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HUGH ROCKWELL "Rocky" ADAMS - Died Monday, December 3, 2012 at Baptist Memorial Hospital-GT, Columbus, Mississippi at the age of 77. He was a resident of Steens, Mississippi. The cause of death was cancer. He was born February 19, 1935 in Tacoma, Washington to the late Paul and June (née Jeffords) Adams. He served as a United States Navy Officer for 21 years. Mr. Adams was a member of New Hope United Methodist Church. He was also a member of several organizations: a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Columbus Chapter #997**, American Legion Association, Veterans Foreign Wars, Disabled Veterans Association, National Rifle Association, Bass Masters Association, Green Oakes Golf Course, and a card carrying Republican. In addition to his parents, Mr. Adams is preceded in death by his brother, Joe Adams. Mr. Adams is survived by his wife of 44 years, Frances O'Neil Finch Adams, Steens, MS, children-Keyla (Bruce) Peters, Greenfield, CA, Deborah (Tim) Hillman, Clinton, WA, Tammy (Al) Bell, Moline, IL, Roxanne Broderick, Central Point, OR, Connie (Peggy) Bauer, King City, CA, Larry (Kim) Lee, Bothell, WA, sisters- Sandy Smith, Minnetonka, MN, Donna Knight, Albuquerque, NM, 8 grandchildren, 12 great-grandchildren, 2 great-great grandchildren, Sadie the dog, Shorty the cat, his friends Red Taylor, Charlie Underhill and many others. A memorial service was celebrated on Friday, December 7, 2012 at 11:00 AM at the New Hope United Methodist Church, Columbus, MS with the Reverence Sarah Windham officiating and the Reverend Stacy Douglas assisting. The Lowndes Funeral Home, Columbus, MS was in charge of the arrangements. Memorials may be made to New Hope United Methodist Church, 2503 New Hope Rd., Columbus, MS 39702 or Vietnam Veterans of America, 8719 Colesville Rd., Suite 100, Silver Spring, Maryland 20910.



STEPHEN PAUL ADAMS – Died Thursday, November 29, 2012, at his home in Davenport, Iowa at the age 64, following an extended illness. The cause of death is unknown. He was born July 21, 1948, in Davenport, a son of Allyn John and Dorris Louise (née Tagge) Adams. After graduation from high school and an attempt at college, Steve entered the Marine Corps and served one tour in Vietnam from 1968 to 1969. Upon his honorable discharge, he made a couple more attempts at college. He was united in marriage to Polly F. Blake on October 6, 1984. She preceded him in death on June 4, 2009. Steve met his beloved Polly by "accident" in 1975 when he was involved in a motor vehicle accident and had to spend some quality time in the former Mercy Hospital where she was the nurse who took care of him. Steve had led a wild life up until then but Polly tamed him and they were a couple for eight years before they were married at John O'Donnell Stadium in what was known as "the Wedding of

the Century" on October 6, 1984. B.Y.O.C. (Bring Your own Costume) He had been a millwright for Nestle Purina for over 35 years and retired in 2008. He was a member of VFW Post 828, Davenport. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Quad Cities (Rock Island) Chapter #299**. SPA enjoyed spending time with his grandsons, kayaking, camping, fishing, photography, "creative writing" and telling tall tales that were unbelievable but true! He was an avid Chicago Bears and Iowa Hawkeyes fan and was known for his birthday bashes, 4th of July fireworks displays, bi-monthly "maintenance meetings" in his basement, weekly Wednesday night "boys meetings," dressing up for Halloween, and his 1949 MG TC "cool car." In 1978 he became an accepted contestant on the Gong Show with his dog Adolph. Survivors include his son, Christopher (Rhonda) Adams, Davenport; grandsons, Brett Adams and Shawn Hankemiore; mother, Dorris Adams, Davenport; brothers, Gary (Martha) Adams, Davenport, and David (Joline) Adams, Blue Grass; nieces, Jennifer and Amber; nephews, Brian, Nick, John, Chris, Mike and Daniel; brother-in-law, Peter Blake; and many very dear friends. A special thanks to Billy Rhodes, John Miller, and Mary Swift for all of the love and care they provided to Steve in his final days. His longtime pet parrot Kiddo also survives. In addition to his wife Polly, his father and dogs, Adolph, Mic, and Ei preceded him in death. Services were at 1:00 PM Tuesday, December 4, 2012, at the Halligan McCabe DeVries Funeral Home, Davenport. Burial was in Fairmount Cemetery, Davenport, with military honors provided by the Vietnam Veterans of America Post 299. Visitation hours were from 3:00-7:00 PM Monday at the funeral home. Memorials may be made to the Scott County Humane Society. Online remembrances and condolences may be expressed to the family by visiting Steve's obituary at www.hmdfuneralhome.com. Together with Polly- Honey I'll bring the lighter and bottle opener, "see you poolside."



EARL ALLBRITTON - Died on Thursday, September 20, 2012 in Lawton, Oklahoma surrounded by friends and family at the age of 76. The cause of death was cancer. He was born on July 8, 1936 in Tullos, Louisiana to Jesse Burl and Pearl (née Doyle) Allbritton. Earl grew up in Tullos, LA and attended LaSalle High School. He worked in a tire shop while in school and enlisted in the United States Army July, 1955. After completing basic training at Camp Chaffee, AR, Earl was stationed at Redstone Arsenal, AL, Ft Bliss, TX, and then Vicenza, Italy where he began his career in food services. Prior to his retirement from the military, Earl served at duty stations in New Orleans, LA, Monterey, CA, Korea, Vietnam, Germany, and finally at Ft Sill where he served as the food service supervisor at Reynolds Army Hospital. While serving in the military, Earl received numerous decorations including the Bronze Star Medal, Meritorious Service Medal, Army Commendation Medal with OLC, National Defense Service Medal, Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry, Vietnam Honor Medal, Vietnam Cross of Gallantry w/Bronze Star, Vietnam Service Medal, Vietnam Campaign Medal, and many Letters

of Achievement. After leaving the military, Earl worked in sale at Charlie Wade Oldsmobile and Howard Smith Ford while he attended Cameron Collage and Great Plains Area Vocational School where he received certification in engine repair, automatic transmissions and air conditioning. Earl was employed at Job Corps briefly, but soon returned to Ft Sill where he worked at the RACH dining facility as their civil service supervisor. He married Billie Fiock on November 30, 1996 in Lawton, and retired in 1998 to enjoy the rest of his life doing the things he enjoyed most, spending time with his family (especially his grandchildren), being with friends and traveling. Earl was a member of First Baptist West where he loved serving the Lord. He was a 32nd degree Mason, member of the Mystic Shrine, and Life Member of The Knights Templar Eye Foundation as well as a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Lawton Chapter #751**. Earl also spent a great amount of time serving his community as a volunteer, donating his time and efforts at the Heart and Vascular Center and the Cancer Center at Memorial Hospital as well as working with Insurge Care for 11 years. He was an active member of the Lawton Antique Auto Club for over 12 years and served as secretary for 8 of those years. During those years, Earl and Billie developed many close friendships, and thoroughly enjoyed numerous trips to different parts of Oklahoma in their 1930 Model A Ford or 1940 Deluxe Ford. Earl loved his cars, and was especially fond of the friendships they helped him develop at his Saturday morning meetings with Dr. Rob Kern, Dr. J.D. Duncan and several other car enthusiasts at Atlanta Bread Factory. Earl's survivors include his wife, Billie Ruth Allbritton of the home; 6 daughters, Kathy Allbritton of Lawton, Cindy Skelton and husband Eddie of Yukon, OK, Sheila Walbrick and husband Jack of Lawton, Sandra Freeman and husband Dale of Grandview, TX, Krystal Deak & Ken Bowen, and Sabrina Schilling, all of Lawton; a son, Ronald Fiock and wife Crystal of Lawton; grandchildren, George Day and wife Jenny of SC, Tiffany Norris of Oklahoma City, David Skelton and wife Sarah of FL, John Skelton of Oklahoma City, Rachel and Alan Freeman of Grandview, TX, Kyle and wife Brittain Walbrick, Blake Bowen and Shelby Bowen, Julia Schaller, Seth Schilling, and Deven Schilling, all of Lawton; great grandchildren, Lillian Day and Charles Day of SC, and Emmitt Skelton and Ian Skelton, both in FL; sisters, Bettye Jo Sandifer of Jena, LA, and Pearl La Cour and husband Lester of Bossier City, LA; father and mother in law, James and Mary Via of Lawton; sisters in law, Sylvia Carver and husband Larry in Lawton, and Sheila Lippert and husband Dale of Keller, TX; a brother in law, James Via in Chicago, IL, and numerous very special nieces and nephews in Louisiana and Texas. Earl was blessed with many close friends, including 4 very special friends who sat by his bed on almost a daily basis, Stan Booker, Doug Snook, Jo Joiner Sr., and Ural Rogers. He was preceded in death by his parents, Jesse and Pearl Allbritton; 4 sisters, Ethel Shankles, Edith Blackshear, Jessie Lou McCarty and Nelda Allbritton; brothers, Leonard and Gilbert Allbritton; and a grandson, Charles Skelton. The family suggests memorial contributions be made in Earl's name to the First Baptist West Building Fund or the Spirit of Survival at Comanche County Memorial Hospital.

DAVID LEE ALLEN - Died Sunday, October 14, 2012 in Jasper, Tennessee at the age of 65. The cause of death was septic shock and urinary tract infection. He was born in Indianola, Mississippi on January 7, 1947 to the late Leon Allen and Willie B. Cook who survives him. In addition to his father, he was also predeceased by his wife, Tammie Allen. In addition to his mother, he is survived by his daughter, Amy (Chris) Smith; grandchild, Riley; close friends, Kris, Juanita, Kaleb and Gage Wingfield and Lindsey and Brooke Davis. He was a United States Army

veteran who served his country during the Vietnam War. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Chattanooga Chapter #203**. The family received friends from 3:00 PM until 7:00 PM CDT, Friday, October 19, 2012.

MICHAEL ROBERT AUBEL – Died Monday, November 5, 2012 in Franklin Square, New York at the age of 61. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Woodside, New York on December 11, 1946. He served in the United States Army from July 6, 1966 to April 8, 1968 with a tour of duty in Vietnam with the First Air Cavalry Division from November 1, 1966 to October 31, 1967. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Hicksville Chapter #82**. Visitation was held on Saturday, November 10th from 7:00-9:00 PM and Sunday, November 11 from 2:00-4:00 and 7:00-9:00 PM. Funeral mass was held on Monday, November 12th at St. Catherine of Sienna at 10:30 AM. Private cremation followed.

EDWARD F. BAUMGART - Died Monday, October 22, 2012 at his home in Howell, New Jersey at the age of 87. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in 1925. He lived in West Orange, New Jersey before moving to Howell 19 years ago. He proudly served in the United States Army during World War II, and is a member of the VFW and DAV. He was a member of **Associates of Vietnam Veterans – Allenhurst Chapter #12**. He is also a member of The Church of the Epiphany in Brick, New Jersey. He is survived by his wife, Vera; a daughter, a son and his wife, three grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. The family received friends at the Herbertsville Colonial Funeral Home, 1045 Sally Ike Road, Brick, New Jersey on Wednesday, October 24, from 3:00-7:00 PM. A Mass was celebrated at The Church of the Epiphany, 615 Thiele Road, Brick Township, New Jersey on Thursday, October 25, at 10:00 AM.

RUSSELL WILLIAM BAVELAAR – Died Saturday, November 24, 2012 in Terrell, Texas at the age of 64. The cause of death was heart failure and kidney failure. He was born July 8, 1948 in Teaneck, New Jersey. He is survived by his wife, Catherine Bavelaar. He served in the United States Army from 25 June 1965 to 21 June 1968 with a tour of duty in Vietnam. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Mesquite Chapter #137**.

CLIFFORD ROY "Cliff" BELL, JR. - Died Monday, October 15, 2012 in West Point, Virginia at the age of 65. He was formerly from Arlington, Virginia. The cause of death was multiple myeloma. He was born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania on September 17, 1947 and attended Penn State. Cliff was a United States Army veteran of the Vietnam War and served in the Army Reserves 1976 to 1982. He retired as an analyst from N.G.A. Cliff was an avid reader, who also loved astronomy and history. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Arlington Chapter #227**. He was preceded in death by his parents, Clifford Roy and Mary Bell. Cliff is survived by his wife, Karen Carter Bell; two children of the heart, Amanda Smith (Scott) and Elizabeth Sullivan (Christopher); and a granddaughter, Gwendolyn. The family wishes to thank the nurses at Acute Care 4th floor of Sentara Williamsburg Hospital, and Hospice House of Williamsburg and their staff for the wonderful care given to him. A funeral service was held at 2:00 PM on Thursday, October 18th at Vincent Funeral Home & Cremation Service, 417 11th Street, West Point, VA 23181. Burial was in the Sunny Slope Cemetery. The family received friends from 6:00 to 8:00 PM on Wednesday at the funeral home. Memorials may be made to

Hospice House of Williamsburg, 4445 Powhatan Parkway, Williamsburg, VA 23188 or Multiple Myeloma (MMRF), 383 Main Avenue, 5th Floor, Norwalk, CT 06851.



ROBERT C. "Bob" BLAIR - Died Wednesday, October 24, 2012, in Newark, California, at the age of 65. He was a resident of Brookings, Oregon. The cause of death was a heart attack. Robert was born July 9, 1947 in Whitesburg, Kentucky. He was the devoted husband to Gidget Blair, his wife of 23 years, of Brookings; beloved father of Robert Blair Jr. and his wife Melanie of Alamogordo, New Mexico, Jason Blair and his wife Faith of Monument, Colorado, and Candi Lee Sharp and her husband Jason of Parker, Colorado; cherished grandfather of Hollie, Jason, Brandi, Zoe, and Jay; loving great-grandfather of Emma Lee. He was a truck driver for 25 years. Most recently he worked for R.B. High Tech Transport, Inc. for the past 14 years in Newark, California. Prior to that, he was in the United States Navy for 22 years. He completed three tours in Vietnam and was part of VXE6 Operation Deep Freeze in Antarctica. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Brookings Chapter #757**. He loved fishing and working. A celebration of his life was at 6:00 PM on Tuesday, November 13, 2012 at the Elks Lodge #1934, 800 Elk Drive, in Brookings, Oregon. "Bob for 23 years you were my man, you were my world; you were my everything. I will love you forever, Bob" – Your best friend and wife, Gidget.



JOSEPH BOCCAGNO - Died Tuesday, November 20, 2012 at his residence in Muhlenberg Township, Pennsylvania at the age of 82. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Reading, Pennsylvania on December 15, 1929 to the late Angelo and Rose Boccagno. Joseph enlisted in the United States Army after leaving Reading High School, on December 15, 1946 and attended the U.S. Army Ordinance School, Atlanta, GA. He served as an enlisted infantryman for 11 years, attaining the rank of Staff Sergeant. As an enlisted person, he served in Yong San, Korea from June 1947 to January 1949 and then was transferred to Yokohama, Japan. When the Korean War began he was transferred to the 8th Army Headquarters, in Yong San, Korea, serving there from July 1950 to September 1951. He subsequently served in Schweinfurt, Germany, with the 16th Infantry, 1st Infantry Division from 1953-1955 and then C Company, 16th Infantry from July 1955 to July 1957, where he was promoted to Sergeant First Class. Sergeant Boccagno graduated Second Lieutenant from the Infantry Officer Candidate School in July 1957 at Ft. Benning, Georgia and was assigned to B Company, 4th Infantry, Ft. Devens, Massachusetts, serving there from 1958 to 1960. As First Lieutenant he was transferred to Camp Zama, Japan to serve as Company Commander of the U.S. Signal Agency, Japan from 1960 to 1964 and then was promoted to Captain in May of 1961. Captain Boccagno graduated from the Advanced Infantry Career Officer's course, Ft. Benning, Georgia in 1964 and was assigned to the Reserve Advisory Group, Edison, NJ until June 1965. He was deployed to Lai Khe, Vietnam in August 1965 where he served with the 1st Battalion, C Company, 16th Infantry, 1st Infantry Division. In October 1966 he was reassigned to the Reserve Advisory Group, Edison, NJ. He was promoted to Major in November of 1966 and retired July 1, 1970. Major Joseph Boccagno received the Silver Star for gallantry in action, November 1966, Purple Heart for injuries sustained in combat, November 1965, Air Medal, in

1966 and Combat Infantry Badge, October 1965. Joseph is survived by his wife of 62 years, Katherine M. (Yamamoto) Boccagno, five sons, Joseph and wife, Sherry, Furlonge, Pa.; Daniel and wife, Shennie, Washington, DC; Frank and wife, Barbara, Ephrata, Pa.; Dr. Phillip Boccagno and wife, Mary Ann, Clarks Summit, PA; Steve and companion, Alexis, Phoenix, AZ; as well as eight grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. He is survived by sisters, Rose Colamarino and Gloria Saltzman. He was preceded in death by brothers, Frank and Patrick. He was a member of Holy Guardian Angels R.C. Church, Laureldale. He was a *Life Member* and - served as past Vice President of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Reading Chapter #131**, was a longtime member of DAV Chapter 10, member of the Berks County Veterans Advisory Committee, was a Charter member and past President of Pennsylvania War Veterans Association and a volunteer at the Berks County Department of Veterans Affairs. He was inducted into the Berks County Military Hall of Fame and was a mentor and friend to all veterans. Friends were invited to call Saturday from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM at the John P. Feeney Funeral Home. Religious services will follow at 1:00 PM. Interment was Tuesday at 2:00 PM at Indiantown Gap National Cemetery Annville, PA. Friends were invited to gather from 12:15 to 12:45 PM for procession. In lieu of flowers, donations may be sent to VVA Chapter 131, PO Box 13735, Reading, PA 19612-3735. Arrangements entrusted to the John P. Feeney Funeral Home, in Reading's Centre Park Historic District, 625 N. 4th St. at Centre Ave., Reading, PA 19601.

DALE L. BORGER - Died Saturday, December 24, 2011 in the VNA Hospice House, East Stroudsburg, Pennsylvania at the age of 66. He was a resident of Gilbert, Pennsylvania. The cause of death was cancer. He was born in Kunkletown, Pennsylvania on December 16, 1945 to the late LeRoy and Esther (née Buskirk) Borger. He was the loving husband of the late Nancy L. (née Smith) Borger, who died in 2008. He was a machine operator for Ingersoll-Rand, Phillipsburg, N.J., for over 30 years until retiring in 2000. After retiring, he worked for the Hide-a-Way Hills Golf Course, Kresgeville. A United States Army veteran of the Vietnam War, he was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America Stroudsburg Chapter #678** and the Quads and Search Lights Group. Borger was of the Methodist faith. In his spare time, he loved to play golf and was in the Men's League at the Indian Mt. Golf Club, Kresgeville. We have been blessed with the presence of Dale in our lives and he will be deeply missed by his children, Tonya, wife of Richard Kemp of Lehighton, and Bryan of Gilbert; a brother Gene, and his wife, Sandy, of Kresgeville; a sister-in-law, Emma VanStone of Saylorsburg; and his mother-in-law, Esther Temple of Saylorsburg. He was a loving and gentle grandfather to his four grandchildren, Carissa, Sarah, Christina and Cierra. He is also survived by nieces and nephews. He was also preceded in death by a son, Jarrod Clark Borger, who died in 2000; and a brother Martin. Memorial service was at 11:00 AM Saturday, December 31st at the Donald N. Gower Funeral Home, Rt. 209, Gilbert, with the Rev. Robin Fisher officiating. Interment was in Hillside Cemetery, Effort. Call 10-11 a.m. Saturday. Contributions may be made to the family, c/o Tonya Kemp, 222 S. First St., Lehighton, Pa. 18235. www.gowerfuneralhome.com.



VICENTE SALAS "Sparky" BORJA - (September 27, 1944 - June 3, 2010) "SPARKY" of Pagat Mangilao, Died Thursday, June 3, 2010 in Pagat Mangilao, Guam at the age of 65. The cause of death was cardiac arrest. He was born in Mangilao on September

27, 1944. He served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Hagatna Chapter #668**. Nightly rosary was prayed at his residence house #2004 A Sergio Cruz St. Pagat Mangilao at 8:00 PM. Last respects were paid on Friday, June 11, 2010 at his residence mentioned above beginning at 9:00 AM – 12:00 Noon. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at the Santa Teresita Church in Mangilao at 1:00 PM and burial with military honors were rendered at the Guam Veterans Cemetery in Piti, Guam.



HARRY R. BOTTORFF - Died Wednesday, October 11, 2012, at Hammond-Henry Hospital, Geneseo, Illinois at the age of 66. He was a resident of Geneseo, Illinois. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on October 29, 1945, in Moline, Illinois the son of Robert and Virginia (née Hollingsworth) Bottorff. He received a bachelor's degree from SIU where he met his wife, Kathleen Kulek. They married on February 15, 1974, in Ely, Nevada. He served in the United States Army during Vietnam. He worked at International Harvester for 10 years and later retired from the Corp of Engineers. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Moline Chapter #669**. He enjoyed carpentry, fishing, gardening, raising livestock and nature. He was an avid story and joke teller, and loved to travel. Survivors include his wife, Kathleen; daughters and spouse, Emily Bottorff of Chicago and Jill and Adam Braun of South Elgin; two grandsons, Owen and Connor; sisters and spouses, Kay and Larry Streeby of Asotin, Wash. and June and Tom O'Donoghue of Northfield; and a brother and spouse, Dick and Nancy Bottorff of Minneapolis, Minn. He was preceded in death by his parents. A Mass of Christian Burial was Tuesday, October 16 at St. Patrick's Catholic Church, Colona. A visitation was held Monday, October 15 at Schroder Mortuary, Silvis. Burial was Wednesday October 17 at Camp Butler Cemetery, Springfield. Memorials may be made to the Wounded Warrior Project (www.woundedwarriorproject.org).

SHELDON BRYANT "Tim" BOWEN - Died Wednesday, October 24, 2012 at his residence in Hamilton, Mississippi at the age of 69. The cause of death was a heart attack. He was born in Miami Beach, Florida to the late Jesse and Dorothy Kelley Bowen. He lived in Hamilton for the past forty years. He was a graduate of Itawamba Junior College and retired from the City of Aberdeen after working as Building Inspector and for the Aberdeen Police Department. He was a Vietnam War veteran of the United States Army. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Columbus Chapter #997**. He leaves his wife of 49 years, Patsy Yvonne Pannell Bowen of Hamilton; three daughters, Karen Little and husband, Mike, of Hamilton, Dottie Bowen of Hamilton and Dawn Chiverra and husband, Joel, of Aberdeen, Maryland; two sisters, Deanna Purvis of Petal, Mississippi and Denise Hill of Lumberton, Mississippi; five grandchildren, Lynne, J.B., Rachel, Adrian and Justin; two great grandchildren, Desmond and Destinee. He was preceded in death by his parents and a brother, Randy Bowen. A memorial service was held at 3:00 PM, Saturday, October 27, 2012 in the Tisdale-Lann Memorial Aberdeen Chapel with Rev. Joseph Kennedy officiating. Visitation was from 1:00 until 3:00 PM, Saturday, Oct. 27th, at the funeral home.

JOHN C. BRUCHMAN – Died Wednesday, September 7, 2011 in Watertown, Wisconsin at the age of 62. The cause of death was lung and brain cancer. He was born in Portsmouth, Virginia

on April 30, 1949 to the late Wayne “Sarge” H. and Betty J. (née Shook) Bruchman. On January 29, 1977, he married the former Susan Vorlob at Saint Henry Catholic Church. He served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War. In addition to his mother Betty J. Bruchman Meyer of Watertown and his wife, Susan of the home, he is survived by his daughter and son-in-law, Stephanie and Jonathan Hodgson, of Juneau, Wisconsin; his son, Justin Bruchman, of Watertown; two granddaughters, Jenna C. and Sarah E. Hodgson; his sister, Suzanne “Sue” Bartelt, of Pipersville; two brothers and a sister-in-law; Greg Bruchman, of Watertown and Robert and Lisa Bruchman, of Salt Lake City, Utah; a sister-in-law, Barbara (Rick) Lemke; a brother-in-law, Joe Collins, and; several nieces and nephews. In addition to his father, he was predeceased by his maternal and paternal grandparents; his father-in-law and mother-in-law, Carl and Betty Vorlob; his brother-in-law, Donny Bartelt, and; his sister-in-law, Karen Collins. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Black Hawk (Fort Atkinson) Chapter #409**. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on Saturday, September 10th at Saint Henry Catholic Church with Monsignor Daniel Ganshert of Saint Bernard’s Catholic Church presiding. Burial with full military honors was in Glenview Memorial Gardens in Ixonia. Hafmeister Funeral Home in Watertown was in charge of the arrangements.



REVEREND BONNIE LEE BURGESS, SR. - Died November 3, 2012, at his residence in Muscle Shoals at the age of 68. The cause of death is unknown. He was born October 17, 1944. He served in the United States Navy during the Vietnam War. He was an *At-Large Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Alabama**. Reverend B. L. Burgess Sr. is survived by his beloved and devoted wife of 45 years, Josie Qualls Burgess; one son, Bonnie Lee Burgess Jr., Sheffield, Ala.; three daughters, Carmolita Burgess, Florence, Ala., Kimberly (Tony) Neloms, Huntsville, Ala., and Apriell Burgess, Muscle Shoals, Ala.; four grandchildren, Orlandus Lee Burgess, Isaac Jordan Burgess, Kierra Disha' Burgess and JoBrea Ariell Burgess; three stepgrandchildren, Shertoria Southward, Montez Southward, Shawn Southward; one foster grandchild, Malachi Weakley, five sisters, Mattie (George) Granville, Muscle Shoals, Ala., Barbara (Willie) Jones, Muscle Shoals, Ala., Mary (Harris) Jarman, Muscle Shoals, Ala., Valery Goodloe, Muscle Shoals, Ala., and Sandra Cooper, Muscle Shoals, Ala.; his father, Bonnie (Etta) Burgess Jr., Muscle Shoals, Ala.; six sisters-in-law, Ludie Abernathy, Leighton, Ala., Janie (Robert) Allen, Town Creek, Ala., Dorothy Qualls, Ohio, Willia Jones, Clinton Township, Mich., Gloria Burgess, Muscle Shoals, Ala., and Barbara Burgess, Muscle Shoals, Ala.; one brother-in-law, Jessie Frank (Annie Pearl) Qualls, Florence, Ala. Funeral service was held at 11:00 AM on Friday, November 9, 2012, at the Bethel Colbert M.B. Church Leighton, Alabama. Reverend Leo Owens officiated. Public viewing was 10:00 AM until 8:00 PM, Thursday, November 8 at Trinity Memorial Funeral Home, Muscle Shoals, Alabama.

BERNARD J. “Bernie” BURKACKI - Died Tuesday, August 28, 2012 in Northville, Michigan at the age of 65. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Detroit, Michigan on June 4, 1947 to Ann and the late Leonard Burkacki. He was the beloved husband of Betty J. Burkacki; devoted father of Eric (Sara Moran) Redfield; loving brother of Coreen (Steve) Izworski, and; adored

grandfather of three. He served in the United States Air Force with a tour of duty in Vietnam from 1969 to 1970. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Plymouth Chapter #528**. Visitation hours were on Saturday 11:00-1:00 PM with a funeral service at 1:00 PM at the Casterline Funeral Home, 122 W. Dunlap, Northville. Contributions were appreciated to VFW Post #4012, Rural Hill Cemetery Foundation, 438 South Main Street, Northville, Michigan 48167.

MICHAEL E. BYS - Died Friday October 19, 2012, at the Holyoke Medical Center at the age of 65. He was a resident of South Hadley, Massachusetts. The cause of death was throat cancer. He was born in Holyoke, Massachusetts on October 24, 1946 to the late Edward and Gertrude (née Skypek) Bys. He was a lifelong resident of South Hadley. He was the Owner of Hadley Sales. Mike served in the United States Army during Vietnam. He served with the 1st Air Cavalry, in the infantry at the rank of Sergeant. He was a charter member of the South Hadley Jaycees. He was a member of the Fairview American Legion. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Springfield Chapter #111** in Chicopee, Massachusetts. He was a former member of the The Orchards. He was a current member of the Holyoke Country Club, where he instituted the "Air Press", and played with the "The Wild Geese". He loved fast cars, sports and a good joke. Mike is survived by his wife, Barbara (Strong) Bys, his mother-in-law, Bernice Strong, his brother's-in-law, Rick Strong and his wife Julie, Chris Strong and his wife Meghan, his nephews, C J Strong and Kyle Bry. Mike had many great friends, including Bob and Linda Lewko. A graveside service was held on Saturday morning October 27, 2012 at 10:00 AM in Evergreen Cemetery in South Hadley. There are no calling hours. Ryder Funeral Home in South Hadley handling arrangements. Please visit ryderfuneralhome.com for on line condolences. In lieu of flowers memorial contributions can be made to the Gaylord Memorial Library, 47 College St., South Hadley, Mass. 01075.

JEROME "Jerry" CERAVOLO – Died Friday, November 9, 2012 in West Hempstead, New York at the age of 74. The cause of death was cancer. He was born in Brooklyn, New York on May 3, 1938. He served in the United States Navy during the Vietnam War. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Hicksville Chapter #82**. Visitation was held on Sunday, November 11th from 7:00-9:00 PM and Monday, November 12 from 2:00-4:00 and 7:00-9:00 PM. The Funeral Mass was held on Tuesday, November 13th at St. Thomas Church at 11:00 AM. Interment was in Saint Charles Cemetery. The local chapter of Patriot Guard Riders provided military escort and military honors.

WARREN H. COCHRAN, JR. - Died Wednesday, August 8, 2012 at home in Long Branch, New Jersey at the age of 64. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Neptune, New Jersey on August 27, 1947 and grew up in Neptune City. He lived in Jackson and Asbury Park before moving to Long Branch 31 years ago. He was a pump station operator at the Monmouth County Reclamation Center in Tinton Falls for 15 years before retiring in 2008. Prior to that, he was a glazer at Glass World in Ocean Township and then for Kaabe Glass in Long Branch. He was a member of the Monmouth County Pistol & Gun Club, the Central Jersey Pistol & Gun Club, the NRA, Long Branch Elks, American Legion Post 346 and the Middletown VFW. He was an *At-Large Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – New Jersey**. He enjoyed skeet and target shooting. He was a United States Army veteran of the Vietnam War. He enjoyed camping and

visited many places over the years. He was predeceased by his parents, Minerva and Warren H. Cochran, Sr. Surviving are his wife of 27 years, Jackie Brown Cochran; sister, Eileen and her husband Nick Marsella; mother-in-law, Elaine Brown; sister and brother-in-law, Jeannie and John Krumeich and a nephew, Nick and 4 nieces, Melissa, Erin, Chloe and Kelsey. Relatives and friends were invited to visit from 3:00-5:00 PM Sunday, August 26, 2012 at the Fiore Funeral Home, 882 Broadway, West Long Branch.



AL "ALVIN" JAMES COLLINS, JR. - Died Sunday, August 26, 2012 at the Manor Care Health Services, Davenport, Iowa at the age of 69. He was a resident of Milan, Illinois. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on October 11, 1942 in Champaign, Illinois, to the late Alvin, Sr. and Pauline (née Dyer) Collins. He married Pat Tiecke on March 20, 1998 in Muscatine, Iowa. Al was a United States Navy veteran, who served in Vietnam. He worked as a machine repairman at the Rock Island Arsenal for 14 years, retiring in 1998. He was a member of several A.B.A.T.E. Chapters in the Quad Cities, the American Motorcycle Association, and the Trio Lodge No. 57 A.F. & A.M., Rock Island. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Quad Cities (Rock Island) Chapter #299**. Al's enjoyments in life were shooting, and riding and working on motorcycles. Survivors include his wife, Pat, Milan; children, AJ (Irina) Collins III, Stockton, IA, Cindy Collins, Janesville, WI, and Stacy (Tony) McCabe, Griffith, IN; four grandchildren; one great-granddaughter; sisters, Gloria (Paul) Byers, Medaryville, IN, and Cynthia (Ron) Partikal, Burr Ridge, IL; and brothers, David (Kathy) Collins, Evansville, WI, Gary Collins, Maquon, IL, and Robin (Pam) Collins, Staples, MN. Funeral services were held at 1:00 PM Wednesday at the Wheelan-Pressly Funeral Home, 3030 7th Ave., Rock Island. Visitation was from 4:00-6:00 PM Tuesday, with a Masonic service recited at 6:00 PM, at the funeral home. Inurnment was at the National Cemetery, Rock Island, where military honors were conducted. Memorials may be made in care of the family.



TOMMYE CHERYL COLWELL – Died in the late hours of Saturday, October 20, 2012 after a long battle with cardiac problems. She was 67 years of age. She was born November 22, 1944. She leaves behind her fiancé, Weldon Hall; her two sons, James LeAlex Colwell and Jess Colwell; daughter-in-law, Lisa Colwell; grandson, Kenneth Colwell; mother, Juanita Rea; and her two sisters, Margo Bailey and Ann Johnson. Tommye was preceded in death by her father, Julius Rea and her husband of 42 years, James W. Colwell. Tommye enjoyed drawing, ceramics and other art work. She was an active member of the Tidelands Amateur Radio Club, The Texas City Citizen's Police Academy Alumni, a member of **Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America – Dickinson Chapter #685** and attended VVA functions regularly with her fiancé. She was a wonderful and loving mother and grandmother who was always ready and willing to help. She was a kind and innocent soul who is now in the company of God. A celebration of Tommye's life began at 7:00 PM on Thursday, October 25, 2012, in the chapel of Hayes Funeral Home, Mr. Ernest Mathews officiating. A private cremation was conducted by Hayes Funeral Home. The family welcomed visitors from 6:00 – 7:00 PM Thursday at the funeral home, 10412 Highway 6, (409) 925-3501. www.HayesFuneralHome.com.

JOSEPH DAVID “The Pro” COMER - Died Friday, October 12, 2012 in Sophia, West Virginia at the age of 80. The cause of death was cancer. He was born May 27, 1932 in Lansing, West Virginia to the late Robert and Odessa Comer. Joe “The Pro” as many called him, loved the game of golf that he learned from Joe Taylor at Berry Hills Country Club in Charleston, West Virginia, during the 1950’s. While his employment as a Golf Pro at White Oak Country Club during the 1960’s to early 1970’s, he fathered three children, Patricia Ann (Comer) Bowyer, Robert Edward Comer, and Nancy Catherine Comer-Comuzie. Starting in the early 1970’s he began working at Twin Falls State Park where he worked for 23 years until his retirement in June 1996. One of his proudest moments at Twin Falls was when the park was voted #1 in the state for hospitality. He felt he was the ring leader of that effort. After retiring, from Twin Falls State Park in June 1996, “The Pro” enjoyed spending time with his grandchildren, Rachel Bowyer and Ethan Comer. He also became very active in the Fraternal Order of the Eagles and was a *Life Member* of **Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America – Hico Chapter #860**, he was also a member of the Moose Lodge. In addition to his parents, Joe was preceded in death by his son, Robert Edward Comer; the mother of his children, Lois Ann Via; and brothers and sisters, Edward, Ezella, Lucille, Jim, Sarah, Alton, and Jane. In addition to his children and grandchildren, Joe leaves to cherish his memory his brothers, Bob, John, Kenneth, and Larry Comer; a special buddy, Denver Gunnoe; extended family and a host of friends. Services were at 11:00 AM on Tuesday, October 16, 2012, at Blue Ridge Funeral Home, 5251 Robert C. Byrd Drive, Beckley. Following the services, Joe was laid to rest at High Lawn Memorial Park, Oak Hill. Friends gathered with the family from 6:00 to 8:00 PM Monday at the funeral home. Online condolences and other information can be found by visiting www.blueridgefuneralhome.com. Blue Ridge Funeral Home, 5251 Robert C. Byrd Drive, Beckley, was in charge of the arrangements.



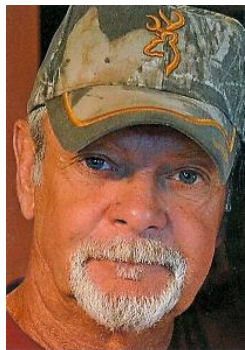
JAMES E. COOL - Died Saturday, November 24, 2012 at the Elk Regional Health Center after a lengthy illness at the age of 70. He was a resident of Saint Marys, Pennsylvania. The cause of death is unknown. He was born May 11, 1942 in Sinnemahoning, Pennsylvania, to the late Marion A. and Kathleen (née Foley) Cool. He was a graduate of Cameron County High School, Class of 1960, a graduate of the DuBois Business College and a graduate of Thiel College in Greenville, PA. He had lived in St. Marys since 1968. He had worked for Mallory Lumber Company for over 20 years and then had worked as a Pennsylvania State Tax Auditor. On September 26, 1964 in the St. Mary’s Church, he married Gail L. Wendel who preceded him in death on August 4, 2011. He is survived by a daughter, Jodi (Andrew) Swasta of St. Marys; two sons, Dennis P. Cool of Boston, MA and Troy A. Cool of St. Marys; two grandchildren, Kyle J. Cool of Kane and Ashley M. Cool of Waverly, VA; two great granddaughters, Audrianna Lynn Cool and Lydia Mae Cool; two sisters, Carol Saylor of Philadelphia and Lois (Gary) Fischer of Ashville, PA; a brother, Richard (Beverly) Cool of Emporium; and a sister-in-law, Marge Cool of Cameron, NC. Besides his wife and parents, he was preceded in death by his step-mother, Donna Beldin Cool; a sister, Linda Dent; and a brother, Joseph Cool. Mr. Cool was a veteran of the United States Air Force having served in the Vietnam War, was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Saint Marys Chapter 948**

and was a member of the Mason's in Emporium and was a member of the Sinnemahoning Methodist Church. He enjoyed his dogs and spending time with his family. There was no visitation. Family and friends were invited to attend a Funeral Service held in the Lynch-Radkowski Funeral Home on Friday, November 30, 2012 at 1:30 PM with the Rev. Michael Ferrick officiating. Full military rites were accorded by the St. Marys Servicemen's Burial Detail. Burial was in the St. Mary's Cemetery. Memorials, if desired, may be made to the Elk County Humane Society, 1029 East Eschbach Road, St. Marys, PA 15857.



DWIGHT D. CORNICK - Died Sunday, December 16, 2012 at the Iowa Veterans Home in Marshalltown, Iowa at the age of 71. He was a resident of Bettendorf, Iowa. The cause of death is unknown. Dwight was born July 17, 1941 in Mount Pleasant, Iowa, the son of Harry & Helen (née Wolf) Cornick. He attended Mount Pleasant High School and Southeast Community College. Dwight served in the United States Army during the Vietnam Conflict from 1965 to 1966. He retired from the Rock Island Arsenal as a tool operator in 2003 after 22 years of employment. Dwight was a *Life Member* of the V.F.W., D.A.V. and **Vietnam Veterans of America – Quad Cities (Rock Island) Chapter #299**. He enjoyed fishing, hunting, horseback riding and spending time with his family. Those left to honor his memory include his daughters

and sons-in-law, Janiece & Tony Goldsberry and Michelle & Eric Malloy of Bettendorf; his son, Darrell Cornick of Salem, Oregon; his grandchildren, Emily Goldsberry, Abby Goldsberry, Nathan Malloy, Nick Malloy and Andria Malloy; his great-grandson, Evan Goldsberry; and his sisters and brothers-in-law, Joyce & Art Tedrow of Augusta, Iowa, Darla & Loren Dodd of Charles City, Iowa and Doris Cornick-Brent of Mount Pleasant, Iowa. Dwight was preceded in death by his parents; his daughter, LeAngela Cornick; and his brothers, Ronald & Marvin Cornick. Funeral services were held at 10:00 AM, Thursday, December 20, 2012 at Bettendorf Christian Church. Visitation was held from 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM on Wednesday at McGinnis-Chambers Funeral Home in Bettendorf. Burial with military honors conducted by the Vietnam Veterans of America Post 299 was held in Rock Island National Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the family.



DENNIS WILLIAM COSTLOW - Died on Wednesday, November 7, 2012, at the Integris Baptist Medical Center in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma awaiting a lung transplant. He was a resident of Junction City, Kansas and 61 years of age. Dennis was born on October 8, 1951, in Beaverdale, Pennsylvania to Robert and Hazel Costlow. He married Diane Kelly on July 3, 1972 in Junction City, Kansas. They later divorced. He was blessed with three loving children with Diane, Kelly Jean, Dennis William, Jr. and Michael Scott. On October 15, 1999, he married the love of his life Cindy Kramer in Miami, Oklahoma. She showed him how to stop and take time to smell the roses

throughout his life. This became a hobby for him, growing and tending to his rose gardens every year till his time on earth was cut short. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, taking walks in the woods and enjoying life to its fullest. He served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War as

an engineer and mobile crane operator. He was always a proud veteran. After leaving the army, he continued his love of the construction field building houses, public building and specialized in bridges all over the United States and several in the State of Kansas. He was employed by Bridges, Inc. of Newton, KS at the time of his death. His time with his wife and children and grandchildren were very special always, they brought a smile to his face even on the roughest days. He loved spending time with his pets Rowdy, Tuco and Little Miss Taylor. They will miss him dearly but he knows they will always take care of "Mama." He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Junction City Chapter #344**, Army Engineers Association, NRA, Trout Unlimited and the NWTF and the American Legion Post #45. He is survived by his wife Cindy Costlow of Junction City. Two sons, Dennis Jr. and his wife Lori of Spring Hill, KS and Michael of Junction City, KS; one daughter, Kelly Skelton and husband Jeffrey of Omaha, NE. He is also survived by six grandchildren Christopher, Jordan, Michael Jr., Noah, Blake and Cooper. He is survived by two brothers, James Costlow of Kennedy, NY and Bob Costlow and his wife Lucy of Houston, TX. He is also survived by three sisters, Bonnie Nelson and her husband Ed of Ashville, NY, Debbie Guiffrida and husband Joe of Frewsbury, NY and Sandie Kost and husband John of Russell, PA and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents and one brother Richard "Dickey" Costlow. Cremation has taken place with the assistance of the Demuth Funeral Home in Oklahoma City, OK. A graveside service was conducted at 10:00 AM Monday, November 19, 2012, at the Kansas Veterans' Cemetery, 5181 Wildcat Creek Road Manhattan, KS with full military honors. The family has suggested that memorial contributions be given to the Vietnam Veterans of America, 8719 Colesville Road, Suite 100, Silver Spring, MD 20910 or online at www.VVA.org.

ROBERT LESLIE "Bob" CRAWFORD - Died Thursday, October 25, 2012 in Geneva, Nebraska at the age of 78. The cause of death is unknown. He was born March 6, 1934 in Edison, Nebraska one of seven children born to the late Jessie Edna (née Benjamin) Crawford and Milo W. Crawford. He attended school in Strang until the 4th grade and then graduated from Geneva High School in 1951. Bob then served in the United States Air Force from 1952 until 1962 as a radar repairman. While serving in Japan he met his future bride, Tsuya. They were married in March of 1957.



Following his time in the service he returned to Nebraska and lived in Omaha where he worked for Paddack Electric for 15 years. He later worked at the V. A. Medical Center as an equipment repairman. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Council Bluffs (Iowa) Chapter #279**. He was active in the Shriners, the V.A. and was past Commander of Benson Post #112. He took great joy and care in transporting children for medical treatment to the Shrine Hospitals all over the country. Bob was also a very generous man who loved children and animals. He did things that he didn't want people to know about such as giving a sizable donation to the Legion Baseball Team and also replacing some of the flags flying on Main Street. Following his wife's death in 2007, Bob moved to Geneva to be closer to his family. He is survived by three sisters, Faye (Dick) Rumsey, Jo Ann (Maurice) Hafer, and Sherry (Albert

Skip) Radke. Also surviving is sister-in-law, Shirley Crawford and special friend Jane James. He was preceded in death by his wife Tsuya; his parents, Milo and Jessie Crawford; infant brother Richard and by brothers, Jerry and Don. Funeral services were held at 10:00 AM Monday, October 29, 2012 at the United Methodist Church in Geneva with Kim Dunker officiating. Sondra Myers accompanied the congregational singing of "Just a Closer Walk with Thee", "Lord of the Dance", "Hymn of Promise." The recorded selection, "Amazing Grace," was played as the recessional. Casket bearers were Maurice Hafer, Richard Rumsey, Dan Kronhofman, Mike Huffaker, Jim Williams and Albert Radke. Masonic services were held at the church by Geneva Masonic Lodge #79 and military graveside services by Benson V. F. W. Post #2503 were conducted at the Geneva Public Cemetery. Burial was in the Geneva Public Cemetery with Farmer & Son Funeral Home in charge of arrangements. Memorials are directed to Tangier Transportation Fund.

HARVEY F. "Frank" CRIST - Died at home in Mason, Ohio on Monday November 5, 2012 at the age of 65. The cause of death was lung cancer. Frank was born in Wellsville, Kansas on November 10, 1946 to the late Elizabeth and the late James Crist. He was married to Marie Crist (née Herr) for over 38 years. Frank served in the United States Marine Corps and was a Vietnam Veteran. He was an active *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Reading Chapter #10**. Frank was very active in the Mason SAY soccer program and coached many teams. Frank is survived by his wife Marie of Mason, OH. Daughter Erin (Chip) Rook of South Lebanon, OH, Shantell Randal of Sheboygan, WI, Brother Jim (Mary) Crist of Cedar Grove, WI, sister Betty (Jimmie) Watson of Mason, OH, grandchildren DJ, Sami, Frankie, Andrew, Crista, Timmy, Melody, Walker, and Riley, and countless nieces and nephews. In addition to his parents, he was predeceased by his daughter, Terri Eaton and son-in-law Tim Eaton. A Memorial service was held Saturday November 10, 2012 at 3:00 PM at Christ Church at Mason located at 5165 Western Row Road, Mason, Ohio 45040. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Church's benevolence fund.



ELDON D. CROUSE, SR. - Died Thursday, February 9, 2012, while surrounded by his family at his home in Blaine, Maine. He was 63 years of age. The cause of death was metastatic adenocarcinoma of the pancreas, diabetes mellitus-type II and inflammatory bowel disease. He was born March 16, 1948, in Mars Hill, Maine the son of Wellington and Kathleen (née Shaw) Crouse, Sr. Eldon grew up in Blaine and was drafted into the United States Army in December 1967. He served in Vietnam as crew chief in the U.S. Army 1st Cavalry 227 Aviation Battalion, and was decorated for bravery. After his discharge he returned home and became the Blaine road commissioner for 38 years. Eldon spent many nights out plowing and keeping the roads safe for people to travel. He was well known in the town for being able to fix any problem that might arise with the equipment. Eldon was very civic minded and was the town of Blaine fire warden for many years, was a volunteer firefighter for the town of Mars Hill for 27 years, as well as a member of American Legion William Cousins Post No. 118. He was an *At-Large Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Maine**. He loved outdoor activities, such as operating his potato stand, going to camp in Chapman, four-wheeling,

hunting and fishing, especially when he could share them with his grandchildren. He could always be counted on for a good story, and will be greatly missed by his many family and friends. In addition to his mother, Kathleen of Mars Hill, he is survived by his wife of 41 years, Sharon (née Bolster) Crouse of Blaine; two sons, Eldon "Ed" Crouse Jr. and his wife, Heather, of Hermon, and Matthew Crouse and his wife, Amanda, of Blaine; four grandchildren, Jenna and Bryanne Crouse, Hunter and Madison Crouse; two brothers, Calvin Crouse Sr. and his wife, Nonie, and Wellington "Jake" Crouse Jr. and his wife, Renae, all of Robinson; three sisters, Bonnie Saucier and her husband, Jerry, of Presque Isle, Kathy Allen and her husband, Derek, of Mars Hill, and Patty Christmas and her husband, David, of South Carolina; a sister-in-law, Myrna Bolster of Bangor; a brother-in-law, Bryan Bolster of North Carolina; as well as several nieces and nephews. Funeral services will be conducted 2 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 11, at Old Fashioned Revival Center, Blaine, with the Rev. Mark Carter officiating. Friends may call noon until the time of service at the church. A reception will be held after the service in the church fellowship hall. Arrangements were in the care of Duncan Funeral Home, 8 Main St., Mars Hill. Condolences may be expressed at www.duncan-graves.com.

MILTON CUPIT – Died Sunday, November 18, 2012 in Angola, Louisiana at the age of 78. The cause of death is unknown. He was born January 10, 1940. He served in the United State Marine Corps during the Vietnam War. He was a *Founding Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Angola Chapter #689**.

WILLIE JULIUS DANIELS - Died in Honolulu, Hawaii on Wednesday, August 22, 2012 at the age of 76. He was a resident of Mililani, Hawaii. The cause of death is unknown. He was born March 23, 1936 in Vero Beach, Florida. He served in the United States Army and completed a full career in the Army retiring at the rank of Sergeant First Class (E-6). In Vietnam, he was an Operating Room Specialist. Among his awards are the Combat Medic Badge and the Master Parachutist Badge. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Ewa Beach Chapter #858**. He is survived by son Kurt A., daughters Juanita L. and Toni R., and two grandchildren. The services were private.

CHARLES THOMAS "Tommy" DAVIS - Died Monday, February 6, 2012 in Denton, Texas at the age of 70. The cause of death is unknown. He was born February 10, 1941. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Denton Chapter #920**. Services were through DeBerry Funeral Home in Denton, Texas.



GLENN E. DAVIS - Died Wednesday, March 14, 2012 in Hendersonville, Tennessee at the age of 64. The cause of death is unknown. He was born March 27, 1947. Glenn was a loving husband, son, father, grandfather, brother and friend. As a young man he served our country in the Vietnam War. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Gallatin Chapter #240**. He was an avid collector of classic cars. He retired from Lucent Technologies after 40 years. He is survived by his loving wife of 20 years, Barbara Davis; son, Mark (Kacey) Davis; grandson, Kameron Davis; mother, Lucie Bowling, sister, Elaine McMahon; brother, Mike Davis. A Life Celebration Service will be held on Saturday, March 24, 2012 at 2 p.m. in the Chapel of Hendersonville Funeral Home with Jeff Buford officiating. Visitation will be held

on Sunday, March 18, 2012 from 2-4p.m. and Saturday, March 24, 2012 from 12p.m. until the hour of service at Hendersonville Funeral Home 353 Johnny Cash Pkwy Hendersonville, TN 37075 (615) 824-3855 hendersonvillefh.com.

PATRICK KAY DUNKLE - Died Monday, September 3, 2012 at his residence in Brooklyn, Mississippi at the age of 71. The cause of death was cancer. He was born in Pennsylvania on November 11, 1940. Mr. Dunkle served 27 years in the United States Navy Naval Security Group as a Cryptography Technician from July 1959 to June 1986 and retired at the rank of Chief Warrant Officer 4. He was a member and secretary of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Brooklyn Chapter #1018**. He loved reading, crossword puzzles, and nostalgic films. He is survived by his wife of 50 years, Jeraldine (née Bond) Dunkle of Brooklyn; two sons, Patrick Kay Dunkle, II of Petal and James R. Dunkle of Brooklyn; a daughter, Lisa E. Ash of Sullivan, ME; a brother, Roderick Dunkle of Myerstown, PA; and six grandchildren. Visitation began at 12:00 Noon Sunday at Hulett-Winstead Funeral Home. Services were held at 2:00 PM Sunday at Hulett-Winstead Funeral Home Chapel. Interment was in the Biloxi National Cemetery with military honors at 10:00 AM Monday.



ROBERT C. EINEICHNER - Died suddenly on Sunday, October 7, 2012 in Roseville, Michigan at the age of 64. The cause of death is unknown. He was born February 2, 1948. Robert retired from AT&T, served on Roseville Board of Education for 22 years, was the contractor for Roseville Community schools, past commander of Corp. Neil W. Reid VFW post 2358, Robert 'Bob' was a proud American to having served our country as a Vietnam Veteran. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Roseville Chapter #154**. He enjoyed Lions football, MSU Spartans, bowling, music, going up north, classic cars and boating. In addition, volunteering his time with Roseville junior sports and many other community activities. Robert is the beloved husband of Kaye; loving father of Michael, Patrick (Jessica), Melissa and Paul; proud grandfather 'Papa' of Kaylee, Jacob and Norah; dear brother of David (Maryanne) and Linda (David) Moore; son of the late Clarence and Mae; beloved son-in-law of Marylee Fields and the late William Dooryard Fields. Visitation was Wednesday October 10, 2012 from 2:00-9:00 PM at Resurrection Funeral Home 40800 Hayes Rd., Clinton Twp. MI 48038. Additional visitation will be Thursday from 9:00 AM until the time of service at 10:00 AM at the funeral home. Burial was at Great Lakes National Cemetery. In lieu of flowers memorial donations were to be for The Roseville Community Schools Scholarship Foundation, 18975 Church St., Roseville MI 48066.

JAMIE RAY ELLIS - Died Tuesday, November 27, 2012 at the North Mississippi Medical Center at the age of 65. He was a resident of Saltillo, Mississippi. The cause of death was multiple organ failure. He was born September 30, 1947 in Tupelo, Mississippi to Dooryard and Doris Ellis. A Vietnam veteran, he served in the United States Air Force from 1966 to 1970 and served in the National Guard Reserve. He was a 32nd degree Mason and Shriner and was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Tupelo Chapter #842**. He enjoyed woodworking, hunting, refinishing old furniture and golfing. He also enjoyed spending time with his family, especially his grandchildren. He was the Constituent Liaison for Senator Roger Wicker's office in Tupelo

and was very devoted to his job, helping all veterans who had served. He was a member of Saltillo United Methodist Church. Survivors include his wife of forty-two years, Judy Crans Ellis of Saltillo; two daughters, Claire Ellis Harrelson (Jason M.) of Saltillo and Katie Ellis Simmons (Chad) of Olathe, Kansas; one son, Jason Ray Ellis (Kami) of Saltillo; one brother, Terry Ellis (Jackie) of Saltillo; his parents, Durward and Doris Ellis of Saltillo; nine grandchildren, Ashton Ellis, McKenna Ellis and Madison Ellis of Saltillo, Ethen Harrelson, Gabriel Harrelson Mary Ellis Harrelson and Evelyn Harrelson of Saltillo, Ella Kate Simmons and Raelynn Simmons both of Olathe, Kansas. Honorary pallbearers will be the Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 842 of Tupelo. Visitation was from 5:00 to 8:00 PM Thursday, November 29, 2012 at the funeral home in Saltillo. Services were at 2:00 PM Friday, November 30, 2012 at The Saltillo Chapel of W.E. Pegues with Rev. Tim Green officiating. W. E. Pegues Funeral Directors were in charge of the arrangements. Memorials may be made to the Tupelo Veterans Park and Memorial for the Tupelo Vietnam wall, P.O. Box 3608, Tupelo, MS, 38803

JAMES E. FLINT - Died Friday, July 31, 2009 in Burnsville, West Virginia at the age of 65. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on August 4, 1943. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Jane Lew Chapter #906**.



RUSSELL F. FOIT - Died Friday, November 30, 2012 at Licking Memorial Hospital in Newark, Ohio at the age of 66. He was a resident of Newark, Ohio. The cause of death was heart failure. He was born October 30, 1946 in Newark to the late John and Chloe (née Braden) Foit. Mr. Foit graduated from Newark High School and entered the United States Army, where he served as a medic in Vietnam. He served from April 1964-June 1976. He was the co-founder of the Military Order of the Purple Heart, Glenn Cunningham Chapter 840 and also served as the Commander, Judge Advocate, Jr. Vice and Service Officer for Newark and Licking County. Mr.

Foit has also held several positions in the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 1060 which included Commander, Sr./Jr. Vice and Youth Activities Director. Russ organized drives which helped to raise funds for troops in active service and disabled veterans. He was also a member of the AMVETS, American Legion Post #85 and FOE #387. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Newark Chapter #55**. He is survived by his wife, Rebecca (née Carpenter) whom he married July 4, 1994; five children, Lavonda Elliott, Heidi Chism, Edie Carpenter, Edgar Chism and Joseph Humphrey, Jr. all of Newark; 28 grandchildren; 22 great-grandchildren. Friends called from 4:00-7:00 PM on Monday, December 3, 2012 at the funeral home, 59 North Fifth Street, Newark. A funeral service for Russell F. Foit, age 66, of Newark, was held at 10:00 AM on Tuesday, December 4, 2012 at the Newark Chapel of Henderson-Van Atta-Stickle Funeral & Cremation Service with Pastor Steve Robinson officiating. Military honors were observed by the Licking County Veterans Alliance. Please visit www.hendersonvanatta.com to view a memorial and to leave a message of condolence for the Foit family.



DANNY L. FORD, SR. – Died Monday, April 16, 2012 doing what he loved the most, living free and soaring like the Majestic Eagle on his Harley. He was a resident of Highspire, Pennsylvania and 61 years of age. The cause of death was a motorcycle accident, death resulting. He was born on June 24, 1950 in Huntingdon County to the late Custer and Helen (née Diak) Ford. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his, step dad, two brothers and one sister. Danny is survived by three brothers, Jack, Gary, and Paul; four half-brothers and four half-sisters; his wife, Nancy L. (née

Horanic) with whom he recently celebrated their 39th anniversary; one son, Danny L. Ford, Jr. and his wife April; one nephew, Shawn; two grandsons, Daniel and Tyson; a best friend, Roxie Wright along with a host of additional family and friends too numerous to list. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. Danny was a member of the Highspire Boat Club, Tri-County Boat Club, Middletown Hunters and Anglers, life member of Citizens Fire Company # 1 of Highspire, a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Harrisburg Chapter #542** and the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers. He retired from Bethlehem Steel after 29 plus years only to start a new career with Norfolk Southern Railroad as a Locomotive Engineer to pursue his lifetime fascination with trains. Danny was an avid sportsman, frequent blood donor, and was an organ donor. A celebration of his life was held on Monday, April 23, 2012 at 1:00 PM in the K.M. Knight Funeral Home, 31 Second Street, Highspire. Inurnment was private in Woodlawn Memorial Gardens, Lower Paxton Township. A visitation was held Monday at 11:00 AM until time of services in the funeral Home. Memorial contributions may be made to Vietnam Veterans Association, 8000 Derry Street, Harrisburg, PA 17111-5233. www.pennlive.com/obits.

PHILIP T. “Phil” GANS II - Died peacefully on Friday, October 5, 2012 at home in Scotch Plains, New Jersey at the age of 63. The cause of death was cancer. Phil was born in Paterson, New Jersey to the late Philip and Isabelle (née Donnelly) Gans. He was raised in Scotch Plains, NJ. He attended St. Bartholomew the Apostle School and Church, earning the Eagle Scout award as a member of the Apache Patrol with Boy Scout Troop 203. He graduated in the inaugural class of Union Catholic High School. Phil was an alumnus of Rutgers University. He resided in Cold Spring, NY and Peekskill, NY for twenty years, returning to Scotch Plains in 2001. Phil was a veteran of United States Army, having served his country as a sergeant at the DMZ in Korea during the Vietnam War. He was a member of the 7th Infantry Division Association, American Legion Post 209 and Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 10122. He was *Past President* and *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Pleasantville Chapter #49**. He served as Co-chairman of the Scotch Plains-Fanwood Memorial Day Parade Committee for many years. Phil was employed by the City of Plainfield as an Economic Development Coordinator, involved in the creation of Milt Campbell Field and the advancement of flood control initiatives. He also worked for the City of Peekskill as a City Planner. For the past twelve years, he was a Business Services Representative for the New York State Department of Labor. He was an avid skier and competitive ocean sailboat racer. He participated in the St. Bart’s Old-Timers Softball League. He is survived by his loving daughter Katrina; brother Richard and wife Margaret; niece Kelly Smeding and husband Dennis; grandniece Aeva. He will be greatly missed by his many friends, especially his military veteran buddies. Visitation hours were from 4:30 PM to 8:30 PM on Monday, Oct. 8th at the Rossi Funeral Home, 1937 Westfield Avenue, Scotch Plains, NJ. Tributes

and reflections were shared at 7:30 p.m. A Funeral Mass was celebrated at St. Bartholomew the Apostle Church, 2032 Westfield Avenue, Scotch Plains, NJ, on Tuesday, Oct. 9th at 10:30 AM. Cremation was private. Cremains were inurned at the Arlington National Cemetery Columbarium with full military honors at a future date. Online condolences may be posted at Hyperlink "<http://www.therossifuneralhome.com>" www.therossifuneralhome.com. In lieu of flowers, please make donations in Phil's memory to Wounded Warrior Project, 4899 Belfort Road, Suite 300, Jacksonville, FL 32256 (www.woundedwarriorproject.org).



REX MICHAEL GASTON - Died Sunday, October 14, 2012, at Salem Township Hospital at the age of 63. He was a resident of Patoka, Illinois. The cause of death was cancer. He was born the son of Rex Newton and Mary Elizabeth Creed Gaston, in Centralia, Illinois on November 27, 1948. He married Janet Wennberg on November 27, 1993 in Las Vegas, Nevada. He is survived by his wife, Janet Gaston of Patoka; two daughters, Amber Sweeten (husband, Chris) of Breese & Sara Gaston-Ajero (husband, Mike) of Breese; step-son, Brian Wennberg of Austin, Texas; four grandchildren, Ava & Lily Sweeten,

Olivia & Alex Ajero; two sisters, Ann Pflueger of Paducah, Kentucky & Tracy Fiscus (husband, Kendell) of Patoka; brother-in-law, Craig Rogers (wife, Cindy) of Centralia; aunt, Eula Gaston of Centralia; and several nieces & nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, Rex & Mary Gaston; sister, Jane Littrell. Mr. Gaston was a 1966 graduate of Centralia Township High School. He served in the United States Army from 1969-1971, serving in Vietnam from 69-70 obtaining a Purple Heart & Bronze Star. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Centralia Chapter #176**. Rex was a member of the Patoka American Legion. He worked for Texaco Cities Service Pipeline Company. He owned & operated Gaston's Marathon Service Station in Patoka, he later was a Certified Pipeline Welder for Foltz Welding for 20 years. Rex enjoyed hunting, fishing, gardening, & spending time with his family & grandchildren. Visitation was from 5:00-8:00 PM Thursday, October 18, 2012, at the Patoka United Methodist Church in Patoka. A Celebration of his life was at 11:00 AM Friday, October 19, 2012 at the Patoka United Methodist Church in Patoka. Burial was at Hillcrest Memorial Park Following Services with Rev. Clayton Coffey officiating. Military rites were accorded at the cemetery by Patoka American Legion Post #543 & the IL. Army National Guard Military Funeral Honors Team.



GUY R. GENNETT - Died Tuesday evening August 28, 2012 in Canton, Ohio at the age of 85. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in 1927 in Canton to the late Joseph, Sr. and Ruby (née DeSerio) Gennett. He was a graduate of Canton Lincoln High School and member of St. Peter Catholic Parish. He served with the United States Navy in the Pacific Theater during World War II then the Regular Army and National Guard, retiring in 1986 with the rank of First Sergeant. He was a member of the VFW, Reserve Officers Association, and Colonel in the Ohio Military Reserve. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Canton Chapter #199**. He is survived by his wife of 65 years, Pauline (née Marcelli) Gennett; daughter and son-in-law, Paula and Dr. Tom Kaufholz; son and daughter-in-law, Guy M. and Lynn Gennett all of Canton; granddaughters, Julie Kaufholz and fiancée', Anthony Cosentino, Amy Kaufholz; brother and sister-in-law, Joseph Jr. and Dolores Gennett of Massillon. Family and friends were received on Saturday from 9:30 to

10:30 AM at the Rossi Funeral Home with a Mass of Christian Burial followed at 11:00 AM at St. Peter Catholic Parish, Rev. Fr. Edward Beneleit celebrant. Interment with full military honors was in St. Peter Cemetery. In lieu of flowers memorial contributions in Guy's name can be made to any AmVet's, American Legion or Red Cross to help veterans and their families. The family would like to express their heartfelt appreciation to Dr. Luis Martino and staff for their compassion and care. Guy was a decent and proud man who loved his God, family and Country, and will be deeply missed.



RALPH EUGENE GIBSON, SR. - Died peacefully on Saturday morning, September 1, 2012 while he resided at the SFVAMC - Community Living Center in San Francisco from complications of multiple long-term health issues. The cause of death was cancer. He was 75 years of age. He was born on June 19, 1938 in Easton, Maryland. He joined the United States Army at age 17, served over 20 years with tours in both Vietnam and Korea earning the Aircraft Crewman Badge, Parachute Badge, Good Conduct Medal 5th Award, Bronze Star Medal w/IOLC, Combat Infantryman Badge, Drill Sergeant Badge, National Defense Service Medal, Vietnam Service Medal, Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal Air Medal, Army Commendations Medal Armed Forces, Expeditionary Medal Republic of Korea Presidential Unit Citation, & Republic of Vietnam Cross of Gallantry Unit Citation w/Palm before his retirement at Fort Ord, CA. After his honorable discharge he became a jack of all trades living life to the fullest and enjoying all things. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – San Mateo Chapter #464**. He was a master mason, a charter member of the Seaside Knight Riders, where he went by the name "Buddha" and owned and operated Buddha's BB&Q in Marina, CA; he sailed the ocean on his sailboat in San Luis Obispo, CA and spent several years as a commercial truck driver. He rededicated his life to God and served the remainder of his life working directly with Veteran Affairs to advocate for all veterans. He was as a Chaplain, a national VA choir member and was an active member of too many organizations to name. He leaves behind (2) daughters - Rhonda J. Gibson (Seaside, CA) & Regina Gibson (Marina, CA), (1) son - Ralph E. Gibson, Jr. (Las Vegas, NV), (1) granddaughter - Marissa Gibson (Las Vegas, NV), his Aunt & Uncle (Phila, PA), a multitude of cousins and loved ones. Because of his many organizational affiliations and infectious character, many friends and loved ones have inquired about a memorial service. As part of his last wishes, he expressed there should be no services of any kind after his passing. While this is not easy for the family, we will respect and honor our father's last wishes. We know for some it may be important to have a time of remembrance as dad has touched the lives of so many. Therefore, we do not discourage any organization, department or group that would like to arrange a special time of its own to reflect on the life and memories shared with our father. We ask that in lieu of flowers or cards a monetary donation be made to: Disabled American Veterans in memorial of Ralph E. Gibson, Sr., P.O. Box 14301, Cincinnati, OH 45250-0301.

ROBERT J. "Hooter" GIBSON – Died Tuesday, May 1, 2012 in Vassar, Michigan at the age of 63. He was also a resident of Flint, Michigan and formerly of Indiana. The cause of death is unknown. He was born July 19, 1948 in Indiana. He graduated from Griffith High School, Indiana class of 1966. He retired from Tom Ryan Distribution of Flint. He was a Tiger, University of Michigan, and Chicago Bear Fan. He was an avid motorcycle rider. Hooter was a member of the Patriot Guard Riders of Flint. He was a United States Army Vietnam Veteran, 101st Airborne Division, paratrooper and rigger. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Flint Chapter #175**. Hooter was considered family to the Dudley's. He is survived by a son, Joel Gibson; brother, Rocky Gibson; sister, Suzie (Max Withrow); Mee-Maw, Marie Gibson; half brother, Rusty; half sister, Kim; nephews, Mark, Kevin Withrow; niece, Lori Gibson; son-in-law, Rob Frasier; grandchildren, Austin, Hanna, Karlie, Kyle; stepsons, Bobby and Billy. Preceded in death by his parents, Queeine and Robert Gibson and brother, Ronnie; step-daughter and friend, Amanda Frasier. Cremation has taken place. Graveside services were at the Great Lakes National Cemetery, Holly, Michigan on May 18, 2012 at 1:00 PM.

CALVIN GREENHILL – Died recently in Pleasantville, New York. The cause of death is unknown. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Permanently Hospital Veteran Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Pleasantville Chapter #49*.



FRANK "Sarge" GRIFFIN - Died October 24, 2012 at his home in Clinton Township, Michigan after a long illness. He was 67 years of age. The cause of death is unknown. He was born March 10, 1945 in Sanford, Maine. Frank worked for ten years for General Dynamics and then retired from Mark IV Automotive as a Quality Control Auditor after 18 years of employment. Frank was a United States Navy and United States Army veteran of the Vietnam War and was honored for saving two lives while in the service. He was a life member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 1794, a *Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America Roseville Chapter #154* and a member of American Legion Post 4, all in the Mount Clemens area. Frank was loyal and generous to family and close friends. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, gardening, collecting sports memorabilia, and writing letters. He was predeceased by his sisters, Patricia (Simpson) Abate and Susan (Simpson) Butsicaris. Frank is survived by his wife Sherry (née VanHollenbeck); brother Maurice "Marty" Griffin; brothers Richard and Timothy Simpson; and his mother Irene Simpson. Visitation was Saturday 3:00 – 9:00 PM and Sunday 2:00 p.m. until time of service 6:00 PM at Wujek-Calcaterra & Sons, 36900 Schoenherr at Metro Parkway (16 Mile Rd). Interment was in Great Lakes National Cemetery with full military honors. Contributions may be addressed to the Chapter 154 VVA Christmas Fund.

DARYL OSCAR GUDDING – Died Saturday, December 17, 2010 in Fargo, North Dakota at the age of 61. The cause of death was Agent Orange-related cancer. He was born October 25, 1950 Fergus Falls, Minnesota. He served in the United States Army in Vietnam from April 1971 to January 1972. He was an *At-Large Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Minnesota*.

SILVESTRE FLORES GUILLERMO – Died Sunday, March 22, 2009 in Barrigada, Guam at the age of 60. The cause of death was cardiovascular disease. He was born June 4, 1948 in Barrigada. He served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War and attained the rank of Specialist Four. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Hagatna Chapter #668**. He was cremated and his remains were divided between the Sunrise Memorial Park Cemetery in Guntersville, Alabama and the Guam Veterans Cemetery.



CALVIN RAY HARDAGE - Died Saturday, September 8, 2012 at his home in Beaufort, South Carolina at the age of 69. The cause of death was a massive heart failure. He was born February 4, 1943 in Lonoke, Arkansas to the late Clayton Calvin Hardage and Opal (née Mitchell) Hardage. He attended the Beaufort Church of God and served our country in the United States Navy retiring as a Senior Chief after 21 years of service with three tours of duty in Vietnam. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Staunton (Virginia) Chapter #936**. He was the husband of Bonnie (née Corbin) Hardage.

Surviving in addition to his wife, Bonnie of Beaufort, SC; are three sons, Richard of Port Royal, SC; Alan and Calvin both of Beaufort, SC; one daughter, Susan of NM; one brother, Jim Hardage of Beaufort, SC; six grandchildren. The family will receive friends on Thursday, September 13, 2012 from 10:00am to 11:00am at Anderson Funeral Home. Funeral services will be held thereafter at 11:00am in Carl Anderson Memorial Chapel with interment in Beaufort National Cemetery with military honor. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests that donations be made to Beaufort Church of God, 641 Parris Island Gateway, Beaufort, SC 29906. Anderson Funeral Home is serving the family.

DONALD JOHN HEINKE, SR. – Died Thursday, October 27, 2011 in Madison, Wisconsin at the age of 63. The cause of death is unknown. He was born July 22, 1948 to the late John Wallace Heinke who died in 2002 and Cecilia (née Scharpf) Heinke who survives. In addition to his mother, he is survived by his son, Donald John Heinke, Jr. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Fort Atkinson Chapter #409**.

RUSSELL DANIEL HEMINGWAY - Died at his home in Christmas, Michigan following heart complications on Monday, October 15, 2012 at the age of 71. He was born on August 11, 1941 in Munising, Michigan to the late Ben and Evelyn (née Hill) Hemingway. Russ graduated from William. G. Mather High School and attended Northern Michigan University. He left college and served in the United States Army from February 1964 until February 1966. Russ returned to NMU and graduated with a Bachelor Degree in Accounting. He managed the Ben Franklin in Munising before moving to Florida. In Florida, he managed a Wick's store and then returned to Munising. Russ owned and operated Munising Specialty for many years and then he ran Russ' Stuff before ill health retired him. He was a former City of Munising Commissioner and he anonymously began coordinating Christmas bags for shut-ins during the Holiday Season. Russ was a member of the American Legion, **Vietnam Veterans of America – Munising Chapter #237**, Grand Island Masonic Lodge, Shriners, Moose Lodge, and the NMU Alumni Association, and he was a huge Green Bay Packer fan. Russ is survived by cousins and friends. Graveside

services were held at Maple Grove Cemetery in Munising on Friday, October 26, 2012 at 1:00 PM where the American Legion and Vietnam Veterans Honor Guards will conduct military honors.

ROBERT L. HEMPHILL - Died Sunday, April 22, 2012 at his home in Covington Township, Pennsylvania at the age of 69. The cause of death is unknown. His wife of 32 years is the former Carol Ann Martini. He was born January 26, 1943, in Montezuma, Georgia, to the late Robert and Elizabeth Mae (née Greer) Hemphill. Bob grew up in Decatur, Georgia, and was a 1961 graduate of Decatur High School. He was a 1964 graduate of the University of Georgia, receiving a degree in political science and a commission as a second lieutenant in the regular United States Army as a distinguished military graduate of the Reserve Officer Training Program. He was a 1973 graduate of John Hopkins University, receiving a master's degree in international relations. His Army career spanned 25 years as an infantry officer and foreign area specialist. He served two tours in combat, the first being as a company commander Bravo Company, 2-22 Infantry, and the second as an adviser to an RVN (Republic of Vietnam) battalion during the Vietnam War. Bob retired as a lieutenant colonel. His decorations included the Silver Star for gallantry, five bronze stars with valor, Defense Meritorious Service Medal, the Purple Heart and the Legion of Merit. During his career, he served more than six years in Europe (including four years on a NATO staff) as well as numerous posts across the country. He also served five years on the Army general's staff in the Pentagon in Washington, DC. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Stroudsburg Chapter #678**. Bob wrote a book, "Platoon: Bravo Company," a non-fictional account of his time as a company commander during the Tet Offensive. He served as Oliver Stone's company commander, and was portrayed in the movie "Platoon" by Dale Dye. Bob was a wondrous husband, father, brother, brother-in-law, uncle, great-uncle and friend. His passing has left a sadness in the hearts of all who knew him. He was brilliant, caring, talented, brave and funny. He was a great storyteller and trivia master. He enjoyed many hobbies: writing, history, leatherwork, stamp collecting and mostly riding his motorcycle. Bob also was an accomplished equestrian and earned the silver spur with the French military in Berlin, a qualification that required him to walk, trot, canter and jump one meter. Everything he did, he did well — "cream always rises to the top." He loved to travel and study other cultures. His soothing southern accent belied the way he settled in as a native here in Northeastern Pa. He was a member of Moscow Lodge 504, the Rotary Club of North Pocono and served in many leadership roles with Rotary District 7410, and was slated to serve a district governor in the 2013/2014 year. Bob served as the District Group Study Exchange Chairman to India and Nepal. Bob was a Paul Harris Fellow and member of the Rotary Paul Harris Society. Bob was a member of the John J. Michaels Memorial VFW Post 5207 in Daleville; and served as post commander and VFW District 10 (PA), encompassing Lackawanna and Wayne counties. He was also a member of Wall-Sebring American Legion Post 274 of Gouldsboro. Bob also was very active with the Association of the United States Army (AUSA), Tobyhanna Army Depot Chapter. He was a member of the National Society of the Sons of the American Revolution and the Sons of Confederate Veterans. Surviving in addition to his wife are a son, Robert Hemphill and wife, Amy, Alpharetta, Ga.; a grandson, Matthew; and a sister, Betty Jo Tomlin of Colorado; many nieces and nephews. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on May 11, at 5:00 PM in St. Eulalia's Church, 214 Blue Shutters Road, Roaring Brook Twp., with military honors to follow.

Friends were invited to call on Friday, 9:00 AM to Noon and 1:00 to 5:00 PM at St. Eulalia's Catholic Church. Memorial contributions can be made to the Carol Hemphill Benefit Fund, Penn Star Bank, Elmhurst Office, 409 Lackawanna Ave., Scranton, PA 18503. Services entrusted to Duffy and Snowdon Funeral Homes, 401 Church St., Moscow, PA.

THOMAS B. HENRY - Died Sunday, September 11, 2012 in Franklin, North Carolina at the age of 62. The cause of death was a heart attack. He was born in Etowah County, Alabama on July 29, 1949. He served in the United States Army with a tour of duty in Vietnam in 1970. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Franklin Chapter #994**.

BARNETT JAY HOFFMAN – Died Friday, January 30, 2012 in Lakeport, California at the age of 62. The cause of death was Agent Orange-related chronic obstructive pulmonary obstruction. He served in the United States Army from February 10, 1966. He served a tour of duty in Vietnam. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Lakeport Chapter #951**.



RICHARD P. HOWE - Died Tuesday, June 1, 2010 at the Boston VA Healthcare Facility at the age of 71. He was a resident of Maynard, Massachusetts. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on June 9, 1938 in Presque Isle, Maine, he was the son of the late Edward A. and Katherine E. (née Plummer) Howe. Raised and educated in Presque Isle, Maine, Mr. Howe graduated from Presque Isle High School in 1956 and attended and graduated from Norwich University in 1960, earning a Bachelor of Science Degree in Engineering Management. He later completed postgraduate studies in Mechanical Engineering at Kansas State University and studies in Education from American University, plus courses at the Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University, Navy Postgraduate School in Monterey, CA and at many Army Logistics and Management schools. A highly decorated and proud United States Army Vietnam Veteran, Mr. Howe gratefully served his country from 1961-1972, volunteering for two tours of duty in Vietnam. During his military service, he earned both Bronze Star and a Purple Heart, Joint Service Commendation Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Vietnam Service Medal, Vietnam Campaign Medal, Combat Infantry Badge, and numerous others. His distinguished professional career included Chief of Manpower & Force Structure at Fort Devens from 1972 through his retirement in 1993, earning the Commander's Award for Exceptional Civilian Service, at which time he was also an Instructor of Management Theory at Mount Wachusett Community College. Upon his retirement from the U.S. Government, he worked as Department Manager for Mass Hardware in Acton, Business Manager for Regan's Management and Leigh Enterprises LTD, both of Concord, and Sales Associate at Aubuchon Hardware in Maynard. A champion for the underdog, always making life better for those around him, Mr. Howe was continuously active in many local and civic organizations during his lifetime. He was President/Founder of the Norwich University Alumni Club of Central MA; Director, Shady Grove Coffeehouse in Harvard, MA; Secretary, First Parish Unitarian Church of Harvard, MA; President, Federal Management Analysts Association of NE; Member, Boston Federal Executive Board and Harvard Arts Lottery Council; President, Devens Toastmasters; Area Governor, Toastmasters International; Director, Norwich University Alumni Association Board of Directors (Vice President 2002 – 2006);

Commander, American Legion Post 284; Director, Rotary Club of Concord; Founding Sponsor, National Museum of the United States Army; Wilder Lodge F&AM (Leominster, MA); and Life Member of American Legion Post 284 (Acton, MA), Disabled American Veterans (Boston, MA), Military Order of the Purple Heart (Springfield, VA), a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Leominster Chapter #116**, Association of the United States Army (Minuteman Chapter, Lowell, MA), Combat Infantrymen's Association (Ashville, NC), & Disabled Veterans of America (Boston, MA). At the University's 2009 Homecoming Celebration, he received the Norwich University Alumni Association's "Alumni Director's Award," with resounding applause from his family and several generations of Norwich alums. In his earlier days, he ran the Boston Marathon 4 times and during his spare time following retirement, Mr. Howe enjoyed extended vacations in St. Lucia as well as many cruises to sunny spots in the Caribbean, Bermuda, Mexico, the Panama Canal, South America, and Hawaii. He was well known for his patriotic spirit and community support, living each day fully, inspiring those who loved and knew him. He was a gentle and loyal friend, a man of amazing depth, strength, and capacity to love. A true Rotarian, his was a life of service above self. He is survived by the love of his life, Anne Huckins Wilson, and their family: Jamie, Norb, Spencer, and Delaney Gravelle, as well as numerous friends, colleagues, fellow veterans, his Norwich family and the VA healthcare professionals who gave their all during his valiant battle against cancer. Concord's town flag was lowered to half-staff on Saturday, June 4, 2010 in honor of Mr. Howe's service to his country in the United States Army.

KENNETH JAMES – Died recently in 2012 in Pleasantville, New York at the age of 70. The cause of death is unknown. He was born August 2, 1941. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Permanently Hospitalized Veteran Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Pleasantville Chapter #49**.

SAMMY WAYNE JEPSON, SR. – Died Friday, March 6, 2004 in Silver Springs, Nevada at the age of 65. The cause of death is unknown. He was born February 11, 1939 to the late Horace S. Jepson who died in 1965. He was formerly married to Carol Lynn Jepson and divorced on 1 October 1969. He is survived by his second wife, Marjorie M. Jepson whom he married on 7 November 1981 and his son and daughter-in-law, Sammy Wayne, Jr. and Sue Ann Power-Jepson. He served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War and retired at the rank of Sergeant First Class (E-7). He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Carson City Chapter #388**. He is buried in the Northern Nevada Veterans Memorial Cemetery.

WILLIAM E. KEATING, JR. - Died at Stony Brook Hospital on Friday, January 7, 2011 after suffering a major heart attack on December 16, 2010. He was 63 years old and prior to moving to Sag Harbor, New York, lived in Patchogue, New York. He was born in the Bronx, New York on February 15, 1947 to William E. Keating, Sr. and Mary Keating (née Provetto). Mr. Keating's family described him as a man of many passions. He was a proud *At-Large Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – New York**, having served in the United States Navy in the Seebes Construction Battalion from 1965 to 1969. He retired in 2002 after 22 years as a Suffolk County Deputy sheriff. Mr. Keating was a firearms instructor and instrumental in forming the Sheriff's Department Honor Guard. A long time gun enthusiast, he was a member of the Maidstone Gun Club, a supporter of the NRA and a member of the International Police

Association. Mr. Keating enjoyed boating since he was a young boy growing up near the Great South Bay. He was a member of the Sag Harbor Yacht Club and loved to go clamming. His family also described him as an avid gardener and added that he could often be found in his yard on his tractor or chopping wood to create warmth. He was also skilled at working with wood, they said, and could build or repair almost anything. Mr. Keating could sometimes be heard playing his bagpipes and was a founding member of Eastern Long Island Police Pipes and Drums. "Bill was a man of many talents and trades," said his family, "From taking down trees, to moving outlets, to making his children's ornate Halloween costumes, or creating an ice skating rink in the backyard just for kicks. He will be deeply, deeply missed by all those who knew him and loved him." Mr. Keating leaves behind the "love of his life," wife, Pamela (Clarke) Keating, and the "lights of his life," daughter Shea of Bridgehampton, and son Liam of Sag Harbor. "His biggest passion was his family and a good day would be preparing one of his many fabulous meals to share with family and friends," those close to him recalled. Mr. Keating also leaves two sisters, Marlene Stokes of Sound Beach, N.Y. and Connie Poggi of Titusville, Fla. He is predeceased by his sister Kathleen and brother Thomas. Also surviving are 10 nieces and nephews. Visiting hours were held January 9 at Yardley and Pino Funeral Home in Sag Harbor. A funeral service followed on Monday, January 10, also at Yardley and Pino.

WILLIAM P. "Bill" KENNEDY – Died Thursday, December 6, 2012 in Torrance, California. The cause of death was a heart attack. He served in the United States Marine Corps during the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Redondo Beach Chapter #53.**



PAUL MICHAEL KERNS, SR. - Died Saturday, October 13, 2012 in Middleburg, Florida at the age of 64. The cause of death was lymphoma cancer. He was born on September 29, 1948 in Kilgore, Texas to parents Ralph and Letty (née Ford) Kerns. Mr. Kerns was a Vietnam War Veteran, honorably serving his country as a United States Navy Seal. He had worked as a truck driver for the U.S.P.S. and had lived in the local area since 1986. Mr. Kerns was a member of the VFW Post 8255; Disabled American Veterans and was proud to have been the Scout Master for Troop #193 in Gladewater, TX. He was a member

of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Orange Park Chapter #1059.** He enjoyed riding his Harley-Davidson and will be dearly missed by his loving family and friends. Survivors include his wife, Nalani Kerns; children, Michelle Kerns-Morgan (Steven) and Paul Michael Kerns, Jr. (Amber); brother, Robert Hall (Leslie); sister, Betty Lou Smith and 5 grandchildren. Funeral services will be held at 11:00 am Friday, October 19, 2012 in the Broadus-Raines Chapel with Chaplain Jim Barlow officiating. The family will receive friends one hour prior to service time in the chapel. Interment will follow in Jacksonville National Cemetery at 1:30 pm with military honors. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions in his name may be made to the Lymphoma Research Foundation, 115 Broadway, Suite #1301, New York, NY 10006. Arrangements are under the care of Broadus-Raines Funeral Home, 501 Spring Street, Green Cove Springs, Florida 32043.



RICHARD GEORGE "Dick" KETTLE - Died Thursday, August 25, 2011 at his Columbia City, Indiana home after a long fight with cancer. Known by his

friends as Dick Kettle, he was liked by all. He was born in Janesville, Wisconsin on January 24, 1950 to William Kettle and Yvonne (née Barham) Kettle. Dick was a 1968 graduate of Parker High School in Janesville. He honorably served his country in the United States Army during the Vietnam War from May 25, 1970 to January 10, 1972. Dick married Nola Anderson on May 19, 1984 in Janesville, Wisconsin. She survives in Columbia City. He worked for General Motors in Janesville for thirty years retiring in 1997. After retirement he and his wife moved to Greers Ferry, Arkansas. Dick was a *Life Member* of the **Vietnam Veterans of America – Janesville Chapter #236** in Janesville, VFW and the American Legion in Heber Springs, Arkansas. He was also a lifetime member of the Harley Owners Group (HOG) and the Good Sams Club. He and his wife traveled by Harleys and later by truck and camper from the east to the west and the north to the south of the USA. He is survived by his wife; Nola Kettle of Columbia City, Indiana; one daughter; Gabriella Kettle of Janesville, Wisconsin; four step-sons; Tom and Kathy Helgeson of Milton, Wisconsin, Ted Helgeson and Patty Maule of Independence, Wisconsin, Tim and Anita Helgeson of Columbia City, Indiana, Todd and Vicki Helgeson of Albion, Indiana; 14 grandchildren; 7 great grandchildren; two brothers; John and Kathy Kettle of Janesville, Wisconsin and Bob and Mary Kettle of Fort Wayne, Indiana. He was preceded in death by his parents and one infant son. Visitation was Thursday, September 8, 2011 from 10:00 to 11:00 AM at the chapel in the Milton Lawn Cemetery, 2200 Milton Avenue, Janesville, Wisconsin. Funeral services were Thursday, September 8, 2011 at 11:00 AM at the chapel in the Milton Lawn Cemetery. Burial was at the Milton Lawn Cemetery in Janesville, Wisconsin.

ROBERT DEWAYNE KIDWELL, SR. - Died Thursday, November 01, 2012 at Roanoke Memorial Hospital in Roanoke, Virginia at the age of 55. He was a resident of Welch, West Virginia. The cause of death is unknown. Robert was born on Monday, October 14, 1957 in McDowell County, West Virginia to the late Nancy (née Lockhart) Kidwell and William Kidwell. He had been a resident of Welch for most of his life. He served his country in the United States Navy and was a member of the VFW. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Coalfield Chapter #37**. In addition to his parents he was preceded in death by two sisters; Rhonda Kidwell and Elizabeth Kidwell. Survivors Include: His wife: Kitty Curry Kidwell of the home. Three Sons: Robert Kidwell, II and wife Amber of Wooster, Ohio Mark Kidwell and wife Sarah of Princeton, West Virginia William Kidwell and wife Kerri of Springville, Virginia. Two Brothers: Jeffery Kidwell and wife Jessica of Lashmeet, Virginia Clark Kidwell and wife Nicole of Novi, Michigan. One Sister: Cynthia Green and husband Winston of Pocahontas, Virginia; three Grandchildren: Lorelai, Collin and Liam. Funeral service was held on Tuesday, November 06, 2012 at 2:00 PM at Cravens-Shires Funeral Home 3431 Coal Heritage Road Bluefield, West Virginia with Reverend Dean Hatfield, officiating the service. Burial was at Roselawn Memorial Gardens in Princeton, West Virginia where friends and family served as pallbearers. Friends and family may call at Cravens-Shires Funeral Home on Tuesday, November 06, 2012 from 12:30 PM until 2:00 PM. Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.cravens-shires.com



shires.com. Cravens-Shires Funeral Home 3431 Coal Heritage Road Bluefield, West Virginia is serving the Kidwell family.

STEVEN E. KLEMCZYK - Died Tuesday, September 11, 2012 in Amherst, New York at the age of 67. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Niagara Falls, New York on July 3, 1945, to the late Adam and Emily (née Godzisz) Klemczyk. Steve attended Holy Trinity Parochial School, South Junior High School and Niagara Falls High School. He earned his Bachelor of Science Degree in Business Administration from the University of Buffalo and his Master's Degree from Canisius College. Steve was inducted into the United States Army on October 30, 1967 and was honorably discharged on October 29, 1969. He was awarded the Good Conduct Medal. He was a financial analyst for 45 years and was President of SEK Corporation. He was a member of the **Vietnam Veterans of America – Tonawanda Chapter #77**. Steve was active in Vietnam Era veterans rights. He enjoyed vacationing in Florida, playing tennis and golf and watching college hoops and baseball, especially the New York Yankees. Steve is survived by his brother, Ronald Klemczyk of Niagara Falls. He is also survived by his aunt, Isabelle "Bella" Godzisz; and his cousins, Stephen (Janet) Godzisz and Leona Schaefer. Steve was predeceased by his sister, Aileen Klemczyk; and his brother, John Klemczyk. Friends called on Sunday from 2:00-6:00 PM at the Labuda Funeral Home, Inc., 356 Portage Road. A Mass of Christian Burial was held on Monday at 10:00 AM at Divine Mercy Parish, corner of Niagara and 24th Streets with Rev. Jacek P. Mazur officiating. Interment with Military Honors was in Holy Trinity Cemetery, Lewiston.

JEANINE MARIE KOHLER – Died Sunday, November 11, 2012 in Jackson, Michigan at the age of 55. The cause of death was cancer. She was born September 11, 1957 in Jackson to the late Geraldine “Jeri” (née Johnson) Kohler and Charles F. Kohler. She is survived by a sister; Joianne D. Pettigrove (Glen) of Dorr and two brothers; David L. Kohler (Lessia) of Columbus, OH and Charles G. Kohler (Kathy) of Traverse City, MI. It seems appropriate that Jeanine drew her last breath at the end of Veterans Day 2012. She was a member of **Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America – Jackson Chapter #109** in honor of her brother David a Marine. Brother Chip was also a Veteran, career Navy. Several nephews also served and Jeanine chose to honor their service in a variety of ways. She was an active member of the Proud Veterans' Motorcycle Club, serving as Chapter Treasurer for 8 years and National Treasurer for 7 years. Slippers for Soldiers was birthed and organized by Jeanine. She, along with many others, knit and sent thousands of slippers to our soldiers in the field. She continued to work on these tirelessly while in the hospital and the nursing home as she was able. Jeanine knit hundreds of Lap Robes. Most of them went to the VA Hospital in Ann Arbor. Others were donated to charity events raising money for the needs of servicemen to be sold or raffled. Yearly, slippers were delivered to the VFW Children's Home in Eaton Rapids in honor of a local soldier who lost his life. They were delivered on the anniversary of the soldier's birthday. She was also a member of the former VFW Auxiliary 823 in Parma, the Spring Arbor Lions Club. As an adult who came through the 4-H club, she worked as Photographer for many 4-H events in the county and at the fair. She worked at the former Parma IGA, later as Manager. Jeanine teamed with her Mother in keeping the Parma News, now the County Press, alive. She was the Photographer and also wrote numerous articles. When her Mother could no longer write the reviews for the Theater at Turkeyville, Jeanine took over. In 1999, Jeanine went to work at Melling Tool and worked until her illness would not allow it. Jeanine, along with her mother, collected goods, assembled,

and delivered the Parma area Christmas Baskets. Her life was given in service to others. She rarely met a person she did not call "friend." A Memorial Service was held Saturday, December 1, 2012 at 11:00 AM at Spring Life Church, 9421 Benn Road, Parma, Michigan 49269. Arrangements were entrusted to J. Kevin Tidd Funeral Home, 811 Finley Drive, Albion, Michigan 49224.

JOHN C. KUBINA - Died Monday, November 26, 2012, at his residence in Decatur, Alabama at the age 62. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Jersey City, New Jersey, on September 29, 1950, to the late Chester J. and the late Florence L. Kubina. He retired from the United States Army with over 20 years of service at the rank of Major (O-4) and was a combat medic in the Vietnam War and a decorated Vietnam veteran. He was an *At-Large Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – North Carolina*. He was preceded in death by his two brothers, Daniel J. Kubina and Chester J. Kubina Jr.; and his parents. He is survived by his three daughters, Lisa Morris (Carl), Quyen McClain and Kimberly Whitlock (Chad); sister, Linda Kubina; and six grandchildren, Jordyn, Gabrielle, Brynn, Abigail, Clara and Samuel. He was a beloved father, brother and grandfather and will be dearly missed. Visitation was on December 1, 2012, from 4:00 to 6:00 PM at Ridout's Brown Service Funeral Home. The family had a private service. Burial was in Arlington National Cemetery at a later date.

LOUIS E. LeBLANC, JR. – Died Saturday, August 23, 1997 in Yigo, Guam at the age of 61. The cause of death was respiratory failure. He was born in Rhode Island on October 15, 1935. He served in the United States Air Force during the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Hagatna, Guam Chapter #668*.



THOMAS G. LAREAU - Died Sunday, November 11, 2012, at the Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Leeds, Northampton, Massachusetts after a long illness. He was 72 years of age. The cause of death was cancer. He was born in Faribault, Minnesota, on November 6, 1940, the son of the late Elwood and Audrey Neva (née Geike) Lareau; he was a graduate of Zumbrota High School in Zumbrota, Minneapolis. A highly-decorated Vietnam Army veteran, he served from February 13, 1957 until June 13, 1975. Among his many commendations and medals including the Republic of Vietnam medals, he was awarded the Purple Heart and the Bronze Star. Mr. Lareau spent the majority of his career in the Army and upon retirement worked in non-destructive testing. He was employed by General Electric in Lynn and in Pittsfield for fifteen to twenty years until 1998. During the early-1990s, he worked for Azdel Plastics in Detroit, Michigan. He returned to Pittsfield in 2000. He was active in the Masonic Lodges in Texas and Minnesota; and was a 32nd Degree Mason. He was a member of ***Vietnam Veterans of America – Pittsfield Chapter #65***, The American Legion in Dalton, and at the Veterans of Foreign Wars in Pittsfield. Mr. Lareau leaves his wife, the former Khuong Ho Thi, whom he married in 1961. Besides his wife, Mr. Lareau is survived by three daughters: Suzanne Olson and her husband, Barry, Sr., of Seattle, WA; Monique Wood and her husband, Bruce, Sr., of East Nassau, NY and Susan Lareau of Pittsfield; two sons: Michane Lareau and his wife, Marianne, of Haynesville, IL; and David Lareau of Pittsfield; three sisters: Elizabeth Smith, Rochelle Hawkins, and Rozarre Sommerfield, all of MN; as well as ten grandchildren: Erik and

Laura Olson; Jason, Hailey, Ashley, and Joshua Lareau, Jamie, Tawnee and Bruce Jr. Wood; and Michael Krutiak, and a great grand- daughter, Gemma Olson. He was pre-deceased by his brother, Tony Lareau and by his stepfather, Newell Aaker. Funeral services for Thomas G. Lareau were held Thursday, November 15, at 11:00 a.m., at Zion's Evangelical Lutheran Church with the Reverend Timothy Weisman, Pastor, officiating. Burial with military honors followed in Pittsfield Cemetery. Calling hours were Wednesday, from 4:00 PM to 7:00 PM, with a Masonic service to follow at Dery Funeral Home. In lieu of flowers, contributions in memory of Mr. Lareau may be made to Zion's Evangelical Lutheran Church or to the Vietnam Veterans Chapter #65, both in care of the Funeral Home, 54 Bradford Street, Pittsfield.

THOMAS "Tom" MAITLAND – Died in December 2011 in Fort Lauderdale, Florida at the age of 66. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Florida**.



WILLIAM A. "Bill" MASON - Died Monday, September 24, 2012 at the Southwestern Vermont Medical Center in Bennington, Vermont, surrounded by his family and friends. He was 80 years of age. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Dorset, Vermont on September 26, 1931 to the late Elbridge and Louise (née Cadorette) Mason. He received his education in the Sunderland schools. Mr. Mason served in the United States Army as a Radar Repairman and Maintenance Technician from 1948 - 1969. He was assigned to several stateside locations as well as Greenland, Japan, Korea and Vietnam. Bill loved Vermont and returned to Vermont following his retirement from the Army. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Bennington Chapter #601**. He married the former Margaret Nelligan June 17, 1957 in Kennewick, Washington. Bill was employed at Johnson Controls for over twenty years and retired from there. Bill was a dedicated father and loved spending time with his family. He especially enjoyed cross country traveling, bowling, hunting, camping and fishing with his family. He was a member of the American Legion Post 13, Vietnam Veterans Association and was a friend of Bill W. for 23 years. Survivors include his wife Margaret Mason of Bennington; a daughter, Louise and Glenn Mallory of Woodford, VT. Six sons, John and Ann of Paulsboro NJ, Patrick and Nancy of Bennington, VT, Edward and Rosanne of Melbourne, FL, Michael and Melanie of Arlington, Daniel and Melissa of Bennington, VT, and Robert and Cindy of Anchorage Alaska; Twenty one grandchildren and fifteen great grandchildren; two sisters Sonja Mason and Kathy Metcalfe and a brother James Mason; several nieces, nephews and cousins. He was predeceased by a son James L. Mason who died October 22, 1992. The funeral was held from the Mahar and Son Funeral Home on Friday September 28, 2012 with a prayer at 10:30 AM and then from Sacred Heart Saint Francis de Sales Church at 11:00 AM where the Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated. The burial with military honors was in the family lot at Park Lawn Cemetery. Friends called at the Mahar and Son Funeral Home on Thursday from 4:00 to 7:00 PM. If friends desire contributions in memory of William A. Mason may be made

to Vietnam Veterans Association through the office of the Mahar and Son Funeral Home 628 Main St. Bennington, VT 05201. Guest book condolences may be made at www.maharandsonfuneralhome.net.

GEORGE MASTRANDREAS – Died Friday, July 6, 2012 in Woodside, New York at the age of 61. The cause of death is unknown. He was born August 6, 1951. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Glendale Chapter #32**.



JOHN A. MATTSON - Died peacefully at home on Thursday, September 27, 2012 after a long illness which he bore with dignity and grace. The cause of death was cancer. John was born May 26, 1934 in Holden, Massachusetts to John Walter Mattson and Signe (née Pettersson) Mattson. He is survived by his wife of 26 years, Stephanie Greene; two sons by his previous marriage to Edna O'Neill Mattson: John O. Mattson (Annette) and James Mattson of Rhode Island; and granddaughter, Anna Mattson-Hofmann of Chicago. Their third son, Edwin Mattson, passed away in 1981. Upon graduating from Holden High School, John attended Worcester Polytechnic Institute for two years, but he had a passion to fly, so he enlisted in the Navy and completed the Naval Air Cadet program. He went on to complete his Bachelor's degree in engineering from the Naval Post Graduate School in Monterey, California. As a Navy pilot, he earned eight medals including a Bronze Star, Air Medal, Navy Achievement Medal and Vietnam Service Medal with Silver Star. His other tours of duty included serving as a formation flying instructor, and as planning officer at McMurdo Station, Antarctica. Retiring from the Navy, John settled in North Kingstown, RI and received his Masters degree in engineering from the University of RI. He served as Safety Director at Brown University in Providence, and was member of the North Kingstown Planning Commission. When he and Stephanie married in 1986, they located to Santa Fe, New Mexico. John worked as a safety engineer at Los Alamos National Lab. Continuing his service to community after retirement from the lab, he served on the SF Water Advisory Board, and was a volunteer at the SF Public Library. John loved gardening, making home improvements, music, college football, and the Boston Red Sox. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Albuquerque Chapter #318**. He and Steph loved to travel, and had many adventures including exploring New Mexico and the Southwest by car, train and bus, cruising Hawaii and the Caribbean, and visiting Finland where he discovered many cousins he had never met. John was a quiet man of modest demeanor who will be greatly missed by family and friends. He has been cremated, and the family will gather in the spring to scatter his ashes in the mountains he love.

MICHAEL J. McBRIDE – Died Saturday, October 6, 2012 in the South Texas Health Care Center in Bandera, Texas at the age of 65. The cause of death was Agent Orange-related Diabetes Mellitus Type II. He was born July 29, 1947. He served in the United States Army with a tour in Vietnam from 1966 to 1967. He was a *Permanently Hospitalized Veteran Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Kerrville Chapter #863**.

JOHN MORRIS McDILL, SR. - Died Monday, November 19, 2012 at the VA Medical Center in Birmingham, Alabama at the age of 67. He was a resident of Steens, Mississippi. The cause of

death was a heart attack. He was born November 10, 1945 in Pickens County, AL to the late Morris Mathis and Lorene McDowell McDill. He was a lifetime resident of Lowndes County and a member of Union Chapel Baptist Church, Ethelsville, AL. Mr. McDill was a self-employed logger for McDill Logging for over 40 yrs. He was a veteran of the United States Army, member and former Commander of American Legion Post 69, Columbus, MS, Fourth District Area Commander of the State of Mississippi, and also a member of the VFW. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Columbus Chapter #997**. Mr. McDill enjoyed fishing and spending time with his children, grandchildren, and his friends. In addition to his parents, he is also preceded in death by his wife-Rita McDill, sister-Betty McDill Kyles and grandson-Jacob Morris McDill. Mr. McDill is survived by his wife-Mary Lucas McDill, Steens, MS, sons-John “Little John” McDill, Jr. , Steens, MS, Shawn (Jenny) McDill, Caledonia, MS, Shay (Gale) McDill, Caledonia, MS, Chad McDill, Caledonia, MS, daughter- Breeanna McDill, Steens, MS, stepsons-Eddie Fortner, Murfreesboro, TN, Lonnie (Rachel) Lucas , Clay (Jennifer) Lucas, Adam Lucas, step-daughter-LeAnn (Bobby) Lucas all of Columbus, MS, 19 grandchildren, and one great grandchild, sisters- Virgie McDill, Caledonia, MS, Rachel Rowle, Nettleton, MS, Nettie Edmonds, Caledonia, MS, Kay Childs, Steele, MO, Barbara Dillard, Greenwood Springs, MS, brothers-Armond McDill, Waymon McDill and Jerry McDill all of Caledonia, MS. Visitation was Friday, November 23, 2012 from 6:00-9:00 PM at Lowndes Funeral Home, Columbus, Mississippi. Funeral services were held Saturday, November 24, 2012 at 2:00 PM at Union Chapel Baptist Church, Ethelsville, AL with Bro. Melvin Mordecai officiating. The body laid in state one hour prior to the service. Burial will be at Rowan Cemetery, Caledonia, MS with Lowndes Funeral Home, Columbus, MS directing. Pallbearers will be Kenneth Pate, James Edwards, Sid Wright, Clanton Johnson, Johnny Swink and Justin “T-Bone” E. Holliman. Honorary pallbearers will be friends and members of the American Legion, Larry Valentine, Jerry Gibson, Alton Hildreth and all Staff of the 5th and 6th Floor CCU at the VA Medical Center, Birmingham, AL. Memorials may be made to the American Heart Association, P.O. Box 16808, Jackson, MS 39236, or St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38101.



KENNETH P. McMAHON - Died Sunday, September 2, 2012, at Veteran’s Administration Hospital in Omaha, Nebraska at the age of 65. The cause of death is unknown. He was born May 9, 1947, in Cleveland, Ohio to Raymond and Gretta (née Crosby) Hook, and adopted at an early age by George McMahon. At the age of 3, he moved with his family to Arlington, and at age 8, he came with his family to Fremont. He was 1966 graduate of Fremont Senior High School. Later, he received a degree from LaSalle University. He enlisted in the United States Army in 1966, and then served in the United States Navy aboard the USS Bonhomme Richard aircraft carrier. He was discharged in 1968. In Fremont he had worked as a dispatcher for Little Audrey’s Transportation Co. and had been an officer with the Fremont Police Department. He worked at Valmont as a welder and then as a design engineer. He worked for Control Data in Omaha, and then he was with Vickers. An awesome lifelong musician, he had been inducted into the Nebraska Music Hall of Fame and was a recipient of their Ron Tuccitto Award. He played in various area bands, and had been the opening act for several well-known groups. He was a founding member of the Brakman, and also the Haywood Wakefield Band, and Heartbreak Fatty. Ken was a member of

the Disabled American Veterans Chapter 18 of Fremont. He was a 1st degree Black Belt in Tae Kwon-do, and had been an instructor with the Midwest Academy of Martial Arts in Fremont. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Fremont Chapter #397**. On Sept. 1, 2007, Ken was married to Sandra Echtenkamp Zuerlein. She survives along with his daughter, Christy (and husband, Bruce) Maness of Moore, Okla.; and his son, Kevin McMahon of Los Angeles; stepsons, Jason and Sean Zuerlein of Fremont; six grandchildren, Michael, Tommy, Courtney, Bailey, Chandra and Logan; two brothers, David McMahon of David City and Brian Hook of Cleveland; five sisters, Shirley McMahon of Alamosa, Colo., Patty Watson of Elyria, Ohio, Pam Majoras and Cindy Barlow, both of Vermilion, Ohio, and Bridget Rini of Chagrin Falls, Ohio; several stepbrothers and sisters; uncles, Bill Crosby of Fremont and Don Crosby of Grand Island; father-in-law and mother-in-law, Earl and Elayne Echtenkamp of Fremont; brother-in-law, Gordie Echtenkamp of Dallas; and sister-in-law, Lynn Johnson of Georgetown, Calif. He was preceded in death by his mother; father; stepfather; daughter, Judy Ann McMahon; and uncle, Loyd Crosby. Services will be announced at a future date. Memorials are suggested to the Dodge County Humane Society and to the Disabled American Veterans Chapter 18. Ludvigsen Mortuary was handling the arrangements.

THOMAS P. McMAHON – Died recently in 2012 in Cedar Rapids, Iowa at the age of 77. The cause of death is unknown. He was born June 30, 1935. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Rock Island Chapter #299**.

JOHN A. MACCOOL – Died recently in 2012 in Lake Placid, Florida at the age of 74. The cause of death is unknown. He was born March 14, 1938. He is survived by his wife, Nobuko. He served in the United States Air Force in Da Nang, Vietnam from 1971 to 1972. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Auburndale Chapter #1040**.

JAMES EDWARD MISIALEK - Died Wednesday, August 15, 2012 at the Veterans Administration Hospital of Iowa City, Iowa at the age of 69. He was a resident of Kihei, Hawaii and formerly of Grafton, North Dakota. The cause of death is unknown. He was born December 24, 1942 in Grafton, North Dakota to the late Edward and Genevieve (née O'Sullivan) Misialek. He graduated from Dilworth High school. Following his education he served in the United States Army serving in Vietnam. He retired in 1980 and then worked for the Social Security Administration. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Mayville Chapter #394**. James is survived by his sons: Scott of Tacoma, WA and Stephen of Maui, Hawaii; sisters: Pat Switzer, White Bear Lake, MN; Katharine (Dave) Syvertson, Fargo, ND and Margaret Langowski, Hoyt Lakes, MN. Several nieces and nephews also survive. He was preceded in death by his parents and his sister Mary Ellen. A Mass of Christian burial was celebrated on Wednesday, August 22, 2012 at 10:00 A.M. at St. Stanislaus Catholic Church of Warsaw, North Dakota. Visitation was on Tuesday from 5:00-7:00 PM with a prayer service at 7:00 PM at the Tollefson Funeral Home, 154 West 12th Street, Grafton, North Dakota. Friends called at the church on Wednesday for one hour prior to the service. Military rites will be provided by the Vietnam Veterans Association Chapter 941 and the North Dakota National Guard Honor Guard. Interment was in Saint Patrick's Catholic Cemetery of Crystal, North Dakota.

ROBERT MOYER – Died recently in 2012 in New York. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War.

He was a *Permanently Hospital Veteran Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Pleasantville Chapter #49**.

CLIFFORD MEADE NELSON – Died Friday, October 5, 2012 in La Pine, Oregon at the age of 80. The cause of death was occlusvie arteriosclerotic disease of the heart with a secondary diagnosis of severe pulmonary scarring. He was born September 11, 1932. He is survived by his wife, Lola. He served in the United States Army with two tours in Vietnam. The first tour was from 1965 to 1966 with 3/18th Artillery B Battery. His second tour was as the Motor Pool Sergeant from 1970 to 1971 with the 101st Airborne Division. He also served during the Korean War and his life was saved by Robert Harley Young on October 9, 1950. He honored Robert's memory by always helping his fellow veterans that needed help. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – La Pine Chapter #821**. He was interred with full military honors in Willamette National Cemetery in Portland, Oregon.

ALICE L. PAWLYSHYN - Died Tuesday, October 9, 2012 in Whiting, New Jersey at the age of 68. The cause of death is unknown. She was born in the Bronx, New York on April 17, 1944. She lived in Lakewood, New Jersey before moving to Whiting in 2002. She is survived by her husband, Theodore Pawlyshyn; her daughters, Nancy Martinez and her son-in-law, John of Somerset, and Alice and her son-in-law, Jeff of Whiting. Also surviving are two grandsons, Matthew and Nicholas Martinez. She was a *Life Member* of **Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America – Brick Chapter #200**. Visitation was from 6:00 to 8:00 PM Thursday, October 11 and from 10:00 to 11:00 AM Friday, October 12, with a religious service at 11:00 AM at the Carmona-Bolen Home For Funerals, 66 Lacey Road, Whiting. Burial was in the Whiting Memorial Park in Whiting.



CHARLES ROBERT "Perky" PERKINS - Died due to an accident on Monday, October 29, 2012. He was a resident of Manistee, Michigan and 65 years of age. He was born August 14, 1947, in Flint, Michigan the son of Charles and Lucile (née Falerios) Perkins. Bob was a proud Veteran of Vietnam, serving as a Sergeant in the United States Army, where he served with and created life-long friendships with the "Brothers From Other Mothers." He was a member and the current Adjutant of the American Legion Post 10 in Manistee; and a member of the 40 et 8, the VFW Walsh Post #1499 in Manistee, the Amvets Post 1988 in Baldwin, the **Vietnam Veterans of America Hale Chapter #882** and he also participated with the Patriot Guard Riders. He held memberships at the Eagles Aerie #1765 and the Moose Lodge #1128. Bob was a member of U.A.W. Local 599, working for General Motors, Buick Plant 36, in Flint, for 32 years until his retirement in 1996. After moving to Manistee in 1996, he drove cab for 5 years. In his spare time, Bob enjoyed hunting, fishing, camping and singing karaoke. He was known for his love of telling stories and jokes. Most of all, Bob loved doting on his wife Carole and spending time with his family and friends. Everywhere he went, he greeted an old friend or made a new one. Bob is survived by: his wife, Carole Asiala Perkins; children, Bradley Charles Perkins of Vernon, Anne Marie (Jim) Frizzell of Kaleva, Monica (Donovan) Kott of Kaleva, Thomas T. (Julie) Martin of Manistee, Kim (Tim) Olson of Grawn and Robert (Stephanie) Curtis of Scottsdale, Arizona; grandchildren, Nathan Curtis, Emma Curtis, Cari (Thaddaeus) Gommesen, Courtney (Scott Sarver) Hobart, James Frizzell Jr., Nathan Hobart,

David Houseman, Ailie Summers, James T. "Buckshot" Martin, Heather (Randy) Schmitt; his brother, Donald (Tammy) Perkins of Montrose, 3 nephews, Donald Perkins, Mitchell Perkins and Tony (Jan) Lefler; and a great-nephew, Gauge Lefler. Bob was preceded in death by his parents. A celebration of Bob's life was held at 11:00 AM, Monday, November 5, 2012, at the Terwilliger Funeral Home, in Kaleva, with Reverend Dennis Rahn officiating. Afterwards, a procession led by the Patriot Guard Riders processed to the VFW Walsh Post #499 for military honors conducted at 12:30 PM followed by a luncheon. The family received friends Monday from 10:00 AM until 11:00 AM at the funeral home. Memorial contributions will be used to further the Veterans' Memorial Park in Manistee. The Terwilliger Funeral Home, in Kaleva, is in charge of arrangements.

RONALD J. PETERS – Died recently in 2012 in Weston, West Virginia at the age of 67. The cause of death is unknown. He was born October 18, 1945. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Jane Lew Chapter #906**.

WILLIAM H. PETERS III - Died Friday, August 19, 2011 in Normal, Illinois at the age of 63. The cause of death was heart disease. He was born December 16, 1947 in Saint Louis, Missouri to the late William H. and Loretta (née Howe) Peters. He married Karen Sue Winn on December 30, 1977 who also preceded him in death on August 24, 2002. He was also predeceased by one brother. He married Shari Dobill on July 26, 2008 who survives him. In addition to his wife, he is survived by his son, William H. Peters IV, of Springfield. He served in the United States Army from February 10, 1969 to January 31, 1972 during the Vietnam War. He was a member Little Flower Catholic Church, Catholic War Veterans, was the Commander of AMVETS and the Commander of the Interveterans Council. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Springfield, Illinois Chapter #534**. Visiting hours were 4:00 to 7:00 PM Tuesday, August 23, 2011 at the Staab Funeral Home. The Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on Wednesday, August 24, 2011 at the Little Flower Catholic Church with Monsignor John Ossola, officiating. Interment was in Camp Butler National Cemetery where military honors were conducted by the Sangamon County Interveterans Burial Detail.



THOMAS OLIVER PHANEUF - Died Thursday, July 19, 2012, after a brief battle with lung cancer. He was a resident of Oscoda, Michigan, formerly of Owosso, Michigan. He was 64 years of age. Tom was born July 15, 1948, in Owosso, the son of Robert G. and Helen M. (née Telfer) Phaneuf. He graduated from Corunna High School, Class of 1966, and attended Lansing Community College and Central Michigan University. He served two tours in Vietnam with the United States Army. He retired in 2002 from the State of Michigan. Tom was a member of the First Congregational Church of Owosso and served on the boards of the Owosso Community Players, Shiawassee County Mental Health and the Owosso Public Library. He also served as Lt. Governor for the Kiwanis Club. In Oscoda, Tom served on the board of the Au Sable and Oscoda Historical Society. He was an *At-Large Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Michigan**. He was an avid sports fan, serving as statistician for football and basketball for both Corunna and Owosso Public Schools for many years, and he especially loved the Detroit Tigers. Tom married Linda Edgeworth at the First Congregational Church in Owosso on May 20, 1972. He is survived by his wife, Linda; daughters, Kristen and husband Jeremy Soukup and Megan Phaneuf

and husband Edward Luchessi; grandsons, Parker Michael and Mitchell Oliver Soukup and Samuel Thomas Luchessi; brother, Timothy (Cheryl) Phaneuf; sisters, Patricia (Michael) Husted and Catherine (Doug) Yeager. He was predeceased by his parents and infant brother, Phillip. Funeral services were held July 24, 2012, at First Congregational Church in Owosso. Memorial contributions are suggested to the AuSable and Oscoda Historical.

JEFFREY PHILLIPS – Died recently in 2012 in Anniston, Alabama at the age of 68. The cause of death is unknown. He was born August 29, 1943. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was an *At-Large Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Alabama**.

JAMES PAUL “Pickles” PICCIRILLI - Died Wednesday, September 19, 2012 in his home in Raccoon Township at the age of 61. The cause of death was brain cancer. He was born on May 20, 1951 in Sewickley, Pennsylvania to the late Paul and Helen Louise (née McDaniel) Piccirilli, and he was a member of Our Lady of Fatima Catholic Church. James worked for Nova Chemical in Potter Township as an industrial electrician. He also served in the United States Navy during the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Freedom Chapter #862**, VFW Post 128 in Rochester, and the Ukrainian Club in Aliquippa. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by an infant son, Paul James Piccirilli. James is survived by his wife, Marilyn (Joyce) Piccirilli, Raccoon Twp.; a son, Matteo Tommaso Piccirilli and his wife Marie Nicole, Mt. Lebanon; a daughter, Victoria Lynn Piccirilli-Ortiz and her husband Francisco Luis Ortiz, Charlotte, NC; a granddaughter, Gabriella Leigh Ortiz; a brother, Charles Piccirilli; and a sister, Paula Daley. Friends were received on Friday from 6:00 PM until 8:00 PM in the Darroch Memorial Chapel, 2640 Mill Street, Aliquippa www.darrochfuneralhome.com where a blessing service will be conducted on Saturday at 10:00 AM with Father Howard Campbell officiating. Interment was in the Mt. Olivet Catholic Cemetery. Vietnam Veterans of America, Beaver County Chapter 862 conducted full military honors. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Vietnam Veterans of America, Beaver County Chapter 862, 140 Knob Vue Drive, Freedom, Pennsylvania 15042.



ROBERT JOSEPH PIERCE - Died Monday evening, November 5, 2012 at Landmark Medical Center in Woonsocket, Rhode Island at the age of 63. He was a resident of Woonsocket. The cause of death was cancer. He was born in Woonsocket on July 27, 1949, to the late Theresa Pimental. Mr. Pierce served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War. He received the Army Commendation Medal, Bronze Star Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Vietnam Service Medal, Vietnam Campaign Medal, Vietnam Cross of Gallantry, and the Combat Infantry Badge. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – James Michael Ray Memorial Chapter #818** in North Smithfield, Rhode Island. Mr. Pierce was employed in the construction and painting trades. He later worked in the maintenance dept. at Woonsocket Health Center prior to retiring. He is survived by two daughters Donna Milano (& Richard) of Woonsocket and Pamela Banks (& Anthony) of Kansas. Two brothers Maurice Pimental, Jr. and Brian Pierce and two sisters Terry Lynn Bergeron and Brenda Manteca, 8 grandchildren, 10 great-grandchildren, and many nieces and nephews. Visiting hours will be Friday from 2:00-4:00 and 6:00-

8:00 PM in the Menard-Lacouture Funeral Home, 127 Carrington Ave., Woonsocket. A prayer service will be held at 7:30 pm. Burial will be private.



BERT MIKE PONSOCK, USMC (MSG-Ret) – Died Tuesday, October 16th 2012 in Richlands, North Carolina at the age of 79. The cause of death was cancer. He was born in Albany Louisiana on November 5, 1932 to the late Albert and Barbara Ponsock. He was also predeceased by his wife Joyce Ponsock, whom he was married to for 51 years, brothers, Albert Ponsock Jr., Steve Ponsock, Joe Ponsock, Eugene Ponsock, and George Ponsock, he had one sister, Barbara Reed. Survivors are his children, Mike and wife Rosa Ponsock of Richlands NC, Anita and husband

Frank Cativiela of Richlands NC, Charlie and wife Angie Ponsock of Holly Ridge NC, Cindi and husband Joe Laskowski of Concord NC, sister Rosa and husband Gary Wyer of Detroit MI, nine grand-children: Bert Mike Ponsock III, Donnie and wife Kim Davis, Joey Ponsock, Lynn Ponsock, Magan and husband Joe Brewer, Chase Ponsock, Chelsie Ponsock, Justin Laskowski, and Josh Laskowski. two great-grandchildren: Wyatt Davis and Bryson Ponsock. He was a loving husband, father, grandfather, and friend. He moved to Detroit MI at the age of nine. He graduated from Western High School in 1951. He joined the United States Marine Corps and left for boot camp at Parris Island SC in June of 1951. After graduation he was stationed at Fort Monmouth NJ for Teletype Repair School. After serving a few years abroad, he was then transferred to 2nd Marine Division where he met his lovely bride Joyce of Richlands NC in 1954. During his career he served in Iwakuni Japan, Camp Lejeune NC, El Toro CA, Vietnam, San Diego CA, Barstow CA, and Okinawa. He retired from the Marine Corps in December 1977. He was a member of Veterans Organizations including: Marine Corps League, Disabled American Veterans, Fleet Reserve Association, Veterans of Foreign Wars, a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Jacksonville Chapter #654**, American Legion, and the Onslow County Council of Veterans Organization. Bert was a member of The Retired Enlisted Association and the Marine Corps Association. He was also a member of the D-Day Museum and the Marine Corps Heritage Museum. He was a member of the Richlands Jaycees, he volunteered to assist in tax aide in Onslow County with AARP, volunteered for the American Legion helping with Bingo and the Onslow County Fair. He donated blood quarterly to the American Red Cross for many years. He coached Little League and the Babe Ruth League and was a part of the driving force of building the ball fields in Richlands. He attended the New River PFW Baptist Church with his wife in Richlands. He loved watching the Detroit Tigers, Lions, and Red Wings. Hobbies included gardening and attending all of the grandkids sporting events. A Funeral Service will be Thursday, October 18, 2012 at 11:00 AM at Johnson Funeral Home Chapel, Richlands with Chaplain Ray Randall officiating. Burial will be at the Onslow Memorial Park with Full Military Honors. The family will receive friends from 7:00 -9:00 pm on Wednesday, October 17, 2012 at Johnson Funeral Home, Richlands.

Condolences may be made at www.johnsonfuneralhomes.com. Arrangements were made by Johnson Funeral Home, Richlands.



DAVID HOLDEN PRATT - Died Saturday, September 29, 2012, at Kent General Hospital, following a long illness. The cause of death was cancer. He was born on May 30, 1951, in Rutland, Vermont to the late Richard H. and Anna (née Benson) Pratt. He grew up in Clarendon, attended St. Peter's School in Rutland, and graduated from Mt. St. Joseph Academy. He enlisted in the United States Air Force

in 1969 where he was trained as an air freight specialist. He won top honors in the Military Airlift Command combat airlift competition and later served in Vietnam on two tours. Always home based in Dover, during his 20 year career he was deployed to many far off places such as Turkey, Thailand and Egypt, and participated in relief missions to such places as Managua, Nicaragua after an earthquake. After he retired from the Air Force in 1989 he remained in Delaware. He was an *At-Large Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Delaware*. He raised quail and pheasants to sell to game farms and more recently he worked as a grounds keeper for a golf course. He was an avid hunter, shooter and outdoorsman, took full advantage of Delaware's longer deer season and often enjoyed taking trips in his camper. An active member of the Dover American Legion, he was affectionately known as "Camo Dave" since his wardrobe and household décor, including the shower curtains, was camouflage. We will always remember him for "Dave's world famous strawberry jam." He is survived by his brothers and their spouses, Richard and Diana Pratt of Clarendon, Vt., John and Helen Pratt of Va., his sisters, Mrs. Kathy (John) Scott of Burlington, Vt., Mary Pratt of Mass. and Eleanor Hart of Milton, Vt.; his aunts Alice Pratt Myers of Rutland, Vt. and Barbara Atwood Pratt of Clarendon, Vt.; and several nieces, nephews and cousins. He was very fortunate to have such good friends in the American Legion, especially Richie and Bill, and neighbors, Chet and Sally. A celebration of his life will be planned for later in the month at the American Legion in Dover. Letters of condolence may be sent and the guestbook signed at www.torbertfuneral.com.



PETER J. PUROL, SR. - Died Saturday, September 15, 2012 in Lachine, Michigan at the age of 71 surrounded by his loving family. The cause of death is unknown. Peter was born December 10, 1940 in Alpena, Michigan to Peter M. Purol and Eleanor A. (née Kwasek) Gelsa. He married Ursula E. Bayer on July 31, 1963. He enlisted in the United States Army in 1961, having a military career lasting 25 years until his retirement in 1986. Peter returned to the Alpena area and worked as Alpena County Veterans Affair Counselor for 18 years, retiring in 2004. He was a member of St. Augustine Catholic Church in Hillman, Knights of Columbus Fourth Degree, member and past commander of American Legion Post 65, life member of the D.A.V., member of VFW Post 2496, VFW Post 3890 and the Am Vets. In his spare time he enjoyed hunting and fishing. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Alpena Chapter #583**. Surviving are his wife Ursula; 3 children, Rosemarie Gross of Tennessee, Peter J. (JoLee) Purol, Jr. of Sterling Heights, Ellie (Bobby) Carr of Ohio; 3 grandsons; Kaden, Peter, Dustin; niece Kimberly and a nephew John Peter. Mr. Purol was preceded in death by his father Peter M. Purol, mother and step father Eleanor and John Gesla, brother John Gesla, and son in law Kenny Gross. Mr. Purol was at the Bannan Funeral Home in Alpena where friends called on Tuesday from 2:00 – 8:00 PM. Full military honors were accorded him by VFW Post 2496 at 6 p.m. and a parish prayer and Knights of Columbus service took place at 7:00 PM. Visitation continued on Wednesday at St. Augustine Catholic Church in Hillman from 9:00 AM until time of funeral mass at 10:00 AM with Rev. Rolando Silva officiating. Interment was in the St. Augustine Cemetery. In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to St. Augustine Catholic Church or Hospice of Michigan.

RONALD "Ron" REDDICK – Died Sunday, July 29, 2012 in Livermore, California at the age of 65. The cause of death is unknown. He was born December 1, 1946. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was an *At-Large Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – California*.

JAMES P. REED – Died Tuesday, May 1, 2012 in Dayton, Ohio at the age of 64. The cause of death was cancer. He was born in Toledo, Ohio on September 2, 1947. He served in the United States Army from October 1968 to August 1970. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Dayton Chapter #97**.

JOSEPH C. RICHEY – Died Sunday, November 4, 2012 in Van Wert, Ohio at the age of 68. The cause of death is unknown. He was born January 26, 1944 in Memphis, Tennessee. He served in the United States Navy in Korea during the Vietnam War. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Celina Chapter #783**.

FREDDY SANCHEZ-RODRIGUEZ – Died Thursday, August 9, 2012 in Caguas, Puerto Rico at the age of 64. The cause of death was cardiac arrest. He was born in Caguas on January 29, 1948. He is survived by his wife, Carmen A. Huertas of the home. He served in the United States Army with a tour in Vietnam from April 27, 1969 to March 3, 1970. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Caguas Chapter #1007**.

RICHARD W. ROGERS – Died Friday, October 19, 2012 in Huntingdon, Pennsylvania at the age of 58. The cause of death is unknown. He was born December 11, 1953. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was an *At-Large Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Pennsylvania**.

THOM JAMES ROUSSELLE – Died Friday, October 19, 2012 in Homosassa, Florida at the age of 65. The cause of death was lung cancer. He was born in Detroit, Michigan on November 4, 1946. He is survived by his wife, Chris. He served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Dearborn Chapter #267**.



LYNNE MORGAN RUYLE - Died Monday, July 2, 2012, at home in Montrose, Colorado at the age of 66. She fought a courageous, year-long battle against the non-Hodgkin lymphoma that finally took her life. Lynne was born July 31, 1945, in Pawnee City, Neb., to William F. and Bette W. Morgan. She grew up in Columbus, Ohio, Bristol, Tenn., and Madison, Ind., where she graduated from high school. After a semester at Indiana University, she entered the Methodist Hospital School of Nursing, in Indianapolis, graduating in 1968 with a Diploma in Nursing. After passing the examination to become a Registered Nurse, Lynne was commissioned as a lieutenant in the Army Nurse Corps, and went on active duty at Fitzsimons General Hospital in Denver. She then volunteered for service in Vietnam, arriving at the 71st Evacuation Hospital in Pleiku in March 1969. Lynne was assigned to the Emergency/Trauma unit, and served with great distinction throughout her one-year tour. She was awarded the Bronze Star Medal, an achievement matched by few other nurses. She was an *At-Large Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Colorado**.



DOUGLAS LEON "Doug" SEAY - Died Sunday, October 28, 2012, at Charles George VA Medical Center at the age of 65. He was a resident of Clyde,

North Carolina. The cause of death is unknown. A native and lifelong resident of Haywood County, he was born September 23, 1947 to the late William Lonzo Seay, Jr. and Phoebe (née Bailey) Seay. He was also preceded in death by his sister, Candy Seay. He was a retired diesel mechanic with ABF Freight Systems and a member of Oak Grove Baptist Church. He was a highly decorated United States Marine Corps veteran serving in Vietnam. Doug never met a stranger and was loved by everyone. He enjoyed traveling, especially out west with his wife and also loved his three dogs dearly. Doug was very supportive and active in the North Carolina VFW working his way up in the organization to North Carolina VFW State Commander in 2010 – 2011. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Clyde Chapter #980**. He is survived by his wife of 27 ½ years, Barbara Hambly Seay; a son, Jeffrey B. Seay of Hendersonville; a step-son, Paul Wright of Fairview; a step-daughter, Karin Jones and her husband, Bob, of Fairview; two sisters, Reta Miller and her husband, Dean, and Carolyn Cannon, all of Waynesville; a brother, Gene Seay and his wife, Barbara, of Marshville, NC; a grandson, Cody Seay; a step-granddaughter, Emily Wingo; and several nieces and nephews. Funeral services were held at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, November 3, 2012 at Oak Grove Baptist Church with the Reverend Bruce Cayton officiating. Burial was at Fincher's Chapel United Methodist Church Cemetery. The family received friends from 6:00 until 9:00 p.m. on Friday at Wells Funeral Home of Waynesville. Memorials may be made to VFW National Home for Children, Attn: Kevin, 216 Miller Street, Waynesville, NC 28786 or to Susan G. Komen for the Cure, Attn: Donor Services, PO Box 650309, Dallas, TX 75265-0309.



KAREN A. SEIPEL - Died Saturday morning, September 29, 2012 at St Mary's Home, Manitowoc, Wisconsin at the age of 66. The cause of death was cancer. She was born on March 11, 1946 in Manitowoc, to the late John and Antoinette (née Pauze) Hornyak. Karen was a graduate of Mishicot High School with the class of 1964. She married Barry Kellenbenz in Manitowoc and he preceded her in death on January 19, 1969 in Vietnam. Karen was then employed with Wisconsin Fuel and Light in Manitowoc as a

Draftswoman. While employed there she met Dennis Seipel. On June 20, 1970 the two were married at St. Andrew Catholic Church, Manitowoc. Karen was also employed as a seamstress out of her home for many years as well as at Natural Market and Baldwin's Menswear. Later she was also employed with Tuxes and Tailors of Manitowoc. Karen was very active with the Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 731 being a State Council Meeting Coordinator. She was also a Master Gardener and was responsible for the flower gardens at the War Veterans Memorial in Manitowoc. Karen was an active member of St Francis of Assisi Catholic Church. She was a *Life Member* of **Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America – Manitowoc Chapter #731**. Survivors include her husband: Dennis Seipel, Manitowoc; their children: Kurtz Seipel, Iowa City, Iowa, Melissa Seipel and her life partner, Gordy Frank, Madison; four brothers and sisters-in-law: Gary & Beth Hornyak, Minneapolis, Thomas & Mary Hornyak, Johnson City, TN, Phillip & Mary Hornyak, Johnson City, TN, Anthony & Diane Hornyak, Manitowoc; and brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law: Rose Ann & Jerry Koehler, School Hill, Duane & Karen Seipel, Appleton, Darlene & Don Tenpas, Plymouth, Janice & John Nadler, Chilton and Larry & Cathy Seipel, Chilton. Nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends also survive. She was preceded in

death by her parents: John and Antoinette Hornyak and her first husband: Barry Kellenbenz in 1969. Funeral services were held at 11:30 AM on Thursday, October 4, 2012 at St Francis of Assisi on Grand. Officiating at the Mass of Christian Burial was the Rev. Richard Klingeisen. Burial was at Evergreen Cemetery, Manitowoc. The family greeted relatives and friends at the Pfeffer Funeral Home on Wednesday, October 3, 2012 from 4:00 PM until 7:00 PM, where a prayer service will be led by Deacon Paul Kieffer. The visitation continued on Thursday morning at the Pfeffer Funeral Home from 9:00 AM until the time of morning prayers at 11:00 AM. Expressions of sympathy may be sent to the family by visiting www.pfefferfuneralhome.com. The Pfeffer Funeral Home, Manitowoc is assisting the family with funeral arrangements. The family would like to extend a special thank you to Holy Family Memorial Medical Center, specifically the nurses and staff at 2West, and also a special thank you to Dr. Marshall Matthews and his staff at Matthews Oncology Associates, Sheboygan as well as Dr. Sean Benham for their loving care and compassion given to Karen and her family.

DAN R. SHIELDS – Died Thursday, May 20, 2010 in Pacifica, California at the age of 59. The cause of death was cancer. He was born August 23, 1950. He served in the United States Marine Corps during the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – San Mateo Chapter #464**.



DENNIS MARTIN SMITH - Died Saturday, January 30, 2011 at the Community Memorial Hospital in Burke, South Dakota at the age of 55. He was a resident of Burke. The cause of death is unknown. He was born July 13, 1955 at Gregory, South Dakota to Martin and Mary Jane (née Holub) Smith and he grew up on the family farm northeast of Lucas. He attended country school through the eighth grade and graduated from Burke High School in 1973. He was a good wrestler and enjoyed playing for the Burke Bulldogs. After high school, Dennis enlisted in the United States Army where he served with the Military Police from 1973-1974. He attended Dakota State College for one semester. He met Lisa Jhunke at college and they married in 1976. One child, Chad Martin Smith, was born to this union. Dennis served in the South Dakota National Guard from 1976-1980. He was with the Platte Engineers Unit for two years and the Madison Engineers unit for two years. He served as a bridge crewman and heavy equipment operator. He also worked at Gehl Manufacturing in Madison as a forklift driver during this time. In 1980 he enlisted in the US Army and served as a medic. His awards in the service were the Army Commendation Medal and Ribbon, Army Achievement Medal and Ribbon, Good Conduct Medal and Ribbon, The National Defense Medal and Ribbon, the Overseas Ribbon and the Army Service Ribbon. When he was discharged from the Army, he was service connected disabled. He was retired after the service. He was an *At-Large Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – South Dakota**. Dennis enjoyed fishing at the river. He was very kind and showed his love for his family. He was very proud of his new grandson, Leo. Dennis was preceded in death by his father, Martin Lowell Smith. Dennis is survived by his mother, Mary Jane Smith; his son, Chad and wife Lilene; his grandson, Leo Martin Smith; three brothers: David and wife Michelle, Luther and wife Kim, and John; his sister, Linda Almendinger and husband Dennis; and several nieces and nephews. Funeral services were held on Thursday, February 3, 2011 at 10:30 AM at Clausen Funeral Home in

Burke. Burial was at the Lucas Cemetery near Lucas. Visitation hours were Wednesday from 4:00 to 7:00 PM at the funeral home.

NANCY E. SPENCER - Died Friday, October 12, 2012 after battling a long illness at the age of 65. She was a longtime philanthropist in the Canton community. She was born April 4, 1947. Spencer died with her husband, John, of nearly 45 years by her side, the report said. The couple's 45th anniversary would have been Sunday. Spencer was perhaps best known in the community for her work as Canton Goodfellows president for more than 20 years, which helped raise money for Christmas gifts for children in need, the report said. She was a *Life Member of Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America – Plymouth Chapter #528*. According to an email from the Canton Chamber of Commerce, there were visitation hours from 5:00-9:00 PM Thursday and 2:00-8:00 PM Friday with a Rosary at 7:00 PM at the McCabe Funeral Home, 851 North Canton Center Road in Canton. She laid in-state at St. Thomas a'Becket Catholic Church, 555 South Lilley Road in Canton, at 9:30 AM Saturday with Mass at 10:30 AM.



HOWARD RICHARD "Rich" STARTS – Died at the Veteran's Home in Yountville, California Thursday, August 23, 2012 after a long battle with Frontal Temporal Dementia at the age of 71. He was born in Camden, New Jersey on February 16, 1941, moved to Freestone, California in 1960. After his service in the United States Navy, which included a tour of duty in Vietnam, he began his 30 year career with United Airlines in San Francisco. He was a long time member of both **Vietnam Veterans of America – Santa**

Rosa Chapter #223 and the Machinists and Aerospace Workers Union. Rich and his wife, Marilyn, moved to Santa Rosa in 1982 and to Freestone in 2000. Rich is survived by his wife, Marilyn, and children Debbie Delgado of Hemet, Dave Smilie and Kristin Colgrove, both of Santa Rosa, eight grandchildren and seven siblings. A Memorial Service was held at the family home in Freestone on September 15, 2012 at 2:00 PM. Donations may be made in his name to Sebastopol Senior Center, 167 North High Street, Sebastopol, California 95472 or Forgotten Felines, Post Office Box 6672, Santa Rosa, California 95406. Family assisted by Parent-Sorensen Mortuary-Sebastopol.

GILBERT STEWART – Died recently in the New York States Veterans Homes in Montrose, New York at the age of 75. The cause of death is unknown. He was born January 31, 1937. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Permanently Hospitalized Veteran Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Pleasantville Chapter #49*.



PHILIP A. ST. JEAN – Died Friday, September 28, 2012 in Leominster, Massachusetts at the age of 65. He was a resident of Fitchburg, Massachusetts. The cause of death was acute respiratory failure, lung cancer, pulmonary embolism and congestive heart failure. He was born in Fitchburg, November 6, 1946, son of Isabelle (née Cloutier) St. Jean Leger and the late Omer J. St. Jean and has been a lifelong Fitchburg resident. Mr. St. Jean was a 1964 graduate of Fitchburg High School and entered the United

States Air Force shortly after graduation. Mr. St. Jean worked as a Master Plumber, Master Pipe Fitter, Journeyman Sprinkler Fitter, and Leominster Auxiliary Policeman. Besides his mother of Fitchburg, he is survived by his wife of 43 years, Linda (née Gadoury) St. Jean; a daughter Shelley Lynn St. Jean; a son Philip A. St. Jean, Jr. and a grandson Tristin Philip St. Jean. He served in the United States Air Force during the Vietnam War. He served as a Security Policeman, Sentry Dog Handler and Operations Clerk in the Strategic Air Command at Blytheville A.F.B., Arkansas for 3 years before his service in DaNang Vietnam during 1967-1968 as a Sentry Dog Handler and Criminal Investigator. He received the Air Force Commendation Medal for Meritorious Service in Vietnam as a Criminal Investigator. He worked for many area contractors in the piping trades and was a co-founder of Cleghorn Plumbing & Heating Inc. He was self-employed doing business as A-1 Mechanical Services Inc., and worked for many years with Patrick J. Egan & Son Inc. He was an avid SCUBA Diver and a founding father of United Divers of Central Massachusetts Dive Club. He engaged in diving on many ship wrecks from the coast of New Jersey to New Hampshire. Off the coast of Maine he enjoyed scallop diving. In Massachusetts coastal waters he loved diving for lobsters. Philip was a member of the Leominster Emergency Management Agency, where he was active in Underwater Search and Recovery, REHAB and Auxiliary Police Units. He was a member of the Leominster Police Department Auxiliary Police Unit for 15 years; a former member of the Middlesex County Police Association; *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Leominster Chapter #116**; Life Member of Disabled American Veterans; and member of the Winchendon American Legion Post 193. Upon his retirement from the Auxiliary Police in 2004, Philip was awarded “The Presidents Call to Service Award” from President George W. Bush for dedicating over 4,000 hours of service to community. An Avid Karaoke enthusiast, Philip hosted Karaoke Shows with his son Philip Jr. at many area venues, weddings and private functions, for nearly 20 years. They were known as Royal Crown Karaoke & D.J. A Graveside service was held 10:00 AM Monday, October 1st at the Massachusetts Veteran’s Memorial Cemetery, 111 Glenallen Street, Winchendon. Calling hours were from 2:00 to 5:00 PM Sunday, September 30th at the Louis M. Isabelle Funeral Home, 316 Clarendon Street, Fitchburg. For additional information please see our website www.isabellefuneral.com.

DENNIS C. THOMPSON – Died Thursday, November 1, 2012 in Levittown, New York at the age of 68. The cause of death is unknown. He was born September 16, 1944. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Hicksville Chapter #82**. He is survived by his brother-in-law.



WAYNE HENRY TISINGER - Died Sunday, October 7, 2012 in Woodstock, Virginia, along with his family in the peace and comfort of his own home after a battle with cancer and diabetes. He was 68 years of age. He was born in Woodstock April 4, 1944, to Clyde Henry and Virginia (née Hollar) Tisinger. Raised by his parents, grandparents, and extended family, Wayne grew up on his family's farm near Wesley Chapel where he learned the value of hard work and developed his lifelong love of gardening, animals, hunting, and the outdoors. Wayne graduated from Central High School in 1963. Following high school, he proudly served in the United States Army in the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Staunton**

Chapter #936. After return from combat, he married Delores "Dee" Seal April 5, 1969, remaining happily married 43 years until his death.



DAVID A. TRANQUILLO - Died Thursday, October 18, 2012, in his residence in Maidencreek Township, Pennsylvania at the age of 81. The cause of death was heart failure. He was born in Robesonia, Pennsylvania on October 19, 1930 to the late Emidio and Mary (née Barbini) Tranquillo. He was the companion of Maryann Reiter. He was a member of St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church, Kutztown, Pennsylvania. Mr. Tranquillo honorably and faithfully served his country as a career-enlisted officer of the United States Navy. He saw combat in both the Korean Conflict and the Vietnam War. He retired from the U.S. Navy after 22 years of service. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Reading Chapter #131**. After his retirement, he worked as a machinist for the Campbell's Soup Company, Evansville for over 20 years, retiring in 1992. Dave was an avid bowler in his later years, spending much of his time with friends at Berks Lanes. David was very active in the local and national political scene and was a frequent caller, recognized by voice to WEEU's Feedback show. A proud and supportive "Pop-Pop" to all the grand-children, he enjoyed attending all of their various functions. He equally loved and supported Maryann's children: Bobby, Tony and Johnny, along with their families. He was affectionately referred to as "Pop-Pop" by Maryann's grandchildren as well. Survivors include Maryann; sons: David V., husband of Ann (Gabrielli) Tranquillo, Blandon, Michael D., husband of Stephanie (Votoras) Tranquillo, Wernersville, Joseph M., husband of Cathy (Zerbe) Tranquillo, Wernersville, and Robert A. Tranquillo, Robesonia, PA. There are also six grandchildren: Gina (Tranquillo), wife of Jason Shade, Jonathan, husband of Regina (Nigrelli) Tranquillo, Adam, Nicole, Michael Jr. and Jevin Tranquillo; a great-grandson, Antonio Tranquillo; and sister, Leah (Tranquillo), wife of Falco DiBiase, West Lawn. Additionally, former spouse Madeline L. (Schell) Tranquillo, Leesport, is also surviving. David was predeceased by brothers: Raymond, Anthony, Quindo and Joseph Tranquillo, and a sister, Rosie (Tranquillo) Moyer. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated Tuesday, Oct. 23, 2012, at 10:00 AM from St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church, 14833 Kutztown Road, Kutztown with The Rev. Msgr. Walter T. Scheaffer as celebrant. Interment with Military Honors was in Gethsemane Cemetery, Laureldale. Friends called Tuesday 9:00 to 10:00 AM in the church. The family requests contributions be made to Wounded Warrior Project, P.O. Box 758517, Topeka, KS 66675 or Vietnam Veterans of America - Chapter 131, P.O. Box 13735, Reading, PA 19612-3735 or American Heart Association, P.O. Box 1392, Bethlehem, PA 18018.

MARLO R. TVETER - Died Monday, July 20, 2009, at Innovis Health in Fargo, North Dakota at the age of 61. He was a resident of Oakes, North Dakota formerly of Mooreton, North Dakota. The cause of death was congestive heart failure. He was born July 15, 1948, at Breckenridge, Minnesota, the son of Harry M. and Margaret (née Krause) Tveter. He grew up in Mooreton where he attended grade school and graduated from Wahpeton High School in 1966. He served in the United States Army from October of 1968 to September of 1968 during the Vietnam War.

After being Honorably Discharged he worked for Vernon Brozoskie Construction. Marlo was united in marriage to Karan J. Hejtmanek on August 22, 1970 at Fargo, ND. They lived in Wahpeton where he attended NDSCS before they moved to St. Paul, MN where he worked for Minnesota Government. Marlo purchased and operated the Ark Lounge in Oaks in 1976 and then attended Valley City State University where he received his Bachelor Degree in Education. In 1980 the family moved to Grand Forks, ND where Marlo obtained his Masters Degree at UND. The family then lived in Mooreton before Marlo started work as an airline dispatcher at Houston, Texas and Lansing, Michigan. He later returned to Oaks, ND where he worked several years for Dakota Improvement and was elected mayor of Oaks from 2003 to 2007. Marlo was a member of Grace Lutheran Church, Robert Bergman American Legion Post No. 283, Mooreton, ND, where he was past District Commander and Eastern Region Vice Commander; Barney VFW Memorial Post No. 9366, where he was lifetime member; and was a life member of the DAV. He was an *At-Large Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – North Dakota**. Marlo is survived by his daughter and two sons: Kimberly Tveter, West Fargo; Timothy (Tracy) Tveter, children, Damien and Reece, Tomball, Texas; Thomas (Tammy) Tveter, children, Nicollette and Presely, West Fargo; two brothers: Russell (Tina) Tveter, Wilbur, NE; and Kim (Brenda) Tveter, Fargo, ND. He was preceded in death by his father, Harry, his mother, Margaret, and his brother, Nolan. Vertin-Munson Funeral Home, Wahpeton, was in charge of arrangements. The Funeral Service was on Friday, July 24 at 10:30 AM, at Grace Lutheran Church, Oakes, ND, with Rev. Gordie Lee officiating, and a visitation Thursday at Willow Creek Chapel (920 3rd Ave. N.) Wahpeton, from 5:00 PM to 8:00 PM with a 7:30 PM prayer service and one hour before the service at the church on Friday. Interment was in the St. Paul's Lutheran Cemetery, Mooreton, ND.

DONALD J. "Don" WAKEFIELD - Died peacefully in his home in Lunenburg, Massachusetts on Wednesday October 17, 2012 with his family at his side. He was 65 years of age. The cause of death was pancreatic cancer. He was born on January 28, 1947 in Saco, Maine the son of Elmore and Orilla (née Downer) Wakefield and was raised in Maine. He attended and graduated from Kennebunk High School in 1965. Donald enlisted in the United States Army in 1966 and served in the Vietnam War. He was honorably discharged in 1969. He worked as the night supervisor for Steel Fab for 32 years and the seven years at Ranor Steel retiring in 2012. Don was an accomplished wood carver and he attended many classes at Wood Carver's Plus. He loved flower and vegetable gardening, vacationing in Maine with family, and baking bread with granddaughter Michaela. He was also an avid fisherman and hunter. He was a *Life Member* of the National VFW, and **Vietnam Veterans of America – Leominster Chapter #116**. He is survived by his wife of 43 years Cheryl (née Provencial) Wakefield, his daughter Michelle A. Wakefield of Fitchburg, MA., five brothers, Elmore Wakefield Jr. of Grantham, N.H., Harold Wakefield of Fargo, AZ., Steven Wakefield of Kennebunk, Maine, Gerald Wakefield in Hawaii, and Kenneth Wakefield in South Carolina, one sister Theresa Baggenstoss of Minnesota, his granddaughter Michaela and several nephews and nieces. A funeral service with Military Honors was held on Friday October 26, 2012 at 2:30 PM in the Massachusetts Veterans Cemetery, 111 Glenallen St. Winchendon, MA. There were no calling hours. The Livery

Chartrand & Alario Funeral Home 99 Summer St. Fitchburg, MA were in charge of the arrangements.

GENE W. WALTERS - Died Sunday, October 28, 2012 peacefully at Good Samaritan Hospital, Pottsville, Pennsylvania at the age of 62. He was a resident of Reading, Pennsylvania. The cause of death was coronary artery disease. He was born in Shenandoah, Pennsylvania, on November 15, 1949 to the late Elizabeth (née O'Brien) and Wayne Walters. He was the husband of Sara Jane (Alex) Walters, who survives him. From 1979 to 2003, when he retired at the rank of Commander, he was a Health Service Officer with the U.S. Public Health Service serving in Washington, D.C., Kansas, Connecticut, Maryland and other states, including Louisiana as a part of the relief efforts after Hurricane Katrina. A 22-year military veteran with the United States Army, in 2009 he was appointed as the new Pennsylvania wing chaplain for the Civil Air Patrol headquartered at Ft. Indiantown Gap. He was a member of the Coast Guard Auxiliary as a Public Affairs Officer for Reading Flotilla 4; a member of the Disabled American Veterans (DAV) Chapter 10, Reading; a member of the American Legion and a Life Member of the Association of Military Surgeons. He was a Vietnam veteran. He was a *Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Reading Chapter #131*. From 1971 to 1975, he was a Doctor of Social Work at the University of Louisiana. A 1967 graduate of North Schuylkill High School, he earned a Masters of Divinity and Masters of Ministry, summa cum laude from Newburgh Theological Seminary and Bethany Seminary, respectively. Other degrees he earned are a doctor of social work and advanced degrees in: psychology, education, national security and strategic studies, business administration, public administration, social work and history non-west. He was also awarded three honorary doctorates for special accomplishments he completed while he was a career officer in the public health service. After retiring, he was self-employed as a Clinical Social Worker. Gene spent 22 years on active duty, including over eight years in the active U.S. Army serving in Korea on the DMZ and in Vietnam. He retired at the rank of Lieutenant Colonel. He was also a medical service corps officer at the Army Correction Facility at Ft. Riley, Kansas. Gene holds 15 clinical board certifications and is a licensed clinical social worker. In addition to his wife, Sara, he is survived by a brother, Clifford Walters of Frackville, PA. Friends and relatives were invited to call Monday, November 5 from 11:00 AM to Noon at the John P. Feeney Funeral Home. Religious Service was at Noon. Interment with full honors was at Indiantown Gap National Cemetery, Annville, PA. Arrangements entrusted to the John P. Feeney Funeral Home, in Reading's Centre Park Historic District, 625 N. 4th St. at Centre Ave., Reading, PA 19601.

ELWIN EUGENE WARD, JR. – Died Monday, April 27, 2009 in Nice, California at the age of 66. The cause of death is unknown. He was born October 16, 1942 in Fresno County, California. He served in the United States Army with two tours of duty in Vietnam from May 12, 1965 to April 30, 1966 and December 1, 1967 to November 30, 1968. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Lakeport Chapter #951**.

ROBERT M. WESTOVER - Died Saturday, April 2, 2011 at the Knox Community Hospital at the age of 81. He was a resident of Martinsburg, Ohio. The cause of death was natural causes. He was born August 27, 1929 in Altoona, Pennsylvania to the late Olin and Hulda (née Arble) Westover. Robert was a United States Army Veteran and a member of the VFW Post 9062 in

Utica, the American Legion and the "Cooties". He was also a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Newark Chapter #55**. He is survived by his wife Kathryn (née Steinmetz) to whom he married in 1992, one son Robert M. "Pete" Westover Jr. of San Antonio, TX, two daughters Donna Westover of Delaware, and Oline N. Westover of Fort Riley, Kansas, and 6 grandchildren; step-children Steven Steinmetz of Martinsburg, Sonya (Steve) Lybarger of Howard, and Cindy Smith of Reynoldsville, PA. Besides his parents, he was preceded in death by a sister Georgeann Mickley. A memorial service was held on Wednesday April 6, 2011 at 4:00 PM at the Dilley-Lasater Funeral Home in Bladensburg, with Mr. Ben McKinstry officiating. The family has requested memorial contributions to be made to the VFW Post 9062 in Utica.

DONALD T. "Don" WINGART – Died Saturday, June 9, 2012 in Graham, Washington. 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 – Washington**.

WALTER WOLF – Died Wednesday, October 31, 2012 at the age of 66, in Wilmington, North Carolina. He was a resident of Milwaukee, Wisconsin. The cause of death is unknown. He was born April 3, 1946. He was the beloved husband and best friend of Jo Reitman Wolf; loving brother of Dan (Mitch Kaufman) Wolf and the late Barbara Wolf; cherished son of the late Edward and the late Ruth Wolf (née Golenzer); fond son-in-law of Alicia (the late Robert) Reitman and dear brother-in-law of Robert (Nancy) Reitman II and William (Theresa Reagan) Reitman. He was further survived by loving nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews and many dear friends. A graveside service was held on Friday, November 2, at 1:00 PM, at Spring Hill Cemetery, 166 S. Hawley Ct., Milwaukee. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions made to the charity of your choice appreciated. Walter proudly served his country as a member of the United States Army. Goodman-Bensman Whitefish Bay Funeral Home 4750 N. Santa Monica was in charge of the arrangements.

JAMES H. WUNDERLICH - Died Monday, June 25th, 2012, after a long battle with cancer at the age of 67. He was born August 12, 1944 to the late Bill and Alida Wunderlich. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War having served in the United States Navy. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Glenwood Chapter #798**. James was also preceded in death by his brother, Bill, Jr. He was survived by his children, Debra (Troy) Farrens, of Omaha, James of Kansas City, Mo., Johnathon (Jessica), of Council Bluffs; 9 grandchildren; brother, Richard; life mate and special person, Lorraine Andrews. Memorials to your favorite charity are welcome. Memorial Gathering Saturday, June 30, 2012, 1:00 PM, at the Benson Baptist Church, 6319 Maple St., Omaha in the Family Life Center.

HAROLD R. YINGER - Died Friday November 18, 2011, at Frederick Memorial Hospital, Frederick, Maryland at the age of 66. He was a resident of Frederick. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Frederick on June 6, 1945 he was the son of the Lillian Zimmerman Yinger of Frederick and the late Ernest Yinger. He was the husband of Linda A. Yinger. He served in the United States Army 1st Infantry Division during Vietnam. In addition to his wife he is survived by his daughter Kimberly; a sister Susan Kennedy; nephews Joey and Jesse Kennedy; his mother-in-law, A. Jean Grove; brother-in-law, David Haupt, and; a special friend, Bonnie

Delauter. Visitation was held on Monday, November 21, 2012 from 7:00-9:00 PM at the Stauffer Funeral Home, 1621 Opossumtown Pike, Frederick, where funeral services were held at 11:00 AM on Tuesday November 22, 2011. Reverend Lloyd Fuss officiated. Interment was in Mt. Zion Cemetery, Frederick. In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to the St. Jude's Childrens Hospital at stjude.org. Online condolences may be expressed to the family at www.staufferfuneralhome.com



HARRY LEE YODER - Died Friday, September 21, 2012 in Franklin, North Carolina at the age of 64. He was formerly of Brunswick County, North Carolina. The cause of death was pneumonia. He was born in Durham, North Carolina to the late Francis Marion and Hallie (née Claiborne) Yoder. He was a flight medic for the United States Air Force during the Vietnam War and was awarded the Vietnam Service Medal, Vietnam Campaign Medal, Air Medal, and National Defense Service Medal. Mr. Yoder had a wonderful sense of humor and enjoyed visiting all his friends in Franklin; he graduated Magna Cum Laude from Eastern Carolina University; he started working for the State of North Carolina as a parole officer; then a probation parole officer; then a parole hearing officer until retirement. Following his retirement he was Veterans Service Officer in Brunswick County, NC where he helped many veterans. He was a member of Franklin VFW Post 7339 and American Legion Post 108 and **Vietnam Veterans of America - Franklin Chapter #994**; he was past commander of VFW Post in Supply, NC and senior vice-commander of VFW Post 7339 in Franklin. He was a very active member of St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church. In addition to his wife of 42 years, Rebecca Wetta Yoder, he is survived by two sisters, Betty Gilliam and Frances Yoder both of Hendersonville, NC and a brother, Bill Yoder of Charlotte, NC. Funeral mass was held Monday, September 24, 2012 at 11:00 AM at St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church with Father Tien Duong officiating. Burial was in Woodlawn Cemetery. Franklin VFW Post 7339 and American Legion Post 108 will perform military graveside rites. Pallbearers were members of Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 994. The family received friends Sunday evening from 6:00 - 8:00 PM at Bryant-Grant Funeral Home. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church, 299 Maple Street, Franklin, North Carolina 28734.

ANTHONY JAMES "Tony" ZANDER - Died unexpectedly on Friday, July 1, 2005 in Madison, Wisconsin at the age of 59. He was a resident of DeForest, Wisconsin. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on February 15, 1946 in Madison, Wisconsin to Anthony and Florence (née Caravello) Zander. Tony proudly served his country during the Vietnam War, earning a Purple Heart. Tony was employed by the city of Madison, maintaining the Capitol Square area. A dance at the County Corners followed by ten years of roses, found Tony united in marriage to Jackie Otto on October 4, 2003. Tony loved the outdoors. He enjoyed hunting and camping, but was most happy riding his Harley. An excellent cook, he always took pleasure in sharing his talent with friends and family. A true sports enthusiast, Tony was a WIAA sports official and a Home Talent Baseball umpire. A man of eternal compassion and service, Tony found joy in making others laugh, and sharing in the success and happiness of all in his life. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Portuge Chapter #221**. He is survived by his wife

Jackie Zander of DeForest. His children Roxane (Eaamon Fields) Zander and Sean Zander both of Milwaukee Julie Zander of Rio step children Jarrett (Dana) Otto of Sun Prairie Janelle (Fiancé Matt Midlikowski) Otto of DeForest grandchildren Emanuel and Geri brother and sisters Molly (Stan) Jerdee of Brooklyn Carol (Larry) Kilian) of Waterloo Jack (Amara) Zander of Brooklyn Ellen (Lu Ann) Zander of Christine (Al) Crahen of Waunakee Bob (Jani) Zander of Adams Friendship brother-in-law and sister-in-law Scott and Kim Harris of DeForest; many nieces, nephews, other relative and friends. Tony was preceded in death by his parents. A memorial mass of Christian burial was celebrated at 6:00 PM on Wednesday, July 6, 2005 at St. Olaf's Catholic Church, 619 Jefferson Street in DeForest, Wisconsin Fr. Gary A. Wankerl and Rev. David McDonald were concelebrants. Friends called during visiting hours on Wednesday, July 6, 2005 from 3:00 PM until time of service at the St. Olaf's Catholic Church in DeForest. A Rosary was held at 2:30 PM at the church prior to the memorial gathering

**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.