wanda of Durant; a daughter Marissa Helm and husband Sean and their daughter Ashlyn of Chandler, Oklahoma; four stepchildren; stepfather Henry Cole Sr. of Wilburton, Oklahoma; two sisters Linda Standridge of Antlers, Oklahoma and Sandy Bozarth of Idabel, Oklahoma.



**JAMES MIDDLETON SWINDELLS, JR.** - Died Tuesday, November 17, 2009 in Smithfield, Virginia at the age of 83. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Newburgh, New York on August 15, 1926 to the late Gertrude Geahardt and James Middleton Swindells, Sr. He was also predeceased by his sister, Jeannette Smith. James retired from the United States Army as a Sergeant First Class. He served during WWII, the Korean Conflict, 66 months in Vietnam, and during the Cuban Missile Crisis. James went on to retire from N.N.A.R.F. as an Aircraft Mechanic. James was a member and volunteered with the Disabled American Veterans Association at the Veterans Hospital, Vietnam Vets, Veterans Association, Army Otter-Caribou Association, Hampton American Legion, Newport News Moose Lodge, Phoebus VFW, N.C.O.A., and the N.R.A. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Hampton Chapter 433**. James is survived by his sons and daughters-in-law, James M. Swindells III and Despina of Kodak, Tenn., Robert E. Swindells and Linda Smith of Grandy, N.C., William A. Swindells and Kathy of Williamsburg, Va., Tai D. Swindells and Sherry of Smithfield, Va.; seven grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; several nieces and nephews. A funeral service will be held Monday, November 23, 2009, at 2 p.m. at Parr Funeral Home & Crematory, 3515 Robs Drive, Suffolk, Virginia 23434. Burial with full military honors will follow at Albert G. Horton, Jr. Memorial Veterans Cemetery. Friends may join the family Sunday night from 5 to 7 p.m. at the funeral home. Contributions may be made to the VFW Post 3219, Attn: Quarter Master Joe Longstreet at 122 E. Mellen, Hampton, Virginia 23663. Condolences may be registered online at [www.parrfuneralhome.com](http://www.parrfuneralhome.com).

**MERLE A. SWINDLER** – Died recently in 2009 in Greenwood, South Carolina at the age of 82. The cause of death is unknown. He was born July 16, 1927. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – McCormick Chapter #816**.

**FRANCIS J. “Frank” TANZOSCH** – Died Saturday, October 24, 2009 in Milan, New York at the age of 62. The cause of death was cancer. He was born in New York City, New York on February 24, 1947. He is survived by his wife, Diane Tanzosch, of the home. He served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* and *Current President* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Hopewell Junction Chapter #869**.

**CHARLES MICHAEL TAYLOR** - Died Wednesday, April 15, 2009 in Overland Park, Kansas at the age of 62. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Greenfield, Ohio on March 22, 1947 to the late Charles and Aileen Ferguson Taylor. He is survived by his wife, Karin Taylor; by his sons Charles Allan Taylor, Jeffrey Loren Taylor, and Jason Michael Taylor. He is also survived by



his grandchildren. He served in the United States Army during Vietnam and worked for many years for United Telecom/Sprint. Mike was a Mason and a Shriner, a member of the American Legion Post #370 and the Patriot Guard. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Ottawa Chapter #912**. A visitation will be held Friday from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Amos Family Chapel of Shawnee. Funeral services will be Saturday, April 18, at the Overland Park Assembly of God Church, at 3 p.m. Burial will follow in Pleasant Valley Cemetery. Memorial donations in Mike's memory may be made to the American Legion Post #370.

**RAYMOND WALTER THOMAS** - Died on Saturday, December 1, 2007, at Hahnemann University Hospital in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania at the age of 59. He was a resident of Chalfont, Pennsylvania. The cause of death was cardiac arrhythmia and ischemic heart disease. He was the beloved husband of 13 years to Carole Ann Fryslin Thomas. He was born in Philadelphia, in 1946 to the late Raymond C. and Claire M. Pacewicz Thomas. Ray grew up in the Kensington section of Philadelphia and completed his high school requirements in the United States Marine Corps. Ray was a proud Vietnam War veteran having served as a corporal in the United States Marine Corps and recipient of the Purple Heart. He served two consecutive tours in Vietnam and upon his return home entered the Police Academy, and in 1977, he began his career as a Philadelphia police officer. He was soon after elevated to a Philadelphia Highway Patrolman and Drill Team member. He proudly served the Philadelphia Police force for over 10 years. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Doylestown Chapter #210**. In 1996, he moved to Chalfont with his wife Carole Ann and was avid collector of police and Vietnam memorabilia, and of course, his wall of "Oscar" movies. In addition to his wife he is also survived by his stepdaughter, Christine MacCracken and her husband Timothy of Huntingdon Valley, PA his mother-in-law Martha Karpinski Fryslin of Philadelphia, his brother John Whener and his wife Marie and his sister Grace Carr both of Philadelphia. He is also survived by his brother and sister-in-law John and Lois Fryslin of Chalfont as well as several nieces and nephews. Ray will also be missed by his loyal canine companions, Bubba and Marti. Relatives and friends are invited to attend his viewing, Thursday, December 6, from 6:00 to 8:00 PM at the Joseph A. Fluehr III Funeral Home, 241 E. Butler Ave. (Route 202 at Sandy Ridge Road), New Britain and Friday, December 7, 2007 from 10:00 until his Funeral Mass 11:00 AM at St. Jude Church, 321 West Butler Ave., Chalfont. Interment will be private. In lieu of flowers, contributions in his memory may be made to Philadelphia Vietnam Memorial Society, 4720 Mercer Street # 25, Philadelphia, PA 19137.

**JAMES W. "Tom" THOMASON, SR.** - Died Monday, October 26, 2009, at his home in Swansboro, North Carolina at the age of 77. The cause of death is unknown. He was born January 4, 1932. A funeral will be at 12:30 p.m. Friday, Oct. 30, 2009, at Swansboro United Methodist Church. Burial will follow at Coastal Caroline State Veterans Cemetery with military honors and Masonic rites. He retired from the United States Marine Corps as a Captain after 20 years of service and then after his retirement he was a small business owner in Swansboro. He has been a member of the Terre Haute Masonic Lodge in Indiana for over 50 years and also a member of the Scottish rite and a Shriner. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Jacksonville Chapter #654**. Survivors include wife, Harriet Thomason of Swansboro; sons, Jim Thomason and Bruce Thomason of Hubert; daughter, Cindy Olson of Hubert; six grandchildren;

and two great grandchildren; sisters, Olive "Tommy" Boles and Linda Massey of Tennessee, Connie Disney of Iowa, Diane Sigafoose of Texas, Margo Huff of Kentucky, Karen Jones of North Carolina and Jennifer Stone of Illinois. The family will receive friends from 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday at Jones Funeral Home of Swansboro. Memorials may be made to Shriner's Cripple Children's Fund c/o Sudan Temple, P.O. Box 490, New Bern, North Carolina 28560.

**MICHAEL HUMBIRD THOMPSON** – Died Tuesday, October 27, 2009 in Flintstone, Maryland at the age of 59. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Cumberland, Maryland on July 31, 1950 to the late Rosella M. (Long) Thompson. He is survived by his wife of 15 years, Vicky Thompson, of the home; his son, Nicholas Thompson, of Myrtle Beach, South Carolina; his daughter and son-in-law, Ericka and Thomas Lancaster, of Cresaptown, Maryland; his brother and sister-in-law, James and Patricia Thompson, of Frederick, Maryland; his grandson, Thomas Lancaster, and; his granddaughter, Madison Lancaster. He served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Cumberland Chapter #172**. He was the *model* for the famous Lee Teeter print entitled, *"Reflections."* Funeral services were conducted in the Adams Family Funeral Home in Cumberland with the Reverend Fred Iser, officiating. Interment with full military honors was in the Maryland State Veterans Cemetery in Rocky Gap, Maryland.

**JOHN T. "Buddy" TREZZI** - Died Monday, March 3, 2008 at the Veterans Affairs Medical Center in White River Junction, Vermont at the age of 60. He was a resident of Kidder Road in Bradford, Vermont. His death followed a courageous battle with cancer and complications associated with his exposure to Agent Orange defoliant during his service in Vietnam. He was born December 21, 1947 in Boston, Massachusetts, the son of Gordon and Roena Trezzi of Roslindale, Massachusetts. He graduated from Dorchester High School and subsequently enlisted in the United States Army on March 28, 1967 and served 3 tours of duty in Vietnam from December 1967 until August, 1970. On September 12, 1970 Buddy was awarded the Silver Star for gallantry in action while engaged in military operations involving armed conflict with armed hostile forces in Vietnam. He was honorably discharged from the Army in August 1970 as a Specialist 5th Class. Following in his father's footsteps, Buddy joined the Boston Fire Department in 1972 and served with distinction until 1975 when he stepped down from a disability. He also worked as a Constable in Boston, Mass during the 1980's. Buddy moved to Bradford, Vermont in 1991 and has been a lifelong member of the Boston Elks Lodge 10, Disabled American Veterans and the Veterans of Foreign Wars. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Bennington Chapter #601**. Survivors include his daughter Heather Ann Trezzi of Bradford and three brothers Charles of Milford, MA; James and Robert of Port Richie, Florida, and his sister, Christine McQueen of Revere, MA. He was predeceased by a brother William, and his parents. Visiting hours will be held on Saturday, March 8, 2008 at the Hale Funeral Home, Bradford, VT from 2:00 to 4:00pm and 6:00 to 8:00pm. Interment with military honors will be scheduled in May at the Vermont Veterans Memorial Cemetery in Randolph, VT. Memorial contributions can be made to Norris Cotton Cancer Center, One Medical Center Drive, Lebanon, NH 03765 or to the New England Donor Bank, 1 Gateway Center, Suite 202, Newton, MA 02458.

**JOHN “Johnny” M. UPTON** - Died Friday, August 7, 2009 at the Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Kansas City, Missouri at the age of 62. The cause of death was a stroke. Funeral services will be 7:30 p.m., Monday, August 10, 2009 at McGilley Antioch Chapel with visitation from 6-8 p.m. Johnny was born November 6, 1946 to Charles M. Upton and the late June Sexton Upton. In addition to his father, he is survived by his wife, Regina Upton of the home; his daughter, Nikki Upton; his ex-wife, Elaine and their three children, Korey, Amy, and Ian; his stepfather, Ralph Boler; his brother and sister-in-law, Gary and Pat Dean, and; his eight half-brothers and half-sisters. He was an honorably discharged United States Navy Corpsman serving from 1966 to 1970. He was assigned to the United States Marine Corps First Reconnaissance Unit in Vietnam. He was a retired registered nurse and a wonderful, loving husband and father. (Arr. McGilley Antioch Chapel, 816-453-7700)

**WAYNE A. URBAN** – Died Wednesday, December 3, 2009 in Grove City Ohio at the age of 65. The cause of death was a suicide by a self-inflicted gunshot wound to the head after murdering his wife, Kathleen. He was born January 29, 1943. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a law enforcement officer in his local community. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Newark (Ohio) Chapter #55**.

**VINCENT JOSEPH “Vinnie” VACCARO, JR.** – Died Saturday, August 4, 2007 in Jamestown, New York at the age of 64. The cause of death was Agent Orange-related cancer. He was born January 29, 1943 in Jamestown to the late Vincent Joseph Vaccaro, Sr. and Tessie Pati Vaccaro. In addition to his parents, he was predeceased by his sister, Josephine Vaccaro. He is survived by his wife, Dawn M. “Cookie” Perry Vaccaro, of the home; two sons, Jay Vaccaro, of Germany and Nick Vaccaro, of Hamburg; two daughters and sons-in-law, Lisa and Andy Davis, of Robinson, Illinois and Susi and Todd Krueger, of Jamestown; three grandchildren, Scott Davis, of Robinson, Illinois, Breanna Vaccaro, of Hamburg and Jessie Krueger, of Jamestown, and; two brothers and one sister-in-law, Joseph and Cathy Vaccaro, of Jamestown and Tom Vaccaro, of Las Vegas, Nevada. He served in the United States Navy Reserves and then retired after 22 years in the United States Army where he was a front-line Medic in Vietnam. He served two tours of duty in Vietnam first with the First Cavalry/Black Horse Division and the second tour with the 616<sup>th</sup> Medical Clearing Company – M.A.S.H. Unit. He was an advocate for veterans through the hospital and Veterans Affairs clinics where he was responsible for many positive changes for the veterans. He was a member of the Disabled American Veterans Chapter #47 and a member of Veterans of Foreign Wars – John W. Tiffany Post #53. He was a *Charter and Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Jamestown Chapter #865**. A memorial service was celebrated in the Migliore Funeral Home with Reverend Father Robert Stolinski, officiating. He was the Pastor of Saint James Roman Catholic Church.

**SHARON JOSEPH “Joe” VIDRINE** – Died Friday, August 7, 2009 in Opelousas, Louisiana at the age of 68. The cause of death was heart disease. She was born April 14, 1941 in Lafayette, Louisiana. She served in the United States Navy during the Vietnam War. She was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Ville Platte Chapter #632**.

**GASTON HOWARD "Butch" WALLACE, JR.** - Died Wednesday, November 18, 2009, in his residence in London, Ohio at the age of 61. The cause of death was Agent Orange-related cancer. Born March 12, 1948, in Columbus, Ohio, he was a son of Gaston Howard and Margaret Frances (Winslow) Wallace. He was a United States Army veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – London Chapter #746**. Butch was also a member of HV Christopher Post No. 1176, VFW, Madison Memorial Post No. 105, American Legion and the Madison County Amvets. Survivors include his son, Butch Jerome (Brandy) Scott of London; grandchildren, Brandon North, Gabriel Scott and Alexis Brooke Scott; sisters, Sharon Hall and Marsha Wallace of Xenia, Marilyn (Ellis) Gandy of London, Susan Wallace of Springfield, Kimberly Wallace of London, Carla (Willie) Hopkins of Columbus; brothers, Harry Wallace of London, Jay (Patty) Wallace of Galloway, Rick Wallace of Xenia; a host of nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents; brother, Leroy Winslow; brother-in-law, George "Snorky" Hall. Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Monday, Nov. 23, 2009, in the Eberle-Fisher Funeral Home and Crematory, 103 N. Main St., London. Rev. Tyrone Artis will be officiating. Friends may call at the funeral home from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday. If they wish, friends may make memorial contributions to either Loving Care Hospice or the American Cancer Society. Online condolences for the family may be sent to [www.eberlefisherfuneralhome.com](http://www.eberlefisherfuneralhome.com).

**NEAL D. WALTERS** – Died Wednesday, July 1, 2009 in Lawton, Oklahoma at the age of 83. Sgt. Walters died Wednesday in Lawton. The cause of death is unknown. He was born August 18, 1925 in Leechburg, Pennsylvania to the late Oliver D. and Hetty Ellen (Barr) Walters. He married Lotte E. Taplick on March 28, 1952 in Berlin, Germany. She died August 13, 1977. Sgt Walters was a veteran of World War II where he was a POW. He was also a veteran of the Korean and Vietnam Wars and retired at the rank of Sergeant First Class (E-7). He was a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Lawton Chapter #751**. Survivors include four sons and their spouses, Harry D. and Rose K. Walters, Omaha, Nebraska, Neal and Linda M. Walters, Virginia Beach, Virginia, Dean Walters, Lawton and David L. and Carol E. Walters, Lawton, nine grandchildren, eleven great grandchildren, five brothers, Oliver, Dale, Jack, Floyd and Carl and five sisters, Leona, Dorothy, Joan, Virginia and Linda. In addition to his parents and his wife, he is also predeceased by a sister, Hazel and a brother, Harry. Funeral services will be 10:00 AM Tuesday at the Becker Funeral Home Memorial Chapel. Burial with full military honors was in the Post Cemetery, at Fort Sill, Oklahoma.

**DAVID P. WEINBURGH** - Died Saturday, November 7, 2009 at his home in Lynn, Massachusetts after a lengthy illness of Agent Orange-related kidney failure at the age of 68. He was born in Peabody, Massachusetts on November 29, 1940 to the late John E. and Genevieve "Marie" (Sylvester) Weinburgh. He attended schools in Peabody. He served in the United States Army reaching the rank of Sergeant during the Vietnam War. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Lynn Chapter #908**. Mr. Weinburgh was employed as a punch press operator at the General Electric, Riverworks Plant for many years until he retired in 1999. After retiring he worked part time for the North Shore Spirit, and the North Shore Navigators. He was a member of the Louis Barrett Association. He loved children, enjoyed playing bingo, was an avid

Red Sox fan, and former season ticket holder. He is survived by two brothers, Robert Weinburgh of Peabody, William Weinburgh of Prince Edward Island, Canada; many nieces and nephews, and many great-nieces and nephews. He was also brother of the late Carol Turner Tupper, Raymond and John E. Weinburgh. **ARRANGEMENTS:** Dave's funeral will be held at the Calvary Christian Church, 47 Grove St., Lynnfield on Thursday at 11 a.m. to which relatives and friends are invited to attend. Visiting hours will be on Wednesday at the Parker Funeral Home, 35 Franklin St., Lynn from 4 to 8 p.m. Please make memorial donations to St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105.

**JOHN R. WEIR III** – Died Monday, July 20, 2009 in Foxboro, Massachusetts at the age of 60. The cause of death was cancer. He was born May 12, 1949. He is survived by his mother, Nancy A. Mailing of Foxboro. He served In the United States Army with a tour of duty in Vietnam. He retired after 20 years on July 31, 1988. He was an *At-Large Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Massachusetts**.

**JAMES MICHAEL WHITTEN** - Died Friday, June 26, 2009 in Sinton, Texas at the age of 66. The cause of death was heart disease. He was born on November 11, 1942 in Sinton, Texas to the late James and Isabel Whitten. He is survived by his wife, Helen, his children, Allison of Houston and William of Kerrville, Texas and his sister, Susan Edwards of Corpus Christi, Texas. Jim was a 1960 graduate of Odem High School, a 1964 graduate of the University of Texas, and a 1966 graduate of the University of Texas School of Law. After graduating from law school he joined the United States Air Force, where he attained the rank of Captain. Jim served as a JAG and reparations officer during the Vietnam War. After returning from Vietnam in 1970, Jim opened the Law Offices of James M. Whitten in Sinton. In 1983 he opened an office in Corpus Christi. Jim loved the practice of law and practiced in South Texas for 43 years. Jim was a Fellow of the State Bar of Texas and a member of the Corpus Christi and San Patricio Bar Associations. He also served as Chairman of the District 11-B Grievance Committee from 1983-1988 and City Attorney for the city of Odem. Jim was a loving father and husband. His love of life, wisdom, and guidance will be greatly missed by all of his family members and friends. Visitation for family and friends will be from 5-7 p.m. on Tuesday, June 30, 2009, at Resthaven Funeral Home, 606 S. San Patricio, Sinton, Texas. A graveside service will be held at the Sinton Cemetery at the intersection of State Highway 188 and Cemetery Road, Sinton, Texas, at 10:00 a.m. on Wednesday, July 1, 2009.

**BILLY J. WOHLFIEL** – Died Thursday, December 18, 2008 in Montgomery, Alabama at the age of 67. The cause of death is unknown. He was born May 21, 1941. He is survived by his wife. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Birmingham Chapter #416**.

**EDWARD CHARLES WOODLAND** -Died Sunday, August 9, 2009 in the Center for Compassionate Care Hospice in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania at the age of 60. He was a resident of Pottstown, Pennsylvania. The cause of death was cancer. He was born in Boyertown, Pennsylvania on May 27, 1949 to Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Woodland, of Rehrersburg, Pennsylvania. In addition to his parents, he is survived by his wife, Rosemary; stepson Michael Haflin, at home; stepdaughter

Meredith Haflin of Marlton, N.J.; and brothers Robert Woodland of Reading and Glenn Woodland of Boyertown. Mr. Woodland, a graduate of Boyertown High School, served in the United States Air Force in Vietnam in Air Rescue. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Pottstown Chapter #565**. Until illness forced him to retire, Mr. Woodland worked as an aircraft mechanic for Fare Share at the Pottstown/Limerick Airport. A memorial service will be held at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, Aug. 22, 2009, at the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Memorial Park in Pottstown. Dr. Marvin Marsh, of the First Baptist Church in Pottstown, will officiate. In case of inclement weather, the service will be held at the Elks Club on High Street in Pottstown.

**DONALD J. WOODS** – Died Monday, July 27, 2009 in Chewelah, Washington at the age of 70. The cause of death was renal and heart failure. He was born July 18, 1939 in Steamboat Springs, Colorado. He is survived by his wife of 25 beautiful years, Virginia Woods, of Spokane, Washington. He served in the United States Army from December 1957 to January 1966 during the Vietnam War. He was an *At-Large Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Washington**.

**DAVID WILLIAM ZINN** – Died recently in 2009 in Terra Alta, West Virginia at the age of 58. The cause of death is unknown. He was born August 12, 1951. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Fairmont Chapter #874**.

**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 PHIL SALOIS, M.S.