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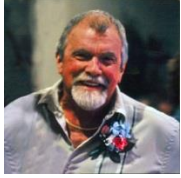
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MARTIN EDWARD ALCOCK – Died recently in 2013 in Glendale, California at the age of 70. The cause of death is unknown. He was born May 17, 1943. He is survived by his son, Zack. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Pasadena Chapter #446**.

JOSE M. ALVAREZ – Died Friday, February 8, 2013 in New Rochelle, New York at the age of 69. The cause of death is unknown. He was born October 17, 1943. He is survived by his wife, of the home. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was an *At-Large Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – New York**.



LUCIUS ARMSTRONG, JR. - Died Tuesday, August 27, 2013 at the Central Arkansas Veterans Hospital after a battle with prostate cancer at the age of 71. Lucius was born December 22, 1941. He grew up in Chicago, Illinois and attended Marshall high school where he played basketball. He entered the United States Air Force and is a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Magnolia (Arkansas) Chapter #808**. He attended the Art Institute of Chicago where he studied Fine Arts and then joined the Chicago Police Department. He later received ministry credentials for biblical studies. Lucius loved abstract painting, reading books and teaching the word of God. He always had pep in his step and a love for life and this helped him to easily make friends everywhere he went. He will be greatly missed. He is survived by his wife, Mary Ruth (nee Stephens); children, Lucrécia (Mondale) Smith, Lucius (Kimberly) Armstrong III, Anthony (Belinda) Marentic, Akeem Armstrong, Ameer Armstrong; grandchildren, David, Lucius D, Lavarius and Malik Armstrong, Anthony Jr., Arianna, Aaron, Andre and Alexis Marentic; parents, Margaret and Henry Hardy and siblings, Ruth (Charles) Taylor, Earl (Patricia) Armstrong, Edward Armstrong, Robert Armstrong, Janice Borders and Raymond (Ingrid) Hardy and a host of nieces, nephews and friends. Visitation was on Friday, September 6, 2013 11:00 AM to 5:00 PM at A.O. Smith Funeral Home, 805 Thomas Street Stamps, Arkansas 71860. Funeral Services were held Saturday, September 7, 2013 at 11:00 AM at Spirit Led Fellowship Church 1355 East North Street Magnolia, Arkansas 71753. Interment was at the Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery in Elwood, Illinois. In lieu of flowers the family requests that donations be made to one of the following: American Cancer Society; The Prostate Cancer Foundation; or The Central Arkansas Veterans Hospital in Little Rock, Arkansas.



DELBERT GAIL "Del" BABCOCK - Died peacefully Monday, October 07, 2013 at his home in Friendship, Wisconsin surrounded by his loving family. He was 69 years of age. The cause of death is unknown. He was born March 01, 1944 in Waukesha, Wisconsin to the late Menzo Ellsworth and Irma Adell (née Clough) Babcock. The family moved to Fifield, Wisconsin, where his parents owned

Babcock's Cabins on the Flambeau River before moving to Adams County where he attended school. Del served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War. He worked construction and later for the Chicago Northwestern Railroad until he was injured. Del married Susan Kurz in 1970 and was blessed with two children before ending in divorce. He managed the VFW and then bought the Cedar Shack, which he owned and operated up to his passing. His life was enriched by meeting new people and visiting with his friends and faithful customers. He married Cynthia Tomschin on August 03, 1996 in Adams, Wisconsin. They owned and operated Cedar Shack together where over the years, they hosted and shared many special occasions together. He will be missed by his loving lab, Hope. Del enjoyed boating, sporting clays, trap shooting, hunting, fishing, visiting with family and friends, hobby farming, and shooting pool. Shortly after he was diagnosed with cancer, he and a friend were able to take a trip to Montana where Del's dream came true of shooting a 6 x 6 bull elk. Del was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Adams Chapter #729**, Adams County Tavern League, Lifetime member of the Adams VFW Post #6279; and lifetime member Easton-White Creek Lions. Del was preceded in death by his parents, Menzo and Irma Babcock, and brother, Walter Babcock. Survivors include his: Wife: Cindy Babcock of Friendship, Wisconsin Son: Darin (Diane) Babcock of Hancock, Wisconsin Daughter: Becky (Will Philippe) Babcock of Adams, Wisconsin Grandchildren: Katie, Becca, Nate, Jack, Lily, and Austin Brother: Larry (Carol) Babcock of Wisconsin Dells, Wisconsin Brother: Herb (Lois) Babcock of Wisconsin Dells, Wisconsin Sister: Patsy (Tom Christiansen) Pietrzak of Easton, Wisconsin; further survived by many nieces, nephews, other relatives, and friends. Memorial services were at 2:00 PM on Saturday, October 12, 2013 at the Cedar Shack in Adams, Wisconsin. Pastor Anita Genrich officiated. Interment was at the Easton Cemetery, Township of Easton, Wisconsin. Military honors were presented by the Adams County Honor Guard and the Vietnam Veterans #729. Visitation was at 10:00 AM until the time of service on Saturday at Cedar Shack. Roseberry's Funeral Home (www.roseberrys.com) assisted the family.

RICHARD E. BAILEY – Died recently in 2013 at the age of 66. The cause of death is unknown. He was born December 5, 1946. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was an *At-Large Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Pennsylvania**.



MICHAEL R. "Mike" BARDOEL - Died Thursday November 7, 2013, at his home in Rock Island, Illinois at the age of 68. The cause of death was cancer. He was born on November 22, 1944 in Moline, Illinois to the late Joseph A. and Doris "Ruth" (née Gilroy) Bardoel. He married Diane Versluys on April 26, 1969, they later divorced. Mr. Bardoel was employed for over 40 years at McLaughlin Body, Moline, retiring in 2007. He served in the United States Army with one tour of duty in Vietnam. Mike was a member of Moline VFW Post 2056 and **Vietnam Veterans of America – Rock Island Chapter #299**. He was very artistic, loved restoring classic cars, watching NASCAR, and had raced stock

cars for over 30 years at the East Moline, Davenport and Blue Grass tracks. He will be deeply missed by his children and was known for his Christmas pool tournaments with his family. Survivors include his children, Mark (Kathy) Bardoel, Springfield, Angie Bardoel, Rock Island, Lindsay Holmes, Moline; grandson, Ashton Faramelli; sister, Sandra Goller, Albuquerque, N.M.; good friends, Gary Teichmann, Cindy Hawley and Richard Head. He was preceded in death by his parents. Funeral services were at 10:00 AM on Friday, November 15th, at the Wheelan-Pressly Funeral Home, Rock Island. Visitation was from 3:00 to 7:00 PM on Thursday at the funeral home. Burial was at the Rock Island National Cemetery, Arsenal Island, with military honors by Moline American Legion Post #246. Memorials may be left for Honor Flight of the Quad Cities or Moline VFW Post 2056.

RICHARD C. BELL – Died recently in 2013 in Liberty, Indiana at the age of 71. The cause of death is unknown. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Richmond Chapter #777**.

MICHAEL BLASKO – Died Friday, March 9 2012 after his battle with cancer. He was a resident of Waianae, Hawaii and 61 years of age. He was born April 11, 1950. He was a Vietnam veteran, belonged to the American Legion, and was Chaplain for the V.F.W. Post #849, which he was honored to be. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Honolulu Chapter #858**. He was very passionate about animals, and animal rights that he and his wife Patti, founded the first Non-Kill animal shelter named K-9 Rescue in 1985. His love for animals was great, but his love for his wife Patti and family was greater, he will be missed tremendously by her and his cousins Debbie Etter and her family and Larry Leibowitz and his family and all of the friends that knew him. Viewing was 1:00 to 1:15 PM at the Moanalua Mortuary on March 20. Graveside services were at the Hawaii State Veterans Cemetery in Kaneohe also on March 20, at 2:00 PM. Aloha-wear was welcome. In lieu of flowers, you may make a donation to K-9 Rescue P.O. Box 1602 Waiane 96792.

GERALD V. BRITT - Died Friday, March 1, 2013 in Aurelia, Iowa at the age of 65. The cause of death was Agent Orange-related Diabetes Mellitus Type II and heart disease. He was born on February 19, 1948 in Le Mars, Iowa. He served in the United States Air Force from August 1967 to August 1971 with a tour of duty in Vietnam from 1968 to 1970. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Aurelia Chapter #888**.



LONNIE A. CAMPBELL - Died Friday, September 17, 2010 at Saint John's Hospice in Springfield, Illinois at the age of 65. He was a resident of Springfield. The cause of death was cancer. He was born in Springfield on July 13, 1945 to the late Elmer and Ruth (née Treece) Campbell, Sr. In addition to his parents, he was predeceased by his brother, Elmer Campbell, Jr.; a brother-in-law, Bill Evans; and several aunts and uncles. Lonnie was a graduate of Springfield High School. He was a United States Navy veteran serving on the USS Sutter County during the Vietnam War. He was formerly employed by Fiat Allis and Henson Robinson as a sheet metal worker. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Springfield Chapter #534** and the NRA. He was an avid roller skater and a sculptor of wire metal art. He was the primary caregiver for his parents for 20 years. He is survived by two brothers,

Bob (Barbara) Campbell of Springfield and Dick (Barbara) Campbell of Silvis; a sister, Peggy Evans of Lincoln; and several nieces and nephews. Visitation was held from 11:00 AM until the time of a funeral service at Noon on Tuesday, September 21, 2010, at Vancil-Murphy Funeral Home, with Dan Fruge officiating. Burial was at Roselawn Memorial Park. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Saint John's Hospice.

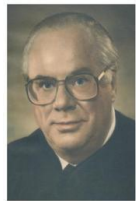
RICHARD THOMAS CARROLL – Died recently in October 2013 in Lake Forest, California at the age of 63. The cause of death is unknown. He served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Irvine Chapter #785**.

ROBERT L. CASSADY, SR. - Died Saturday, September 28, 2013 at the Jefferson City Nursing Home & Rehab Center, Jefferson City, Tennessee at the age of 72. He resided in Bowling Green, Maryland. The cause of death is unknown. He was born July 17, 1941 in Cumberland, Maryland to the late Charles L. Cassady, Sr. and Hazel (née Moore) Cassady. He was also preceded in death by his wife, Helen Billie Mae Cassady; a brother, Charles L. Cassady, Jr., and a sister, Patricia Gulick. Mr. Cassady was a United States Army veteran, having served during the Vietnam-era. He was self-employed, operating B-C Motors. Mr. Cassady was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Cumberland Chapter #172** and Henry Hart Post #1411, V.F.W. He is survived by his three children, Kimberly Divelbliss, and husband Ty, Robert Cassady, Jr. and David Cassady; four grandchildren, Kyla Nunn, Kody Booth, Kadence Divelbliss, and Aidan Cassady; a great, grandchild, Makenna Nunn; and, long-time friend, Wayne Babb. Friends were received at the Upchurch Funeral Home, P.A., 202 Greene Street, Cumberland, on Wednesday from 7:00-9:00 PM. The funeral service was held on Thursday at 11:00 AM in the funeral home, with the Reverend Harold R. McClay, Jr., officiating. Interment was in Sunset Memorial Park, where military honors were accorded by Chapter #172; V.V.A.

ROBERT ALLEN CASWELL - Died Monday, August 26, 2013 at his residence in Severn, Maryland at the age of 66. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on March 9, 1947 in Utica, New York to the late Howard and Doris (née Skane) Caswell. He was a veteran serving in the United States Army for 24 years. He was an active *At-Large Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Maryland**. He also gave and supported Disabled American Veterans and the Wounded Warrior Project. He is survived by his loving wife Barbara (Seeley) Caswell; four children, Denise Williams, Robert, Joseph and Cheryl Caswell; three stepson's Eric, Keith and Ryan Seeley; fifteen grandchildren; two brothers, Tom and Mark Caswell and a host of family and friends. He is preceded in death by his first wife Marilyn Chris Caswell and son Kenneth Bradford Caswell. The family received friends on Wednesday, September 4, 2013 from 3:00 to 5:00 PM and 7:00 to 9:00 PM at the Donaldson Funeral Home & Crematory, P.A. 1411 Annapolis Road Odenton, Maryland 21113. A funeral service was held on Thursday, September 5, 2013 at the Fort George G. Meade Main Post Chapel, 4419 Llewellyn Avenue, Fort George G. Meade, Maryland 20755 at 9:30 AM. Interment services were at the Maryland Veterans Cemetery Crownsville, Maryland. In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to Wounded Warrior Project P.O. Box 758517 Topeka, Kansas 66675.



JOHN RICHARD CHRISTMAS – Died Friday, September 14, 2012 in Torrance, California at the age of 70. The cause of death was respiratory failure, bilateral pneumonia and osteomyelitis. He was born in Dos Palos, California on May 22, 1942 to the late Thomas David and Cleo (née Wyatt) Christmas. John owned Christmas Electric for 45 years and retired in 2006. He leaves behind his wife of 36 years, Mildred Raylene (née Lamons) Christmas; 5 children; 11 grandchildren; and one great-grandson. John's happiest moments were wiring the "Portuguese Bend Horse Show," being "Santa" to many handicapped and mentally challenged children and adults, and his Church. He served honorably for 5 years in the United States Air Force during the Vietnam War. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Redondo Beach Chapter #53**. Services were on Saturday, September 22, 2012 at 2:00 PM at the LDS Church, 2000 Artesia, Torrance. The family of John R. Christmas invited the Patriot Guard Riders to attend the service and military honors for their Hero, they were honored to do so.



THE HONORABLE WILLIAM GRAHAM CLOON, JR. - Died Friday, May 3, 2013, at Marquette General Hospital in Marquette, Michigan at the age of 82. He was a resident Ironwood, Michigan. He was born April 11, 1931 in Ironwood to late Mary (née King) and William Gabriel Cloon, Sr., and graduated from Luther L. Wright High School in 1948, where he was a member of the winning track team and in ROTC. After high school, Bill spent seven years at the University of Michigan where he graduated with a Jurist Doctorate degree from the law school, taking and passing the law review boards before graduation. While attending, he was an editor of the Law Review and a member of Acacia fraternity. Upon graduation in 1955, he joined the United States Army and was commissioned a First Lieutenant in the Judge Advocate General's Corp. He was an *At-Large Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Michigan**. A year was spent at the University of Virginia studying military law. He was stationed at Fort Leonard Wood, Mo. and Fort Sheridan near Chicago. He was a retired Ironwood attorney and former 98th District Court and 32nd Circuit Court judge of Gogebic and Ontonagon counties. He married Leonora Scales on June 28, 1958, at Hot Springs National Park, Arkansas. Completing three years in the military, Bill's love of the Upper Peninsula had him returning to Ironwood joining his father's law practice. He eventually spent many successful years with his own practice before he accepted an appointment of a judgeship. Bill spent two years sitting on the bench for the 98th District Court covering Gogebic and Ontonagon counties. He then accepted a judgeship appointment for the 32nd Circuit Court also covering Gogebic and Ontonagon counties where he presided for six years before retiring in 1990. In retirement, Bill was especially proud to serve in the Ironwood American Legion Post 5 Honor Guard. He was an avid outdoorsman his entire life and most happy in his younger years racing D hydro and runabout boats. He was also a member of the Ironwood Kiwanis Club, Ironwood Masonic Lodge and the Gogebic Country Club, and was formerly active in the AMVETS, Shrine, and the Ironwood Elks Lodge. Bill leaves behind his loving wife, Leonora "Nony", of 54 years; son, William Gregory, daughter-in-law, Melissa, and their two sons, William Gordon and Robert Gregory, of Grand Rapids; his sister, Mary Lou Friedlander and brother-in-law, Dr. Robert L. Friedlander, of Albany, N.Y.; and nieces, Suzan

Friedlander, Cooperstown, N.Y. and Rebecca Friedlander, Denver. Cremation has taken place. Memorial services were held Thursday, May 9, at 11:00 AM preceded by visitation at 9:30 AM, at the McKevitt-Patrick Funeral Home, 305 North Lowell Street in Ironwood, with the Reverend Norman Kangas officiating. A Masonic memorial service was conducted at 10:45 AM. Full military honors followed and were accorded by the Ironwood American Legion Post #5 Honor Guard. Interment was in Riverside Cemetery, Ironwood, at a later date. Honorary pallbearers were Bob Lahti, Brian Rigoni, Jerry Kimball, Marvin LaGrew, Jim Rady and Steve Bratu. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Heart Association or American Cancer Society. Arrangements have been entrusted to McKevitt-Patrick Funeral Home and Cremation Services of Ironwood.



GARY RODMAN CRANOR - Died Sunday, December 1, 2013, at Christus Hospital St. Elizabeth, Beaumont, Texas at the age of 73. He was a resident of Beaumont. The cause of death was heart failure. He was born on May 21, 1940 in Owensboro, Kentucky as the only child of the late Mabel (nee Whitaker) Cranor and the late Louis Rodman Cranor. He had been a longtime resident of Beaumont and was a charter member of St. Jude Thaddeus Catholic Church. He graduated from the University of Kentucky with a Bachelors of Science in Mechanical Engineering. At the University of Kentucky he was the president of his fraternity, Sigma Nu. Shortly after graduating he enlisted in the United States Army and was assigned to Vietnam. In Vietnam he served in the Army Corps of Engineers, and was a proud veteran. Upon returning home, he accepted a position with Gulf Oil in Tulsa, Oklahoma, and in 2002 he retired from Chevron as Plant Manager. In his retirement he enjoyed giving his talents in many volunteer organizations such as: Prison Ministry, a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America - Beaumont Chapter #292**; Treasurer, St. Jude money counters, Jefferson County Mediation Center and the Regional Planning Commission. He also participated in Men's, Teen, and Prison ACTS retreats, as well as the Cursillos in Christianity Movement. Gary loved all things University of Kentucky, especially basketball. He enjoyed playing poker and traveling. His favorite pastime was to spend time with family and friends. He is survived by his loving wife, Sally Cranor of Beaumont; daughters, Ann Bernard and her husband, Donald, of Beaumont and Susan Breitling and her husband, Daniel, of Hendersonville, Tennessee; sons, William Cranor and his wife, Valarie, of Austin and David Cranor and his wife, Allyson, of Washington, D.C.; and grandchildren, Carey Cranor, Joseph Bernard, Meghan Bernard, Parker Breitling, Ryan Breitling, Molly Breitling, Jackson Cranor, Graham Cranor, and Isaac Cranor. He is also survived by his Godmother, Cece Currie; and many other beloved extended family members. A gathering of Mr. Cranor's family and friends began at 4:00 PM, with a Christian Vigil to follow at 6:00 PM on Friday, December 6, 2013, at Broussard's, 1605 North Major Drive, Beaumont. A Memorial Mass was celebrated at 11:00 AM on Saturday, December 7, 2013, at Saint Jude Thaddeus Catholic Church, 6825 Gladys Avenue, Beaumont. In death, as in life, he wanted to give of himself to help others, he accomplished this again by donating his body to The University of Texas Health Science Center, Houston. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made in Mr. Cranor's name to Saint Jude Thaddeus Catholic Church Prison Ministry, 6825 Gladys Avenue, Beaumont, Texas 77706; Vietnam Veterans of America, Inc. Southeast Texas Chapter 292, 2115 McFaddin Avenue,

Beaumont, Texas 77701; or Monsignor Kelly Catholic High School, 5950 Kelly Drive, Beaumont, Texas 77707.

PAUL STEWART CROUCH - Died Sunday, October 6, 2013 in Chattanooga, Tennessee at the age of 67. The cause of death was cancer. He was January 23, 1946 in Chattanooga to the late Elizabeth (née Bishop) Crouch. He was a member of Heritage Baptist Church and a United States Army Vietnam veteran. He worked as a carpenter for the Hamilton County Maintenance Department. He was a servant of the Lord to his family and friends and will be missed by all who knew him. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Chattanooga Chapter #203**. Survivors include his wife, Marilyn (née Groomes) Crouch; three sons, Brad Crouch, Shane Crouch and Jason Crouch; daughter, Missie Crouch Rodriguez; two brothers, Donnie Crouch and Ronnie Crouch and a sister, Sue Holt. Visitation was in Heritage Baptist Church on Monday, October 7th, from 5:00-8:00 PM and Tuesday, October 8th, from 11:00 AM-1:00 PM. The Reverend Mike Harrell conducted the service at 1:00 PM at the church. Interment was in the Chattanooga National Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to Heritage Baptist Church, 2934 Hickory Valley Road, Chattanooga, Tennessee 37421. Arrangements were by Covenant Funeral & Crematory, Crox family owned and operated.

SAMUEL M. DABBS – Died Thursday, July 12, 2013 in the Veterans Home in Montrose, New York at the age of 68. The cause of death is unknown. He was born September 17, 1943. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Permanently Hospitalized Veteran* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Pleasantville Chapter #49**. He was interred in the Calverton Cemetery in Suffolk County in New York.



JACK BRATTEN DAVIS, SR. - Died Monday, July 1st, 2013 in Randolph, New Jersey at the age of 66. The cause of death was a heart attack. He was born in Smyrna, Tennessee on August 4, 1946 to the late Ewin Lamar Davis and Dorothy James Bratten. On July 2nd, 1964 Jack entered the United States Navy in Columbia, South Carolina. He proudly served in Vietnam aboard the USS Brister (DER-327), before being honorably discharged at Pearl Harbor, Hawaii in 1967. While in Hawaii, he met the love of his life Miss Arlene Marie Trawinski of Wallington, New Jersey. He followed his bride to be, home to New Jersey and lived in Wallington until his marriage on Nov 22, 1969 at Most Sacred Heart of Jesus Church in Wallington. The Davis family then settled in Rutherford. Arlene died on April 22, 1998. After living in Rutherford for 33 years he moved to Clifton in 2002. Jack worked as a Union Painter, starting in 1968 for Local 1007, and retiring in 1996. For the past several years he has been the Treasurer for American Legion Post 109, Rutherford, NJ, where he has been a proud and distinguished member for over 40 years. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Lodi Chapter #800**. He was also a diehard fan of Nascar and a huge fan of Jeff Gordon #24. Jack is survived by his loving children, Jack and wife Rebecca Davis, Jr., Keith and wife Jennifer Davis and Michael Davis and partner Danielle Graziano. He is also survived by his four cherished grandchildren; PFC James Connolly-Davis USMC, Alyssa, Abigail and Tyler Davis. Jack is also survived by a half-brother Louis Pcheny and predeceased by his sister Helen McDaniels. Although Jack has not lived in the South in over forty-five years, his

family says that he was still a good ole boy, so y'all invited to visitation at Warner-Wozniak Funeral Service, 80 Midland Avenue, Wallington, New Jersey on Friday, July 5th, 2013 from 2:00-4:00 PM and 7:00-9:00 PM. A funeral service took place at the funeral home, 10:00 AM Saturday July 6th, followed by interment at East Ridgelawn Cemetery, Clifton, New Jersey, with Naval Honors. In lieu of flowers the family has requested donations in Jack's memory to: Wounded Warrior Project 4899 Belfort Rd, Suite 300, Jacksonville FL 32256.

PEGGY JEAN DAVIS - Died Thursday, September 6, 2012 in Cordova, Tennessee at the age of 68. The cause of death is unknown. She was born August 20, 1947. She was a veteran of the Vietnam War. She was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Memphis Chapter #875**. J.O. Patterson Mortuary was in charge of the funeral arrangements.



WILLIAM YOUNG DAVIS - Died Tuesday, July 23, 2013 in Douglasville, Georgia at the age of 70. The cause of death is unknown. He was born May 22, 1943 in Fannin County, Georgia to the late George and Nora (née Millsaps) Davis. He was a Veteran of the United States Army having served during the Vietnam Conflict. During that time he attained the rank of Sergeant and was the recipient of the Commendation Medal, Bronze Star and the Purple Heart. He retired from the C.D. Moody Construction Company as a Superintendent of high rise construction from over twenty years of service. He was a member of the American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, the Construction Union and was of the Baptist Faith. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Douglasville Chapter #935**. Survivors include his wife, Peggy Davis; daughters, Rebecca Davis of the home and Bethany Keaton of Yorkville, GA; siblings, Myrtle Millsaps of Mineral Bluff, GA, Herman Davis of Daytona, FL, Reathel Bryan of Blue Ridge, GA, Pauline Raper of Farner, TN, Curtis Davis and Lee Davis both of Blue Ridge, GA; grandchildren, Gracee and Noah Keaton; and a host of nieces, nephews and other relatives and friends also survive. Funeral services were conducted on Friday July 26, at 11:00 AM from the Akins Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Delmar Davenport officiating. Music was provided by Nancy Watkins. Interment followed in the Mt. Moriah Cemetery with the following gentlemen serving as pallbearers: Johnny Millsaps, Jessie Millsaps, Ronnie Davis, Josh Dillard, Jimmy Dillard and Ronnie Dillard. Honorary pallbearers were Richard Smith and Johnny Ray Smith. Military honors were provided by the North Georgia Honor Guard. Akins Funeral Home of Blue Ridge was in charge of the arrangements.

MICHAEL D. DEAL – Died Friday, March 29, 2013 in Pomeroy, Iowa at the age of 71. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on August 20, 1947. He served in the United States Army in Vietnam from 1967 to 1968 during the TET Offensive where he was wounded at Hue City. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Aurelia Chapter #888**. He helped start the Northwest Chapter #888.



JOHN BAILEY "Jack" DICKINSON III – Died Sunday, June 9, 2013 in East Earl, Pennsylvania at the age of 64. The cause of death was Agent Orange-related prostate cancer. He was born on January 17, 1949, in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania to the late John and Dorothy (née Wolfinger) Dickinson. He had one older sister, Dottie,

and one younger brother, Mark. In later years, Jack was thrilled to have frequent visits from Dottie and her children. He was a Veteran of the Vietnam war. John had several occupations, including semi-truck delivery driver for Missa Bay, his home painting and wallpaper business, cabinetmaker for Rutt kitchen cabinets, bookstore owner with his wife of Legacy Used Books & Collectibles in New Holland, and maintenance engineer for Garden Spot Village Retirement Homes in New Holland. He was an *At-Large Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Pennsylvania**. He married in his early twenties to Joyce Roskow and helped her raise her son, David. Although they were only married a few years, they remained friends for life. Jack spent many years as a bachelor, then met Jann Billings in 1999. They married in 2000 and were still newlyweds thirteen years later at his death. He was delighted to be part of the lives of her three daughters and numerous grandchildren, one who was born just March first of this year. It was clear that he would have made a great dad. Instead he doted on many furry creatures during his lifetime. His dog, Bandit, his two cats, Tabby and Mommie, will miss him greatly. Jack and Jann enjoyed the simple things. Remodeling an old country home; watching the birds and other of God's animals who surrounded them. Friends will remember that they always stopped for a kiss under the old covered bridge by their home. Love was still very much alive for the Dickinsons. Besides having his soul mate, Jann, he was fortunate to have an incredible church family and many close friends who were so faithful during his final journey. The family also wants to express their profound gratitude to the Veteran's Administration in Lebanon, PA and to the Compassionate Care Hospice Team. His life was celebrated and then delivered to God at Evangelical United Methodist Church, 276 West Main Street, New Holland, PA 17557, on Thursday, June 13, 2013 at noon with Pastor Ray Voran officiating. Viewing: One hour before the service. Burial was in Zeltenreich U.C.C. Cemetery.

CARMEN DiMARIA - Died Tuesday, October 24, 2013 at The Hudson Valley Hospital in Cortland Manor, New York at the age of 66. He was a resident of Montrose, New York and previously from Marlboro, New York. He was born April 23, 1947 in Marlboro, New York to the late Andrew and the late Rose (née DeZaria) DiMaria. He served in the United States Marine Corps during the Vietnam War. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Pleasantville Chapter #49**. He loved playing the guitar and organ for area churches. He is survived by 3 sons, Carmen, Michael & Anthony DiMaria all of Toms River, New Jersey, 1 sister, Erminda "Mindy" South of Ossining, NY, 5 Grandchildren, 1 Great Grandchild and several nieces & nephews. Carmen was predeceased by his sister Maria Martin. There was no visitation. A Mass of Christian burial was celebrated at 10:30 AM on Monday, October 28th at Saint Mary's Church, 1209 Route 9W, Marlboro, NY. Burial was in the Saint Mary's Cemetery, Marlboro. In lieu of flowers memorial donations can be made to St. Mary's Food Pantry, P.O. Box 730, Marlboro, NY 12542. Funeral arrangements were entrusted to The DiDonato Funeral Service, Inc., 1290 Route 9W, Marlboro, NY 12542 (845)236-4300, www.didonatofuneralservice.com.



RONALD J. DOERING - Died Friday, June 7, 2013, at Bellin Hospital in Green Bay, Wisconsin at the age of 66. He was a resident of White Lake, Wisconsin and formerly from Kaukana, Wisconsin. The cause of death was from

complications of Agent Orange. He was born on August 19, 1946 in Appleton, Wisconsin to the late Ralph and Margaret (née Kraft) Doering. Ron was united in marriage to Nancy Brautigam on September 4, 1971, and they spent 41 years together. He graduated from Kaukauna High School, Milwaukee School of Engineering, UW-Madison, and proudly served his country in the United States Army in Vietnam from 1969 to 1970. Ron worked for numerous companies and ended with the Department of Defense in Milwaukee. He greatly enjoyed fishing, hunting, amateur "ham" radio, and restoring old radios. Ron loved spending time with his family and friends. He could talk to anyone and often did. He was involved in the American Legion Riders, Patriot Guard, and Rolling Thunder. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – DePere Chapter #224**. Ron is survived by his wife of 41 years, Nancy; sons, Michael (Shelly) Doering and Steven (Amy) Doering; grandchildren, Alexa, Hailey, Carlee, Bryce, Lance, Natalie, and Gabriel; siblings, Carol Stepanski, Richard (Lyn) Doering, Dennis Doering, Leon (Mary) Doering, Diane (Cyril) Schmidt, Nancy (Charles) Weyenberg, Cathy (Kevin) Kavanaugh, Susan (Mark) Vander Heiden, Linda (Kevin) Wirth, Jane (Terry) Waters, and Jean (Steve) Leick. He is further survived by sisters and brothers-in-law, Richard (Sharon) Brautigam, Thomas Brautigam, Mary (Louis) Thein, Susan Brautigam, Ruth (John) Van Meter, Carol (Clifford) Keating, Michael (Kathy) Brautigam, Steve (Marsha) Brautigam; numerous cousins, nieces, nephews, many godchildren, all his ham radio buddies, and many friends. He was preceded in death by his parents, Ralph and Margaret Doering; brothers-in-law, James Stepanski and Robert Brautigam; and sister-in-law, Beverly Brautigam. A memorial service was held at 4:00 PM on Wednesday, June 12, 2013 at the Wichmann Tri-County Chapel, 3212 South Oneida Street, Menasha, Wisconsin with Pastor Buchanon officiating. A time of visitation took place at the funeral home from 2:00 PM until the time of service. In Ron's memory, a memorial fund has been established. The family would like to extend a very special thank you to all of the doctors, nurses, and staff members at Bellin Hospital for all of their care and compassion.

RICHARD ALBERT "Dick" DUREY - Died Thursday, November 21, 2013, at Mountain Home, Tennessee at the age of 77. He was a resident of Jonesborough, Tennessee. The cause of death was squamous cell carcinoma of the lungs with metastases to the brain, coronary artery disease and diabetes mellitus type II. He was born in Huron, South Dakota, on June 2, 1935. His body has been donated to the East Tennessee State University James H. Quillen College of Medicine, per his wishes. There was no funeral; in about a year he will be cremated and interred in the mausoleum at the Mountain Home National Cemetery. Richard led a life of service to the United States Army, the Boy Scouts of America, and the American Red Cross. After graduating high school in Manchester, Iowa, he enlisted in the United States Army in 1954. At Brooke Army Medical Center, Fort Sam Houston, Texas, he produced orthopedic braces and artificial limbs for Korean War amputees and polio victims. While there he met his wife of 57 years, Doris, "the candle that led the pathway of my life." In 1957, he started college on the G.I. Bill, graduating from East Tennessee State University with a Master's degree in Biology in 1963. He re-entered the Army, commissioned as a Second Lieutenant, and entered active service as a parasitologist and medical entomologist in the Medical Service Corps. He served in Vietnam, Germany and the US, primarily involved with the identification of and habitat studies of insect vectors that transmit disease to man. After 20 years, he retired as a Major (O-4). He spent over 50 years actively engaged with the Boy Scouts of America. First as

an Eagle Scout, then as a dedicated volunteer scouter in Iowa and Texas; as Assistant Scout Master for BSA Troop 237, Johnson City, TN; and as Scout Master of BSA Troop 136, Lamar, TN; Richard exemplified the principles of the Scout Oath and Law to hundreds of young men. He led high-adventure trips for those troops to the Boundary Waters Canoe Area Wilderness in the North Woods of Minnesota and to Philmont, NM. In 1989, he passed his Eagle Scout badge to his son, Lincoln. He was an *At-Large Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Tennessee**. After retirement Richard became active with the American Red Cross. He began as a CPR instructor to ensure the Boy Scouts received that training. After the John Sevier Center Fire of Christmas Eve 1989, he and Doris started volunteering with the National Red Cross Disaster Assistance Programs. He provided 5 work years (1,030 days) of volunteer service during a total of 40 disasters (including assisting victims of floods, tornadoes, hurricanes, and blizzards in TN, VA, WV, NC, FL, LA, TX, CA, OR, KS, MO, IA, IL, OH, PA, and MA). Between disasters he taught courses for local chapters on disaster training and CPR. Richard is survived by his wife Doris J. Durey; his son, Lincoln D. Durey (Adriane); and several nieces. Memorial contributions can be made to the American Red Cross (redcross.org) or the Sequoyah Council of the Boy Scouts of America (scbsa.org). A Scout is trustworthy, loyal, helpful, friendly, courteous, kind, obedient, cheerful, thrifty, brave, clean and reverent. Richard Durey was all these things and more.

RICHARD M. DVORIN - Died Monday, September 2, 2013, at Raritan Bay Medical Center in Old Bridge, New Jersey at the age of 71. He was a resident of East Brunswick, New Jersey. The cause of death was a heart attack. He was born in Bayonne, New Jersey on August 28, 1942 to the late Harry and Ruth Dvorin. He lived in East Brunswick for 35 years. He was a police officer with the New Brunswick Police Department for 28 years, retiring in 2004. He served in the United States Air Force during the Vietnam War as a military police officer. He volunteered as a veteran counselor for UMDNJ's "Vet 2 Vet" program. He served as a past commander for the Lt. Seth Dvorin JWV Post 972 in Marlboro. He was a *Life Member* of **Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America – New Brunswick Chapter #233**. He was a member of the Jersey Coast Sport Flyers, a model airplane club, and the Tri-County Model Airplane Club. In addition to his parents, he was also predeceased by his son, Lt. Seth Dvorin (2004). Surviving are his companion, Ellen Sutton; his daughter, Rebekah Dvorin; his brother, Howard Dvorin, and his two grandchildren, Seth Jaiden Dvorin and Amber Newell. Donations in his memory may be made to the G.I. Go Fund (gigofund.org) or Lt. Seth Dvorin JWV Post 972, Marlboro, New Jersey. Services were held at 1:00 PM on Wednesday, September 4, 2013 at the Bloomfield-Cooper Jewish Chapels, 44 Wilson Avenue, Manalapan, New Jersey. Interment was at the Marlboro Memorial Cemetery, Marlboro, New Jersey.

VICTOR A. EVANS – Died in October 2012 in Queens Village, New York at the age of 65. The cause of death is unknown. He was born December 31, 1946. He is survived by his wife. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Glendale Chapter #32**.



E. F. FARLEY (USA-SFC-Ret.) – Died Sunday, November 10, 2013 in Lawton, Oklahoma at the age of 83. The cause of death was heart disease. He was born on May 16, 1930, in Elk Creek, West Virginia to the late Eli Fernandis and Martha (née Slone) Farley. He served in the United States Army for more than 20 years earning

the Republic of Vietnam Commendation Medal w/60 device, 4 Overseas bars, Bronze Star Medal and the Good Conduct Medal 6th Award. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Lawton Chapter #751**. He married Kazuko Kojima on April 15, 1958, in Japan. After his military retirement he owned and operated Farley's Shoe, Boot and Saddle Repair. He was also a bee keeper. Survivors include his wife of the home; three children, Elaine Farley Moore, Eli Farley and Martha Farley, all of Lawton; two grandchildren, Monique Aycock Lee and Michael Ross Farley; a great-grandson, Evan Allen French; two nephews, E.F. Farley and wife Toni, and Johnny Eli Brewster and wife Sibly; a niece, Joyce Smith and husband Keith; four great-nephews, Chaz Farley, Gavin Farley, Marshall Simon Smith and Cody Smith, and three cousins, Jake and wife Lorraine Curry, Edward and wife Ogie Slone and Rex Slone. The Funeral service was at 11:00 AM on Thursday, November 14th at the Bible Baptist Church with Dr. Robert Weger, Pastor, officiating. Burial with full military honors was at the Fort Sill National Cemetery, Elgin, Oklahoma, under the direction of the Becker-Rabon Funeral Home. The family greeted friends from 6:00-8:00 PM on Wednesday at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be made to The American Heart Association, 7272 Greenville Avenue, Dallas, Texas 75231.



MANUEL RAUL “Ruly Boy” FLORES - 69, Died Friday, October 18, 2013 in El Paso, Texas at the age of 69. The cause of death was stomach cancer. He was born September 9, 1944 in Ciudad Juarez, Chihuahua, Mexico. Raul was a proud Vietnam Veteran and cherished his service with the United States Army. Raul was very patriotic and volunteered his free time assisting the Department of Veteran Affairs by driving disabled veterans to and from medical appointments. Raul loved his pets, fishing and working in and around his house. Raul spoke highly of his **Vietnam Veterans of America – El Paso – Chapter #574** members. Raul was a very giving person, who always saw the good in others. Raul couldn't sit still for "more than 20 minutes" and would tell his family that he would be outside digging a hole so he could cover it back up, just so he would have something to do. Raul is survived by those who were so blessed to have him in their lives; his wife, Mary Helen Flores; three sons: Michael, John, Matthew; and his grandsons: Aaron, Ryan, Marco and Diego. Visitation was held from 4:00-9:00 PM, Tuesday, October 22, 2013, at Sunset Funeral Home-East. A Graveside Service was at 10:00 AM on Wednesday, October 23, 2013 at Fort Bliss National Cemetery with Military Honors. Services were entrusted to Sunset Funeral Home-East.



DENNIS GENE “Denny” FRANCIS - Died Friday, November 8, 2013 in Florissant, Missouri at the age of 68. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on December 20, 1944 to the late Russell Francis and the late Mildred Francis. He is survived by his dear brother, Doug (Janice) Francis, and; nieces and nephews. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Florissant Chapter #794**. The funeral service was November 16, 2013 at 2:00 PM at the Baue Funeral Home Chapel in Saint Charles, Missouri. Memorials may be made to Donor's Choice.



JUAN ANTONIO GALINDO – Died peacefully at his home in El Paso, Texas on Tuesday, October 15, 2013 at the age of 63. The cause of death was lung cancer. He was born January 5, 1950 in El Paso to the late German and Dominga Galindo. In addition to his

parents, he was also survived by his sister, Bertha Galindo. He is survived by his loving wife of 42 years, Elvira Galvan Galindo; his sons: Juan Antonio II (Margie) and David Anthony; his brothers: Herman (Susie), Nohe (Laura), Caesar, Teofilo (Eloisa), and George (Debbie); and granddaughter, Brenda Lorraine. He attended El Paso High School and proudly served his country with the United States Marine Corps, a 100% disabled Vietnam War veteran, served from 1969 to 1972. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – El Paso Chapter #574**. Known affectionately by many of his friends and family as Johnny, Tony and Coach Galindo was loved and will be greatly missed. Juan proudly served as the Board President of the EPCC Board of Trustees. He passionately volunteered as coach for Boy's Baseball Little League and Southeast T-Birds Football. Juan also had Galindo's Rainbows old-timer baseball team with his son, David, and always looked forward to playing ball on Sundays. His favorite team was the New York Yankees. Our hearts will be empty until we meet again with Coach on the field. Visitation was held from 4:00 - 9:00 PM, with a Rosary to begin at 7:00 PM, Sunday, October 20, 2013 at Sunset Funeral Home-East on 750 North Carolina Drive. A Funeral Mass was celebrated at 12:45 PM, Monday, October 21, 2013 at Our Lady of the Light Catholic Church, 4700 Delta. Interment was at the Fort Bliss National Cemetery with Military Honors. (SEMPER FI) Services were entrusted to Sunset Funeral Home-East.



ERVIN LEE "Pig" GARDNER - Died Friday, June 14, 2013 at home in Kinston, North Carolina at the age of 66. The cause of death is unknown. He was born September 21, 1946. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Kinston Chapter #892**. He is survived by a son, Eldrin Gardner of Maryland; daughters Christa Bradshaw, Chenetta Sheppard and Kayla Gardner, all of Kinston; brothers Michael Gardner of Virginia and Oliver Gardner of Kinston; sisters Jacqueline Ingram, Joan King, and Swannie Holmes, all of Kinston, Annette Croom of Virginia; and five grandchildren. Visitation was from 4:00-7:00 PM on Wednesday, June 19th, at Swinson Funeral Service. The funeral was held at Noon on Thursday, June 20th, at United American Free Will Baptist Tabernacle with Pastor Michelle Gooding officiating. Burial was at Pinelawn Memorial Park with full military honors.



JAMES VICTOR "Jim" GAVE - Died at 4:30 PM on Friday February 1, 2013 at his home in Williamsville, Illinois at the age of 62. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on July 5, 1950 in Princeton, Minnesota to the late Victor Carl and Bonnie Jean (née Harrington) Gave. He proudly served in the United States Navy during the Vietnam War from 1971-75. He later worked for and retired from the DNR in 2002. Jim was proud of the work he did with the Lake County Vets, providing help to fellow Vietnam veterans. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Springfield Chapter #534**. Jim was a member of the Elkhart Christian Church where he served joyfully as a Deacon. Jim was united in marriage to Carey Rutz on July 8, 2000 in Elkhart, Illinois. She survives in Williamsville. Other survivors include his children: Kim Gave, Bret Gave, Trinity Masters, Paul Gave, and Scott Gave; sisters: Patty Tisdale, Judy Stewart, and half-brother: LaVerne Gave. Services for Jim were held at Noon on Friday February 8, 2013 at the Elkhart Christian Church. A visitation was held from 11:00-12:00 PM on Friday. Burial was at the Camp Butler National Cemetery in Springfield, Illinois. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the

Elkhart Christian Church for funeral expenses. Funeral services were entrusted to Fricke-Calvert-Schrader Funeral Home in Lincoln.

JOHN ORVILLE GERAGHTY - Died at his home in Brookings, Oregon on August 15, 2013 at the age of 65. The cause of death was metastatic melanoma to the liver and lungs and Choroid melanoma of the left eye. He was born December 1, 1947 in North Bend, Oregon to the late Richard "Dick" and Gladys (née Rotto) Geraghty. He grew up in Reedsport, Oregon until the family moved to Brookings in 1961. John graduated from Brookings Harbor High School in 1966 and then attended Southern Oregon University for one term before entering the United States Army during the Vietnam War. He served for nearly three years including 19 months in Vietnam before being honorably discharged. He married Marsha Lyons on September 24, 1972, in Seaside, Oregon and then the couple moved to Brookings six months later. John and Marsha owned and operated the 101 Tavern in Harbor for 25 years until retiring in 2010. They also owned Ken's Tavern in Brookings for seven years. John enjoyed camping, walking at the Port, spending time at their cabin on the Rogue River, fishing and reading. He served for six years on the Brookings City Council, was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Brookings Chapter #757**, a 40-year member of the Brookings Elks Lodge and president, co-founder and lobbyist for the Video Lottery Retailers of Oregon. John was tireless in his efforts to bring lottery dollars back to the counties of their origin. Survivors include Marsha Geraghty, his wife of 40 years, of Brookings; daughter Olivia Geraghty of Wilsonville; son Warren Geraghty of Brookings; brothers Rick Geraghty of Brookings and Bob Barton of Grants Pass; sister, Barbara Clayton of Westin; numerous nieces and nephews. Family funeral services were private. Redwood Memorial Chapel assisted the family.

GEORGE RAYMOND GERDES, SR. - Died Wednesday, February 13, 2013 at his home in Mason City, Iowa surrounded by his loving family. He was 63 years of age. The cause of death is unknown. He was born October 26, 1949. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Lake Mills Chapter #790**. A memorial Mass was held at 10:30 AM on Monday, February 18 at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, 412 North Broadway, Manly, Iowa. Burial was in the Sacred Heart Catholic Cemetery in Manly where full military honors were conducted by the Edward Tosel American Legion Post #110. A visitation was held from 4:00 to 8:00 PM on Sunday, February 17, at Hogan Bremer Moore Colonial Chapels, 126 Third Street NE, Mason City, Iowa. A rosary service was at 7:00 PM with a scriptural wake service to follow at the funeral home on Sunday. The family asks that casual attire is worn to the visitation and Memorial Mass. Should friends desire, memorials may be left to the George R. Gerdes Sr. Memorial Fund in care of his family.



CHERYL SUE GERMAN-CHUNG - Died Wednesday, September 4, 2013 at the Intermountain Medical Center in Murray, Utah at the age of 67. She was a resident of Cedar City, Utah. The cause of death is unknown. She was born in Fort Wayne, Indiana on July 28, 1946 to the late Erwin and Virginia (née Spaulding) German. She graduated from Hometown High School in 1964 and attended Parkview Nursing School. Cheryl served as an Army Nurse, 1st LT, in Vietnam. She worked triage for the 93rd EVAC Hospital, 44th Medical Brigade in Long Bien, Republic of South Vietnam. After returning from Vietnam, she

continued with nursing and Veterans advocacy work. She was instrumental in completing the Vietnam Women's Memorial Whistle Stop Tour in which the Women's Statue now sits in Washington, DC on the National Mall. Cheryl is also responsible for the completion of the Iron County, Utah Vietnam Veterans Memorial located in Cedar City, Utah. She researched all of the information on the granite panels of this memorial. She continued her nursing career with the Department of Veterans Affairs. She was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Saint George Chapter #961**. Cheryl is survived by her husband, David O. Chung, whom she married on May 27, 1991. She is also survived by her brothers Craig S. (Janice) German, Flowery Branch, GA and Curtis R. (Brenda) German, Fort Wayne, IN, sisters Coleen Lunn, Greenwood, IN, Carla (Tom) Bechman, Franklin, IN and Carma (Bruce) Foster, Laketon, IN, brother-in-law Daniel Chung, Lisle, IL, sister-in-law Cathy (John) Chung-Huxhold, Chicago, IL, mother-in-law Catherin Chung, Algonquin, IL and 14 nieces and nephews. In addition to her parents, she was also predeceased by her brother-in-law Robert J. Lunn and her father-in-law Louis W. Chung. Friends and family called from 10:00-11:00 AM on Friday, September 13, 2013 at the Marion National Cemetery VAMC, 1700 East 38th Street, Building #65, Marion, Indiana. Services began at 11:00 AM. Online condolences welcomed at www.larkincare.com. Memorial services were also held at 1:00 PM on Saturday, October 5, 2013 at the Ivins Utah Veterans Nursing Home, 160 North 200 East, Ivins, Utah 84738. In lieu of flowers, please make a donation to the Vietnam Women's Memorial Foundation, Incorporated, 1735 Connecticut Avenue NW, 3rd Floor, Washington, DC 20009.



DONALD E. HADDAD - Died Wednesday, September 18, 2013 in North Royalton, Ohio at the age of 63. The cause of death was cancer and heart failure. He was born April 12, 1950 in Cleveland, Ohio to the late Saide and Mary Grace Haddad. He was the beloved husband of Linda (née Wilds) for 36 years; proud father of Jamie and Alison; brother of Shirley McGurr and the late Leonard and Kenneth; loving nephew, uncle, son-in-law and brother-in-law, and; a friend to many. He was a proud veteran of the United States Marine Corps. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Medina Chapter #385**. The family is grateful to their extraordinary neighbors for their love and care over many years. Visitation was on Saturday from 1:00-5:00 PM at the Jardine Funeral Home, 15822 Pearl Road, Strongsville. The Funeral Service followed at 5:00 PM at Jardine Funeral Home. Interment was private at the Ohio Western Reserve National Cemetery. Family suggested donations to a charity of your choice.

PAUL STEPHEN HALPERN - Died Friday September 13, 2013 in Henrietta, New York at the age of 68. The cause of death was cardiogenic shock and myocardial infarction. He was born October 18, 1944 in Mount Vernon, New York to the late Irwin and Helen Halpern. He served in the United States Army from 16 February 1966 to 27 November 1967 and was honorably discharged at the rank of Private First Class (E-3). He did a year tour of duty in Vietnam. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Rochester Chapter #20**. He is survived by his loving wife of 44 years, Cindy; children, Judy & Michael; sister, Phyllis Hirsch; brother-in-law, Mitch (Carol) Gilman; nieces & nephews, Debi Boyer, Sue Hirsch, Gary Gilman, Shayna Salisbury & Tovah Cochrane, Jennifer & Jessica Boyer & Joshua Cochrane. Graveside Services were held on Tuesday at 11:00 AM in the Britton Road Cemetery. The family received friends at 45 Park

Meadow Drive, Pittsford, New York on Tuesday from 2:00-4:00 PM & 7:00-9:00 PM and Wednesday from 2:00-4:00 PM. Donations may be made to Temple Beth David in his memory.

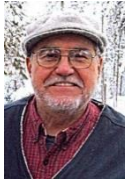
DAVID BEN HARDY - Died Thursday, October 3, 2013 at Memorial Health University Medical Center in Savannah, Georgia at the age of 62. He was a resident of Savannah. The cause of death was the result of a motorcycle accident. He was born November 4, 1949 in Greenville, South Carolina. David attended and was a member of Lake Mayer Church of Christ in Savannah. He was a United States Army and Vietnam veteran who was a member of the Group at Veterans Center of Savannah, Chaplain of Star Chapter #436, U.S.O., D.A.V., was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Savannah Chapter #671**, American Red Cross, Moose Lodge, and the American Legion post #36. In his spare time, he enjoyed volunteering at Williams Court, attending Veteran's parades, playing drums for Billy's Piano Bar, shooting pool, bike rides, fishing and boating. He is survived by his daughter, Kimberly (Brian) McNinch of Graham, NC; son, Jason Sanders of TX; sisters, Janice Turner of Athens, GA. and Tina Anderson of Statesville, GA; longtime friend, Jane Napier of Dallas, GA; many grandchildren, nieces, nephews and other relatives also survive. Everyone was invited to attend a celebration of David's life at 3:00 PM on Monday, October 7, 2013 at Lake Mayer Church of Christ at 1813 Montgomery Crossroads in Savannah. Low Country Cremation Society is serving the Hardy family.

WILLIAM M. HARRELL – Died Saturday, October 26, 2013 in Angeles City, The Philippines at the age of 64. The cause of death was multiple organ failure. He was born in Indianapolis, Indiana on November 22, 1948. He is survived by his wife Ana, of the home. He served in the United States Army from November 20, 1965 to June 30, 1970 with a tour in Vietnam from November 26, 1968 to April 7, 1969. He was the recipient of the Purple Heart for injuries incurred during his tour. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Angeles City Chapter #887**.



GAMALIEL HARTLEY - Died July 25, 2013 at University Hospital in Cincinnati, Ohio at the age of 74. The cause of death is unknown. He was born September 16, 1938 in Dayton, Ohio to the late Robert Lee and Octavia (née Reid) Hartley. Mr. Hartley was a graduate of Dunbar High School Class of 1957 and a retiree of the United States Army. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Dayton Chapter #97**. He was preceded in death by his parents and one brother, James Hartley. He is survived by brother, Sam Hartley; sisters, Katurah Hartley and Rachael Hunter all of Dayton; a host of nieces, nephews, relatives and friends. A service of memory was on Thursday 12 Noon at Colorado Avenue Baptist Church 101 Heaton Avenue, with the Reverend Rob Wackerman, officiating. Family received friends from 10:00 AM until the time of the service. Interment was in the Dayton National Cemetery with full military honors. Arrangements were entrusted to Bowman & Young Funeral Chapel - 2060 Germantown Street.

JESSIE C. HAWTHORNE, JR. – Died in May 2013 in Colonial Heights, Virginia at the age of 79. He was formerly from Alabama. The cause of death is unknown. He was born April 2, 1934. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Central Alabama (Wetumpka) Chapter #607**.



DAVID HUDOBENKO HEBB - Died Saturday, October 13, 2012 in Spokane, Washington after a courageous battle with brain cancer. He was 70 years of age. He was born on June 6, 1942 in New York City to late Harold and Vera Hebb. He was raised in Waterbury, Connecticut, in the Bucks Hill section where he developed his love of God, nature, hunting, fishing and high school sweetheart, Barbara Erlandson. Dave graduated from Crosby High School in 1960. With Barbara, they attended the University of Connecticut at both the Waterbury branch and at Storrs. Dave graduated in 1964 with a degree in geology. He and Barbara were married in 1968. Dave went on to serve as an officer in the United States Army Corps of Engineers including a tour of duty in Vietnam. Following an honorable discharge, Dave completed graduate school at the Colorado School of Mines where he received a master's degree in mineral economics. While living in Colorado, Dave and Barb became the parents of two children, Jennifer and Nicholas. The Hebbs moved to Spokane, Wash., where Dave started his own business and received his nickname "The Barrel Man of Spokane." His career focused on a passion for finding alternate uses for industrial products and materials that might otherwise have helped fill landfills. He was an active member in the local **Vietnam Veterans of America – Spokane Chapter #879**, a dedicated volunteer with the Inland Northwest Wildlife Council, a founding member of the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation, a certified gemologist, and an avid hunter, fisherman and outdoorsman. He is survived by his wife, Barb, of 44 years; his children, Jennifer (Scott) Wroblewski, and Nicholas (Elise) Hebb, all of Seattle; his brother, Harold of Naugatuck, Conn.; and his grandchildren, Evelyn, Laura, Ainslie, Bennett and Timothy, all of Seattle. Services were held on Saturday, October 20th, at Saint David's Episcopal Church in Spokane.

ELMER WALTER "Heff" HEFFELFINGER - Died Tuesday, August 14, 2012 at his home in Fort Stockton, Texas at the age of 64. The cause of death was complications from Diabetes Mellitus Type II. He was born to the late Elmer Robert Heffelfinger and Mary (née Harahal) Heffelfinger on November 15, 1947 in Coaldale, Pennsylvania. Elmer graduated from Panther Valley High School in 1965. He joined the United States Air Force in 1969 and served till 1976. He was ranked as an E-4. He married Karan Lentz on June 6, 1970 in Summit Hills, PA. Elmer received his Associate in Arts Degree in 1976 from Burlington County College and he received his Bachelor of Science Degree also in 1976 from Southern Illinois University. Elmer received his Master of Science degree and his PhD. from Columbia State University and he was a certified counselor. Elmer worked for Bethlehem Coaldale Mines in the Human Resource Department training employees. He also worked for the State of Pennsylvania and Work Force Development Department as a Vocational Rehabilitation counselor and Supervisor until his retirement in 2004. He was a member and active in Boy Scouts of America, a Member of the Order of the Arrow and became an Eagle Scout. He continued to be active in Scouting as an adult leader, earning the Wood Badge and receiving many awards and certificates in scouting. Elmer was raised as a Master Mason and member of Carbon Lodge # 0242. He was also a 32 Degree Mason and member of El Mada Shrine in El Paso, Texas. He was a life member of American Legion. He was active in the Summit Hill American Legion and served as the 30th District Commander of the American Legion. Elmer was also a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Stroudsburg Chapter #678**, the Paralyzed Veterans of America, and the American Veterans of America. He is preceded in death by his parents, a sister Winnie Musselman, a

brother George Heffelfinger. He is survived by his wife of 42 years, Karan Heffelfinger, one son Matt Heffelfinger of Las Vegas, NV; one brother Robert B. Heffelfinger and wife Anna Marie of Langhorne, PA; one sister, Sarah Long of Ft. Washington, PA, and; many nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

JOHN GEORGE HEUFEL, JR. - Died Tuesday, July 23, 2013 at Margate Health and Rehabilitation Center in Jefferson, North Carolina at the age of 83. He was a resident of Jefferson but formerly from Dade City, Florida. The cause of death is unknown. He was born July 15, 1930 in Dade City, Florida. He served in the United States Air Force during the Vietnam War. He was an *At-Large Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Florida**. Private services were held at National Cemetery in Bushnell, Florida. Family requested that no food or flowers be sent. Memorials may be made to VFW Post 4283, PO Box 484, Dade City, FL 33526-0484 or First Presbyterian Church in Dade City, Florida. He retired from the United States Air Force after serving 26 years. He and his wife, Ruth (deceased) made their home in Dade City, FL where he was active in his local VFW and church until he moved in 2011 to live in Jefferson, NC. Mr. Heufel is survived by his two sons Fred and wife, Barbara of Jefferson, NC and John G. Heufel, III and wife, Cindy of Montgomery, AL. He also has three grown grandchildren, Wil, Jennifer, and Jason. Also surviving are his sister, Eva Harris and brother, Alfred Heufel of Dade City, FL. You may give the family your condolences at our website www.boonefuneralhome.com. Boone Family Funeral Home of West Jefferson is in charge of these arrangements.



RONALD LOUIS "Lord" HENRY - Died Monday, November 4, 2013 in Hermitage, Tennessee at the age of 75. The cause of death was heart disease. He was born on November 29, 1937 in Columbus, Ohio to the late John A. Henry and Jean C. Young. Lord Henry was a true patriot. He joined the Ohio Air National Guard at age 17. He also served in the Air Force, Naval Reserve, and the United States Army from which he retired in 1979 as First Sergeant. Ron served two tours of duty in the Vietnam War and received numerous awards including the Purple Heart, Bronze Star, and the Presidential Unit Citation. He was a lifetime member of the 25th Infantry Regiment Association and Wilson County Vietnam Veterans of America. Ron was a member of The Old Guard (Ft. Myer/Arlington National Cemetery) and served on Robert F. Kennedy's burial team. He will be buried at Arlington National Cemetery. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Lebanon Chapter #1004**. Lord "Ron" Henry founded and served as President of Lord Henry Enterprises from 1995 until 2009. Lord Henry Enterprises specialized in safety and security products. He was recognized as a safety and security industry entrepreneur. He previously worked in the automotive industry and in risk management for Kroger. Ron earned a B.S. from Columbia College of Missouri. He is survived by wife, Shannon Gold Henry; daughter, Ronnica Henry of Tennessee; sons, Rod Henry of Kentucky and John Henry of Indiana; sister, Patricia (Terry) Knott of Ohio; six grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; many other relatives and friends. Funeral services for Mr. Henry were conducted at 3:00 PM on Sunday November 10th with visitation beginning at 2:00 PM at New Hope Baptist Church, 6010 South New Hope Road, Hermitage. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made for funding Wilson County's Veteran's Park and Museum, (fundraising is currently underway) for the benefit of honoring and supporting local veterans. These contributions may be sent to: Wilson County Veterans Office.

JOHN L. HIGGINS, JR. – Died recently in 2013 in Roanoke, Alabama at the age of 70. The cause of death is unknown. He was born February 6, 1943. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Elmore Chapter #190**.



LAWRENCE J. "Larry" HOLLANDER, SR. - Died Monday, June 24, 2013 in Amelia, Ohio at the age of 66. The cause of death is unknown. He was born April 10, 1947. He was the beloved husband of Shirley Hollander (née Watson), loving father of Larry J. Hollander Jr. (Jeanie Callahan Hollander), Brian D. Hollander, Tammy K. Mentzel (Tony) and Melanie J. Carlton, cherished grandfather of Ryan, Justin, Josh, Lauren, Jessica, Brian Jr., Willy, Kaytlyn, Maria, Abby and Greyson, proud great-grandfather of Peyton, dear brother of Bill (Connie) and Joe Hollander and he is also survived by many cousins, nieces and nephews. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Batavia Chapter #649**. Visitation was held Thursday from 6:00-8:00 PM at E.C. Nurre Funeral Home, 177 West Main Street, Amelia, Ohio. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on Friday at 10:00 AM at Immaculate Heart of Mary Church on Beechmont Avenue in Anderson Township followed by military honors at Pierce Township Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to Hospice of Cincinnati or Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation or the Autism Society.



JOE ALAN HOLLINSHEAD - Died at 8:05 PM, Thursday, August 2, 2012 at his home in Springfield, Illinois at the age of 63. The cause of death was heart failure. He was born November 21, 1948 in Farina, Illinois to the late Ray J. and Imogene (née Rogers) Hollinshead. He was preceded in death by his father and grandparents Surviving are his ex-wife, Brenda Morgan of Sherman; a step-daughter, Sara (Brad) Clark of Springfield; a step-son, Mike (Jill) Morgan of Williamsville; mother, Imogene Hollinshead of Salem; three sisters, Dana (Dan) Underwood of Sherman, Linda Hollinshead-Ingram of Edwards, MO and Dreama (Dennis) Robinson of Lake Station, IN; two brothers, David (Kathy) Hollinshead of Teutopolis and Alan (Becky) Hollinshead of Salem, IL and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins. Joe was a member of Sullivan Lutheran Church, VFW 10302, motorcyclists, and the American Legion in Sullivan and was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Springfield Chapter #534**. He graduated from Farina High School. Joe served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War. He was a recruiter for several years and worked in communications in Italy. He was a retired Sangamon County Correctional officer and retired from the Army National Guard. He worked with Lincoln's Challenge. Visitation was 4:00-7:00 PM on Monday, August 6, 2012 at the Staab Funeral Home. The Funeral Service was at 10:30 AM on Tuesday August 7, 2012 at the Staab Funeral Home. The Burial was at Camp Butler National Cemetery where military honors were conducted. Memorial Contributions may be made to the American Heart Association.

DUANE L. HOPKINS, SR. – Died Thursday, September 26, 2013 in Browns Mills, New Jersey at the age of 71. The cause of death was cancer. He was born in Fargo, North Dakota on April 25, 1942. He is survived by his sons and their wives, Duane Jr. and Marie, Richard McCleary and Lisa, and Darren McCleary and Vale; his sister, Genevieve Schrade, and brothers, Dennis, and Darrel Hopkins; and his grandchildren, including James W.J. Hopkins, and family from around

the country in Washington State, North Dakota, and New Mexico. He was preceded in death by his mother and father; brothers, Wally and Eugene, and sisters, Joyce and Jeanette. Duane proudly served his country in the United States Army during the Vietnam War, and retired after 22 years. He also retired after 30 years of being an auto mechanic. Duane was a member of the American Legion at large, V.V.U. of Mercer County, a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Bordentown Chapter #899**, and the NJ Mission of Honor. The interment was at 11:00 AM on Thursday, October 3rd, in the open pavilion in Brig. Gen. William C. Doyle Veterans Memorial Cemetery, 350 Provinceline Road, Wrightstown. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to NJ Mission of Honor, P.O. Box 149, Lodi, NJ 07644. Moore Funeral Home.

DALE HUBKA - Died Thursday, November 14, 2013 in Penn Valley, California with his family at his bedside. He was 64 years of age. His death was sudden while wintering in Southern California. He was born January 3, 1949. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Grass Valley Chapter #535**. No services will be held, as he wished. Dale loved riding his Harley and traveling. He will be greatly missed by his family and many friends. Anyone wishing to donate in his memory may do so to Vietnam Veterans of America at vva.org/support.



DR. CHARLES LLOYD HUGHES (COL – USA-Ret.) – Died Tuesday, November 5, 2013 at Saint Joseph's Hospital in Tucson at the age of 85. He was a resident of Sierra Vista, Arizona. The cause of death is unknown. He was born January 17, 1928 in Fairhaven, Vermont, to the late Russell and Gertrude Hughes. The funeral was held at Noon on Thursday, June 20th, at United American Free Will Baptist Tabernacle with Pastor Michelle Gooding officiating. Burial will follow at Pinelawn Memorial Park with full military honors. Visitation was on Thursday, November 14, 2013, from 5 to 8 p.m.,

with a Rosary being recited at 6:30 p.m. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated the following day, Friday, November 15, at St. Andrew's Catholic Church at 9 a.m., with burial and full military honors following at the Southern Arizona Veterans Memorial Cemetery. Charles attended elementary and high school in Fair Haven, and then joined the U.S. Army for two years to receive the G.I. Bill for a college education. Following military service, Charles attended the University of Vermont and graduated in 1953. Charles met his future wife, Joyce Bosley, while in college and they were married September 7, 1953, at Mallets Bay, Vermont. Following the wedding reception, they drove to Philadelphia, where Charles entered the University of Pennsylvania School of Dentistry. Joyce supported her husband for four years and also delivered two of their future seven children. Following graduation, Charles was sworn into the U.S. Army as a First Lieutenant, Regular Army and assigned to Fort Dix, N.J., for three years. At this point, both Charles and Joyce decided to make the military a career, so they were transferred overseas to Panama where they served the next three years. In 1963, Charles volunteered to attend graduate school at Georgetown University, while assigned to Walter Reed Army Medical Center for one year. The next assignment was at Madigan General Hospital at Fort Lewis, Washington, where Charles completed the second and third years of his residency in Oral and Maxillofacial Surgery. Then in 1966, he was transferred to Fort Benning, Georgia, for the next two years as post oral surgeon. In 1968, he volunteered for Vietnam,

where he treated military and Vietnam citizens in an evacuation hospital. His final tour of duty was Fort Huachuca, Arizona. He retired in 1975 as a Colonel. He was an *At-Large Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Arizona**. Charles opened a dental oral surgery practice in Sierra Vista, Arizona, in 1976, and was joined by Joyce as office manager for fourteen years. He also was on the staff of the Sierra Vista hospital for thirteen years, until his second retirement in 1989. Joyce and Charles enjoyed bowling and RV camping and traveling during their later years. Charles is survived by his wife, Joyce and seven children: Linda Orraj (Curtis), Karen Vega (Jerry), Jeffrey Hughes (Dawn), Susan Hermes (Reiner), Kathleen Hughes, Carol Bowling (Anthony), and Kelly Janney (Michael); and a sister, Charlotte Burney of Whitehall, N.Y. There are now eighteen grandchildren and fourteen great-grandchildren.

DONALD J. HUNT – Died Tuesday, October 1, 2013 in Chicago, Illinois at the age of 75. The cause of death is unknown. He was born June 6, 1939. He served in Vietnam in the United States Navy and the United States Air Force. He is survived by his beloved wife, Mary Ann (née Perun); his loving daughters and son-in-law, Kristine and Hope and Mark Rehak; his dear brother and sister-in-law, Lamar "Bud" and Leona Vining, and; many nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his parents, 7 brothers and sisters. He was the Precinct Captain in the 14th Ward of Chicago. He was Life Member of the American Legion. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Chicago Chapter #242**. Visitation on Friday, October 4th from 3:00 to 9:00 PM at the Richard J. Modell Funeral Home & Cremation Services, 5725 South Pulaski Road, Chicago with a service at 7:30 PM. Burial at sea was held at a later date.



RICHARD MAX "Dickie" HUTH – Died Friday, October 18, 2013 in Praha, Texas at the age of 69. The cause of death was multiple myeloma metastatic. He was born in New Braunfels, Texas on February 15, 1944 to Nelda Huth of Humble, Texas and the late Gilbert Huth, Sr. He served in the United States Navy in Vietnam from 1967 to 1968. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Schulenburg Chapter #870**. In addition to his mother, he is survived by his wife, Sandra Huth of Praha, Texas; daughter, Melissa Huth Gomez and husband, Tom of Austin, Texas; son, Richard Max Huth, Jr. and wife, Cami of Spring, Texas; 2 sisters, Nadine Krischke and husband, Leroy of High Hill, Texas; Nancy Smith and husband, Gary of New Waverly, Texas; 3 brothers, Gilbert Huth, Jr. of Humble, Texas; Tom Huth and wife, Jaci of Wimberly, Texas; Roy Huth of Humble, Texas; sister-in-law, Mabel Bowling and husband, Wayne of Spring, Texas; 2 grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews. The funeral services were held from the Flatonia Baptist Church in Flatonia, Texas on Tuesday, October 22, 2013 at 10:00 AM. Visitation was from 5:00 to 7:00 PM on Monday, October 21 from the Schwenke-Baumgarten Funeral Home in Schulenburg, Texas. Interment was in the Freyburg Methodist Cemetery, Freyburg, Texas. Family requests donations be made to: Flatonia Baptist Church Youth Fund; Freyburg Methodist Cemetery Fund; or a charity of one's choice.



AUGUSTINE J. "Gus" INTERRANTE - Died Saturday, September 28, 2013 at the Einstein Hospital Montgomery, Norristown, Pennsylvania at the age of 82. He was a resident of Norristown. The cause of death is unknown. He was born June 21, 1931 in Norristown, Pennsylvania to the late William Interrante and loving husband of 52

years to Elaine (née Paolini) Interrante. Gus lived in West Norriton since 1946. He was employed at PECO for 37 years, first as a control room operator at Barbados Island Generation Station, and later moved to the Methods and Training Department at the PECO Headquarters in Philadelphia until his retirement in 1991. Gus served 40 years and 4 months in the Pennsylvania Air National Guard Reserves-193rd Special Operations Unit from February 1951 through June 1991 when he retired. His rank was Master Sergeant and he served as a Master Load Master. He flew 8,300+ Hours in the service. He served his country in the Korean War, Vietnam War, Panama Conflict, Granada Conflict, Gulf War, and many other operations. During Gus' time in the service, he received 18 decoration medals, including the prestigious Air Medal that he won twice, and the Aerial Achievement Award. He is part of the Air Force Sergeant Assoc. and was director of the Fort Dix retiree council, a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America Blue Bell Chapter #349**. Gus has been Vice Commander of Norristown Catholic War Veterans 1184 for the last 11 years, he is a member of the American Legion 831 Parker Post, a member of Sons of Italy LAM Valley Forge 1776, a lifetime member of the Conshohocken Bocce Club, and was formerly on the West Norriton Republican Committee. He won the West Norriton Ambucs Senior Citizen of the year award in 2010, and was a devoted member of the Visitation BVM Church. Gus remained very active in all causes related to the promotion, protection, security, and honoring of all veterans. Gus was also an avid Penn State Football fan and attended all home games with his friends Bing Miller and Mike Murray. In addition to his Mother Mary (Melchiorre) Interrante and his loving wife, survivors include two sons; Augustine J. Interrante Jr., and Steven A. (Paula Scharff) Interrante; two daughters; Maria-Elena (Joseph) Capaldi, and Valerie Interrante; two brothers; Charles, and Fred Interrante, and; by eight grandchildren; Kimberly & Matthew Capaldi, and Francis, Bernadette, Veronica, Michael, Lena & Anthony Interrante. Family and friends were received on Thursday evening, October 03, 2013 at the Caramenico Funeral Home, Inc. Main & Walnut Streets, Norristown, Pennsylvania, from 7:00 – 9:00 PM and on Friday morning October 04, 2013 at the Visitation BVM (Upper Church), 196 North Trooper Road, Trooper, Pennsylvania from 9:00 - 10:45 AM. Mass followed the viewing at 11:00 AM. Burial was in Saint Patrick's Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, the family requested memorial contributions be made to the Disabled American Veterans Chapter #25, 380 Burnside Avenue, Norristown PA 19403 and the Wounded Warrior Project, 301 Grant Street, Suite 900. Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15219.



LARRY D. "Iver" IVERSON - Died peacefully Monday, October 21, 2013 at his home in rural Garrison, North Dakota at the age of 68. He was diagnosed with cancer in September. He was born on February 20, 1945 to the late Edmund and Bertha (née Rath) Iverson in Minot, North Dakota. He graduated from Garrison High School in 1963. After graduation, he attended North Dakota State University. He worked for the Soil Conservation Service until 1967. In March of 1968, he was drafted into the United States Army and was stationed in Fort Lewis, Washington. After a tour of duty in the Republic of Vietnam with the 9th Infantry Division, he completed his active service in March of 1970 in Ft. Hood, Texas. He was honorably discharged in March of 1974. He worked construction, and then went back to NDSU for 2 quarters. In 1974, he moved back to the family farm. On June 12, 1976 he married Sharon Kay Fast in Garrison, ND. The couple had 2 children. The Iverson farm was 100 years old in 2007. He farmed until his retirement in 2008. As a family, they enjoyed

spending time at the lake; boating and camping, hunting, and farming. He enjoyed "tinkering" in his shop and around the farm. When asked recently, "What can I get you Dad?" he replied, "I have it all right here, my family." He was a member of St Paul Lutheran Church in Garrison. He was a former member of St. Peter's Lutheran Church in Emmet where he was a very active member. He served many years on the St. Peter's Church Council and the Prairie Rose Lutheran Church Board. He was a member of the American Legion Club Post 49, VFW Post 6940, an *At-Large Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – North Dakota**, Totten Trail Snowmobile Club, Garrison Farmers Union Elevator Board, Garrison Rural Fire Department, Lake Sakakawea M.E.Y. Club, Garrison Sportsman's Club, and NRA. Those left to cherish his memory include his wife of 37 years, Sharon of rural Garrison; son and daughter-in-law, Jeff and Mindy Iverson of Bismarck, ND; daughter and son-in-law, Tracey and Dirk Dietz of St. Paul, NE; grandchildren, Jack and Julia Iverson of Bismarck, ND and Scotlyn Dietz of St. Paul, NE; brothers and sisters-in-law, Jim Iverson of Garrison, ND, Dick and Sue Iverson of Bismarck, ND, Ed and Sally Iverson of Bismarck, ND; brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law, Al Fast of Idaho Springs, Colorado, Diana Minette and Wayne Krause of Phoenix, Arizona, and Dennis and Martie Fast of Golden, Colorado; special family friend, Joyce Pfliger of rural Garrison; godchildren, Carla Rime of Upper Marlboro, Maryland; and Michael Lee of Fargo, ND; numerous aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, cousins, neighbors, and friends. Larry was preceded in death by his parents, Edmund and Bertha Iverson; mother-in-law, Olga Rostad; and great-nephew, Dylan Lechman. Funeral Services were at 2:00 PM on Friday, October 25, 2013 at St. Paul Lutheran Church in Garrison, ND. A Private Burial was in the Garrison City Cemetery. Pastor Dick Hendrickson officiated. Military Honors were provided by the Hugh P. Minehan American Legion Post #49. Visitation was from 3:00 – 8:00 P.M. Thursday at Thompson Funeral Home. In lieu of flowers, memorials are suggested to Camp-of-the-Cross, Hugh P. Minehan American Legion Post #49, or Donor's Choice.



JEFFREY MORGAN JENSEN - Died Monday, September 30, 2013 at his home in West Des Moines, Iowa at the age of 70. The cause of the death was pulmonary fibrosis, complications from Diabetes Mellitus Type II and Neuropathy. He was born on February 4, 1943 in Omaha, Nebraska to the late George W. Jensen and Dorothy G. (née Morgan) Jensen and raised in Council Bluffs, Iowa. Jeffrey was a 1961 graduate of Abraham Lincoln High School in Council Bluffs, and in 1958, while a student there, was a co-founder of and piano player for the rock group 'The Rumbles'. He was a 1963 graduate of Dunwoody Industrial Institute in Minneapolis, MN. He served in the United States Army Security Agency 1964 – 1968 with duty stations in Southeast Asia, including Vietnam, Thailand and Okinawa. After an honorable discharge from the USASA in 1968, he attended Iowa State University in Ames, IA and received a BS degree in Elementary Education in 1973. Jeffrey began his railroad career in 1973, at Chicago and North Western Railroad as a yard clerk in Council Bluffs. He was promoted to the General Claims Section in 1981 and continued in various capacities in the Claim Department for the C&NW and Union Pacific railroads until 2005 when he retired after 32 years of service. He is a member of the ISU Alumni Association, VFW Post #8307 in Ogden, Utah and **Vietnam Veterans of America – Ogden Chapter #1079**. He is survived by his wife of 38 years, Evelyn (Howland) Jensen, son Jorge M. Jensen, (Tara) Alexander, IA., daughter, Jeflyn J. Gilman, (Tim) Waukee, IA; step-children Sheri E. Jensen (David

Hubbard), Garner, IA., Jennifer L. Olson (Jeremy Olson), Des Moines, IA, L. Benjamin Olson (Melissa), Liscomb, IA; Dennis E. Olson (Jody), Marshalltown, IA, and Steven E. Olson, (Sonya) Council Bluffs, IA, sister Julie Anne Gilman (Robert), Blue Springs, MO and brother Joel M. Jensen, Omaha, NE, 19 Grandchildren, 7 + "2" great grandchildren, nieces, nephews and Godson, Wesley M. Ransom. Visitation was Wednesday 6:00-8:00 PM at the Hoy-Kilnoski Funeral Home. Graveside service and inurnment was on Thursday at 11:00 AM at the Iowa Veteran's Cemetery at Van Meter, Iowa with Pastor Stephen Ransom officiating. Memorials will be directed by the family.

BRIAN ANDREW JONES – Died Thursday, November 7, 2013 in Fresno, California at the age of 68. The cause of death was suicide. He was born July 19, 1945 in San Francisco, California to the late Andrew Jones and Jean D. (née Burns) Jones, of Walnut Creek, California. In addition to his mother he is survived by his wife of 36 years, Judy; three daughters, Jana Jones, of Vancouver, Washington, Lorene Strand, of Yukon, Oklahoma and Terri Pothier, of Tacoma, Washington; his stepbrother, Jerry Jones, of Reno, Nevada; his stepsister, Andrea Crouch and stepmother, Lynn Jones, both of Elko, Nevada; nine grandchildren, and; two great-grandchildren. He served in the United States Army from 1963 to December 12, 1972 with a tour of duty in Vietnam from 1966 to 1967. He was assigned to the 25th Infantry Division and was awarded the Combat Infantryman's Badge, the Bronze Star with "V" Device and a Purple Heart with two Oak Leaf Clusters. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Fresno Chapter #933**.



WILLIAM F. KEENAN - Died Saturday, November 9, 2013 at Devlin Manor, Cumberland from complications from lung cancer at the age of 75. He was a resident of Lavale, Maryland. He was born on October 11, 1938 in Groton, Connecticut to the late Frank Keenan and Anne (née Oviatt) Keenan. He was preceded in death by his wife, Zella May Keenan on June 1, 2012; sister and brother-in-law, Lucy M. Hima and Dennis Hima; and nephew, Dennis Hima, a retired US Navy Master Diver. William graduated from Robert E. Fitch Senior High School, Groton, part of the class of 1956, the first graduating class. He was a veteran of the United States Navy serving in the Vietnam War. He retired from the US Navy in 1983 after 26 years of service. He also had a 20-year career in high tech fields in Virginia. He enjoyed woodcarving, reading and attending Navy reunions. He was an avid Redskins and Capitals fan. He was a member of VFW Post 1411, Cumberland, American Legion Post 24, Frostburg, and a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Cumberland Chapter #172**. William is survived by his daughter, Deborah Keenan of Chatilly, Va.; two cousins, Maryann LaFlamme of Gales Ferry, Conn. and Terry Coleman and husband Ben of Mystic, Conn.; a nephew, George Hima of Baton Rouge, La.; and many other, cousins, nieces and nephews. Family and friends were received at the Wilhelm-Eakin Funeral Home, P.A., Midland, on Wednesday, November 13, 2013 from 7:00 to 9:00 PM. A funeral service was held on Thursday, November 14, 2013 at 11:00 AM at the funeral home with the Reverend Harry Burchell officiating. Interment was in Frostburg Memorial Park. Military Rites were accorded by Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter #172, Cumberland. At the request of the family memorial donations may be made in William's memory to the American Cancer Society at 182 N. Mechanic St., Cumberland, MD 21502.



ROBERT HUNTER "Bob" KEESEE, JR. - Died Saturday, May 7, 2011 in Dunwoody, Georgia after a brief battle with pancreatic cancer. He was 71 years of age. He was born in Bakersfield, California on August 5, 1939, and graduated from Ventura High School and the University of California, Berkeley. He was a proud United States Air Force veteran, serving from 1963 until 1967. Upon his honorable discharge as captain, he worked for Georgia-Pacific in Portland, OR, and then moved to Dunwoody, GA, where he has lived since 1982. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Savannah Chapter #671**. Bob was an avid walker, self-published author, and a devoted husband, father, and grandfather. He is survived by his loving wife of 47 years, Mary; his brother Tom and wife Sharron of Woodland Hills, CA; his brother Bill of Camarillo, CA; his son Jeff and partner Shawn Whitman of Atlanta, GA; his son John and wife Susan of Roswell, GA, and their children Benjamin, Emma, and Caroline. A graveside service with full military honors took place on May 10th at 2:00 PM at the Georgia National Cemetery. A memorial service, with visitation immediately following, was held May 12th at 2:00 PM at H.M. Patterson & Son, Oglethorpe Hill. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Hospice Atlanta. Arrangements were made by SouthCare Cremation Society and Memorial Centers in Alpharetta. (678) 735-5500.

DAVID JOHN KRAYKOVIC – Died recently in 2013 in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho at the age of 68. The cause of death is unknown. He was born August 31, 1945. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was an *At-Large Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Idaho**.



ALTON L. KVENVOLD - Died on Wednesday, March 6, 2013 at Saint Marys Hospital in Rochester Minnesota at the age 71. The cause of death is unknown. During the week's stay, family and friends had the chance to visit, laugh and tell stories with him before he passed. He was born in Albert Lea, Minnesota on March 5, 1942, to the late Kermit and Gladys (née Iverson) Kvenvold. A Freeborn County resident all of his life, Alton graduated from Albert Lea High School and went on to earn a two-year degree in tool and die making at the Dunwoody Institute in Minneapolis. On April 24, 1965, he was united in marriage to Sandra Grosland at the First Lutheran Church in Ellendale. They have two children. Alton was a life member of East Freeborn Lutheran Church where he was baptized and confirmed. He was a trustee, financial secretary and head usher for many years. In 1962, he began working for King Seeley Thermos Corporation-Queens Division as a tool and die worker and then at the Almco Division as a foreman until 1973. After leaving Seeley, he was the service manager, shop foreman and warranty administrator at Interstate Motor Truck Sales & Service until his retirement in 2004. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Lake Mills (Iowa) Chapter #790**. Alton was on the committee for the antique tractor display and tram ride at the Freeborn County Fair, a member of Heritage Park of North Iowa, on the committee for the Shinefest Tractor ride and enjoyed anything that had to do with tractors. He was a Boy Scouts leader for 35 years and helped 50 Boy Scouts in Troop No. 219 achieve their Eagle Scout rank. He was also a committee member and participant in the

Relay for Life. After retirement, Alton enjoyed helping others on their farms, fixing engines and solving the world's problems with his coffee buddies. He was an influential man who touched the lives of many people around him. He is survived by his wife, Sandy (Grosland); son, Travis Kvenvold of Albert Lea; daughter, Camille Kvenvold of St. Louis Park; brothers, Terry (Carol) Kvenvold of Albert Lea, Stevan (Sandy) Kvenvold of Rochester; sisters, Kathy (Cliff) DeYoung of Oak Park, Calif., Ramona Richter (Lynn O'Daffer) of Albert Lea, Gayle (Chuck) Gould of Minneapolis, Joanne (George) Griffin of Spring Grove; many special nieces and nephews; other loving relatives; godchildren; and Troop 219 members and friends. Alton was preceded in death by his parents, Kermit and Gladys; godson Michael Hogen; father and mother-in-law, Elmer and Alice Grosland; and brothers-in-law, Arnie Grosland and Kermit Grosland. Funeral service for Alton L. Kvenvold, of Albert Lea, was at 10:00 AM Monday at East Freeborn Lutheran Church in Albert Lea. The Reverend Matthew Griggs officiated. Interment was in the East Freeborn Cemetery. A luncheon followed the service at the Geneva Community Center in Geneva. Visitation was from 3:00 to 6:00 PM Sunday at Bonnerup Funeral Service in Albert Lea, as well as one hour prior to the service at church. Military honors were accorded by the Albert Lea Veterans Organizations.

JACK EUGENE LEDINGHAM – Died Friday, July 5, 2013 in Clinton Township, Michigan at the age of 70. The cause of death was muscular dystrophy. He was born on August 16, 1942 in Wyandotte, Michigan to the late Tracy and Ruth (née McAfee) Ledingham. Jack retired as a System Analyst at GM/EDS after 37 years. He served in the United States Navy during the Vietnam War. Jack was a member of First Presbyterian Church in Mount Clemens where he was a Deacon and sang in the choir, Birmingham Senior Men's Club, American Legion and Moose Lodge #1837 and was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Mount Clemens Chapter #154**. He is survived by his beloved wife of 47 years, Jeanne Lindner Ledingham; his children, Brad (Renata), Todd, and Tracy (Alberto) Gonzalez; his grandchildren of Benjamin Jack and Maria Jeanne, and step-grandfather of Allyn and Nikko, and; his siblings, William and Edward and their families. A Memorial service was held on Friday, July 12, 2013 at one o'clock with visitation beginning at noon at the First Presbyterian Church, 168 Cass Avenue, Mount Clemens. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions to First Presbyterian Church Family Life Center or MDS Foundation at www.MDS-foundation.org.



LUCIEN NAOPAO LEE – Died Monday, August 12th, 2013 in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, at the age of 66 years. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Laos on May 3, 1947 and served as a Hmong Officer under General Vang Pao for over 20 years. He was a *Life Member* of **Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America – Milwaukee Chapter #324**. Visitation was on Saturday, August 31st, from 10:00 AM to 10:00 PM and on Sunday, September 1st, from 8:00 AM to 10:00 PM. The service was on Monday, September 2nd, at 9:00 AM. Burial was in the Good Hope Cemetery.

JOHN ROYCE LIGHTFOOT - Died Thursday, July 4, 2013 at his residence in Fitzgerald, Georgia at the age of 79. The cause of death is unknown. Reverend Lightfoot was born on September 23, 1933, in Chula, Georgia to the late John B. and Elby (née Henry) Lightfoot. A 1952 graduate of Tift County High School, he served his country honorably as an aviator in the United States

Army, retiring from a 22-year meritorious career achieving the rank of Chief Warrant Officer 3. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Hinesville Chapter #789**. Following his service, he earned both a bachelor's and master's degrees in education from Valdosta State College and an education specialist degree from Georgia Southern University. Reverend Lightfoot was a math educator in Liberty County for more than 20 years. He also served as an ordained minister in the Church of the Nazarene, serving congregations in Augusta, Nashville and Hinesville. He also enjoyed reading, woodworking and quilting. He is survived by his wife of 57 years, Harriette (née Thompson) Lightfoot of Fitzgerald, his children, Dr. Peggy and David Carpenter of Nashville, Tenn., and Pamela and Hubert Gills of Fitzgerald; his grandchildren, Matthew Carpenter, Will and Michelle Nash, Baily Childs, John Nash, Cameron Nash, Daniel Gills and Paige Sherman; his great-grandchildren, Grace Clements, Jayden Nash, Greyson Childs and Brilee Childs; and a sister, Virginia Van Gorder of Englewood, Fla. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by one son, Phillip Anthony Lightfoot; three brothers, Billy W. Lightfoot, Raleigh C. Lightfoot, his twin, and Ronald Lightfoot; and one sister, Edith Earlene Miller. Funeral services were at 11:00 AM on Monday, July 8th, at the Church of the Nazarene in Fitzgerald with the Reverends Dan Hayes, Raymond Dean and Roy Rogers co-officiating. Burial was in Evergreen Cemetery with full military honors. The family received friends from 7:00-9:00 PM on Sunday, July 7th, at Paulk Funeral Home in Fitzgerald. The family suggests those desiring to send memorials may send them to the Children's Department Education Fund, c/o Church of the Nazarene, P.O. Box 1007, Fitzgerald, GA 31750.



JO ANNE LeBLANC LICKLITER - Died Sunday, March 17, 2012 in Manassas, Virginia at the age of 69. The cause of death was cancer. She was born in Erath, Louisiana on October 15, 1942 to the late Erwin J. LeBlanc and Lucille (née Romero) LeBlanc. She was born of proud Cajun descendants, Marie Bella Bodin Hebert, Neuville Hebert and Daniel LeBlanc. She later grew up in New Iberia and Orange, TX. She attended New Iberia Senior High. She is survived by her son Ken and daughter-in-law, Gina Lickliter of Manassas, Virginia, her two sisters, Gloria and her husband Bill Segura of Katy, TX, and Doris and her husband Michael Degeyter of New Iberia. Her nieces and nephews who survive her include: Michele Sheehan, Felicia Segura, Nicole Segura, Bill Segura, Jr., Ariann Fahey, Dawn Reimer, April Brar, Brock Degeyter, Lance Degeyter, Cindy Kay Whitley, and Elwood Matson. Other surviving nieces and nephews include Carl Matson, Angelina Matson, Roy Matson, Jr. and Liz Matson. She also leaves behind her many dear friends. She worked as a ticket attendant for the Essanee and Colonial Theatres until she joined the United States Air Force in 1965. While stationed in Washington DC, she met and married John Lickliter, an officer also serving in the Air Force. During their military careers, they lived in Brussels, Belgium and Brindisi, Italy. After their tour overseas, they moved to Manassas, Virginia. There, she became a cosmetologist and worked as a hairstylist for 15 years. She and her husband retired in New Braunfels, Texas, where they dedicated their spare time as avid bowlers. During her retirement, she also became a competitive black powder rifle shooter and placed first during several competitions in this category. Her husband's untimely passing led her back to New Iberia, her childhood home. She continued her active social life, which included her love of dancing, Bouree card playing and fishing. She enjoyed her family and friends immensely, leaving them with many fond memories. She was very active politically in local politics. She was an active

member of C.E.R.T.S., Iberia Humane Society, a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – New Iberia Chapter #1001** and the Cajun French Music Association. If you wish to honor her through a donation, please give to the New Iberia Humane Society. We also want to thank those special doctors, hospice and caretakers, Brenda Robicheaux and Barbara Belaire for all the tender loving care that was given in the last weeks of her life. Funeral Services were conducted for her at 10:30 AM on Tuesday, March 20, 2012 at Nativity of Our Lady Catholic Church with Father Ed Degeyter officiating and military honors by VFW Post #1982. Interment was held privately at a later date. Visitation was held from 5:00 PM until 10:00 PM on Monday with a Rosary at 7:30 PM. The funeral home reopened at 8:00 AM on Tuesday until service time. Evangeline Funeral Homes, Inc. of New Iberia was in charge of arrangements.



JOSEPH PAUL LOPEZ - Died Monday, June 17, 2013 in Haledon, New Jersey at the age of 65. He was formerly from Carlstadt, New Jersey. The cause of death was heart disease. He was born in Jersey City, New Jersey on January 31, 1948. Joseph had lived in Carlstadt for most of his life before recently moving to Haledon. He served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War where he received numerous awards, including the Army Commendation Medal and a Purple Heart. After the war, he worked for Exxon-Mobil and was a member of the Elks Club and a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Lodi Chapter #800**. Joseph was the beloved husband of Mary Ann (née Gentile) Lopez. He was the loving father of Vincent Lopez and his wife Jennifer of Hampstead, NC, and Steven Lopez and his wife Mary Ann of Hawthorne; dear grandfather of John Lopez, Isabella Lopez, Nick Lopez and Ava Lopez, and; dearest brother of John Lopez and his wife Elaine of Carlstadt, and Joanne Haines and her fiancé Tom Berta of Carlstadt. The funeral was at 9:00 AM on Thursday, June 20, 2013 at the Browning-Forshay Funeral Home, 557 Lafayette Avenue, Hawthorne. Cremation was private. Friends visited at the funeral home on Wednesday from 5:00-9:00 PM. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the American Diabetes Association, P.O. Box 11454, Alexandria, VA 22312 or to the Wounded Warrior Project, 370 7th Avenue, Suite 1802, New York, NY 10001. (www.browningforshay.com).



RICHARD H. LOSO - Died Sunday, July 21, 2013 at Yale New Haven Hospital at the age of 64. He was a resident of West Haven, Connecticut. The cause of death was cardiac arrest. He was born in Bridgeport, Connecticut on July 21, 1949 to late Hubert and Mary (née Gordon) Loso. He was a member of the graduating class of 1968, Bunnell High School in Stratford and was a star football player. He was the husband of Michele Snyder Loso; father of Richard Loso of Milford, Daniel Loso of Hamden & Christopher Loso of West Haven; brother of Barbara McDougall of New Haven and Stephen Loso of Milford, and; also survived by many aunts, uncles, cousins and his beloved dog, Shadow. He served his country in the United States Marine Corps in Vietnam and was awarded the Purple Heart. He was an *At-Large Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Connecticut**. He worked for 37 years as a lineman for the U.I. Company until his retirement. He loved his Yankees, cruising with his wife and friends and spending time with his sons. Rich had many friends, loved helping people and having fun with everyone. The hours for visitation were on Wednesday from 4:00 to 8:00 PM at the West Haven Funeral Home at the Green. Funeral

services were held Thursday morning at 10:00 AM at the funeral home. Interment with military honors followed in Oak Grove Cemetery.



DAVID EUGENE LUNTEY - Died in Gilbert, Arizona on Tuesday, October 29, 2013 at the age of 72. He was a resident of Queen Creek, Arizona. He was born in Vallejo, California on October 21, 1941. After graduating from Napa High School, Gene served in the United States Marine Corps during the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Yountville (California) Chapter #702*.

Following his honorable discharge, he made his home in Napa, California and worked as a union carpenter for 30 years in the Bay area. He married Sandra on February 8, 2002 and he moved to Las Vegas and they eventually settled in San Tan, Arizona. Gene was a member of the Moose Lodge, the VFW and he loved to travel. He is survived by his wife, Sandra, daughter, Laura Dye; Sandra's children, Jim, Brian, Krystal, Candy and Cheryl; brothers, Jack and Clark Luntey; numerous grandchildren, great grandchildren, nieces and nephews. A service to honor Gene's life was held on Monday, November 11, 2013 in the Tulocay Chapel at 1:00 PM. Memorial contributions may be made to the Lund Family Hospice Home, 1982 Woodside Court, Gilbert, Arizona 85297.

JAMES HUGH "Jim" LYNCH - Died Friday, December 6, 2013 in Portage, Indiana at the age of 71. The cause of death is unknown. He was born April 7, 1942 in San Francisco, California to the late George and Lois (née Grigg) Lynch. Jim was a proud United States Marine and Vietnam Veteran who also served many years in the United States Army National Guard, retiring as a Sergeant Major. Jim was a life-long public servant. He is best known for his passionate support of veterans and was the Porter County Veteran Service Officer for 10 years. He was a *Life Member and Past President of Vietnam Veterans of America – Portage Chapter #905*. He was an Indiana State Police Officer for 20 years and a criminal investigator for the Indiana Dept. of Environmental Management more than 15 years. He was also a member of The American Legion Post 502, Marine Corps League Dunes Leatherneck Detachment, VFW Post 988, and the Disabled American Veterans. He was a life-long Lutheran and member of St. Peter Lutheran Church. He is survived by his wife, Susanne (Sue I.) Lynch; three sons: James Lynch, Robert (Kerry) and William (Christina); three step-children: Andrea (Randy) Riley, John (Leanne) Conner and Catherine (Dan) Dawson; grandchildren: Jacob Lynch, Collin and Kendra Lynch; step-grandchildren: Blake (Nicole) and Kyle Riley, Conner and Drew Dawson, and Nick and Rachel Conner; step-great grandchildren: Brooklyn and Layla Riley; and, his beloved dog, Barney; brother, Bob (Faye) Lynch; sisters: Christine (Don) Hostetter, Suzie (Matt) Ramsey and Cynthia (James) Alvers; and numerous nephews and nieces. Funeral services were held on Tuesday, December 10, 2013 at St. Peter Lutheran Church with Pastor Fred Hoover officiating. Visitation was from 9:00 AM until time of services at 11:00 AM. In lieu of flowers contributions may be made to the family or VNA Hospice, Valparaiso, Indiana. Services were entrusted to Calumet Park Cemetery Funeral Chapel.

JIM M. MATTHEWS – Died Tuesday, November 26, 2013 in Mount Airy, North Carolina at the age of 69. The cause of death was unknown. He was born October 16, 1944. He was a veteran

of the Vietnam War. He was an *At-Large Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – North Carolina**.

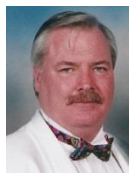


JAY DENNIS McCLAIN - Died Monday, October 14, 2013 at the Elk Regional Health Center after a lengthy illness. He was a resident of Saint Marys, Pennsylvania and 72 years of age. The cause of death was Agent Orange-related cancer. He was born March 7, 1941 in Saint Marys to the late Jay P. and Carolyn M. (née Wright) McClain. He was a lifelong resident of the area and was a graduate of St. Marys High School, Class of 1957. He was a retired employee of Intech Metals in Ridgway. He was married to Katherine Malburg Steele, who survives of Virginia. He is also survived by three sons, Jay P. McClain and his wife Heather of St. Marys, Scott McClain and his wife Bliss of Canonsburg, PA, and Bradley Steele and his wife Lisa of Florida; a daughter, Kathy Schmitz and her husband Max of Maryland; and five step-children, Chris Rieder and her husband Ken of St. Marys, Melvin Shelander of St. Marys, Tina Bauer and her husband Mike of St. Marys, Debbie Smith and her husband Bob of Ridgway, and Kim Shelander of St. Marys. Also surviving are 22 grandchildren, Kirkland McClain, Hayley McClain, Carter McClain, Tyler Rieder, Buddy Shelander, Aric Shelander, Casey Dill, Jessie Ritter, Shay Bauer, Stephen Smith, Kayla Smith, Patrick Whitlow, Alley Whitlow, Carrie McClain, Erica Steele, Lindsey Baker, Lynton Baker, Brandon Baker, Erick Baker, Jackie Steele, Stephanie Steele, and Heather Steele; 11 great grandchildren; a sister, Diane Haupright and her husband Douglas of Johnsonburg; a niece, Lisa Lechien; and a nephew, D. J. Haupright. Besides his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife, Patricia. He was a member of the Queen of the World Roman Catholic Church, was a Veteran of the United States Air Force having served in the Vietnam War, and was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Saint Marys Chapter #948**. He was a member of the American Legion, the VFW, and the Moose Club. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, and spending time with his family, especially his grandchildren. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated in the Queen of the World Church on Friday, October 18, 2013, at 12:30 PM, with Reverend Father Eric Vogt, OSB, officiating. Full military rites were accorded by the Saint Marys Servicemen's Burial Detail. Burial was in the Saint Marys Cemetery. Visitation was at the Lynch-Radkowski Funeral Home on Thursday evening, October 17, 2013, from 5:00 PM until 8:00 PM. Memorials, if desired, may be made to the Community Nurses, Inc., 757 Johnsonburg Road, Suite 200, Saint Marys, PA 15857.



JAMES F. "Jim" McCLUSKEY (USA-COL-Ret.) – Died Tuesday, July 30, 2013 in Mesquite, Nevada at the age of 83. The cause of death was Agent Orange-related cancer. He was born January 23, 1930 at Fort Smith, Arkansas. He moved to Lawton, Oklahoma, where he sold newspapers at Fort Sill, and was active in high school sports. He was a four-year letterman and captain of the basketball team. After graduation from St. Mary's High School, Jim attended Cameron College for a year. He applied for West Point Military Academy and was accepted and graduated. He was commissioned a Second Lieutenant in the United States Army in 1953. Jim's first assignment was Fort Bragg, N.C., where he was assigned to the 82nd Airborne. Jim was later sent to Germany, with the 5th Infantry Division. After returning to the States Jim earned his Masters from Babson Institute and was selected to attend MIT for graduate school. He completed the Command and General Staff course. He returned to the 82nd Airborne at Fort Bragg, N.C.

where he commanded the 782nd Maintenance Battalion until 1969. He spent two tours of duty in the Far East, One in Thailand and one in Vietnam. Jim was assigned to Detroit, where he was selected to be program director for the redesign of the Bradley fighting vehicle. He commanded the Tooele Army Depot until 1978 at which point he was transferred to Heidelberg Germany where he retired in 1979 returning to Utah. He immediately took a position with Morton Thiokol Corporation where he eventually served as the program manager supporting the redesign of the solid rocket used by NASA. This design replaced the solid rocket used in the Challenger disaster. Jim was instrumental in testing the new design that solved that problem. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Mesquite Chapter #993**. Jim met his lovely wife, Ann, at Fort Dix, New Jersey, and they have been married 60 years. They moved to Mesquite in 1999, after living in St. George for 10 years. They have four wonderful children, Joann, James, Patrick and Teresa; 10 grandchildren and 4 great grandchildren. Jim was very active in the Knights of Columbus achieving 4th degree, and was actively involved in the Mesquite VA Center. He performed outstanding community service and was awarded a certificate of appreciation from the Special Olympics of Nevada. Viewing was at the Virgin Valley Mortuary on Friday, August 2, from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m., 320 East Old Mill Road in Mesquite, NV. The Funeral Mass was on Saturday, August 3, 10:00 AM, La Virgen de Guadalupe Catholic Church, 401 Canyon Crest Boulevard, Mesquite, NV.



JOHN VINCENT “Jack” McGOVERN – Died Friday, September 27, 2013 in Ossining, New York at the age of 65. The cause of death was liver cancer. He was born April 1, 1948 in Brooklyn, New York, the first of thirteen children to the late Dr. John V. McGovern and Joan C. (née Alberque) McGovern. He proudly served his country in Vietnam from January 1968 to December 1969 in the United States Army First Infantry Division known as the Big Red One. He received many commendations for his acts of bravery, including the Purple Heart. This is a high honor bestowed on our country's heroes. Jack is survived by his beloved wife Mary Ellen Finn McGovern of Ossining, NY, and his daughter, Noël Alberque McGovern O'Connor of Los Angeles, CA. Jack was a leader in life as well as on the battlefield. He is survived by his siblings: Michael Scott McGovern (Anne Thomas) of Boston, MA, Terence McGovern (Marcie Carlton) of Longboat Key, FL, Phil McGovern (Laurie O'Neill), Kevin McGovern (Patty Holmes), Mary McGovern, Anne Marie McGovern (Brian Peroni) of White Plains, Chris McGovern of Rowayton, CT, Alice McGovern (Colin Vroome) of Havertown, PA, Joan McGovern, of San Francisco, CA. Seamus McGovern of Brest, France, and Eileen McGovern (John Carey) of Tappan, NY. His brother, Thomas McGovern, predeceased him in 1991. Jack is also survived by 26 nieces and nephews and 12 great nieces and nephews. Jack was a loyal member of the American Legion Post 135 and represented the Legion's Color Guard in many of White Plains' parades and events but his favorites were the Memorial Day and St. Patrick's Day Parades. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Pleasantville Chapter #49**. Every Christmas Jack dressed in his custom made Santa suit, and truly was the Father Christmas to all those around him. His bright blue eyes twinkled under his snowy white brows as each child's heart lit up with joy sharing their wishes to Santa Claus. Jack dedicated much of his holiday time to help raise funds and needed amenities for the sick and needy for local charities and organizations. Jack also volunteered for The Lord's Pantry, a White Plains organization founded by his late mother, devoted to feeding home-bound people with AIDS.

Jack worked as a successful realtor, mortgage broker and restaurateur. Truly a "Jack of all trades", when asked, "What do you do?" his response, "What do you want done?" The only thing Jack loved more than his country was his family and a circle of friends too numerous to count, whom he considered part of his extended family. In Jack's life there was always room for one more. Known for his bighearted generosity, Jack was happiest when he and Mary Ellen were hosting friends for a meal around the grill. His stories could be heard from far and wide followed by bursts of laughter from those around him. He brought joy and happiness to all those who were blessed to be in his life. Jack was one of a kind, and the world will not be the same without him. His ability to reach out and circle the McGoverns, the Finns, his daughter Noël and his wife Mary Ellen with a joyful, abundant love is what made him so special. Jack was married to Mary Ellen, whom he adored for more than sixteen years. There is sadness in the wind today as his booming voice has been quieted and now only lives in our hearts. Our Big Kahuna stories will keep him alive in a rich treasure trove of memories he gifted us until we can be with him at the biggest party of all. A true hero, he will be dearly missed and never forgotten. Visiting hours were on Tuesday, October, 1st from 2:00-4:00 PM and 6:00-9:00 PM at the McMahon, Lyon & Hartnett Funeral Home, 491 Mamaroneck Avenue, White Plains, NY. Funeral services were held on Wednesday, October 2nd at 12:00 PM at the Church of Saint Bernard, 51 Prospect Street, White Plains, NY. In lieu of flowers please kindly make donations to either "The Lord's Pantry" 82 Prospect Street White Plains, NY 10606 or the American Legion Post #135, 57 Mitchell Place, White Plains, NY 10601.



JOHN MARSHALL McINNIS - Died Tuesday, January 22, 2013, at the Fort Meade VA Hospital at the age of 67. He was a resident of Pierre, South Dakota. The cause of death was cancer. He was born February 25, 1945, in Medford, Minnesota, the youngest of nine children born to the late Alpine and Orma (née Hanson) McInnis. At a young age his family moved to Pierre, where he grew up and received his education. John graduated from Pierre High School in 1965, and immediately joined the United States Navy. John proudly served 25 years in the Navy before retiring in 1990. After his honorable discharge, John returned to Pierre where he has since resided. While in Pierre, John worked at Sooper Dooper and Dakota Mart, as well as EconoFoods. He was a member of the VFW, 40 and 8, American Legion, and the Disabled American Veterans, where he served as commander. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America –Watertown Chapter #1054**. Survivors include two brothers Robert McInnis and his wife Beth of Mesa, Arizona and Patrick McInnis of Pierre; two sisters Marie Lamm of Philip, and Darlene Treib and her husband Sam of Orofino, Idaho; numerous nieces and nephews; and a host of other relatives and friends. John was preceded in death by his mother Orma McInnis; his father Alpine McInnis; two sisters LaVonne McInnis as a child and Lillian Reimer; and two brothers Albert McInnis and Dale McInnis. Visitation was held 6:00-7:00 PM Friday, January 25th, at the Rush Funeral Home in Philip, with a prayer service at 7:00 PM. A Mass of Christian Burial was held 10:00 AM CST Saturday, January 26th, at the Maryhouse in Pierre, with Father Mark McCormick as celebrant. Interment with military honors was at the Riverside Cemetery of Pierre. A memorial has been established to the Countryside Hospice of Pierre.



JAMES HOWARD McKASSON – Died Thursday, October 10, 2013 in Paradise, California with family present. He was 67 years of age. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on June 29, 1945 in Chico, California to the late Loren James McKasson and Ella Mae (née Shaw) McKasson. He grew up and attended school in Vallejo, but spent his summers working on his grandfather's ranch in Chico. Jim met and married the love of his life, Dianne on June 24, 1972. Jim served in the United States Air Force where he was an air craft mechanic working on F-4 Phantoms and is a Vietnam Veteran. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Paradise Chapter #582**. Jim was a member of Table Mountain Masonic Lodge # 124 F&AM, Past Master of Naval Masonic Lodge #87 F&AM where he received the Hiram Award. Past Commander of Naval Commandry, Assistant Director of Ritual and Grand Sentinel. He received the Meritorious Service Award from the Grand Commandry of California. He was Past Patron of Gateway Chapter #3 OES and Paradise Chapter #549 OES. DeMolAY, and Past Associate Bethel Guardian of the International Order of Job's Daughter, Ben Ali Shrine. Jim played the Bag Pipes with the Ben Ali Pipes and Drums and with Calanish Pipe Band. He took patients to the Shrines Children's Hospital. Jim was a British car Mechanic for over 35 years specializing in Jaguars and belonged to the Model "A" Ford Club of America and The Dodge Club. He Past President of the Butte County Scottish Society and Clan Piper. He also enjoyed being with family, all of whom he was very proud of, playing the Bag pipes, which he would teach anyone who wanted to learn how to play the pipes, traveling, fishing, gardening and playing "Santa". Jim is a member of Craig Memorial Congregational Church. He is survived by his wife of 41 years, Dianne; two daughters, Michelle (Ed) Reano, Jamie (Wayne) Scoles and four grandchildren, Kristyn, Jimmy, Ashley and Tyler. A Celebration of life services was held on November 9, at 2:00 PM at the Masonic Lodge, 5934 Clark Road, in Paradise, CA and on November 23 at 2:00 PM, at the Masonic Lodge, 101 Temple Way, Vallejo. In lieu of flowers please make a donation to the Shriner's Children's Hospital.



CRAIG W. McKay - Died Friday, October 11, 2013, at Rapid City Regional Hospital in Rapid City, South Dakota at the age of 61. He was a resident of Rapid City. The cause of death is unknown. He was born August 23, 1952 to the late Charles and Kathleen (née Jung) McKay at Saint Marys Hospital in Rochester. Craig attended school in Byron; after graduating in 1971, he entered the United States Air Force, serving 1971-1984 during the Vietnam Era. Craig was very active in many service organizations such as the VFW, DAV, 40 & 8 and the American Legion Riders Post 22, all of Rapid City, S.D. and also American Legion Post 119 of Byron. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Rapid City Chapter #463**. Craig drove semi-trucks and the vets van logging 300,000 miles, accident free. He always enjoyed visiting with adults as well as children and pets. He had two chair "cats" that stayed with his mother. He enjoyed deer hunting with friends and riding his motorcycle "Mavis." Survivors include three daughters, Kathy Monta of California, Jennifer Lane McKay of the Philippines and Katelynn McKay of Rapid City, S.D.; his mother, Kathleen McKay of Byron; a sister, Susan (Jon) Campbell; brother, William (Pauline) McKay; uncle, Larry (Nita) Jung; aunt, Jean McKay DeVries; eight grandchildren; two nieces and three nephews. He is preceded in death by his father, an infant brother and his maternal and paternal grandparents. Visitation was held from 1:00 PM to 2:00 PM with services being held at

2:00 PM at the Christ Lutheran Church in Byron on Saturday, November 16. Craig took his final motorcycle ride on "Mavis" with his brother Bill, escorted by the American Legion Riders Post 22 of Rapid City, S.D. Honor Guard will be VFW of Rapid City, S.D. Interment was at the Black Hills National Cemetery in Sturgis, South Dakota, at a later date. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be sent to The American Legion Legacy Fund or a charity of your choice.

WAYNE T. McKENNA - Died Monday, September 16, 2013, at home in Machesney Park, Illinois at the age of 67. The cause of death was Agent Orange-related ALS – Lou Gehrig's Disease. He was born August 24, 1946 in Beaver Falls, Pennsylvania to the late Harry P. and Virginia (née Lorey) McKenna. He graduated from Rock Valley College. He attended Arizona State University. He was a Veteran of the Vietnam War, serving in the United States Marine Corps. He married Michelle Day on May 27, 1978, in Loves Park, Pennsylvania. He retired from Estwing Corporation. He was Past president of Rock Valley College Vets Club; former chairman of R.V.C. Easter Egg Hunt; a member of Viet NOW; National Association of Collegiate Veterans, and; **Vietnam Veterans of America Rockford Chapter #984**. He volunteered with B.R.E.W., Winnebago County Animal Services, Lost Dogs of Illinois, Saint Bridget Catholic Church, Circle of Change and V.A. Boy Scout Leader with Troop 32. Survivors include wife, Michelle; sons, Patrick and Scott (fiancée, Amber Bianchi) McKenna; brothers, David (Phillis) and Harry (Linda) McKenna; several nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his parents and a sister. Special thanks to Darla at Peak Home Health, Linda and Della at Home Instead, and Heartland Hospice. A Memorial Mass was at 10:30 AM on Thursday, September 19th, at Saint Bridget Catholic Church, 600 Clifford Avenue, Loves Park, with visitation from 9:00 AM to service time. Inurnment was in Davis Cemetery. Memorials may be given to B.R.E.W. and Heartland Hospice. Arrangements were by Delehanty Funeral Home, Loves Park.

MARTIN FRANCIS McMAHON – Died Monday, June 17, 2013 in East Moline, Illinois at the age of 74. The cause of death was metastatic lung cancer. He was born March 10, 1939 in Davenport, Iowa. He served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Rock Island Chapter #299**.



ANTONIO NAPUTI MENO - Died Friday, September 6, 2011 in Temple, Texas at the age of 71. He was a resident of Killeen, Texas and a member of Saint Joseph Catholic Church. The cause of death was cardiac arrest due to coronary artery disease. He was born to the late Vicente and Remedios (née Naputi) Meno on July 5, 1940 in Inarajan, Guam. He served 20 years in the United States Army, worked for the Texas Department of Corrections for 15 years and worked for the Killeen Airport for 5 years. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Harker Heights Chapter #1000**. He was preceded in death by his parents, a sister, Annie Meno and brother-in-law, Jessie Logia and his father-in-law, Engracio B. Damian. Survivors include his wife Rosa Meno, their children and grandchildren: Anthony Meno and wife Shirley and their children Naomi, Anthony and Shawn; Angelicia M. Dumaran and husband Alfredo and their children Salem, Saif, Napu and Kapua; brother Juan N. Meno and wife Maria B., sister Gladys R. Santos and husband Jose. A Funeral Mass was celebrated on Tuesday September 13, 2011 at 10:00 AM at Saint Joseph Catholic Church in Killeen. Burial with full military honors was at Killeen

Memorial Park. The family had a time of visitation from 6:00-8:00 PM on Monday with a rosary at 7:00 PM.



JAMES L. MICHALSKY - Died suddenly on Thursday, November 14, 2013 while at his cabin in the woods. He was 67 years of age and a resident of Hartland, Wisconsin. The cause of death is unknown. James was born in Watertown, Wisconsin on September 17, 1946 to the late LeRoy Mike and Janette Michalsky. He was also predeceased by his brother, Everett. He lived in Oconomowoc, Wisconsin his entire life. After graduating from high school, he enlisted in the United States Air Force, serving a tour of duty in the Vietnam War. He was an *At-Large Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Wisconsin**. He worked for Wisconsin Electric as a foreman until his retirement. Jim loved to fish, hunt and work in his garden. He also loved to take many aerobic classes and socialize at the Lake Country Racquet and Athletic Club in Hartland. James is survived by daughter Julie (Tod) Kinunen of Mukwonago and their 4 children; Elias, Olin, Linnea, Elsa, son Michael (Erin) Michalsky of Wisconsin Dells and their 3 children; Will, Luke and Maya, sister Susan (Richard) Indermuehle of Manitowish Waters, WI and his nephews Richard and Theodore. A memorial gathering for James was held at Pagenkopf Funeral Home in Oconomowoc on Thursday, November 21, 2013 beginning at 5:00 PM. A time of remembrance followed by military honors took place at 6:30 PM, all held at the Funeral Home. Memorials in Jim's name may be made to the VFW Post #2260, 830 East Wisconsin Avenue, Oconomowoc, WI 53066.

ROBERT VERNON “Bob” MILLER – Died Tuesday, October 29, 2013 in Hixson, Tennessee at the age of 74. The cause of death was a stroke. He was born in Chattanooga, Tennessee on April 16, 1939. He served in the United States Air Force during the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Chattanooga Chapter #203**.



DONALD MINCHEW - Died Tuesday morning, October 8, 2013 at Kindred Hospital of North Florida in Green Cove Springs Florida, following an extended illness. He was 66 years of age and a resident of Waycross, Georgia. He was born October 14, 1946, a native of Bacon County and lived his early life in the Forks of The Hurricane before making his home in Brantley County for the past 43 years. He was the son of the late Ottis Emory Minchew and Estelle (née Mixon) Minchew. He retired in 1995 as an electrician with the CSX Railroad after 25 years of service. He also was the owner of Don's Lock Repair for many years and helped in maintaining communication towers, assembling and disassembling communication towers. He was a HAM Radio operator known as AE4PO. He had served as a member of the Sheriff's Posse under Sheriff Cordell Wainright, and was a long-time member of the Calvary Volunteer Fire Department. He was a member of Pleasant Valley Baptist Church. He was a member of the 1965 graduating class of Ware County High School and served with the United States Navy during the Vietnam War. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Blackshear Chapter #10700** Survivors include his wife of 43 years, Mary Thornton Minchew of Brantley County, four children, Ronald Howell (wife Dee) of Stanwood WA, Lisa Chancey (husband David) of Brantley County, Steve Minchew (wife Marcia) of Tabor City NC,

and Perry Minchew of Charleston SC; fourteen grandchildren, Cheraya Howell, Halden Howell (wife Katie), Kyle Dean Howell, Brianna Walther (husband Eric), Craig Jr. Shishido, Tommy Chancey, Bryan Chancey (wife Allison), Rebecca Wall (husband Aaron), Kevin Thompson, Brandon Thompson, Madison Marlowe, Bade Minchew, Kessler Minchew, and Berry Lawton Chancey; three great grandchildren, Payton Erickson, Leanna Howell, and Maddie Wall, several cousins and other relatives. Memorial donations may be sent to the Waycross Chapter 1070 of the Viet Nam Veterans, P.O. Box 87, Waycross, GA 31516. A funeral service was held at 11:00 AM Friday (October 11, 2013) at Pleasant Valley Baptist Church with burial in the Thomas Cemetery. The family received friends from 6:00 PM until 8:00 PM Thursday at Music Funeral Home. Members of the Waycross Chapter 1070 of the Vietnam Veterans, area HAM Radio Operators and members of the 1965 graduating class of Ware County High School were asked to gather at the church at 10:40 AM Friday to serve as honorary pallbearers. Music Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.



EDWIN LEE MINEAR, SR. - Died Wednesday, July 17, 2013 in his home in Milan, Illinois at the age of 67. The cause of death was cancer. He was born on July 12, 1946, in Unionville, Missouri to the late Royal and Betty (née Mullenix) Minear. He served with the United States Marine Corps during the Vietnam War. He was proud to be a veteran, and survived Agent Orange-related throat cancer through the 1990s. Ed was owner/operator of the Katie Did Tavern for many years. He was a member of American Legion Post 569 of Milan, VFW Post 1303, a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Rock Island Chapter #299**, Marine Corps League, Moose Lodge, Eagles, and Southside Boat Club. He was a diehard Bears fan, and loved his Harleys. He enjoyed camping, fishing, and cookouts, but most of all, he loved spending time with his family and friends. He was a proud father and grandfather. Ed had a full life, and will be sorely missed by many. Survivors include, children, Sabreena (Todd) Dusenberry, Brandy (Dean) Harper, Dawn Bryner, Royal (Missy) Minear, Matt (Julia) Ballard, Marcus (Amanda) Ballard, Eddie L. Minear Jr., Mick Minear, Elizabeth A. (Brad Baker) Minear; grandchildren, Blake and Megan Dusenberry, Alonzo Wise, Dean and Hana Harper, Kellsie Bryner, Keenan Shorter, Kayle and Ashlee Minear, Matt Jr. and Miah Ballard, Destiny and Addisun Ballard, Jaiden Minear, Elijah Minear, and Cameron Baker; a great-grandchild, Damauri McCaw; a sister, Beatrice “Sis” Minear; brothers Ken, Chuck and Jerry Minear; and numerous aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents; a sister, Elizabeth June Minear; a granddaughter Kyleigh Harper; and special girlfriend, Stacy Westin. Funeral service was at 10:00 AM on Tuesday in Wendt Funeral Home in Moline, Ill. Burial was at the National Cemetery on Arsenal Island, Rock Island, with military rites accorded by Milan American Legion Post 569. Visitation was from 3:00 to 7:00 PM on Monday in the funeral home. Arrangements were made by the Wendt Funeral Home, Moline.



MELVIN W. MINER – Died Wednesday, May 29, 2013, from an accident at his home in Norway Township, Michigan at the age of 70. He was born in Saginaw, Michigan on September 12, 1942 to the late Gerald and Edith (née Hall) Miner. Mel graduated from Gladwin High School in 1960, and served his country in the United States Navy during the Vietnam-era. He married Emogene Rumminger on June 5, 1965, in

Round Lake Baptist Church in Gladwin, Michigan. Mel graduated from Wayne State University on June 20, 1968 and moved to Norway in 1978. He became a partner in the D.A. Asp Memorial Funeral Home in Norway in 1978 and sole proprietor of the Melvin W. Miner Funeral Home in 1981. He was a licensed Michigan and Wisconsin Funeral Director for over 35 years, retiring in 2004. Mel was a member of the Hall-DeWinter Post #145, American Legion, and former member of the Norway-Vulcan Kiwanis Club, Vulcan-Norway-Loretto Lions Club and the Norway Civic Club. He was an *At-Large Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Michigan**. He enjoyed the outdoors, gardening, going to his camp, fishing, hunting, boating, camping with family and friends and, after retirement, wintering in Texas. Mel is survived by his wife, Emogene; sons, Paul (Antonella) Miner and their children Alyssa and Hannah, Alan (Jennifer) Miner and their children Ailee, Daniel and Katherine; parents, Gerald and Edith Miner of Midland; brother, Tearle (Gail) Miner of Midland; sister, Cynthia (David) Licht of Midland; brother-in-law, Eugene Rumminger; several nieces, nephews and cousins; and several great-nieces and nephews. Visitation was held on Sunday, June 2, 2013, from 4:00-8:00 PM at the Ortman Funeral Home in Norway. American Legion services took place on Sunday at 6:00 PM. Funeral services were held on Monday, June 3, 2013, at 10:00 AM, at the Ortman Funeral Home, with The Rev. James Danielson officiating. Interment was at the Norway Township Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made in Mel's name to the Leader Dogs or the American Cancer Society. Arrangements announced by the Ortman Funeral Home in Norway.

PAUL A. MULIG - Died Wednesday, September 5, 2012 in the Butler VA Medical Center at the age of 74. The cause of death is unknown. He was a resident of New Galilee, Pennsylvania. He was born April 18, 1938. He was a *Life Member* of **Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America – Beaver County Chapter #862**.



PATRICIA ANN (née FARMER) NICHOLS – Died Monday, November 18, 2013 in Longview, Texas at the age of 70. She was a resident of De Berry, Texas. The cause of death was cancer and liver failure. She was born October 23, 1943 in Centerville, Mississippi to the late Martin Luther Farmer and Ruby Lee (née Offutt) Farmer. On September 6, 1972 she married Ronald E. Nichols in Marshall. Patricia was a member of DeBerry Baptist Church and was very involved with both the VFW 1183 Lady's Auxiliary and was a *Life Member* of **Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America – Longview Chapter #987**. She loved to fellowship, attend first Monday, and Paquino. Surviving Patricia are her husband of 41 years, Ronald E. Nichols; sons, Charles Zane Smith Jr. and wife Carla and Martin Covey Smith and wife Alice; daughters, Christine Hope Ballenger and husband Marc and Holly Krickett Bass and husband Kevin; brother, James Farmer and wife Sara; sisters, Mary Shaver and husband Hutch and Jessie Morell and husband Joe; 13 grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren and numerous nieces, nephews, cousins, extended family and friends. She was preceded in death by her parents; step-father, Jesse Hebert McBroom; two sisters, Mary Lou Urban and Jewell Korndorffer and a brother, Joseph "Sonny" Farmer. Funeral services were held at 1:00 PM on Thursday, November 21, 2013 in the Chapel of Downs Funeral Home with Brother Eric Wilburn officiating. Interment was in Restland Cemetery in Waskom, Texas. The family received friends from 5:00-7:00 PM on Wednesday, November 20, 2013 at the funeral home. Serving as

pallbearers are Kevin Bass, Marc Ballenger, Chris Wallace, Wes Brown, Jakob Bass and Kristopher Bass.



EDWARD NIED, JR. - Died Thursday November 7, 2013 at the Baystate Medical Center in Springfield, Massachusetts at the age of 63. He was a resident of Southamptton, Massachusetts. The cause of death resulted from a motorcycle accident when he ran into a large black bear. He was born in Middletown, Connecticut on May 7, 1950 to the late Edward, Sr. and Madelene (née Northrup) Nied. He attended Easthampton Schools and graduated from Easthampton High School Class of 1968. He entered the United States Air Force, serving during the Vietnam Era. He was discharged after serving four years with the rank of Sergeant. Edward was employed as a machinist with Industrial Precision Inc. of Westfield. He was a member of the American Legion Post 224 of Easthampton, the Brotherhood of the Grey Beard Bikers, American Legion Riders and **Vietnam Veterans of America – Springfield Chapter #111**. He was also a member of the Southamptton Conservation Commission. Ed also loved photography, nature and most of all, his family. Edward is survived by his wife Mary (Craig) Nied; two daughters, Sara Nied of Chicopee, Jennifer Wendolowski and her husband Scott of Hatfield; a granddaughter Megan Wendolowski; an Aunt, Margaret Tarasiewicz; and cousins Tom Tarasiewicz and Mary Ellen Metro, along with several sister and brother-in-laws and nieces and nephews. Visiting hours were on Thursday November 14, 2013 from 4:00-7:00 PM at the Mitchell Funeral Home, 15 Park Street, Easthampton. Graveside services were at 11:00 AM on Friday, November 15, 2013, at Saint Mary's Cemetery in Westfield, Massachusetts. In lieu of flowers memorial gifts in Edward's memory may be given to a charity of your choice.



SIDNEY CHARLES NEWBERG - Died Sunday, November 3, 2013 in a local hospital in Florida at the age of 65. He was a resident of Green Cove Springs, Florida. He was born January 18, 1948 in Jacksonville, Florida and a veteran of the Vietnam War serving in two tours with the United States Air Force. After his discharge from the Air Force, Mr. Newberg attended and graduated from USF of Tampa and was employed with Wells Fargo Bank as a Senior VP and retired in 2004. He was a member of the VFW Post 8255, American Legion Post 250, and "ABATE of Florida, Inc." American Bikers Aiming Toward Education (Black Creek Chapter), a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Orange Park Chapter #1059**, and served on the Republican Executive Committee of Clay County. His passion to help fellow veterans led him to form the Clay County Veterans Court which helps fellow veterans maneuver through the criminal justice system. He enjoyed hunting, fishing and will be missed dearly by his family and friends. Mr. Newberg was preceded in death by his parents, Harry W. Newberg, Sr. and Alice C. Newberg and a brother Harry W. "Sonny" Newberg, Jr. He is survived by his wife of 30 years, Elizabeth "Carol" Newberg, son, William John "Billy" Newberg, daughter, Heather Nicole Newberg, two brothers, George E. Newberg and Curtis C. Newberg. Funeral Services will be held 11:00 AM, Saturday, November 9, 2013 in the Russell Baptist Church with Rev. Tommy Croft officiating. Burial will follow in the Russell Haven of Rest Cemetery with Military Honors. Visitation with the family was from 6:00 – 8:00 PM Friday at the Funeral Home. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to: Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 1059, PO Box 626, Orange Park, FL 32067-0626.

Arrangements were under the care of Russell Haven of Rest Cemetery, Funeral Home and Cremation Center, 2335 Sandridge Road, Green Cove Springs, FL 32043.

ROBERT STEVEN NOLAN - Died the Angels-Grace Hospice on Tuesday, September 10, 2013 at the age of 63. He was a resident of Oconomowoc, Wisconsin. The cause of death is unknown. He was born January 11, 1950 in Memphis, Tennessee to the late Robert James Nolan and Marion (née Smith) Nolan. He met his wife while living in Venice, Florida. The family resided in Oconomowoc, where he retired from Brownberry Bakery. Steve was a United States Marine Corps combat veteran of Vietnam. He was an active and *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Oconomowoc Chapter #635**. Steve is survived by his loving wife, Mary; son, Robert Charles, stepchildren Rex Harroun, Ryan (Rebecca) Harroun, Kristin Harroun, and Kasey (Peter) Saindon; siblings Wilma Burke, Robbie Dunn, Carol Ann Doctor, and stepsiblings Joyce Woodley and Thomas Woodley. Steve is also survived by his nephew John Christopher Burke, and grandchildren Jacob Harroun, Emma and Madelyn Harroun, and Sofie Saindon. He was also preceded in death by his stepbrother William Woodley. Steve's departure will be a loss for all whose lives he touched. Funeral services for Steve were held at Saint Jerome's Catholic Church in Oconomowoc on Tuesday, September 17, 2013, at 11:00 AM. Visitation for family and friends took place from 9:30 AM until the time of the service. Steve received full military honors and was laid to rest at Union Grove Veterans Memorial Cemetery at 2:00 PM directly following the funeral service.



MICHAEL G. NULL - Died Saturday, March 24, 2012 at Hospice of Northwest Ohio at the age of 63. He was a resident of Toledo, Ohio. The cause of death is unknown. He was born December 8, 1948 to the late Gordon and Irene (née Tutak) Null in Saint Louis, Missouri. Michael was a 1966 graduate of Start High School and served his country in the United States Navy from 1967-1971. From 1968-1971 he served on the USS Enterprise (CVN-65) completing two tours in the Tonkin Gulf Vietnam, and recaptured the USS Pueblo from North Korea. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Toledo Chapter #35**. Michael completed the Carpenters Apprentice Program and was employed as a Carpenter from 1972-1984. He was elected as a Carpenter's Union Local #248 Business Agent in 1984 where he proudly served for 19 years before retiring in 2003. Michael married Susan E. Duckett on March 28, 2001 in Las Vegas, Nevada. Michael will be missed by all those who knew and loved him. He is survived by his loving wife, Susan E. Null; son, Commander Gary Null, U.S. Navy Retired; stepsons, Michael and Danny Harper; grandchildren, Courtney, Andrew and Levi Null as well as Courtney and Nicholas Harper; brothers, Ronald, Thomas and Raymond Null and his sister, Karen Retzlaff. Family and friends were received on Tuesday from 2:00-8:00 PM in Neville Funeral Home, Reynolds Corners Chapel, 5052 Dorr Street in Toledo (419-535-0951) where funeral services began at the funeral home on Wednesday, March 28, 2012 with prayers at 9:00 AM and proceed to Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church for a Mass of Christian Burial at 10:00 AM. Burial was in Highland Memory Gardens. Those planning an expression of sympathy may do so to either Hospice of Northwest Ohio or to the Lucas County Humane Society.

BRIAN HAROLD O'CONNELL – Died Tuesday, July 23, 2013 in Rio Vista, California at the age of 72. The cause of death was Agent Orange-related cancer. He was born July 19, 1941 in

Tarrytown, New York. He served in the United States Army from 1964 to 1966 with a tour of duty in Vietnam from 1965 to 1966. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Carson City (Nevada) Chapter #388**.

BRADLEY A. “Brad” OEN - Died Thursday, June 6, 2013, at his residence in Wapakoneta, Ohio at the age of 63. The cause of death was diabetes mellitus II and heart disease. He was born September 26, 1949 in Lima, Ohio to the late James and Anna Eileen (née Anthony) Oen. Survivors include his stepmother, Nancy Oen, of Wapakoneta; four siblings, Kevin (Cecilia) Oen, Eric (Kimberle) Oen and Becky (Larry) Curtis, all of Wapakoneta, and Amy (Eric) Eichner, of Beavercreek; and numerous nieces, nephews, aunts and uncles. Brad retired in 2012, after 28 years of service as a rural mail carrier with the United States Postal Service. Prior to that, he had been employed at the family business, Oen Pontiac & Buick, Wapakoneta. A 1967 graduate of St. Joseph High School, he received a Bachelor of Arts degree in 1972 from Walsh College, Canton. Brad served in the United States Army and was a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church, Wapakoneta. His other memberships included **Vietnam Veterans of America – Celina Chapter #783**, Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 8445, American Legion Post 330, AMVETS Post 333, Knights of Columbus Council 1272 and Brands Lake Fishing Club, all in Wapakoneta. He sang with the Lima Beane Chorus and was a member of the Train Town Express Quartet. He took great pride in playing taps for military graveside services with the VFW and was very active with Buckeye Boys State. His hobbies included hunting, fishing, golfing, gardening and tormenting people. The Mass of Christian Burial was at 10:30 AM on Friday at Saint Joseph Catholic Church, Wapakoneta. Burial of the cremated remains was in the church cemetery, with military rites by VFW Post 8445. The family received friends from 5:00 to 8:00 PM on Thursday and 9:00 to 10:00 AM on Friday at Bayliff & Eley Funeral Home, State Route 501, Wapakoneta. Memorial contributions may be directed to the American Diabetes Association or the American Heart Association.



ROBERT LOUIS OTTO - Died Saturday, November 16, 2013 in his home in Enid, Oklahoma at the age of 83. The cause of death is unknown. He was born July 28, 1930 in Gettysburg, South Dakota and in June of 1952 he married Mary Grogan and the couple made their home in Bellflower, California where he was serving in the United States Army. They moved to Enid in 1971. After his service he went to work for Speedstar, George E. Failin Co., the Enid Public Library, and finally as a security guard at Oakwood Mall. He was a long-time member of Garriott Road Church of Christ. He was a member of the VFW. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Enid Chapter #940**. He enjoyed walking at the mall and eating ice-cream at Wal-Mart. He is survived by his daughters, Michelle Adams husband Warren, of Enid, and Cheryl Axleson of Houston, TX., his sons, Steven Otto of Wichita, and Carl Otto of Florida, 11 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren, one sister, Alice Caruthers, of Geary, OK., and numerous nieces, nephews, and cousins. He was preceded by his parents, wife Mary, sons, Robert J. Otto and Andy Otto, a daughter Anna, one sister and one great-granddaughter, Amber Briggs. The funeral service was Tuesday at 3:00 PM November 19, 2013 in the Garriott Road Church of Christ. Ray Rose officiated. Burial was in the Memorial Park Cemetery under the direction of Henninger-Hinson Funeral Home.

JERRY PARMLEY – Died Monday, October 8, 2012 in Lake Mills, Iowa at the age of 67. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on September 28, 1946. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Lake Mills Chapter #790**.

JAMES DARRELL PAYNE – Died Saturday, November 9, 2013 in Enid, Oklahoma at the age of 66. The cause of death is unknown. He was born September 11, 1947 in Fort Smith, Arkansas to the late Henry and Nellie (née George) Payne. He graduated from Junction City, Kansas High School in 1966. He retired with 22 years of service in United States Army. James was an Explosive Ordinance Disposal Specialist. He taught classes for the United States Navy Explosive Ordinance School in Indian Head, Maryland. James was awarded the Meritorious Unit Commendation (Navy), National Defense Service Medal, Armed Service Expeditionary Medal, Senior EOD Badge, Overseas Service Ribbon, Army Commendation Medal (2nd OLC), Good Conduct Medal (6th Award) and the Army Achievement Medal. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Enid Chapter #940**. Survivors include one son, Jimmy of Seattle, WA, three daughters, Judith Payne of Attleboro, MA, Christine Stewart of Sierra Vista, AZ and Catherine Payne of San Francisco, CA, and seven grandchildren. One sister, Coleen Payne of Enid, three brothers, Lawrence of Enid, Paul and his wife Kay of Durant, OK and Ralph and his wife Marge of Salt Lake City, UT. He was preceded in death by his parents and two brothers, Richard and John. A memorial service was at 2:00 PM on Wednesday November 20, 2013 in the Ladusau-Evans Funeral Chapel. The Reverend Jim Edmison officiated. Memorial contributions may be made to the Wounded Warriors with Ladusau-Evans Funeral Home custodian of the fund.

SUSAN JARDIN PERRY - Died Wednesday, September 4, 2013 at the Fort Meade VA Medical Center at the age of 81. She was a resident of Rapid City, South Dakota. The cause of death is unknown. She was born to the late Howard M. Jardin and Helen (née Cotterill) Jardin on March 15, 1932 in Chicago, Illinois. A registered nurse with a Master's degree, she was commissioned in the United States Air Force in 1965 and cared for her fellow service members at various duty stations around the world. Her service included a combat tour of duty in Vietnam. She received numerous awards based on her meritorious service including; the Vietnam Service Medal, the Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal, and the Air Force Outstanding Unit Award Medal. Susan retired from the Air Force at the rank of Major in 1977, after having been stationed at Ellsworth AFB, then decided to make Rapid City her permanent home. After the Air Force, Susan also helped many individuals in the Rapid City area when she worked for Rapid City Regional Hospital as a Psychiatric RN. She was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Rapid City Chapter #463**. Susan was intensely curious by nature and she enjoyed nonfiction books on a wide range of topics. She would often impress friends by her encyclopedic knowledge, which she happily shared in an interesting manner. Susan loved animals and rescued many cats and dogs from the shelter. She was also an avid gardener, who especially loved African violets, daffodils, and orchids. An excellent chef, Susan enjoyed reading cookbooks and friends were often treated to wonderful food that she lovingly prepared. She was extremely generous with her friends and family and also contributed to a multitude of local and national charities. Susan is survived by two nieces, Amanda C. Kaiser of Tampa, Florida and Elizabeth A. Davis of

Indianapolis, Indiana; and one nephew, David Jardin of Pennsylvania. In lieu of flowers, the family is requesting that donations be made to the Cornerstone Rescue Mission to support the veteran's programs. A visitation was held from 10:00 AM – 12:00 PM on Monday, September 9, 2013 at Kirk Funeral Home. An interment service was held following the visitation at 12:30 PM at the Black Hills National Cemetery, near Sturgis, South Dakota with Pastor Herb Cleveland officiating.

PETER A. "Bugs" PETROSKY - Died Tuesday, October 15, 2013 in his home in Ohioville, Pennsylvania with his family at his side. He was 66 years of age. The cause of death was cancer. He was born January 25, 1947 in East Liverpool, Ohio to Julia (née Melnick) Petrosky of Midland, Pennsylvania and the late Peter M. Petrosky. He retired from Allegheny Ludlum, Midland, after over 30 years, having most recently worked on the D.R.A.P. line. He spent the majority of his working years as a welder. A member of Saint Blaise Parish, he was a veteran of the United States Air Force, having served during the Vietnam War. He was currently *Vice-President and Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Beaver County Chapter #862**, a member of the Midland American Legion, the VFW, Midland, and the Midland Sportsman's Club. He was an avid outdoorsman and loved to hunt and fish. Besides his mother, he is survived by his wife of 44 years, Susan A. (née Butteri) Petrosky; two daughters, Lisa A. Petrosky, Midland; Kimberly S. (Joseph M.) Jonas, Ohioville; two sisters, Florence Weakland, Lake Orion, MI; Eleanor (Ralph) Heuer, Cabot, PA; two granddaughters, Brooke and Allison Jonas; nieces, nephews, his wife's family and many friends. Friends were received on Friday from 2:00 to 4:00 PM and 6:00 to 9:00 PM in the Schwerha-Noll Funeral Home, 600 Beaver Avenue, Midland. Friends were also received in the funeral home Saturday from 10:30 to 11:30 AM, followed by a Mass of Christian Burial at 12:00 PM at Saint Blaise, Midland, celebrated by Father Michael Yaksick. Interment with full military rites was in the Oak Grove Cemetery, Industry, Pennsylvania. Online condolences may be shared at nollfuneral.com Memorial contributions may be made, if desired, to Vietnam Veterans of America, Beaver County Chapter No. 862, Cancer Fund, 260 Brooks Drive, Beaver Falls, PA 15010.

JERALD RAYMOND "Jerry" POPEJOY - Died Sunday, November 4, 2012 at the Legacy Nursing Home in Ulysses, Kansas at the age of 69. He was a resident of Liberal, Kansas. The cause of death is unknown. He was born October 19, 1943, to the late Claude Popejoy and Irene (née Flummerfelt) Popejoy in Liberal. He married Patricia Jane Royer July 4, 1968 in Syracuse, Kansas. She preceded him in death. He graduated from Liberal High School in May 1961. After his military service in Vietnam he joined Farmland Industry's Management Training Program. He worked in several places for Farmla including Salina, Myrna, Neb., and Springfield, Colo. He was a grain accountant at Johnson Co-op/Skyland Grain Company for 34 years, retiring in 2005. He was an *At-Large Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America - Kansas**. Survivors include a daughter, Bethanie Popejoy Keating, Liberal. He was also preceded in death by his parents; one brother, Ronald Claude Popejoy; and infant twins. Funeral service was at 1:00 PM on Thursday at the First United Methodist Church in Syracuse. Burial was at Syracuse Cemetery. Friends called until 7:00 PM at Fellers Funeral Home in Syracuse. In lieu of flowers, memorials are suggested Stanton County Fire and Rescue or Kansas State Firefighters Association – Auxiliary

Scholarship Fund and may be sent in care of Fellers Funeral Home, Box 1253, Syracuse, KS 67878.



JAMES V. RANELLI, JR. - Died Sunday, June 16, 2013 at his home in East Haven, Connecticut at the age of 64. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in New Haven on September 28, 1949 to the late James V. and Margaret (née Varipapa) Ranelli, Sr. He was the husband of the late Lois (née Lombardo) Ranelli. He was a proud United States Marine veteran having served in the Vietnam War. Jim was a graduate of Albertus Magnus College, a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – East Haven Chapter #484**, the Scottish Rite of Free Masonry, and the National Rifle Association. He worked for the State of Connecticut Department of Labor and as instructor at the Prestige Gun Club. He was the brother of Bonita "Bonny" Flynn; uncle of William "Billy", and Shannon Flynn. Funeral services were held in the Iovanne Funeral Home, Inc., 11 Wooster Place, Wednesday at 5:30 pm. Burial with military honors was held Thursday at 11:00 AM in the Connecticut State Veteran's Cemetery, 317 Bow Lane, Middletown, Connecticut. Visiting hours were on Wednesday from 4:00 PM until time of services.



LOUIS GEORGE "Butch" RAPRAGER, JR. - Died Thursday, October 4, 2012 at the Muse Norris Hospice Inpatient Unit in Mason City, Iowa at the age of 65. He was a resident of Mason City. The cause of death is unknown. He was the son of the late Louis and Hazel (née Austin) Raprager was born July 19, 1947 in Menominee, Wisconsin. The family moved to Mason City where Louis attended Mason City High School. Butch enlisted in the United States Army with the 173rd Airborne Brigade in January of 1966 and was honorably discharged in January of 1972. Butch drove truck and worked in the construction business for many years in Illinois, California and North Carolina. On May 27, 1986, Louis was united in marriage to Deanna Redeker in Las Vegas, Nevada. They made their residence in Mason City for over 17 years, retiring from Uni-Select. Butch like anything that kept him busy, especially restoring his old house. He loved his aquariums and enjoyed bowling, gambling, and spending time with his family and Veteran friends. He was a lifetime member of the VFW and a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Lake Mills Chapter #790**. He is survived by his wife, Deanna; sons, Jeremy Zawlocki, Rockford, Illinois and Louis III (Felicia) Raprager, Long Beach, California; step-sons, Timothy (Tammy) Joyner, Fort Bragg, North Carolina, and Gregory (Jill) Joyner, Mason City; grandchildren, Ayla, Savannah, Nathan, Garret, Brandon, Jayden, and Austin; brothers, Herbert (Margo) Raprager, Raleigh, North Carolina, Dale (Jane) Raprager, Lexington, North Carolina, Gary Raprager, Littleton, Colorado, and Cecil Raprager, Argyle, New York; sisters, Lola Poston, Littleton, Colorado and Carma Raprager, Rockford, Illinois; mother-in-law, Ruth Redeker, Mason City; sisters-in-law, Sandy Redeker, Kathy (Wes) Loeckle and Peggy (Roy) Vega and brother-in-law, Randy Redeker all of Mason City; life time friends, Bruce (Donna) Trebil, Clear Lake and cousin, Chuck Ward, Mason City. He was preceded in death by his parents, step-son, Douglas Joyner and brother-in-law, Jim Redeker. A Celebration of Life service for Louis was held at 11:30 AM on Saturday, October 6, 2012 at Hogan Bremer Moore Colonial Chapel, 126 3rd Street NE, Mason City with Pastor Ed Bard officiating. Inurnment was at the Memorial Park Cemetery in Mason City with full military funeral honors provided by the Iowa Army National Guard Funeral Honors, Mason City Veterans, and the Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter #790 of North Iowa. A memorial visitation was held one hour prior to the

service at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be directed to the Vietnam Veterans of America, 8719 Colesville Road, Suite 100, Silver Spring, MD 20910.



ERNEST RISON, JR. - Died Tuesday, April 24, 2012 in Sierra Vista, Arizona at the age of 73. The cause of death was cancer. He lost a six-year battle with service-connected multiple myeloma cancer. He had been cared for lovingly at the VA Hospice, Tucson, Arizona since Jan. 1 2012. He was born March 24, 1939 in La Porte, Indiana to the late Ernest Rison, Sr. and Alta Rison. Ernie proudly served his country 23 years, retiring in Albuquerque, New Mexico in 1982 as a SFC in the United States Army. He was an *At-Large Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Arizona*. Ernie's survivors include his wife, Marles Rison, one daughter, Shawn Maree C' Debaca of New Mexico; two granddaughters, four great-grandchildren, mother, Alta; brother, Ben of La Porte, sister, Tawnya Dreiner of Florida, nieces and nephews. His father, Ernest Sr., niece, Rayna Rison and nephew, Hunter McCarty, preceded him in death. A memorial was scheduled at a later date at the Veterans Cemetery, Sierra Vista, Arizona with arrangements by Hatfield's. In lieu of flowers, donations in his name to the National Museum of Nuclear Science & History, 601 Eubank Blvd. SE, Albuquerque, New Mexico 87123 Attn: Charles Lowery Director of Development would be appreciated.



GARY LYNN ROBERTS - Died Friday evening December 6, 2013 in Kindred Hospital, Beaver, Pennsylvania after an extended illness. He was 68 years of age and a resident of Beaver Falls, Pennsylvania. He was born in West Mayfield, Pennsylvania on April 27, 1945 to the late Stewart and Anna (née Bender) Roberts. He was a graduate of Beaver Falls High School. He worked for many years at B&W Steel, Beaver Falls. In his second career, he became a Board Certified Hearing Specialist and worked for Beltone and Avada Hearing Centers in Beaver and other locations throughout Beaver County. He served in the United States Navy from 1966-1969, where he served as Corpsman. He was attached to the 3rd Battalion, 4th Marines and served in Vietnam, Lima Company, 1968-69. While attending to the needs of Marines in combat, he was wounded and received a Purple Heart. To his military buddies he was affectionately known as "Doc". He was married for 22 years to Karen Sipple Roberts, who passed away in 1995. Surviving are his beloved wife, Deborah Stewart Roberts, a daughter, Tracy Campbell-Hilemn, son-in-law, Doug Hilemn, of Richmond, Virginia, and two grandchildren Connor and Anna Grace Hilemn who he adored. He is also survived by his brother, Larry, and sister-in-law, Joan Roberts, of Ellenton, FL. He had numerous nieces, nephews, cousins, and close friends, who were all very special to him. Over his lifetime Gary loved to camp, hunt, fish, and was an avid and excellent cook. There will be many 'secret' recipes that will remain with Gary and be missed by all friends and family. He also managed the Beaver Creek Bluegrass Band and was involved with many bluegrass festivals. In his retired years, he and Deb spent their winters in Midway Manor, Leesburg, FL, and loved to be out on the lake, fishing for Crappie. He was an active member of the Midway Manor Social Club and had developed special friendships with many fellow "Snowbirds". He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Beaver Falls Chapter #862**, The 3rd Battalion, 4th Marine Association, the NRA, a former volunteer for Beaver Falls Meals on Wheels, and member of the Skippers Landing Boat Club, where he had spent many summers boating and cooking with the gang on the river. He was also a diehard Steeler fan. His daily email and Face Book postings will be sorely missed by all those he

corresponded with. Friends were received on Tuesday, December 10, 2013, from 4:00 until 8:00 PM and Wednesday, December 11th, from 11:00 AM until the time of funeral services at 1:00 PM, in the Huntsman Funeral Home & Cremation Services of Rochester, 502 Adams Street. Rochester, PA 15074. His special friend, the Reverend Dr. Marshall Davis, of Sandwich, New Hampshire officiated. Members of the Beaver County Special Unit gathered at the funeral home on Wednesday at 1:00 PM to provide Military Honors. There was a private entombment at the Williamsburg Mausoleum of Beaver Falls Cemetery. Memorial donations may be made to the Beaver Falls Meals on Wheels Program, 3400 5th Avenue, Beaver Falls, PA, 15010 or the Midway Manor Marina Restoration Fund, 36033 Emerald Avenue, Leesburg, FL, 34788.



JAMES DANIEL ROEDER - Died Friday April 12, 2013 at his home in Thompson, Iowa, surrounded by his family. He was 64 years of age. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on March 10, 1949 in Charles City, Iowa to the late Agnes (née O'Neill) and James Martin. Jim was the youngest of five sons. He attended Greene Community School in Greene, Iowa and graduated in 1968. He was united in marriage to Vicki Lyne Bean on July 14, 1967. To this union they had a daughter Lyne and son James. After graduation from high school, Jim enlisted in the United States Army for three years. He served one year combat service in Vietnam and finished his duty at Fort Belvoir, Virginia. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Lake Mills Chapter #790**. Jim then worked at Winnebago Industries in Forest City, Iowa as a security guard and was one of the first to train with the security dogs in the early 1970's. Later Jim returned to school at Sheldon, Iowa to become a power lineman and worked for Winnebago Rural Electric (Heartland Power) in Thompson for 23 years. Jim was also a member of the Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 790. Jim and his wife Vicki enjoyed traveling and spending winters in Somerville, Texas as volunteers for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers. Jim enjoyed fishing and spending time with his family. He was very proud of his children and grandchildren. Left to cherish his memory is his wife Vicki, daughter Lyne Roeder (Scott Sevley) of Thompson, son Jim (Darcy) Roeder of Buffalo Center; grandchildren: Kristen, Brittany, Jamie, Samantha, William, and Robert; and great-grandsons Axl and Lincoln; brothers Gary Roeder of Nashua and Thomas (Mary) Roeder of Springfield MO; special nephew Bruce Roeder of Springfield, MO; and aunts and uncles. Jim was preceded in death by his parents, stepfathers Herman Roeder and Glenn O'Neill, brothers John and Bruce Roeder, brother-in-law Donald Bean, and a niece Brenda Roeder-Franklin. A memorial service was held at 2:00 PM on Saturday, April 20 at Bethany Lutheran Church in Thompson with Pastor Bill Peake officiating. Visitation was one hour prior to the service at the church. Burial was to be at a later date.

E. M. ROSS – Died Saturday, October 12, 2013 in Lebanon, Oregon at the age of 74. The cause of death is unknown. He was born September 15, 1939. He was a member of **Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America – Albany Chapter #585**.



PAUL V. RUH II - Died Sunday May 26, 2013 in Elgin, South Carolina at the age of 69. The cause of death was a massive aneurysm. He was born in Ohio on June 20, 1943. Paul was a Wounded Vietnam Veteran who served 2 tours in Vietnam and was awarded multiple Purple Hearts. He served in

the United States Marine Corps for 13 years and retired as CW2 after serving 7 years in the United States Army. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Columbia Chapter #303**, Military Order of the Purple Heart, Military Vehicle Collectors of SC, Echo Co. 2/3 USMC and Marine Corps League. Paul had worked for Liebert in Delaware, Ohio and retired from Blue Cross Blue Shield after 15 years. Paul earned his Bachelor's Degree from Capital University and Master's Degree from National University. He loved drinking beer, eating ice cream, swimming, traveling and running marathons, especially the Greek Marathon. He truly loved his country and was very patriotic. Paul is survived by his loving wife, Sandra (Meeker); son, Paul Victor Ruh III (Twila); daughter, Kasi Paquette (Jamie); step-daughter, Dorrinda Fenstermaker (Scott); step-son, Robert Meeker; 12 grandchildren; 2 great-grandchildren; brother, Jerrold Ruh; sisters, Judy Ruh, Sandy Coffman; loving aunt, Marla Jean Rife; and pets, Diva and Kiera. In Lieu of flowers, please make donations to the Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 303.



ROBERT RUDOLPH SCHAEFER - Died Monday, November 11, 2013 in Praha, Texas at the age of 66. The cause of death was the result of a farm tractor accident. He was born in Shiner, Texas to the late Lester C. and Ludmila (née Jalufka) Schaefer on January 26, 1947. He grew up in Lavaca and Fayette Counties helping out around the farm, fishing, and hunting. Robert graduated from Flatonia High School in 1965. On February 1, 1966 Robert joined the United States Army and served in Vietnam as a Huey combat helicopter crew chief and door gunner. During his military service Robert received the National Defense Service Medal, Vietnam Service Medal with Bronze Star, Vietnam Campaign Medal, 1 O/S Bar, Aircraft Crewman Badge and the Air Medal w/ Numeral 2. He was Honorably Discharged on January 31, 1969. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Schulenburg Chapter #870**. He married Helen Vrana on May 18, 1974, and since that date, you never saw one without the other. They hunted, fished, and raised cattle together and were also known to go on a trail ride or two. Robert was a lifetime member of the Vietnam Helicopter Crew Members Association and with his wife Helen, attended 25 annual meetings in many different states. He was a truck driver for Smith Farms and now Cal-Maine for over 40 years. He is preceded in death by his parents, Lester and Ludmila Schaefer; three brothers, James, Joseph, and Michael; and two sister-in-laws, Dorothy Schaefer and Julie Schaefer. He is survived by wife Helen Vrana Schaefer of Flatonia; three brothers, Lawrence L. Schaefer of Corpus Christi, Eugene E. Schaefer and wife Sharon of Flatonia, and Patrick P. Schaefer of Flatonia; and numerous nieces and nephews. Visitation was held at 5:00 PM on Thursday, November 14, 2013 at Smith Funeral Home Chapel. Rosary was recited at 6:00 PM Friday, November 15, 2013 at Saint Mary's Catholic Church in Praha. Funeral services were held on Saturday, November 16, 2013 at 10:00 AM at Saint Mary's Catholic Church in Praha with Reverend Father Gabriel Maison as the celebrant. Burial was in Saint Mary's Catholic cemetery in Praha. Pallbearers were Ken Stryk, Chris Schaefer, Jared Vrana, David Schaefer, Eric Viktorin, Jeff Schaefer, Randy Vrana, and Felix Ramirez. Smith Funeral Home in Flatonia was in charge of arrangements.



WARREN ROBERT SCHULTZ, JR. - Died Friday, November 15, 2013 at Saint Clare Hospice House in Baraboo, Wisconsin at the age of 65. He was a resident of Lake Delton, Wisconsin. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on November 21, 1947 in Baraboo, Wisconsin and lived with his parents, Warren and Millie Schultz

on the Arthur and Minnie Schultz farm on Hwy 12 in Lake Delton. Warren's parents built and moved to the Del Rancho Motel in the early 1950s. Next Warren's parents built the Henny Penny Restaurant where Warren became an excellent breakfast cook and the family moved to a cottage on Lake Delton. After graduating in 1965 from Wisconsin Dells High School, Warren attended UW-LaCrosse and Madison Business College. He served in the United States Army for almost three years with a tour in Vietnam. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Adams Chapter #729**. On June 19, 1971 he married Susan Milbauer at Saint John's Lutheran Church in Marion, Wisconsin. Next Warren studied real estate at Madison Area Technical College. For almost five years, Warren and Susan lived in Glenwood Springs, Colorado where their daughter, Jennifer, was born. In 1978 they returned to the Wisconsin Dells area where Warren joined his parents and brother in the newly formed IN Realty Real Estate Company. After several years in real estate sales, Warren worked as a real estate appraiser. Warren enjoyed visits of grandchildren and traveling with Susan to 48 states and parts of Canada on their Goldwing motorcycle. Warren also enjoyed shooting guns and reloading shells. Warren was a member of the Wisconsin Dells American Legion and Viet Nam Vets. Warren was preceded in death by his parents, Warren & Millie (née Knutson) Schultz. He is survived by his wife, Susan, of Lake Delton; daughter, Jennifer (Randy) Hurlebaus, grandsons, Zachary and Luke Hurlebaus of Waunakee; and brother, Dave (Pat) Schultz of Lake Delton. Funeral services were held Monday, November 18, 2013 at 2:00 P.M. at the Picha Funeral Home in Lake Delton with Pastor Brent Bickel officiating. Burial was at the Lake Delton Village Cemetery. Visitation was held at the funeral home on Monday from 11:00 AM until the time of the service at 2:00 PM. In lieu of flowers memorial donations may be directed to the St. Clare Hospice House



JOSEPH PETER SCHWAB - Died Sunday, November 3, 2013 at Muse Norris Hospice Inpatient Unit in Mason City, Iowa at the age of 70. He was a resident of Mason City and formerly of Osage, Iowa. The cause of death was squamous cell lung cancer. He was born on January 15, 1943, in Osage, Iowa, to the late Adolph and Jean (née Adams) Schwab. Joe had two brothers (his best friends) David (Kathleen) and Bob (Audrey) as well as sisters Pat and Sandra. He graduated from Saint Ansgar High School in 1962 and joined the United States Marine Corps. Joe served in the Vietnam War. He returned to St. Ansgar as a proud veteran and graduated from Waterloo Barber School in Waterloo, Iowa. Joe was a supervisor of Chrysler Assembly Plant in Belvedere, Illinois. He also owned and ran JP's Barber Shop for many years and continued to cut hair until two months prior to his death. He was an active member of many organizations including a lifetime member of Osage V.F.W. Post 7920, Marine Corps Association, St. Ansgar American Legion Post 358, a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Lake Mills Chapter #790**, Knights of Columbus 3rd degree member of Council 4308, Disabled American Veterans, and Marine Corps Association and Foundation. Joe was also a very active member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church of Osage. Joe was married to Marilyn Gragert on June 2, 2000, in Charles City, Iowa. Joe enjoyed spending every moment with the love of his life, his Honey Bunches, Marilyn, whether it was traveling to Las Vegas or enjoying their back patio with a glass of wine and friends. Although they enjoyed only 16 years of companionship, they acted as newlyweds every day. He had many loves in his life, including his beloved Chicago Bears and Iowa Hawkeyes. He enjoyed farming with Monty and Terry and keeping a very meticulous yard and garden. He

spent time doing carpentry and socializing through his profession of being a barber. Joe's blue eyes always twinkled for his three little granddaughters, Sydney, Alexa, and Lila. Joe was greeted in heaven by his parents, Adolph and Jean Schwab as well as his nephew, Ron Rodemaker. Joe is survived by his loving wife, Marilyn, and five children: Anita Schwab, Jill Schwab, John Paul (Kristi) Jones, Matthew (Valerie) Jones, and Lucas (Meleah) Jones, as well as five grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. A Memorial Mass was celebrated at 11:00 AM on Thursday, November 7, 2013, at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Osage with Father Raymond Burkle officiating. A flag presentation by St. Ansgar American Legion Post 358 and Osage V.F.W. Post 7920 took place at the church. There was a gathering of family and friends from 5:00 to 8:00 PM on Wednesday at the Champion-Buchheit Funeral Home in Osage with a rosary at 5:30 PM. Inurnment with military honors at the grave was at the Iowa Veterans Cemetery in Van Meter, Iowa. A special thank you to the VA Clinic Staff of Mason City for all of your "Hi Joe!"s and love and support of Marilyn. Additional thanks go to Hospice nurse Angela, Dr. Weissinger, Sue Porter, Mark the oxygen guy, Dr. Vemula and nurse Kelsey from the Cancer Center, Dr. Ross and staff, Dr. Tesar, Lisa and Father Neil of Epiphany Parish. Goodbye dear friends: Dudley, Carol, Glenda, Rhea, Schurtzi, Jim Johns, John Lacoste, Jim Butler, Mike Woodhouse and next-door neighbor Ron. Semper Fi, David and Anchors Away, Bob. Girls, I love you, Anita and Jill. John, Matt and Luke- keep my football chair warm. I will love you forever and ever, my wife, Marilyn.

THOMAS W. "Snack-Time" SEEGER - Died Friday, September 13, 2013 in North Cape May, New Jersey at the age of 58. He was a lifelong Cape May area resident. The cause of death is unknown. He was born October 6, 1954 in Cape May, New Jersey to the late George J. Seeger, Jr. and his mother Doris M Seeger. In addition to his parents, he is also predeceased by his brother George J Seeger III. He leaves behind his wife of 38 years Delores (Dolly); daughter Jennifer (her best friend Christopher Jones, who Tom thought of as a son); best friend and riding buddy Rick Brown; sister Patricia (Walter) Yerkes of Rogersville, TN; and his dogs Heidi and Mo-Jo. He will be sadly missed by his co-workers at Bally's Park Place Casino where Tom worked in General Maintenance. He was previously employed by the Claridge Casino Hotel. Tom volunteered for and was a member of **Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America – North Cape May Chapter #602** on bingo nights where he made many friends. He was a member of the Red, White, and Blue Freedom Riders. Tom enjoyed riding for Charity Rides and desert rides year round. He would help anyone at the drop of a hat, never being too busy to lend a hand, a tool, an ear, or advice. He was a great neighbor and a great friend. There was a funeral service at 5:00 PM on Wednesday, September 18, 2013 at the Evoy Funeral Home, 3218 Bayshore Road, North Cape May, NJ 08204; where friends were received from 4:00 to 5:00 PM. Interment was private. The family suggests donations in Tom's memory to Vietnam Veteran of America - Chapter #602, PO Box 908 North Cape May, NJ 08204. To share condolences, please visit www.evoyfuneralhome.com.

MICHAEL L. SHAHAN - Died Monday, February 11, 2013 in Fertile, Iowa at the age of 68. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on February 20, 1945. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Lake Mills Chapter #790**.

NEIL BRUCE SHANGOLD - Died Friday, August 20, 2010 in Arrey, New Mexico, formerly from Easton, Connecticut. He was 62 years of age. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on April 29, 1948. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – San Diego (California) Chapter #472**.



CARROLL VAUGHN SINGLETON - Died Wednesday morning, October 30, 2013 at the Charles George VA Center in Asheville, North Carolina at the age of 66. He was a resident of Sylva, North Carolina. The cause of death is unknown. He was born November 13, 1946 in Haywood County, North Carolina to the late William E. and Anna (née Ray) Singleton. He was a member of White Oak Baptist Church. Carroll loved the outdoors, going hunting and fishing, planting flowers and trees but more than anything he loved helping and giving to others no matter what the need. Carroll served in the United States Army with 3 tours in Vietnam. He received the Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal with 60 Device - CIB Medals, Army Commendation Medal, National Defense Service Medal, 3 Bronze Stars with 2 Oak Leaf Clusters, Vietnam Service Medal, Expert Qualification Badge with Rifle Bar, 2 Good Conduct Medals, Vietnam Cross of Gallantry with Palm and 3 Overseas Service Bars. He attained the rank of Sergeant in December 1970. Carroll was very proud to have served his country and be a Veteran. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Clyde Chapter #980**. He was preceded in death by a brother Charles and sisters Jackie and Vickie. He is survived by a sister- Judy Singleton of Sylva Niece- Vicki Finn and her husband Ian and very special great niece McKinley Finn all of Lakeland, Fla. He had a special little friend whom he loved, his dog Willis. Military Graveside Services were held at 10:00 AM on Saturday November 2nd, at the Green Hill Cemetery in Waynesville conducted by Waynesville VFW 5202. In lieu of flowers donations can be made in Carroll's name to the Hospice Fund / Charles George VAMC, 1100 Tunnel Road, Asheville, NC 28805.

ROBERT S. SMITH – Died recently I 2013 died in Palmdale, California at the age of 69. The cause of death is unknown. He was born October 2, 1943. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Canyon Country Chapter #355**.



BETTY E. SNIPES - Died Saturday, April 20, 2013 in Council Bluffs, Iowa at the age of 72. Her death resulted from a fall. She was born in Council Bluffs on July 12, 1940 to the late Lawrence "Roy" and Dorleta (née Benson) Richards and graduated from Thomas Jefferson High School in 1958. Betty worked as a Telephone Operator and later at Western Electric and was a lifetime member of the VFW and a member of the Eagles #104. She was a member of **Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America – Glenwood Chapter #798**. She is preceded in death by her parents, husband Herbert, in 2001; brother, Charles "Bud" Richards; sisters Bertha Dixon, Mary Ellen Brooks, Paula Rablin and Patricia Griffeth. Survivors include daughter, Connie Cain (Jim Butler); son, Brian Settell (Julie) all, Council Bluffs; 6 grandchildren, 10 great grandchildren; step son, Richard Snipes (Deb), of Omaha, Neb.; sisters, Diana and Tyann Richards; nieces and nephews. Visitation was on Thursday from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM. Funeral services were on Friday at 11:00 AM all at Cutler-O'Neill-Meyer-Woodring Bayliss Park Chapel. Interment was at the Memorial Park Cemetery followed by a luncheon at the Walnut Hill Reception Center.



DANA RICHARD SPENCER - Died Monday, October 28, 2013 in Blacksburg, Virginia at the age of 72. The cause of death was complications of blunt force injuries of the neck when he fell out of bed and hit the metal mattress frame. He was born in Rochester, New York on December 22, 1940 to the late R. Milford and Frances Vivian (née Bateman) Spencer, of Spencerport, New York. Dana and his wife, Marilyn (née Sanderson) Spencer, his one and only love, celebrated 50 years of marriage in September of this year. He is also survived by three children, Dawn (Dr. Thomas) Eberhardt, of Alexandria, La., Dana Ehren (Amy) Spencer, of N. Easton, Mass., and Sarah (SSG Eric) Compton, of Christiansburg; five dearly loved grandchildren, Emily and Elizabeth Eberhardt, Maizie and Emmaline Compton, and Finn Spencer; as well as his sister, Vivian (Edward) Miller, of Orlando, Fla.; and several nieces, nephews, and cousins. Dr. Spencer graduated from the Rochester Institute of Technology (B.S., 1962), Hudson River State Hospital Dietetic Internship (R.D., 1963), Purdue University (MS, 1969), Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University (PhD., 1977), and Radford University (B.S., Anthropology), 1996). He was a United States Air Force Captain who served his country during the Vietnam Era (1964 to 1972). He was an *At-Large Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Virginia**. He later served as Assistant Administrator at Columbia Memorial Hospital, Hudson, N.Y.; and taught food business management at Appalachian State University and Radford University. He was a private consultant in many nursing homes in Southwest Virginia. Dr. Spencer belonged to the Society of the Descendants of the Founders of Hartford; The General Society of Mayflower Descendants; Society of Palatines to America; Cory Society; Bartlett Society; Life Member of the Burroughs Audubon Nature Club of Rochester, N.Y.; The Retired Officers Association; Retired Air Force Dietitian Association; Life Member Vietnam Veterans of America, Inc.; Freedom From Religion Foundation; Fellow of the American Dietetic Association; Life Member Hospitality Society, Rochester Institute of Technology, where he was awarded the Sarah Margaret Gilliam Award in 1992, the highest honor in his field; and Pi Gamma Mu Honor Society. After his retirement, he enjoyed gardening, computer research, genealogy, gourmet cooking, and educational classes. At Dr. Spencer's request, his cremains will be interred in Fairfield Cemetery, Spencerport, NY, beside his infant son, Daniel Richard Spencer. The family will celebrate his life in a private service at a later date in New York. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations to the Spondylitis Association of America, P.O. Box 5872, Sherman Oaks, CA 91413, or the American Heart Association.

ROY M. SPERLING - Died Wednesday, July 31, 2013 in Fair Lawn, New Jersey at the age of 68. He was formerly from Leicester, North Carolina. The cause of death is unknown. He was born January 10, 1945. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Hicksville (New York)**. A Graveside service was at 11:00 AM on Sunday, August 4, 2013 at the Beth El Cemetery, Paramus, New Jersey. Arrangements were made by Louis Suburban Chapel, Fair Lawn, New Jersey.



CHARLES BARTON "Bob" SPERRY – Died Wednesday, October 16, 2013 in Reno, Nevada at the age of 80. He was killed in a bank while trying to prevent a thief from holding up the bank. He served in the

United States Marine Corps during Vietnam and retired at the rank of Major. He was a member and past-President of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Reno Chapter #989**.



EARL LEE STOLLE - Died Saturday, October 26, 2013 in La Grange, Texas at the age of 65. The cause of death was cancer. He was born on July 5, 1948 in La Grange, Texas, to the late Leroy Stolle and Leona (née Werland) Stolle, La Grange. He married Judy Kristoff on August 1, 1970 at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in La Grange, Texas. He served his country in the United States Navy as a Naval Seabee.

During this time he served one year in Vietnam and one year in Guantanamo Bay, Cuba. Earl was a member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church, the Masonic Lodge, the Veterans of Foreign Wars and a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Schulenburg Chapter #870**. Earl was retired from the City of Houston Traffic and Transportation Division. Earl had many hobbies and was very clever at building and inventing new things. He enjoyed working on his property, taking care of his cattle, fishing, hunting and most of all he was so proud of his '62 Chevrolet Super Sport. Earl is survived by his wife of 43 years, Judy (née Kristoff) Stolle of La Grange; two sons Steven and Matthew of Spring, Texas; mother, Leona Stolle of La Grange; sister, Mary Ann Harrison and husband Jim of Los Alamos, New Mexico; mother-in-law, Veronica Kristoff of La Grange; three brothers-in-law, Glen, Doug, and Kenneth Kristoff and wife Susan, all of La Grange. Numerous nieces, nephews, cousins and a host of friends also survive. Memorial contributions may be made to Brazos Valley Hospice; Sacred Heart Church; La Grange Baseball Association or to the charity of one's choice. Earl was preceded in death by his father, Leroy Stolle and father-in-law, Emil Kristoff. Visitation was from 2:00 PM until 7:00 PM with a rosary that followed at 7:00 P.M. on Monday, October 28, 2013 at Fayette Memorial Funeral Home and Tuesday, October 29, 2013 from 8:00 AM until service time. Funeral services were Tuesday, October 29, 2013, at 11:00 AM at Fayette Memorial Funeral Home, with Deacon John McCourt officiating. Interment was in the La Grange City Cemetery.



THOMAS C. UTTS – Died Monday, November 4, 2013 in Angeles City, Philippines at the age of 74. The cause of death was multiple organ failure. He was born April 10, 1939. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War having served in both the United States Marine Corps and the United States Air Force. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Angeles City Chapter #887**.



DANIEL C. "Dan" VETOVITZ - Died Saturday, September 28, 2013 in Medina Ohio at the age of 66. The cause of death was cancer. He was born in Parma, Ohio on January 14, 1947 to the late William and Mertice Vetovitz. Dan honorably served his country in the United States Army in the 101st Army Airborne during Vietnam where he was awarded the Bronze Star. He was a member and former chaplain of Medina VFW Post 5137 and a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Medina Chapter #385**. Once Dan returned home from Vietnam he worked as a stone mason for many years. During his last working years Dan drove for Suburban Transportation, where he enjoyed helping special needs children. Dan is survived by his beloved wife of 15 years Yvonne; children Laura (Trent) Doak and Scott (Julie) Peto; grandchildren Ian and Christopher; brothers Bill (Johanna) and Vernon Vetovitz; he is also survived by many nieces and nephews. A family and friends

tribute was held Wednesday October 2 at 7:00 PM (Please bring your memories of Dan) at Waite and Son Funeral Home, 765 North Court Street, Medina, where family received friends on Wednesday one hour prior to Dan's tribute from 6:00 to 7:00 PM. A private family interment was held with military honors at the Ohio Western Reserve National Cemetery.

D. WAHLERT – Died Friday, November 22, 2013 in Rock Springs, Texas at the age of 67. The cause of death is unknown. He was born October 31, 1946. He is survived by his daughter. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was an *At-Large Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Texas**.



SHARON MARIE WALTON – Died Tuesday, November 18, 2013 in Baltimore, Maryland at the age of 58. The cause of death is unknown. She was born August 15, 1955. She was a *Life Member* of **Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America – Baltimore Chapter #451**. Visitation was on Saturday November 23, 2013 from 3:00-5:00 & 7:00-9:00 PM. The funeral service was on Saturday November 23, 2013 at 8:00 PM at the Connelly Funeral Home of Dundalk P.A. in Baltimore.



GEORGE FRANKLIN WARCH, JR. – Died Friday, December 20, 2013 at Newport Hospital in Newport, Rhode Island. He was a resident of Middletown, Rhode Island and died at the age of 69. The cause of death was pancreatic cancer and sepsis. He was born December 3, 1944 in Baltimore, Maryland to the late George Franklin Warch, Sr. and Mary Agnes (née Dwyer) Warch. He was the husband of Sherrill (née Proctor) Warch who will have celebrated their 47th wedding anniversary next month. In addition to his wife, he is survived by his children, John Warch of Dillingham, AK and Kathleen Warch of Ocala, FL; his family and friends, his grandchildren, Matthew and Alex Warch of Middletown, RI, Adam Warch of Ocala, FL, Nayla, Patrick and Arieanna Warch of Dillingham, AK, and Jillian Frost of Corpus Christie, TX; his niece Karen Paul of Lima, OH, several nephews and cousins; his sister-in-law, Betty Warch of Glen Burnie, MD; his brothers-in-law, Richard and Spencer Proctor of Baltimore, MD; and his dear friends, Stephen Bodwell and John Lyba. He was the brother of the late John Warch and Janet Brown. He was a 22-year member of the United States Navy retiring in 1985 as a Senior Chief Yeoman. Serving on various ships, he was a member of the staff of the Commander of the Sixth Fleet in Gaeta, Italy. Following his retirement from the Navy, he worked as a Personnel Manager at the Newport Naval Hospital from 1986 until 1993. He was a member of Disabled American Veterans. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – James Michael Ray Memorial (North Smithfield) Chapter #818**. He was currently the President of the Rhode Island Prime Timers. George enjoyed fishing, searching for light houses and spending time with his grandchildren. Visitation hours were from 2:00 PM to 5:00 PM on Sunday, December 29th at Memorial Funeral Home, 375 Broadway, Newport, Rhode Island. The funeral service was on Monday, December 30th at 11:00 AM at Channing Memorial Unitarian Universalist Church, 135 Pelham Street, Newport, Rhode Island. Interment with full military honors was at the Rhode Island State Veterans Cemetery in Exeter, Rhode Island at 1:00 PM on December 30th.

ROBERT WEBBER, SR. - Died Monday, October 28, 2013 at his home in Layton, New Jersey at the age of 66. The cause of death was lymphoma and complications from diabetes mellitus – type II. He was born in Dover, New Jersey. Mr. Webber honorably served our country in the United States Army from 1966 to 1969 in Pleiku, Vietnam, during the TET Offensive with the 584th Combat Engineers. He was the recipient of two Bronze Stars. Mr. Webber was a heavy equipment operator for 47 years. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America Vernon Chapter #1002**. Mr. Webber also was a member of the Newton VFW Memorial Post No. 5360 and American Legion Riders Post No. 157. Mr. Webber was predeceased by his father, Robert John Webber, in 1990, and his mother, Frances (née Hart) Webber, in 2006. He is survived by his wife of 46 years, Jacqueline (Bennett) Webber; two sons, Robert John Webber, and Gary Robert Webber Jr. and his wife, Kim (Scarpone) Webber; and two grandchildren, Gary Robert Webber III and Brooke Marie Webber. Arrangements were private and under the direction of Smith-McCracken Funeral Home, 63 High St., Newton. Memorial donations may be made to the NNJVMC Inc. (Northern New Jersey Veterans Memorial Cemetery), P.O. Box 1628, McAfee, NJ 07428.

EDWARD A. WEEKS – Died on Wednesday, September 25, 2013 in Ville Platte, Louisiana at the age of 71. He was born on December 5, 1941 in Connecticut. The cause of death is unknown. He served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America –Ville Platte Chapter #632**.

DONALD R. WILLIAMSON, JR. – Died recently in Silsbee, Texas. The cause of death is unknown. He was a member of **Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America – Beaumont Chapter #292**.

W. WALT WILSON – Died recently in 2013 in Media, Pennsylvania at the age of 63. The cause of death is unknown. He was born March 29, 1950. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Media Chapter #590**.

ROBERT T. WOJTOWICZ - Died Sunday, November 10, 2013 at Haven Hospice Custead Care Center in Florida at the age of 68. He was a resident of Orange Park, Florida. The cause of death was heart failure. He was born in Toledo, Ohio on August 27, 1945 to the late William and Geraldine Wojtowicz. He lived much of his life in Michigan and New York. In his lifetime he was known affectionately by many names; Wojo, Ski, Bob, Bobby, Dad, Grandpa, and Pops. Robert enjoyed watching football, Nascar, and baseball and cheering for his favorite teams, the Detroit Lions, the Michigan Wolverines, and the Detroit Tigers. After serving in the United States Navy he spent some time driving trucks. Robert spent the majority of his working career at National Gypsum, retiring after 28 years at which time he moved to Florida to live out the rest of his life with his son and family. Robert was a proud American and a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Orange Park Chapter #1059**. In his spare time he enjoyed collecting model and toy automobiles, playing horseshoes, watching old western movies, and having a cold beer. Robert is preceded in death by his parents, William and Geraldine Wojtowicz, his brother James Wojtowicz, and his sister Judy McMullen. He is survived by his son, Christopher (Emilie) Wojtowicz of Orange Park, FL and his brother, Richard (Alta) Wojtowicz, of Haslett, Michigan. Robert was a very loving and proud grandfather of four granddaughters Christin,

Carlie, Haley, and Mara, and two grandsons, Donnie and Cameron. He is also survived many loving nieces, nephews, and extended family. Robert was a loving father, grandfather, brother, uncle, and friend to all. We would like to thank Haven Hospice of Orange Park for their loving care and support during a very difficult time.

WILLIAM RUSSELL WRIGHT - Died Saturday, March 6, 2010 in Memphis, Tennessee at the age of 61. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Memphis on October 4, 1948 and later moved to Port Angeles, WA where he resided for four years before returning to Memphis after his mother's death and lived with his paternal grandparents until his father remarried. He attended Sherwood and Messick Elementary, Colonial Jr. High and graduated from Overton High School in 1966. He enlisted in the United States Marine Corps in 1967, served in Vietnam from 1968-1969 and was honorably discharged in 1971. He attended Memphis State University and graduated with a BFA in painting in 1978. Mr. Wright worked for a silk-screen T-shirt company, ran a printing press at WKNO TV, was an art director for a fiber-optic sign company, worked at Art Center Supply, at later worked for FedEx Express as a technical illustrator, transferring to the Communications department where he developed web pages and e-mail announcements for FedEx management. He was a lifetime member of the Federation of Fly Fishers, Mid-South Fly Fishers, (MSFF 2000 Fly Tyer of the Year, MSFF 2006 Special Recognition Award, MSFF 2009 Life-Time Achievement Award), a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Memphis Chapter #875**, Disabled American Veterans. He was a member of the First Marine Division Association, Webmaster for Mid-South Fly Fishers and VVA Chapter 875. He is preceded in death by his parents, William Herschel Wright, Jr. and Fay Lucille (Russell) Wright and his younger brother Terry Lee Wright. He is survived by three aunts, Ruby Page, Margaret Nerren and Thelma Wright; and two uncles, Bob Wright and Terry Wright. The family received friends from 2:00-3:00 PM on Sunday, March 28, 2010 at High Point Funeral Chapel with a memorial service following at 3:00 PM. The family requests in lieu of flowers, that donations be made to the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund.



JERRY T. YATES - Died Friday, October 18, 2013 at the Clarissa C. Cook Hospice House in Bettendorf, Iowa at the age of 65. He was a resident of Milan, Illinois. The cause of death was cancer. He was born in Rock Island, Illinois on November 4, 1947 to the late Cecil L. Yates and Viola Lady Yates. Jerry worked as a truck driver for X-Pac, Milan until the time of his death. He enjoyed driving semi-trucks and spending time with his family and friends. Jerry was a United States Army veteran, serving two tours of duty in Vietnam. During his time in Vietnam he was awarded the Silver Star Medal and the Purple Heart Medal. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Rock Island Chapter #299**. Survivors include his mother, Viola Yates; spouse, Margie (née Yates) Johnson; daughter, Tracy (Clay "Boo") Anderson; five grandchildren; one great grandson; a brother, Larry (Gladys) Yates; sister-in-law, Linda Yates; several nieces and nephews; special friends, Bud White and Bonnie Cruzen. Jerry was preceded in death by his father, Cecil; a brother, Cecil Wayne Yates; and a niece, Heather Yates. Services for Mr. Yates were at 11:00 AM on Wednesday at Wheelan-Pressly Funeral Home, 201-East 4th Avenue, Milan. Visitation were two hours prior to the service at the funeral home. Burial was in Greenview Memorial Gardens, East Moline, where military honors were conducted by the Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter

#299. In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to the Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter No. 299.

ELDER JAMES E. YEARY, JR. – Died Tuesday, October 29, 2013, at Claiborne County Hospital in Tazewell, Tennessee at the age of 69. He was a resident of Tazewell. The cause of death was Agent Orange-related cancer. He was born January 13, 1944, in Hamblen County, Tennessee. James joined church at an early age in Mt. Herman Baptist Church in Harrogate, TN and was later ordained as a minister at 2nd Baptist Church in Clarksville, TN. He graduated in 1963 from Burt High School in Clarksville, TN. He served in the United States Army from 1963 to 1966 during the Vietnam era. He worked at the TVA in Cumberland City, TN and UPS in Hodgkins, Ill. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Russellville Chapter #1073**. James was preceded in death by his loving parents, Rev. James E. and Kathelene Yeary. He is survived by his “pumpkin” Belinda Faye Yeary of Tazewell; son, James Lamont Yeary of Aurora, Ill.; step-daughter, Kristi (Robert Joe) Green of Harrogate, TN; grandson, Jaylan Green; brother, Aaron V. (Lynette) Yeary, Sr., of Aurora, Ill.; sister, Glenna O. (Gerald) Minard of Nashville; Brenda (Carlton) Sheffield of San Antonio, TX; and a host of nieces and nephews. The family received friends from 12:00 PM to 1:00 PM on Sunday, November 3, 2013, at Abundant Life Church, followed by the funeral service at 1:00 PM. Interment was at Yeary Cemetery in Lowland. Dockery Funeral Home, Inc. was in charge of arrangements.

NORBERT ZIZAS – Died Tuesday, June 14, 2011 in Deptford, New Jersey at the age of 66. The cause of death was leukemia and lymphoma. He was born in Germany on April 2, 1945. A wonderful and carefree gentleman, Norbert was born in Germany and grew up in South Philly. He proudly served in the United States Army defending our freedom during the Vietnam War. Norbert's pride of his country and fascination with trains, planes and submarines led Norbert and Mabel to many museums throughout the country. He recently retired as a van driver for the Underwood Behavioral Children's' Center. Norbert's warm smile, infectious laughter and generous spirit will be missed by countless. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Mays Landing Chapter #825**. Beloved husband to Mable (née Moore); Devoted father of Christine Snyder, Robert Zizas and Mia Zizas; Adoring grandfather of eight; Dear brother of Gene Zizas and Henry Zizas; Loving canine companion of Frosty. Visitation was on Saturday from 9:00-11:00 AM in the McGuinness Funeral Home, 34 Hunter Street, Woodbury; Funeral Ceremony was at 11:00 AM; Interment was in the Eglington Cemetery, Clarksboro, New Jersey. In lieu of flowers donations may be made in his name to the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society, 216 Haddon Avenue, Suite #328, Westmont, NJ 08108.



JUDITH KAY “Judy” ZOTTNECK – Died Friday, October 19, 2012 in Dimondale, Michigan at the age of 70. The cause of death is unknown. She was born January 15, 1942 in Crawfordsville, Montgomery County, Indiana. Burial was in the Fort Custer National Cemetery in Augusta, Kalamazoo County, Michigan. Judy was part of the Coffee Club - a group of women and their husbands, all of whom enjoyed gathering

over a cup of coffee, or two, and sharing details about their lives, most especially their children. Judy is a proud United States Army veteran and she leaves behind her loving husband, Leo, and their children and grandchildren, all of whom were the pride of her life. She was a member of **Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America – Marine City Chapter #284.**

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

FATHER PHILIP G. SALOIS, M.S.

National Chaplain