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WILLIAM CURTIS "Bill" ANDERSON - Died Sunday, November 7, 2010 in Lincoln, Park, Michigan at the age of 63. The cause of death was Diabetes Mellitus, severe coronary artery disease and severe neuromuscular neuropathy (caused by Charcot Marie Tooth). He was born February 23, 1947 in Detroit, Michigan to the late Carl C. Anderson and the late Ronnie (née Sauls) Anderson. In addition to his parents, he was also predeceased by his first wife, Rose Anne Borowski and his sister, Betty DePalma. He was the beloved husband of Donna; loving father of Carl (Stephanie) Anderson and Shannon Ford; dearest grandpa of Caitlyn Pitman; brother of Roger (Loretta) Anderson. He was a 1965 graduate of Lincoln Park High School and then joined the United States Army during the Vietnam era. He served with the 24th Infantry as a personnel specialist. Upon completion of his military obligation, he was employed for Brinks as a guard. Bill was a 25 year member of the American Legion. He served at Post 67 for 5 terms as Commander. He was 16th District Commander, went on to be elected to the State as Finance Officer 2004-2006, and then to the high office of State Commander 2008-2009. Bill was also a member of the 40/8 Voyager 1002. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Dearborn Chapter #267**. Funeral services were conducted at the Michigan Memorial Funeral Home and interment was in the Michigan Memorial Park in Flat Rock, Michigan.

CHARLES LEE ATTAWAY – Died Saturday, October 22, 2011 in Texarkana, Texas at 66 years of age. The cause of death was cardiac arrest. He was born November 11, 1944 in Fouke, Arkansas to the late James Albert Attaway and Clara Lou (née Ogburn) Attaway. Charles Attaway was a member of First Baptist Church (Agape Sunday School Class) and a member of the Texarkana area Military Officers Association of America. He attended college at the Louisiana State University and earned a Bachelor's Degree from the University of Texas – Arlington. He earned his doctoral degree from the University of Houston Law School where he graduated with the highest honors and was Chief Member of the Order of the Barons. He earned a post-doctoral degree in Military Law from the University of Virginia. He served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Texarkana (Texas) Chapter #278**. He was respected in the community as an attorney and retired United States Magistrate Judge for the Eastern District of Texas and Western District of Arkansas. He retired at the rank of Colonel after serving 27 years in the military. He was a former Staff Judge Advocate General for the State of Texas, serving as a military judge for the Texas National Guard. He was licensed to practice law before the Texas Supreme Court, the Arkansas Supreme Court, the United States Supreme Court and the United States Court of Military Appeals. He was a Life Fellow of the Texas Bar Foundation. He was a member, and former president, of the Texarkana Bar Association and former president of the Mesquite, Texas Bar Association. He moved back to the Texarkana area as an Assistant District Attorney for Bowie County in 1978 and practiced law in Texarkana until his death. He held many other military, legal and community leadership roles. He held a deep love for God, his Country, his family and the LSU Tigers. He was a kind and generous soul who overcame some of the most difficult hardships of his early life. He was preceded in death by his father, James Albert Attaway, his mother, Clara Lou Ogburn Attaway, his brother, Gerald "Jerry" Dean Attaway, and his sister, Maureen Attaway Robertson. He is survived by his best friend and wife of 40 years, Penny Catherine Robinson Attaway; his loving children, Josh Attaway (and his wife, Brandy) and Sarah Attaway Ross (and her husband, Kevin); his grandchildren and pride and joy were KJ Ross and Presley Kate Attaway. He is also survived by his mother-in-law, Fay Robinson, his brother, James Albert Attaway, Jr. (and his wife Sally); his sisters, Eula Attaway Keese, Clarice "Pat" Attaway Allen, and Margaret "Maggie" Attaway (his sister-in-law). He leaves behind a large number of loved nieces, nephews and great-nieces and nephews. Visitation will be at Texarkana Funeral Home-Texas Boulevard on Monday, October 24, 2011 from 6pm-8pm. Services will be at First Baptist Church, Moores Lane, Texarkana, Texas on Tuesday, October 25, 2011 at 2p.m. Graveside services will follow at Fouke Cemetery after which a reception will be held at the Fouke Community Center.



RAYMOND HOWARD AURINGER – Died Tuesday, January 18, 2011 in Hannibal, New York at the age of 69. He was formerly from Tennessee. The cause of death was pulmonary emboli, bronchogenic carcinoma and chronic obstructive pulmonary disorder. He was born March 24, 1941 in Parish, New York to the late Andrew H. and Mamie A. (née Hubbard) Auringer. He

served in the United States Army from February 19, 1968 to February 11, 1971 with two overseas tours of duty – one in Vietnam and one in Germany with the artillery. He was an *At-Large Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Florida**. He was a member of the Disabled American Veterans, American Legion, VFW and the Black Horse Division Association. He was predeceased by his brothers, Burton and Stanley Auringer. He is survived by his wife, Doris Lee (née Arnold) Auringer, Oswego, New York; step-children, Jim Baldwin, Wanda Lacelle, Teresa Cronk; sisters, Lindsley and Lillian; ten grandchildren; four great-grandchildren, and; several nieces and nephews. Calling hours were Saturday 2:00 to 4:00 PM with a 4:00 PM service to immediately follow at Foster Funeral Home, 837 Cayuga Street, Hannibal.

THOMAS G. BAKER – Died Wednesday, November 2, 2011 in Flushing, New York. The cause of death is unknown. He served in the United States Army in the Vietnam with the First Air Cavalry Division. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Queens Chapter #32**. He was the beloved husband of the late Deborah K. Loving father of Jennifer and Konstantinos Gitakis; cherished son of Joseph and Helen; dear brother of Margaret Abbott, Joseph, Gerard, James and John; devoted brother-in-law, uncle cousin and friend. Arrangements were at the Frederick Funeral Home of Flushing, Northern Boulevard, 193rd Street. Visiting hours were Monday and Tuesday 2:00-5:00 PM and 7:00-9:00 PM. Funeral Mass was Wednesday 9:30 AM at Saint Nicholas of Tolentine Roman Catholic Church. Interment was in Mount Saint Mary's Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, the family requested that you please make your donations to Vietnam Veterans of America, 8719 Colesville Rd., Suite 100, Silver Spring, MD 20910 in loving memory of Thomas.

ALBERT BARTOLUZZI, JR. - of Wallkill, NY, Died Friday, December 2, 2011, at home in Wallkill, New York at the age of 64. He was born in Tarrytown, New York on September 7, 1947 to the late Margaret Subasavage and Albert Bartoluzzi, Sr. Al was a Vietnam veteran who served in the United States Marine Corps and an avid fisherman who spent many hours with his son fly fishing. He is survived by his wife, Effie Carr-Bartoluzzi; his son, Joshua Bartoluzzi; his step daughters, Melissa McMann and Amber Carr; and his sisters, Barbara Verzi of Croton, NY, and Delores Moscarello of Texas. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Pleasantville Chapter #49**. The family requests that any donations be sent to the following Veteran support groups: Project Healing Waters, P.O. Box 695, LaPlata, Maryland 20646; Wounded Warriors Project, P.O. Box 758517, Topeka, Kansas 66675 or Vietnam Veterans of America, 8719 Colesville Road, Suite 100, Silver Spring, Maryland 20910. Funeral services were private. For directions or condolences please visit wallkillfuneralhome.com. Arrangements were made by Wallkill Funeral Home.

DAVID CURTIS BEAKES – Died Monday, September 12, 2011 in Lake City, Florida at the age of 64. The cause of death was cardiorespiratory failure and metastatic bladder cancer. He was born October 5, 1946 in Englewood, New Jersey to the late Francis Cleveland Beakes and the late Eleanor Louise (née Eagle) Beakes. He is survived by his wife, Sandra Lee Beakes. He served in the United States Air Force and retired at the rank of Master Sergeant (E-8). He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Woodbridge (Virginia) Chapter #617**. His cremains were interred in the Forest Lawn Crematory in Lake City, Florida.

W. JOSEPH BEGGS – Died recently in 2011 in Jarrettsville, Maryland at the age of 63. The cause of death is unknown. He was born May 2, 1948. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Bel Air Chapter #588**.

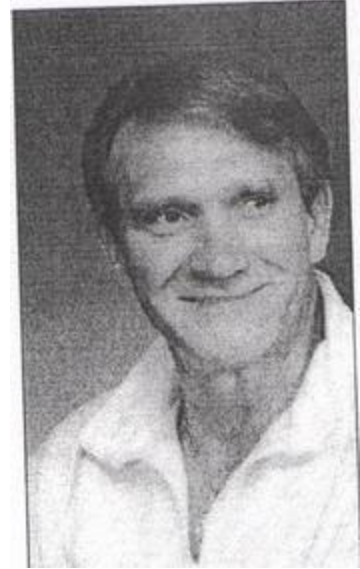


LARRY JOE BELLMYER - Died Friday, October 14, 2011 in Fort Smith, Arkansas at the age of 68. The cause of death was heart failure. He was born February 20, 1943 in Copan, Oklahoma. He was retired Manager of Aero Space Mechanics at Johnson Space Center in Clear Lake City, TX. He was an Army Veteran of the Vietnam War 1966-1968. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Fort Smith Chapter #467**. Visitation was Monday, October 17, 2011, from 4:00 PM – 6:00 PM at Edwards Funeral Home. Burial was at a later date at Fort Smith National Cemetery under the direction of Edwards Funeral Home. He is survived by his companion Barbara King and his family Troy Bellmyer, Velinda Shirley, Whitlie Bellmyer, Wesley Bellmyer, Taylor Shirley and James Shirley. In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to the River Valley Veterans National Cemetery Association, Inc., PO Box 5263, Fort Smith, Arkansas 72913.



CAPTAIN ROBERT S. "Bob" BLADE – Died Tuesday, March 22, 2011 from Hope Hospice North in Cape Coral, Florida at the age of 68. The cause of death was cancer. He was born in Saint Paul, Minnesota on July 28, 1942 to the late Robert Donald "Bud" Blade and Margaret, his mother who survives him. He was also predeceased by his only daughter Lynda Colleen Blade (Vierling). In addition to his mother Margaret, he is also survived by his son Mark; ex-wife Marsha (Densmore); along with grandchildren, Colleen Thomas (Vierling), Blake Vierling, Tara Vierling; and great granddaughters, Heather and Lindsey Thomas. He served in the United States Navy during the Vietnam War. In May of 1963 Bob was a NAVCAD earning his wings at Pensacola NAS. He served in the Pacific and Antarctic, flying airplanes and helicopters. He began his career at Northwest Airlines in October 1968, retiring March 2, 2000. He received his Baccalaureate degree from Metropolitan State University in 1975. He was a **donor** of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Minnesota**. Bob was a Life Member of the VFW, and belonged to the Forest Lake Sportsman's Club. He truly enjoyed living and playing on the water, whether it be in Minnesota on the lakes and rivers or the Pacific and the Gulf of Mexico. A Celebration of his life will be 1:00-4:00 p.m., Saturday, June 11, 2011 at Mattson Funeral Home, 343 North Shore Drive, Forest Lake.

JOHN CARL “Johnny” BLAYLOCK, SR. - Died Wednesday, April 20, 2011 at the Veterans Administration Medical Center in Durham, North Carolina after a long and brave fight against cancer at the age of 62. He was a resident of Princeton, West Virginia. He was born November 16, 1948, “Johnny” was the oldest child of Carl Buster Blaylock and Neville Mullens. Maternal grandparents were Rose and Kelly Mullens and paternal grandparents were Ethel and Larry Blaylock. John was a lifelong resident of West Virginia and had lived in Mercer County for the last 19 years. He is predeceased by his parents, grandparents and a sister, Shirley Minier of Michigan. Precious dogs Boomer (a Sheltie) and Princess (a Collie) will also be waiting for Johnny in Heaven. Johnny is survived by his loving and dedicated wife Louise Beverly Blaylock of Pisgah Road, Princeton who has been by his side for 25 years. Other survivors include a son, John Carl “J.C.” Blaylock Jr., and a daughter, Carla Akers both of Bluefield; a sister, Violet Sizemore of Morrisville, Tennessee; three brothers: Chester (Linda), Billy “Hobo” (Cathy), and Michael all of Bluefield; three grandchildren: 10-year-old James Isaiah Rutledge and eight-year-old Autumn Raine Rutledge of Wytheville, Virginia and four year-old Jason Akers of Bluefield. Also, left behind are loyal and beloved dogs BJ (a Sheltie) and Blackjack (a Shih Tzu). Johnny was a member of Rich Creek Baptist Church. He worked at the Capels Coal Mine for 14 years and later worked at the Princeton Post Office and the Princeton Detention Center. He was a very patriotic United States Army veteran and proudly served in the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Blue-Grey (Princeton) Chapter #628**, the American Legion and the United Mine Workers of America. He loved spending time with family, friends, Vietnam veterans and his dogs. A special dog Boomer echoed his master’s patriotism by serving as a guard dog for the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall when it passed through this area. Visitation was held on Friday, April 22 from 6:00 PM until 8:00 PM at the Cravens-Shires Funeral Home Chapel in Bluewell. The funeral service was conducted by Reverend Ralph Calfee on Saturday, April 23 at 11:00 AM at the same location. Entombment will follow at Woodlawn Memorial Park. Military Graveside Honors will be conducted by the West Virginia Honor Guard and the Mercer County Veterans’ Council. Friends will serve as pall bearers. In lieu of flowers, the family requests contributions be made to the Vietnam Veterans of America or the Humane Society.



JERRY L. BOAN – Died recently in 2011 in Jonesboro, Arkansas. The cause of death is unknown. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was an *At-Large Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – South Carolina**.

MELVIN GLENN “Sonny” BOHRER II – Died Monday, September 12, 2011 at the Western Maryland Regional Medical Center in Cumberland, Maryland at the age of 61. The cause of death was hypertension and Diabetes Mellitus Type II. He was born October 4, 1949 in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, to the late Melvin Glenn Bohrer, Sr. and Virginia (née Coffman) Bohrer. He was also preceded in death by his grandparents, Carl and Floya Coffman, and George and Regina Bohrer. He was a graduate of Oldtown High School. He is survived by

his wife, Margaret Bohrer, of Cumberland; his sons, Melvin G. Bohrer III and Carl N. Bohrer, both of Cumberland; a stepson; and his grandchildren. Sonny is also survived by his brother, Mark G. Bohrer and his wife Sharon, of Summit Point, West Virginia; his sisters, Connie J. Largent and her husband Doug, of Berlin, Maryland, Belva B. Parker and her husband Michael, of Cumberland, and Karla A. Snyder and her husband Larry, of Richmond, Virginia; his ex-wife and friend, Betty Bohrer; his aunt, Betty Coffman, both of Cumberland; as well as numerous nieces, nephews, and cousins. He served in the United States Navy from 21 January 1969 to 20 October 1970 during the Vietnam War on the USS Northampton. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Cumberland Chapter #172**. At Sonny's request, his body was donated to the Maryland Anatomy Board. A memorial service will be conducted at a later date. The family would like to express their gratitude to the Cardiovascular Unit for their care and compassion during Sonny's time at the hospital.

JACOB ROSS "Jake" BREWER (CSM, Ret.) - Died Tuesday, July 5, 2011 at the VA Medical Center-Chillicothe, Ohio a few days after his 87th birthday. The cause of death is unknown. Jake was born on July 1, 1924 to the late Paul and Edith Brewer. He is preceded in death by his parents, his wife, Betty Jane Mongan Brewer, and his sister, Carrie Brewer. He is survived by one sister and brother-in-law, Jane and Harold Newell, Fort Worth, TX; son and daughter-in-law, Randy and Jeanette Brewer, Grove City; son and daughter-in-law, David and Patricia Brewer, Columbus; and daughter and son-in-law, Rebecca and Miles Barrett, Altamont Springs, FL; 5 grandchildren and 3 great grandchildren. Jake enlisted in the United States Army in spring of 1942 and served as a Combat Medic in the 65th division, World War II, and 2nd Division Korea. He retired from active duty in 1965 after 25 ½ years. He has been honored with the Bronze Star and Combat Medic Award, and earned a Purple Heart in Korea. He was inducted in the Ohio Veterans Hall of Fame in 1992. He received the Congressional Medal of Honor Plaque in 2000 from Ronald Rosser. In 2010, the Port Columbus USO Lounge was renamed the Jake Brewer USO Lounge in honor of this man's dedication to military personnel and their families. In 1962, Jake Brewer's final orders were to join as many organizations as possible and to be the spokesperson for the Ohio National Guard. He has been carrying out those orders for the last 49 years. Jake was an active member of Faith Lutheran Church in Whitehall. He was an independent insurance provider and small business owner. He was a Trustee of the Central Ohio Kidney Foundation, a former scout master, past president of the Whitehall Parent Teacher Association, and a member of the Columbus, Ohio, Fraternal Order of Police. Jake was a member and past president of Kiwanis International and Whitehall Kiwanis, holding many offices and awards. Jake participated in Charity Newsies and was a member of Disabled American Veterans and a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Worthington Chapter #670**. Jake was a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) and held offices at the local VFW Post 8794, Whitehall, OH, state and national levels. Jake was a member of the American Legion and served post 490, Whitehall, OH, holding many offices at all levels. Jake was a member of the American Legions' 40 and 8 program, a distinguished member of the Military Order of the Cootie and a Past Seam Squirrel of Pup Tent #40 (Vin White Cedar). He was a Past Senior Vice Commander of the Department of Ohio Military Order of the Purple



Heart. Above all Jake Brewer was a strong advocate of the American Flag and how to honor our country by pledging our allegiance to the flag, our country and our service men and women who fight for our freedoms. He was a man of conviction making friends and enemies with local, state and national politicians and policy makers advocating for Veterans and their families. He will be missed by his family, his friends, and his community of influence. Friends may call Thursday 6-8 PM and Friday 2-4 & 6-8 PM EVANS FUNERAL HOME 4171 E. Livingston Ave. Funeral service Saturday 10:00 AM Faith Lutheran Church 730 Collingwood Ave. Pastor Eric Moehring officiating. Entombment was in Forest Lawn Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to the USO of Central Ohio.

ROBERT E. BRUNELL – Died recently in Townsend, Delaware at the age of 64. The cause of death is unknown. He was born November 27, 1947. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Phoenixville (Pennsylvania) Chapter #436**.



STEPHEN C. CARLSON - Died Monday, December 12, 2011, at his residence in Rock Island, Illinois at the age of 62. The cause of death is unknown. Stephen was born July 6, 1949, in Rock Island, the son of Julius and Cora Mae Russell Carlson. He married Merrie Kay Dunne on December 31, 1991, in Palm Beach, Florida. Stephen was a decorated veteran of Vietnam War, receiving the Combat Infantryman Badge (CIB) and Bronze Star Medal. He worked in Internal Operations at Continental Airlines, O'Hare Airport, Chicago, for 20 years. He was a member of the Rock Island Boat Club, enjoyed riding his bike, traveling, being with family and friends and was an avid Chicago Cubs and Bears fan. He was a member of **Vietnam Veteran of America – Quad Cities Chapter #299**. He is survived by his wife, Merrie Kay; daughter, Jessica Carlson;

sisters and brothers-in-law, Dianne (Nelson) Pana, Pearl City, Hawaii, Sharon (Gen) Miyashiro, Hawaii, and Nancy (Eddie) Han, Pearl City, Hawaii; uncles, Gary (Mary) Kerofsky, Moline, and Mike (Sharon) Kerofsky, Moline; aunt, Donna Lawhorn, Moline; and 14 nieces and nephews. Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Friday, December 16, 2011, at DeRoo Funeral Home. Msgr. Dale Wellman, pastor of Sacred Heart Church, Moline, will officiate. Visitation is Thursday from 4 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home. Burial will be at National Cemetery, Rock Island, where military rites will be conducted by the Quad-City Vietnam Veterans Chapter 299. Memorials may be made to a favorite charity.

NANCY G. (née Brady) CAVAN - Died on Friday, November 18, 2011 at her home in Blue Bell, Pennsylvania, lovingly surrounded by her family. She was 64 years of age and a former resident of West Conshohocken, Pennsylvania. The cause of death is unknown. She was born on February 23, 1947 daughter of Grace (née McBride) Brady and the late Francis J. Brady. She was the beloved wife of Todd Cavan for 42 years. Nancy attended St. Gertrude's Catholic Grade

School in West Conshohocken and graduated from St. Matthew High School, Class of 1965. She was employed by Hewlett Packard Corporation, before retiring in 1992. After retiring, Nancy stayed extremely active in various organizations, while taking care of her immediate and extended families. As a member of **Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America - Philadelphia Chapter #590**, Nancy was instrumental in organizing many fund raising events for the Chapter. She enjoyed traveling, shopping and trips to the Jersey Shore, but most of all, Nancy enjoyed her family and was passionate about genealogy associated with her Irish Heritage. In addition to her husband and mother, Nancy is survived by her sister Carol Lorenz and her husband Leo of Glenside; three brothers, Lawrence, his wife Debra of Trappe, Robert, his wife Dorothy of Collegeville and Gerald, his wife Joan of Ambler; many nieces and nephews; her best friends, Julia and Rita. Relatives and friends paid their respects on Tuesday evening, November 22nd, from 6:00-8:00 PM at the William A. Moore Funeral Home, 708 Fayette St., Conshohocken and on Wednesday morning, November 23rd from 9:30-10:25 AM at St. Helena Roman Catholic Church, Dekalb Pike and Yost Rd., Blue Bell. A funeral mass will commence in the church at 10:30 a.m. Interment, St. Augustine Cemetery in King of Prussia.



JOHN TETSUO CHRISTIANSEN - Died Sunday, December 4, 2011, at Trinity Pathway Hospice, Bettendorf, Iowa at the age of 59. He was a resident of Davenport, Iowa. The cause of death was accidental carbon monoxide poisoning caused by an improperly installed roof vent. He was born on February 2, 1952, in Okinawa, Japan, the son of George and Haruko (née Ishikawa) Christiansen. He proudly served our country in the United States Army during the Vietnam War. He was united in marriage to Donna Vieger on July 11, 1982, at St. Anthony's Church. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Quad Cities Chapter #299**. John had been a Logistics Management Specialist and then a Tech Contract Price Analyst at the Rock Island Arsenal, retiring in August 2011 following 34 years of service. He was an avid golfer who was able to play at his dream course Pebble Beach in July of this year. His career at the Arsenal enabled him to travel the

world to Germany, Egypt and Japan, to name just a few. He had coached his sons in soccer in earlier years and enjoyed spending time with them. Memorials may be made to the family for a memorial to be established at a later date. Survivors include his wife, Donna Christiansen; their three sons, Nathaniel Christiansen, Nagano, Japan, and Shane Christiansen and Kyle Christiansen, both of Davenport; sisters and brothers-in-law, Rose and Jerry Davies, Winterset, Iowa, Theresa and Mark Berendes, Blue Grass, MaryAnne and Paul Waters, Ft. Wayne, Ind., and Dianne and Greg Searle, Deerfield, Wis.; his brother-in-law and sister-in-law, Jerry and Michelle Vieger, Davenport; as well as numerous nieces and nephews. Funeral services and a Mass of Christian Burial for John T. Christiansen, 59, a resident of Davenport, will be 10 a.m. Friday, December 9, 2011, at St. Anthony's Catholic Church, Davenport. Military graveside services will

be conducted by Quad Cities Vietnam Veterans Post 299. Visitation will be Thursday from 5 to 8 p.m. at Halligan-McCabe-DeVries Funeral Home.



LYLE L. COLE - Died Sunday, December 4, 2011 after a courageous battle with kidney cancer, at Trinity Medical Center, Rock Island, Illinois. He was a resident of Moline, Illinois and 67 years of age. He was born on October 30, 1944 in Moline, a son of Lyle R. Cole and Thelma Seger Cole. He married Sherri Smith on November 23, 1990 in Rock Island. Mr. Cole worked as a police officer at the Rock Island Arsenal for over 30 years. He retired from the Rock Island Arsenal Police Department in September of 2010. Lyle was a United States Marine Corps Vietnam veteran. His memberships include Grace Bible Fellowship Church, Moline, a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Quad Cities Chapter # 299**, Moline VFW Post No. 2056, A.F.G.E. Local No. 2119, where he had served as the First Vice President, Marine Corps League and the Rock Island Elks Lodge No. 980, where he served as a trustee. Survivors include his wife, Sherri; daughter, Leslie Ann Cole (Kris Hay),

Waterloo; grandson, Kaiden Hay; sister, Ruth Harrison, Fulton; step mother, Dorcas Cole, Erie; mother in law, Eva Smith; Moline; sisters in law, Cathy (Tom) Dreifurst, Moline, Terri (Dan) Hoyt, Barstow; Doreen Jacobs, Ontario, Canada; special friends, Diane and Bob Scott, Silvis and several aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces and nephews. Lyle was preceded in death by his parents. Services for Mr. Cole will be 11 am Thursday at the Wheelan-Pressly Funeral Home, 3030-7th Avenue, Rock Island. Visitation will be Wednesday from 3 pm to 7 pm at the funeral home. Burial will be in the Erie Cemetery, where military honors will be held. Memorials may be made to the family or to the Ladies Ministry of Grace Bible Fellowship Church, Moline.



JAMES WILLIAM CROWE (1SG-Ret.) - Died Thursday October 27, 2011 at his home in Kingsport, Tennessee at the age of 81. The cause of death was Congestive Heart Failure. He was born on August 9, 1930 in Kingsport, Tennessee. He retired from the United States Air Force following 28 years of service as a First Sergeant. James was a former member of Emmanuel United Methodist Church in Bradenton, Florida where he served as a Lay Leader for 10 years. Following retirement from the USAF he was employed by Florida Job Service for 27 years. James was Past Commander of VFW

Post #10141 and Past Commander of VFW Dist. 10 in Florida. He was a life member of Hillcrest Lodge #397, Grand Lodge A.F.M. of South Carolina, American Legion Post 2012 in Maryville, Tennessee. He was also a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Kingsport Chapter #979** and a life member of DAV of Manatee County, Florida. Survivors include his wife of 38

years, Mae S. (née Landis) Crowe; six children; fourteen grandchildren; one great grandchild; several nieces and nephews. The family received friends from 10:30 AM to Noon on Monday October 31, 2011 at Carter-Trent Funeral Home, 520 Watauga Street, Kingsport. Memorial contributions may be made to Emmanuel UMC, 5115 Cortez Rd W., Bradenton, Florida 34210.

JOSEPH B. CUNNINGHAM – Died in 2009 in Minnetonka, Minnesota at the age of 61. The cause of death is unknown. He was born August 18, 1948. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Mankato Chapter #999**.



JOHN C. "Jack / Moe" DESCUTNER, JR. - Died Wednesday, November 23, 2011 in Conneaut Lake, Pennsylvania at the age of 65. He was formerly from Moon Township, Pennsylvania. The cause of death was a heart attack caused by a pancreatitis attack. He was born April 15, 1946 in Canonsburg, Pennsylvania. He was a United States Army Ranger in Vietnam, an N.C.A.A., and a P.I.A.A. football official. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America –**

Beaver Falls Chapter #862. He was the beloved husband of Louise J. (née Farkas) Descutner; father of Joy Lee (fiancé John Borchert) Descutner; brother of Mary Catherine (Tom) Garrett and William H. Descutner; brother-in-law of Joseph T. (Jan) Farkas; son-in-law of Joseph S. Farkas; five nieces and nephews and six great-nieces and nephews. Friends will be received from 2-4 and from 6-8 p.m. Saturday and Sunday at Nation Funeral Home, Inc., 220 E. Lincoln Ave., McDonald. Services will be held at a time to be announced on Monday, November 28 at Calvary Center of McDonald Presbyterian Church, W. Lincoln Ave. and Station St., McDonald. Family and friends will meet for the service at the church and burial will follow in National Cemetery of the Alleghenies. Masonic services will be held 3:00 p.m. Saturday. The family suggests memorials be made to Vietnam Veterans of America, www.vva.org/support. Online condolences, photos and additional information are available at: www.nationfuneralhome.com.

JOHN J. DiMAIO – Died Monday, December 12, 2011 at the VA Medical Center in Miami, Florida at the age of 62. He was a resident of Miami. The cause of death was Agent Orange-related cancer. He was born March 25, 1949 in New York City, New York. He served in the United States Marine Corps during the Vietnam War with a tour from 1970 to 1971. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Miami Chapter #670**.

ROBERT V. "Bob" DRYOEL – Died Friday, April 15, 2011 in Davenport, Iowa at the age of 89. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in 1922. He served in the United States Navy during World War II. He was a *Life Member* of **Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America – Quad Cities (Rock Island, Illinois) Chapter #299**. He was one the first Associate members of the Chapter and joined to honor his son, Donald Dryoel who was killed in Vietnam on April 23, 1966.

DONALD DUSTMAN – Died Tuesday, August 9, 2011 in Carson City, Nevada at the age of 75. The cause of death is unknown. He was born April 26, 1936. He served in the United States

Navy as a Chief Petty Officer during the Vietnam War. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Carson City Chapter #719**.



DENNIS ROBERT EATON - Died Friday, December 30, 2011 in Central Falls, Rhode Island at the age of 64. He was formerly from South Attleboro, Massachusetts. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Woonsocket, Rhode Island on October 21, 1947 to the late James E. and Claire R. (née Remy) Eaton, he resided in South Attleboro for thirty-four years until moving to Central Falls four months ago. He was the cherished husband of Viola “Vi” (née Mathis) Eaton for thirty-seven years. He was a Vietnam War United States Army veteran, and a member of the Disabled American Veterans and the South Attleboro VFW. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – James Michael Ray Memorial (Lincoln) Chapter #818**. Dennis was employed by AT & T as a communication technician for 37 years until retiring in 2001, and then continued with the company as a part-time consultant until 2006. He was the father of two incredible human beings, the late Melissa Anne Eaton, and Patrick Leslie Eaton of Greenville, RI. He was the doting grandfather to his most beloved Abigail Melissa Eaton of South Attleboro, as well as a devoted friend to her cherished mother, Ms. Kendra Botelho of Attleboro. Besides his loving wife and son, he is survived by his sister, Jane Gagne and her husband, Roland of Burrillville; three brothers and their wives, Alan and Lucienne Eaton of North Smithfield, David and Annette Eaton of North Attleboro and Gregory and Deborah Eaton of Thompson, CT. He is also survived by his mother-in-law, Minnie Lee Wambolt of Taunton, and many nieces and nephews. VISITATION will be held on Monday from 4 to 7 p.m. at William W. Tripp Funeral Home, 1008 Newport Avenue, Pawtucket, Rhode Island. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on Tuesday at 11:00 AM in Saint Theresa of the Child Jesus Church, 18 Baltic Street, South Attleboro. Burial with Military Honors followed at Swan Point Cemetery, Blackstone Boulevard, Providence. Memorial gifts to the Christian Children’s Fund in his name will be appreciated. www.TrippFuneralHome.com.



RICHARD ERNEST “Dick” ELVIN - Died Saturday, July 9, 2011 in Massillon, Ohio with his family by his side. He was 71 years of age. The cause of death was a severe pancreatic infection. Richard was born May 18, 1940 in Elwood, Indiana, the son of the late Ernest and Florence Elvin. He grew up in Indiana and Connecticut. Richard held a degree in ceramic engineering from Alfred University in New York. He served as 2nd LT, United States Army from 1963-1965, and was awarded the Army Commendation Medal for meritorious service as a company commander of the 378th Ordnance Co. in Ft. Irwin, Calif. He worked as a ceramic engineer and later as a retirement planner for Met Life Insurance. Richard and his family resided in NE Ohio for over 30 years, where he was active in his community and church, including service as Trustee on the Board of the Ohio Veterans' Memorial Park and member of Rotary International. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Saint Mary’s’ Chapter #720**. He was a longtime parishioner and choir member of Canal Fulton United Methodist Church. He is survived by his wife, Karen (Stuebe) Elvin to whom he was married for nearly 47 years; daughters, Anne Marie, Kristi, and Kathi; son, Jon; and seven grandchildren, Tyler,

Amber, Jonathan, Kaitlin, Karli, Lexi, and Brigitte. Richard is remembered for his sense of humor, dedication to community, and love of family. In honor of Richard's life, donations can be made to: Ohio Veterans' Memorial Park Clinton, Ohio (www.ovmp.org) The Wilderness Center - Wilmot, Ohio (www.wildernesscenter.org) Affinity Medical Center Massillon, Ohio (www.affinitymedicalcenter.com). Friends may call Thursday from 6 to 8 p.m. at Swigart-Easterling Funeral Home, 624 E. Cherry St., (Rt. 93), Canal Fulton, Ohio. A Memorial Service will be held Friday, July 15, 2011, 4 p.m. at Canal Fulton United Methodist Church, 363 Cherry Street, W, Canal Fulton, Ohio, Rev. Kathryn Moody-Arndt officiating.



GASPER J. FALZONE - of South Setauket, LI Died Sunday, December 11, 2011 in South Setauket, Long Island, New York at the age of 65. The cause of death is unknown. He was born February 26, 1946. He was the beloved husband of Cynthia J. Falzone; loving father of Gabrielle and Matthew; loving son of Joan Falzone; dear brother of Diane, Anthony and Michael. He was a veteran of the

Vietnam War. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Farmingville Chapter #11**. O. B. Davis Funeral Homes, 4839 Nesconset Highway (Route 347), Port Jefferson Station, New York is in charge of arrangements. Visitation was Saturday and Sunday 2:00 – 4:00 PM and 7:00 – 9:00 PM. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at Saint Gerard Majella Roman Catholic Church, Terryville Road, Port Jefferson Station, Long Island on Monday at 9:45 AM. Interment was in the Calverton National Cemetery, Calverton, New York. In lieu of flowers, the family request donations be made to The Veteran's Food Bank and The Shrine of St. Jude.



LARRY D. "Bobby" FANTO, JR. – Died Thursday, July 14, 2011 at Saint Francis House in Syracuse, New York at the age of 86. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Syracuse, in 1925. He served with the United States Marine Corps during WWII and the Korean War. Bobby was employed with Marine Midland Bank for 35 years, retiring in 1987. He was past president and treasurer of South Side Businessmen's Association and the first recipient of "Man of the Year" award. Bobby was a charter and life member of the Korean War Veterans Association and life member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars. He was also a member of the American Legion Valley Post and an *Honorary Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Syracuse Chapter #103**. Bobby was treasurer of the Korea-Vietnam Memorial, member of the Mayor's Veterans Advisory Committee and member of the Marine Corps League. He was a member of Valley Men's Club and a longtime member of the Lincoln-Republican Club. Bobby was chairman of finance committee, an usher at St. James Church and was also a former usher at St. Peter's Church. He was predeceased by his brother, James Fanto, and sisters, Rose Micale, Mary Mento, Louise White, Joanne Fiore and Josephine Lamanna. Bobby is survived by his loving wife of 58 years, Joan R. (Russi) Fanto; two sons, Larry M. (Maria) Fanto of Rome, NY, and Rick D. (Joanne) Fanto of Syracuse; four grandchildren, Michael, Alana, Ricky and Bobby Fanto; and several nieces, nephews and cousins. Funeral services will be 9:45 a.m. Tuesday in Thomas J. Pirro Jr. Funeral

Home, 3401 Vickery Rd., (corner of Buckley Rd.), North Syracuse, NY, and 11 a.m. in St. James Church. Burial will follow in Onondaga County Veterans Cemetery. Family and friends may call 4 to 7 p.m. Monday at the funeral home. Bobby's family wishes to acknowledge Dr. Kenneth Cooper, Dr. Suzanne Lamanna, 4th floor at Community General Hospital, staff at Francis House and Dr. Patsy Iannolo, for their help and support through his illness. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Francis House, 108 Michaels Ave., Syracuse, NY 13208. Express your sympathy at tjpfuneralhome.com Thomas J. Pirro Jr. Funeral Home "FAMILY OWNED".



NALLIE WENDELL "Fitz" FITZGERALD – Died Wednesday, October 5, 2011, at his home in Otho, Iowa at the age of 79. The cause of death was respiratory failure and chronic obstructive pulmonary disorder. He was born on April 10, 1932, in Belgrade, Missouri. Survivors include his wife Mary of Otho; sons John and Joe of Allen, TX; grandson Jason of Littleton CO; sisters, Shirley Brothorn of Park View, MO; Helen Nicholson of Bismark, MO; and Gladys Ferrell of Deslodge, MO. He was preceded in death by his parents. He attended schools in Irondale, MO. At the age of 17 he enlisted with the U.S. Army in 1949. He did his basic training at Camp Chaffee, AR. From there Sarge served 2 tours of duty during the Korean War; where he fought in 9 major battles, receiving 9 Battle Stars; and was involved in countless smaller engagements. In 1956, he was united in marriage to Mary Ewing and the couple made their home in El Paso, TX. Sarge also served tours in Japan, Germany, and Iran. During Vietnam in 1968 Sarge fought in the "TET" Offensive and 2 other major battles. He received 3 more Battle Stars. He was a warrior. While serving with the U.S. Army, Sarge also was a competition shooter at the Fort Bliss Marksmanship Division in Ft. Bliss, TX. He was the recipient of many awards, medals, and trophies. Sarge retired from the Army in 1970 after serving 22 years. He then went to work for the El Paso Western Trade School for Welding for 17 years. The couple moved to Fort Dodge in 1992 and made their home in Otho. He was a life member of N.R.A.; life member of the Texas State Rifle Association, life member of the Disabled American Veterans. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Fort Dodge Chapter #861**. Fitz enjoyed hunting, fishing with his wife Mary, traveling, reading the bible and photography. Funeral services will be held on Saturday, October 8th, at 12:45 pm in the Chapel of the Laufersweiler-Sievers Funeral Home and 1:30 pm at Our Lady of Good Counsel Church, Moorland, with Msgr. Kevin McCoy officiating at the Mass of Christian Burial. Burial will be in St. Joseph's Cemetery, Duncombe, with Full Military Rites. Visitation will be from 5:00 pm until 7:00 pm today, with a Rosary at 5:30 pm, and a Vigil at 7:00 pm all at the funeral home. Memorials may be left to the discretion of the family.



KENNETH J. "Ken" "Mex" FRENCH - Died Wednesday, September 7, 2011, at a Green Bay Wisconsin Hospital. He was a resident of Green Bay. The cause of death was sepsis, pneumonia and Diabetes Mellitus Type II. The son of the late Melville (Chuck) and Florence (née Campbell) French, was

born on May 13, 1949, in Green Bay. Mex served his country in the United States Army during the Vietnam War. He repelled out of helicopters for the 1st/9 Calvary Division. For his service to his country he received many honors; Silver Star, Bronze Star with "V Device" Medal, Air Medal, Army Commendation Medal, National Defense Medal, CIB Infantry Badge and 2 Vietnam Campaign Medals. He loved to celebrate the 4th of July and Labor Day. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Green Bay Chapter #224**. Mex was employed at TNT Pizza Crust for many years. He was a Packer fan and enjoyed sports of all kinds. Mex was a proud member of the Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 224 and the Howard V.F.W. Survivors include his siblings, Margot and Robert Smith, Bellevue; Mildred and Dr. Edward Orman, Minnesota; Marcia and Steve Rienow, Denmark; Muley and Marlene French, De Pere; two aunts, Eva Mae French, Gert Campbell; many nieces, nephews, cousins, relatives and friends. He was preceded in death by his parents; brother, Walter (Whoopie); sister, Mary and Bill Lynch; two nephews. Family and friends may call on Sunday, Sept. 11, 2011, at Cotter Funeral Home, 860 N. Webster Ave., De Pere, from 4 to 8 p.m. Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 224 service at 7 p.m. Visitation will continue on Monday from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m. at the funeral home. Funeral services will be held at 11:30 a.m. on Monday at the funeral home with the Rev. Dr. Ted Tromble officiating. Full Military Rites will be accorded after the funeral service. Online condolences may be expressed to the family at www.cotterfuneralhome.com. In lieu of flowers a memorial fund has been established. A special thank you to the entire staff of St. Vincent Hospital for all of the care and concern given to Mex as well as to Vietnam Veteran Chapter 224 for their assistance.

JOHN M. C. FULLER – Died recently in 2011 in Santa Rosa, California at the age of 84. The cause of death is unknown. He was born March 6, 1927. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Santa Rosa Chapter #223**.



JAMES LEE "Sunny" GARNER – Died Friday, October 28, 2011 in Johns Island, South Carolina at the age of 66. The cause of death was cancer. He was born in North Charleston, South Carolina on September 10, 1945. He served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War and subsequently in the United States Naval Reserves. The relatives and friends of Mr. James Lee "Sunny" Garner and those of his beloved wife, Mrs. Doris L. Garner, his loving children: Charlene Garner, Angela Nelson (Jessie), James La'Shawn Garner and Paul Legare (Quawn), God-daughter, Kartika Singleton, his mother, grandchildren, sisters, brothers, aunts, uncles, a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives and friends are invited to attend his Home-Going Service on Thursday, November 3, 2011, 11:00 AM at Mt. Olive Baptist Church, 2416 Meeting Street Road, Charleston, SC. Interment: Carolina Memorial Gardens. Remains will lie in state at the church on Thursday from 10:00 AM until the time of service. The wake service for Mr. Garner will be held at 6 PM at Mt Olive Baptist Church, where the family will be receiving friends from 7 PM until 8 PM. Final arrangements entrusted to the care of Walker's Mortuary "Chapel of Peace," 3407 Old Pond Road, John's Island, SC, Phone: (843) 559-0341, FAX: (843) 559-3415. Visit our guestbook at www.postandcourier.com/deaths. James "Sunny" Garner was the long time chaplain for **Vietnam Veterans of America – Charleston Chapter #780**. He was also the chaplain

for the James Island VFW, American Legion and DAV. Several chapter members attended the beautiful viewing service on Wednesday evening and the burial service on Thursday. James will be missed - this Veterans Day will not be the same without his beautiful smile. He was a true friend, family man and patriot. To quote this Reverend, he was the kind of man you want in your church or service organization.

GEORGE F. GRAHAM – Died recently in 2011 in Nevada, Texas at the age of 61. The cause of death is unknown. He was born September 15, 1950. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Denton Chapter #920**.



MARTIN ROBERT "Marty" HANDS - Age 61, Died at his retirement home in Rio Rico, Arizona on Monday September 12, 2011 in loving care of family and hospice at the age of 61. The cause of death was Agent Orange-related cancer. He was born in Jackson, Michigan on January 17, 1950 to the late Martin and Virginia Hands. He was also predeceased by his daughter, Heidi Hands; granddaughter, Megan Mileschkowski; and aunt, Elaine. He is survived by his loving wife, Karen; children, Jennifer, Michael and Eric; grandchildren, Heidi, Kaylee, Kasey, Kodee, Hannah and Syndey; siblings, Margie, Dennis and Dale; stepmother, Mary Hands; stepsisters, Wendy and Lisa; uncle John; special friends, Richard Taylor, Richard Walicki, David Herman, Joe Meyer and Ritchie Peck. Marty was a lifelong resident of Jackson, retired from a long successful career at Jim Winter Buick and enjoyed playing golf, Coney islands and mixed beverages. Marty who was a true patriot, served two tours in Vietnam as a United States Marine returning home as a hero. Sadly, he bore the scars of Vietnam and suffered the associated illnesses. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Jackson (Michigan) Chapter #109**. He never forgot his military brothers and sisters dedicating his final years helping other veterans to obtain benefits. For those who knew him, he will be remembered for his loving sense of humor and as a loyal friend to all.

KENNETH HANRAHAN, JR. – Died recently in 2011 in Rosemead, California at the age of 72. The cause of death is unknown. He was born November 5, 1939. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Rosemead Chapter #446**.

CHARLES WARREN "Charlie" HASTINGS – Died Friday, October 21, 2011 in Tucson, Arizona at the age of 72. The cause of death was Agent Orange-related Parkinson's Disease. He was born April 9, 1939 in Anthony, New Mexico to the late Jewel and Lorene Hastings. He is survived by his loving wife of 50 years, Carol and children, Melany Basaran (Oktay), Camila Hastings (Charles), Charlie Hastings (Donna), and John Hastings; sister, Arlene Covington (Don); brother, Jim Hastings; sister-in-law, Jackie Ruck (Harlow); brother-in-law, Maynard Reiling, numerous nieces and nephews, and friends. Charlie was a graduate of Gadsden High School in Anthony, New Mexico, and Colorado State College in Greeley, Colorado. He earned a masters degree from Northern Colorado University. In 1962, he was commissioned as a USAF 2nd Lt. He earned his pilot's wings in 1963 and flew F-4s, F-104s and the F-15 Eagle during his 30 year Air Force

career. He trained with the Army at Ft. Benning, Ga. and was deployed to Vietnam with the Army 7th Cavalry unit in 1965. For his service in Vietnam, he was awarded the Bronze Star and Purple Heart. He served tours of duty in the Middle East, Thailand and at many stateside bases including the United States Air Force Academy and the University of Arizona as faculty. He retired from the Air Force after a long career. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Tucson Chapter #106**. Charlie's account is written up in the Harold G. Moore and Joseph L. Galloway book, *"We Were Soldiers Once and Young: Ia Drang the Battle That Changed the War in Vietnam"* stating that Charlie called in the "Broken Arrow" code word when our troops were being overrun by North Vietnamese Troops in the Ia Drang Valley. On that Christmas Eve, Charlie crashed his observation spotter plane into an abandoned French military cemetery outside of Pleiku. A memorial services were conducted at the Ascension Lutheran Church in Tucson on Friday, December 16, 2011 at 10:00 AM. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations for research to be made to the United States Veterans with Parkinson's organization through their website, USMVP.org, or by mail to USMVP, 2512 W. Gramercy Place, San Antonio, TX 78228. Arrangements were by the Biological Resource Center.

NORMA JEAN HEISTAND - Died Thursday, September 2, 2010, at Community Memorial Hospital in Missouri Valley, Iowa, at the age of 66 years. The cause of death is unknown. She was born September 2, 1944, to the late Lawrence and Rose (née Probasco) Heistand, at her grand-parents' farm. She was raised in the Woodbine, Iowa area and graduated from Woodbine High School in 1962. She then enrolled at the University of Iowa and graduated from there in 1967 with a Bachelors of Science in Nursing. From 1968 to 1970 she served as a Lieutenant in the United States Army Nurse Corps during the Vietnam War. Following her service to her country, Norma's nursing career took her many places and she lived in California, Texas, and Montana before returning closer to home to work in Omaha and then most recently as a charge nurse at Community Memorial Hospital in Missouri Valley, Iowa. Norma was a member of the First Christian Church. She served the city of Woodbine as a City Council Member and volunteered for many events and activities. Norma loved to travel, attend auctions and garage sales and bake for her many friends and relatives. She was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Glenwood Chapter #798**. Norma was preceded in death by her father, Lawrence Heistand; brother, Carl Heistand; and nephew, John Heistand. She is survived by her mother, Rose Heistand of Woodbine, Iowa; five siblings, Norman and Dorothy Heistand of Vinton, Iowa, Rita and Marshall Scichilone of Woodbine, Iowa, Henry and Terri Heistand of Phoenix, Arizona, Diane and Fred White of Neola, Iowa, Margaret and Gary Reihman of Williamsburg, Iowa; sister-in-law, Sherry Heistand of Bellevue Nebraska; eight nephews, three nieces; her beloved dogs, Sandy and Lucy; and many other relatives and friends. The Funeral Service was on Wednesday, September 8, 2010 at 10:30 AM at the First Christian Church Woodbine, Iowa officiated by the Reverend Bill Kanne. The final resting place was in the Woodbine Cemetery, Woodbine, Iowa



TERRY JEAN HEMRY - Died Saturday, October 29, 2011 at the age of 68 with his family at his side. He was a resident of Jerome, Michigan. The cause of death was lung cancer. He was born October 19, 1943 in Jackson, Michigan to the late Raymond and Helen Hemry. Terry is survived by his loving wife, Judith, of 40 years and their four children Martin Hemry, Kellie (Tony) Baker, Stacy (Ron) Gould, and Christine Hemry; six grandchildren, Andrew and Chelsea Hemry, Tyler and Ellie Schiller, and Karlie and Ryan Gould; and three step-grandchildren, Keygan, Devin and Cheyenne Baker. Also surviving are his twin brother Larry, his sisters Jane Gibbs, Evelyn (Bud)

Minder, Eileen (Bill) Stuard and Kathy (Ernie) West and many nieces and nephews. Terry was preceded in death by his parents Raymond and Helen Hemry and his brother David Hemry. After graduating from Vandercook Lake High School in 1962, Terry joined the United States Marine Corps. He served in the 1st Marine Division and in the Vietnam War. Terry retired from USF Holland after ten years of service and began volunteering his time to various community organizations. Terry was currently *President* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Jackson Chapter #109** where he established amazing bonds of friendship with many. The love and devotion both to and from the members of the VVA is unmatched. Terry recently celebrated his 35th year of membership with the Marine Corps League Cascade Detachment. He was a Past Commandant of the Marine Corps League and a former Quartermaster of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 1155. Terry also gave of his time and talents as a member of the Teamster's Retirees Club, and was a strong supporter of Relay For Life. A celebration of his life will take place on Thursday, November 3 at Cornerstone Christian Church, 2395 W. High St. Jackson, MI at 1:00 PM with Pastor Michael Mason officiating. Graveside interment will take place at Hillcrest Cemetery with military honors. Family will receive friends at the Desnoyer Funeral Home on Wednesday from 2:00 to 4:00 and 6:00 to 8:00 PM and at the church one hour prior to the service on Thursday. In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made to Terry's Relay For Life team, Tyler's Eagle Scout Project to honor his grandpa or the Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 109 of Jackson, MI. Contributions may be made at the funeral home or at any Citizen's Bank branch.

DEACON DONALD HERRING - Died Sunday, May 29, 2011 while in Waikiki, Hawaii with his wife of 25 years, Loretta. He was a resident of Adamsville, Alabama and 62 years of age. He suffered a massive heart while competing in the 25th VA Golden Age Games. He was born in Birmingham, Alabama on April 27, 1949. He served in the United States Marine Corps from May 13, 1968 to May 13, 1972 with a tour of duty in Vietnam from January 24, 1969 to August 18, 1969. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Pleasant Grove Chapter #416**. He served as a faithful volunteer with the Birmingham VA Medical Center. Funeral services were conducted on June 8, 2011 at 11:00 AM at the Sardis Baptist Church 1615 4th Court West, Birmingham, 35208, with Dr. T.L. Lewis, officiating. Visitation was on June 7, 2011 at the Westside Funeral Home in Fairfield, Alabama.



GARY STEWART HICKAM - Died Saturday, May 28, 2011, in Amarillo, Texas at the age of 67. The cause of death is unknown. Gary was born February 22, 1944, to the late Stewart and Athel Hickam who survives him in Clayton, New Mexico. He married Brenda Dodson on September 9, 1969, in Amarillo. He was a United States Army Vietnam Veteran and a life member of Disabled Veterans, an *At-Large Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America - Texas** and Veterans of Foreign Wars. He was also a member of the 7th Battalion, 8th Field Artillery Association. He retired as a business agent from UFCW Local 540, Dallas, in 2004. A celebration of his life will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday in Rector Funeral Home Osage Chapel, 2800 S. Osage St., with Larry Hickam, pastor and his brother, officiating. Burial will be in Dreamland Cemetery in Canyon. Arrangements are by Rector Funeral Home. Gary loved his Lord and was a member of Charity Baptist Tabernacle. He loved spending time

with his wife, children and grandchildren knowing they were saved by God's grace. The family would like to express their appreciation for all the prayers and visits from all our loved ones and friends. All the prayers from different church groups were very comforting to us. They would also like to express a special appreciation to BSA Hospice for their care. Gary was preceded in death by his father, Stewart Hickam; a brother, Keith Hickam; and a sister, Billie Marie Hickam. Survivors include his wife of Amarillo; his mother, Athel Hickam of Amarillo; a daughter, Angie Vences and husband Esteban of Amarillo; a son, David Hickam also of Amarillo; a brother, Larry Hickam and wife Esther of Claude; a sister, Norma Curtis Hawkins of Panhandle; five grandchildren, Angela and Steven Vences, Dallas and Tyler Hickam, and Hayden Culpepper all of Amarillo; and numerous nieces and nephews.



HARRY McARTHUR HITTLE - Died Monday, October 17, 2011 at the Manassas Health and Rehab Center in Manassas, Virginia at the age of 69. He was a resident of Nokesville, Virginia. He was born November 11, 1941 to the late Brigadier General James D. Hittle and Edna Jane (née Smith) Hittle. Survivors include his children Marc Hittle and wife Carilyn of Manassas and Marci Flis and husband Jeff of Fairfax; his brother Jim Hittle of Colorado Springs, Colorado and by his grandchildren Kodi Taylor and Haylee Ezzell, William Ezzell, Paige Ezzell, Melissa Flis and Nicole Flis. He was a retired Police Officer for Prince William County Police Department. He was a member of **Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America –**

Woodbridge Chapter #617. The family will receive friends at Pierce Funeral Home, 9609 Center Street, Manassas, VA on Wednesday, October 19, 2011 from 2-4 and 6-8 PM where funeral services will be held on Thursday, October 20, 2011 at 12:30 P.M. Interment Stonewall Memory Gardens. In lieu of flowers the family suggest donations be made to Officer Down Memorial Page, P.O. Box 1047, Fairfax, VA 22038-1047 in memory of Harry Hittle. Condolences may be sent to www.piercefh.com.

CARGER J. HUGHEY - Died Thursday, December 15, 2011 in Rosston, Arkansas at the age of 63. The cause of death is unknown. He was born January 31, 1948. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Magnolia Chapter #808**.

RUSSELL LAWRENCE INMAN II - Died Friday, September 30, 2011 in Ortonville, Michigan at the age of 64. The cause of death was cancer. He was born in Pontiac, Michigan on June 29, 1947 to the late Russ and Sally Lawrence. In addition to his parents, he was also predeceased by his brother, Guy. He is survived by his wife, Janice; son, Michael; daughter, Marilyn; sisters, Denise Shudy and Noreen (Russ) Crossley; also several nieces and nephews. Russ served as a Sergeant (E-4) with the United States Air Force from 1965 to 1969. He was a *Past President* and *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America - Pontiac Chapter #133**. A Committal Service will take place Friday, October 21, 2011, 10:30 AM at Great Lakes National Cemetery (4200 Belford Road, Holly, Michigan). A luncheon will follow at St. Trinity Lutheran Church, 7925 Sashabaw Road, Clarkston, Michigan. Arrangements were entrusted to Coats Funeral Home, Waterford, Michigan.

OWEN ALVIN IVEY (CSM, USA-Ret.) - Died Wednesday, September 21, 2011, at his residence in Gillsville, Georgia following an extended illness. He was 72 years of age. CSM Ivey was born August 4, 1939, in Murrayville, Georgia to the late Carl E. Ivey and Julia Annie (née Helton) Ivey. In addition to his parents, he is also predeceased by a son, Gregory A. Ivey and two sisters, Joyce Collins and Mildred Smith. He served in the United States Army and started basic training in 1959 at Fort Jackson, South Carolina; AIT at Fort Sill, Oklahoma. He retired in 1985 from Fort McPherson, Atlanta, Georgia. While serving in the Army he was awarded the Legion of Merit and Bronze Star medals and many more military medals, citations and commendations. He was presented with the Airborne Jumpmaster and M16A1-Expert Auto-Rifle Badge. He served two tours in Vietnam and four different counter offensive phase campaigns; while in Vietnam he held the ranks of brigade fire support sergeant with the 173rd Air Brigade (July 1966 – June 1967) and platoon sergeant with the 25th Infantry Division (January 1970 – November 1970). He supported and belonged to several veterans' organizations that include being a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Gainesville (Georgia) Chapter #772**, American Legion, past senior vice commander of Veterans of Foreign Wars, lifetime member DAV Chapter 17 in Gainesville, Georgia. He also was a member of the Lula Masonic Lodge. Survivors include his wife of 50 years, Patricia A. (Stargel) Ivey of Gillsville; son, Danny O. Ivey of Gillsville; daughter and son-in-law, Tina L. and Teddy L. Whisnant of Lula; and grandsons, Aaron J. McHugh of Gillsville, Morgan L. Whisnant of Lula, and Justin L. Whisnant, serving in Afghanistan, U.S. Army; sister, Hortense Brewer; brothers, Ralph, David, Allen, Lee Roy, William (Jim), Jerry and Jeff Ivey. Funeral services were at 1:00 PM Saturday, September 24, 2011, in the chapel of Memorial Park Funeral Home with interment to follow in Memorial Park Mausoleum. The Reverends Jeffrey Brookshire and Marshall Dale co-officiated. The family received friends from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM Saturday prior to the service at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers the family has requested donations be made to the Lula Full Gospel Worship Center, 5801 Lula Road Lula, Georgia 30554. Memorial Park Funeral Home 2030 Memorial Park Road Gainesville, Georgia 30504 made the arrangements.



CLARENCE EDWARD "Ed" IZZETT - Died Saturday, October 29, 2011, at the Western Maryland Regional Medical Center in Cumberland, Maryland at the age of 63. He was a resident of Mount Savage, Maryland. The cause of death is unknown. Ed was born March 1, 1948, to the late Kilgore Izzett and Emma Pearl Folk. He is preceded in death by his parents; a sister, Gloria Fedder and two brothers, Gerald Izzett and Paul Izzett. Mr. Izzett was a United States Navy veteran of the Vietnam War and was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America Cumberland Chapter #172** where he served on the Honor Guard. Ed

worked a variety of jobs and was a jack of all trades, having worked in construction and formerly at Sears as a small engine mechanic. Surviving are his children, Nicole Ritchey, of Andrews, South Carolina, Ryan Ritchey, of Mount Savage, Wendy Izzett Robbins, of Silver Spring, Maryland, Edward Izzett, Cathy Izzett Sikora, and Sarah Izzett Sikora; grandchildren, Marleigh Stone, Tyler Stephens, Aysia Stephens, Cochise Stephens and Sheridan Caruso. Also surviving are a sister, Janet Thompson, of Frostburg, Maryland and a brother, Kilgore Izzett, Jr., of Baltimore, Maryland. In accordance with his wishes, Ed was cremated. Friends and family received at Durst Funeral Home P.A., 57 Frost Avenue, Frostburg, Maryland on Wednesday, November 2, 2011, from 6:00 to 8:00 PM. Funeral services were conducted at the Maryland Veterans Cemetery, Flintstone, Maryland on Thursday, November 3, 2011, at 11:00 AM with Chaplain Roger Long officiating with members of the Vietnam Veterans Honor Guard presenting military honors. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to help with final expenses. Donations can be made to the funeral home. Condolences may be sent to the family at durstfuneralhome.com.



BENJAMIN FRANKLIN JOHNSON – Died Friday, October 14, 2011 in Santa Rosa, California at the age of 64. The cause of death is unknown. He was born to the late Frank and Fay Johnson on June 10, 1947. He was a decorated Vietnam veteran awarded the Bronze Star with V device for heroism. As a diligent advocate for veterans, he served as Commander Post 768 for the Windsor VFW. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Santa Rosa Chapter #223**. Ben is survived by his loving

daughters, Laurie Johnson and Lisa (Scott) Hoggan, their mother Linda Johnson, and granddaughters, Courtney and Gianna Hoggan, and his siblings; Phyllis Speer, Ola Craig, John Johnson, Dan Johnson and Mary Pomroy and a large extended family. Graveside services will be held at Santa Rosa Memorial Park on Friday, October 21 at 3:00 p.m. Donations may be made to the Windsor VFW. Arrangements were under the care of Santa Rosa Mortuary Eggen and Lance Chapel, 545-3747.



WALTER JAMES "Bud" KINNEY, JR. - Died Wednesday, May 11, 2011 in Slidell, Louisiana at the age of 64. The cause of death was Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disorder. He was born in Boston, Massachusetts on November 13, 1946. He is survived by his beloved wife

Miriam "Mimi" (née Hoffman) Kinney; his daughter, Rebekkah Schwall; his two sons, Eric and Scott Myers; two brothers, Richard and Robert Kinney; three sisters, Dorothy Taylor, Anne Marie and Betty Ann Kinney; grandson, Eric Myers, Jr., and; several nieces and nephews. He served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Slidell Chapter #697**. Relatives and friends of the family are invited to attend the Funeral Services at Honaker Funeral Home, 1751 Gause Boulevard, West (in Forest Lawn Cemetery), Slidell, Louisiana on Monday, May 16, 2011 at 12:00 o'clock noon. Interment was in the Biloxi National Cemetery. Visitation was on Monday after 10:00 A.M. until funeral time.

JOSEPH R. KREGER – Died Monday, October 31, 2011 in Harrison, Michigan at the age of 80. He was formerly of Wyandotte, Michigan. He was born in Wyandotte on May 16, 1931. He served in the United States Army during the Korean War. He was the Commander of American Legion Post #404. He was a member of **Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America – Harrison Chapter #1047**. He is survived by three children and four grandchildren. The funeral service was conducted on November 13, 2011 at 1:00 PM at the American Legion Post #404 in Harrison.

CLAYTON MICHAEL LaBAR - Died Saturday, November 5, 2011, at home in Pemberton, New Jersey at the age of 80. The cause of death is unknown. He was born April 10, 1931, a native of Blairstown, New Jersey, and traveled the world during his United States Navy and United States Air Force career, settling in Pemberton in 1958. Clayton was a retired Technical Sergeant with 22 years in the US Air Force and was a veteran of Korea and Vietnam. He also was the former owner of LaBar's Lock Shop in Pemberton. He was very interested and fascinated by UFO s and the super natural. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Bordentown Chapter #899**, member of the Eden Stanley American Legion Post # 294, Pemberton, the NASWF, the Green Knights Motorcycle Club and various other Motorcycle Clubs, and charter member of the South Jersey Locksmith Association. Survivors: Beloved daughters, Vicki Bahr and her husband, Michael, Tracy Dugan and her husband, Gary, all of Southampton; son, Michael LaBar and his wife, Diane of Lumberton; and grandchildren, Brian and Nicole Dugan, Michael and Brett LaBar, and Cameron Bahr. He was preceded in death by his wife Betty Ann who passed in 2005. Services: The family is following Clayton s request that he be cremated and not have any services. Memorials: In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Children s Hospital, Philadelphia. Arrangements by The Lankenau Funeral Home, 31 Elizabeth St., Pemberton Borough.

JOSEPH R. "Joe" LANDOLPH – Died recently in 2011 in West Chester, Pennsylvania at the age of 90. The cause of death is unknown. He was born November 25, 1920. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Media Chapter #67**.

JAMES EDWARD LEGGETT - Died Tuesday, December 20, 2011, at his home in Wooster, Ohio at the age of 58. The cause of death was cancer. He was born February 17, 1953, in Wooster, to the late John and Evelyn L. (née Derr) Leggett. He was married to Rita (née Smith) Leggett who survives him. He had worked for Friendly Wholesale, Citgo, Convenient, Justice Center and The

Daily Record. He served his country in the United States Army during the Vietnam War, and was a member of the Coin Association. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Wooster Chapter #255**. Surviving in addition to his wife of 31 years, are children, Traci (Jim) Poulson of Shreve, Randy (Sharon) Flinn-Johnson and Jennifer (Tom) Norman, both of Wooster; grandchildren, Nate Yoder, Amber Johnson, Joshua Moretti, Emily Poulson, Casey Johnson, Courtney Moretti, Bree Flinn-Johnson and Riley Norman; a great-grandchild, Bentley Johnson; and sisters, Jane A. Leggett and Debbie (Paul) Drennen, both of Wooster. In addition to his parents, James was preceded in death by his brother, Michael E. in 2006. Friends will be received Friday from 6-8 p.m. at McIntire, Davis & Greene Funeral Home, 216 East Larwill Street, Wooster. Funeral services were Saturday, December 24 at 11:00 AM at the funeral home, with the Reverend Kevin Phipps, officiating. Inurnment was Monday, December 26th at 10:00 AM at the Ohio Western Reserve National Cemetery, Rittman. Contributions may be made to the funeral home to help defray expenses; or to Hospice & Palliative Care of Greater Wayne County.

JOSEPH T. “Joe” “Smokey Joe” LOGSDON – Died unexpectedly Wednesday, November 30, 2011 while working on his farm in Rock Hill, South Carolina. He was 63 years of age. The cause of death was a massive heart attack. He was born in Monroe, Michigan to the late Joseph Henry Logsdon and Virginia Pearl Reber on May 2, 1948 and spent most of his life in Michigan. He was a proud Vietnam Veteran, serving the United States Navy aboard the USS Ticonderoga. Upon exiting the Navy he worked as a truck driver and contractor until his retirement last year as Chief Steward for Teamsters Local 20- Toledo, Ohio. 'Smokey Joe,' as most of his friends called him, was a proud member of the Vietnam Vet's MC: Chapter B- NC, Chapter R- MI, Chapter T & S -OH. He loved his club brothers with a passion. He was very involved in anything VNV related and contributed his time to all of their efforts and charities. He was also a Life Member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Monroe (Michigan) Chapter #142**, the VFW and American Legion. Surviving Joe is his other half, Arley Logsdon, of the home; four children: daughter, Debbie Ehlers, and three grandsons, of Vancouver, WA; daughter, Cindy Logsdon Hammer (Glenn), and one granddaughter, of Concord, NC; son, Jeremy Logsdon (Amy), and three grandsons, of Harrisburg, NC; son, Kenny Logsdon (Nancy), and three grandsons of Newport, MI; and his dog, Barney. Upon retiring, he traveled the Carolinas to find the perfect place to begin a family farm. He was living his dream working his land with his family. A memorial service to celebrate his life will be held by The American Legion Post 523 on Saturday, December 10th at 1:00 p.m. at the Veteran's Park located in the Town Center of Harrisburg, NC. Following the service his family and friends will be hosting a party in his honor at SBB Smokehouse on Weddington Rd., Concord, NC. The family has requested that in lieu of flowers, donations be made to The Logsdon Family Farm Fund and mailed to: 3588 Cedar Springs Dr. SW, Concord, NC 28027.

ALVERY E. MARRIOTT, JR. - Died September 10, 2011, at the Coventry Skilled Nursing Center, in Coventry, Rhode Island at the age of 68. The cause of death is unknown. Mr. Marriott was born on March 22, 1943, in Ipswich, Massachusetts to the late Alvery E. and Florence (née Bampton) Marriott, Sr. He was a resident of Manchester for many years. Mr. Marriott was a veteran and served in the United States Air Force during the Vietnam War.

He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Bow Chapter #41**. For many years, he was a truck driver and worked for various transportation companies in the area. Mr. Marriott also was a photographer and owned and operated Marriott Photography. Members of his family include his friend of 40 years, Anita French, of Manchester; and her daughters, Carolyn A. French, of Richmond, Mich., who was like his daughter, Lisa Varney, of Manchester; and a distant cousin, Jenny Sloan, of Virginia. SERVICES: Calling hours will be from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. Monday, Sept. 19, at Phaneuf Funeral Home, 243 Hanover St., corner of Union Street, Manchester. A funeral service will be held at 10 a.m. Tuesday in the funeral home chapel. Committal prayers followed by military honors will follow at the N.H. State Veterans Cemetery, in Boscawen. Memorial donations may be made to Feed the Children, PO Box 36, Oklahoma City, OK, 73101. The Phaneuf Funeral Homes and Crematorium in Manchester is in charge of the arrangements. For more information, go to www.phaneuf.net.



JOHN E. "Jack" MARTINO, JR. - Died on Sunday, December 4, 2011 at his home in Pomona, New Jersey, surrounded by his family after a lengthy battle with heart disease. He was 61 years of age. He was born March 11, 1950 in Levittown, Pennsylvania to the late John "Jack" E. Martino, Sr. and the late Nancy (née Refice) Martino, but resided in Pomona for the past 33 years with his loving wife, Betty (née Embert) Martino. Jack graduated from Pennsbury High School in 1968 where he was on the 1st string of the Falcons Football Team and captain of the wrestling team. He was proud to become an Eagle Scout in his teens. At the age 18, he enlisted in the United States Army and was an honorably discharged decorated Vietnam Veteran. Jack was a dedicated angler who loved fishing with his family and friends. He was on the winning Little League Team of Levittown vs.

Fort Worth, Texas in 1961. He worked in sales and as a sales manager for car dealerships. He and his wife were members of the Harbor Sports Car Club and he won many trophies with his 1979 Triumph Spitfire for Auto Crossings and Road Rallies. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Erma Chapter #602**. He cherished being a grandfather and enjoyed his grandchildren. Jack was also predeceased by his daughter, Andrea Oeser. Jack is survived by his son, Jack (Jennifer) Martino III; his daughter, Miranda (Jon) Martino; sons, Richard (Marybeth) Oeser and Michael (Shirley) Oeser; his grandchildren, Matthew, Juliet and Sean Martino, Shannon (Michael) Oeser, Richard Oeser, Ashlee (Sean) Oeser, Frank (Amanda) Amato, and Paul (Samantha) Amato; step-great grandson, Tyler Miller; sisters, Cathy (Lizzie Britton) Martino and Nancy (Jim) DeBenedictis; brothers, Bob (Cathy) Martino, Joe Martino, and Billy (Rita) Martino; and by his Uncle Ken and Aunt Grace Warner, Aunt Marie Martino and special cousins, Joe and Ginny Rifice and many other cousins. He was nicknamed Uncle HeadButt by his nephews and niece. Visitation will be held on Thursday, December 8th from 10:00 to 1:00 PM at Wimberg Funeral Home 211 E. Great Creek Road, Galloway 609-641-0001 with the service following at 1:00 PM. Interment will immediately follow at the Atlantic County Veterans Cemetery with Military Honors. For condolences or directions, please visit wimbergfuneralhome.com. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Jack's name to Holy Redeemer Hospice, 150 9th Avenue, Runnemede New Jersey 08078.

WILLIAM MAYES – Died recently in Nelsonville, Ohio at the age of 68. The cause of death is unknown. He was born January 31, 1943. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Nelsonville Chapter #676**.

RODNEY BLAKE McCUNE - Died Wednesday, December 15, 2010 at Union Hospital in Newcomerstown, Ohio at the age of 60. The cause of death is unknown. He was born September 23, 1950 in Guernsey County, Ohio to the late Jerry L. McCune and Marjorie J. (née Ott) McCune of Newcomerstown. He was a 1969 Newcomerstown High School graduate. He was in the United States Army during the Vietnam War where he served two tours. He was a Door Gunner and received a Purple Heart for injuries sustained. He retired from O.D.N.R. in 2001 where he worked in fish management as a unit leader. He was a Baptist by faith. He was a member of American Legion-Thomas C. Montgomery 431, Elks Lodge #1555 of Newcomerstown, and Newcomerstown Veterans Honor Guard. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Newcomerstown Chapter #532**. Rod was very proud of the time he spent serving his country and of the years he spent during his career at ODNR. Since his retirement, he has loved every single day he was given. He is survived by his wife, Jan E. (Robinson) McCune whom he married on June 28, 1997. He is also survived by three sons, Kevin McCune of Uhrichsville, Brett McCune and Beau McCune, both of Newcomerstown; stepson, Justin Alles of Columbus; four grandchildren, Dakota, Ezra, Francesca, and Sophia; three sisters, Cheryl Sweitzer and husband, Richard of Newark, Laura Arnold and husband, Kenny of West Lafayette, and Jodie Lehman and husband, Carl of Newcomerstown; three brothers, Jeff McCune and wife, Kathy and Scott McCune and wife, Teresa, all of Newcomerstown, and Randy McCune and wife, Debra of Port Washington; and Rod's constant companion, Luke; many special friends, including his Elks brothers and several ex-coworkers at ODNR Fish and Wildlife. Services were held on Sunday, December 19, 2010 at 1:30 PM at the Addy Funeral Home with Reverend Ronald Little officiating. Interment will take place at a later date. Visitation was on Saturday, December 18, 2010 from 5:00 PM to 8:00 PM at the funeral home. Military service was conducted by the Newcomerstown Veterans Honor Guard. Memorial contributions may be made to Newcomerstown Veterans Honor Guard c/o Dennis Bell, 623 South River Street, Newcomerstown Ohio 43832.

WAYNE E. McDANIEL - Died Saturday, July 30, 2011, resting at his home in Warner Robins, Georgia at the age of 71. The cause of death is unknown. He was born September 3, 1940, in Flint, Michigan to the late Edgar Allen McDaniel and Emma Lucille (née Spurrier) McDaniel. After graduating from Grand Blanc High school, Wayne joined the United States Navy in 1959 the day after his 19th birthday. He spent many years while on active duty in various parts of Europe, Asia and the Southern Pacific Islands. Later he ended his career as a master sergeant for the Air Force. After having penned his first book, "First and Last Shots of WWII," he received his doctorate. He shared his love of history with others as a reference librarian and as instructor of continuing education programs for Brenau University, North Georgia College & State University and Gainesville College. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Gainesville (Georgia) Chapter #772**. He left behind his beloved wife Aquilina McDaniel whom he met overseas while stationed at Clark Air Force Base in the Philippines. He is survived by his

children Marie, Kathy, Philip, Michael, and his brother Stanley McDaniel. He was preceded by his younger brother, Larry Andrew McDaniel. A memorial service will be held at 4 p.m. Friday, Aug. 5, at Atlanta Road Church of Christ, 902 Atlanta Highway, Gainesville. Heritage Memorial Funeral Home & Crematory, Warner Robins were in charge of the arrangements.

JORGE JUAN MENENDEZ – Died Tuesday, October 18, 2011 in Miami, Florida at the age of 69. The cause of death was Agent Orange-related cancer. He was born November 24, 1941 in Cardenas, Cuba. He is survived by his wife, Stella Menendez of the home. He served in the United States Army with a tour in Vietnam from 1965 to 1966. He was a *Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Miami Chapter #620*.

SAMUEL E. MILLER - Died Tuesday afternoon, November 8, 2011, at his home in Elkins, West Virginia at the age of 86. The cause of death was diabetes type II and congestive heart failure. He was born May 30, 1925, at Elkins, a son of the late Reverend James Miller and Georgia Ann (née Ailstock) Miller. On October 2, 1953, he was married to Maureen Harris Miller, who survives in Elkins. Also surviving are four sons, Kevin Miller and wife, Dianna, of Clarksburg, John Miller and wife, Pam, James Miller and wife, Patricia, and Samuel Miller and wife, Frances, all of Elkins; four daughters, Carol Mallow and husband, Jack, of Elkins, Kim "W.A." Dick and husband, David, of Elkins, Patricia Bennett and husband, Jeff, of Dailey and Stephanie Miller of Elkins; two brothers, Robert Miller and James W. Miller Jr., both of Elkins; 23 grandchildren; two step-grandsons; 15 great-grandchildren; three step-great-grandchildren, and; one great-great-granddaughter also survive. Also preceding him in death were one brother, Charles Miller; and two sisters, Kathleen Rothamel and Gracie Roberts. Mr. Miller was a veteran of the United States Army where he served for more than 26 years, retiring with the rank of Sergeant First Class. He served at Leyte Beach, the Philippine Island's during World War II where he was wounded and was awarded the Purple Heart and the bronze star. He later served in Vietnam from 1968 to 1969 and was awarded the Officers South Vietnamese Medal of Honor and numerous other awards and citations. After retiring from the Army, he worked for the Elkins Inter-Mountain for 20 years. He was a life member of the Military Order of the Purple Heart, Disabled American Veterans, an *At-Large Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – West Virginia*, Veterans of Foreign Wars, H.W. Daniels Post 29 American Legion and National Rifle Association. Visiting hours were from 6:00 PM until 8:00 PM today at the Tomblyn Funeral Home in Elkins. A funeral service was conducted at 10:-00 AM Friday, November 11th, from the funeral home chapel with Pastor David Collins officiating. Interment was in Mountain State Memorial Gardens near Gilman where presentation of the American flag will be made by members of the West Virginia National Guard Honor Guard Program. Tomblyn Funeral Home of Elkins is in charge of the arrangements for Mr. Samuel E. Miller. Condolences may be expressed to the family at www.tomblynfuneralhome.com.

WILLIAM C. MONAGHAN - Died Sunday, October 23, 2011 in North Wildwood, New Jersey at the age of 67. The cause of death is unknown. He was born January 3, 1944. He is survived by his loving wife Patricia Monaghan (née Maguire) and his beloved children William (Donna), James, Kevin, Megan and the late Michael S. Monaghan, Joy Strehle (William), Kathleen Aikens, Joseph Aikens (Beth), and Kevin Aikens (Dawn). William was also blessed with nine

grandchildren, Michael, Nick, Dan, Brenna, Charlie, Aiden, Owen, Caleb and Liam, and many, many friends. He served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War as a First Lieutenant. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Wildwood Chapter #955**. He was also a member of the Local 1856 Carpenter's Union. Family and friends were invited to a viewing Friday 7:00-9:00 PM and Saturday 8:30 AM-9:30 AM at Ingersoll-Greenwood Funeral Home, 1201 Central Avenue, North Wildwood. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at 10:00 AM at St. Ann's Roman Catholic Church in Wildwood. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to Coatesville VA Medical Center, Building 5, Volunteer Dept., 1400 Blackhorse Hill Road, Coatesville, Pennsylvania 19320.



CHESTER GLENN MOUNTS - Died Sunday, August 21, 2011 in Akron, Ohio at the age of 66. The cause of death was from a fall caused by dizzy spells. He was born on January 5, 1945, in Gilbert, West Virginia to the late Lonnie Mounts, Jr. and Essie Mounts. Chester proudly served in the United States Army and later retired from LTV Steel. He was a member of The Chapel and a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Akicita Oyate Chapter (Akron) #900** and he was a 32nd degree Mason. Chester was a longtime friend of Bill W. and G.A. He was preceded in death by his parents, Lonnie Mounts, Jr., and Mordechai and Essie Mounts; and brother, Mitchell. He will be deeply missed by his loving wife, Janet; son, Paul (Nadine) Mounts of Bingen, Germany; daughter, Kimberly Kantorowski; sisters, Linda (Mark) and Jennifer (Danny) and brothers, Ronnie (April), Lanny David (Reba), and Skip; niece, Kathleen Crawford; mother-in-law, Jane Woodhall; brother-in-law, Harold Woodhall and Jan Mooneyham of Venice, Florida; longtime friend, Danny Kantorowski; many relatives in Gilbert, West Virginia; and many friends from Cleveland, Parma, and Akron, as well as the staff and residents at Summit Villa. He will be missed by many friends. Visitation was on Thursday, from 6:00 – 8:00 PM, followed by an 8:00 PM funeral service at the Newcomer Funeral Home, 131 North Canton Road, Akron, Ohio 44305. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Chester G. Mounts Memorial Fund at any First Merit Bank. To leave a special message for the family online, visit www.NewcomerAkron.com Newcomer Funeral Home (330) 784-3334.

THOMAS R. MUELLER - Died Friday, October 28, 2011 at the Saint Cloud Hospital in Saint Cloud, Minnesota at the age of 63. He was a resident of Cokato, Minnesota. The cause of death was pancreatic cancer. He was born in Saint Cloud on January 11, 1948. He served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Mora Chapter #684**. He is survived by his wife, Deanna of Cokato; daughters, Jennifer (Jeff) Rensch of Hutchinson, Melissa (Sam Weber) of Annandale; parents, Clarence & Doreen Mueller of Rogers and brothers, Jerry, Daniel, Philip, Jon, and Erik. A Memorial Service was conducted at 11:00 AM Saturday, November 5, 2011 at Gethsemane Lutheran Church of Dassel. Visitation was from 4:00 to 8:00 PM Friday, November 4, 2011 at the Swanson-Peterson Funeral Home of Cokato, and 1 hour prior to the service on Saturday at the church. Interment was in the Evangelical Lutheran Cemetery of Cokato.

WILLIAM DEANE NALL – Died recently in 2011 in Beaumont, Texas at the age of 84. The cause of death is unknown. He was born August 16, 1927. He was a member of **Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America – Beaumont Chapter #292**.

FRANKLIN B. NICHOLS - Died Friday, June 10, 2011 at Our Lady of Lourdes Hospital at the age of 70. He was a resident of Newark Valley, New York. The cause of death is unknown. He was born September 10, 1949 to the late Lewis and Irene (née Robinson) Nichols. Frank was predeceased by his loving wife, Mary Lou Nichols earlier this year; his brothers, LeRoy and Harold Nichols. Frank is survived by his daughter, Teresa and Pieter Benne; grandchildren, Abigail and Elizabeth Nezelek, and Isaac Benne; sisters, Lillian Ford, Louise Barto, Florence Eastman, and Linda Hepp; sister-in-law, Sandra Nichols; and many nieces and nephews. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. Frank was a *life member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Owego Chapter #480**, and a member of the American Legion Post #401 in Owego. He loved woodworking and was known as "Honest Abe" through his CB Radio. Funeral services were held on Tuesday, June 14, 2011 at 10:00 AM at Estey, Munroe & Fahey Funeral Home, 15 Park Street, Owego with Rev. William Prentice officiating. Family invited friends to call on Monday, June 13, 2011 from 5:00 to 7:00 PM at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be made in Franks name to Campville United Methodist Church, 6110 NY RT Rt17C, Campville, New York 13760 www.emfaheyfuneralhome.com.



ROBERT LEE PADGETT - age 80, of Chandler Died in the mid-afternoon hours of Wednesday, November 2, 2011, in Chandler, Texas at the age of 80. He suffered a heart attack resulting in an automobile accident. He was born on October 5, 1931, in Vine Grove, Kentucky, to the late Hiley R. and Dessie (née Preston) Padgett. After high school, Mr. Padgett joined the United States Air Force, where he proudly served his country for more than 20 years, retiring as a senior master sergeant and receiving numerous commendation medals. Robert married Virginia M. Whisenhunt, the love of his life, in New Mexico in 1953 and together spent more than 58 years living a lifetime of memories and raising a family. Mr. Padgett was a 32nd degree Scottish Rite Mason and carried his membership through the Vine Grove Lodge 603 in Vine Grove, Ky. He also was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Tyler**

Chapter #932 and the Disabled Veterans of America. Robert also was a loyal member of the First United Methodist Church of Chandler. He had a deep love for his God, his country, his garden and, most of all, his family. Robert leaves behind a legacy of love, loyalty and honor that most men can only hope to attain. He will be greatly missed by those who knew him. Mr. Padgett leaves behind his loving wife, Virginia; daughter, Diane Cook and husband Speedy; sons, Ron Padgett and wife Ann, and Michael Padgett and wife Sheila; sisters, Lareva Payne and Patricia June Williams; brother, Ronnie Joe Padgett; and 10 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren. He also was preceded in death by one grandchild, Dylan Padgett. A service for Mr. Robert Padgett was held at 2:00 PM Sunday, November 6, 2011, at the Tyler Memorial Funeral Home with Pastor Jeff McDonald officiating. Burial was in Tyler Memorial Park

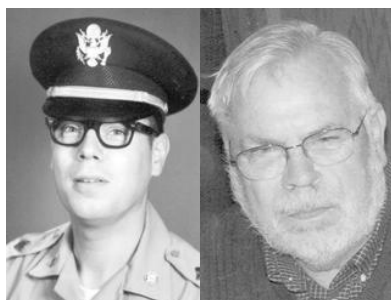
Cemetery with men from the Military Honor Guard serving as pallbearers. His body was escorted to graveside by the volunteers of the Patriot Riders. Visitation was held from 6:00 to 8:00 PM Saturday at the funeral home.

STEPHEN JAY “Steve” PANSY – Died Sunday, October 30, 2011 in Providence, Rhode Island at the age of 66. The cause of death is unknown. He was born June 14, 1945 in Great Falls, Montana. He served in the Rhode Island Army National Guard during the Vietnam War from May 13, 1968 to July 24, 1969. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – James Michael Ray Memorial (Lincoln) Chapter #818**.

JAMES CORNELL “J.C.” PARKS - Died Saturday, September 17, 2011, in Tomahawk, Wisconsin at the age of 64. He was a resident of Reynolds, Illinois. The cause of death was a heart attack. James was born September 17, 1947, in Davenport, Iowa, to the late Will Parks, Jr. and the late Edythe (née Tomasi) Parks. He was a Vietnam War veteran of the United States Army. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Quad Cities (Rock Island, Illinois) Chapter #299**. He retired from Deere & Co. after many years of service. James was an avid biker and Harley-Davidson enthusiast. He is survived by his aunt, Anna Laura Mueller; uncle, Robert Parks; and many cousins. Services were held 11:00 AM Saturday at Wheelan-Pressly Funeral Home, 801 West Edgington Street, Reynolds, where visitation was one hour prior to services. Burial with military honors was conducted at the Reynolds Cemetery. Online condolences may be left for the family at wheelanpressly.com.



ROBERT WAYNE PEARSON - Died Sunday, July 17, 2011 as a result of injuries sustained in a motorcycle accident. He was 63 years of age and a resident of Holly Springs, Mississippi and a former resident of Jackson, Michigan. He was born August 13, 1947 in Waverly, Tennessee. He served in the United States Marine Corps and commanded Michigan's 3rd District the second largest district in the state. He retired from the Michigan State Police Department in 1995 after 23 years of distinguished service. He served as the chief of police in Holly Springs, Mississippi for five years and retired on June 30, 2011. He was a member of Asbury United Methodist Church in Holly Springs, Mississippi. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Chattanooga Chapter #203**. He leaves to cherish his memory his wife; Phyllis Pearson of thirty-three years, his mother; Josephine T. Pearson of Saginaw, Michigan, two sons; Jason Pearson of Las Vegas, Nevada and Troy Humes of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, three brothers; Ivan O. Pearson, Jr. (Yolanda) of Dallas, Texas, Clarence E. Pearson, Sr. (Cynthia) of Shreveport, Louisiana and John E. Pearson, Sr. (Monica) of Atlanta, Georgia, one sister; Linda P. Smith (Roy) of Saginaw, Michigan, grandchildren, uncles, aunts, nieces, nephews, other family members and friends. He was preceded in death by his father, Ivan O. Pearson, Sr. Services were held at Second Missionary Baptist Church on Monday, July 25, 2011 at 11:00 AM with the Reverend Gwendolyn Johnson, officiating. Arrangements were by The House of Johnson Funeral Home 235 W. Prospect Street Jackson, Michigan 49203 (517) 783-0100



HEIKO WOLF PEIN - Died Tuesday, October 25, 2011, at the

Western Maryland Regional Medical Center in Cumberland, Maryland at the age of 67. He was a resident of Cumberland. The cause of death is cancer. He was born November 3, 1943, in Bremerhaven, Germany to Elfriede Herta (née Wormke) Pein-Pilsbury, of Frostburg, Maryland and the late Adolf Wilhelm August Pein. He was also preceded in death by a stepfather, Raymond C. Pilsbury. Mr. Pein retired from the United States Army as Lieutenant Colonel serving in Vietnam and Desert Storm. He also retired as Vice Principal from the Department Juvenile Services. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America –Cumberland Chapter #172**, and co-owner of the Tree House Toy Shop. Mr. Pein is survived by his wife of 42 years, Margaret A. (Atkinson) Pein; his daughter, Jamie C. Pein, of Cumberland; his son, Samuel H. Pein and his wife Rebecca, of Ravenswood, West Virginia; his sister, Anke Nickols and her husband Robert, of Panama City, Florida; as well as his grandchildren, Wesley Pein, of Cumberland, Jonas Pein and Kenzie Pein, both of Ravenswood, West Virginia, and numerous nieces and nephews. Friends were received at the Adams Family Funeral Home, P.A., 404 Decatur Street, Cumberland, (www.AdamsFamilyFuneralHome.com) on Thursday, October 27, 2011, from 2:00 to 4:00 PM and 7:00 to 9:00 PM. A funeral service was conducted in the funeral home on Friday, October 28, 2011, at Noon with the Reverend Rebecca Vardeman officiating. Interment was in the Maryland Veterans Cemetery at Rocky Gap, Maryland. Military honors will be accorded at the cemetery by the Vietnam Veterans of American Chapter #172 Honor Guard. The family requests that memorial contributions be made to the American Cancer Society, 1050 East Industrial Boulevard, Unit 3, Cumberland, Maryland 21502.

RICHARD B. PERROTT - Died on Friday evening, December 2, 2011 at his home in Bennington, Vermont, surrounded by his family, following a lengthy illness. He was 79 years of age. The cause of death was pulmonary fibrosis. He was born in Bennington on August 12, 1932 to the late Richard V. "Reggie" and Dorothy (née Miller) Perrott. He received his education in Bennington and is a graduate of Bennington High School. On October 19, 1957 he married the former Bessie "Betty" Wilcox in Bennington. Mrs. Perrott survives. Richard was a twenty-year career member of the United States Air Force having received four Air Medals and five Oak Leaf Clusters. After retiring from the military in 1973, he worked at Reggie's Bar in Bennington, and in 1981 he joined the Vermont State Police as a dispatcher at the Shaftsbury barracks. Richard was an avid reader, he enjoyed doing crossword puzzles and followed the local sports programs. Richard was a life member of the Bennington Elks Lodge, and was a member of the American Legion in Arlington, VT. Richard was also a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America Bennington Chapter #601**, and Retired Enlisted Association. Survivors besides his wife include two children; Karen Orsini and her husband Jim of Argyle, N.Y., and Richard Perrott and his wife

Tammy of Cherryville, N.C. He leaves his granddaughter Sara Moses and her fiancé Scott Dickinson of Bennington, his brother Donald Perrott of Wynantskill, N.Y., and brother Patrick Perrott and wife Patricia of Bennington. A Memorial Mass was celebrated on Tuesday, December 6 at 1:00 PM at Sacred Heart St. Francis de Sales Church in Bennington. Military honors will be offered following the mass. Interment will take place at a later time. There are no calling hours scheduled. Memorial contributions may be made to the Bennington Rescue Squad or the Foundation for Pulmonary Fibrosis through the Mahar and Son Funeral Home, 628 Main Street, Bennington, Vermont 05201. Guestbook condolences may be made at www.maharandsonfuneralhome.net.



THOMAS W. PODGURSKI - Died peacefully on Wednesday, August 3, 2011 surrounded by his loving family. He was 62 years of age and a resident of West Warwick, Rhode Island. The cause of death was pancreatic cancer. He was born in North Attleboro, Massachusetts on December 28, 1949, a son of the late Frank J. and Estelle D. (née Pasek) Podgurski. He was the beloved husband of M. Nadine (née Furtado) Podgurski, they had been married for 39 years. He was a lifelong resident of West Warwick. Mr. Podgurski was employed with the State of Rhode Island for many years before retiring and was currently the co-owner of the Sausage Shoppe in West Warwick. He was a former member of the West Warwick Town Council serving from 2000 until 2002, a member and former chairman of the West Warwick Democratic Town Committee, vice commander of the Crompton Veterans Organization, served on the Board of Directors of the West Warwick Senior Center and Ocean Cliff Resorts in Newport, member of the Mary Doran Council #8977 Knights of Columbus, a Vietnam Air Force Veteran and a lifelong communicant of Our Lady of Czestochowa Church. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – South County (Wakefield) Chapter #325**. Besides his wife he leaves a daughter, Amy B. Muschiano and her husband Nicholas of Cranston; a sister, Dorothy Lynch of Coventry; a grandson, Max Muschiano and several nieces and a nephew. His funeral will be held on Monday at 8:45 AM from the Henault-Gallogly Funeral Home, 5 Eddy Street, West Warwick. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10:00 AM in Our Lady of Czestochowa Church, Washington St., Coventry. Interment will follow with military honors in St. Mary Cemetery. Visiting hours were on Sunday 3:00-7:00 PM. In lieu of flowers, contributions to Our Lady of Czestochowa Church, 445 Washington St., Coventry, RI 02816 in his memory would be appreciated. For information and condolences, please visit: www.henault-gallogly.com.

JAMES H. RENTZ - Died Tuesday evening at his residence in Napoleon, Ohio at the age of 62. The cause of death was cirrhosis of the liver. He was born March 25, 1949 in Napoleon, Ohio, to the late Burl J. and Luella A. (née Rathge) Rentz. On October 25, 1969 he married Linda Volkman and she survives. James worked for Automatic Feed Company in Napoleon for 39 years retiring in March of this year. He was a member of Saint Peter Evangelical Church in Ridgeville Corners. He served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War and was a member of the Napoleon AMVETS, Napoleon VFW, Ridgeville American Legion, a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Defiance Chapter #954** and in Indiana a member of the Howard County Vietnam Veterans and American Huey 369. He also played in many Polka bands

in the area. Surviving also is his mother Luella Rentz of Napoleon; son, Paul Rentz of Union, KY; daughter, Joanne (Christopher) Junge of Napoleon; brother, Jeffrey Rentz of Ridgeville and grandson, Calvin Junge. He was preceded in death by his father Burl J. Rentz. Services were held at 11:00 AM Saturday at St. Peter Evangelical Lutheran Church in Ridgeville Corners, Reverend Vicky Coombs, officiating. Interment was in the church cemetery, where military honors were accorded by the joint veteran's posts of Napoleon. Visiting hours were at the Walker Mortuary on Friday from 2:00 to 8:00 PM. The family has suggested that memorial contributions may be made to Henry County Hospice or the Ridgeville Fire and Rescue. On line condolences may be made at www.walkermortuary.us.com



RONALD E. ROACH - Died Friday, October 7, 2011, at the Allegany Health Nursing and Rehabilitation Center in Cumberland, Maryland at the age of 66. He was a resident of Cumberland. The cause of death was cancer. He was born July 31, 1945, in Kittery, Maine to the late Floyd A. and Eleanor F. (née Neary) Roach. He was also preceded in death by one brother, Floyd Roach, Jr. and one son, Christopher Lee Roach. Mr. Roach was a truck driver, retired from the Overnite Transportation Company. He served on the USS Stormes in the United States Navy during the Vietnam War. Ronald was a lifetime member of the Goodfellowship Club and the V.F.W. He was also a member of the American Legion Post 13, Cumberland Outdoor Club, Cresaptown Eagles and a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Cumberland Chapter #172**. Ronald enjoyed traveling, motorcycle riding and NASCAR. He attended Faith Independent Baptist Church in Frostburg and had recently professed Christ as his Savior. Surviving are his wife, Cynthia Roach; five children, Ronald Roach Jr., of Wiley Ford, Dave Roach and wife Tracy, of Cumberland, Steven Roach and wife Heather, of Cumberland, William Hall and wife Stephanie, of Pensacola, Fla. and Stacy Hall, of Cumberland; grandchildren, Bobby Sue Greise, David Roach Jr., Ronnie Roach III, Ryan Roach, Michael Roach, Kirsten Roach, Brittany Roach, Savannah Roach, Aurice “Reese Baby” Hall, Kaylin Hall, McKenna Hall, Averie Hall, and one on the way, Presley Hall; four great-grandchildren, Benjamin Roach, Logan Roach, Chloe Greise, and Gavin Greise; and one sister, Gloria J. Wiley and husband John, of Cumberland. Friends were received at the Scarpelli Funeral Home, P.A., 108 Virginia Avenue, Cumberland, (www.scarpellifh.com) on Monday from 2:00 to 4:00 PM and 7:00 to 9:00 PM. Funeral services were conducted in the funeral home on Tuesday at 1:00 PM with Pastor Larry Burkholder officiating. Interment was in Restlawn Memorial Gardens. Pallbearers will be Joe “Skeeter” Forbeck, John Dunaway, Dave Michael Dyer, James Arnold, Bill Hemmes, and Jeremy Linaburg. Military honors were accorded by the Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter #172. A special thanks to the Home Hospice Care and their staff for their kind care given to Ronald.



PHILLIP L. SCHACKOW - Died Sunday, November 27, 2011, at Ohio State University Hospital in Columbus, Ohio at the age of 63. He was a resident of Defiance, Ohio. The cause of death is cancer. He was born March 30, 1948, in Defiance, to the late J. Raymond and Joyce (née Hutchinson) Schackow. On September 23, 1972, he married Darlene Applegate, who survives. He worked at GM Powertrain from 1966-2003, and was a

member of Poplar Ridge Church of the Brethren. He coached various sports, and was the first janitor at the church, where he served on the board and in various other offices. He was a United States Navy veteran of the Vietnam War and served in the Navy Reserves after Vietnam. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Defiance Chapter #954**, where he was a past vice president. He was a member of AMVETS Post 1991 and American Legion, and a life member of VFW Post 3360. He served on a committee at Midwest Community Federal Credit Union and was on a committee working to bring the Traveling Vietnam Wall to Defiance. Surviving are his wife, Darlene Applegate Schackow; a son, Brent (Jennifer) Schackow, Auburn, Indiana; a daughter, Juli (Trent) Gallant, Ellicott City, Md.; two brothers, John Schackow of Ashley, Indiana, and Tim (Sandra) Schackow, Defiance; two sisters, Laurel (John) Onyszczak of Wauseon, Ohio, and Sharon Odier, Defiance; and five grandchildren, Madisyn, Brayton and Owen Schackow and Sydney and Trinity Gallant. Services will be at 11 a.m. Friday, December 2, 2011, at Poplar Ridge Church of the Brethren, Defiance, with Rev. Patricia Meeks officiating. Burial will be in Riverside Cemetery, Defiance, with military graveside rites by VFW Post 3360. Visitation is from 2-8 p.m. Thursday at Hanenkrath-Clevenger-Schaffer Funeral Home, Defiance, and one hour before services on Friday. Preferred memorials are to the donor's choice. Condolences may be left at www.HCSfuneralhome.com.



LOUIS B. SCHMEISKE - Died Wednesday November 23, 2011 after a courageous battle with cancer at the age of 73. He was a resident of Horseheads, New York. Lou was born August 10, 1938 in Binghamton, New York to the late Lester and Elizabeth (née Barry) Schmeiske. He was a United States Navy Veteran serving his country from 1958 through 1962 and continued serving in The U.S. Naval Reserves. Lou was a member and Past Commander of Bentley-Trumble American Legion Post #442 in Horseheads and Past District Vice-Commander. He was also a member of the VFW and served on The Board of Trustees and was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Elmira Chapter #803**. Lou was a member of Elmira Elks Lodge #62 and served as Exalted Ruler for two terms. Lou was a proud American and was an electrician having worked most recently at Fairport Terrace in Horseheads and Glen Valley in Watkins Glen. Lou was pre-deceased by his parents, his sister Mary Kennedy, and daughter-in-law Nickie (Mrs. David) Schmeiske. Lou is survived by his wife Candy Anderson Whispel Schmeiske; his children: William Schmeiske of Anderson, SC, Sommer & Mike Hammett of Anderson, SC, Thomas Rogers of Port St. John, Florida, David Schmeiske of Port St. John, Florida, Gretchen & Doug Moran of Merritt Island, Florida, Lawrence & Niki Heavlin of Elmira Heights, NY, Lori Heavlin of Horseheads, NY, April & Todd Seely of Osceola, PA, and Thomas Whispel of Elmira Heights, NY; 13 grandchildren; mother-in-law: Lorraine Anderson of Elmira Heights, NY; brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law: James & Diana Anderson of Elmira, NY, Michael & Kathy Anderson of Horseheads, NY and Tina & Gary Kent of Horseheads, NY; several nieces, nephews, cousins, and a host of caring friends. Relatives and friends are invited to attend Lou's Memorial Service on Tuesday November 29, 2011 at 11 AM at The Horseheads American Legion Post #442 71 Old Ithaca Road Horseheads, NY. The Rev. Kenneth Stone, past president, of the Vietnam Veterans of America, will officiate.

Arrangements were entrusted to the Lynch Funeral Home 318 West Broad Street, Horseheads, New York.

GEORGE M. SCHOTT – Died Thursday, September 29, 2011 in London, Kentucky at the age of 59. The cause of death is unknown. He was born October 25, 1951. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – London Chapter #1050**.

VANE S. SCOTT, JR. - Died Wednesday, February 10, 2011 at his Newcomerstown, Ohio residence at the age of 86, following a short struggle with cancer. Vane was born in Steubenville, Ohio on November 8, 1924, to the late Vane S. "Great" Scott and the late Frances Johnston (née Dawson) Scott. He was a graduate of Newcomerstown High School, class of 1943. He enlisted in the United States Navy and served in the South Pacific as an electrician-gyro compass technician aboard the U.S.S. Radford DD 446 and the U.S.S. Presidio APA 88. Vane received the Asiatic Pacific Ribbon with five Battle Stars, the World War II Victory Medal with an Asian Occupation clasp, the Philippines Liberation Medal, and the Government of the Solomon Islands ribbon award for the Liberation of the Northern Solomons. Following his honorable discharge from the Navy in 1946, Vane returned to civilian life and attended the Art Institute of Pittsburgh. He worked for a short period of time as a precision grinder for Warner & Swasey, New Philadelphia. He later joined his father and became involved in Great Scott Displays. Vane began his career by working on various carnivals and circuses as a show painter of highway signs, ticket boxes, and trucks, and restoring Merry Go Rounds. At this time, he also began his singing career with bands and combos which lasted for 40 years and included venues all around Ohio and radio and TV spots. On November 18, 1951, he married Barbara J. Waller Scott, Newcomerstown. Following their marriage, Vane and Barbara took over and managed the family's "Great Scott" displays for the next 20 years. They traveled coast to coast and became the largest traveling parade float and decorating company in the United States. Their company helped decorate Washington, D.C. for President Eisenhower's first inauguration in 1953. They also decorated entire cities and designed parades for two of the Miss America Pageants, Hollywood and motion picture world premiers, the World Plowing Contest, and the Pro Football Hall of Fame celebration and parade. They also worked at countless county and state fairs, including the Ohio State Fair. Also included were celebrity homecomings, centennials, and sesquicentennials. Vane and Barb wrote books on "How to design and Build Parade Floats" and "How to Welcome Home a Major Celebrity". They retired from these road shows and travel schedules in 1968 and returned to the Tuscarawas Valley. It was at this time that Vane and Barb established the Colonial Flag Company in Newcomerstown. The business later moved to Coshocton and created flags for the State of Ohio, the NFL, and the Super Bowl. Also created were flags for the Capitol of the United States. The company was later sold to Annin and Company, the world's largest and oldest flag maker. The Scott family remained 25 years as division managers. Business ventures continued with the World Olympic Games in Sarajevo, Los Angeles, and Atlanta. The company appeared in local and national media many times. In 1970 Vane wrote, produced, and performed his patriotic show, "Many Faces of Old Glory". This production continued for 38 years. Vane appeared with such stars as Glen Campbell, Peter Noone, Dan Jansen, Zig Ziggler, and the Oak Ridge Boys. He performed in Branson, Pigeon

Forge, Myrtle Beach, and the Phoenix Sun Bowl. Vane also performed with the Tuscarawas Philharmonic three times. These videos were shown to all JROTC high school programs and were registered with the Air Force Libraries. They were also shown on every naval fighting ship. Vane retired from the flag business in 1990. Vane then became the founder and national president of the USS Radford 446 Association and the USS Radford National Naval Museum, which was created in Newcomerstown in 2001. The Radford project reached over 1,400 shipmates that were found. He also assisted Barbara with the Olde Main Street Museum and Social Center project, which is a prelude to the Mary Hayes Dining Theatre Complex. He designed and help to build many of the Olde Main Street exhibits. Vane produced a special version of his popular video to almost 1,000 tour buses to promote the Newcomerstown museums. Vane's community activities were extensive. He served as master of ceremonies for many years at the Newcomerstown Memorial Day Parade and Program. He also spoke at many surrounding communities on Memorial Day. He helped to plan the Desert Storm celebration in Newcomerstown in 1991. Vane was a former board member of the Tuscarawas County Philharmonic Orchestra and performed his "Many Faces of Old Glory" show as a fund raiser for the Friends of the Library. He gave considerable time to the Newcomerstown Historical Society and the Temperance Museum and created patriotic displays. He also performed his show at the U.S. Bicentennial, Newcomerstown, in 1976 and 1977. His show also aired on PBS in Topeka, Kansas and Tampa, Florida. He presented his show at no charge to the Veterans' Home, Sandusky, the Masonic Home, Springfield, and many area high schools. Vane was a member of the Newcomerstown Chamber of Commerce, the Newcomerstown Historical Society, life member of Lone Star Lodge # 175, Newcomerstown F & A.M., life member of Royal Arch Masons, Nugen Chapter 124, and the 32nd degree Scottish Rite Valley, Cambridge. With the veterans, he was a life member and current adjutant for the Darrell Beiter Post #3303, Newcomerstown VFW, a life member of the Thomas Montgomery Post # 431, Newcomerstown American Legion, a life member of the Amvets Post 36, a life associate member of Korean War Veterans, a *Life Member of Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America – Newcomerstown Chapter #532*, and the last active World War II member of the Newcomerstown Veterans' Honor Guard. He also served as President Emeritus and editor for the USS Radford Association, and was inducted into the Ohio Veterans Hall of Fame, 2004, the Newcomerstown Veterans Hall of Fame, and the Newcomerstown High School Wall of Fame. Other memberships included being a life member of the BPOE # 1555, Newcomerstown Elks Lodge, the Newcomerstown Rotary Club, the Tin Can Sailors, and the Kentucky Colonels. He was Goodwill Ambassador of 1984 for the Coshocton area Chamber of Commerce, cited in the Congressional Record, board member of the Spirit of Freedom Foundation, and with wife Barbara were Citizens of the Year, 2001, with the local Knights of Columbus, John Kennedy Council, and a member of the Ohio Veterans Hall of Fame, 2004. Vane and Barbara also received the Lifetime Achievement Award, 2006, from the Newcomerstown Chamber of Commerce. Vane was preceded in death by wife, Barbara J. Waller Scott, Newcomerstown, who died on May 7, 2008. Vane and Barb were married November 18, 1951. Also deceased is his younger brother, Karl Edward "Eddie" Scott, California, who died in 1975. Vane is survived by two sons and a daughter, Kennon E. Scott, Florida, and Vane S. "Bud" and wife Sue L. Scott III, and Gayle L. and husband Gary D. Opphile, all of Newcomerstown. There are also four grandchildren, Chad A. and wife Dawn R. Opphile, Brad A. and wife Chastity Opphile, Vane S. "Skip" Scott, IV and his companion, Emma John and

her daughter, Alaina John, all of Newcomerstown, and Vanessa L. and husband Jamie Shample, Coshocton. Vane also leaves five great grandchildren, Alicia, Amber, and Ashlyn Opphile, Newcomerstown, and Mackenzie Carr and Raymond "Tray" Truex III, both of Coshocton; and several nieces and nephews. Funeral services to celebrate Vane's life were held on Tuesday, February 15, 1:00 PM, at the Ourant Funeral Home. Ray Booth, former editor of the Newcomerstown News, served as master of ceremonies. Reverend Donald Silverthorne delivered the benediction. Burial was at the West Lawn Cemetery, where the Newcomerstown Veterans' Honor Guard provided all military honors.

ROCCO J. SGRO - Died Sunday, December 18, 2011 at Riddle Memorial Hospital at the age of 63. He was a resident of Glen Mills, Pennsylvania. The cause of death was heart disease. He was born March 23, 1948 to Rocco R. Sgro and Philomena Iacono Shar, both of whom survive him. Rocco was Lead Accountant for the United States Army Corps of Engineers in Memphis, Tennessee for 25 years and was a Vietnam War veteran, serving with the United States Army Special Forces. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Media Chapter #67**. In addition to his parents he is survived by his siblings Donna (Bob), Carmen, Anna (Tim) and Diane (Glynn), uncle Anthony Sgro (Josephine) and his aunt Doris Sgro. The Funeral Service was held at 11:00 AM on Wednesday at Mount Hope United Methodist Church, 4020 Concord Road, Aston where friends may call from 10:00 to 10:45 AM. Burial was in the adjoining church cemetery. Contributions may be made to the American Heart Association. Arrangement were made by White-Luttrell, Aston. www.whiteluttrell.com.

MARGARET FRANCES SHAW – Died Saturday, October 22, 2011 in Santa Clara, California at the age of 88. The cause of death was cardiac arrest and dementia. She was born July 10, 1923 in Monrovia, California to the late Herman K. Moore and Frances M. (née Atkinson) Moore. She is survived by her son, Michael Shaw of Santa Clara. She was a member of **Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America – San Jose Chapter #201**.

GARY WALTER SINCLAIR – Died Friday, December 9, 2011 in Garden City Park, New York at the age of 61. The cause of death is unknown. He was born June 16, 1950 in Mineola, New York to Wanda and the late Benjamin Sinclair. He was the loving Dad of Lisa, Erin, & the late Michael; dear brother of Jane Hadorn; caring uncle to Kevin Hadorn, Carol Blann & great-uncle of Alex Hadorn, Katrina Hadorn & Katie Blann. He served in the United States Army from April 25, 1968 to April 24, 1972 with service in the Vietnam War from April 1969 to April 1971. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Hicksville Chapter #82**. Friends and family visited on Sunday 2:00-4:30 PM & 7:00-9:30 PM at the New Hyde Park Funeral Home, Inc., 506 Lakeville Road, New Hyde Park, New York 11040. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on Monday at 10:00 AM Saint Hedwig Roman Catholic Church, Floral Park, New York. Interment was at Holy Rood Cemetery, Westbury, New York.



GEORGE J. "Berger" SNELLENBERGER - Died Wednesday, September 7, 2011 in Jackson, Michigan at the age of 66. The cause of death was heart disease. He was born October 24, 1944. He is survived by one daughter, Laurie (Stephen) McEnroe; one grandson, Patrick McEnroe; four

stepdaughters, Tammy, Lori, Amy and Lisa; 16 stepgrandchildren. He served in the United States Army during Vietnam and received three Purple Hearts. He was a *Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Jackson Chapter #109* and Trinity Wesleyan Church and was an avid Detroit Tigers fan. Funeral services were held at Trinity Wesleyan Church Monday September 12, 2011 at 11:00 AM. Visitation was at the funeral home Sunday 2:00 to 4:00 and 6:00 to 8:00 PM. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the family to help with expenses.



JIMMIE "Jim" DAVID STEVENS - Died at home in Clarksville, Tennessee Tuesday, October 4, 2011 in the care of his wife and Hospice. He was 78 years of age. The cause of death was congestive heart failure and cancer. He was born September 14, 1933 in San Antonio, Texas to the late Ted and Reba Stevens. He was also preceded in death by a son, Teddy. He leaves behind his wife, Marjorie of 30 years, as of October 2; his brother, Kenneth (Debi) of Canyon Lake, Texas and sister, Linda Rose (Joe) of Cleburne, Texas.

He is also survived by two sons, Leslie of Von Ormy, Texas, Alan of Escondido, California and one daughter, Evelyn of Temecula, California; also stepsons, Larry Barstow (Julie) of Sumner, Washington, Michael Barstow, Yakima, Washington, CDR Steven Barstow, USN (Deanne) Jacksonville, Florida and Shannon Barstow (Nicole) of Madison, Wisconsin; and numerous grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces and nephews. He retired from the United States Navy October 2, 1972 as Senior Chief Petty Officer E-8, with 20 years of service, then worked for Howard Hughes Company for 30 years. Since moving to this area in 1988, he has been active in VFW Post #4895, having served as Post Commander, as District Chaplain, and more recently as Post Chaplain for several years. He was a member of the American Legion. He was a *Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Clarksville Chapter #396*. He was active at Hilldale Methodist Church, serving as usher and scripture reader. He alternately taught the Sunday School Founders Class for 8 years. He led a weekly Bible Study at Uffleman Estates and dearly loved "his ladies" there. He was a certified lay speaker and felt privileged to deliver the message at three services one Sunday before he became seriously ill. Funeral services were held Monday, at Neal-Tarpley-Parchman Chapel at 10:00 AM, with the Reverend Skip Armistead, officiating. Visitation was Sunday from 1 to 5 p.m. at the funeral home. Burial was in the Kentucky Veterans Cemetery with Full Military Honors. He will be greatly missed by his faithful dog companion, R. Lee; his many friends, and his church family. Contributions may be made to Hilldale Methodist Church debt retirement. Arrangements entrusted to Neal-Tarpley-Parchman Funeral Home, 1510 Madison Street, Clarksville, Tennessee 37040; (931) 645-6488. Online condolences may be made at www.neal-tarpley.com.



KENNETH R. STEWART - Died unexpectedly Saturday, June 25, 2011 in Norfolk, Virginia at the age of 50. The cause of death was

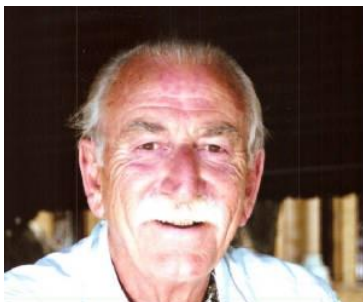
cancer. He was born in 1951 in Lorain, Ohio to the late Betty and Louis Stewart. He is survived by two sisters, Debbie Vonya and Pam Scheiferstein; and four brothers, Frankie, Timmy, Greg and Andy. Mr. Stewart loved his birds Jo-Jo, Peppers and C-C. He enjoyed

watching wrestling, and spending time volunteering at the VA Medical Hospital in Hampton. He was also a member of **Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America – Tidewater (Norfolk) Chapter #48**. Mr. Stewart's remains were donated to science with hopes in helping in the research and fight against cancer.



ORVILLE R. SWEAT - Died Monday, October 10, 2011 at Toledo Hospital in Toledo, Ohio at the age of 68. He was a resident of Monroe, Michigan. The cause of death was heart failure. He was born December 13, 1942 in Monroe, to the late Emery and Georgia Sweat. He attended school in Monroe and was a 1962 graduate of Monroe High School. He also attended Evergreen Acres Missionary Baptist Church. Orville served his country honorably and proudly as a private in the United States Army during the Vietnam War. Orville served from February 23, 1967 to February 20, 1969. For his heroism he was awarded; the Vietnam Service Medal with 3 Bronze Stars, the National Defense Service Medal and the Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal. Orville worked as a maintenance man for Chrysler's Trenton Engine Plant for 15 years from which he retired in 1986. His prior employment included working as a maintenance man for the United States Postal Service in Wyandotte. Orville was a member of the VFW Post 1138 and a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Chapter #142**. Orville was a true animal lover and a fan of Loretta Lynn, Elvis Presley and the Detroit Tigers. A truly wonder person, Orville enjoyed laughing and eating, he especially enjoyed his sister Janet's yellow cake, fresh out of the oven, with chocolate frosting. More than anything Orville enjoyed family. He had a special and wonderful relationship with his many nieces and nephews and great nieces and nephews. He is survived by 3 brothers; Clyde (Pam) Sweat of Monroe, Norman (Alma) Sweat of Cache, OK, Herbert (Peggy) Sweat of Monroe, and 2 sisters; Janet E. (Jim) Patterson and Linda S. Knaggs both of Monroe. In addition to his parents, Orville was preceded in death by 2 brothers; Duncan and Larry Sweat, a sister Virginia Abrams, 3 infant sisters and 2 infant brothers. Visitation was held on Thursday from 1:00-8:00 PM in the Bacarella Funeral Home, 1201 South Telegraph Road, in Monroe, where funeral services celebrating Orville's life was held on Friday, October 14, 2011 at 1:00 PM. The Reverend Ronald Schultz pastor of Grace Lutheran Church and Tom Treece of Guided Ministries co-officiated. Interment followed at Roselawn Memorial Park where the VFW Post 1138 conducted full military honors. Memorial contributions are suggested to the Monroe Humane Society.

EDWARD H. SYRACUSE – Died Tuesday, August 16, 2011 in Las Vegas, Nevada at the age of 65. The cause of death is unknown. He was born October 8, 1945. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Las Vegas Chapter #17**.



DAVID HENSLEE THEDFORD - Died Wednesday June 1, 2011 at his home in Tow, Texas at the age of 63. The cause of death is unknown. He was born August 23, 1947 in Jacksonville, Texas to the late Retus and Billie Thedford. He is survived by his beloved bride Petra Thompson Thedford, his two daughters, five step-children and fifteen grandchildren. David has three surviving

siblings (two sisters and one brother). David served proudly as United States Marine in the Vietnam War, as a decorated veteran he was presented the Purple Heart along with many other awards and decorations. After being honorably discharged, he spent forty years in the oil industry around the world as an engineer. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Tyler Chapter #932**. Visitation was Saturday June 4, 2011 between 6:00 PM and 8:00 PM. Services were held at the Funeral Home Chapel Sunday June 5, 2011 at 3:00 PM, following services interment was in Llano City Cemetery with full Military Honors. Pallbearers included Jay Barr, Terry Barr, Roland Rode, Josh Rode, Benny Hoffman, and Jose Ortiz

ROBERT LEROY THURMAN – Died on Wednesday, November 9, 2011 in Merrillville, Indiana at the age of 65. The cause of death was pneumonia, ARDS, renal failure and respiratory failure. He was born October 1, 1946 in Bremerton, Washington to the late Robert K. Thurman and the late Vera M. (née Marotta) Thurman. He is survived by his wife, R. Jayne Thurman of the home. He served in the United States Army from October 14, 1966 to October 13, 1969 with a tour of duty in Vietnam from 1968 to 1969 with the 3rd Aircraft Maintenance Battalion. He was the recipient of the Purple Heart. He retired as Deputy Sheriff in his hometown. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Portage Chapter #905**.



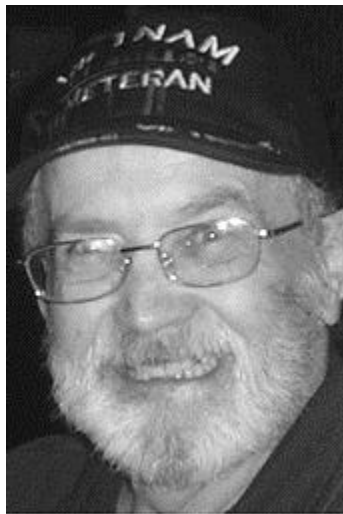
ANDREW “Andy” TRAUTMAN - Died Saturday, October 22, 2011, in Humansville, Missouri at the age of 63. The cause of death was a stroke. Andy was born in Boulder City, Nev., January 14, 1948, to the late Paul D. and Nellie F. (née Romine) Trautman. Andy was preceded by the love of his life, wife, Barbara "Bobi" Trautman, who passed away in 2007; and 2 siblings. Andy is survived by a daughter, Misty Jeffery; stepchildren, Jack (Donna) Jeffery, Steve (Kris) Jeffery, Rod Klein, Jr., June (Rick) Johnson, Margo Klein and Cari (Ed) Voyles. He is also survived by several grandchildren and 3 great grandchildren; and a very special friend, Norma Faris. Ed and Cari May Voyles have been Andy's caregivers for the last 3 ½ years due to several debilitating strokes Andy had. Andy served in the United States Army in Vietnam and was extremely proud of his military service. He served on the Pottawattamie Veterans Affairs Commission, was president of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Glenwood Chapter #798** for several years and was a member of American Legion Post #2 and VFW Post #737. Andy retired on disability from Bluffs Run, where he was a Heating and Air Conditioning mechanic. Per Andy's wishes, he has been cremated and there will be no services. A celebration of life will be held at a later date. Memorials may be made to the family c/o Norma Faris, 11 Crestwood Drive, Council Bluffs, Iowa, 51503.

FRANK ANTHONY UNGARO – Died Thursday, October 27, 2011 of Hamburg, New York at the age of 63. The cause of death was Chronic Respiratory Failure and metastatic small cell lung carcinoma. He was born in Buffalo, New York on March 20, 1948 to the late Dominic Ungaro and Teresa (née Zanghi) Cain. He was the beloved husband of Anita R. (née Hagius) Ungaro; loving father of Theresa Ungaro, Frank A. Jr. (Marcy) Ungaro and the late Sonya Marie Ungaro; cherished grandpa of Patrick Anthony



O'Rourke and Sayla Rose Ungaro; step-son of Ronald Cain; brother of Linda (Charles) Joy, Marie (John) Hutchins, Arthur (Tracy) Cain, Leonard (Lorri) Cain, Linda (Paul) Crist, Peter (Darlene) Ungaro, Tina (Steve) Jones, Nadine (EJ) Miller; also survived by many loving nieces and nephews. He served in the United States Army from October 3, 1966 to September 24, 1969 and served a tour of duty in Vietnam with HHB, 2nd Battalion, 17th Artillery. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Tonawanda Chapter #77**. Family was present to receive friends Monday 3:00-7:00 PM at the (Hamburg Chapel) John J. Kaczor Funeral Home, Inc. 5453 Southwestern Boulevard (corner of Rogers Road 646-5555) where funeral services were held Tuesday at 10:00 AM. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to PTSD Center, Batavia VA Hospital 222 Richmond Avenue, Batavia, New York 14020.

FRANCIS PHILIP WALLACE – Died Sunday, February 6, 2011 in Maxwell, Texas at the age of 72. He was formerly of Upper Marlboro, Maryland. The cause of death is unknown. He was born August 13, 1938. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a retired computer science project manager, of Lockhart, Texas. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – San Marcos Chapter #923**. Services were pending with All Faiths, south location.



ROGER WAYNE WARD - Died Friday, August 5, 2011 in Tyler, Texas at the age of 65. He died from complications of a lifelong battle with heart disease. He was born February 17, 1946 in Lamar, Colorado. Roger was a longtime resident of Lindale/Tyler, Texas. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War having served in the United States Navy. He was active in local VFW services, including Welcome Home Soldiers. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Tyler Chapter #932**. He is survived by one son, John (Tina) Ward of Tyler; four grandchildren, Jonathan, Tori, Ricky and Kenzie Ward; and a host of friends and fellow pool players. The Reverend Howard Thompson officiated at memorial services on Sunday, August 14, 2011 at XL'N On Fifth, 2109 East Fifth Street in Tyler, Texas at 7:00 PM.

DAVID LEE WARDLOW – Died Tuesday, October 4, 2011 in Atkinson, Illinois at the age of 65. The cause of death was cancer. He was born in Moline, Illinois on August 29, 1946. He is survived by his wife, Carol, 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 – Quad Cities (Rock Island, Illinois) Chapter #299**.

MICHAEL A. WASKO - Died Monday, January 7, 2008 in Palmer, Massachusetts at the age of 63. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on December 26, 1944 in Hartford, Connecticut to late Walter and Anna (née Kovalchuk) Wasko. He grew up in Hartford and then moved to East Windsor, Connecticut, where he attended East Windsor High School. Mike joined the United States Marine Corps from 1963-1966, and was stationed in Chu Lai, Vietnam in 1966. He was a

member of the Palmer Youth Basketball Association board of directors. He was an *At-Large Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America - Massachusetts**, a member of the Marine Corps League, AMVETS and the Disabled American Veterans. Before becoming disabled, Mike was a tool and die-maker at various shops in the area. He and his wife Nancy also owned Tomes for the Sage Christian Bookstore for seven years in the late 1980's. He leaves his wife of 21 years Nancy Wasko of Palmer, five children Jennifer Wasko of Coventry, CT, Ivan Wasko of Ashford, CT, Kaitlyn, Pamela and Seth Wasko at home. He will also be missed by a sister Elaine Leitz and her son Jon Leitz of Warehouse Pt., CT and a grandson William Gunnar Wasko of Coventry, Connecticut. Calling hours will be held on Thursday from 4:00-7:00 p.m. at the Beers & Story Palmer Funeral Home. A Committal Service was held on Tuesday, January 22, 2008 at 10:00 AM at the Massachusetts Memorial Cemetery in Agawam. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in his memory to the Michael A. Wasko Memorial Fund c/o Country Bank, Palmer, MA 01069 or to the Palmer Youth Basketball Assoc. P.O. Box 6, Thorndike, MA 01079. For more information please visit www.beersandstory.com.

GRANT HENRY WEBER – Died Saturday, September 10, 2011 in Morganton, North Carolina at the age of 60. The cause of death is unknown. He was born March 12, 1951. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Moline Chapter #669**. He is survived by his wife Phyllis. A graveside service was conducted at 3:00 PM on September 13, 2011 at the Forest Hill Cemetery. Sossoman Funeral Home was in charge of the arrangements.

JON JEFFREY WEHMEYER – Died Monday, October 31, 2011 in Woodbridge, Virginia at the age of 64. The cause of death is unknown. He was born June 16, 1947 to Lorraine Wehmeyer and the late Joseph Wehmeyer. In addition to his mother, he is survived by his wife, Nan Wehmeyer; his sister, Karen Sutton; his brother, Joseph Wehmeyer; two sons, Jason and Josh Wehmeyer, and; two grandsons, Caleb and Aiden Wehmeyer. He served in the United States Marine Corps in Vietnam from 1968 to 1970 as a Corporal/Rifleman. He served in Alpha ¼, 3rd Marine Division, which operated in I Corps. He retired from the FBO in 1998 where he served as commander of the Hostage Rescue Team in Quantico, Virginia. He also served the FBI in Newark, New York, New Haven and Washington DC (WFO and Headquarters). After retirement, he worked for Science Applications International Corporation (SAIC) for 11 years as a project manager dealing with national security matters. Following his tenure at SAIC, he founded Warrior Security Solutions, where he served as a sub-contractor to the FBI. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Woodbridge Chapter #617**. He was also a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars – Manassas Post #7589. In addition to his devoted service to his family and country, he served his church as a Deacon at the First Baptist Church in Woodbridge. A memorial service was conducted on November 10th at the First Baptist Church in Woodbridge at 11:30 AM. Visitation was at the Church two hours prior to the Memorial Service. Interment was in Quantico National Cemetery.

FRANK ALBERT ADAM WELLER – Died Monday, November 28, 2011 in Fulton, Texas at the age of 73. The cause of death was drowning while fishing and fell out of his boat. It is believed he suffered a heart attack which precipitated the accident. He was born in Traverse City, Michigan

on December 11, 1937 to the late Frank J. Weller and Josephine (née Gill) Weller. He is survived by his wife, Joan (née Mannor) Weller; five children, Bonnie (David) Totten, of Traverse City, Michigan, Mary (Kelly) Ham, of Sacred Heart, Minnesota, Debra (Rodney) Burley, of Virginia Beach, Virginia; Sandra (Leonard) Lydick, of Las Vegas, Nevada and Frank (Chris) Weller, of Edinburg, Texas; 18 grandchildren; 23 great-grandchildren; his sister and brother-in-law, Shirley and Steve Moore, of Interlochen, Texas, and; several nieces and nephews. In addition to his parents, he was also predeceased by his granddaughter, Chrystal Marie Harris. He retired from the United States Army after 20 years of service at the rank of Master Sergeant. He served during the Vietnam War. He was an *At-Large Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Michigan**. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Rockport, Texas with Reverend Father Alejandro Saenz, as Main Celebrant. He was interred in Traverse City, Michigan.



ROBERT LEE “Bob” WHITE – Died Saturday, May 21 2011 in Hanover, Maryland at the age of 66. The cause of death is unknown. He was born January 24, 1945. He was the beloved husband of Carol B. White; loving father of Spencer and wife Debbie, Matthew and wife, Madelene, Leanne Nolan and husband, Brandon; beloved grandfather of; Ashley, Jake, Adam, Colton, Nathan, Hayden and Linnea, also surviving his sister, Karen Abraham and other loving relatives and friends. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was an *At-Large Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Maryland**. Family will receive friends on Thursday, May 26 from 10 to 11 a.m. at Witzke Funeral Homes, Inc., 5555 Twin Knolls Road,

Columbia, Maryland, where funeral service will immediately follow at 11 a.m. Interment with military honors will be in Crownsville Veterans Cemetery at 1 p.m. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made in his memory to NAMI Maryland, 10630 Little Patuxent Parkway, Suite 475, Columbia, MD 21044.

GEORGE J. WILLIAMS, JR. – Died Monday, November 14, 2011 at the Barnes Jewish Hospital in Saint Louis, Missouri at the age of 68. He was a resident of Centralia, Illinois. The cause of death was a stroke. He was born in Baltimore, Maryland on April 15, 1943 to George Hopson Williams, of Baltimore and the late Gertrude (née Walker) Williams. He married Shirley A. Burris on August 19, 1967 at Ricks Chapel A.M.E. in Centralia. In addition to his wife and his father, he is survived by two daughters and sons-in-law, Dana A. Williams-Beal and Alderman Anthony Beal, of Chicago, Illinois and Kimula Burris-Holmes and Ervin Holmes, of Chicago; two sons, Earl T. Burris III, of Chicago and Alderman Steven R. Burris, of Country Club Hills, Illinois; five brothers and one sister-in-law, Gilbert Walker, Billy and Teresa Williams, Anthony Williams, Bruce Williams and Roy Hopson, all of Baltimore; five sisters, Betty Jean Williams, Diane Williams, Vanessa William Wiliams, Mary Jane Williams and Phillis Hopson, all of Baltimore; six grandchildren, Andre Swanson, Janea Weaver, Anthony A. Beale, Jr., Darius Beale, Kameron Burris and Nicholas Burris, all of Chicago; two great-grandchildren, Andre Swanson, Jr. and Madison Weaver, both of Chicago, and; several nieces, nephews and cousins. In addition to his

mother, he was predeceased by a brother. He served in the United States Air Force entering on August 15, 1962 serving in the Vietnam War stationed in the Philippines at Scott Air Force Base. He was a life member of the American Legion, AMVETS, Disabled American Veterans and the Shriners. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Centralia Chapter #176**. He was a volunteer driver for the DAV van, Bingo and the Kitchen chairman for the local American Legion Post #466 of Centralia. Funeral services were conducted at 1:00 PM Saturday, November 19, 2011 at the Sutherland-Garnier Funeral Home in Centralia with the Reverend Donald Jones, officiating. Interment with full military honors was at Hillcrest Memorial Park in Centralia.

GERALD “Jerry” EUGENE WILTSE - Died in Crescent City, California on Friday, November 4, 2011 at the age of 66. He was a resident of Brookings, Oregon. The cause of death was a massive heart attack. Jerry was born May 8, 1945 in Malden, Massachusetts to the late Kenneth and Evelyn (née Skibbe) Wiltse. He spent his childhood in Greeley, Iowa, graduating from high school in Manchester. Following high school, Jerry enlisted in the United States Air Force where he would serve two and a half tours in Vietnam and receive the Bronze Star for his role as radio operator in Dak To from October 23 to November 20, 1967. After more than twenty years of service in the Air Force, Jerry retired at the rank of Master Sergeant (E-8) and began his second career as an electronic engineer with the FAA specializing in vortac and microwave antennas, and navigational aids. Initially he worked in Las Vegas but later transferred to Red Bluff; he would spend the last ten years of his career there commuting weekly from his home in Brookings. Jerry met Paula Young in Havre, Montana, and they married on September 17, 1971. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Brookings Chapter #757**. Jerry enjoyed volunteering his time to area non-profit groups in Brookings such as the VVA, but was most active in the Brookings-Harbor Red Shirts. Having held offices with the Red Shirts including Sergeant of Arms and Vice President, Jerry loved his time with them. He and Paula traveled all over the world including Europe and the Middle East. They also loved putting the ATV's in the Toy Hauler and heading out to the desert where they would also discover what would become their favorite hobby: rock hounding. They collected, cut and polished many different kinds of rocks and even began a small business selling their hand-crafted jewelry. Jerry was also an avid fisherman and had his own boat - "Flat Broke". Most of all, though, Jerry was a family man. Whether he was spending time with Paula or video-chatting with his grandkids, he loved and was devoted to his family. Jerry will be remembered for his dry sense of humor, his commitment to the local community and its veterans, and as a loving husband, father, and grandfather. Survivors include his wife of 40 years, Paula of Brookings, daughter and son-in-law, Sheri and Larry Goade of Bainbridge Island, WA, son, Matthew Wiltse of Brookings, brothers, Arthur Wiltse and his wife, Mary of Port Isabel, TX, Bruce Wiltse and his former wife, Lynda Wiltse of Chicago, IL, Roger Wiltse of Greeley, IA, Keith Wiltse and his wife, Debra of Stedman, North Carolina, grandchildren, Wyatt and Garrett Goade. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations may be made in Jerry's memory to the Brookings-Harbor Red Shirts, 17247 Lumberview Road, Brookings, Oregon 97415 or online at www.brookings-harbor-redshirts.org.



A celebration of Jerry's life was held on Sunday, November 20, 2011 at 1:00 PM at the Brookings Elks Lodge, 800 Elk Drive in Brookings. A potluck reception will follow at the Lodge.

MICHAEL ZAKLIKOWSKI - Died Tuesday, October 11, 2011 in his home in North Tonawanda, New York at the age of 64. The cause of death is unknown. He was born July 4, 1947 to the late Bernard and Verna (née Kundracik) Zaklikowski. He was the beloved father of Anna and Ben Zaklikowski; dear brother of Bernadette (John) Kester and John (Linda) Zaklikowski; former spouse of Ruth E. Schap; also survived by several nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles, cousins and friends. Relatives and friends visited the Lombardo Funeral Home (Northtowns Chapel), 885 Niagara Falls Boulevard, near Eggert/Sheridan Drive, on Monday from 11:00 AM-12:00 Noon, where the funeral service immediately followed. Mr. Zaklikowski served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America - Tonawanda Chapter #77**. Online condolences may be added at www.lombardofuneralhome.com.

DENNIS ZIESE – Died Wednesday, September 29, 2010 in O'Fallon, Missouri at the age of 60. The cause of death is unknown. He was born January 18, 1950. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was an *At-Large Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Missouri**.



DAVID S. ZIMMERMAN - Died at Aurora Medical Center on Thursday December 8, 2011 in Oshkosh, Wisconsin at the age of 63. The cause of death was a heart attack. David was born in Pickett, Wisconsin on March 16, 1948, to late Earl and Doris (née Brigham) Zimmerman. He married Sharon Kropp on September 30, 1967, in Ripon, Wisconsin. David served his country during the Vietnam War in the United States Army and was awarded the Purple Heart. He retired from the Winnebago County Highway Department, and drove a bus for Kobussen Buses Ltd. He was a member of the Cook-Fuller Post of the American Legion and a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Oshkosh Chapter #437**. He was a member of the Harley Owners Group Fond-du-Lac Chapter, the Pickett Steam Engine Club and the Lighthouse Beacons Camper Club. Survivors include his wife Sharon Zimmerman of Oshkosh; several nieces and nephews and friends. He was preceded in death by his parents, Earl and Doris, an infant brother, Wayne Zimmerman and a sister, Diane Luebke. Funeral services were held on Wednesday December 14, 2011 at 7:00 PM in the Konrad-Behlman Funeral Home- Westside with the Reverend Martin Ruge, officiating. Family and friends called at the funeral home on Wednesday from 3:00 PM to the time of service. Interment with Military Honors was at Liberty Prairie Cemetery in Pickett. A memorial is being established.

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.