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ERIC C. ADAMS - Died Friday, September 26, 2014 at Duke Raleigh Hospital in Raleigh, North Carolina at the age of 67. He was a resident of Raleigh and formerly of Jay, New York. The cause of death is unknown. He was born to the late Ralph and Alice (née McDonald) Adams of Jay, New York on September 10, 1947. He received his early education in a two-room school house in Jay and graduated in

1965 from AuSable Forks High School, Au Sable Forks, NY. Upon graduating Eric volunteered to serve his country in the United States Army. He was first trained as a Construction Engineer at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri, then at Fort Riley, Kansas trained in carpentry. He served the next 13 months in Vietnam. Upon his return from Vietnam he married Elaine Furnia, his high school sweetheart, on July 29, 1967. He was a retired maintenance mechanic with Cornell University. Eric was an active member of Northside Community Church in Knightdale, NC and until his health declined assumed many roles as usher, greeter, janitor and painter. He was always willing to help wherever he was needed. He was an *At-Large Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – North Carolina**. Eric leaves behind his mother Alice Adams of Plattsburg; wife, Elaine; daughters: Carrie (Jay) of Lake Royale, Jaime (Scott) Rose of Wendell and son Eric (Tami) of Gatlinburg, TN; grandchildren: Breanna and Garrett Bassett, Karl Golden, Brennen and Liam Rose; brother, Ralph Adams of Jay, NY; sister, Madeline (Gary) Senecal of Peru, NY. He was a beloved brother-in-law and uncle to many. A memorial service took place at Northside Community Church, 621 North First Avenue, Knightdale, NC on Tuesday, September 30, 2014 at 2:00 PM.

<u>J. LARRY ALDERFER</u> – Died recently in 2014 in Dallas, Georgia at the age of 69. The cause of death is unknown. He was born November 4, 1945. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Richlandtown (***Pennsylvania***) Chapter #468**. He is survived by his wife, Mary.

ROY DAVID ARIAN – Died Tuesday, November 13, 2012 in Enid, Oklahoma at the age of 68. The cause of death is unknown. He was born November 20, 1943. He was predeceased by his wife, Martha Joan (née Rider) Arian who died in 2011. He served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War and retired at the rank of Chief Warrant Officer 3. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Enid Chapter #940**. He is interred in the A. J Powell Memorial Cemetery in Osage County, Oklahoma.



<u>RONNIE EDWARD LEE ARTHUR</u> - Died Monday, October 6, 2014 peacefully at home in Cleveland, Tennessee at the age of 67. The cause of death was arteriosclerotic

cardiovascular disease. He was born on February 15, 1947 in Old Speck's Hospital in Cleveland to the late E.W. (Little Man) Arthur and Marcella (née Gibson) Hensley. He lived in Cleveland until he was in the sixth grade and moved to Jersey City, New Jersey where he finished school and then entered the United States Army. Ronnie entered the United States Army September 12, 1966. After his induction at Fort Dix, N.J. he was sent to Fort Louis, WA for basic training. He completed A.I.T. at Fort Gordon, GA and then went to Fort Benning for Jump School for army airborne training. In March 1967 he was sent to Vietnam and was assigned to Company B, 1st Battalion (Airborne), 503d Infantry, 173rd Airborne. In October 1967 the 173rd, a backing support group that set the blocking force, was at the battle of Pleiku (Hill 875) which was a major battle. On March 16, 1968 he was in Tuy Hoa where he was injured and lost his left leg after being hit with an enemy grenade. He was medically retired from service July 11, 1968. During his time in the service, Ronnie received the following medals; Bronze Star with "V" Device, Purple Heart, Army Commendation Medal, Bronze Star for Heroism, National Defense Medal and the Republic of Vietnam Service Medal. Ronnie went to work at Cleveland Chair Company in 1970 and worked there for 14 years. He worked 19 years at Westvaco until their closure in 2003. He received the Governor's Handicapped Worker-of-the-Year Award for the State of Tennessee on November 14, 1974. He was ordained a Baptist deacon at New Hope Missionary Baptist Church in October 1981. He helped establish United Missionary Baptist Church and later Eagle's Landing Worship Center in Cleveland. In May 1991 Ronnie Arthur, Frank Cole and Bob Meeks set out to start a local VVA Chapter. Ronnie became the charter President, Bob Meeks became the charter Vice President and Frank Cole became the charter Secretary. Ronnie spent many years working for veteran's benefits. He was a Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Cleveland Chapter #596. He was preceded in death by his sister Joanne Arthur Suits; his brother, Stephen Arthur and his sister, Billie Thacker. He is survived by his wife of 44 years, Cathey (Miller) Arthur; daughter and son-in-law, Kelly Arthur Hall and husband, Brandon; son, Matthew Aaron Arthur and granddaughter, Curtiss Grace Hall; step-mother, Rolley Arthur; sisters and brothers-in-law, Carla and Rene` Adams, Sherry and Michael Johnson, Pam and Budgie Whitner; brother Warren H. (Butch) Arthur; brothers in law, Robert Suits and Buddy Miller; sisters-in-law, Louise Miller, Patricia Sipe, Charlotte Sipe, Carolyn and Bill Payne. Several nieces and nephews as well as many other family members and friends are left to cherish his memory. Memorial services were held at 7:00 PM on Friday, October 10, 2014 in the chapel of Grissom-Serenity Funeral Home with the Reverend Daniel Carlton officiating. Inurnment was held in Arlington National Cemetery. The family received friends from 4:00 – 7:00 PM on Friday at the funeral home prior to the service.



BILLIE LEE AUBRY, JR. - Died Wednesday, October 24, 2014 in North Las Vegas, Nevada at the age of 68. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Mount Clemens, Michigan on May 20, 1946 to the late Billie Lee Aubry, Sr. He married Linda on May 13, 1972 in Bad Axe, Michigan. He served in the United States Marine Corps from 25 June 1964 to 23 June 1967 with a tour of duty in Vietnam. He was a Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Las Vegas Chapter #17.



JULIANN LAUREE BAILEY - Died Monday, September 1, 2014 surrounded by her loving family in her home in Apple Valley, Minnesota. She was 65 years of age. She courageously fought cancer for 13 years with determination, faith, and support that came from her family and friends' unconditional love. She was born March 3, 1949 in Hutchinson, Minnesota to the late Roland and Fern (née Smith) Mattsfield. Juli worked for 20 years as a National Service Officer for Vietnam Veterans of America, serving numerous Vietnam Veterans along with many other Veterans. To Juli, all of "Her Veterans" were her family as well as her "Brothers". She was a *Life Member* of **Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America – Apple Valley Chapter #363**. She is survived by her husband David, son Clifton (Heather) Bailey, daughter Lauree (Adam) Smith, grandchildren Katelyn, Tyler, Liam, Tarryn, and Elizabeth, sister Jolene Mattsfield, brothers Wes and Wayne (Chris) Mattsfield, along with aunts, uncles and cousins in the Hutchinson MN area. Memorial Services were held at 1:00 PM on Monday, September 8th at the Henry W. Anderson Mortuary, 14850 Garrett Avenue, Apple Valley, with a gathering of family and friends beginning at 12:00 Noon. Inurnment was at 2:30 PM in Fort Snelling National Cemetery, Minneapolis, Minnesota with a luncheon immediately following at the Richfield Legion Post #435, 6501 Portland Avenue S., Minneapolis, Minnesota.



<u>GLENDON GENE BATES</u> -Died at 7:15 AM, Tuesday, September 23, 2014 at St. Elizabeth Health Center, Boardman Campus, following a recent illness. He was 79 years of age and a resident of Salem, Ohio and former of Lisbon, Ohio. The cause of death is unknown. He was born August 12, 1935 in Lisbon to the late Paul Bates and the late Helen J. (née Gillespie) Rouse. Gene was a proud career United

States Army Veteran, having served in both the Korean Conflict and Vietnam War. He retired as a Sergeant First Class (E-7), and was awarded the Bronze Star Medal for meritorious achievement in ground operations against hostile forces and the Air Medal for meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight while serving as an observer on a Huey chopper in Vietnam. He had spent 13 years overseas. From 1978 to 1982, he had worked as a custodian at Lisbon David Anderson High School. Gene had then volunteered from 1990 to 1998 at the Veteran's Outreach Center and had driven the DAV van for 7 years. Gene was a member of the Beaver Street Church of Christ; the Wilfred J. Clunk, VFW Post #4111; U.S. Retired Organization; a life member of the Disabled American Veterans; and the Salem AMVETS. He was a Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Lisbon Chapter #40. Gene also served for 13 years with the East Clementon Volunteer Fire Department of Clementon, New Jersey. He is survived by his wife of 52 years, Eleanor (Bevan) Bates, whom he married April 7, 1962; daughter, Brenda M. (Ron) Bryarly of Lisbon; sons, John G. (Deborah) Bates of Williamstown, New Jersey and Brian J. Bates of Salem; grandchildren, Ryan J. Bates and Morgan B. Bates, both of Williamstown, New Jersey; and step grandson, Daniel Moncilovich, also of Williamstown. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his cousin, Martha Faye Dickey. Funeral services were held at 11:00 AM on Friday, September 26, 2014 at the Eells-Leggett-Stauffer Funeral Home with Pastor Ashley McMillin of the Elkton United Methodist Church officiating. Burial with full military honors were at the Lisbon Cemetery. Friends called from 5:00-8:00 PM on Thursday at the funeral home. The family suggests memorial contributions to the Disabled American Veterans at www.dav.org.



JOSEPH F. "Joey" BAUSCH - Died Saturday, August 30, 2014 in Spring Hill, Florida

at the age of 68. The cause of death is unknown. He was born December 30, 1945. He was a Vietnam Veteran in the United States Army. He was an *At-Large Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Florida**. Joey was a past member of the Desert Rodders Car Club in Southern Utah. He was also a member of the DAV. Joey is survived by his loving wife of 32 years, Rise, three sisters, Margaret, Mildred and Linda all of New Jersey, a very special nephew Patrick and many other nieces and nephews and lots of friends. Visitation was held on Friday September 5th from 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM at 280 Mariner Boulevard. Services were at 4:00 PM in the Brewer Chapel with Military Honors.



CALVIN GEORGE "Bunk" BERDEN, JR. - Died suddenly Thursday evening, December 11, 2014 at McLaren Northern Michigan in Petoskey, Michigan at the age of 65. He was a resident of Cheboygan, Michigan. The cause of death is unknown. A lifelong resident of Cheboygan, Bunk was born August 30, 1949 in Cheboygan to the late Calvin George, Sr. and Gloria (née O'Connor) Berden. He served in the United States

Navy from 1967-1970 and on October 21, 1972 in Cheboygan, he married Deborah "Debbie" LaHaie. Bunk had been employed as a carpenter, and most recently as a truck driver, retiring in 2005. He was a Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Cheboygan Chapter #274. Surviving are his wife, Debbie, three children, Lisa (boyfriend, Marshal Dillon) Berden of Bloomfield Hills, Sean (Corey) Berden of Indian River, and Theresa "George" Berden of Hillman; two grandchildren, Regan and Kendall; two brothers, Joe Berden of Cheboygan, and Jack (Kim) Berden of Florida, and sister Tammy Stead, also of Cheboygan, and many nieces, nephews and a large extended family. Often described as "crunchy on the outside, soft on the inside", Bunk was a colorful character known for his expressive vocabulary, feisty personality, and his generosity and big heart. His children remember him as a strict parent, but one who taught them the importance of giving to others, no matter how little you may have. He also taught them to work hard for your dreams. His granddaughters knew him as their "Papa" who would tease them mercilessly, save gold coins for them, and sneak them chocolate. He will be greatly missed. Funeral services were held on Tuesday, December 16, 2014 at 1:00 PM, with visitation beginning at Noon at the Nordman-Christian Funeral Home with the Reverend Gary Fenlon, officiating. Memorials may be made to the Cheboygan Youth Center. Online condolences may be made at www.stonefuneralhomeinc.com.



DARYL AVERY BEST - Died Friday, October 3, 2014 In West Fargo, North Dakota, after a brief battle with cancer at the Veterans Affairs Medical Center, Fargo. He was 67 years of age. He was born December 1, 1946 in Oakes, North Dakota to the late Arthur and Gladys (née Wickwire) Best. He entered the United States Navy in August 1964 and served on the USS Franklin D. Roosevelt CVA-42. He was based in

Mayport, Florida, traveling to 14 different countries during the Vietnam War. Daryl was honorably discharged from the U.S. Navy in November 1967. Upon his discharge, he moved to Minneapolis and attended Brown Institute and received a degree in radio announcing. In 1970, he joined the Pipefitters Local Union 338 and was a licensed pipefitter/welder for 36 years. Daryl married Lora Jane Reiland in 1968. He married Janice Peters in 1978. They lived in Devils Lake, before moving to Zap, where he worked on the construction of the gasification plant in Beulah. They moved to West Fargo in 1986. He retired in 2006. Daryl was an active and life

member of the West Fargo VFW Post 7564. He held many offices in the Post, including Post Commander, Cooties Seam Squirrel, State VFW Commander and Color Guard Commander. He was also a life member of the AMVETS. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Fargo Chapter #941**. Over the years Daryl enjoyed hunting, fishing, bowling Nascar races and especially his grandchildren. In addition to his parent, he was also predeceased by his infant daughter; his sister, Cleone Martin; his brothers, Richard Fiala and Larry Best; and his nephew, Matthew Best. Daryl is survived by his daughter, Sara (Mark) Guinan; his sons, Joseph (Maggie Vazquez) Best and Michael (Ashley) Best; his grandchildren, Liam and Olivia Guinan and Kash and Creighton Best; his best friend of 38 years, Janice; and many nieces and nephews. Memorial services were held at 2:00 PM on Monday, October 6th at West Funeral Home & Life Tribute Center, West Fargo, with visitation from 1:00 to 2:00 PM. Interment was at the North Dakota Veterans Cemetery, Mandan, North Dakota. In lieu of flowers, memorials are preferred to the North Dakota Veterans Cemetery in Mandan.



GARLAND E. BOWDEN - Died Sunday, October 26, 2014 at his home in Clinton, Michigan under the care of Hospice with his loving family at his side. He was 75 years of age. The cause of death is unknown. He was born October 20, 1939 in Meadow Bridge, West Virginia to the late Daniel C. and Martha M. (née Miller) Bowden. He married Patricia Ann Rowbottom on April 24, 1964 in Ypsilanti, Michigan and she survives. Garland was employed as a Machine Operator at

General Motors for over 30 years. He was a veteran of the National Guard, a member of the Clinton American Legion, Post #176. He was a *Life Member* of **Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America – Ann Arbor Chapter #375**. In addition to his wife Patricia, he is survived by his son William "Danny" (Teri) Bowden of Clinton; his daughter Dawn M. Bowden of Clinton; sister Meatsy Lemon of Virginia Beach, VA; grandchildren Christina Bowden-Rodriguez, Derick Kaufman, and Samantha Bowden; great grandchildren Joshua Kaufman, Benjamin Rodriguez, and Jonathan Kaufman. He was also preceded in death by his grandson Benjamin Bowden. Visitation was from 5:00–8:00 PM on Thursday, October 30th at the Clinton Chapel of Handler Funeral Homes. Interment was private and took place at Riverside Cemetery.

JOSEPH DANIEL BRADLEY - Died Friday, November 21, 2014 in Morristown, Tennessee at the age of 68. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Knoxville, Tennessee on August 29, 1946 to the late Earl M. and Nellie Bradley. He was a member of Panther Springs United Methodist Church; a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Russellville Chapter #1073**; and served his country proudly in Vietnam having obtained the rank of SGT, in the United States Marine Corps. He is survived by his wife, Janie Bradley; son, Todd (Brittany) Bradley; daughter, Sara (Aaron) Smith; granddaughters, Caroline Bradley, Isabel Smith, and Olivia Smith; and a host of family and friends. The family received friends from 5:00-7:00 PM on Monday, November 24, 2014 at Mayes Family Services, West Chapel, Tennessee and the funeral following at 7:00 PM with the Reverend Danny Hensley officiating. Family and friends met at Bethesda Cemetery Tuesday, November 25, 2014 for an 11:00 AM military graveside service. Arrangements were made by Mayes Family Services of Morristown, West Chapel, Tennessee.



ALBERT LYNN "Bear" BRANEFF, SR. - Died Monday, December 8, 2014 at his residence in Mauriceville, Texas at the age of 70. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on September 19, 1944 in DeQuincy, Louisiana to the late Elma Christine (née Howard) Braneff and Simon Braneff. He was a resident of

Mauriceville, Texas and native of Starks, Louisiana. Bear worked as a Heavy Equipment Operator in the Oil & Gas Industry and he served his country honorably in the United States Army during the Vietnam War. Bear was a member of the Silver Oaks Baptist Church in Mauriceville, a lifetime member Veterans of Foreign War Post 2775 in Orange where he served as the Post Commander for three consecutive years, and was a Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Orange Chapter #348 where he served as President for one year. Bear was very much a people person who never met a stranger; he enjoyed tinkering with cars, especially his 1967 Shelby Cobra which he enjoyed cruising in parades. Bear is preceded in death by his parents, Simon and Christine; one sister, Margaret Ruth Wales; one sister-in-law Annette Frueh Braneff; three nephews, Larry Wesley Wales, Philip and Shon Holden Braneff; and one niece, Wanda Dean Wales Trahan and his granddaughter, Angel Kellie Albarado. Those who will most cherish his memory: his son, Albert Lynn Braneff, Jr.; his daughters, Chantell Lynn Braneff Hoyt of Mauriceville, TX, Cynthia Kellie Braneff and fiancé, Chad Blanchard of Houma, LA and Jolie Ann Braneff LaRose of Katy, TX; his brothers, Simon Eugene Braneff of Starks, LA, Larry Ray Braneff and wife, Rebecca of Starks, Ronald Lee Braneff of Hearne, TX, and Prentiss Holden Braneff of Starks; his sister, Christina Rose Braneff Felice and husband, William of Starks; his grandchildren, Kyle Levi Braneff, Gabrielle Lynne LaRose, Kathryn Aimée McElroy, Christine Kellie and Cullin Paul Blanchard, Garrett Levi LaRose, Gavin Lee LaRose and Cade Paul Blanchard. Bear is also survived by numerous members of his extended family and friends. Graveside Services with Military Honors to honor Bear's life were at 11:00 AM on Friday, December 12, 2014 at the Clark Cemetery in Starks, Louisiana. Officiating was the Reverend Ed Rawls, pastor of the Silver Oaks Baptist Church in Mauriceville. The procession to the cemetery departed Dorman Funeral Home at 10:00 AM. A gathering of Bear's family and friends for a time of reflection was from 5:00 PM until 9:00 PM on Thursday at Dorman Funeral Home in Orange. Condolences may be expressed for the family at www.dormanfuneralhome.com.



DONALD C. "Sarge" BRANFORD - Died Saturday, October 18, 2014 at Carington Park surrounded in love by his family. He was 85 years of age and a resident of Geneva, Ohio. The cause of death is unknown. The son of James F. and Flossie I. (née Allen) Branford, he was born on April 23, 1929 in Ashtabula, Ohio. He was a member of the Geneva Church of Christ of Geneva. A proud Veteran of the United States Army, Don served his country for twenty three years prior to his retirement

with the rank of Sergeant First Class; Don was the recipient of two Bronze Stars. Don was one of the few soldiers who served in three wars, WW II, Korea and Viet Nam. He was a life member of the VFW of Geneva Post #6846, a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Ashtabula Chapter #231**, and Military Order of the Cootie, Retired Enlisted Association, 193rd Airborne Association, and the American Legion, Post #124. He was also the Chaplain for the VFW and American Legion where he recently received Chaplain of the year honors. Don also belonged to the Fraternal Order of Eagles, Loyal Order of Moose, and was an active member of the Masonic Service Organization. Don will be remembered for his duty to his country, his unwavering

patriotism, his work ethic, which passed on to his children and grandchildren. Most of all his love of family will be the most treasured memory in the hearts of those he loved. Don is survived by his wife, Linda Branford, whom he married on April 3, 2004 of Geneva; his children, Terry Rita (John) Wheeler of Madison and Donald Branford of Willoughby; his step-children, James (Cathy) Bradbury, David Bradbury, and Jonathan (Crystal) Bradbury, all of Geneva; grandchildren, Ryan (Katrina) Branford and Erika (Paul) Bates, Jamie Bradbury, Karlie Bradbury, Shayla Brewster, Christian Bradbury, and Trevor Bradbury; great-grandchildren, Ian Bates, Kirsten Bates, Landon Bates, and one small Bates Baby on the way, Kayla Branford, Lauren Branford, Sebastian Branford, and Carson Brewster; and his brother, Cecil Branford of Florida. He was preceded in death by the mother of his children, Gertrud Elizabeth Branford; his sisters, Evelyn Holden and Clara Schimmel; and his parents. A Memorial Service celebrating the life of Donald C. "Sarge" Branford was held at 2:00 PM on Wednesday, October 22nd, at the Geneva Church of Christ, 1007 South Broadway, Geneva, with Pastor Paul Brunsman presiding.

JOSEPH MICHAEL "Mike" BRENNAN – Died Sunday, September 28, 2014 at the Douglas T. Jacobson State Veteran Home in Port Charlotte, Florida at the age of 67. The cause of death is unknown. He was born September 29, 1946 to the late Joseph S. Brennan and Laura Frances (née Heman) Brennan. He served in the United States Air Force during the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Fort Myers Chapter #594**. He is survived by his son and daughter-in-law, Jason and Amy Brennan and their children, Georgia and Lane Brennan; his daughter, Jennifer Brennan; his sister and brother-in-law, Betty and Julius Sanders; two nieces and their husbands, Tracey and Joe Moulton and Tricia and Billy Boone, and; his nephew Hayden Sanders. Memorial services were private.



ARISTICLE BROUSSARD – Died Friday, August 22, 2014 in Youngsville, Louisiana at the age of 77. The cause of death was amyotrophic lateral sclerosis or Lou Gehrig's disease. He was born July 11, 1937 in Baldwin, Louisiana. He served in the United States Army with two tours in Vietnam from November 4, 1967 to December 11, 1968 and July 1, 1971 to April 20, 1972 and retired at the rank of Chief Warrant

Officer 2. He was an *At-Large Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Louisiana**. Funeral Services were held on Saturday, August 23, 2014, at an 11:00 AM with a Mass of Christian Burial in Delhomme Chapel of the Flowers in Lafayette. A Private Graveside Service was held at Sacred Heart Mausoleum in Baldwin, LA. Reverend Bill Melancon, Pastor of Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church in Erath, will be the Celebrant of the Funeral Mass. Visitation was held in Delhomme Funeral Home on Friday, August 22, 2014 from 4:00 PM to 8:00 PM. Visiting hours were on Saturday from 9:00 AM until the time of service. Pallbearers were Alan Broussard, Mitch Masterson, Drake Masterson, Troy Naquin, Larry Derouen, and Tom Chong.

JOHN J. CALO (USA, SFC-Ret.) - Died Wednesday, May 14, 2014 in Naples, Florida at the age of 69. He was a resident of Rochester, New Hampshire. He fought a courageous 6-month battle with Lung Cancer. He was born in Lynn, Massachusetts on January 27, 1945 to the late Guilliomo and Margaret Calo. He spent 20 years in the United States Army retiring in 1982. He served in Vietnam, Korea and many other places. John met his wife Joan while they were stationed together in Belgium. They married August 10, 1978 in Copenhagen, Denmark. They

were married for 35 years. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Concord** (*New Hampshire*) Chapter #41.



JOSEPH C. CARLOS – Died Monday, August 11, 2014 in Trenton, Michigan and formerly of Melvindale, Michigan at the age of 66. The cause of death is unknown. He was born April 30, 1948 in Wyandotte, Michigan to the late Zenaydo and Martha (née Salinas) Carlos. He was the beloved husband of 20 years to Rhonda; loving dad of Mandy Carlos (Bill Flood), the late Chad, Nicole

(Jay) Carbagal and Vince Behm; proud papa of Tyler, Vincent, Aaron, Jaelyn, Peyton and Joslyn; dearest brother of Maria (Michael) Stathakis; also survived by other loving family and friends. He will be missed by his granddogs, Brutus, Kruzer and Bandit. He proudly served his country in the United States Army during Vietnam. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Dearborn Chapter #267**. Joe and Rhonda were married on July 28, 1994 at Myrtle Beach and he was a retiree of Ford Motor Company. He loved Trenton High School Hockey and was an avid golfer; he also loved fishing in the gulf and going bike riding. Memorial contributions may be made to Disabled American Veterans.



DONALD G. CELESKI – Died Wednesday, May 14, 2014 in Dearborn, Michigan at the age of 66. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on October 29, 1947 In Detroit, Michigan to Irene and the late George Celeski. He served in the United States Navy with a tour in Vietnam from 1966 to 1967. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Dearborn Chapter #267**. He was the loving husband of Janet M. Celeski; dear father of Cristy Rankin, Nicholas (Vicki) and

Andrew (Robin); brother of the late Michael (Corky); Grandfather of Cecilia, Alaina, Jack, Ella, Niklas, Ryann and Luciano; Stepfather to Mathew Smith, and; also survived by Nancy Celeski, Robert Rankin and Lucas Bolssens and several nieces and nephews. The Funeral was at 11:00 AM on Friday at the Dearborn Chapel of the Howe-Peterson Funeral Home, 22546 Michigan Avenue. Visitation was from 1:00-9:00 PM on Thursday.



DR. JOSEPH A. "Jojo" CICONTE, D.D.S. (USA, LTC-Ret.) - Died suddenly on Saturday, October 25, 2014 while attending his 50th Dental School reunion in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania at the age of 75. He was born December 28, 1938 in Wilmington, Delaware to the late Josephine (née Abbie) and Joseph J. Ciconte. He attended the Sacred Heart School, Salesianum High School (class of 1956) and then LaSalle College.

Later he graduated from the University of Pittsburgh Dental School in 1964. Thereafter, he began a long and distinguished military career in the United States Army retiring at the rank of Lieutenant Colonel (O-5). His first assignment was in Panama where he met the love of his life Edilma (Edy) Blaitry. They were married in 1966 and were seldom apart other than his tour of duty in Vietnam. As a result of his service in Vietnam he was awarded the Bronze Star and the Purple Heart for wounds sustained in a Viet Cong attack on the 6th Convalescent Center at Cam Ranh Bay in August, 1969. Upon his return to the U.S., Joe was stationed at Walter Reed Army Hospital where he completed a 2-year residency in his chosen specialty, Prosthodontics. Joe and Edy spent 25 years in the Army which became their second family. They were stationed at many posts throughout the US and Germany. Until his death Joe remained close to numerous members of his Army "family". They enjoyed worldwide traveling and the many adventures

that came with it. He once entered an arena in front of thousands in Central America to engage in a bullfight. Lt. Colonel Ciconte retired from the Army as Dental Clinic Chief at Ft. Dix, NJ and was awarded the prestigious Legion of Merit, a military decoration that is awarded for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services and achievements. Following his Army retirement in 1989, Lt. Colonel Ciconte practiced his specialty in New Jersey and for a time as a contract dentist to the Delaware prison system. He retired from private practice 8 years ago. He was a member of Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America – Bordentown Chapter #899. Every family has a favorite uncle and "uncle JoJo" was clearly that individual to his numerous nieces, nephews and their children. Everyone looked forward to his visits especially during the holidays. He had a mischievous smile that lit up the room whenever he entered. He will be greatly missed by his family and childhood friends from 8th and Rodney Streets in Wilmington. In addition to Edy, his loving wife of 48 years, Joe is survived by his sister Anita Dauphin (Charles), his brother Edward (Diane) and several nieces and nephews. A Memorial Mass was held on Friday November 7th at 11:00 AM at Sacred Heart Church, 260 High Street, Mount Holly. Interment was with full military honors in Brigadier General William C. Doyle's Veterans Memorial Home, Arneytown New Jersey. Arrangements were made with Ed Kaelin III at the Lee Funeral Home, Mount Holly, New Jersey.

<u>CHARLES RUBLE CLEVENGER</u> – Died Tuesday, September 16, 2014 in Morristown, Tennessee at the age of 65. He was formerly of Newport, Tennessee. The cause of death is unknown. He was born December 16, 1948 in Newport to the late Holland and Elizabeth Clevenger. He was a veteran of the United States Army and served in the Vietnam War. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America** – **Morristown Chapter #1073**. He is survived by his wife Molly; daughters Lisa Clevenger and children Dakota Moore, Riley Woods, and Aizen Ramsey; and Melia Bolin and children Raelyn Bolin and Braedon Hall; stepson Toby and wife Jennie and grandchildren Mekenzie, Linnea, and Riley; four brothers, one sister, one nephew, one nieces, and a host of cousins too numerous to mention. A graveside service was held on Friday, September 19, 2014 at Resthaven Memorial Gardens. The receiving of friends was from 1:00–2:00 PM prior to the funeral at 2:00 PM. Fielden Funeral Home, New Market was in charge of the arrangements.



<u>CHRISTIAN ADAM "Bear" COPELAND</u> - Died Friday, October 3, 2014 in Austin, Texas at the age of 74. The cause of death was Alzheimer's disease. He was born May 24, 1940 in Columbus, Ohio to the late William Harold Copeland and Hattie Mildred (née Spangler) Copeland. He served in the United States Air Force during

the Vietnam War. He also served in the United States Coast Guard. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Bastrop Chapter #915**. He is survived by his wife, Laura. A funeral service was held at 10:00 AM on Friday, October 10, 2014 at the Harrell Funeral Home, 4435 Frontier Trail, Austin, Texas. A graveside service was held at 2:30 PM Friday at Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery, San Antonio, Texas.



<u>BILL GENE COX</u> - Died Monday November 10, 2014 in Hixson, Tennessee at the age of 79. The cause of death was dementia with Parkinson's disease. He was born in Chattanooga, Tennessee on March 1, 1935 to the late W.C. Cox and Lula (née Lawson)

Cox. He was a veteran of the Korean War. He was a member of the Hixson United Methodist Church. He was a Past Master of Volunteer Masonic Lodge #549. He was a past Commander of Alhambra Shrine Legion of Honor. Bill is a member of the VFW 4848, Hixson OES#310 and was a Life Member of Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America – Chattanooga Chapter #203. In addition to his parents, he was also predeceased by his sister, Evelyn Kibble and his brothers, LeBron, Jimmy and Fred Cox. He is survived by his wife of 40 years, CJ (née Leamon) Cox; sister, Linda (Frank) Price; nieces, Donna (Mark) Scott, Adrienne (Steve) Romines, Ingrid (Patrick) Boyd; nephews, Donald (Tammy) Kibble, Darwin Kibble, Jack (CarolAnn) Quarles, Erik (Catrinia) Leamon; several great-nieces and nephews. The family received friends on Thursday, November 13 from 11:00 AM-1:00 PM at the Chattanooga Funeral Home-North Chapel. A masonic service was conducted at 1:00 PM on Thursday in the funeral parlor. Graveside services for Bill were conducted at 1:30 PM on Thursday, November 13 at Hamilton Memorial Gardens with Reverend Paul Longmire officiating, with full military honors to be conducted by the Vietnam Veterans Chapter #203. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made in Bill's name to the Alhambra Shrine Transportation Fund, 1000 Alhambra Drive, Chattanooga, TN 37421, Shrine Hospital, 1900 Richmond Road, Lexington, KY 40502, or to Hospice of Chattanooga, 4411 Oakwood Drive, Chattanooga, TN 37416. Special thanks to Kim Walker caregivers and Hospice of Chattanooga. Arrangements were by the Chattanooga Funeral Home Crematory and Florist, North Chapel, Highway 153, Hixson, TN 37343. Please share your thoughts and memories at www.ChattanoogaNorthChapel.com.



WILLIAM P. "Bill" CRANE - Died Thursday, October 9, 2014 at The Villages, Florida at the age of 79. The cause of death was complications from diabetes mellitus. He was born on December 5, 1934 in Old Forge, Pennsylvania to the late John and Jean Crane. Bill graduated from Scranton Technical High School with the Class of

1952. He was a Warrant Officer in the United States Army proudly serving his country for twenty one years. After retirement, he worked in civil service at Fort Benning, GA for seventeen years. Bill moved to The Villages in 1999 from Georgia. He was a member of Saint Theresa Catholic Church, Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #8083, a Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Oxford Chapter #1036, American Legion Post #347, DAV, Fraternal Order of the Eagles, and the Elks Lodge. He also served on the VFW #8083 Honor Guard. Bill is survived by his wife, Josie Crane, The Villages, FL; son, Robert Crane, Alabaster, AL; two daughters, Corine Broadway, Sterling, VA and Valerie Casteel, Columbus, GA; three step-sons, Joseph Varaksa, Charlottesville, VA; Anthony Varaksa, Lake Ariel, PA; Alex Varaksa, Throop, PA; two stepdaughters, Toni Marie Myers, Throop, PA; Lenore Corey, Huntsville, AL; sixteen grandchildren, eight great grandchildren and all of his special golf partners. A Mass of Christian Burial was held on November 3, 2014 at 11:00 AM at Saint Theresa Catholic Church, Belleview, FL. Inurnment was in Fairview Memorial Park, Elmhurst, Pennsylvania at a later date. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Hospice for The Villagers, the American Diabetes Association, or the American Heart Association. To leave a memory of Bill for his family, please visit www.BaldwinCremation.com. Arrangements were made by the Baldwin Brothers Cremation Society.

TODD MICHAEL CHRISTIAN - Died Thursday, December 4, 2014 in Cheboygan, Michigan at the age of 73. The cause of death is unknown. He was born August 27, 1941 in Cheboygan and adopted by Napolean and Anne (née Fisher) Christian. He graduated from Cheboygan High School and married the former Sandra Brzys. He was drafted into the United States Army, serving during the Vietnam War. Todd furthered his education at the University of Detroit and received his mortuary license at North Central College Milwaukee Mortuary School. Todd owned and operated Christian Funeral Home in Cheboygan for 32 years. He was past president of Cheboygan Hospital, a member of the VFW Cheboygan Post and the Knights of Columbus having served as Grand Knight. He was a Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America -Cheboygan Chapter #274. Todd had a fascination for antique cars and owned old trucks and hot rods which he enjoyed driving the grandchildren around. He enjoyed working on hit and miss engines of his collection. On a weekly basis he and his friend George would get together for an intense game of cribbage. Todd traveled to France to attend the University of France following retirement to earn a degree in French. Todd will be lovingly remembered by his wife of 50 years, Sandy; son, Scott (Angela) Christian of Grand Haven, MI; grandchildren, Abigail, Ben and Skylar Christian; sisters, Nancy Horn of Rogers City, Anne Kupusta, Barbara Williams of New Jersey; sister-in-law, Delores Scoggins of Ann Arbor; many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by 4 brothers and 3 sisters. The Mass of Christian Burial was at 12:00 Noon on Saturday, December 6, 2014 at St. Mary's/St. Charles Catholic Church with Father Craig Haider officiating. Interment was in Calvary Cemetery. Relatives and friends met with the family one hour prior to the service at the church. Memorial contributions may be made to the Vietnam Veterans or Cheboygan Humane Society. Please visit www.klaassenfuneralhome.com to sign Todd's online guest book or share a memory with his family. Arrangements were made by Klaassen Family Funeral Home.

JAMES F. CULLEN (USA, COL-Ret.) – Died Tuesday, October 21, 2014 in Bonsall, California at the age of 80. The cause of death was Alzheimer's disease, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease and Agent Orange-related CLL (*Leukemia*). He is survived by his daughter, Kristi Davis of Escondido, California. He served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War and retired at the rank of Colonel (O-6). He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – San Diego Chapter #472**.

<u>NANCY A. DARINGER</u> – Died Sunday, August 15, 2010 in Kansas City, Missouri at the age of 60. The cause of death is unknown. She was born January 3, 1950. She was a *Life Member* of **Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America – Lee's Summit Chapter #243**.



WILLIAM C. DAVIDSON - Died Wednesday, October 1, 2014 at his home in New Haven, Connecticut at the age of 72. The cause of death was from complications of Parkinson's disease and ALS. He was born in Rutland, Vermont on January 27, 1942 to the late R. John Davidson and Bertha (née Morehouse) Davidson. Bill attended school in Center Rutland, graduated from Rutland High School in 1960, and from the

University of Vermont in 1964 with a Bachelor Degree in Economics. Having completed the ROTC program at UVM, he fulfilled his military obligation in the United States Army by serving in Vietnam from February 1967 to February 1968 as a Forward Observer and Artillery Officer. After his return from Vietnam, Bill began a successful career as a stockbroker at Francis I.

DuPont. He was with the same firm until he retired from Smith-Barney in 2002. Bill was a wonderful husband, dad, uncle and friend. He loved skiing with his sons at Mad River and coaching their Little League and Babe Ruth baseball teams. He loved his time spent on the golf course and at deer camp with his friends. Sports were an important part of Bill's life. He played baseball and football for Rutland High School and football for the University of Vermont. He was a Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America - Bradford (Vermont) Chapter #926. He was a longtime member of the Middlebury College Golf Course. Bill lived an active life with Parkinson's disease, continuing to ski, play golf and do Pilates until he was diagnosed with ALS. He faced this new challenge with the same courage, determination and good natured humor as he faced his previous challenges. Although ALS slowly imprisoned his body, ALS never touched his spirit. He was blessed with family, friends and caregivers who accompanied him on this journey. Bill was predeceased by his parents; sister, Lora Ann Munukka; and his identical twin, Robert N. Davidson. He is survived by his wife and friend of 46 years, Candy; sons, Andrew O. Davidson of Oakland Park, Fla., and Brian M. Davidson of Beach Lake, Pa.; grandson, Blake M. Davidson of Scranton, Pa.; and several much-loved nieces and nephews. Bill and his family were thankful for the benefits he received from the Veterans Administration, first for Parkinson's as a result of Agent Orange, and then for ALS. They are also thankful for his years of care from his Parkinson's neurologist Dr. Hamill, the doctors and staff at ALS Clinic at FAHC, and the Spinal Injury Clinic at the White River Veterans Hospital, and John Stansbury of Paralyzed Veterans of America. The family is grateful for his caregivers and the aides and nurses from Addison County Home Health and Hospice. They made it possible for Bill to stay in his home until his death. They became his friends. Relatives and friends were invited to attend a Celebration of Life for Bill at the Kirk Alumni Center at the Middlebury College Golf Course, Middlebury, on Wednesday, October 29, 2014 from 3:00 to 5:00 PM. There was a graveside burial for the immediate family at an earlier time. Assisting the family is the Brown-McClay Funeral Home, Bristol. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Bill's name to Addison County Home Health and Hospice, PO Box 754, Middlebury, VT 05753; or the New Haven Volunteer Fire Department, PO Box 120, New Haven, VT 05472.

JOHN THOMAS DAVIS - Died Friday, October 10, 2014 in Rutherford, New Jersey at the age of 72. The cause of death is unknown. He served his country proudly in the United States Army during Vietnam. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Bergen County Chapter #800**, Little Ferry, and the American Legion Post #109, Rutherford. He was the beloved husband of Carol (née Zdrojeski) Davis, loving father of John, Kim, and Amanda Davis, cherished grandfather of Crystal and Sean Davis, and dearest brother of Charles, Robert, Richard, Thomas, and Maryann Davis, Loretta Circkirillo, and Edward Krup. John is also survived by many loving in-laws, aunts, nieces, nephews, and cousins. Family and friends were received on Monday, October 13th, from 2:00-4:00 PM and 7:00-9:00 PM at the Macagna Diffily Onorato Funeral Home, 41 Ames Avenue, Rutherford. The funeral was on Tuesday, October 14th, at 9:30 AM, from the Macagna Diffily Onorato Funeral Home. The Funeral Mass took place at 10:30 AM at Saint Mary Church, Rutherford. Interment was at Holy Cross Cemetery, North Arlington, New Jersey. In lieu of flowers, donations in Mr. Davis' name may be made to Vietnam Veterans of America Bergen County Chapter #800, 100 Main Street, Little Ferry, NJ 07643, or American Legion Post #109, 424 Carmita Avenue, Rutherford, NJ 07070.



ALAN D. DEBOLT, SR. - Died Saturday, February 22, 2014 in Dearborn, Michigan at the age of 64 after a brief illness. The cause of death is unknown. He was born January 30, 1950 in Wyandotte, Michigan to the late Clarence and Florence Debolt. He graduated from Taylor Kennedy High School in 1968 and began proudly serving his country in the United States Army where he would serve as a

combat medic in Vietnam in 1970-1971. A fixture in recent years at Myers Lake United Methodist Campground in Byron and at PKSA Dearborn, he will be sorely missed by all those that affectionately called him "Uncle Al". Being a proud member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Dearborn Chapter #267**, he leaves behind scores of war brothers to remember him. He is also survived by his beloved wife of 14 years, 116 days Debra (née Schofield), his son Alan Jr., his sister Jean, his brother Tom, and "furever" friend Sassy. Waiting with open arms to greet him in Heaven were his parents, his sister Carole, and his brothers Glenn & Gary. Visitation was Thursday, February 27, 2014 from 11:00 AM until the time of the funeral service at 6:00 PM at the Hackett-Metcalf Funeral Home, 2640 Monroe Boulevard (near West Outer Drive), Dearborn. Interment was at the Great Lakes National Cemetery in Holly, Michigan.



A. LOUIS "Lou" DELANCEY - Died Sunday, February 23, 2014 at his home in Newport, Pennsylvania after a courageous battle with cancer. He was 77 years of age. He was born March 8, 1936 in Newport to the late Sherman R. and Dorothy (née Adams) DeLancey. Lou joined the United States Navy in June 1954 after graduation from Newport High School. He was a Veteran of the Korean War-era

and served aboard the USS Midway and USS Hanson. His military awards include the China Service Medal, Good Conduct Medal and National Defense Service Medal. Following his discharge in June 1958, he attended Williamsport Technical Institute. He worked at the former Olmstead Air Force Base for five years before joining the Plumbers and Pipefitters Local Union #520 where he worked until retirement in 1991. At the time of his death, he was Life Member and Post Commander of William H. Saylor VFW #34, Newport American Legion Post #177 and chairman of their golf committee for the past 22 years, Past Commander of the Perry Council VFW, treasurer and reunion coordinator of the USS Hanson, co-founder and past president of the Perry County Sailors Association. He was a member of Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America – Harrisburg Chapter #542. In November 2003, he was inducted into the Chapel of the Four Chaplains Legion of Honor for his work with the Korean War Veterans Recognition Ceremony. He was also a member of the Newport Cemetery Association, Loyal Order of Moose Lodge 925, Midway veterans, and Navy Club of the USA. Lou was a brother, veteran and union member who cared about his family and others. Lou is survived by his brother, Francis A. DeLancey of Smethport, PA, nephew, Andy Delancey and his wife Karen and their sons Sam and Brandon of Pittsburgh. Viewings for Lou were held on Wednesday from 1:00-3:00 PM and 5:00-7:00 PM from the David Myers Funeral Home, Walnut Street, Newport and on Thursday, services were held at the Newport Family Life Center, 27 West Shortcut Road, Newport for a viewing from 10:00 AM until the funeral service at 11:00 AM with the Reverend Andy Bucke and Pastor Mary Kay Miller co-officiating. Burial, with military honors by the Perry County Military Honor Guard was in the Newport Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, contributions are requested to Wounded Warriors Inc., 1117 Country Club Road, Camp Hill, Pennsylvania 17011 or Asera Care Hospice, 75 South Houcks Road, Harrisburg 17109 or the American Cancer Society, 2 Lemoyne Drive, Suite 101, Lemoyne, Pennsylvania 17043.



ROBERT A. DeSANTO - Died Friday, August 29, 2014 of ALS (Lou Gehrig's disease) at First Health Hospice House, in Pinehurst, North Carolina with his wife and daughter by his side. He was 70 years of age and a resident of Carthage, North Carolina. He was born May 1, 1944 in East Stroudsburg, Pennsylvania, the only child of the late Anthony and Carmella (née Rodgers) DeSanto. Bob was a 1962 graduate of

Stroudsburg High School. He served in the United States Air Force from 1963 to 1968, completing tours of duty in Vietnam, Okinawa and the Philippines. He was a Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America - West End Chapter #966. On August 23, 1969, Bob married Stella J. Skrzypek at St. Vincent de Paul Catholic Church, in Portland, Pennsylvania. The couple had recently celebrated their 45th anniversary. Bob and Stella enjoyed doing home improvement projects and traveling in their beloved 1959 bus. Bob was a mail carrier for 30 years with the East Stroudsburg Post Office, retiring in 1999. From 1999 to 2004, he drove a mail truck for his brother-in-law Robert Skrzypek, a contractor with the Lehigh Valley (Pa.) Post Office. In 2004, Bob and Stella relocated to Carthage, where Bob worked for the Moore County Schools. He was a Eucharistic minister for St. Matthew's Catholic Church of East Stroudsburg, and Sacred Heart Catholic Church of Pinehurst. Bob will be remembered for his willingness to help others, whether it was assisting friends and family with their home repairs or volunteering with the Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 966. Bob is survived by his wife, Stella; daughter Rebecca Taylor and her husband, Michael, of Poquoson, Va.; and grandson Samuel Taylor. He was preceded in death by his parents and grandson Benjamin Taylor. No funeral services were held. Interment took place at the convenience of the family at the Florida National Cemetery, Bushnell, Florida. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to The First Health Hospice Foundation, 150 Applecross Road, Pinehurst, NC 28374; or The ALS Association, Jim "Catfish" Hunter Chapter, 4 North Blount Street, 2nd Floor, Raleigh, NC 27601.

GEORGE MERRITT DETRICK – Died Friday, November 7, 2014 in Rainelle, West Virginia at the age of 86. The cause of death was lymphnotic cancer, multiple organ failure and cardiopulmonary arrest. He was born in Kenilworth, New Jersey on July 26, 1926 to the late James Edward Detrick and Helen Julia (née Jonas) Detrick. He is survived by his stepdaughter, Tina Kessler. He served in the United States Air Force during the Vietnam-era and retired at the rank of Master Sergeant (E-7). He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Hico Chapter #860**.



HARRIET CARMA "Cozie" SCHULTZ-DIAS - Died Wednesday, October 22, 2014 at the Kahl Home, Davenport at the age of 93. She was a resident of Davenport, Iowa. The cause of death is unknown. She was born on August 24, 1921 in Davenport to the late John L. and Amelia V. (née Cavanaugh) Schultz. She graduated from Sacred Heart Cathedral Grade School in 1936, Immaculate Conception Academy in 1940, and Marycrest College in 1944.Cozie proudly served our country during World War

II as part of the WAVES division of the United States Navy. She entered in November 1, 1944 and served until January of 1947. While serving in the Navy, she met a Marine named Donald F.

Dias whom she wed on March 17, 1947 at the U.S. Naval Station, Treasure Island, California. Don passed away in June of 1988. Coz worked for thirty years as a mail clerk at the Rock Island Arsenal. After her retirement, she served eighteen years as a school crossing guard. You could spot Cozie every morning and afternoon school day on the corner of Harrison and Central Park, and later at Main and Locust. Cozie was an active member of the Daughters of Isabella, Catholic Women's League, Marycrest College Alumni Association, WAVES Unit 105 - Quad Cities, American Legion Post 26, Ladies Auxiliary to VFW Post 828, a member of Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America – Quad Cities Chapter #299, All Veterans Memorial Association, Writers Studios, Quint City Poets, and various local writers groups Memorials may be made to St. Anthony's Catholic Church or to a charity of your choice. She is survived by her son and daughter-in-law, Don and Pat Dias, Half Moon Bay, Calif., eight nephews, eight nieces, ten great-nephews and nieces, and three great-great nieces and nephew; her "adopted" kids, Bill and Deb Schutte, Jan Mutum, and Jerry Garcia; and many priceless friends. She was preceded in death by her sisters, Annie Lacey, Rosie Brooks, Judy Janney, Mary Rita Schultz, and her brothers, John and Bill Schultz. May they rest in peace. Cozie's family would like to send a heartfelt thank you to nurses and aides of Genesis Hospice and the Kahl Home for all the love, compassion, and care you all showed to Coz. Funeral services and a Mass of Christian Burial, was at 10:00 AM on Tuesday, October 28, 2014 at Saint Anthony Catholic Church, 417 Main Street, Davenport. Burial was in Davenport Memorial Park. Visitation was on Monday from 4:00 until 7:00 PM at the Halligan McCabe DeVries Funeral Home, downtown Davenport with a vigil service at 4:00 PM to begin the visitation.

JAMES E. DILLIE – Died recently in 2014 in Lee's Summit, Missouri at the age of 75. The cause of death is unknown. He was born September 27, 1939. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Lee's Summit Chapter #243**.



<u>TIMOTHY EDWIN "Tim" DINEEN</u> - Died Wednesday, July 9, 2014 in Chesterfield, Missouri at the age of 69. The cause of death is unknown. He was born May 16, 1945. He is survived by his brothers Harry (Bobbie) & Larry (Debbie) Bush, children; Tim (Treasa) Dineen, Beth (Paul) Frommann & Therese (Brent) Palmer; his

grandchildren, Paul, Joanna (Kevin) Duclos, Dillon, Austin, Adam, Jordan, Lauren, Mikayla, TJ & Irelyn; great-grandchildren Tucker & Conner; beloved companion Marilyn Stemmermann & family, Nieces, nephews & uncountable friends. He reunited in heaven with his loving wife Ruth A. Dineen and his brother, Daniel Bush. We will greatly miss his smile, personality, generosity & of course his joke telling. He was a United States Navy Medical Corpsman at Camp Pendleton with the United States Marine Corps, a Rotarian & an avid lapidary. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Saint Louis Chapter #1028**. A Memorial Mass was at 6:00 PM on Tuesday, July 15th at Saint Clare of Assisi, 15642 Clayton Road, Ellisville, Missouri 63011. In lieu of flowers please donate to Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter #1028, 6026 Arthur Avenue, Saint Louis, Missouri 63139.

THOMAS WILLIAM "Tom" DODD - Died Tuesday, January 7, 2014 in Hendersonville, Tennessee at the age of 64. He was born on August 24, 1949 to the late William and Jane Dodd. He is survived by his loving wife of 39 years, Karen (née Newton) Dodd; son, Michael Dodd (Holly);

grandchild, Robin Miller; brother, Jim Dodd (Sue); sister, Marijane Dodd Brown (Steve), and many nieces and nephews. Additionally, Tom leaves behind countless friends and "family" that are beyond description. Tom was a proud Vietnam Veteran. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Gallatin Chapter #240**. He was buried with military honors at the National Cemetery in Fort Gibson, Oklahoma. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made in Tom's honor to the Wounded Warrior Project at 223 Rosa L. Parks Avenue, Suite #301, Nashville, TN 37203. A Life Celebration Memorial Service was conducted on Friday, January 10, 2014 at 3:00 PM in the chapel of Hendersonville Memory Gardens Funeral Home, with visitation one hour prior to the service. In keeping with Tom's personal preference for flip flops and shorts, we invite everyone to come celebrate Tom's life with us in the casual way for which he was known.



THOMAS J. DORSEY - Died Friday evening, October 26, 2012 at the Lebanon VA Medical Center, Lebanon Pennsylvania at the age of 64. He was a resident of Lancaster, Pennsylvania. He was born in Lancaster to the late Charles C. and Grace V. (née Raff) Dorsey. He was the husband of Bette L. (née Brenner) Dorsey, with whom he celebrated 35 years of marriage this past July 29th. Tom had worked for 33 years

for PPL Electric Utilities as a mechanic, until his retirement in 2010. He enjoyed the outdoors especially hunting and fishing. He had been a member of the Millcreek Sportsmen's Club. A veteran of the Vietnam War, Tom served with the United States Army - 5th Artillery Battalion in Vietnam as a Private First Class. He was an *At-Large Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America - Pennsylvania**, the VFW Post 1463 in Lititz, and the American Legion Post 34. He was a member of First Presbyterian Church in Lancaster. In addition to his wife, Bette, he is survived by his sisters: Donna married to James Montgomery of New Providence, and Vicki married to Ron Glassmyer of Brownsville, WI. Friends received on Saturday, November 3, 2012 from 12:00 Noon to 1:00 PM at the Charles F. Snyder Funeral Home & Crematory, 414 East King Street, Lancaster, PA with the Funeral Service at 1:00 PM with the Reverend Dan Snyder officiating. Interment with full military honors was in Riverview Burial Park. In lieu of flowers, please make contributions in Tom's memory to the Lebanon VA Medical Center, ATTN - Hospice, 1700 South Lincoln Avenue, Lebanon, PA 17042. To send an online condolence, please visit SnyderFuneralHome.com. Charles F. Snyder Funeral Home & Crematory was in charge of the arrangements.

DENNIS MICHAEL "Dennie" "Double D" "Papa" DUNIGAN - Died Friday, October 3, 2014 at the Louis A. Johnson VA Medical Center in Clarksburg, West Virginia at the age of 72. He was a resident of Metz, West Virginia. He was born April 17, 1942 in Clarksburg to the late Joseph William and Virginia Louise (née Kennedy) Dunigan. Dennie was a veteran of the United States Air Force, having served nine years as a radar technician, being overseas most of the time, with four years in Japan, Okinawa, Guam, Philippines, Thailand and Korea, and two tours in Vietnam. He was an electrician, having worked for West Virginia Electric, Joanne Mine at Rachel, Rescue Systems and D&G Machine Shop. He was retired from Peabody Coal, and also from EGG Contractors at the Department of Energy. He enjoyed hunting and farming and also enjoyed Rendezvousing (Pre-1840 Living History) with his wife. Survivors include his wife of 44 years, Shirley Swiger Dunigan, whom he married Aug. 28, 1970; a son, Christopher Michael Dunigan of

Metz; daughter, Rebecca Ann Beaty and husband Chad of Mannington, and daughters, Cathy Colleen Brown and Denise Renee Brown, whom he considered his own; five grandchildren, Brittany Nicole Pietrzak, Jessie Marie Knott, Cole Michael Dunigan, Riane McKenzie Beaty and Kennedy Jo Beaty; one brother, Joseph Timothy Dunigan and wife Christina of Mannington; a sister-in-law, Iris Dunigan of Mannington; a nephew, Joey Dunigan; and four nieces, Corinne Dunigan Hayes and husband Kenny, Erin Dunigan, Megan Dunigan and Kelly Dunigan Hayes. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a sister, Monica Louise Dunigan Templeton; a brother, William Mark Dunigan; a grandson, Brian Joseph Brown; and his motherin-law and father-in-law, Opal "Peg" and Ralph Swiger. He was also a lifetime member of the Elks Lodge 388 in Mannington, a member of Vietnam Veterans of America - Mannington Chapter #1055 and the Loval Order of the Moose Lodge #1344 in Mannington. Friends called at Hutson Funeral Home, 500 East Main Street, Mannington from 2:00-9:00 PM, where funeral services were held at 11:00 AM on Tuesday with Pastor James Ellis officiating. Marion County Veterans Council conducted military graveside honors in the funeral home parking lot at the conclusion of the service. A private interment with only immediate family in attendance were in the Dun-Ken Farm Cemetery on States Fork Road, Metz. A fellowship dinner was held at the Dunigan home at 1:00 PM on Tuesday.

PAUL D. ENO - Died Wednesday, October 15, 2014 after a brief illness at the age of 67. He was a resident of Athol, Massachusetts. The cause of death was a stroke. He was born in Winchendon, Massachusetts on January 9, 1947 to the late David and Florence (née Dale) Eno. He grew up and lived in Athol for most of his life, graduating from Athol High School in 1965. He served in the United States Navy during the Vietnam War. He was a Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Athol Chapter #340. Paul worked for many years at the Templeton Development Center and Belchertown State School. He lived many places, drove many cars, and was a man of many words. Paul was very dedicated to his family and friends and was known for his kindness and generosity. He very much enjoyed fishing and hunting, passions he shared with his children and many friends over the years. Paul's mother immigrated to Athol after World War II, and Paul enjoyed corresponding with his family back in England, often sharing stories of the time he spent there as a child. He leaves his sons Robert Heath, Michael Eno, and Brian Eno. He also leaves his sister Janice Eno of Athol and his cousin Carol Ollett of the Isle of Man. Burial was in the Massachusetts Veterans' Memorial Cemetery in Winchendon, Massachusetts. In lieu of flowers the family suggests contribution in Paul's memory to the Athol Hospital Modernization Project, the Office of Philanthropy, c/o Heywood Hospital, 242 Green Street, Gardner, Massachusetts 01440. Higgins-O'Connor Funeral Home, 146 Main Street, Athol directed the arrangements. For further information or to share a memory with the family go to: www.higginsoconnorfuneralhome.com.



CONGRESSMAN LANE ALLEN EVANS - Died Wednesday, November 5, 2014 at Hope Creek Care Center, East Moline, Illinois at the age of 63. He was a resident of Rock Island, Illinois. He died of complications brought on by the effects of Parkinson's disease, which he was diagnosed with in 1995. Lane was born in Rock Island, Illinois on August 4, 1951 to the late Lee H. and Joycelene E. (née Saylor) Evans. He was the second of four brothers, Steve, Doyle and Dave. Lane attended Sacred Heart School in Rock Island and graduated from Alleman High School in 1969. He then joined the United States Marine Corps and completed boot camp in San Diego at Camp Pendleton. Lane was stationed in Okinawa during the Vietnam War due to the Sullivan Act because his brother Steve was already in Vietnam. Two years later he was honorably discharged and began his studies at Black Hawk College. Lane then attended Augustana College and graduated Magna Cum Laude in 1974. He completed his education with a Juris Doctorate from Georgetown University Law Center in 1977. During these years, Lane volunteered for the presidential campaigns of George McGovern and populist Fred Harris. He was a field staff organizer for Ted Kennedy's 1980 presidential campaign. He worked out of his home as an attorney until opening the Community Legal Service Practice with two other attorneys Dennis Buchneger and Jean Becker 1981. He returned to his hometown after graduation and worked for Prairie State Legal Services, which offered pro-bono legal assistance to children and the poor. In 1982 Lane entered the race for U.S. Congress as a democrat. He won the 17th Congressional District seat at just 31 years of age. He immediately joined 13 other democrats to form the new Populist Caucus to take on "unbridled corporate power" and fight for the poor and middle class. He was promptly appointed to the Veterans Affairs Committee and later the House Armed Serviced Committee and National Security Committee. His work on behalf of veterans was extensive and effective, fighting for veteran's benefits and bringing awareness to post traumatic stress disorder, the effects of Agent Orange exposure, the homeless problem, substance abuse and mental health services. One of his most laudable achievements was spearheading legislation that compensated disabled veterans exposure to Agent Orange, as well as their children who suffered ailments such as spina bifida. He was a Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Quad Cities (Rock Island) Chapter #299. Lane's work earned him many awards from veteran's organizations, the pinnacle of which was the 1994 AMVET's Silver Helmet Award, which is called the "Oscar" of veteran's honors. The Military Order of Purple Hearts once said of Evans: "a great man, a proud veteran, and a man to whom all veterans and service personal are deeply indebted." Lane also worked hard on behalf of labor unions, the environment and the Rock Island Arsenal. Most important to him though, was his work with constituents which he called, "the most gratifying part of my job." He helped everyone, no matter their background, to get the justice they deserved. On Capitol Hill, Lane earned respect and friendships on both sides of the aisle for his straight-forward speaking and honesty. He was kind and polite to everyone, whether you were a high-ranking politician or emptying his wastebasket, he treated everyone with respect and kindness. Lane became friends with all of his staff, sometimes even hosting pick-up basketball games late into the night. He was an avid basketball player and loved technological gadgets. He led a very personal life, protecting his privacy and that of his family. He felt an obligation to the people of the district. In 1998 he announced his Parkinson's disease to the public and continued to serve and win elections until 2006, when he retired. Lane won 12 elections during his career, but spawned the successful careers of many other politicians. In 2003, Lane endorsed Barack Obama for U.S. Senate, which the now president credits with his win. President Obama and Lane continued to be friends, exchanging letters and visits until his health made it impossible. Several buildings and public structures throughout the Quad Cities are named in his honor. He spent his final years in nursing care, wrapped in a U.S. Marine Corps blanket, enjoying his visits from friends and listening to The Beatles. Lane was preceded in death by his parents. Survivors include his

brothers Steve (Chrystal), Doyle and Dave; nieces Joyce and Jennifer; caretakers Cher Erickson and Mike Malmstrom; hundreds of friends and colleagues who celebrated life and "fought the good fight" alongside Lane. He will be missed by many, those who knew him personally, and those who were affected by his life. Special thanks to Hope Creek and staff and also to Genesis Hospice and staff. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at 10:00 AM on Monday, November 10, 2014 at Sacred Heart Church, Moline. Visitations were from 12:00 PM to 6:00 PM on both Saturday, November 8th and Sunday November 9th at the Esterdahl Mortuary & Crematory, Ltd., 6601-38th Ave., Moline. Burial was in the National Cemetery, Rock Island Arsenal. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Parkinson's Research.



GARY L. "*Tiny***" FERREN** - Died Monday November 24, 2014 at 1:11 AM in the Ohio Veterans Home at Sandusky, Ohio at the age of 68. He was a resident of Wilmot, Ohio and formerly of Bolivar, Ohio. The cause of death is unknown. He was born June 20, 1946 in Dover, Ohio to the late Donald R. Ferren and Iva M. (née Malcuit) Ferren-Miller and also his late stepfather Charles Miller. He was a 1964 graduate of

Tusky Valley High School and attended Ohio Northern University. He retired in 1994 after 25 years from the former Ohio Bell Telephone Company and was a United States Army Veteran serving during the Vietnam-era. He was Catholic by faith and was a member of the Bolivar American Legion. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – New Philadelphia Chapter #857**. He was a sports enthusiast and was active for many years with Bolivar Little League Baseball. Gary is survived by three children, Kelly (Robert) Miller of Wilmot, Richard (Rochelle) Ferren of East Sparta and Shelly (John) Anderson of Malvern; grandchildren, Becca and Robyn Miller, Cyla Ferren, John Film, Jr., Taryn and Trent Ferren; brothers, Franklin (Caryle) Ferren of South Daytona, Fla., Donald (Wanda) Miller of Kensington, Ohio; a sister-in-law, Joann Ferren of Rogers, Ohio and several nieces and nephews. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a brother, Charles "Skip" Ferren. Funeral services were held on Monday December 1, 2015 at 11:00 AM in the Lebold-Smith Funeral Home at 248 Park Avenue, Bolivar. Deacon Lyn Houze officiated and burial was in Fort Laurens Cemetery at Bolivar where the Bolivar American Legion conducted military honors. Friends called Sunday from 3:00 to 6:00 PM at the funeral home.



LAWRENCE D. "Larry" FITZPATRICK (USMC, SGM-Ret.) - Died on Monday, October 13, 2014 at Onslow Memorial Hospital in Jacksonville, North Carolina at the age of 86. He retired in 1975 as a United States Marine Corps Sergeant Major of Force Troops, Camp Lejeune, North Carolina after serving for 29 years around the world, patients in Bailing and Tientsin. China and Okinguna Jana with the 1st and 2rd Marine.

with duty stations in Beijing and Tientsin, China, and Okinawa, Japan with the 1st and 3rd Marine Divisions; the American Embassies in London, England and Moscow, Russia; two tours in Vietnam, from 1968 to 1969 with the 1st Marine Division, and from 1972 to 1973 with the 1st Marine Air Wing, VMA 311, Bien Hoa, Vietnam. After retiring from the Marine Corps, he was in the boat business in Swansboro, North Carolina for three years, and since then was involved in the land investment and rental business in Onslow County. He served six years on the North Carolina Environmental Management Commission, four years on the Secretary of the Navy's Advisory Committee for Navy and Marine Corps retired personnel, several years on the Global TransPark Economic Development Commission (now North Carolina's Eastern Region), and fourteen years as an Onslow County Commissioner, including one year as chairman. During his time as a county commissioner, he originated the idea that Onslow County should have its own flag, and was instrumental in having one designed and officially adopted in 1993. He was also involved in the concept of creating a Veterans Memorial Park aboard Camp Lejeune, and worked tirelessly towards the building of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial. He often said he wanted to live long enough to see it completed, and that wish was granted. He devoted his life to his country, community and family. He was a member of many service organizations including a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Jacksonville Chapter #654**, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Marine Corps League, Military Order of the Purple Heart, NCOA, and the American Legion. He was also a Mason, Knight Templar and a Shriner. He is survived by his wife of 61 years, Fran; two sons, Michael and Larry and three grandchildren. The family received friends prior to the service on Thursday from 11:30 AM until 12:45 PM at Jones Funeral Home. Funeral services were held on Thursday, 1:00 PM at Jones Funeral Home, Jacksonville Chapel. Burial with full military honors were at Coastal Carolina State Veterans Cemetery.

DONALD LEROY FOREMAN - Died Tuesday, September 9, 2014 at his home in Jacksonville, North Carolina at the age of 79. The cause of death was chronic obstructive pulmonary disease and cardiac arrest. He was born May 27, 1935 in Nanty Glo, Pennsylvania to the late Samuel E. and Helen L. Foreman. He retired in 1975 from the United States Marine Corps after 21 years of service as a Master Gunnery Sergeant. He was a member of Brookwood Baptist Church; a life member of the Marine Corps League, a Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America -Jacksonville Chapter #654, the American Legion, DAV and the VFW, Post Twin Rocks, PA. His first wife of 42 years, Betty Mae (née Davis) Foreman; 2nd wife, Mary Rachel (née Baker) Foreman, and son, Ricky A. Foreman; sisters, Gertrude Stokes and Charlotte Atwine all precede him in death. He is survived by his 3rd wife, Susan (née Parker) Foreman of the home; son, Mark Foreman and his wife, Susan of Jacksonville, NC; daughter, Kimberly Singleton and her husband, Donald of Bowling Green, KY; sister, Iris Wells and her husband, Clyde; brother, Samuel Foreman, Jr and his wife, Phyllis; sister, Barbara Emerson and her husband, William; 6 grandchildren and 11 great-grandchildren; stepsons, Russell and Paul Prince of Sneads Ferry, Jon Prince of Jacksonville and Ron Prince of Richlands. Viewing was on Tuesday from 2:00 PM – 4:00 PM and 6:00 PM until 8:00 PM at Bowser Ondriezek Funeral Home in Nanty Glo, PA. Grieving will be Wednesday at 10:00 AM with the Funeral at 11:00 AM in the Bowser Ondriezek Funeral Chapel. Burial with full military honors was at the Belsano Methodist Church Cemetery in Belsano, PA. A Celebration of his life was held at Brookwood Baptist Church on Friday, September 19th, at 11:00 AM with the Reverend Richard Beacham officiating. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests that donations be made to Brookwood Baptist Church, 903 Henderson Drive, Jacksonville, NC 28540.



HAROLD DALE FRYE - Died Friday September 5, 2014 at his home in Redford, Michigan at the age of 67. The cause of death was cancer. He was born April 6, 1947. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Dearborn Chapter #267.** He is survived by his wife Jill,

Children Ken, Jamie Lyne, Keri Anne (Daniel) Pieffer, Melissa Heikkinen and Paula Ann (John) Adamczak; his siblings, Martha, James, Dennis, Shirley, Alena and the late John, Vivian and

Virginia, and; 11 grandchildren. Visitation was on Thursday from 1:00-9:00 PM with Services on Friday at 11:00 AM at the Wessels & Wilk Funeral Home 23690 Woodward Avenue, Pleasant Ridge, Michigan.



<u>CHARLES WILFORD "Chuck" FULKERSON</u> (USA, COL-Ret.) - Died Saturday, October 25, 2014 while visiting the family farm near his birthplace in Jerome, Idaho at the age of 79. He was a resident of Reno, Nevada. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in 1935 to the late Newton Elijah and Irene Esther (née Claar) Fulkerson. He is survived by his wife of 57 years, Mary Lee; children Cathy, Jake (Marisa), and Bob (Mike); daughter-in-law Sheila Leslie and five grandchildren, Emma, Micaleen,

Abby, Eli and Katy; brothers Earl of Boise and Bob of Jerome. In addition to his parents, he was also predeceased by his sister, Jaqueline Webb. At the urging of his parents, Chuck left the farm to attend Northwest Christian College for one year, before transferring to the University of Nevada, Reno. One night at the Li'l Wal on Virginia Street, he met Mary Lee Metzker, and they were married at her family home on Irving Circle. In 1955 Chuck graduated from the UNR ROTC program and was commissioned a 2LT in the Active Duty Army. He served two combat tours in Viet Nam and three tours in Germany, earning numerous military decorations including two Legions of Merit, two Bronze Stars, and the Vietnam Cross of Gallantry. He also earned the Nevada Distinguished Service Medal and the National Guard Bureau's Eagle Award for Outstanding Service. But the award he most prized was the G.I.'s Officer Award, an informal award bestowed upon him by his peers. Additionally, Chuck was inducted into the UNR ROTC Hall of Fame. A life in the military meant frequent moves, often twice in one year, with Chuck driving the family from one post to the next, usually singing "You are my Sunshine", "Home Means Nevada" or his favorite, "God Bless America." After Chuck's Active Duty service he joined the Nevada Army National Guard and after a remarkable career as an Army Officer he was appointed by Governor Kenny Guinn as the Executive Director of the Nevada Office of Veterans Services in 2000 where he fiercely advocated for better health care and services for veterans and oversaw the construction of the Southern Nevada Veterans Home. He was also the co-founder of the Veterans Guest House, which provided overnight lodging for countless families of veterans receiving medical care in Reno, after he learned that many slept in their cars because they were unable to pay for lodging. He also served two terms on the Veterans Service Commission, appointed by Governors Miller and Guinn. Chuck was an active member of the Reno Sunrise Rotary and a life member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Disabled American Veterans, and a Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Reno Chapter #989 and the American Legion, US Army Ranger Association and Association of the United States Army. In 2006, the University of Nevada - Board of Regents named him a Distinguished Nevadan. Chuck believed strongly in personal community service, offering his time to many organizations, large and small. After serving as a volunteer for Boy Scout troop 76 and receiving the Silver Beaver Award from the Nevada Area Council, Chuck resigned from the organization in 1992 to protest their policy of denying gay men the opportunity to participate and was never shy about informing others about his decision. Chuck leaves legions of friends and extended family to mourn the passing of this dedicated and honorable man, a humanitarian who always put others before himself. Perhaps this was never more evident than the past few years as he tried to prevent his Alzheimer's from overburdening his beloved caregiving wife, willingly

stopped driving, and was preparing to enter an assisted facility. He loved exploring the back roads of Nevada and Idaho, always wanting to see what was around that upcoming bend or over the next rise. He didn't hesitate to voice his observation about the hand of a supreme being at work, whether he was asking us to pull over to watch the sunset, or to be still and listen to the aspen quaking or a flock of geese honking above. His childlike curiosity inspired him to constantly dive into new experiences, from singing with the Note Ables to chanting in a yoga class to fishing off the coast of Alaska. A memorial service and reception was held on Saturday, November 1st, 10:30 AM at the Army Aviation Support Facility, 20,000 Army Aviation Drive, Stead, Nevada. Donations in Chuck's name may be made to the Veteran's Guest House or the Progressive Leadership Alliance of Nevada. Following is "Chuck's Credo", which he asked to be read at his funeral: "I believe that I am the product of a spiritual force (Being), that I possess the mental capacity to make decisions that direct my life. That I am responsible for the impact that these decisions have on my life as well as others. I believe that each must seek to better the lives of those around us while seeking to better our own lives. I believe that we own nothing, that we must leave this earth a better place for future generations. I believe that this life on this planet is a stop along the way to continuing presence in other locations. I believe that what I know is very small to that which is to be known."



DENNIS LEE FULLER - Died Wednesday, September 3, 2014 in Harrison, Michigan at the age of 77. The cause of death was cancer. He was born August 24, 1937. He served his country in the United States Marine Corps during the Vietnam War. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America - Harrison Chapter #1047**. He was a lifelong outdoorsman, and loved to hunt and fish. He was survived by his wife Joy;

his brother, Bob; his sons, Denny and Mike; his daughters Wendy, Amie, Jackie, Kellie, Rita; his 15 grandchildren, and; numerous great grandchildren. He was predeceased by his parents, his sister Sally, his brother Larry and his son Tony. Memorial was held at the American Legion Hall in Harrison on Sept. 13th at 2:00 PM.

<u>TIMOTHY WAYNE GAGE</u> – Died Monday, November 3, 2014 in Gladwin, Michigan at the age of 66. The cause of death was kidney failure. He was born on April 3, 1948 in West Branch, Michigan. He served in the United States Navy from September 8, 1965 to April 2, 1969 with a tour of duty in Vietnam from November 1965 to April 1969. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Harrison Chapter #1047**.



JOHN ROBERT GEISLER - Died Wednesday, October 8, 2014 in The Reading Hospital and Medical Center in Reading, Pennsylvania at the age of 68. He was a resident of Reading. The cause of death was Agent Orange-related respiratory failure, cardiac arrest, terminal cancer of the lungs, kidney and colon, bacteremia and hypocalcemia. He was born August 13, 1946 in Audubon, New Jersey to the late

Hans Robert and Madeline (née Devers) Geisler. He was the husband of Gloria A. (née Adams) Geisler, whom he married 27 years ago on October 10, 1987. John was a graduate of Fullerton High School, California. He was a network analyst, last working for Meridian Bank. John was a Corporal in the United States Marine Corps, serving in Vietnam. He was a Khe Sanh survivor and participated in Operation Buffalo. He was a member and past commander of the local Disabled

American Veterans (DAV) and a member of the Marine Corps League. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Reading Chapter #131**. He was also a member of the Mohnton Fish and Game Protective Association, and the past treasurer of the Reading Ham Radio Club. In addition to his wife he is survived by his two children: John R. Geisler, Jr., Ontario, Canada; and Samantha J., wife of Jaime Kostic, Reading. Also surviving are his three grandchildren: Nathan, Payton, and Lukas Kostic. Services were on Wednesday, October 15, 2014 at 11:00 AM in the Edward J. Kuhn Funeral Home, Inc., 739 Penn Avenue, West Reading. A viewing was held from 9:30 to 11:00 AM in the funeral home. Burial was in Berks County Memorial Gardens. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to 1st Battalion 9th Marines, 66 Clinton Street, Meriden, CT 06450. Online condolences may be recorded at www.kuhnfuneralhome.com.



JOSEPH G. GOMEZ - Died Monday, September 22, 2014 at Clarissa Cook Hospice House, Bettendorf, Iowa at the age of 82. He was a resident of Silvis, Illinois. The cause of death is unknown. He was born November 22, 1931 in the family home on Hero Street, Silvis, Illinois to the late Paul and Ruby (née Castro) Gomez. He married Mary Beserra on January 3, 1959 at Saint Mary Catholic Church, East Moline, Iowa.

He served in the United States Navy Reserves, United States Air Force, and ended his career in the United States Army, retiring at Ft. Bragg, North Carolina as a Chief Warrant Officer on September 1970. Joe had served during the Korean War and had been highly decorated. After leaving Ft. Bragg, Joe sold cars at several local dealerships for a time, before ending up at the Rock Island Arsenal, where he retired in 1993. He was organizer and first President of the Quad Cities Chapter 168 of the Korean War Veterans Association (KWVA). He was also Past 8th District Commander Department of Illinois, Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW), Past Commander, Rock Island County Council, Department of Illinois, VFW and Past Commander of VFW Post #8890, East Moline, IL, attaining All State Post Commander recognition for the 1990-91 term. He was a Life Member of the VFW, KWVA, Military Officers Association of America (MOAA), Quad Cities Chapter and a Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Quad Cities (Rock Island) Chapter #299, Rock Island, IL. Joe also served on former Silvis Mayor Lyle Lohse's Hero Street Park Task Force Committee and Silvis Pride Recognition Committee. Survivors include his wife of 55 years, Mary Gomez, Silvis; daughter, Andrea (Manuel) González, Silvis, IL; sons, Edward Gomez, Silvis, Louis Gomez, Chicago, and Gilbert (Quindalyn) Gomez, La Jolla, CA; grandchildren, Angelique (Michael) Forney, Olivia, Raquel, Jereme, and Elisabeth, González; sisters, Mercedes (Frank) Segura, Silvis, Susan (Pete) Ortiz, East Moline, Rose (Lyle) Baeza, Sterling, IL, brothers, Paul (Linda) Gomez of East Moline, and Jim (Coleen) Gomez, Hampton, IL; brother-in-law, Ron Raymond, Silvis. He was preceded in death by his parents and sister, Virginia Raymond. The funeral service was 10:00 AM Saturday at Our Lady of Guadalupe Catholic Church, Silvis, IL. Burial was in Saint Mary Cemetery, East Moline, IL. Visitation was between 4:00-7:00 PM on Friday at the Van Hoe Funeral Home Ltd., East Moline, where a rosary was recited at 3:30 PM. Memorials may be made to the American Heart Association or for masses. Online condolences may be left for the family at www.vanhoe.com.

<u>ROBERT J. GRECO</u> – Died recently in Middletown, New York at the age of 86. The cause of death is unknown. He was born May 31, 1928. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – New Hampton Chapter #140**.



MAYNARD LLOYD GULBRANSON - Died Sunday, December 7, 2014 in Alexandria, Minnesota at the age of 73. The cause of death was brain cancer. He was born on July 28, 1941 to Vera (née Willander) and the late Milo Gulbranson in Starbuck, Minnesota. The family moved to Garfield, Minnesota when Maynard was a young boy. He attended Central High School and graduated in 1958. After graduation he

attended Moorhead State College in the Accounting program from September of 1958 -December of 1959. He transferred to Alexandria Technical College for Customized Training in Welding and Practical Energy Management. Maynard served his country in the United States Navy from 1960-1967 and was in the 34th Infantry Division with the National Guard – Red Bulls. On June 4, 1963, Maynard was united in marriage to Ruth Navratil and to this union they were blessed with four children. He was employed by 3M for 32 years before retiring. On December 17, 2011 Maynard married Charlotte Haberer. Maynard was a member of the VFW & American Legion, a Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Alexandria Chapter #235, Patriot Guard, Harley Owners Group. He also enjoyed Muzzle Loading and Hunting. He is survived by his wife, Charlotte (née Lohmeyer); his mother, Vera Hjelm of Great Falls, Montana; his children, Brent of Rapid City, SD, Steve of Cedar Falls, IA, Debbie of Pillager, MN, Chad (Sherry) of Osakis, MN; grandchildren: Briana, Kayla, Jordan, Connor, Aidan Gulbranson; stepchildren: Robert, James (Shari), David (Lori), Eric Haberer and Karlene (Mark) Doll; step-grandchildren: Hayley (Travis) Epema, Josh, Anika, Courtney, and Marquell Haberer, Hunter, Kaylana, and Kimberly Doll; sister, Betty White; half-brother, Bradley Hjelm. He was preceded in death by his father, Milo and his stepmother, Eleanor. The funeral service was held on Thursday, December 11, 2014 at 11:00 AM at Saint Paul's Church in Henning, MN. Burial was at the Minnesota State Veterans Cemetery in Little Falls, MN. Arrangements were with the Anderson Funeral Home.

<u>RICHARD J. GULDE</u> - Died Thursday, August 7, 2014 in Port Richey, Florida at the age of 67. The cause of death is unknown. He was born August 26, 1946. He served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Port Richey Chapter #1003**. He is survived by his children, Richard, Lynette, Carissa & Louis; his sister, Dorothy; his brother, Theodore, and; four grandchildren. Dobies Funeral Home, Congress Street, New Port Richey, Florida was in charge of funeral arrangements.



EDWARD FRANCIS GUNSELL - Died Saturday, August 2, 2014 in Frederic, Michigan at the age of 71. The cause of death was cancer. He was born January 28, 1943 to the late David and Genevieve Gunsell in Flint, Michigan. He joined the military and served in the Vietnam War. He was a member of the United States Army's Special

Forces. He was also a member of the DAV, the American Legion, and the VFW. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Flint Chapter #175**. He was very proud of his Native American heritage. His Chippewa name was Zingwok, which means "Tall Pine". He enjoyed fishing and hunting and loved to go camping and traveling and spending time with his family. He was a very generous man, giving to and helping anyone in need. Edward is survived by his wife, Margaret Gunsell; children, Edward Jr. (Candy) Gunsell, Dawn (Ross) Yule, Michelle (John) Moore, and William Gunsell; grandchildren, John Moore IV, Stephanie Moore, Bryan Gunsell, Christopher Gunsell, David Moore, Brandon Gunsell, Cherea Gunsell, Cheyanne Gunsell, Rory Pescinska, and Kelly Flores; great-grandchildren, Caleb, Delaney, Sebastian, and

Laci; and sister, Margaret Snyder. He is preceded in death by his parents, and siblings IIa, Willis, Annabelle, Donnabelle, Matthew, and Vernita. A Mass of Christian Burial was held on Friday, August 8, 2014 at 11:00 AM at Saint Mary's Catholic Church in Grayling, MI with Reverend Robbie Deka officiating. Condolences may be expressed at www.sorensonlockwood.com. Arrangements have been entrusted to Sorenson-Lockwood Funeral Home.

<u>CARL W. GUSTAFSON</u> – Died recently in 2014 in Beaverton, Oregon at the age of 95. The cause of death is unknown. He was born October 25, 1918. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Salem Chapter #271**.

<u>GENE HARDESTY</u> – Died recently in 2014 in Sherman, Texas at the age of 66. The cause of death is unknown. He was born May 17, 1948. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Sherman Chapter #973.



THOMAS E. HARPER - Died unexpectedly on Tuesday, November 11, 2014 at his home in Crescent, Pennsylvania at the age of 68. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Sewickley, Pennsylvania on January 21, 1946 to the late William and Anna (née Hetzer) Harper. He was the beloved husband for 31 years to Edith Loraine (née Wana) Harper; the loving father of Stacey Schuller (David) of Erie,

Scott Harper (Brandi) of Erie, Dan Harper (Greta) of Center, Terrance Palitti (Rose) of Midland, Venus A. Marker (the late Ronald) of Bellevue, Ashley Poland (fiancé Leo Firanski) of Coraopolis, Tara Lynn Poland of Pittsburgh, and Rocco Ballacchino of CA; brother of Mary Ann Kennelly (James) of Chippewa, Susan Bell (the late Gerald) of Aliquippa, William Harper of Crescent, Arnold Harper (Carol) of Center, Richard Harper (Vickie) of Atlanta, GA, and the late John Harper (surviving spouse Mary Pat of Delaware); and also survived by 13 grandchildren. He was a member of the Hopewell VFW Post #8805 where he had been the manager for many years and of Saint Catherine of Siena Catholic Church. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Freedom Chapter #862**. He had also worked for A&S Railroad. Visitation was held from 2:00 to 4:00 PM and 6:00 to 8:00 PM at the Copeland Moon Township Funeral Home, 981 Brodhead Road, where prayers were recited on Friday at 10:45 AM, followed by Mass at 11:30 AM at Saint Catherine of Siena, 199 McGovern Boulevard with Father Robert Zajdel as celebrant. Burial with full military honors was at Resurrection Cemetery.



SHERMAN LEE "Tank" HEATON - Died Wednesday, October 22, 2014 at Northeast Georgia Medical Center following a brief illness. He was a resident of Dawsonville, Georgia and 79 years of age. The cause of death was a stroke. He was born September 11, 1935 in Cullman, Alabama. He had been a resident of Dawson County for the past five years coming from Chiefland, Florida. He served in the United States Air Force for over 20 years and was a Vietnam Veteran. Mr. Heaton

also retired from AT&T Pardyne. He was a *Life Member* and he served on the Board of Directors of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Dawson County Chapter #970** and was preceded in death by his first wife, Sylvia Heaton, and a son, Anthony Heaton. Survivors include are his wife, Pat Heaton; Dawsonville; children, Janet Berthiaume, North Conway, N.H., Dean Heaton, St.

Augustine, Michael Heaton, Butzbach, Germany, Carey Poole, Gainesville, Ga., Debbie Poole of Cumming, Ga., Chelsea Milstead, Carrollton, Ga., Adam Newsome, Ball Ground, Ga.; 17 grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; sisters, Myrna Burleson, Pell City, Ala., Marilyn Sellers, Mt. Olive, Ala/; brother, Randy Heaton, Birmingham, Ala. and Mittens the kitty. Memorial services were held on Friday, October 24th at 11:00 AM at Bearden Funeral Home Chapel with the Vietnam Veterans of America, Dawson County Chapter # 970 in charge. Interment was held at the Florida National Cemetery at a later date. The family received friends 30 minutes prior to the service. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to the Vietnam Veterans of America, Dawson County Chapter #970.

BILLY J. HILL - Died Monday, October 27, 2014, at the Saint Francis Medical Center in Cape Girardeau, Missouri at the age of 71. He was a resident of Cape Girardeau and formerly of Sikeston, Missouri. The cause of death was lung cancer. He was born January 17, 1943 in Matthews, Missouri to the late Marvin and Lena (née Godwin) Hill. He served in the United States Army, and was employed as a truck driver by Dart Transit. He was an At-Large Member of Vietnam Veterans of America - Missouri and also the American Legion Post #1000 of Jefferson City. On November 24, 1967, in Waynesville, he married Barbara Gramlich, who survives of the home. Additional survivors include: two sons and daughters-in-law, Bryan and Kimberly Hill of Pilot Grove and Brent and Melissa Hill of Caruthersville; one daughter and sonin-law, Connie and Donnie Clark of Kingsland, Texas; and two sisters and one brother-in-law, Bessie McElyea of Cape Girardeau and Betty and Lloyd Roth of Cape Girardeau. Also surviving are five grandchildren. He was preceded in death by three brothers. Visitation was held from 5:00 to 8:00 PM on Wednesday at the Nunnelee Funeral Chapel, where funeral services were conducted at 1:00 PM on Thursday, October 30th, with Brother Michael Funderburk, officiating. Interment was at 3:00 PM in the Missouri State Veterans Cemetery in Bloomfield with full military honors accorded him by the Missouri Military Honor Guard Unit. Pallbearers were Bryan Hill, Brent Hill, Lloyd Roth, Jerry Hazlett, Ron McElyea and Stan McElyea.

HELEN M. HILL - Died Monday, December 1, 2014 in the LifeCare Center of Leominster, Massachusetts at the age of 91. She was a resident of Leominster. The cause of death is unknown. She was born May 2, 1923 in Worcester, Massachusetts to the late Berton W. Kendall and Helen (née Childs) Kendall-O'Keefe and had lived in Leominster most of her life. She had worked at the former Cluet Peabody Co. and Tilton & Cook Co. in Leominster many years ago. She is survived by her son Brian D. Hill of Leominster, sisters Bernice Adams of Worcester and Maryann Nelson of Sterling, her former daughter-in-law Maria Fernandes and her daughter Wendy, several nieces and nephews including her niece Donna Waterman of Baldwinville. She was predeceased by her husband Albert S. Hill in 2003 and her son PFC David A. Hill who was killed in action in Vietnam in 1969. She was a member of the Leominster United Methodist Church, was Past President of American Legion Auxiliary Post #151, Past Noble Grand-Rebekah Lodge #68, a former member of the Sterling Grange and the Order of Eastern Star, former Chaplain of the Captain John Joslin, Jr. Chapter of the D.A.R., a member of the Gold Star Mother Association, an Honorary Member of Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America - Leominster Chapter #116 and she volunteered at the Leominster Senior Center. A funeral service was held on Monday, December 8, 2014 at 10:00 AM in the Leominster United Methodist Church, 77 Hall Street, Leominster. Burial was in Evergreen Cemetery, Leominster. Calling hours were held on Sunday, December 7, 2014 from 2:00-4:00 PM in the Silas F. Richardson & Son Funeral Home, 106 West Street, Leominster. In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to either to Vietnam Veterans of America #116, 100 West Street, Leominster, MA 01453 or the Leominster United Methodist Church, 77 Hall Street, Leominster, MA 01453.

ARLIE GENE HOGUE – Died Friday, August 8, 2014 in Grants Pass, Oregon at the age of 79. The cause of death was esophageal cancer, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease and cardiac problems. He was born May 17, 1935 in Ardmore, Oklahoma to the late Ambrose and Bertha Hogue. He enlisted in the United States Air Force in 1952 and was honorably discharged in 1956 at the rank of Sergeant (E-5). He then enlisted in the United States Navy where he remained for 16 years serving on five different destroyers: USS Jonas Ingram DD938; USS Robison DDG 12; USS Braine DD 630; USS Richard Kelly Turner DLG 20, and; USS Bausell DD 845, sailing around the world several times crossing the equator three times before retiring as a Machinist Mate Second Class (E-5). In total, he served his country for 20 years when he retired in 1974. He was an active member of VFW Post #5551 serving as its Quartermaster. He was also a Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America - Grants Pass Chapter #867. He is survived by his wife of 40 years, Patricia; his brothers Ben Munoz and his wife, of Southern California, Roger Hogue and his wife, of Grants Pass; his sister Sharon Heckman, of Southern California; his sons Larry and wife of Orcutt, California and Peter Biley, of Grants Pass; his daughters, Penny Alvarez and Wendy Buchan, both of Southern California, Jeuly Rodiguez of Wichita, Kansas, Leanne Mori, of Southern California, Shanna Biley, of Hermiston, Oregon and Linda Pinks, of Grants Pass, and; several other relatives. There were no services. He was cremated and his ashes scattered at sea.

JAMES N. HOLLER – Died Wednesday, October 15, 2014 in Sun City West, Arizona at the age of 73. The cause of death was heart failure. He was born February 3, 1941. He is survived by his wife, Phyllis. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of Vietnam Veterans of America – Sun City Chapter #1043.

JAMES DEAN "Jim" HONE – Died at home in Ferndale, Washington on Friday, November, 18, 2011 at the age of 61. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on February 21, 1950 to Bessie Hone and the late Dean Hone. He retired from the United States Army in 1991 where he served proudly for 21 years. Jim was a veteran of the Vietnam War where he served with his brother Tom. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Bellingham Chapter #165**. In addition to his father, he was preceded in death by his brother Tom Hone of Utah. In addition to his mother, he is survived by his wife Torey and her children, Austin and Laney; his son, Lt. Peter (Yuko) Taylor; his daughters, Cindy (Tim) Hone DeMarchi, Jamie Hone Gleason, Kirsten (Neil) Taylor Fazzari; his sister-in-law Marcella Hone and 7 grandchildren – Kristina Tinoco, Donatello, Carmelina, Angelynah, Marcelino DeMarchi, Jackson Gleason and nieces and nephews. Jim is missed by his wife Torey who loved him with all her heart. He will be missed by Mary Hone Roby. Jim loved his puppies, Sasha and Tanker. His wishes were to have his ashes laid to rest on his mountain in Eastern Washington with his other loyal puppies, Annie and

Pepper. A celebration of life for Jim was on December 10th at 1:00 PM at the Moles Greenacres Funeral Home in Ferndale. In lieu of flowers please make any gifts to Moles Greenacres Funeral Home to help defray the cost of the funeral.

THOMAS CARL HOOVER - Died Saturday, April 26, 2014 at his home near Belden, Mississippi at the age of 75. The cause of death is unknown. He was born April 8, 1949 in Elkhorn, Wisconsin to the late Richard Hoover and Jeanine (née Olsen) Hoover-Penn, he attended public schools there. After graduating high school, he joined the United States Marine Corps in June 1967 and served during the Vietnam War, honorably discharging on June 18, 1971, in Memphis as a Sergeant. He saw much ground combat during his service and contacted Agent Orange which he struggled with the rest of his life. He lived many years in Memphis, Tennessee and in Fort Lauderdale, Florida, before moving to Lee County four years ago. An Episcopalian, he was a certified scuba instructor, enjoyed woodworking and life in general. He was a Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Tupelo Chapter #842. He is survived by his mother, Jeanine Penn of Southaven; two daughters, Carey Hoover of Belden and her family, Melissa Thomas and Shea Wilson and Tracy Hoover Schmitt and her husband, Jeff, of Jackson, Tennessee.; five grandchildren, Lex, P.J., Andee, Bailey and Taylor; his siblings, Richard Hoover of Ocean Springs, Steven Hoover of Walls, Thomas Eskew Sr. of Fort Myers, Florida, Jimmy Eskew, Kenneth Eskew of Saltillo, David Eskew of Nettleton, Sharon Jade Eskew of Jacksonville, Florida, Patricia Collins of Cincinnati, Ohio, Debbie Bruseau of Memphis, Sandra Lindsey of Ocean Springs and Brenda Wilson of Bartlett; a special best friend, Ted Nelson of Arkansas; and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins. He was preceded in death by his father, Richard Hoover; his wife, Whitney Hoover; and a brother, Jeff Hoover. A memorial service with full U.S. Marine Corps honors was at 5:00 PM on Wednesday, April 30th, at Tupelo Chapel of Holland Funeral Directors. The Reverend Dr. Rick Brooks officiated. Burial was private. Visitation was from 3:00 PM to service time Wednesday only. Memorials may be made to the Vietnam Wall Project at Tupelo Veterans Park, P.O. Box 3608, Tupelo, MS 38802.

PATRICIA ANN HOY – Died Saturday, April 26, 2014 in Florida at the age of 66. The cause of death is unknown. She was born March 8, 1948. She is survived by her husband, Harry and her son, Steven and his wife Jacqueline; her brother, Steve Moore; her sister, Peggy Moore. Patricia loved to bake and stay active as she was a member of the Red Hatters Club, Daughters of the American Revolution. She also helped at the Mary Giella School as well as bringing books to the VA. She was also 2nd Vice-President of the Village of Pines Glen. She was also the webmaster for 2nd Battalion, 3rd Marines Vietnam Veterans. She was a member of **Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America – Dearborn Chapter #267**. There was a visitation at the Funeral Home on Tuesday, April 29, 2014 from 10:00-11:00 AM with a service that followed at 11:00 AM.



<u>GERALD ARTHUR IRLAND</u> - Died in Willow Spring, North Carolina on July 3, 2014 at the age of 63. The cause of death was ALS-Lou Gehrig's disease. He was born in Waterloo, New York on November 4, 1950. He is survived by his wife, Ann Irland, of the home. He served in the United States Air Force from January 12, 1971 to October 28, 1974. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America**

– Rochester (*New York*) Chapter #20. A memorial service was held July 11, 2014 at 8:30 PM in the Williford Funeral Home Chapel. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to Paralyzed Veterans of America, 7 Millbrook Road, Wilton, NH 03086-0923. Please request that Mrs. Irland be notified when a donation is made.

<u>ALBERT R. JACQUEZ, SR.</u> – Died recently in 2014 in Los Osos, California at the age of 64. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Tulare County, California on June 3, 1950. His mother's maiden name was Rubalcaba. He is survived by his wife, Isabel (née Ortega) Jacquez who he married on September 6, 1975. He served in the United States Army from August 15, 1968 to June 11, 1971 with a tour in Vietnam. He was a recipient of the Purple Heart. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – San Luis Obispo Chapter #643**.

WILLIAM INMAN "Bill" JENKINS, JR. - Died Thursday, December 11, 2014 in Chattanooga, Tennessee at the age of 67. The cause of death is unknown. He was born September 23, 1947. He was a decorated Yeoman in the United States Navy, completed two tours in Vietnam and was buried with military honors. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Chattanooga Chapter #203**. He was predeceased by his parents, grand-parents, and his nephew Josh McBryar. He is survived by his wife, Barbara Ann Jenkins; their three children Sarah Jenkins, Chris Jenkins, and Michael Jenkins; his step daughter, Angel Hardin-Campbell; grandchildren, Stephanie Bogle, Jacob Defore, Joseph Campbell, Alana Barton; great-grandchild Alex Bramblett; sister, Jenny Jenkins McBryar and niece, Jackie Smith. The Reverend Dallas Beck conducted a graveside service on Tuesday at 1:30 PM in the Chattanooga National Cemetery.



<u>RICHARD D. JENSEN</u> - Died Saturday, October 25, 2014 at the Cherokee Villa in Cherokee, Iowa at the age of 84. He was a resident of Cherokee. The cause of death was chronic obstructive pulmonary disease. He was born on November 3, 1929 on a farm in rural Clay County, South Dakota to the late Arlo and Daisy (née Andersen) Jensen. Dick attended Wakonda Star Township country school through

the 8th grade and Irene High School in Irene, South Dakota, and at the age of 16, he enlisted in the United States Marine Corps celebrating his 17th birthday in Peiping, China. Dick served five years as a Marine, and he then re-enlisted in the United States Air Force, where he served for the next 23 years. During his military career, he was stationed in China, Panama, Guam, Korea and Vietnam, along with numerous bases throughout the United States. He was awarded numerous medals and commendations during his career, including his cherished Bronze Star, Meritorious Service medal, two commendation Medals with Oak Leaf Clusters, and the Vietnam Cross of Gallantry with Palm, along with four Campaign Stars for Vietnam and the Air Force Outstanding Unit Citation. Dick honorably served in WWII, the Korean Conflict and the Vietnam War. Dick was a life member of the VFW, American Legion, DAV, a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Aurelia Chapter #888**, Scottish Rite, Masonic Joppa 120 Lodge, and a past member for 33 years of the Aloha Shrine. In 1958, Dick married Rebecca Lease in Ridgeley, West Virginia, and to this union three children were born - Daisy (Penny), Candy, and Richard Jr. (Jay). Upon retiring from the military, the family purchased a farm near Freeman, South Dakota. Rebecca lost her long battle with cancer in 1983, and in 1988, Dick married Florence (Flo)

Reisner Fiedler. The couple lived on the farm west of Irene until 2010, when they moved to Cherokee to be closer to Flo's family, due to Dick's declining health. Survivors include his wife Flo of Cherokee; daughters Daisy (Keith) Halvorson of Dubuque, Candy (Arlen) Halvorson of Edmond City, Oklahoma and Jay (Becky)Jensen of Irene, South Dakota; and stepchildren Leslie (Roger) Williams of Paullina and Cindy (Dean) Gravenish, Mike (Angie) Fiedler and Jeff (Lisa) Fiedler, all of Cherokee. He is also survived by 22 grandchildren, numerous great grandchildren, many nieces and nephews, and his cherished friend Dick Sherman and his wife, LeAnna. He was preceded in death by his parents; his first wife, Rebecca; and brothers Keith (KB) Jensen, Douglas Jensen, and Merle in infancy. A Memorial service was held at 10:30 AM on Saturday, November 1, 2014, at the Calvary Lutheran Church in Irene, South Dakota and burial was at the Turkey Valley Cemetery in Irene. There was no visitation. The Greenwood-Schubert Funeral Home in Cherokee assisted the family with arrangements. Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.greenwoodfuneral.com.

EDWARD A. JONES - Died surrounded by loving family on Sunday, December 7, 2014 in Greece, New York at the age of 73. He was born October 17, 1941 to the late James B. and Alta Jones. In addition to his parents he was also predeceased by his sister, Rose Spoth. He is survived by his wife of 33 years, Kathleen; sons, Timothy, James (Christine), Edward; daughter, Patricia (Greg) Mowers; grandchildren, Gregory, Jr., Stephanie, Emily, Analise, Jessica, Jenna, Jason; sister, Mary (Robert) Symonds; special friends, Melinda Carde and Darius Snyder. He served in the United States Navy, was a Vietnam Veteran and an Honor Guard and a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Rochester Chapter #20**. Family received friends from 6:00-8:00 PM Tuesday at the New Comer Funeral Home, 2636 Ridgeway Avenue. A Funeral Service was held at 10:00 AM on Wednesday at the funeral home. Interment was in the Riverside Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Honor Guard Chapter #20 of Vietnam Veterans of America, P.O. Box 12580, Rochester, NY 14612.



ROBERT BRUCE "Bob" KITT (USN, CPT-Ret.) - Died Saturday, October 18, 2014 in Lady Lake, Florida at the age of 94. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in South Dakota on June 28, 1920 and was raised in Tulsa, Oklahoma. He attended Oklahoma A&M College before being recommended to the US Naval Academy in 1940, graduating in 1943 (Class of 1944). Robert served his country with distinction through

WWII and Vietnam and retired in 1973. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America** – **Oxford Chapter #1036**. He was a land surveyor in New Hampshire before moving to Lady Lake in 1987. Robert was predeceased by his wife of 66 years, Rita F. McGrath, of Everett, MA, a registered nurse and Navy Nurse Corps officer. He is survived by their son Bruce Kitt and his wife, Debbie, of Eden Prairie MN and their daughter, Becky Collins and her husband, Donald, of Stamford CT; five grandchildren and six great grandchildren. A memorial service was held at Beyers Funeral Home on Monday, November 10th at 11:00 AM. His cremains were inurned at 1:00 PM in the Florida National Cemetery at Bushnell. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Villages Honor Flight, PO Box 490, Lady Lake FL 32158 or Leesburg Humane Society, 41250 Emeralda Island Rd, Leesburg FL 34788. Online condolences may be left at www.beyersfuneralhome.com Arrangements entrusted to Beyers Funeral Home and Crematory, Lady Lake, FL.



ARTHUR DOUGLAS KNEPP - Died Thursday, January 23, 2014 in Davenport, Iowa at his home following a courageous battle with cancer. He was 63 years of age. He was born December 29, 1950 in Washington, Iowa to the late Richard Glenn and Delma Jean (née Miller) Knepp. He served in the United States Army from 1970 until 1973.

He was united in marriage to Eva Irene (née Joiner) Marxen on March 28, 1987 in Davenport. Doug had most recently been employed as a paint leader at the Rock Island Arsenal retiring in 2013. He was a member of the Fraternal Order of Eagles #235, the Eagle Riders and the Patriot Guard Riders. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Quad Cities (Rock Island) Chapter #299**. Those left to honor his memory include his wife, Eva; daughters: Heather (Chris) LaCrue, Colorado and Makayla Knepp, Milan, IL; sons: Mike Joiner, Davenport, Dale (Brandi) Marxen, Galesburg, IL and Chris Knepp, Rock Island, IL; grandchildren: Devin, Dillon, Madison, Dalton, Jaytin and Ryan; sister, Deb (Bruce) Ewing, Colorado; brothers: Steve (Connie) Knepp, Davenport; Warren (Bonnie) Knepp, Colorado and Kevin Knepp, Colorado and several nieces and nephews. Doug was preceded in death by his parents and grandparents. Funeral services were on Monday, January 27, 2014 at 10:00 AM at The Runge Mortuary. Visitation was on Sunday from 4:00-8:00 PM at The Runge Mortuary. Burial was in the National Cemetery, Rock Island, IL. Memorials may be made to Pause & Effect Program of the Fraternal Order of the Eagles. Online condolences may be left at www.rungemortuary.com.

<u>CHARLES KOON</u> – Died Saturday, November 22, 2014 in Alexandria, Minnesota. The cause of death was pancreatic cancer. He served in the United States Navy from 1961 to 1965. He was a member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Alexandria Chapter #235.



JOHN KOPROWSKI – Died Wednesday, December 31, 2014 in Gilbert, Arizona while visiting his daughter for the holidays. He was 76 years of age and a resident of Zephyrhills, Florida. The cause of death was a massive heart attack. He is survived by his wife, Joyce (née Thrower) Koprowski, 3 daughters, 1 son and 7 grandchildren. He served in the United States Marine Corps with two tours in Vietnam on in 1967 to 1968 and the other one in a subsequent year. He was a

Life Member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Zephyrhills Chapter #195**. He had a 29 years involvement in Vietnam Veterans of America holding many important positions: a former member of the National Board of Directors; a former Region 4 Director; a former Florida State Council President and State Council Secretary. Funeral arrangements are pending.

DAVID F. KRAUSE - Died at home in Ely Township, Michigan on Sunday evening, September 21, 2014 with his loving family by his side and under the care of Lake Superior Hospice at the age of 74. The cause of death was cancer. He was born December 3, 1939 in Bay City, Michigan to the late Floyd J. and Betty J. (née Collins) Krause. He graduated from Bay City Handy High School, Class of 1957, and attended Bay City Junior College. He served in the United States Army for two tours during the Vietnam War beginning in August, 1963 until he was honorably discharged as a Captain Ranger in December, 1964. Following his service to his country, Dave held many jobs, but was employed most of his career with All-State Insurance, retiring as the District Manager. He moved to Negaunee in 1977. Mr. Krause was a very active *Life Member* of

Vietnam Veterans of America - Negaunee Chapter #380 and VA Romo Post #3165, VFW Negaunee. He was a proud, longtime friend of Bill W. and enjoyed his weekly Thursday coffee clutch at Buck's Restaurant. Dave loved living on the Black River and spending time outdoors. He was an avid fisherman, especially partial to fly fishing, and was able to enjoy his last fishing trip this past May. He was a voracious reader, always having a book in hand, and also loved to cook. In his younger years he enjoyed camping and deer hunting. Surviving are his loving wife of nearly 19 years, Judith A. (Charbonneau) Krause; 4 sons: Jeffrey Krause of Negaunee, David Krause of Texas, Timothy (Brenda) Krause of Negaunee and James (Leslie) Pascoe of Virginia; 3 daughters: Karen Goodreau of Negaunee, Gretchen (David) Devroy of Marguette and Christine Pascoe of Negaunee; 14 grandchildren: Matthew Krause, Ashley Bartle, Abbey and Aubrey Goodreau, Gary, Courtney and Ben Devroy, Emma and Chloe Krause, Marina Krause, Alex and Miranda Pascoe and Carter and Payton Pascoe; 1 great-granddaughter, Payton Devroy and another great-granddaughter, Ellia Goodreau, on the way; 2 sisters: Susan Krause of Oscoda and DeeAnne (Dale) McGregor of Florida; special friends: Jim Massie, Rick Stetson, Gary 'Surf' Guibord, Martin Tremethick, Jeff Skewis, Mark DePlanche and Don Curto; his faithful companions: Simba and Zeppelin; and numerous nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents; a sister, Ann Kuch and a brother, Fred Krause. A Celebration of Dave's Life was held from 5:00 PM until 8:00 PM on Thursday, September 25th at the Negaunee VFW. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be directed to the Vietnam Veterans of America or the D.J. Jacobetti Home for Veterans Activity Fund in Dave's memory.



JOHN HARRY "Sarge" "Jack" LaFAVOR, SR. - Died Thursday, October 2, 2014 at his home in Lawton, Oklahoma at the age of 78. The cause of death is unknown. He was born December 31, 1935 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania to the late Lewis and Anne (née Weckesser) LaFavor. He grew up in Philadelphia as well as in New Jersey, and San Bernardo, California. He joined the United States Army on August

5, 1954 where he served two tours in Vietnam. John married Marilyn Baker in Reno, Nevada on September 24, 1960. During his military career, John worked as a mechanic and a game warden and received numerous awards and medals to include, Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross Unit Citation with Palm, Vietnam Service Medal, Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal, Bronze Star Medal, Army of Occupation Medal-Germany, (4) Overseas Service Bars, Good Conduct Medal with Fifth Award, National Defense Service Medal, Bronze Star Medal with V Device. SSG LaFavor retired after 21 years of honorable service to his country on December 31, 1975, which also was his 40th birthday. After his retirement, he worked as a pipe layer. He was a Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Lawton Chapter #751. In his spare time he enjoyed racing, fishing, picking, and shelling pecans. John is survived by his wife of 54 years, of the home; his children: John H. LaFavor Jr., and his wife, Martha; and Amanda Leilani Michele LaFavor Jones, and her husband, Jerry; his granddaughter, Karizma Jones, all of Lawton; his sister, Helena Anne Foss, Philadelphia, Penn.; and numerous nieces and nephews. In addition to his parents, he was also preceded in death by two brothers, Lester LaFavor, and Robert LaFavor. The Memorial service was at 2:00 PM on Thursday, at Fort Sill National Cemetery with full military honors. Arrangements were under direction of Lawton Ritter Gray Funeral Home.

DAVID HARRY LAH - Died Thursday, September 25, 2014 at his home in O'Fallon, Missouri at



the age of 68. The cause of death was a heart attack. He was born October 15, 1945 in Danville, Illinois to the late Harry and Renata (née Meyer) Lah. He and Geraldine H. Hauenschild were married in 1972 at Saint Paul Lutheran Church in Jackson. She passed away August 22, 1978. David graduated from Milford Township High School in Milford, Illinois in 1963. He was drafted into the United States Army in 1966 and was honorably discharged in 1971. He then graduated

from Valparaiso University in Valparaiso, Indiana with a Bachelor Degree in Engineering. He worked as a civil engineer in Sikeston, Cape Girardeau, and St. Louis Missouri areas, retiring from St. Charles County Government in 2010. As a child, David was Baptized and confirmed into the Lutheran Faith, and was a current member of Chapel of the Cross Lutheran Church in St. Peters, Missouri. He was a member of the VFW in O'Fallon, and was very involved in his church ministries and civic organizations in his community. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Saint Peters Chapter #458**. Loving survivors include: a daughter, Sarah (Joe) Arthur of Folsom, Louisiana; a granddaughter, Ella Arthur of Folsom; three brothers, Kenneth Lah of Lafayette, Indiana, Roger (Oleana) Lah of Orange, California, and Ronald (Laura) Lah of Lafayette, Indiana. He was preceded in death by his parents, his wife, Geraldine, and a brother, Arthur Lah. Friends called on Tuesday, September 30, 2014 from 4:00-8:00 PM at the chapel of McCombs Funeral Home and Cremation Center in Jackson. The funeral was on Wednesday, October 1, 2014 at 10:30 AM at the funeral home with the Reverend Mark Hoehner officiating. Interment was in the Russell Heights Cemetery in Jackson with full military honors. Memorials may take the form of contributions to the Lutheran Hour Ministries.



L. LESLIE "Les" LeCOMPTE - Died Saturday, September 13, 2014 at Bayhealth, Kent General Hospital, Dover, Delaware surrounded by his loving family. He was 93 and a resident of Dover, Delaware. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Farmington, Delaware to the late John L. LeCompte and Anna (née Dietrich)

LeCompte Johnson. Mr. LeCompte proudly served his country in the United States Army during World War II. He worked as comptroller for Wesley College, an accountant for Texaco and Pardee Oil Companies before retiring from his final career of 33 years as Administrative Assistant to the Chief Engineer of the Department of Transportation for the State of Delaware. Les loved baseball. He was a big Phillies fan and jumped at the chance to attend a live game whenever possible. He was active in scorekeeping and coaching with the Dover Little League from 1954-1959, Dover Pony League from 1960-1962, American Legion Post 1963-1965. His other hobbies included fishing and clock repair. Les was a member of Wesley United Methodist Church, Dover where he served as greeter for many years. He was a Master Mason with Union Lodge No. 7 A.F. & A.M. for over 60 years, a member of Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America - Dover Chapter #850 and a life member of the VFW. He is preceded in death by his loving wife of 58 years, Elma Pratt LeCompte; step-father Clem Johnson, Sr. and step-brother Clem Johnson. He is survived by his son Jack LeCompte and his wife Florene of Dover; granddaughter Teri LeCompte Carter, her husband J.J. and their children Brady, Dalton, Maddie, Caroline and Jameson of Milford; grandson John (Spanky) L. LeCompte, III of Camden; grandson Jeffrey W. LeCompte of Dover; brother Brit LeCompte of Lynchburg, VA; and step-sister Lois Finley and her husband Ted of Dover. A visitation was held on Thursday, September 18, 2014

from 5:00-7:30 PM with a Masonic Service at 7:30 PM at Wesley United Methodist Church, Dover. The funeral service was at 11:00 AM on Friday, September 19, 2014 at Wesley United Methodist Church, Dover. Interment was in Odd Fellows Cemetery, Smyrna, Delaware. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Wesley United Methodist Church, 209 South State Street, Dover, DE 19901 or to Union Lodge No. 7, 1478 Wyoming Mill Road, Dover, DE 19904. Donations to Union Lodge No. 7 will be used to fund scholarships for students.



JERRY WAYNE LEWIS - Died Wednesday, October 8, 2014 in Soddy Daisy, Tennessee at the age of 68. The cause of death is unknown. He was born June 29, 1946 in Chattanooga, Tennessee to the late C. L. and Katherine (née Burkhart) Lewis. He was of the Baptist faith and graduated from Hixson High School. Jerry

served his country in the United States Army and was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He retired from S & H Erectors as an Operating Engineer and was a member of the IUOE Local #917. Jerry was a flagman for both Boyd and Cleveland Speedway for over 20 years. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Chattanooga Chapter #203**. Survivors include his wife, Janice P. Lewis; daughters, Leslie Eady Griffith of Ooltewah and Amy Eady Burkhart of Hixson; son, Jeremy (April) Lewis of Soddy-Daisy; brother, Jackie (Joyce) Lewis; grandchildren, Lauren (Dax) Serio, Mason Cantrell, Katelyn Helton and Wyatt Lewis. Services were held on Tuesday, October 14th, at 1:00 PM in the funeral home chapel with Reverend Shane Craven officiating. Burial was at the National Cemetery with military honors. Pallbearers will be Matt Murphy, Jackie Lewis, Jr., Tom Wadsworth, Raymond L. Bankston, Jr., Caleb Gilbert, Dax Serio and Jack Murphy. Honorary pallbearers will be Mike Duncan and Raymond Lamar Bankston, Sr. Visitation was on Monday, October 13 from 11:00 AM-8:00 PM at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made in Jerry's name to Crohn's and Colitis Foundation at the Community Kitchen at P.O. Box 11203, Chattanooga, TN 37401. Arrangements were by Williamson and Sons Funeral Home, 8852 Dayton Pike, Soddy Daisy, Tn. 37379.



ERNEST RAYMOND LINDERS - Died Friday evening, July 11, 2014 at Applewood Rehabilitation Center in Winchester, New Hampshire at the age of 65, following a period of declining health. He was a resident of Marlborough, New Hampshire. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Manchester, Connecticut on October 11,

1948 to the late Ernest Christian and Dorothea (née Haberen) Linders. He grew up in Manchester, Connecticut and was a 1966 graduate of Manchester High School. He served in the United States Army with the 9th Infantry Division in Vietnam for several years. Afterwards, he attended Keene State College. Mr. Linders married Lynne Runde in 1972 at the Center Congregational Church in Manchester, Connecticut. He worked in construction, mostly as an independent contractor, though at different times he also worked for both MacMillan Construction Group and Baybutt Construction in Keene for various projects. Mr. Linders was a member of the Masons, Charity Lodge #18, and also a Shriner. He was a member of the Odd Fellows, Paquoig Lodge in Marlborough, and The American Legion, Croteau-Coutts Post #24. Earlier in his life, he was a Boy Scout Leader. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Keene Chapter #1034**. He also served on the Monadnock Advisory Board and the Marlborough Conservation Commission, testing the water quality of Stone Pond for the past 20 years. He enjoyed fishing, boating and renovating the old farm house he and his wife owned in

Maine. Mr. Linders could fix just about anything, including cars, motorcycles and boats. His family remembers him as quick-witted, generous with his time and talents and that he loved the outdoors. Mr. Linders is survived by his wife of 42 years, Lynne Linders of Marlborough; his son, Ernest "Ethan" Linders, and wife, Elizabeth Moran-Linders, of Aurora, Maine; his brother, Lawerence Linders, and wife, Reges, of Arlington, Mass.; his sister, Christine Linders of Bellingham, Wash; mother-in-law Doris Ann Runde of Manchester, Conn.; sister-in-law Janice Bouley, and husband, William, also of Manchester, Conn; and many nieces and nephews. Services for Mr. Linders were held on Wednesday, July 16, 2014, 11:00 AM at the Federated Church of Marlborough. The Reverend Nancy Wood officiated. There are no public calling hours. Fletcher Funeral Home & Cremation Services, 33 Marlboro Street, Keene assisted with the arrangements. (www.fletcherfuneralhome.com). In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made in Mr. Linders' name to Fast Friends Greyhound Rescue, 44 West Swanzey Road, Swanzey, NH 03446.



NATHANIEL BARTON "Bart" LOOMIS - Died Sunday, October 26, 2014 in Covington, Louisiana at the age of 68. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on September 10, 1946 in Manhattan, New York to the late Betty (née Blackman) Barton and William Farnsworth Loomis. The beloved husband of Gina McIntyre Loomis, he is survived by his two sons, Landon (Holly) and Dodd (Alix) Loomis, his three step-sons Michael, Barton and Andrew Stone, his three grandchildren Soren, Oscar and Nathaniel Loomis and siblings Jackie Quillen and Billy Loomis. He was pre-deceased by his parents and sisters, Debbie Loomis and Joan Hastings. Bart attended Phillips Academy Andover and graduated from the University of Pennsylvania in 1968. He then enlisted in the United States Marine Corps, serving as Intelligence Officer and Captain of a Marine battalion in Vietnam, where he ran the Kit Carson counter-insurgency program and was awarded the Navy Commendation with Combat V. He was a member of Vietnam Veterans of America -Independence Chapter #1052. In 1974, Bart moved to New Orleans and became a leader in the local business community. He ran J.H. Menge & Co. as President for 32 years, co-founded the City Business and Gambit newspapers, served as Director and President of the Louisiana Chemical Industry Alliance, and was as an active member of the Greater New Orleans Executives Association for many years. Beyond business, Bart was an active supporter of local philanthropic and cultural causes. He chaired Operation Mainstream, a literacy initiative, and the Volunteers of America National Housing program. An accomplished Baritone, Bart sang with the New Orleans Symphony Chorus, New Orleans Opera Chorus and the Christ Episcopal Church Choir. He was a member of the Krewes of Proteus and Rex and a member of the Boston Club. Bart was also an avid green-thumb, ultimately achieving the distinction of "Master Gardener". Martial Arts were a lifelong passion. Bart ultimately earned black belts in Tae Kwon Do and Kobudo weapons. The United States Karate Alliance (USKA) certified Bart as a Judge and Referee at both the National and World Championship levels, and was recognized by the USKA with a Lifetime Achievement Award in 2012. Relatives and friends were invited to attend a memorial service which took place at 11:00 AM on Monday November 3, 2014 at Christ Episcopal Church, 120 South New Hampshire Street, Covington, LA 70433. There will be a reception in Holzhalb Hall following the service. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to Christ Episcopal Church in Bart's memory. Please feel free to sign the guestbook and share a memory on the tribute wall at www.ejfieldingfh.com.



JAMES DEASY MALONEY – Died Thursday, May 1, 2014 in Towson, Maryland at the age of 62. The cause of death is unknown. He was born July 13, 1952 devoted son of Josephine Maloney; beloved brother of Patty Hawkins and the late Kathy Brown; loving father of Amy Whitlock and her husband Larry, Angela Lehr and her fiancé Keith Martin, Christopher Ford, Sr. and his wife Brianna, Emily Jones and her husband Chris; cherished grandfather of 8. Jim is also survived by many other

loving family and friends. He was an *At-Large Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Maryland**. Relatives and friends were invited to gather at the Burgee Henss Seitz Funeral Home, Inc., 3631 Falls Road, 21211 on Tuesday, May 6th from 3:00-5:00 PM and 7:00-9:00 PM where funeral services were celebrated on Tuesday at 8:00 PM. Interment was private.

JAMES WILLIAM "Bo" MARION - Died Sunday, July 6, 2014 at the Woltz Hospice Home at the age of 66. He was a resident of Dobson, North Carolina. The cause of death is unknown. He was born December 13, 1947. He is survived by his wife Sandra (née Hooker) Marion. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Mount Airy Chapter #1021**. Funeral services were at the Cox-Needham Chapel on Wednesday, July 9, 2014 at 2:00 PM.



RAFAEL ANTONIO MARTINEZ - Died peacefully February 24, 2009 in the Spring Creek Nursing Home in Dauphin County, Pennsylvania at the age of 61. He was previously a resident of Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. The cause of death is unknown. He was born October 25, 1947. He was a United States Army Vietnam Veteran with a service connected disability who was honored by the late

Lieutenant Governor Catherine Knoll. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America** – **M.O.H. Capital (***Harrisburg***) Chapter #542**. He leaves to mourn his children, Cacique Rich Martinez and Rafael Jr. of Harrisburg, in addition to other relatives and friends. His viewing was on Monday March 2, 2009 at 12:00 Noon in the Hooper Memorial Home, Inc., with a graveside tribute at 2:00 PM in Indiantown Gap National Cemetery.



HELEN MARIE (née Mullin) McDOWELL - Died peacefully in her home on Thursday, October 2, 2014 surrounded by her family. She was 60 years of age and a resident of Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio. The cause of death was cancer. She was born on February 7, 1954 in Greenville, Mississippi to the late Joseph and Térèse Mullin, Sr. A longtime

area resident, Helen was a devoted wife and mother, dedicated to her Catholic faith, and proudly served her country for eight years in the United States Marine Corps. She was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Cuyahoga Falls Chapter #717**. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her brother, George; and her niece, Alexandria. She is survived by her husband of 22 years, Kurt; her children, Erik (Diana) McDowell of Stow, Angelita (Keith) Hood of Mentor, Gennine (Matthew) Null of Wadsworth, and Anthony Hehr of Cuyahoga Falls; grandchildren, John, Lee, Katelyn, Krista, Terese, Kurt, Gabriel, Charlie, and Liam. She also leaves behind 11 siblings; and many beloved nieces and nephews. The family

received friends on Sunday from 4:00 to 6:00 PM at the Anthony Funeral Home McGowan-Reid and Santos Chapel, 247 Stow Avenue (at 3rd Street, one block north of Portage Trail) in Cuyahoga Falls, where a rosary was said at 5:30 PM. A Requiem High Mass was celebrated on Monday at 10:30 AM at the Immaculate Heart of Mary Chapel, 2935 Chenoweth Road, Akron, OH 44312. Interment was at All Saints Cemetery in Northfield. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to any Pro-Life organization, Stewart's Caring Place, 2955 West Market Street, Fairlawn, OH 44333, or to Wags for Warriors, P.O. BOX 41191 Brecksville, OH 44141. Anthony Funeral Homes, Cuyahoga Falls were in charge of arrangements.

JAMES WARREN MCELWEE, SR. – Died Wednesday, October 1, 2014 in Cedar City, Utah at the age of 69. He was a resident of Mocassin, Arizona. The cause of death was colon cancer. He was born October 29, 1944 in Bozeman, Montana to the late Edwin Cleo and Eunice Eva (née Holdiman) McElwee. He married Olive Heaton of Mocassin on June 24, 1969 in the Saint George (Utah) Temple of the Church of Jesus Christ of the Latter-Day Saints. He served in the United States Air Force and the United States Army during the Vietnam War from July 1962 to December 1973. His tour of duty in Vietnam was from November 3, 1971 to October 6, 1972. He was a Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Saint George (Utah) Chapter #961. He is survived by his wife, Olive; four sons and three daughters with their spouses, James W. (Mori) McElwee, Jr., Clorinda (Alphy) Madsen, Amaryllis (Robert) Briggs, Jessalee (Andy) Konlock, Charles (Amy) McElwee and Jared McElwee; his sister and brother-in-law, Eve and Monty Arnold, and; ten grandchildren. In addition to his parents, he was predeceased by one grandchild, Hayden Madsen and his brother, Charles McElwee. Funeral services were held on Tuesday, October 7, 2014 at the Mocassin LDS Church with interment in the Mocassin Cemetery. Military honors were provided by the Vietnam Veterans of America – Chapter #961 from Saint George, Utah. Arrangements were made by Mosdell Mortuary.

JOHN PAUL McFALL - Died Thursday, May 15, 2014 at 10:00 PM in his residence in Clinton, Indiana at the age of 69. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on February 8, 1945 in Hillsdale, Indiana to the late George McFall and Mary (née Jones) McFall. He served in the United States Navy during the Vietnam War and 12 years with the National Guard. He was an Engineer with the railroad for CSX. He married Pam (née Winters) McFall on May 16, 1998 in Decatur, Illinois. He was a member of the VFW #6653 and American Legion. He was a Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Springfield (Illinois) Chapter #534. He is preceded in death by his parents, a sister Phyllis Shorter, a daughter Stephanie McFall, two sons; John McFall Jr., and Jonathan McFall. He is survived by his wife Pam McFall of Clinton, their children; Brad & Kim McFall of Decatur, IL., Kent & Denise McFall of Rosedale and Russ & Tiffany McFall of Decatur, IL., Vince Vandevender of Clinton, Leanna & Ed Payton of Rockville and Teresa & Rob Setzer of Matton; a brother David & Debbie McFall of Hillsdale; also 18 grandchildren, 9 great grandchildren and several nieces and nephews. Visitation was held on Tuesday from 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM at Frist Funeral Home. A service was held at 1:00 PM with Pastor Wray Offermann officiating. Burial was in the Walnut Grove Cemetery. Military rites were performed by the VFW and American Legion. Online condolences may be made at www.fristfuneralhome.com. A special thank you to the Southern Care Hospice for all the help and caring you have given us.

CHARLES ANDREW McLEAN – Died on Saturday, June 22, 2013 at Westchester Medical center in Vallhalla. He was 76 and a resident of Middletown, New York. The cause of death was cardio-respiratory failure. Charles was born on January 19, 1937 in Waltham, Massachusetts. Charles proudly served in the United States Navy for two tours of duty from 1955-1962 serving during the Vietnam War. He was a Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America - New Hampton Chapter #140 and the Middletown Elks Club #1097. Charlie was also a very active member of Hoffman Lodge #42 order of Free Masons in Middletown; he served as Secretary for 16 years. Charlie worked as Supervisor of the Parks Dept. and formerly served as a Councilman of the 3rd Ward in Town of Wallkill. He also worked as a volunteer for the Town of Wallkill Volunteer Ambulance Corp. Charles is survived by his loving wife Jane Frosio McLean at home; daughter, Gail Marie Schriener of Willis, TX; brothers, John of CA, Dennis and his wife Judy and Daniel and his wife Mary of MA, and Robert McLean of PA; his sisters, Ann Keegan of West Hartford, CT, Margaret Tirone and Esther Bigalo both of MA; three grandchildren, Jesse, Samantha and Jennifer and one great-granddaughter, Alora Rose. He was predeceased by his parents and a brother, Thomas. Cremation was private. Visitation was from 6:00 to 8:00 PM on Wednesday, June 26, 2013 at Applebee-McPhillips Funeral Home, Inc., 130 Highland Avenue. Middletown, NY 10940. An Elks Service was held at 7:15 PM on Wednesday, followed by a Masonic Service. A Funeral Service was conducted at the funeral home on Wednesday evening. Burial of ashes with Military honors took place at 9:30 AM on Thursday, June 27th at Orange County Veterans Cemetery, 111 Craigville Road, Goshen, NY 10924. Arrangements were under the direction of Applebee-McPhillips Funeral Home, Inc.



JOSE A. MERCADO (USA, 1SG-Ret.) - Died Wednesday, November 12, 2014 at his home in Lawton, Oklahoma at the age of 82. The cause of death was cancer. He was born March 13, 1932 in Los Angeles, Puerto Rico to the late Francisco and Esther Maria (née Santiago) Mercado. He graduated from Utado High School in Puerto Rico and later earned his Bachelor of Science in Business from Cameron

University in May of 1984. He married Wilfriede J. Mehner on February 14, 1958 in Germany. He left Puerto Rico in 1951 to serve in the United States Army during the Korean Conflict and left the military to return home to complete school. He returned to the military in December 1954 and served in the U.S. Army until his retirement as a First Sergeant in 1973. He was a veteran of Korea and Vietnam. His awards include the Korean Service Medal with two bronze stars, United Nations Service Medal, Combat Infantry Badge, National Defense Service Medal with first Oak Leaf Cluster, Good Conduct Medal (4 awards), Vietnam Service Medal, Achievement Medal, Bronze Star Medal, four Overseas Service Bars, six Service Stripes, Expert Rifle M-14, Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal (3 awards) Republic of Vietnam Civil Actions Medal Unit Citation and the Korean Presidential Unit Citation. He was a Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Lawton Chapter #751. Upon his retirement from the military he attended plumbing school and after graduation he was licensed as a plumbing contractor and started Lawton plumbing and heating. In 1973 he was hired as the senior plumbing inspector by the City of Lawton. In May 1977 he was appointed Building and Safety Supervisor for the City of Lawton and held that position until his retirement in March of 1994. He is survived by his wife of 56 years, Wilfriede, of the home; two daughters, Amanda McKay and husband Richard, Caledonia, New York, and Gloria Mercado and fiancé Tom Lovett, Lawton; a

son, Joe A. Mercado and wife, Sylvia, Azle, Texas; four grandchildren, Ricky McKay, Caledonia, New York, Joseph Mercado and wife Ashley, Collinsville, Mississippi, Steven Mercado and wife Kristin, Tuscaloosa, Alabama, and Yvonne Garrett, Lawton; five great grandsons; two brothers, Raul and Johnny Mercado; a sister, Judith Mercado; four half-sisters and one half-brother. Two sisters, a half-brother, two half-sisters and his parents preceded him in death. Graveside service was at 1:00 PM on Monday, November 17, 2014, at Fort Sill National Cemetery, Elgin, with Dave Dugan officiating. Inurnment with full military honors was under the direction of Becker-Rabon Funeral Home. Memorial contributions may be made to ASPCA, P.O. Box 96929, Washington, DC 20077-7127, Aspire Hospice, 7205 West Gore Boulevard, Lawton OK 73505 or to the Lawton Humane Society, P.O. Box 3134, Lawton OK 73502.



EDWARD PETER MERLO - Died Friday, February 21, 2014 at the VA Medical Center in Ann Arbor, Michigan at the age of 67. He was a resident of Howell, Michigan. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Wyandotte, Michigan on June 3, 1946 to the late Pete and Lucy (née Cardenas) Merlo. He was formerly of Dearborn Heights, Michigan and a Howell area resident for the past four years. He was a proud United States Army veteran and a member of the AMVETS and a member of

Vietnam Veterans of America – Dearborn Chapter #267 in Dearborn Heights. He was a former boxing coach and enjoyed hot rods. He was the beloved husband of Mary (Sciriha) Merlo whom he married at Holy Trinity Church in Detroit on June 14, 1968; loving father of Edward (Mayolet) Merlo and Dionne Marini, and; also survived by eight grandchildren and his sisters, Lucy, Jessica and Linda. He was a member of Saint Joseph Catholic Church, Howell where the funeral mass was celebrated on Monday, February 24th. MacDonald's Funeral Home, Howell was in charge of arrangements. Memorial contributions are suggested to St. Vincent de Paul Society or the Salvation Army.

JOHN W. MILAM – Died Friday, September 19, 2014 in Long Beach, California at the age of 69. The cause of death is unknown. He was born September 29, 1944. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Long Beach Chapter #756**.



WOODROW W. "*Woody*" **MOUNGER** - Died Thursday, October 9, 2014 in Kingsport, Tennessee at the age of 69, following a brief illness. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on September 14, 1945 in Kingsport, Tennessee to the late Erma Lee (née Collins) Mounger and resided there until his death. Woody was a graduate of Ketron High School and was a member of their

basketball team. He was very passionate about basketball and was active in the sport within the community. Woody also loved to golf and spent time with his many friends. He served four years in the United States Air Force and served his country proudly in the Vietnam War. Woody actively supported the Disabled American Veterans. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Kingsport Chapter #979**. He retired from Eastman Chemical Company after 25 years of service. In addition to his mother, he was also predeceased by his sister, Brenda Sue Mounger; his son Wesley Shane Mounger and a nephew, Duane Mounger. Left to cherish his memory are brothers, Steve Mounger and wife Monetta of Kingsport, Tennessee, David

Mounger of Mt. Carmel, Tennessee; half-brother, Alan Mounger and wife, Vanessa of Florence, South Carolina; grandson, Mason Mounger; granddaughter, Bailey Mounger of Kingsport, Tennessee; several nieces and nephews; great-nieces; great-nephews and a special friend Margaret Conkin whom he loved dearly. The family received friends in the J. Wayne Hamilton Memorial Chapel on Sunday, October 12, 2014 at Oak Hill Funeral and Cremation Services from 5:00 PM until 7:00 PM. The Celebration of Life Service followed at 7:00 PM with the Reverend Dr. Phil Hoskins officiating. An inurnment service was at East Lawn Memorial Park. Memorial contributions may be made to Higher Ground Baptist Church, 1625 Lynn Garden Drive, Kingsport, TN 37665. The staff of Oak Hill Funeral & Cremation Services was honored to serve the family of Woodrow "Woody" Mounger.



PATRICK E. "*Paddy*" **MULHALL** - Died suddenly Friday, August 16, 2013 at his home in Brattleboro, Vermont following a lengthy illness. He was 66 years of age. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Astoria, Queens, New York on July 22, 1947 to Thomas and Mary (née Egan) Mulhall. He was raised in Astoria attending Most Precious Blood Parochial School, graduating from Thomas Edison High School in Queens, Class of 1965. He proudly served his country in the United States Army

serving three years active duty with a tour in Vietnam. He was honorably discharged from active service at the rank of Sergeant. Mr. Mulhall had been employed at the Brattleboro Retreat as a plant engineer for over 20 years. Previously he worked as a plant engineer at various hospitals in New Jersey including Holy Name Hospital in Teaneck. A resident of Brattleboro for the past 14 years, he was a former resident of West Dover where he was an active volunteer on the West Dover Fire Department. He was a past Grand Knight and member of the Knights of Columbus, Leo Council #917 and a Fourth Degree member, Leo Assembly #1154. He was also a past member of the VFW in Brattleboro. Mr. Mulhall enjoyed genealogy and was very proud of his Irish heritage. He was a member of Vietnam Veterans of America -Brattleboro Chapter #601. He enjoyed travel, playing cards and was known for his story telling abilities. He was an avid New York Yankees and New England Patriots fan. He was first married to Wendy Elmquist who is deceased. He later married Kelley Patrick in West Dover on November 21, 1997. Besides his loving wife of 15 years he leaves four daughters, Kendra Mulhall at home, Shannon Simonelli of Fresno, CA, Colleen Briski of Westminster, CA and Heather Mulhall of Brattleboro, one brother, John Mulhall of Winter Haven, FL, and four grandchildren. Other survivors include many nieces, nephews and several cousins. He was predeceased by one brother, Andrew Mulhall and a sister Mary Thomas. The Liturgy of Christian Burial was celebrated on Friday at 11:00 A.M. at Saint Michael Roman Catholic Church with the Reverend Father James Dodson as main celebrant. Burial with full military honors was in Long Island (New York) National Cemetery. Memorial contributions in Mr. Mulhall's name may be made to a charity of one's choice. To sign an online register book or send messages of e-condolence to the family please visit www.atamaniuk.com. Arrangements are under the direction of the Atamaniuk Funeral Home.



ALFRED J. MURPHY – Died Tuesday, November 4, 2014 in Birmingham, Alabama at the age of 78. The cause of death was heart failure. He was born February 23, 1936 in Chambers County, Alabama to the late Arthur and Lilly Murphy. He was married to his third grade sweetheart, Shirley for 57 years. After high school, he joined the United States Navy and earned his Dolphins. He served in the Submarine Service until retirement. In his retirement years, he was an advocate for disabled, retired, and wounded veterans and their families. He also belonged to many local civic groups. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Gardendale Chapter #416**. Mr. Murphy is preceded in death by his wife, Shirley Murphy; his father and mother; brothers, Olyois, Winfred, and Renee Murphy; and sister, Ailene Smith. Mr. Murphy is survived by his daughter, Maureen Murphy Sparks (Jack) of Gardendale, AL; grandson, Andrew Sparks (Callie Ann) of Auburn, AL; brother, Herbert Murphy of Houston, TX; and two Angel Caregivers, Connie Yelder and Matthew Ford. A graveside service was held on Friday, November 7, 2014 at 12:00 PM at Jefferson Memorial Gardens East, with the Reverend Elvin L. Ford officiating. A Visitation was held from 11:00 AM until 12:00 PM at Jefferson Memorial Trussville. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to Vietnam Veterans Chapter #416, PO Box 1212 Gardendale, AL 35071. Jefferson Memorial Trussville was in charge of arrangements.

GEORGE WILLIAM "Bill" MURPHY - Died Saturday, November 29, 2014 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania at the age of 70. The cause of death was heart failure and cancer. He was born July 15, 1944 in Cincinnati, Ohio. He served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Liberty Bell (Philadelphia) Chapter #266**. He was the beloved husband of Barbara E. "Bonnie" (née Radu); the loving father of Helen E. He was also survived by his 5 brothers, 3 sisters and many nieces and nephews. Relatives and friends were invited to his Viewing on Friday, 10:30-11:30 AM in Saint Martin of Tours Church, 5450 Roosevelt Boulevard, Philadelphia, PA 19124. The Funeral Mass was at 11:45 AM. Interment with Military Honors was in the Washington Crossing National Cemetery In lieu of flowers contributions to VVA Chapter #266, 1515 East Luzerne Street, Philadelphia, PA 19124 would be appreciated.



JOHN K. NEJMAN (USMC, SSG-Ret.) - Died Friday March 23, 2012 in Middletown, New York at the age of 63. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on July 13, 1948 in Patchogue, New York to the late Steve F. and Julia (née Becker) Nejman. He was a veteran of the United States Marine Corps during the Vietnam War. He was a life member of DAV; life member of the VFW; a *Life*

Member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – New Hampton Chapter #140**, as well as a member of the Marine Corps League and the American Legion. Survivors include his Companion: Kathleen Cepolski at home; his brothers: Stephen and Vincent of PA; his sisters: Maryanne and Kathleen of PA and Margaret of Kansas; as well as many nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his sister: Helen Marie and his brothers: Patrick and Edward. Visitation was held on Friday March 30, 2012 from 9:00-11:00 AM at the Ralston-Lippincott-Hasbrouck-Ingrassia Funeral Home, Inc. 72 West Main Street, Middletown, NY. A Funeral Service was held at the Funeral Home at 11:00 AM. Burial was at the Orange County Veteran's Cemetery 111 Craigville Road in Goshen, NY. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in his name to a Veteran's Organization of one's choice. Arrangements were by the Ralston-Lippincott-Hasbrouck-Ingrassia Funeral Home, Inc. in Middletown, New York.



MICHAEL JOSEPH "Mike" NOVOSEL, JR. - Died peacefully at his home in Shalimar, Florida on Thursday night, December 10, 2009 after being diagnosed with cancer a month earlier. He was 60 years of age. He was born on November 19, 1949 to the late Michael and Ethel Novosel. He is survived by his wife, Margaret; daughter, Wendy Latchum [Pete] of Shalimar; sisters, Patricia "Patti" Clevinger [Ronnie] of

Enterprise, Ala., and Jeannee Vinyard [Michael] of Phoenix; and brother, John Novosel [Leisa] of Auburn, Ala. He is also survived by three grandchildren, Joshua Latchum, Breanna Latchum and Kate Peacock of Shalimar. Mike, Jr. is the only pilot to fly in the same helicopter unit with his father in combat! He grew up around pilots and aircraft. As a teenager, he took every opportunity to be down on the flight line. In 1968, at the peak of the war in Southeast Asia, he graduated from high school in North Carolina and, at 19, enlisted in the United States Army. After basic training, he reported to Fort Wolters, Texas, for flight school and trained in the same flight in which his father had served as a contract instructor earlier. Mike, Jr. graduated, received appointment to Chief Warrant Officer One, and earned his wings on December 15, 1969. It was exactly 27 years after his father had earned his wings! He volunteered for duty in Vietnam and, when he arrived, requested assignment to the 82nd Medical Detachment. With his father's approval, he joined the unit. His father gave him a "dollar ride," an auto-rotation check, an "in-country" flight evaluation, and then cleared Mike, Jr. to fly the Bell UH-1 "Huey." The two Novosels suspended a normal father-son relationship for the next few months, but, when Mike, Sr. completed his tour, his son flew him to the departure processing base. In July 1970, Mike, Jr. became an aircraft commander and inherited his father's call sign, "Dustoff 88." In a year tour, he flew 1,736 missions, earned 37 air medals, and rescued more than 2,500 allied airmen, sailors, and soldiers. He returned to the States as a chief warrant officer (CWO-2), married Margaret in 1971, and was assigned to Fort Bragg, N.C. After serving at Pusan, Korea, he flew the "Huey" and the Bell OH-58 Kiowa with the 3rd Armored Cavalry Regiment at Fort Bliss, Texas. Posted to Fort Rucker, Ala., Mike, Jr. earned an associate degree in Aviation Safety and then went to the 377th Medical Detachment at Camp Walker, Korea. In 1981, he returned to Fort Rucker as a flight instructor and earned a degree in Professional Aeronautics from Embry Riddle Aeronautical University. He was a Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America -M.O.H Capital (Harrisburg) Chapter #542. Next, he was Aviation Safety Officer for 2nd Infantry Division in Korea and then became a classroom teacher and instructor pilot back at Fort Rucker. After assignment to the 12th Aviation Brigade in Germany, Mike's final duty was Installation Safety Officer at Fort Bragg; he retired as a CWO-4 in 1991 with over 5,500 flying hours. In a varied second career, he flew spotting missions for fishing fleets in the South Pacific, crop dusted, and hauled timber. In 1991, Mike flew support for offshore oil exploration and drilling operations in the Gulf of Mexico. With almost 11,000 hours, he piloted the Bell 407, a state-ofthe-art machine, for Air Logistics and later extended his wings to helping fellow veterans. In 2008, Mike, Jr. started The Novosel Foundation to provide immediate aid to Wounded Warriors. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to The Novosel Foundation (http://www.novoselfoundation.org/) in memory of the two Novosel men who faithfully served their God and country.



ROBERT LEO "Bob" OHMES (USA, CSM-Ret.) - Died peacefully at Northcare Hospice on Monday, October 6, 2014 in Kansas City, Missouri at the age of 77. The cause of

death was Agent Orange-related renal failure. He was born July 23, 1937 in Kansas City, Missouri to the late Jerome and Helen Ohmes. He married the former Yvonne "Bonnie" Womack and together they had three loving sons. Bob served 28 years in the United States Army and retired as a Command Sergeant Major. He was a fourth degree Knight in the Knights of Columbus and a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Lee's Summit Chapter #243**, VFW and American Legion. In addition to his parents, he was also preceded in death by sister, Frances Calovich. Bob is survived by his wife, Bonnie, of the home; sons Robert, Jeffrey (Brenda) and Lawrence (Helen); and four grandchildren Michael, Arthur, Sister Helen Maria of the Cross, and Paul. Survivors also include a sister, Mildred (Dick) Adamek and brother-in-law John Calovich, and numerous cousins, nieces and nephews. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on Saturday, October 11, 2014 at 10:00 AM at Saint James Catholic Church, with a rosary preceding the service at 9:00 AM. Burial was at the Saint Joseph Catholic Cemetery in Humboldt, Kansas. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests contributions to Northcare Hospice. Arrangements were by McGilley Antioch Chapel.

PAUL FRANKLIN OPP, JR. - Died peacefully Tuesday, September 23, 2014 at home in Huntington, West Virginia at the age of 77. He was formerly of Springfield, Illinois. The cause of death was Alzheimer's Disease. He was born February 10, 1937 in Fairmont, West Virginia to the late Paul F. Opp, Sr. and Helen (née Crawford) Opp. Paul served as a Lieutenant in the United States Air Force. He was a retired Hospital and Illinois Veterans Home Administrator. Paul was a member of American Legion Post #16, AMVETS, a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Springfield Chapter #534**, and the Military Officers Association. He is survived by his wife, Pauly Opp; three sons, Richard (Tiffany) Opp of California, Paul Elliott (Kris) Opp of Biloxi, Mississippi, and Ian (Christina) Opp of Texas. A graveside service and burial was held at 2:00 PM on Friday, October 3, 2014 at Camp Butler National Cemetery, Springfield, Illinois. Following the service, a reception was held at 4:00 PM at The Chesapeake Seafood House, 3045 Clear Lake, Springfield, Illinois. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the Alzheimer's Association. Hall Funeral Home and Crematory, Proctorville, Ohio, was in charge of arrangements. Condolences may be expressed to the family at www.timeformemory.com/hall.

ANN PALASCH-LAVIN – Died Sunday, August 24, 2014 in Medford, Oregon after a brief illness at the age of 72. The cause of death is unknown. She was born February 26, 1942 and lived a full life. As a sweet, gentle soul, she touched many people in unforgettably positive ways, simply by being herself. She was a *Life Member* of **Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America** – **Brookings Chapter #757**. An active participant in the Moose Lodge, she cultivated amazing, lasting relationships and enriched many lives. She enjoyed getting lost in a book, or finding her way around a new location while traveling. She was funny and kind, with a heart full of love that she was quick to share. What the caterpillar perceives in the end, to the butterfly is just the beginning. Ann is survived by her husband, Tom, and many friends and family.

DONALD J. PARKER - Died Friday, September 12, 2014 at Hershey Medical Center at the age of 60. He was a resident of Milroy, Pennsylvania. The cause of death is unknown. He was born May 3, 1954 in Reedsville, Pennsylvania to the late John W. Parker, Sr. and Mary Rebecca

(née Specht) Parker-Little. He is survived by a brother, Andrew L. Parker, of East Waterford, and a sister, Victoria A. Specht, of Yeagertown. He was preceded in death by a brother, John W. Parker, Sr. He had worked at Jarden Plastics, Milroy, and was a veteran of the United States Army. He was a member of the Lewistown American Legion Post #90, City Fire Co., Yeagertown Fire Co., Mill Creek Fire Co., Brooklyn Fire Co. and Lewistown VFW. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Burnham Chapter #791.** Services were private and at the convenience of the family. Bohn Funeral Home, Reedsville, was in charge of the arrangements.



MANUEL G. PENA - Died Sunday, August 17, 2014 in Harlingen, Texas at the age of 70. The cause of death was cancer. He was born November 26, 1943 in Harlingen, to the late Jesus and Maria Pena. Manuel was a United States Army veteran of the Vietnam War, serving from 1967-1969. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America**

- Harlingen Chapter #856. He was a member of and attended Our Lady of the Assumption Catholic Church in Harlingen. He is survived by his wife Hortencia and stepdaughter Laura Garcia; sons, Manuel Jr. and Adrian; siblings, Petra Pena, Pedro (Gracie) Pena, Felicitas P. Aguilar, Frances (Carlos) Martinez, Dolores Pena, Martin Pena, Tomas (Janie) Pena, Ramiro Pena, Lelia Pena and Biada (Rudy) Galvan. He was preceded in death by his father and sister Felicitas Pena Aguilar. Visitation was held at Heavenly Grace Funeral Home on Tuesday August 19, 2014 where the family met family and friends from 5:00-9:00 PM with a rosary recited at 7:00 PM. Funeral services were held at 9:00 AM on Wednesday August 20th, at Our Lady of the Assumption Catholic Church. Burial was in Mission at the Rio Grande Valley State Veteran's Cemetery with full military honors. Serving as pallbearers were: Rene Olivarez, Ezekiel Ochoa, Ozzie Ochoa, Andres Perez, Jose Perez Jr., and James Pena. Funeral arrangements were under the direction of Heavenly Grace Funeral Home.



ROBERT C. "Bob" PETERS (USMC, MSG-Ret.) - Died Thursday, June 12, 2014, at his home in Lansing, Iowa at the age of 73. The cause of death was cardiac failure. He was born to the late Clem and Helen (née Wagner) Peters on November 28, 1940 in Lansing. His youthful days were spent in Lansing, where he worked as a milkman in his father's gas station and car repair. When he was 18, Bob joined the United

States Marine Corps, which led to a lifetime of service to his country and fellow Americans. He married Mary (née Reed) Peters on July 15, 1960. During his career in the Marine Corps, Bob was stationed all over the world. He worked as a drill instructor in San Diego, worked with liquid oxygen and worked as an electrician. He also served multiple tours in Vietnam. After retiring from the Marines in 1979, Bob followed in his father's footsteps and started an automobile and tractor repair shop. Through the years, he helped many people get back on the road and into the fields. Bob's love for country and other veterans was apparent throughout his life. He served as the state commander of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, 11th district chairman, as well as many other positions. When he moved back to Lansing in 1979, the Lansing VFW was not in operation. He and Glen Reed worked hard to revive this organization. Bob has served as quartermaster and treasurer. He also served on the committee for the Allamakee County Veterans Affairs. If there was a veteran in need, Bob would do his very best to find that veteran assistance. He aided many veterans with his wealth of knowledge. Bob also served his country

by becoming involved in many organizations. He was part of the Boy Scouts for 48 years. His positions in the Boy Scouts included leading a troop, being scoutmaster, and serving on the committee. He held a position until June of this year. Bob, along with his community organizations, was involved in many other veteran organizations and the Knights of Columbus. He was a Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America - Bettendorf Chapter #776. In his spare time, Bob enjoyed hunting, fishing and tractor rides with the tractors he personally restored. He was also an avid BB gun collector and enjoyed going to auctions looking for the perfect deal. Robert is survived by his loving wife, Mary; his three daughters, Debi York of Arkansas, Denise (Cullen) Becker of Lansing, and Donna (Ty) Thomas of Lansing; one daughterin-law, Dana Peters of New Jersey; 10 grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; two brothers, Donald and Vince; and a sister, Helene. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his son, Dale Peters; and three brothers, Kenneth, Dick, and Tom. Visitation was from 4:00 to 7:00 PM with a Scripture service at 6:30 PM on Sunday, June 15th at the Thornburg-Grau Funeral Home and Cremation Service, Lansing. There was a one hour visitation before Mass on Monday at the church. Mass of Christian Burial was at 11:00 AM on Monday, June 16th at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, Lansing, with Reverend Father John Moser as the celebrant. Burial with military rites was at the Gethsemane Cemetery, Lansing. Thornburg-Grau Funeral Home and Cremation Service, Lansing was in charge of the arrangements.

THOMAS E. PHILLIPS – Died recently in 2014 in Elmer, New Jersey at the age of 66. The cause of death is unknown. He was born March 16, 1948. He served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Port Richey Chapter #1003**.

MARTHA ANN PUCKETT (USA, MAJ-Ret.) – Died Tuesday, September 2, 2014 in El Paso, Texas at the age of 94. The cause of death is unknown. She was born in Camden, West Virginia on August 20, 1920. She served in the United States Army from January 15, 1947 to 1950 and in Vietnam in 1970. She retired at the rank of Major (O-4). She was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – El Paso Chapter #574**. Graveside Service & Inurnment was at 2:30 PM on Thursday, September 18, 2014 at Fort Bliss National Cemetery. Arrangements were by Funeraria Del Angel Martin Central, 3839 Montana Avenue, El Paso, Texas.

THOMAS MICHAEL QUINN - Died Tuesday, February 4, 2014 in Chincoteague, Virginia at the age of 60. The cause of death was metastatic adenocarcinoma of the Pancreas. He was born on October 15, 1953. He was a resident of Chincoteague Island, Virginia at the time of his passing. He served in the United States Marine Corps during the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Wildwood (New Jersey) Chapter #955**. Friends and family were invited to call on Thursday, February 6, 2014 from 1:00 to 2:00 PM at Island Baptist Church on Chincoteague Island, Virginia. Funeral Service immediately followed at 2:00 PM with the Reverend Kevin Eley officiating. There was a funeral service held on Saturday, February 8, 2014 at noon with a viewing two hours prior at The Lighthouse Church in Cape May Court House, New Jersey with the Pastor Rudy Sheptock, officiating. Interment was held with full military honors at Cold Spring Cemetery in Cape May, New Jersey. At the family's request, due to travel, please send memorial contributions to: Tim Lee Ministries PO Box 461674 Garland, TX

75046 or Marine Corps Heritage Foundation 3800 Fettler Park Drive Suite 104 Dumfries, VA 22025 instead of flowers.



FRANCIS W. REED – Died Tuesday, July 29, 2014 in Belaire Cove, Louisiana at the age of 56. The cause of death is unknown. He was born January 17, 1958 to the late Marvin and Hassa (née Lafleur) Reed. He was a member of **Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America – Ville Platte Chapter #632**. He will be deeply missed by his loving wife Bonnie (née Dupre) Reed of Belaire Cove; daughter

Tabitha Trailer and husband Joseph of Crowley; stepdaughter Julie Lafleur Reed and husband Robert "Bob" of Ville Platte; stepson Tracy Lafleur and wife Yvette of Broussard; brother Patrick Reed and partner Bryan Camus of New Orleans; sister Rose Marie Reed of Alexandria; 9 grandchildren, 8 step grandchildren. In addition to his parents, he was also predeceased by his grandson Jordan Reed. The funeral services were held at 11:00 AM on Thursday July 31, 2014 at the First Baptist Church in Ville Platte with burial to follow in the M.B. Fontenot Cemetery. Visitation was held on Wednesday July 30, 2014 from 2:00 PM-10:00 PM and will resume again Thursday July 31, 2014 at 8:00 AM. The guestbook can be signed online at www.lavillefuneralhome.net. LaVille Funeral Home 2353 East Main Street, Ville Platte, LA 70586 was in charge of the arrangements.



MANNIE REYNOLDS - Died Thursday, May 22, 2014 in Passaic, New Jersey at the age of 65. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Passaic on November 9, 1948 to the late Frank and Wilhelmina Reynolds. In addition to his parents, he was also predeceased by two brothers, Thomas and Samuel Reynolds, and two sisters, Wilhelmina Mickle and Rosa Harrison. He is survived by his wife Carrie (née

Anthony), seven sons, Mannie Whitaker, Derrick Reynolds and wife Jannette, Frank Reynolds and wife Teresa, Kyshon Reynolds, Rashoun Tate and wife Nicole, Raheem Tate, and Ritik Dawson, 3 daughters, Mayema Harrell and husband James, Kenya Hunter and husband Craig, and Tanisha Tate and fiancé Pierre, and a step-daughter Quiana Anthony. Dear grandfather of 37 grandchildren and 6 great-grandchildren, loving brother of Frank Reynolds, Edna McGriff, Florence Mickens, and Michele Artice, and uncle of many nieces and nephews. He was a graphic printer for Vornado Realty Trust, Garfield then Parker Group, Clifton retiring in 2006. He served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War decorated with the National Defense Service Medal, Vietnam Service Medal, Vietnam Campaign Medal, Air Medal, Bronze Star Medal, and the Silver Star Medal. He was active in the VFW, especially on the district level serving as Commander of District #1 from 2010-2011, Senior Vice-Commander from 2009-2010, Jr. Vice-Commander 2008-2009, and Judge Advocate 2006-2007. He was also Commander and Sr. Vice-Commander of the Passaic VFW Post 10117, and was the Commander for the Passaic Veterans Alliance. He was a member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Lodi Chapter #800. The visiting hours were from 10:00 AM to 12:00 Noon on Thursday, May 29, 2014, at the Mt. Pilgrim Missionary Baptist Church, 163 Autumn Street, Passaic, with a 12:00 PM service at the church followed by the repast at the Garfield VFW. The Interment was at 1:30 pm on Friday, May 30, 2014, at the Brigadier General William C. Doyle Veterans Memorial Cemetery, Wrightstown. The Reynolds family was in the care of the Aloia Funeral Home, 180 Harrison Avenue, Garfield, New Jersey.

BENJAMIN V. RICCIARDI - Died with his family by his side on Saturday, November 5, 2014 in



Marlboro, New Jersey at 69 years of age. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Newark, New Jersey to the late Federico and Josephine (née Filingeri) Ricciardi. He was a retired Captain from the Newark Fire Department for over 25 years. After retirement, he was a Certified Prevention Specialist for Union County, Elizabeth, NJ. Benjamin was a Command Sgt. Major and a Paratrooper with the United States Army. He was a Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America -

Cedar Grove Chapter #510. Benjamin is the loving husband of 45 years to Anna Ricciardi (née Romano), devoted father to Lisa Costa and her husband Joseph, Gregory Ricciardi and his wife Dianna, cherished grandfather of Joseph, Christina & Sophia Costa, beloved brother of Vincent and Frederick, also survived by loving nieces, nephews & other family. A Mass of Christian Burial was held on Wednesday, November 12, 2014 at 10:45 AM at Saint Teresa of Avila Church, 306 Morris Avenue, Summit, NJ. Entombment was in Saint Teresa's Cemetery. Visiting hours were on Tuesday from 1:00-3:00 and 6:00-9:00 PM at the Bradley Smith & Smith Funeral Home, 415 Morris Ave, Springfield. In lieu of flowers, donations in Benjamin's name may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN, 38105-1942. For further information, or to send the family a condolence, please visit, www.bradleyfuneralhomes.com. Arrangements were by Bradley Smith & Smith Funeral Home, Springfield.



JAMES ALLEN "Jim" RICE (USA, MSG-Ret.) - Died suddenly on Friday October 3, 2014 due to complications of acute myeloid leukemia at the age of 69. He was a resident of Lawton, Oklahoma. He was born September 5, 1945 in San Rafael, California to the late William and Henrietta Rice. He joined the United States Army on October 6, 1965 in San Rafael, California and after two tours in Korea, two tours in Germany, Hawaii and then

stateside retiring as a Master Sergeant on January 8, 1986 in Lawton. Immediately after retiring from the Army he started working for TELOS Federal Systems and ending with L3 Communications, retiring again in 2006. Jim spent almost twenty years after the military living on a farm southwest of Cache, Oklahoma, enjoying the life of a gentleman farmer raising goats and horses while working full time. While living on the farm Jim married the love of his life, Gwyneth on October 28, 1988 in Lawton, a match made in heaven. He very much enjoyed living in the clean country air, surrounded by wheat fields, but due to worsening health they had to sell the farm and move to Lawton. After being diagnosed with colon cancer in 1996 and having ostomy surgery Jim joined the United Ostomy Association of Lawton-Fort Sill and within his first year was voted President, a position he held until health forced him to step down this year. He was very proud of the association's outreach to folks dealing with all kinds of ostomies, visiting folks at home or in the hospital and maintaining a loan closet donating to those without the means to obtain ostomy supplies. Jim was also a Lifetime Member of the VFW, Vietnam Veterans of America – Lawton Chapter #751 and DAV. Jim so loved his wife, children, family and friends, his country and God. He is survived by his wife Gwyneth Rice; daughter and her husband, Elizabeth and Carl Sanders; two sons and their wives, Timothy and Mara Winders and Kenneth and Sherry Winders; grandchildren, April Lynn and husband Martin Mattice, Zachary Winders, Zane Winders, Michael Conner, McKenna Winders, William Winders and Dahlia Winders; Sister in law, Elizabeth Synol; cousins, Katie and Larry Kinder and Pat and Mel McCormack; and many wonderful nieces and nephews. The Funeral service was at 2:00 PM on Wednesday, October 8, 2014 in the Becker-Rabon Funeral Home Chapel. Burial with military honors was in Sunset Memorial Gardens. The family received friends from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM on Tuesday, October 7, 2014 at the funeral home. Those wishing to make donations in memory of James A. Rice may do so to the Humane Society of Lawton-Comanche County, P.O. Box 3134, Lawton, OK 73502.



ROBERT ANDREW ROGAN, SR. (USAF, SGM, Ret.) - Died peacefully October 15, 2014 at his home in Dickson, Tennessee at the age of 85. The cause of death was congestive heart failure and end-stage renal failure. He was born July 19, 1929 in Chicago, Illinois to the late William H. and Florence (née Jones) Rogan. He proudly served his country in the United States Air Force and retired with 23 years of service to his country. He later worked for the City of Dickson, the water

treatment plant, for some 20 years. He attended the Saint Christopher Catholic Church. He was a member of the VFW Sensing Post #4641, member of the American Legion, and member of **Vietnam Veterans of America - Dickson Chapter #950**. Those desiring, memorials may be made to St. Christopher's or to the Vietnam Veterans of America. Survivors include his wife of 57 years, Virginia Genella Rogan of Dickson, TN; his daughter, Andrea Tidwell and her husband Ronnie of Burns, TN; his son, Robert A. Rogan, Jr. and his wife Tammy of Dickson, TN; his grandchildren, Capt. Nicholas Tidwell, Brianna Tidwell, Andrew Rogan, Emily Rogan and Ethan Rogan; four nieces and one nephew. Funeral services were conducted on Monday morning, October 20, 2014 at 11:00 AM from the Chapel of the Taylor Funeral Home, with Father Mathew Perumpally officiating. Visitation was on Sunday evening from 3:00 PM until 8:00 PM, and on Monday beginning at 10:00 AM until time of service. A prayer service was conducted Sunday evening at 7:00 PM. Interment was at the Middle Tennessee Veterans Cemetery at 1:00 PM with full military honors. Services were under the direction of the Taylor Funeral Home.



HECTOR MANUEL ROSARIO - Died Wednesday, November 12, 2014 on his favorite island of Oahu, Hawaii at the age of 65. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on December 28, 1948 in San Lorenzo, Puerto Rico. He moved to Bronx, New York during his childhood until he joined the United States Air Force and served in Vinh Long and Nakhon Phanom in Vietnam.

After his military service, he pursued his education and earned a Bachelor of Arts from the State University of New York at Stony Book and later earned his MBA from National University with emphasis in Executive Computer Management. He moved to Nevada in late 1970s where he worked for Summa Corporation, Clark County School District and Clark County, Nevada (Recorder's Office) where he retired as a Programmer Analyst in 2007. Hector was musically talented and enjoyed playing his saxophone, clarinet, guitar, and ukulele. He was a member of the UNLV community concert band, OLLI, DAV Chapter #12 in Henderson, and a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Las Vegas Chapter #17** and the VA in Anthem. He was a wonderful and devoted husband, father, and grandfather, and best friend to many. Hector is survived by his beloved wife of 30 years, Cora; son Nicholas, daughters Kristina (Roman) Troyano and Amanda Hertz; granddaughter Rhiana Scott; brother, Jose Ramon of Florida, sisters Aida Cordova of Colorado and Rafaela Ramirez of Texas. Services were from 4:00–8:00 PM on Friday, November 21st at Davis Funeral Home on Eastern and Mass Service at Saint Francis of Assisi Roman Catholic Church at 9:30 AM on Saturday, November 22nd. He was buried at the Southern Nevada Veteran's Memorial Cemetery, 1900 Veterans Memorial Drive in Boulder City on Wednesday, November 26th at 12:40 PM.

DENNIS RUSSELL RUEZ, SR. – Died Friday, July 11, 2014 in Centralia, Illinois at the age of 66. The cause of death was a fall down stairs. He was born in Louisville, Kentucky on March 2, 1948 to the late Anna O'Brien. He served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Centralia Chapter #176**.



RONALD J. RUSSELL, SR. - Died Wednesday, November 26, 2014 at Vidant Medical Center in Greenville, North Carolina at the age of 64. He was a resident of Kinston, North Carolina. The cause of death is unknown. 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 his wife Carolyn G. Russell of the Home, sons: Ronald J. Russell Jr. of

Hookerton, NC; Michael L. Russell of Moorisville, NC; Norito Moore of Kinston, NC; Vance Garner of Bayboro, NC and Dwayne Garner of Fredrick, MD; Daughters: Rhonda Russell Ingram and Tammy Moore of Kinston, NC; Sisters: Eula Dixon and Deloris Russell both of Kinston, NC; Brothers: Donald Russell, Bobby Russell, William Russell all of Kinston and Leroy Russell of Keansville, NC; 16 grandchildren and 1 great grandchild. Family received friends following the service at the church and other time at the residence. Arrangements were entrusted to Christian Brothers Funeral Home of Kinston.



ARTHUR E. SALKINS - Died peacefully Monday, November 10, 2014 at the Kaplan Family Hospice House in Danvers, Massachusetts after bravely battling pulmonary fibrosis. He was 68 years of age. A lifelong Lynn, Massachusetts resident, he was born June 27, 1946 to the late Earle and Elizabeth (née Smith) Salkins. He worked as a 911 operator for the City of Lynn for many years until his retirement in 2003.

Arthur is a United States Air Force Veteran who served during the Vietnam War and then spent the rest of his life serving in many different capacities including his role as Commander of Post 161 in Lynn, MA. One of Arthur's greatest passions and accomplishments was the Vietnam Traveling Memorial Wall. Arthur worked tirelessly to bring the Wall to Lynn, MA twice. He once said, "Nothing means more to me than serving and helping the veterans. I've dedicated my life to that." Arthur had the honor of serving as the Grand Marshall in the 2014 Memorial Day Parade. His devotion to the needs of American Veterans is unmatched. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Lynn Chapter #908**. His impact on friends and family is unending. He had a beautiful smile, a powerful spirit and a quick wit that filled the room with laughter. Even in his final days, he was bringing laughter to his hospital visitors. Arthur was preceded in death by all three of his siblings and his parents whom Arthur cared for all of his life. He is survived by nieces and nephews in Boston, California and Colorado. His funeral was held on Thursday November 20, 2014 at 11:00 AM in the Solimine Funeral Home, 426 Broadway (Route 129), Lynn. Burial was in the Pine Grove Cemetery. Relatives and friends were respectfully invited. Visiting hours were on Wednesday November 19, 2014 from 4:00-8:00 PM. In lieu of flowers, please make a donation in Arthur's name to The Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund, 2600 Virginia Ave, NW, Suite 104, Washington, DC 20037.



WILLIAM HEYMOORE SCHETTLER, M.D. - Died Tuesday, September 9, 2014 in Memphis, Tennessee at the age of 76. The cause of death was cardiac arrhythmia, rectal cancer and aortic stenosis. He was born on February 20, 1938 to the late Gustav Rudolph Schettler and Anna Belle (née Luttrell) Schettler in Ashville, North Carolina. Heymoore was raised in Knoxville and Morristown, Tennessee. He

graduated from Central High School in Knoxville in 1956 before obtaining his degree from the University of Tennessee, Knoxville in 1958. He would continue his studies at the University of Tennessee, Memphis where he received his Doctor of Medicine in 1961. Heymoore completed several residencies in anesthesia including one at Walter Reed Army Medical Center in Washington, D.C. He returned to Memphis to help found the Medical Anesthesia Group in 1967, where he practiced until his retirement in 2011. In addition to his medical career, Heymoore received a direct commission in October 1958 as a 2nd Lieutenant in the United States Army Reserve. He later entered active duty in 1963 at the rank of Captain. During this time, he served as a physician and Chief of Anesthesia in several Army hospitals throughout the nation. While serving his country in Vietnam, he acted as Chief of Surgery in the 3rd Field Hospital in Vietnam. Heymoore later was commissioned as a Major in the United States Army Reserve before being promoted to Lieutenant Colonel and then, ultimately to Colonel. He served as Commander of the 306th Field Hospital, the 330th General Hospital and the 330th Combat Support Hospital. He was a member of Vietnam Veterans of America - Russellville Chapter #1073. On February 20, 1982 he married the former Kathleen Fineran of Memphis, Tennessee. Together they had two children, Ashley and John, joining Mollie and Bill. He loved his work and only retired a few years prior to his passing. An active member of his church, Highland Heights Presbyterian Church, Heymoore enjoyed singing in the choir and serving as an Elder. Additionally, he was a member of the Tennessee Society of the Sons of the Revolution. He also enjoyed spending time with his family and friends, traveling the world, going for walks with his wife, and voraciously reading. Heymoore is survived by his wife, Kathleen Theresa (née Fineran) Schettler, his children, William Heymoore Schettler, Jr., and his wife Christy of Sunnyvale, California; Mollie Schettler Schott, and her husband Steve Schott of Saratoga, California; Annabelle Ashley Schettler of Dallas, Texas; John Sevier Schettler of Alexandria, Virginia; one grandchild, Natalie Orup, of Saratoga, California; his sister, Barbara Schettler Massenburg of Wake Forest, North Carolina; his brother Luttrell Schettler of Morristown, Tennessee; and several nieces and nephews. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his sister, Joanna Schettler Chamblee. A Celebration of Life Service was conducted on Friday, September 12th at 11:00 AM at the Highland Heights Presbyterian Church in Cordova with The Reverend James Quillin officiating. Interment with Military Honors was conducted at 4:00 PM on Saturday, September 13th at Emma Jarnagin Cemetery in Morristown, Tennessee. Those honored to serve as pallbearers were John Chamblee, John Schettler, Will Schettler, Dr. Dennis Higdon, Dr. Al Maduska, Dr. Phil Pedigo and Bob Morgan. Arrangements were provided by Peebles Fayette County Funeral Homes & Cremation Center - Main Chapel of Somerville. The family requested that memorials be made to Highland Heights Presbyterian Church, 2855

Morning Sun Road, Cordova, TN 38016 or the Holston United Methodist Home for Children, 404 Holston Drive, Greeneville, TN 37743.



RAYMOND CHARLES SEELY - Died after a long courageous battle with cancer on Wednesday, October 29, 2014 in Spokane Valley, Washington at the age of 72. He was born March 12, 1942 in Billings, Montana to the late Arthur and Betty Seely. He grew up in Spokane and graduated from Shadle Park High School in 1960. In college, Raymond met the love of his

life, Luella Marie Johnson, and they wed on February 3, 1962 in Coeur d'Alene, ID. They shared 52 adventurous, loving years together, raising five children in the process. Major Raymond Seely spent 12 active duty years in the United States Army and is a Vietnam Veteran serving two tours as a helicopter pilot. He returned home to Spokane to raise his family a mile from where he grew up leading to five more Shadle Park graduates. Raymond spent 28 years working at Kaiser Aluminum until retiring in 2001. During his retirement, he spent his leisure time working on model airplanes and fishing. Raymond especially loved hanging out at Clear Lake teaching all 13 of his grandchildren how to fish. He was active in the Knights of Columbus and presided as the president and was a Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America - Spokane Chapter #879. Raymond is survived by his wife Luella, brother Richard (Kathy) Seely, sister Maryjane (John) Coble, son Raymond (Lisa) Seely, daughter Robin (Dave) Marshall, daughter Rosemarie (Mike) Baker, son Robert Seely, son Ronald (Michelle) Seely, 13 grandchildren, and one great-granddaughter. A Funeral Mass was held on Saturday, November 1, 2014 at 12:00 PM at Saint Mary Catholic Church on 304 South Adams, Spokane Valley, Washington with a reception to follow in the Parish Hall, and a graveside burial was held Tuesday, November 4, 2014 at 11:00 AM at the Washington State Veterans Cemetery on 21702 West Espanola Road, Medical Lake, WA. In lieu of flowers, please consider donating to Vietnam Veterans of America (vva.org).



JAMES H. "Jim" "Shammy" SHAMBAUGH - Died Monday, October 20, 2014 in Dillsburg, Pennsylvania after a long battle with pancreatic cancer. He was 67 years of age. He was born in Carlisle, Pennsylvania to the late Hugh and Thelma (née Cromer) Shambaugh. He was also predeceased by his sister, Mary Louise Swartz. Jim leaves behind his devoted and loving wife of 22 years, Darlene A. Shambaugh, his stepson, Allen Miller and wife, Melissa of Mississippi, and their family; as well as his ever faithful felines, Miss Leo and

Fluffy. He also leaves behind his children, Donald, Kathy and Karen, and brother John. Jim was a native of Dillsburg, PA, graduating from Northern High in 1965. He proudly served and fought for our country in the U. S. Army in Vietnam, earning several medals including the Purple Heart medal. Jim was an avid fisherman spending a great deal of time in Western New York on Lake Ontario with Darlene. After retirement, they purchased a boat and Jim secured his Captain's license. He also took every opportunity to hunt in PA as well as NY. Jim was a life member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – York Chapter #1032**, Disabled American Veterans, Military Order of the Purple Heart, Military Order of the Cootie, The International Supreme Council order of DeMolay and the Northern High School Alumni. He was also a member of the American Legion, Eureka Lodge No. 302, Mechanicsburg

Sportsmen's Association, NRA, NYCHAPS, Samuel C. Perkins 209, and the USCG Auxiliary Flotilla 04-08. A memorial service was held on Tuesday, October 28, 2014, at 6:30 pm in the Cocklin Funeral Home, Inc., 30 North Chestnut Street, Dillsburg, PA. There was also a memorial service held in New York on November 3, 2014, at 6:30 PM in the Gaines Carlton Community Church, 14585 Ridge Road West, Albion, NY. Memorial contributions may be made to the Hospice of Central PA, 1320 Linglestown Road, Harrisburg, PA 17110.



SAMUEL L. SIEMERS - Died Tuesday, July 23, 2013 in Trenton, Michigan at the age of 64. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on March 4, 1949. He was the loving father of Michelle Strawsine and Chris Siemers; proud grandpa/pops of Steven and Hannah; dear brother of Karen Rankin, Diane (Tom) Slone and Gary (Diane) Siemers; dearest uncle of Amy (Chris) Horvath, Laura

(Sean) Anderson and Andrea (Steve) Greenhalgh, and; great-uncle of Melanie and Ryan Horvath. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Dearborn Chapter #267**. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Disabled American Veterans or Wounded Warrior Project.

JOHN LEWIS SILVERIA – Died recently in 2014 in Santa Barbara, California 67. The cause of death is unknown. He was born January 7, 1947. He is survived by his wife, Cheryl. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of Vietnam Veterans of America – Santa Barbara Chapter #218.

<u>KEVIN SIMPSON</u> – Died on Friday, August 8, 2014 in Jefferson City, Missouri. The cause of death was cancer. He was a member of **Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America – Jefferson City Chapter #393**.

ROBERT E. SIMS – Died Wednesday, May 7, 2014 in Redondo West, Florida at the age of 81. The cause of death is unknown. He was born November 23, 1932. He is survived by his wife, Elizabeth. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was an *At-Large Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Georgia**.

<u>RICHARD K. SMITH</u> – Died recently in 2014 in Westerville, Ohio at the age of 70. The cause of death is unknown. He was born April 20, 1944. He is survived by his wife, Andrea. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was an *At-Large Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America** – **Ohio**.



ROBERT LOUIS "Bob" SMITH, JR. - Died September 30, 2014 in Rolling Meadows, Illinois at the age of 69. The cause of death was Cronkhite Syndrome. He was born April 20, 1945 in Warren, Ohio to the late Robert Louis Smith, Sr. and May Elizabeth Smith. His brother, Richard Smith and both parents preceded him in

death. Bob enlisted in the United States Army in 1963 where he served as a combat veteran attached to the 5th Special Forces Group in Vietnam. He remained active with multiple veteran organizations throughout his life and career in student transportation with Cook-Illinois Corporation. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Des Plaines Chapter**

#311. Robert is survived by his wife of 17 years, Chris (Doric) Smith, three children, Robert L. Smith, III (Shelley), Rebecca Smith-O'Connell (Brian) and Jennifer Rider (Sebastien), and six grandchildren: Carson, Bo, Luke, Claire, Linnea and Wyatt. Memorial Service will be Saturday, October 11th at The Orchard Evangelical Free Church, 1330 N. Douglas Ave., Arlington Heights, IL 60004. A motorcycle escort and military tribute took take place at 9:30 AM prior to the Memorial Service at 10:00 AM and luncheon at noon. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made online or by phone to Special Operations Warrior Foundation, www.specialops.org; 877 337-7693 Salvation Army.



WILLIAM RUTHERFORD "Bill" SMITH - Died Thursday, July 10, 2014 at York Hospital in York, Pennsylvania at the age of 68. He was a resident of York. The cause of death is unknown. He was born September 1, 1945 in Akron, Ohio to the late William P. and Sara (née Viall) Smith. Bill graduated from Buchtel High School in Akron Ohio in 1963 and worked over 30 years for Shell Oil in Houston. He was a member of Saint

Andrew Episcopal Church in York and a Vietnam combat veteran. He was an *At-Large Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Pennsylvania**. Burial was in Akron, Ohio. The John W. Keffer Funeral Home and Crematory, Inc. 902 Mount Rose Avenue assisted with arrangements. He was survived by five nieces and nephews and preceded in death by his sister, Sally Kearnan. Memorial contributions can be made to the Humane Society.



<u>STEPHEN E. "Snizz" SNELL</u> - Died peacefully at home in New Cumberland, Pennsylvania on Friday, June 10, 2011 at the age of 62. The cause of death is unknown. He was born January 3, 1949, in Mechanicsburg, Pennsylvania to Eugene and the late Jean (née Trotter) Snell. He was also preceded in death by a brother,

Eugene Snell, Jr. Steve was a United States Army Vietnam War veteran and he retired as a cement mason. He was a member of VFW Post #7415, American Legion Post #974, and Amvets Post #286. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Harrisburg Chapter #542**. In addition to his father, Steve is survived by a step-mother, Audrey Snell Conz; his wife, Dixie E. Snell; three daughters: Tanya Snell of New Cumberland, Stephany Swartz of New Cumberland and Shannyn Snell of Enola; two step-sons, Douglas Hartz of New Cumberland and Troy Hartz of Hopewell, PA; two brothers, Jeff and Andrew Snell; eight sisters: Barbara Hinkle, Brenda Darr, Margie Davis, Judy Seeley, Sandy Treece, Cynthia Lee, Joanne Snell, and Lori Poff; two stepsisters, Barbara Sheffield and Debbie Shatzer; a step-brother, George Zuna; 11 grandchildren, and a great-grandson. Services were held Tuesday, June 14, 2011 at 11:00 AM in the Stone & Murray Funeral Home, New Cumberland, PA, with the Reverend Dawn I. Spangler officiating. There was a viewing on Monday from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM and Tuesday from 10:00 AM until the time of service at the funeral home. Burial with full military honors was held in Rolling Green Memorial Park, Camp Hill, PA. Memorial contributions may be made to the Wounded Warrior Project, ATTN: Donor Services, 4899 Belfort Road, Suite 300, Jacksonville, FL 32256.



JAMES M. SNYDER (USAF, COL-Ret.) - Died in Wichita, Kansas on Thursday, February 13, 2014. The cause of death was cancer. He was born in Kansas City, Missouri on April 16, 1937. He graduated from Southwest High School in 1954 and attended Missouri University for one year then transferred to Kansas State University and

graduated from there in 1959 and was commissioned into the United States Air Force at that time. He later received his MBA degree from Kansas University. He married Patricia Jo Schnelle, from Mahaska, Kansas, on June 28, 1959. There followed a 30-year career in the Air Force. He was a master navigator with over 600 hours spent flying in Vietnam. There were assignments with his family in Thailand, Germany and many locations across the Southeast US. There had been 20 moves before retirement in 1989. He spent many hours after retirement working tirelessly for military organizations. He belonged to AFA, MOAA, MOWW, a Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Lee's Summit Chapter #243, DAV and People to People. He is survived by his spouse, Patricia, sons, Richard (Dawn) Snyder, David (Lora) Snyder and daughter, Deborah (Zachary) Balentine, nine grandchildren and also sisters Jeanne Van Meter and Joyce Snyder. His family will sorely miss him. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to Harry Hynes Memorial Hospice, 313 South Market Street, Wichita, Kansas or the American Cancer Society. Visitation was at 9:00 AM on Wednesday, February 19, 2014 at D.W. Newcomer's Sons Johnson County Chapel, 11200 Metcalf Avenue, Overland Park, Kansas 66210. A funeral service was at 10:00 AM at the funeral home. Fond memories and condolences for the family may be left at www.johnsoncountychapel.com Arrangements were by D.W. Newcomer's Sons Johnson County Chapel, 11200 Metcalf Avenue, Overland Park, KS 66210.



<u>CHARLES RAY STANCIL</u> - Died Monday, September 15, 2014 at his home in Concord, North Carolina at the age of 79. The cause of death was non-small cell lung cancer and end stage chronic obstructive pulmonary disease. He was born June 8, 1935 in Concord, North Carolina to the late Grover Young Stancil and the late Annie (née Lee) Stancil. He was also preceded in death by two brothers Bill and Elmer Stancil,

and sister, Janie Moose. Survivors include wife, Jennifer (née Baguinat) Stancil of Concord; son, Charles Stancil, Jr.; son, Ronnie Stancil; daughter, Cathy Stancil; step-daughter, Dazel-Dave Cularte; four grandchildren; his two close friends, Charles Williford and Thomas Needham; and his Filipino family. Charles served his country in active combat in the United States Army during the Vietnam War and the Korean War. His decorations include the Vietnam and Korean Service Medals, and the Bronze Star. He was a member of the American Legion, Post #523; a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America - Concord Chapter #909**; and the Disabled American Veterans Chapter #27. He was a member of First Assembly of God in Concord. The family received friends from 11:00 AM-1:00 PM on Saturday, September 20, 2014 at the Hartsell Funeral Home of Concord. The funeral service followed at 1:00 PM in the funeral home chapel and was officiated by Pastor Phil Bennett. Burial was at the West Concord Cemetery at 331 Union Cemetery Road, SW, Concord North Carolina. Hartsell Funeral Home of Concord was in charge of the arrangements.



HAROLD M. *"Bill"* **STANTON** - Died Sunday morning, February 9, 2014 in Cumming, Georgia at the age of 82. The cause of death was cancer. He was born on October 31, 1931 in Cordele, Georgia. He graduated from North Georgia College in Dahlonega as a Lieutenant in the United States Army. Bill had a highly

distinguished career serving in the U.S. and abroad in Europe, Vietnam, and South Korea. He retired as a Lieutenant Colonel with many accolades and medals awarded to him. He was a *Life*

Member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Cummings Chapter #1030**. Sadly, he witnessed the passing of his beloved wife, Joan, from breast cancer, his sister, Delores, and his two sons Chriss and Walter. He loved his family very much and will be greatly missed. We will always cherish his memory. He is survived by 3 daughters, Deborah Dickenson of Colorado, Susan Green of Georgia, and Robin Azad of Texas. Bill also has 7 beautiful grandchildren and 7 delightful great-grandchildren. In lieu of flowers, donations made to a Cancer Society of your choice would be greatly appreciated. Services were held on Sunday, February 16th, at 2:00 PM at the Roswell Funeral Home Chapel. Interment was behind the chapel at Greenlawn Cemetery with Honor Guard Ceremony.

ROBERT WARREN "Bob" STARK - Died Friday, December 5, 2014 at his residence in Savannah, Georgia at the age of 65. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on October 4, 1949 in Floral Park, New York to the late Warren Harry Stark and the late Muriel (née Korrow) Stark. He was of the Methodist faith. Bob was a United States Air Force veteran, having served during the Vietnam War. He continued to work for many years in a civilian capacity as a computer technician. He was a member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Savannah Chapter #671 where he served as secretary for four years. Surviving are his wife of forty-four years, Kathleen "Kath" (née Holmes) Stark of Savannah; his daughters, Kristen Maynard of Savannah, Judi Gaborik of Chesapeake, Virginia, Linda Stark of Hampton, Virginia, and Sherri Sanchez of Newport News, Virginia; his son, John Stark of Savannah; his sister, Jean Ellis of Savannah, and eight grandchildren, Daniel, Jordan, Christopher, Taylor, Andrew, Nathaniel, Emerson, and Avery. The family received friends from 6:00 until 8:00 PM on Wednesday evening at Gamble Funeral Service – 410 Stephenson Avenue. The funeral service was held at 10:00 on Thursday in the chapel of Gamble Funeral Service conducted by The Reverend John A. Haney. Interment with military honors was in the Greenwich section of Bonaventure Cemetery. Remembrances: Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter #671 – Post Office Box 60358, Savannah, Georgia 31420-0358.



MARTIN STENSEN - Died Saturday, September 20, 2014 at Florida Hospital in Daytona, Florida after 4 ½ years of battling Leukemia and recent heart complications. He was 78 years of age. He was born in New York City, New York and he left at age 18 for a career in the United States Army. He retired as a Master Sergeant after a 20-year career in the U.S. Army in the Telecommunications Field.

After retiring from the Army in Fort Bragg, NC, he graduated from Sandhills Community College with a degree in Horticulture. He and his wife, Ruth built their own Greenhouse business. They were both very proud of their bedding plants, vegetables & Poinsettia crops. In 2000, Martin & his wife Ruth "sold the farm" and he retired again. This time, they were able to do some traveling. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – West End Chapter #966**. Martin was a Life Member of the VFW and was the President of the Thomasville, NC Chapter before moving to Florida to be closer to their daughter in their final months of life. Martin made a promise to his wife before her death on July 20, 2014 that it would not be long before they were together again. He is survived by his daughter, Beatrice Feeney, who resides in Winter Park, Florida. He is a true hero in the lives of the people that he touched along the way. In lieu of flowers, Martin asked that friends would help their fellow Vietnam Veterans with a donation

to the Leukemia Lymphoma Society. Martin's Memorial Service took place on Friday, September 26th at 4:00 PM in Volusia Memorial Funeral Home at Ormond Beach, Florida.

BARRY L. STOWE - Died Wednesday, September 10, 2014 in his home in Minerva, Ohio surrounded by his family. He was 68 years of age. The cause of death is unknown. He was born January 17, 1946 in Alliance, Ohio to the late Robert and Frances (née Willard) Stowe. He was the retired owner of Stowe Plumbing and Heating in Minerva. He was a member of the New Franklin United Methodist Church, a United States Army Veteran of the Vietnam War, Past President and Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Alliance Chapter #157, lifetime member of the Minerva American Legion Post #357, Tubal Lodge #551 F&AM and Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite, Valley of Canton. He is survived by his wife of 49 years, Sharon (Patterson) Stowe whom he married Sept. 18, 1966; 2 daughters, Rhonda (Tyler) Zeedrich of Minerva and Kelli (Sean) Davis of Minerva; brother, Terry (Shirley) Stowe of New Franklin; 6 grandchildren, Taylor, Quade, Zane, Storm, Scout and Skye. Following cremation a memorial service was held on Saturday at 7:00 PM in the New Franklin United Methodist Church with the Reverend Elaine Weaver officiating. Masonic Services and full military honors were given prior to the services. Calling hours were held from 5:00-7:00 PM on Saturday at the church prior to services. Memorial contributions may be made to the Alliance Visiting Nurse and Hospice. Those wishing to send condolences may sign the online register at www.gotschallfuneralhome.

<u>WILLIAM R. STUDER</u> – Died recently in 2014 in Holland, Michigan at the age of 67. The cause of death is unknown. He was born January 19, 1947. He is survived by his wife. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Holland Chapter #73**.



LARRY EUGENE SURBER – Died Sunday, October 19, 2014 in Jackson, Michigan at the age of 66. The cause of death was cancer. He was born September 19, 1948 in Jackson, Michigan to the late Hubert and Lenora Surber. In addition to his parents, he was also predeceased his sister, Phyllis Armbruster. He is survived by wife of 40 years, Mary (née Zenz); daughter, Heather (Don) Fiero; son, Larry Jr.; grandchildren, Adam, Megan (Branden), Tony (Rachel), Chelsea, Brandon, Dustyn,

and Larry III "Trey"; great-granddaughters, Skylar and Layla; brother, Lynn (Vickie); sister, Marilyn (Dan) Kilbourn; brother-in-law, Dick Armbruster; many nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles, cousins, special Kiddo, and his pets. He was called Big Daddy and loved his family and all the extra friends he called family. He was in the United States Marine Corps and was a Vietnam Veteran. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Jackson Chapter #109**. He was Chief Ranger on the Supreme Court of I.O.F. He worked for Lefere Drop Forge, was a semi driver for over 25 years, and worked for MIS for 30 years. He was an avid NASCAR fan, a team owner of Silverback Racing, and loved camping and spending time with his grandchildren, family, and friends. Funeral services were held at 2:30 PM on October 24, 2014 at Fort Custer, 15501 Dickman Road, Augusta, MI. A memorial dinner took place after the service from 5:00 to 7:00 PM at the American Legion Post #29, 3200 Lansing Avenue, Jackson, MI. Donations may be made to Vietnam Veterans of America, Chapter 109, P.O. Box 1704, Jackson, MI 49204.

MELVIN C. *"Moe"* **SWOPE** – Died Tuesday, August 17, 2014 in Flat Rock, Michigan at the age of 65. The cause of death was cardio-respiratory arrest and congestive heart failure. He is survived by his wife, Debra; three children, Brian Swope, Christy Campbell and Jody (David) Morey; his brother and sister-in-law, Vernon and Camille, and; his grandchildren, Brian Campbell, Curtis Campbell, William Morey, Samantha Campbell, Michaela Swope, Cassidy Morey. He served in the United States Army with a tour of duty in Vietnam from January 1968 to January 1969. He was *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Plymouth Chapter #528**.

HOWARD W. TERRELL – Died Friday, August 22, 2014 in Hanover, Maryland at the age of 67. The cause of death is unknown. He was born August 28, 1946. He is survived by his wife, Gloria. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was an *At-Large Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Maryland**.



JAMES A. THORNE - Died Sunday, October 17, 2010 in Claremont Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, Middlesex Township, Pennsylvania at the age of 65. He was a resident of Wormleysburg, Pennsylvania. The cause of death is unknown. He was born November 6, 1944. He was a graduate of University of Scranton, a stockbroker for IFS Investments, Mechanicsburg, an Army veteran of the Vietnam War serving

with the 173rd Airborne Division. He was a member of Good Shepherd Roman Catholic Church, Camp Hill and a Life Member and former President of Vietnam Veterans of America -Harrisburg Chapter #542. He was a dedicated member of VFW Post #7530, Lower Allen Twp., West Shore Elks Lodge #2257, West Shore Knights of Columbus Council, and American Legion Post #730. Jim received various awards from Toastmasters International for his skill in public speaking. He is survived by his fiancée, Joyce Elfreth of Mechanicsburg; four daughters, Kelly T. Boyle of Wormleysburg, Kerri A. Kenney of Phoenix, AZ, Karen T. Bolus of Lewisburg and Kathleen E. Baddick of Harrisburg; one sister, Maryann Briggs of Allentown; his stepfather, John R. Bellesfield of Allentown; six grandchildren, J.P., Madelyn, Brady, Maxwell, Preston and Katelyn. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on Thursday, October 21, 2010 at 12:00 Noon in Good Shepherd Roman Catholic Church, 3435 Trindle Road, Camp Hill with Reverend Father Paul C. Helwig, his pastor as main celebrant. Burial was in Indiantown Gap National Cemetery on Friday at 9:00 AM with full military honors. A visitation was held on Thursday from 11:00 AM until 12:00 Noon in Good Shepherd Church. Arrangements were handled by Wiedeman Funeral Home, Steelton. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Veterans Administration Medical Center Hospice, 1700 South Lincoln Avenue, Lebanon, PA 17042.



DAVID H. TOOHEY - Died Tuesday, September 23, 2014 in Leominster Hospital, Leominster, Massachusetts at the age of 70. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Springfield, Massachusetts on September 20, 1944 to the late Harold V. and Helen M. (née Tarrant) Toohey. He attended Springfield Public Schools and went on to graduate from the University of Maryland. He was drafted into the United States Army in 1966 where he served in Vietnam. David also

served tours in Germany and Korea before retiring honorably as a First Sergeant after 20 years. He was awarded the Vietnam Cross of Gallantry and two awards each of the Meritorious Service Medal and the Army Accommodation Medal. He was a member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Leominster Chapter #116. Upon retirement from the military, David went on to have a long career with the Metropolitan Insurance Company, both as a manager and financial service representative. He was a longtime member of Pilgrim Congregational Church in Leominster, where he served on many boards and committees. In 2006, David was appointed as Deacon Emeritus. He was an avid and loyal Red Sox and Celtics fan; he also loved all genres of music and had a vast collection. David enjoyed wintering in Florida with his many La Casa friends. He truly enjoyed spending time with his family; he will be greatly missed. David leaves his wife of 35 years, Roberta ""Bobbie"" (Whittle) Toohey of Leominster; children, Lisa Vallee of New River, AZ, Nadine Kay and her fiancé, Thomas Bissonnette of Leominster, Shawn Toohey and wife, Rachel of Northampton, Travis Vallee and his wife, Kelly of Leominster, Jason Vallee and his wife, Colette of Westminster, Ryan Toohey and his wife, Marjie of Walkersville, MD; 12 grandchildren; siblings, John Toohey of TX, Kevin Toohey of VT, Joseph Toohey of MO; brotherin-law, Ernie Poole of Springfield; brother-in-law and sister-in-law, Derrick and Doreen Whittle of Houghton Regis, England; many nieces, nephews, cousins, and dear friends. He was predeceased by his daughter, Shannon Toohey; sister, Nancy Poole, and granddaughter, Ariana Vallee. The funeral was held on Friday, September 26th, in the Pilgrim Congregational Church, 26 West Street, Leominster at 10:00 AM. Burial was private. Calling hours were on Thursday, September 25th, in Brandon Funeral Home, 305 Wanoosnoc Road, Fitchburg, from 4:00-7:00 PM. In lieu of flowers, the family requested that memorial contributions be made to the Pilgrim Congregational Church, 26 West Street, Leominster, MA 01453.



<u>RAUL TORRES</u> - Died Wednesday, October 8, 2014 at his residence in Middletown, New York at the age of 59. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Manhattan, New York on December 23, 1954 to the late Raul and Juanita (née Cancer) Torres. He served in the United States Army in the Vietnam War. He retired after 20 years of service with the New York Police Department, he

then worked in Woodlawn Cemetery and drove a bus for Mid-City Transit, Middletown, New York. At the time of his death he held the offices of: President of and was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – New Hampton Chapter #140**; Commander of American Legion Post #151, Middletown, Chaplain of Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #161, Port Jervis and 3rd Vice-Commander of Orange County American Legion Post; member of Disabled American Veterans #121, and the Middletown Pistol and Rifle Association He is survived by his wife Evelyn Rivera Torres at home., his three sons Raul Phillipe Torres, of Pine Bush; Juan Roberto Torres, of Valhalla; Christopher Rudy Torres, of Middletown; his Grandson Anthony Torres of Pine Bush, his sister Naomi, wife of Herman Santiago, of Yonkers; his brother Freddy Ortez, of Yonkers; and sister Elizabeth Torres, of Long Island; and nieces and nephews. Friends were invited to call on Friday, October 10th from 2:00-4:00 and 7:00-9:00 PM at the Morse Funeral Home, Inc., 33 Railroad Avenue, Middletown, NY. Veteran services were at 7:30 PM. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at Saint Joseph Church, 149 Cottage Street, Middletown, NY, at 11:00 AM on Saturday, October 11, 2014. Burial with full military honors was in the Orange

County Veteran Cemetery, Goshen, New York. Arrangements were under the guidance of Morse Funeral Home, Inc.



JERRY ELSMORE TURNER - Died Friday, September 12, 2014 in Amarillo, Texas at the age of 62. He was a resident of Borger, Texas. The cause of death is unknown. He was born March 22, 1951 in Norway, Maine to Robert and the late Hatty (née Craig) Turner. He served eight years in the United States Navy. He was a *Life Member* of

Vietnam Veterans of America – Fritch Chapter #404. He loved guns and tinkering with toys. He is survived by his father Bob of Borger. Memorial services were at a later date. Cremation was under the direction of Minton Chatwell Funeral Directors of Borger, Texas.



MARTIN van GELDER - Died Sunday, October 26, 2014 in Gainesville, Florida at the age of 70. The cause of death was Agent Orange-related cancer. He was born May 12, 1944 in Chicago, Illinois to the late Mozes and Janet (née Harris) van Gelder. Serving his country in the United States Army as an Airborne Ranger, 24th Infantry,

Germany Headquarters, OCS Selection Team, in Fort Dix, New Jersey, in the Vietnam War, 1st Cavalry Division, Hotel CO, 75th Ranger (Long Range Recon Patrol), having received the Bronze Star, Purple Heart, and Combat Infantry Badge, then returning stateside to Fort Sill, Oklahoma as part of the Training NCO-Jungle Warfare training Battalion. Mr. van Gelder was the owner of M van Gelder & Associates, and Empire Realty Corp both in Orlando. He was an Audit Agent with the Florida Department of Revenue, Medical Administrator at the VA Medical Center in Gainesville, the North Florida Area Manager with Burnip & Sims Telcom Inc., and was a volunteer, Construction Coordinator, Secretary and Board member with Habitat for Humanity in Gainesville. Martin was a member of Congregation B'Nai Israel, American Legion Post #0016, Paralyzed Veterans of America- Central Florida Chapter, Military Order of the Purple Heart, University of Florida Alumni Association, Titletown Gator Club, LifeSouth Blood Bank- 26+ Galloneer, ACLU, NRA, Southern Poverty Law Center, and the NAACP. He was a Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America - Orange Park Chapter #1059, Disabled American Veterans-Chapter Gator #90, Jewish War Veterans- Post #2014, Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #2811, and a member-at-large in the 1st Air Cavalry Association. He is survived by his sons Michael (Angella) van Gelder and Richard (Dale) van Gelder both of Orlando, their mother Liane van Gelder of Orlando, grandchildren Rachael van Gelder of Leesburg, Karl van Gelder and Katherine van Gelder of Orlando, and his great grandchild, Brooke Lillian Hutchins of Leesburg FL. His Gainesville Family Carol Peters, Scott Lansing Peters, Brittany Peters (Nick) Pino, Dylan Cole Pino, Dean Michael Pino, and Natalie Taylor Pino. Special people Rod and Lynn LeBre of Orlando, Irene and Irving Young of Hampton, FL, Shirley Peters of Winter Park, FL, Dr. "Bob" Sammel, the LAMP Team, the Recreational Therapy Team all at the VA Medical Center in Gainesville, and a special thanks to Haven Hospice for all of the love and care given to Martin and his family. Services were held at 11:00 AM on Tuesday, November 4, 2014 at Congregation B'Nai Israel, 3830 NW 16th Boulevard, Gainesville, FL 32605. Interment was at 2:00 PM in Florida National Cemetery in Bushnell, FL. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Haven Hospice 4200 NW 90th Blvd. Gainesville, FL 32606 or the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund 2600 Virginia Avenue NW, Suite 104 Washington DC 20037. Arrangements were under the care of Milam Funeral Home, 311 South Main Street Gainesville, FL 32601.



DENNIS R. WALAKER – Died Tuesday, December 2, 2014 in Fargo, North Dakota at the age of 73. The cause of death was kidney cancer. He was born in Fargo on January 10, 1941. He was the mayor of Fargo, North Dakota in the United States. He was elected to a four-year term on June 13, 2006 and took office on June 28, 2006. He was re-elected during a municipal election which was held on June 8, 2010. On December 26, 2013, Walaker announced he would seek reelection in 2014. He

attended Leonard High School in Cass County, North Dakota and North Dakota State University. He worked on the construction of Interstate 94, Interstate 29, and projects within the City of Fargo. Walaker was named City's Public Works Operations Manager in 1989. The scope of the position was later expanded to include emergency management, forestry, and fleet management. He gained attention (locally and - on a smaller scale - nationally) in April 1997, while coordinating the city's efforts to fight the 1997 Red River Flood. After the flooding passed and the city was left mainly dry, Walaker was given some credit for the city's preparations. He gained similar notice for coordinating the response to the 2009 Red River flood, issuing an evacuation order at the height of the flood that included only children and the disabled. Although the city had been urged by state and federal agencies to issue a complete evacuation order, Walaker disagreed, stating that "There's just no way I could tell the people of the city of Fargo, after all the work they'd done, to evacuate." Walaker personally supervised the 2009 efforts in Fargo - described as "orchestrated primarily from inside City Hall" - by local volunteers working with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, the Federal Emergency Management Agency, the Coast Guard, and other federal agencies. Walaker is a member of the Mayors Against Illegal Guns Coalition, a bi-partisan group with a stated goal of "making the public safer by getting illegal guns off the streets." The Coalition is co-chaired by former Boston Mayor Thomas Menino and former New York City Mayor Michael Bloomberg. He is also a member of the Mayors Climate Protection Center, and has been a board member or member of several local, regional, and national organizations, including the Red River Zoo, the Plains Art Museum, the American Public Works Association, the American Water Works Association, the Water pollution control federation, the American Legion, the Sons of Norway, the Hospice of the Red River Valley, and United Way and a Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America - Fargo Chapter #941. He died on December 2, 2014 at the age of 73, from kidney cancer. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War.

<u>RICHARD T. WALTERS</u> - Died Sunday, September 21, 2014 in Reed Springs, Missouri at the age of 67. The cause of death is unknown. He was born May 5, 1947 to James Lucas and the late Mary Lucas. He was the loving husband of Deborah Walters (née Veile); loving father of Christina (Chris) King and Richard J. Walters; loving grandfather of Jimmy and Nancy Ann; our dear brother-in-law, uncle, godfather and dearest friend. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. Rich was a Purple Heart Vietnam Veteran, member of Disabled American Vets, American Legion, Knights of Columbus, Masonic Lodge #680, an *At-Large Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America - Missouri** and Elks Lodge #2505. Visitation was at the Kutis South County Chapel, 5255 Lemay Ferry Road on Tuesday, September 23th from 5:00-9:00 PM. Interment was in Resurrection Cemetery. On Wednesday, September 24th A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at Saint Gabriel the Archangel Catholic Church.



KENNETH R. WARMINGTON, JR. - Died Tuesday, October 14, 2014 at DeGraff Memorial Hospital after a long illness. He was a resident of Tonawanda, New York and 67 years of age. The cause of death was cardiac arrest and lung cancer with metastases. He was born in West Seneca, New York to the late Florence (née

Mazurkiewicz) and Kenneth Warmington, Sr. and had been a lifelong resident of Tonawanda. He was a United States Army Veteran of the Vietnam War and served more than 20 years in the Army Reserves. Ken was employed as a tool setter at the Chevrolet Engine Plant until retiring in 2000. He was a member of the VFW Frontiersmen Post #7545 in Tonawanda and the 300th Ordinance Battalion Association. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America** – **Tonawanda Chapter #77**. He is survived by his wife, Barbara (née Paciorek) Warmington; his daughter, Liane (John) Burns of Grand Island; his son, James (Christina) Warmington of Orchard Park; his brother, Donald (Karen) Warmington of North Tonawanda; and six grandchildren, Zachary, Sydney, Kyle, Adam, Tyler, and Brianna. Also surviving are several nieces and nephews. Friends called on Thursday from 4:00-8:00 PM at the Hamp Funeral Home, Inc., 37 Adam Street at Seymour, Tonawanda, where funeral services were held at 10:00 AM on Friday with the Reverend Michael Uebler officiating. Friends were invited. Interment was at the Elmlawn Cemetery, Town of Tonawanda.

JEREMIAH A. WEBSTER – Died Thursday, June 19, 2014 in Redford, Michigan at the age of 72. The cause of death was a heart attack. He was born in Detroit, Michigan on May 19, 1942. He is survived by his wife, Delores, of the home. He served in the United States Navy with a tour in Vietnam in 1967. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Dearborn Chapter #267**.

JOHN WESTDYK – Died recently in 2014 in Tarpon Springs, Florida at the age of 67. The cause of death is unknown. He was born November 29, 1946. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was an *At-Large Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – New Jersey**.



FRANK JOSEPH WEVERS III - and Jo-Ellen Wevers died together in their RV on Tuesday, May 27, 2014 in Pulaski County, Missouri at the ages of 66 and 58, respectively. They were residents of Kimberling City, Missouri. He was born November 16, 1947 in Great Lakes, Illinois to the late Frank Joseph, Jr and Laverne E. (née Saenger) Wevers. He was united in marriage on December 23,

1973 to Mary Jo-Ellen Avery. Frank was a mechanic before his retirement. He was a United States Army veteran serving one tour in Vietnam and was the recipient the Bronze Star and Purple Heart. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Branson Chapter #913** and Gate of the Temple Masonic Lodge No. 422. He, along with Jo Ellen, loved motorcycle riding and both were active members of the Freedom of the Road Riders, Patriot Guard Riders, and the Widows Sons. He loved riding, life and his two German Shepherd dogs, Molly and Mason. Mary Jo-Ellen Avery Wevers was born September 29, 1955 in Crawford County, Missouri the daughter of the late Woodrow R. and Martha Z. (née Lilly) Avery. She was united in marriage on December 23, 1973 to Frank Joseph Wevers, III. She was predeceased by a stepbrother, Jim Stone. Jo-Ellen worked in various jobs during her life but, in her later years found her true calling was as a nurse's aide. She love riding as much as Frank and was always by his side at

many of the riding events. They are survived by two sons, Frank J. Wevers, IV, Lebanon, MO; and Charles N. "Chuck" Wevers; a daughter, Kayla. Chavert, State of Louisiana; six grandchildren, two great-grandchildren, Frank's six sisters, Diane Andrews, Dottie Burke, Janice Taylor, Debbie Chapman, Cindy Pratt and Cathy Sexton; Jo Ellen's three brothers, Don, James and Chuck Avery; a sister, Marilyn Woyak; a stepbrother, Ralph Stone; a stepsister, Sharon Gilbert; several nieces, nephews and many, many friends. Visitation was held from 6:00–8:00 PM on Thursday, June 5, 2014, with Masonic Services beginning at 7:00 PM in J.D. Lee and Sons Funeral Home, Rogersville. Graveside services were held at 9:00 AM on Friday, June 6, 2014 at Missouri Veterans Cemetery, Springfield. The family request memorial donations to the Missouri Child Identification Program (MoChip), 6033 Masonic Drive, Suite B, Columbia, MO 65202-6535.



JOSEPH EDWARD WHERRY - Died Wednesday, July 2, 2014 in Elkhorn, Nebraska at the age of 66. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on October 9, 1948. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was an *At-Large Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Nebraska**. He is survived by

his sons, Joseph II and his wife Andrea of Elkhorn, Josh and fiancée Candice McDonald of Holyoke, MA and Jacob and his friend Nicole Karr of Elkhorn; daughter Rebecca Wherry and her friend Jose of Slidell, LA; 7 grandchildren; mother Eileen Brown and sister Marilyn Wherry both of Olathe, KS. Visitation was on Thursday from 5:00-7:00 PM at the funeral home with a wake service at 7:00 PM. The Funeral Mass was on Saturday at 10:30 AM at St. Patrick Catholic Church in Elkhorn. Interment was in Mount Calvary Cemetery. Memorials may be sent to the Boy Scouts. Condolences to: www.reichmuthfuneralhomes.com Reichmuth Funeral Homes 21901 West Maple, Elkhorn.

LAWRENCE E. "Larry" WHITE - Died Sunday, January 26, 2014 in Winchester, New Hampshire at the age of 69. He was formerly from Marlborough, New Hampshire. He passed in the comfort of his home with his family at his side after a period of declining health. The cause of death was cancer. He was born the son of Glendine and the late Gerald White on October 3, 1944, in Keene, New Hampshire. He was educated in Pennsylvania and graduated from Twin Valley High School in Elverson, Pennsylvania class of 1963. On June 17, 1967, he exchanged vows with Judy G. Willey at the Bible Church in East Westmoreland. They were married with family and friends in attendance. The Whites have been married for 46 years. Larry was patriotic. He was drafted into the United State Marine Corps on March 21, 1969 during the Vietnam War. He served as a machine gunner and was the recipient of the National Defense Service Medal, Vietnam Service Medal with one Star, Republic of Vietnam Cross of Gallantry with one Palm and Frame, Vietnam Campaign Medal with one Service Device and a Good Conduct Medal. Larry completed his time of service with an honorable discharge at the rank of Corporal (E-4). Larry was the owner and operator of the L.E. White Logging Company in Winchester. He ran his own business for 20 years. He retired in 2009 to enjoy time with his wife and family. Prior to retirement he had worked at the HHP Company in Henniker, Cutting Edge Timber Harvesting in Marlborough, and Cersosimo Lumber Company in Brattleboro, VT. For fun Larry liked to ride his Harley Davidson motorcycle. He collected antique chainsaws and was an avid NASCAR fan. Larry was a member of Vietnam Veterans of America - Keene Chapter #1034, American Legion, Marine Corps League, and the Harley Owners Group. Mr. White is survived by his wife, Judy G. White of Winchester. He also leaves his children: Stephanie L. White-Ferland and her husband, Scott of North Hartland, Vt., her son, Colby Ebbighausen; and step-children, Jaclyn Ferland and Ryan Ferland. And Sharon L. White of West Swanzey and her daughter, Hannah Dettelback; his mother, Glendine White of Bowmansville, Pa.; siblings: Eugene White and his wife, Sondra of Denver, Pa., Francis White of Birdsboro, Pa., Monica Pike of Bowmansville, and Holly Miller of Bowmansville; in addition to cousins, nieces, nephews, extended family and friends; in-laws, Richard Willey of Fla., Mary Blanchard and her husband, Leonard of Roxbury, Barb Fish and her husband, Doug of Keene, and Morris Willey of Winchester; and special friends, Linda Dunham and family of Fitzwilliam. Larry is pre-deceased by his father, Gerald White who passed in June of 2012, brother in-law Ronald Reed and close friend Wayne Dunham. In keeping with Larry's wishes there were no calling hours. A gathering to celebrate Larry's life was held on Saturday, February 1, 2014 from 2:00 PM to 5:00 PM in the hall at the VFW, Main Street, Winchester, NH 03470. Burial was private in the family lot with military honors on June 17, 2014. Donations can be made in memory of Lawrence E. White to: Norris Cotton Cancer Center, 580 Court St. Keene, NH. 03431. All services were under the care of Cheshire Family Funeral Home, 46 South Winchester Street, Swanzey, NH. 03446.



MICHAEL A. WILEY – Died Tuesday, May 13, 2014 in Whitemore, California at the age of 68. The cause of death is unknown. He was born October 14, 1945. He served in the United States Navy during the Vietnam War and retired at the rank of Senior Chief Petty Officer. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Redding Chapter #357**. He was a husband, father, friend and

Vietnam War Veteran. He was so loved by his family and friends and respected by all. He dedicated his life to serving his country and his fellow veterans. He was proud of his war record because all of his crew returned home. He had a passion for his Model "A" truck, his sidecar motorcycle and a Bonneville Salt Flat race car. But most of his time and energy went into promoting the Vietnam Veterans Monument at the Northern California Veterans Cemetery, where he rests today. Mike's family asks you to donate to the Monument in his memory. Let us all give thanks for having Mike as a friend. Arrangements were handled through Allen & Dahl Funeral Chapel.



MORRELL JUITT WOODS - Died Wednesday, November 26, 2008 in Norfork, Arkansas at the age of 60. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Baxter County, Arkansas on February 18, 1948 to the late Lloyd Morrell Woods and June (née Jeffery) Woods. Morrell loved the Ozarks Mountains and the way of life. After

graduating in 1966 from Norfork High School, he volunteered for service in the United States Army. He served in the Vietnam War as a paratrooper in the 173rd Airborne. He was awarded 2 Bronze Stars for bravery in action, wounded twice, receiving 2 Purple Hearts. He was an *At-Large Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Arkansas**. Returning home to the Ozarks, he chose to make a living doing what he loved. He and his wife opened Woodsman's Sport Shop and Fishing Service Inc. and raised two children in the area. He shared his life and enthusiasms willingly with family and friends. His dry wit matched his sparkling intellect. He traveled the globe numerous times always returning to the Ozarks and the life he loved. He was

predeceased by his father Lloyd Morrell Woods, wife Susie (née Alexander) Woods and paternal aunt Fern Farmer Edgin. He is survived by his mother June (née Jeffery) Woods of Mountain Home, wife Cheryl (Deakins) Woods of the home, two children Kendra Woods of Norfork, Levi Woods of Van Buren and 8 grandchildren. Other survivors include his sisters Pamela (Woods) Harris of Henderson and Iva (Woods) Lackovic of Springfield, Missouri. Extended family, living outside the area include: Nedra (Wood) Arsenault of Canada, Cynthia Orano, and Valerie Gordon of California. Graveside service with military honors was held at the Burnt School House in Lone Rock, Arkansas on Wednesday, December 3rd at 1:00 PM. In lieu of flowers the family requested a contribution to be made to the 173rd Reunion Fund. Send contributions to: 173rd Reunion Fund, c/o Eric Hitchcock, 1208 Iowa Street, South Houston, TX 77587.



ONZIE GENE WOODS - Died Saturday, November 1, 2014 at 10:15 PM at the Holston Valley Hospital after a three-year courageous battle with lung cancer that was a result of Agent Orange. He was 67 years of age and a resident of Kingsport, Tennessee. He was born in Kingsport on January 13, 1947 to the late Ruby (née

Skelton) and J.T. Woods. He was a 1965 graduate of Church Hill High School where he lettered in basketball and baseball. Before his retirement in 1998, he was employed as a Senior Lab Technician in the Research Department of Eastman Chemical Company. He later returned to Eastman as an LSE, where he worked until his diagnosis. Onzie was an avid golfer, loved UT football and hanging out with his pals at Rush Street. He was a volunteer for the Fun Fest Band Concessions where he could be seen driving the tractor that pulled the ice wagon in the taste of Tri-Cities. He was a member of Colonial Heights United Methodist Church. Onzie was a decorated United States Army Vietnam War veteran. He was a Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Kingsport Chapter #979. He served on the Board of Directors as Recruitment Chairman. During the Christmas season, he joined fellow VVA members to ring the Salvation Army bell at Walmart. Onzie was a member of the Church Hill VFW and the American Legion Post #265. Onzie leaves behind his wife of 24 years, Bernice Guinn Woods; daughter, Stacey Woods of Auburn, AL, and Nikki Woods McGlamery and her husband, Bob of Grayson, GA; grandsons, Matt McGlamery of Tuscaloosa, AL and Ben McGlamery of Athens, GA; sisters, Linda Woods VanZant and her husband, Donnie of Gate City, VA, and Marsha Woods of Charlotte, NC; brothers, Tommy Woods of Kingsport, and Rex Mallory of Bristol, VA; and several nieces and nephews. Friends were encouraged to pay their respects at Colonial Heights United Methodist Church on Lebanon Road in Kingsport on Thursday evening, November 6, 2014 between the hours of 5:00-7:00 PM. A Memorial Service to celebrate his life was held at 7:00 PM at Colonial Heights United Methodist Church. Onzie was a very laid-back person who believed in casual, comfortable clothing. Therefore, casual dress was encouraged. Military Graveside Services was held at 10:00 AM on Friday, November 7, 2014 at the Mountain Home National Cemetery in Johnson City, TN. Donations toward a memorial to honor the life of Onzie Woods can be donated toward the sponsorship of the Band organ to be placed on the Kingsport Carousel. Contributions should be sent to the Onzie Woods Memorial, Engage Kingsport, 1200 East Center Street, Kingsport, TN 37660. East Lawn Funeral Home and Memorial Park had the honor of serving the family of Onzie Woods.

<u>ROBERT J. YORK</u> – Died recently in 2014 in Corunna, Michigan at the age of 70. The cause of death is unknown. He was born May 5, 1944. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Owosso Chapter #640**.

CHARLES R. YOUNT - Died Saturday, March 14, 2009 at Central Michigan Community Hospital after a long illness at the age of 77. He was a resident of Mount Pleasant, Michigan. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on Wednesday, May 20, 1931 in Flint, Michigan to the late Virl and Hazel (née Shiverdecker) Yount. Charles married Eunice Weisenauer on December 8, 1956 at Trinity Lutheran Church in Bay County, Michigan. Charles was a proud veteran of the United States Navy, where he served faithfully for four years, before spending the next 16 years in the United States Air Force, serving at various bases around the world. He served as a medical technician while in the service. After retirement, he went to work for the U.S. Postal Service, where he worked for 10 years. Charles was a member of Zion Lutheran Church for many years. He was an At-Large Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Michigan. Survivors include Charles's wife, Eunice; four children, Charles and Charlene Yount, Jr. of Swartz Creek, Michael Wesley Yount of Mt. Pleasant, Diana Marie Yount of Lansing, and Joseph Alan and Susan Yount of Ann Arbor; six grandchildren, Allison Jo Yount, Megan Marie Yount, Sonya Yount, Amber Yount, Crystal Yount, Amanda and Grant Hogan; one great-granddaughter, Arama Hogan; one brother: Douglas and Trudy Yount of South Carolina; five sisters, Susan and Duane Woods of Sanford, Phyllis Feders of Fenton, Barbara McCullough of Sacramento, Calif., Judy Cain of Warsaw, Ind., and Kay and Les Harris of Texas. He was preceded in death by his son John, both parents, brother Gerald, and sisters Martha Lee Muma and two infant sisters. Funeral services were held on Tuesday, March 17th, at 11:00 AM from the Zion Lutheran Church, 3401 East River Road, with Pastors Samuel Reith and Jonathon Baker officiating. Following the service, interment took place in Memorial Gardens Cemetery. Friends gathered with the Yount family on Monday, March 16th, at the Helms Funeral Home from 6:00 to 8:00 PM. On Tuesday, visitation will continue at the church from 10:00 to 11:00 AM. Memorial contributions have been suggested to Zion Lutheran Church, Sanctuary Building Fund. Envelopes are available at the funeral home and at the church.

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