

# VIETNAM VETERANS OF AMERICA

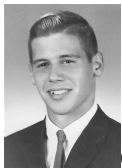
## Office of the National Chaplain

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**JAMES D. ALIFF** – Died recently in 2015 in Kimbolton, Ohio at the age of 68. The cause of death is unknown. He was born December 8, 1946. He is survived by his wife, Linda, of the home. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Hico (West Virginia) Chapter #860**.



**RUSSELL DALE "Russ" ALLEN** - Died Monday, October 26, 2015 Killeen, Texas at the age of 74. The cause of death is Agent Orange-related congestive heart failure. He was born on Easter Sunday, April 13, 1941 in Francesville, Indiana to the late Robert J. and Sue (née Wentz) Allen. He married Enid Westphal on August 19, 1960 in Francesville, Indiana. He spent 22½ years in the United States Army, served three tours in Vietnam and worked in operations and intelligence. Russ received many medals and commendations. He was most proud of the Bronze Star and United States Air Force Medal. He also received letters of commendation from President Richard Nixon, Secretary of State Henry Kissinger and the President of South Vietnam. He was a member of the VFW, **Vietnam Veterans of America – Harker Heights Chapter #1000** and Special Forces Chapter #77. He was preceded in death by his mother and father; brothers, Harley, Mark, Monte and Danny; and one sister, Virginia. Survivors include his wife Enid; and children, Patrice Rodriguez of Killeen; son, Michael Allen of Killeen; daughter, Kristina (Bill) Bradley of Keyport, N.J.; daughters, Nicole (Zaki) Jawad of Riyadh, Saudi Arabia, Indira (Thomas) Horst of Miami, Florida, and Amanda Johns of Monticello, Indiana; grandchildren, Anthony "Russell" (Danielle) Rodriguez, Anna Rodriguez, Chrystian Harris, Joseph Bradley, Madelyn Bradley, Naudia (Tony) Vanelli, Sammy Jawad, Dina Jawad, Thomas Horst, Evelyn Horst; great-granddaughter Renley Rodriguez; brothers, Robert (Arnetta) Allen of Monon, Indiana; Frances (Karen) Allen of Burnettsville, Indiana; sisters, Cathy Johns of Monticello, Indiana, Barbara Eisert of West Lafayette, Indiana and Violet (Don) Hughes of Idaville, Indiana; and brothers, Gerry (Penny) Allen of Monon, Indiana, Breckens Russell Lutz. A memorial open house was at 2:00 PM on Friday at the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #9192, Wolf Street in Killeen, hosted by Special Forces Association Chapter #77. Crawford-Bowers Funeral Home in Killeen was in charge of arrangements.



**GERALD LYNN "Jerry" ARDINGER** - Died Saturday, October 17, 2015 in Hagerstown, Maryland at the age of 67. He was formerly of Williamsport, Maryland. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on December 16, 1947 in Hagerstown to the late Robert K. and Ethel

Virginia (née Hoffman) Ardinger. Jerry was a 1965 graduate of South Hagerstown High School. He was a Master Electrician with IBEW Local Union #307 Cumberland, Maryland, retiring in 2007 after 41 years of service. In his early years, Jerry was a lifeguard at the Williamsport Pool and was an active blood donor with the Red Cross. He was very active with the Williamsport Boy Scouts Troop No. 17, where he received numerous recognition awards. Jerry was an avid fisherman. He previously served with the United States Air National Guard in Martinsburg, West Virginia. He was a member of Williamsport United Methodist Church. He was also a member of Medairy Lodge No. 140 AF&AM of Williamsport, MD; Loyal Order of Moose Brunswick, MD; Potomac Post No. 202 American Legion, Williamsport, MD; a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Cumberland Chapter #172**; Conococheague Tribe No. 84 IORM Williamsport, MD; AMVETS Post No. 10 Hagerstown, MD, and AARP. Jerry is survived by his sister, Kathy J. Emerson, and her husband, Bill, of Williamsport, MD; brother, Ronnie W. Ardinger and his wife, Carolyn, of Hope Mills, NC; four nieces, four great nephews and one great niece. Funeral services were held at the Osborne Funeral Home, 425 South Conococheague Street, Williamsport, MD on Friday, October 23, 2015 at 11:00 AM with the Reverend Susan Boehl officiating. The family received friends one hour prior to the service on Friday from 10:00 to 11:00 AM. A Masonic service was held at 10:00 AM by the Medairy Lodge No. 140 AF&AM. Interment was in the Cedar Lawn Memorial Park in Hagerstown. The family requested the omission of flowers; memorial donations may be made to: Friends of Troop #17 Boy Scout Association Charitable Trust Inc., 28 Springfield Lane, Williamsport, MD 21795 or Williamsport United Methodist Church, 25 East Church Street, Williamsport, MD 21795. Online condolences may be made to the family at [www.osbornefuneralhome.net](http://www.osbornefuneralhome.net).



**BILLY ERWIN BAREFOOT** - Died Sunday, December 15, 2013 at the VA Medical Center in Durham, North Carolina at the age of 69. He was a resident of Benson, North Carolina. The cause of death was cancer. He was born in Johnston County, North Carolina on May 11, 1944 to the late Melvin and Hilma Ellen (née Allen) Barefoot. He worked with the State of North Carolina Division of Highways. He was a United States Army veteran where he served in the Vietnam War. He was a member of the American Legion Banner Post #109 and the VFW in Smithfield, North Carolina. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Four Oaks Chapter #990**. Survivors include his wife, Darla (née Michaud) Barefoot; his daughter, Lori Barefoot of Benson; his sister, Kay B. Lankey of Richmond, VA; one granddaughter, and; his three great-grandchildren. Visitation was from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM on Tuesday, December 17, 2013 at Rose and Graham Funeral Home in Benson. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to American Cancer Society, P. O. Box 1544, Smithfield, NC 27577.

**ALBERT A. BARRIOS** – Died recently in 2015 in Las Vegas, Nevada at the age of 71. The cause of death is unknown. He was born November 15, 1943. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Detroit (Michigan) Chapter #9**.



**EVERETT DALE BISHOP** - Died Wednesday, December 15, 2012 at his home in Nashville, Tennessee at the age of 67. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on April 1, 1945 in Detroit, Michigan. He is survived by his wife of 45 years, Donna Bishop; son, Everett Troy (Annette) Bishop of Hendersonville; grandchildren, Jake and Ella Bishop. Dale was a Vietnam Veteran who served in the United States Army Special Forces. He was a former elder of Madison Church of Christ. In 2000, he retired from Colonial Baking Company after 31 years of service. Following this, he worked an additional seven years for the State of Tennessee Department of Corrections retiring in 2008. Dale was a student of the Martial Arts, Wado-Ryu, achieving the rank of 5<sup>th</sup> degree black belt. He was active in Veterans groups and was a life member of AMVETS. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Madison Chapter #953**. Funeral Services were conducted on Tuesday, December 18, 2012 at 10:00 AM from the Chapel of Spring Hill Funeral Home with Dr. Bill Ruhl and Bro. Norman Slate co-officiating. Interment with Military Honors was in the Historic Spring Hill Cemetery. Active Pallbearers were Tony Trumphour, Taylor Trumphour, Jerry Dixon, Dustin Newman, Melvin Brown and Melvin Brown III. The family received friends on Monday, December 17, 2012 from 4:00-8:00 PM and on Tuesday, December 18, 2012 from 9:00-10:00 AM. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Hendersonville Church of Christ Mission Fund, 107 Rockland Road, Hendersonville, TN 37075. Arrangements were entrusted to Spring Hill Funeral Home and Cemetery, 5110 Gallatin Road.



**FORREST D. BLACKSTOCK** - Died Thursday, October 8, 2015 in Kingman, Arizona at the age of 66. The cause of death was Agent Orange-related cancer. He was born on April 20, 1949 in Los Angeles, California, and grew up in Alhambra, California, graduating from Alhambra High School in 1967. He was a past master counselor and Chevalier of Alhambra Chapter of the Order of DeMolay. In 1969, he enlisted in the United States Army and was sent to South Vietnam as a member of the 18<sup>th</sup> Military Police Division at Can Tho, Long Binh and Saigon. After military service, he moved to Kingman to become a deputy sheriff for Mohave County where he worked for two and a half years and later was hired as a package deliveryman at UPS where he worked for 35 years. Forrest was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Kingman Chapter #975**, VFW Post #214, American Legion Post #14, Patriot Guard and the Jerry Ambrose Veteran's Council of Kingman. Forrest is survived by his children, Kelly (Joni) Blackstock, Beth (Robert) Garrison and Jason (Caitlin) Blackstock and his four grandchildren Morgan, Anna, Joey and Henry. He is also survived by his companion Nancy Fancher, brother and sister in law Joe and Nancy Blackstock, and many nieces and nephews. Services were held on October 17, 2015 at Metcalfe Park in Kingman at 1:00 PM. In lieu of flowers, donations can be sent to Kingman Cancer Center or Vietnam Veterans Association of Kingman.

**WILLIAM GEORGE BOUDREAU** – Died Wednesday, September 23, 2015 in Trenton, Michigan at the age of 67. The cause of death is unknown. He was born August 16, 1948 in Detroit, Michigan. He served in the United States Marine Corps from January 1968 to November 1970 with a tour of duty in Vietnam from January 1970 to November 1970. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Plymouth Chapter #528**.

**WALTER BRUMFIELD** – Died Saturday, October 3, 2015 in Angola, Louisiana at the age of 63. The cause of death was lung cancer. He was born in New Orleans, Louisiana on October 1, 1952. He served in the United States Marine Corps from August 5, 1970 to August 3, 1973 with service in Vietnam from January 7, 1972 to August 18, 1972. He was a member of **Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America – Angola Chapter #689**. Funeral Services were held on Friday, October 16, 2015 at Promised Land Baptist Church 7234 Plank Road at 11:00 AM. Visitation was from 9:00 AM until funeral time. Interment was in the Mount Pilgrim Cemetery. Carney Mackey Funeral Home was in charge of the arrangements.

**THOMAS EUGENE “Gene” BYRUM** - Died Friday, September 18, 2015 at the Jackson-Madison County General Hospital at the age of 86. He was a resident of Medon, Tennessee. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Madison County, Tennessee to the late Deedy Byrum and the late Kate (née Jackson) Byrum and graduated from Mercer High School. He was a Master Sergeant in the United States Air Force, retiring after twenty years. He served in World War II, the Korean War and the Vietnam War. He was a member of Big Springs United Methodist Church, the Jackson Elks Lodge, the Masonic Lodge #45 and was a life member of the VFW Post #1848. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Jackson Chapter #995**. He worked at the Madison County Sheriff's Department for many years and was a Shriner. Surviving are his wife, Betty (née Smith) Byrum of Medon; his daughters, Linda Jo Jamison and husband, Dee of Medon and Genia Blanchard and husband, Stanley of Jackson; a niece they raised, Betty Williams; two grandchildren, Brandon Long of Mississippi and Bethany Secondo and husband, John and three great-grandchildren, Dominic Secondo, Gia Secondo and Gabe Secondo. Friends were able to visit with the family from 4:00 to 7:00 PM on Tuesday at the Lawrence-Sorensen Funeral Home. Funeral services were at 11:00 AM on Wednesday, September 23, 2015 in the chapel of the Lawrence-Sorensen Funeral Home with Rick Hall officiating. Burial was in the Big Springs Cemetery in Madison County, Tennessee.



**LOUIS COLANGELO** - Died Sunday, November 1, 2015 in Irondequoit, New York. The cause of death is unknown. He was predeceased by his parents, Mauro and Giovanna Colangelo; sisters, Maria and Julia. He is survived by beloved wife, Antoinette (née DeGiovine); children, Mark (Shannon) Colangelo and Joanne (Chris) Lewandowski; grandchildren, Ryan and Brianna Colangelo and Noah, Tyler and Aidan Lewandowski; brother, John (Marie) Colangelo; sisters, Sandra Mastrodonato and Italia, Isabel Kearney, Delores Colangelo, Mickey (Ron) Mitchell; brother-in-law, Dino (Tina) DeGiovine; sisters-in-law, Rose (Leo) Rosotti, Tina (Rino)

Altieri; and many nieces and nephews. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Rochester Chapter #20**. Calling hours were on Tuesday from 4:00-8:00 PM at the Falvo Funeral Home, 1395 North Goodman Street. On Wednesday the Mass of Christian Burial was celebrate at Sacred Heart Cathedral in Rochester, New York at 10:00 AM. Entombment was in the Holy Sepulchre Cemetery.

**WILLIAM COLE** – Died Wednesday, November 18, 2015 in Illinois. The cause of death is unknown. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was an *At-Large Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Illinois**.



**JIMMIE A. "Jim" COLEMAN** - Died Thursday, September 10, 2015 in Rogers, Arkansas at the age of 71, surrounded by his family. The cause of death is unknown. He was born August 27, 1944 in Bentonville, Arkansas to the late Ora and Jette Louise (née Autrey) Coleman. He graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in Industrial Engineering from the University of Arkansas and worked for Preformed Line Products, in Rogers, for 30 years. Jim was a member of the Bentonville Nazarene Church, VFW, Rogers Early Risers Rotary club, and a Razorback Foundation supporter. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Fort Smith Chapter #467**. Jim proudly served his country in the United States Army, earning the rank of SP4 and completing a tour in Vietnam. He had a love for his grandchildren, gardening, and the Arkansas Razorbacks. He is preceded in death by his wife, Mary in 2011; his parents; a brother, Danny Coleman; and a sister, Marilyn Coleman. Jim is survived by two sons, John Coleman and wife, Suzanne of Bentonville, Ark., Mike Coleman of Bentonville, Ark.; one daughter, Paula Coleman of Centerton, Ark.; three granddaughters, Kelsi Coleman, Kylie Coleman and Bethany Coleman; one brother, Larry Coleman of Huntsville, Ark.; two sisters, Linda Webb of Decatur, Ark., and Delores Jones of Springdale, Ark. A visitation was held from 6:00 to 8:00 PM on Tuesday, September 15, 2015 at Bentonville Church of the Nazarene. Funeral services were held at 10:00 AM on Wednesday, September 16, 2015 at Bentonville Church of the Nazarene with the Reverend Mark Snodgrass officiating. Burial was at the Mount Pleasant Cemetery. Memorials may be made to Bentonville Nazarene Church in c/o the Mary Coleman Child Development Center, El Factor, Dominican Republic. Arrangements have been entrusted to Stockdale-Moody Funeral Services of Rogers.



**PAUL SAMUEL COLLINS** (USA, SFC-Ret.) - Died Tuesday, September 29, 2015 at the Princeton Community Hospital, Princeton, West Virginia at the age of 70. He was a resident of Princeton. The cause of death was Agent Orange-related Ischemic Heart Disease. He was born in Garden Creek, Virginia on March 13, 1945 to the late Bud Collins and Mattie (née Helton)



Collins. He was a 21-year United States Army veteran having served as a paratrooper with the 101<sup>st</sup> Airborne Division. He was a *Life Member* of **Blue-Gray Chapter 628 of Vietnam Veterans of America – Princeton** and was a strong supporter of the Salvation Army. In addition to his parents he was preceded in death by two daughters, Marie Gonzales and Carolyn Monroe and four brothers, John, Benny, Bud and Edward Collins. Survivors include his wife of 47½ years, Loretta Young Collins; five children, Gwendolyn Wells and her husband Ron, Robert Layne Foley and wife Diana, Melanie Foley, Bobby Ray Foley, and Kimberly Paulette McQuade; grandchildren, Corina McDonald, Jessica Balam, Sabrina Enders, Lauren Foley, William Monroe, Carmen Cline, Tynessa Burgess, Brandon Hazelwood, Bayli Foley, Ashley Perez, Ryley Perez, Paysen Blaze McCollough, Payslie Grace McCollough, Katie Marie Johnson, Mitchell Paul Johnson and his wife Amber, Justin McQuade and Chasity Hunt; 16 great-grandchildren; three brothers, Sherman Collins, Manuel Collins and Kelly Collins and his wife Vicki; three sisters, Patty Jones, Laura Mae Howard and her husband Ron and Margaret Mullins and her husband Jackie, and; several nieces and nephews. A service to celebrate his life was held on Friday, October 2, 2015 at 1:00 PM from the Salvation Army on Princeton Avenue in Princeton with Major Raymond Pruitt officiating. Military honors were conducted by the West Virginia Army National Guard Honor Guard. The family received friends one hour prior to the service on Friday at the Salvation Army. Online condolences may be shared with the family via [www.memorialfd.com](http://www.memorialfd.com). In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Salvation Army, 300 Princeton Avenue, Princeton, WV 24740.

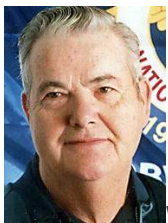


**DUANE W. CONRAD** – Died Saturday, August 15, 2015 in Shawano, Wisconsin at the age of 70. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on October 23, 1944 to the late William and Viola (née Beilke) Conrad. Duane lived in Shawano most of his life, except when he was serving in the United States Army during the Vietnam conflict. He was a member of Zion Lutheran Church and received the Shawano Volunteer of the Year Award. Duane was also Past Commander and member of the Shawano American Legion Post #117 and Shawano DAV, Shawano County Voiture #986 40/8, served on the committee to advise Toby Roth on Veterans Outreach Clinic in Appleton, assisted in the formation of the support group to Desert Storm vets and instrumental in forming the Vietnam Veterans Group in the county. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Shawano Chapter #206**. Duane is survived by several cousins. A funeral service was held at 11:00 AM on Friday, August 21, 2015 at the Swedberg Funeral Home in Shawano with Reverend Scott Ludford officiating. Visitation was held on Thursday, August 20, 2015 from 4:00-8:00 PM at the funeral home and again from 10:00 AM until the time of the service. Burial was in the Evergreen Cemetery in Bowler, Wisconsin with Military Rites conducted by Shawano American Legion Post #117.



**ROBERT EDWARD "Bob" COX** - Died Sunday, November 1, 2015 in Durham, North Carolina, after a long and courageous battle with Parkinson's disease at the age of 74. He was born in Carlsbad, New Mexico to the late Robert Calvin Cox and Mary (née Seed) Cox. Bob served valiantly in Vietnam and was awarded the Purple Heart.

He lived in Durham for more than 70 years. He was a tennis coach at the North Carolina School of Science and Math, Durham High School and Northern High School, a pro at Willowhaven Country Club and a charter member of Hollow Rock Racquet and Swim club. Bob gave private tennis lessons for over 30 years to hundreds of clients in Durham and at the Duke Diet and Fitness Program, the Rice Diet and Structure House. Bob worked tirelessly for several veterans organizations after his service and was instrumental in establishing the Durham Vietnam Veterans Memorial. He helped establish VVA Chapter 530 in Durham. He was a life member of: the Military Order of the Purple Heart - Chapter #637; VFW Post #2730 where he served as the Voice of Democracy chairman for 30 years; Disabled Veterans of America; 1st Cavalry Association where he co-founded the NC Tarheel Chapter and the 7th Calvary Association. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Durham Chapter #530**. Bob proudly served in various leadership posts with all these groups. Bob was also the Durham Jaycee of the year in 1977. Bob graduated from Durham High School, attended Louisburg College and graduated from Barton College. Bob was a lifelong member of Duke Memorial United Methodist Church where he taught church basketball for many years and was a lifelong Duke fan. His father was a varsity tennis coach and freshman football coach at Duke for many years and a member of the Duke Sports Hall of Fame. The only time he rooted against Duke was when his niece Landis was a member of the UNC tennis team. Bob loved tennis and played from age 5 until he was no longer able to due to Parkinson's. Bob had a huge network of friends and appreciated them all. He adored his family's place in Weekapaug, RI and looked forward to being there every summer. Bob loved and treasured his family. He was a caring and supportive son, brother, uncle, nephew, cousin and husband. Most of all, Bob loved his country and the values it stands for, which he thought were worth fighting for. Bob was preceded in death by his father and mother. He is survived by his wife, Laura; two brothers: Ray (Mariana) and Allen; former sister-in-law Barbara; nieces: Kacie, Landis (Jim), and Kelley (Dana), nephews: Dylan and Lawrence (Joanna); and seven grand nieces and nephews. A memorial service was held on Thursday, November 5, 2015 at 2:00 PM at Duke Memorial United Methodist Church in Durham. Officiating was the Reverend Heather Rodrigues. The family wishes to thank Hillcrest Convalescent Center for their two years of outstanding care of Bob; and the Hospice Unit of the Durham VAMC for their care. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to Chapter #637 Military Order of the Purple Heart, 3300 West Thomasview Drive, Hillsborough, NC 27278 or to Duke Memorial United Methodist Church. The Cox family was under the care of Howerton & Bryan Funeral Home.

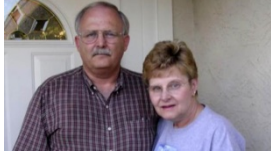


**WARREN S. CRAIG** - A lifetime resident of the Newburgh, New York area, died Saturday, October 17, 2015 at the age of 91. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in 1924 and grew up on Moodna Creek as the seventh son of a seventh son along with his two sisters. Warren was an honorary graduate of Cornwall High School. He enlisted in the United States Navy at the age of 17 and became a Boiler Tender Second Class. While serving in the

Navy, during World War II, his family was mistakenly notified that he had died after the sinking of the USS Duncan in the Battle of Cape Espérance. He was forced to abandon ship and was rescued after floating in the shark infested Pacific Ocean for 14 hours. Warren was a part of the greatest generation of our time, and chose to run toward danger instead of away from it. After a short recuperation, Warren returned to active duty aboard the USS Shubrick which also suffered catastrophic damage on August 4, 1943. He served as a boiler tender aboard one of the ships involved in the Normandy invasion on June 6, 1944. He was able to finish his Navy career aboard the USS Ashland. Senator Bill Larkin said at the NYS Hall of Honor installation Ceremony for Warren, "If you see a boat with Warren aboard, don't get on." Warren returned home from World War II with countless awards, medals and many stories of his adventures, including meeting FDR II. He continued to share his memories over the years with local schools, Boy Scouts and the West Point cadets. He has frequently been interviewed by local and regional news as well as several authors for his World War II experiences. In 1946, he married the love of his life, Edith Ferguson from Philadelphia and they started their family here in Newburgh. Warren used his training from the Navy to start Craig Plumbing and Heating in Newburgh, but soon realized his love was the auto business. He started W.S. Craig Auto Sales, Inc. in Newburgh in 1959 and then expanded his company to include car rentals and other real estate ventures. Despite officially retiring, Warren could still be found at his desk in the office answering phones and helping customers. His family business continues under the direction of his son and grandson. Many will remember Warren driving his 1940 fire truck and trolleys during the Newburgh Waterfront festivals to raise money for the Newburgh Historical Society and driving in his 1942 World War II Military Jeep in the Memorial Day, Veteran's Day, and General Montgomery Day parades over the years. Warren worked tirelessly to bring the National Purple Heart Hall of Honor to Vails Gate and has been a longtime advocate for Veteran's rights. He was also a member of the "Tin Can Sailors", the VFW, American Legion, and The Military Order of the Purple Heart. He was a *Life Member* of **Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America – Newburgh Chapter #537**. Most recently, Warren was a passenger aboard the Hudson Valley Honor Flight where he was able to visit the WWII memorials in Washington D.C. honoring veterans for their service to our country. He is survived by his wife of 69 years, Edith (née Ferguson) Craig; his sister Mary Craig Earl, of Sarasota Florida; his four children; Karen Craig Norvell (Bill) of Daytona, Fl., Stephen W. Craig (Ann), of Walden, NY, Gail Craig Woods and Wendy Craig Lofaro (Jon) of Newburgh, NY. He is also survived by his 4 grandchildren (Alycia, Sabrina, Sean and Craig) and his 3 great grandchildren. Warren lives on in our hearts with the arrival of his newest Great grandchild, today, Caleb Warren Craig as well as the arrival of his next Great grandchild next week. Warren's sage advice, on any subject, his jokes and smile will be missed by all. We especially want to thank Dr. B. Hadid for his extraordinary interest, effort, care and time that allowed us to have Warren with us all these wonderful years. Visitation was held from 2:00-4:00 and 6:00-8:00 PM on Thursday, October 22<sup>nd</sup> at Brooks Funeral Home, 481 Gidney Avenue, Newburgh. A service was held at 11:00 AM on Friday, October 23<sup>rd</sup> at the funeral home. Burial with military honors was in the Woodlawn Cemetery, New Windsor. In lieu of flowers, please make a donation to the National Purple Heart Hall of Honor, make checks payable "NPHHHO", PO Box 207, Vails Gate, NY 12584.



**LEONARD DEGUILMO** – Died Saturday, September 19, 2015 in Watsonville, California at the age of 72. The cause of death is unknown. He was born March 25, 1943. He is survived by his wife, Esther. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – San Jose Chapter #201**.



**THOMAS EMIL DEHLINGER** - Died Sunday, November 10, 2013 in Zebulon, North Carolina at the age of 64. The cause of death was the result of a head-on collision with another driver who crossed the double lined highway. His wife Carol was also killed in that accident. Their granddaughter who was in the vehicle was unharmed and survived. He is survived by his son Matthew Dehlinger, daughter Jennifer Dehlinger and his mother, Lucille, and; his grandchildren, Erica Dehlinger and Alissa Dehlinger. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Four Oaks Chapter #990**. While flowers are accepted memorial contributions may also be made to: Wounded Warriors Project, PO Box 758517, Topeka, Kansas 66675. . A memorial service was held at 7:00 PM on Friday at the West Clayton Church of God with the Reverend Jason Johnson officiating. Condolences may be made to the Dehlinger family at [www.mclaurinatpinecrest.com](http://www.mclaurinatpinecrest.com). Arrangements were made by McLaurin at Pinecrest, Funerals & Cremations, Clayton, North Carolina.



**STEVEN F. DEPA** - Died Monday, April 6, 2015 at Bay Special Care Hospital at the age of 66. He was a resident of Port Hope, Michigan. The cause of death was coronary artery disease. He was born March 12, 1949 in Detroit, Michigan to the late Steve and Stella "Wanda" (née Lewandowski) Depa. He retired from General Motors Powertrain Warren, MI plant as a pipe fitter. Steven proudly served his country in the United States Navy from June 5, 1967 to February 19, 1971. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Detroit Chapter #9**, the VFW Post #6750 in Center Line, MI and was a member of the U.A.W. On July 31, 1969 he married his loving wife of forty five years the former Linda Ann Szczepanski and she is left to cherish his memories along with one son; Steven D. Depa of Warren, MI, one brother and two sisters-in-laws; Anthony and Sandra Depa of GA and Diane Szczepanski of Chesterfield, MI, one brother-in-law; Frank Szczepanski of Algonac, MI, many nieces, nephews, cousins, friends and his dearly beloved Vietnam Veteran Brothers. Besides his parents Steve and Stella he was preceded in death by his father-in-law and mother-in-law; Walter and Veronica Szczepanski. A Memorial Liturgy took place at 11:00 AM on Saturday, May 9, 2015 at Saint Mark Catholic Church, 4401 Bart Street, Warren, MI. The Celebrant was Reverend Father Stanley Obloj. A reception followed at the VFW Post #6756, 25500 Sherwood, Warren, MI with Military Honors conducted by the U.S. Navy and the VFW. For those who so desire, memorial contributions may be made to the Wounded Warriors Project.



**EDWARD E. DOWDY** - Died Monday, October 19, 2015 in Beloit Memorial Hospital in Beloit, Wisconsin at the age of 66. He was also a resident of Beloit. The cause of death was a blood clot to the lungs. He was born May 5, 1949 in Keokuk, Iowa to the late Charles and Lois (née Mullen) Dowdy. Edward was a 1967 graduate of Beloit Catholic High School. He was a career United States Army veteran for 20 years ranking as an E-6 Staff Sergeant and being honorably discharged in 1987. While in the service he received the National Defense Service Medal, Vietnam Service Medal with 1 Silver Star and 2 Bronze Service Stars, Vietnam Campaign Medal, Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross Unit Citation, Army Commendation Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster, Meritorious Unit Commendation, and an Army Conduct Medal. Edward married Susan M. Driscoll on October 4, 1967 in North Augusta, South Carolina. After the service, Edward was employed by Dan's Restaurant, Tires Plus and O'Reilly Auto Parts. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America - Rockford Chapter #984** and a member of the Disabled American Veterans. Survivors include his wife, Susan Dowdy of Beloit, WI; sons, Kenneth (Tina) Dowdy and Donald (Tammy) Dowdy both of Beloit, WI; grandchildren, Stephanie, Brittany, Craig and Corinne; brothers and sisters; mother-in-law, Mary Driscoll of Beloit, WI; nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends. He was predeceased by his parents Charles and Lois Dowdy and father-in-law, Donald Driscoll. A Funeral Mass of Christian Burial for Edward was at 10:30 AM on Friday, October 23, 2015 in Our Lady of the Assumption Catholic Church, 2222 Shopiere Road, Beloit, WI, with the Very Reverend Paul Ugo Arinze officiating. Visitation was from 5:00 to 7:00 PM on Thursday in the Daley Murphy Wisch & Associates Funeral Home and Crematorium, 2355 Cranston Road, Beloit, WI. Memorials may be given in his name to the Wounded Warriors or the Disabled American Veterans.



**ROY L. DUNLAP** (USN, RAD-Ret.) – Died Friday, July 24, 2015 in Harker Heights, Texas at the age of 87. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on August 15, 1927 in Canyon, Texas to The late Willie and Leona (née Easter) Dunlap. He enlisted in the United States Marine Corps at the end of World War II and served the majority of his time in the South Pacific. He returned to Texas and enrolled in Texas Tech in 1949, earning his Bachelor's degree in Civil Engineering. He became City Manager of Snyder, Texas in 1955 and served as such until 1962, leaving to become the City Manager of Killeen. Roy applied for a direct commission and became Ensign Dunlap in the Civil Engineers Corps of the United States Navy, where he later assumed command of the Battalion MCB 22. In 1968, MCB22 was recalled to active duty and was sent to Vietnam where they served for just less than a year. In 1979, Mr. Dunlap was selected as Rear Admiral and served as Commanding Officer of the Naval Reserve Construction Forces during the period of 1981-1983 before retirement. During this time, Mr. Dunlap worked as a Civil Engineer eventually starting his own engineering firm in Killeen. In

1999, Roy assumed the position of City Engineer for Killeen, serving until 2001. He also served as a private engineering consultant for numerous entities until 2009. Mr. Dunlap also worked at Fort Hood as the Quality Control Engineer for a time overseeing several major construction projects on post. Roy was a member of the Masonic Lodge in Killeen for over 50 years. He was an *At-Large Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Texas**. In 2011, the City Council of Killeen declared, in appreciation of his many years of service to the community, that January 11, 2011 be "Roy Dunlap Day". Mr. Dunlap was preceded in death by his parents, his wife of 65 years, Riley Dunlap, sisters Willie Ruth, Mary Lou, and Marie. He is survived by a son, Roy J. Dunlap of Harker Heights and a brother, Franklin Dunlap of Farmington, NM. Funeral Services were held on Tuesday, July 28, 2015 at 10:00 AM at the Crawford-Bowers Funeral Home in Killeen with Bob Miller officiating. Burial was on Wednesday at 1:00 PM at Levelland Cemetery in Levelland, Texas. A visitation was held on Monday evening from 5:30 to 7:30 PM at the funeral home. Crawford-Bowers Funeral Home in Killeen was in charge of the arrangements.

**THOMAS JOSEPH EAKLEY** - Died Sunday, October 11, 2015 In Danby, Vermont at the age of 74. The cause of death is unknown. He was born May 28, 1941. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Rutland Chapter #1**. The Funeral Service was held on Thursday at Saint Patrick's Catholic Church in Wallingford, Vermont. The Organist was William Gower-Johnson. The Bagpiper was Jerry Cashion. The Vocalist was Brytani Munnuka. The eulogy was by his son, Peter T. Eakley. The Gift-bearers were his daughter, Rebecca Kosch and daughter-in-law Maureen Egan. The Readers were Maureen Egan and Richard Kehlenbeck. The Reverend Father Daniel Jordan officiated, assisted by the Deacon Vincent Myers. Military honors were provided by American Legion Post #31. Wallingford Volunteer Fire Department provided an honor guard and the use of their apparatus to carry him to his final resting place. Interment was at the Green Hill Cemetery in Wallingford. Pall-Bearers were James Miller, Keith Laverty, Kenneth Fineran, Neil Doule, James McKenna, and George O'Brien. Memorial contributions may be made to Boy Scout Troop #17 at 52 Short Hills Avenue, Short Hills, NJ 07078.

**ROBERT EASLEY** - Died Tuesday, October 13, 2015 in Blackwell, Oklahoma at the age of 67. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma on July 23, 1948. He served in the United States Army from March 28, 1969 to October 30, 1970 with a tour of duty in Vietnam from October 15, 1969 to October 29, 1970. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Ponca City Chapter #750**. Arrangements were made with Trout Funeral Home of Blackwell.

**SONNY FARLEY** – Died Friday, June 5, 2015 in Ronceverte, West Virginia at the age of 69. He was a resident of Princeton, West Virginia at the time of his passing. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on July 7, 1944. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Princeton Chapter #628**. The family has honored Sonny's request, that he be cremated. Memorial services to celebrate the life of Sonny W. Farley, was held on Thursday, June 11, 2015, at 2:00 PM from the Burns Wornal Chapel of the Memorial Funeral Directory with Dr. John King officiating. Following the memorial service, the West Virginia Honor Guard conducted the military rites. Friends visited with the family from

1:00 PM until the service hour at the funeral home. The Farley family was served by the Memorial Funeral Directory and Cremation Center on the Athens Road in Princeton.

**DONALD R. FENTER** (USA, CSM-Ret.) - Died Wednesday, October 28, 2015 in Lawton, Oklahoma at the age of 71. The cause of death is unknown. He was born January 8, 1944 in Indianapolis, Indiana to the late Howard and Vera (née Covey) Fenter. He married Euline "Mickey" Carter on December 22, 1967 in Indianapolis. She died August 5, 2011. CSM Fenter retired from the United States Army and civil service, and he was a very active and involved member of the VFW. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Lawton Chapter #751**. Survivors include his son and daughter-in-law, Gary Wayne and Gail Evans, and granddaughter, Olivia Ashley, all of Middlesboro, Ky.; and two brothers: Ron Fenter, Indianapolis; and Howard Fenter Jr. Midland, Mich. The funeral was at 2:00 PM on Friday, October 30, 2015 in the Chapel of Peace Mausoleum at Sunset Memorial Gardens. Entombment with full military honors was under the direction of Becker-Rabon Funeral Home. An online guest book and sympathy cards are available at [www.beckerfuneral.com](http://www.beckerfuneral.com).

**JOHN L. FOSTER** – Died Wednesday, October 7, 2015 in Ponca City, Oklahoma at the age of 65. The cause of death was malignant neoplasm of the lung. He was born in Champaign, Illinois on March 31, 1950. He served in the United States Army from January 13, 1970 to February 1, 1972 with a tour of duty in Vietnam from July 15, 1970 to August 28, 1971. He was a *Life Member* and *Past President* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Ponca City Chapter #750**.



**RAYMOND JOSEPH "Ray" FRAZIER** - Died Wednesday, September 16, 2015 in Sterling Heights, Michigan at the age of 72. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Grosse Pointe Farms, Michigan on June 30, 1943 to the late Lloyd and Dorothy (née Berry) Frazier. He was a proud veteran of the Vietnam War having served in the United States Army from February 5, 1965 to November 6, 1966. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Clinton Township Chapter #154**. He retired from General Motors as a Wood Model Maker after 28 years of dedicated service. Ray was an avid outdoorsman who loved spending time with his family and friends. Survived by his wife of 46 years, Helen; children, April (Dave Schoen) Frazier, Sheila (Ted) Henecke, Amy (Mike) Goleski and Dria Mazzeo; grandchildren, Milo, Zach, Vinnie, Zoe, Camryn, Madison, Avryll, Abby and Taylor; siblings, Ron Berry, Rod Berry, Roger Berry, Susan Lynn Dugan, James Craig Frazier and many extended loved ones and friends. Preceded in death by his parents, Lloyd Frazier and Dorothy Berry; step-parents, Edith Frazier and Gilbert Berry and brother, Lloyd Scott Frazier. Visitation was at the Lee-Ellena Funeral Home, 46530 Romeo Plank, Macomb (between M-59 and 21 Mile) on Saturday, September 19<sup>th</sup> from 3:00-9:00 PM and on Sunday, September 20<sup>th</sup> from 1:00-9:00 PM. Sharing of Memories was at 4:00 PM on Sunday. The funeral service at the funeral home was on

Monday, September 21<sup>st</sup> at 11:00 AM (instate, 10 a.m.). In lieu of flowers, please donate blood to the Red Cross in Ray's name.

**RICHARD W. GARDNER** – Died Sunday, August 2, 2015 in Lebanon, Oregon at the age of 84. The cause of death is unknown. He was born April 16, 1931. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Albany Chapter #585**.



**TIMOTHY F. "Tim" GARVER** - Died after a long battle with cancer and diabetes on Friday, August 21, 2015 at the age of 70. He was a resident of Valparaiso, Indiana. He was born in Valparaiso on November 4, 1944 to the late Lyle and Agatha (née Pawloske) Garver. He graduated from Horace Mann High School in 1962 and Parsons College in 1970, where he received degrees in business and aviation. Tim was employed by Burns Funeral Home, U.S. Steel, Garver & Son Fish Company, and Farmer Brothers Coffee and Tea. He also served for the United States Army as a LRRP/Ranger during Vietnam. Tim was a member of the Sons of Erin and The American Legion. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Portage Chapter #905**. He was a very active member of the Boone Grove Christian Church. He enjoyed horseback riding, flying, boating, model railroading, and RVs, but mostly, spending time with his friends and family. Tim is survived by his loving wife of 45 years, Linda; children: Brian Garver and Susan (Jeff) Baldwin; grandchildren; Eric Garver and Garrett and Gavin Baldwin. Friends visited with Tim's family from 2:00-7:00 PM on Tuesday, August 25, 2015 at the Burns Funeral Home, 10101 Broadway, Crown Point, Indiana with a funeral service following immediately at 7:00 PM. Entombment was at the Sunset Cemetery, 3901 North Vermillion Street, Danville, IL on Wednesday August 26, 2015 at 11:00 AM. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Boone Grove Christian Church (property fund) or the Wounded Warrior Project. [www.burnsfuneral.com](http://www.burnsfuneral.com).



**DONNA LOU GILL** - Virginia Beach - VIRGINIA BEACH - Donna Lou Gill, 66, Died Friday, October 25, 2013 at a local hospital surrounded by her loving family. He was 66 years of age and a resident of Virginia Beach, Virginia. The cause of death is unknown. She was born January 14, 1947 in Wheeling, West Virginia to the late J. Thomas Higgins and Betsy Higgins who survives her.. She graduated from Sherard High School in 1964 and attended Salve Regina College in Newport, Rhode Island. Besides her mother Betsy Higgins, she is survived by her loving husband Jay Gill; daughter Thomi Gill (Rob); son David Gill; granddaughter Peyton Wilson and friend Drew Lee. Donna recently retired from Brandon Middle School in Virginia Beach as the ISS Coordinator after 21 years of faithful service. She never met a student she didn't like and was recognized twice as the Teacher Assistant of the Year. There was never a day when she came home that she didn't have a story to tell about the happenings at school. She loved her students and entire staff. They made her life a dream come true and were the motor that drove her. Donna was a Navy wife extraordinaire. You would have thought she was the sailor. Her adventures with Jay started in Pensacola, Newport, Athens, Greece, Pensacola, and finally

settling in Virginia Beach. If you had the time she would tell you many stories from all of those locations. She was honored as the COMCRUDESANT Military Wife of the year in 1974. Also, she was a *Life Member* of **Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America - Tidewater (Virginia Beach) Chapter #48**, Walkin' Warriors Relay for Life Team and Girl Scout leader. She will always be remembered for her kind ways, helpfulness, and as a friend forever. Donna loved to entertain her family and friends. She was a vocal fan of the Pittsburgh Steelers. A funeral service was held on Tuesday at 10:00 AM at the Altmeyer Funeral Home, 5792 Greenwich Road, Virginia Beach. The family received friends at the funeral home on Monday from 6:00-8:00 PM. Burial was held at the Albert G. Horton, Jr. Memorial Veterans cemetery. Online condolences may be offered at [www.altmeyer.com](http://www.altmeyer.com).

**THOMAS R. "Tom" GILLON** - Died Saturday, October 4, 2014 in Northvale, New Jersey at the age of 72. The cause of death is unknown. He was born March 3, 1942. He was the beloved husband of Joyce Gillon (née LaSala); loving father of Christopher Gillon and his wife, Betsy of Norwood; adored grandfather of Thomas, Venera, Sophia and Hunter; dearest brother of Roger and his wife, Jeanne, of Beachwood, NJ and brother-in-law of Salvatore LaSala and his wife, Barbara, of Thousand Oaks, CA and Anthony and his wife, Patricia, of Waretown, NJ. Tom was a United States Army Veteran of Vietnam. He retired from PSE&G after 38 years of service. Tom was a member of the Northvale American Legion Post #366. He was an *At-Large Life Member* of **Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America – New Jersey**. The family received friends on Wednesday from 2:00-4:00 and 7:00-9:00 PM at the Pizzi Funeral Home, 120 Paris Avenue, Northvale. A Funeral Service was held at 8:30 PM. In lieu of flowers, donations to the Wounded Warrior Project, [www.woundedwarriorproject.org](http://www.woundedwarriorproject.org), in Tom's memory would be greatly appreciated.

**RICHARD LEE "Dick" GOEB** – Died Saturday, October 10, 2015 in Oak Creek, Wisconsin at the age of 70. The cause of death was accidental aspiration. He was born in Cherokee, Iowa on April 29, 1945. He was the beloved husband of Mary M. (née Giovetti) for 47 years; loving father of Scott; brother of Danny, Diana, and the late Donna; brother-in-law of Charles (Sandra) Giovetti. He was further survived by nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends. Dick was a retiree of Milwaukee County and a proud United States Air Force veteran of the Vietnam War in 1966-1967 and a member of the Charles E. Fidler VFW Post #9469. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Milwaukee Chapter #324**. In lieu of flowers, memorials to VFW Post #9469 would be appreciated. A Memorial Service was on Monday, October 19<sup>th</sup> at 12:00 Noon at the Southern Wisconsin Veterans Memorial Cemetery, Union Grove with a Ritual Service by Charles E. Fidler VFW Post #9469 followed by full Military Honors.



**LARRY J. GRACE** - Died Saturday, February 14, 2015 at the Appleton (Wisconsin) Medical Center at the age of 70. He was a resident of Scandinavia, Wisconsin and formerly of Waupaca, Wisconsin. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Beaver Dam, Wisconsin on July 12, 1944 to the late Roland and Sophia (née Kaiser) Grace. He went to Beaver Dam High



School and graduated from the University of Wisconsin at Platteville. Larry was a member of Phi Chi Epsilon and the Campus Veterans Club at Platteville. Larry served in the United States Army in the Vietnam War. He then moved to Waupaca where he taught physics, math and applied science at Waupaca High School. He later met Joan Zielinski and they married on the final weekend of deer hunting on November 26, 1977. When Larry retired in 2001, he and Joan moved to a smaller home in Scandinavia, WI and became members of the Scandinavia Lutheran Church. He was an *At-Large Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Wisconsin**. Larry will be remembered by his big smile, his enthusiasm for life and for his contributions to the community. Larry loved teaching and the ability to make a difference in his students' lives. He enjoyed giving students an appreciation for science and helping students work together to solve problems. Larry made a difference outside the classroom as well, as scorekeeper for wrestling, bus driver, and E.M.T. For 30-years Larry delighted in volunteering for the Waupaca Fire Department and completed his tenure as the Safety Officer. Volunteering in this capacity for the community was personally rewarding to Larry, knowing that every call gave him the opportunity to help fellow community members. Larry also enjoyed the camaraderie and made lifelong friends at the Fire Department. Larry proudly served our country during the Vietnam War and advocated for awareness of the Vietnam War in U.S. history as a volunteer speaker on Veteran's Day in classrooms at Waupaca High School. Larry also volunteered for the VFW in various capacities through the years. Larry was always ready with a one line joke and loved being around friends and family. On a warm summer night Larry could be found sitting around a campfire listening to the Brewer's game or bringing music and a song to the air at family gatherings. It wasn't unusual for Larry to get up at early hours of the morning to go fishing on the Wolf River. He appreciated time outdoors camping, fishing and hunting, and enjoyed teaching youth the skills of these hobbies. Every June, Larry would go to Canada with Romie Jungers for a week of fishing and camping (yah, heh). His signature goodbye was "Alpha Alpha Delta Two-One-Zero. All clear!" Something he picked up from his military years. Larry loved life. To describe his 70 years, one could say Larry loved family, friends and life fully. Survivors include his wife: Joan Grace, Scandinavia, WI; Son: Isaac (Brea) Grace, Onalaska, WI; Grandchildren: Innis & Adaryn Grace, Onalaska, WI; Brothers: Thomas (Mary) Grace, Appleton, WI; Peter (Mary) Grace, Delaware, OH; Sister: Annette (George) Carran, Madison, WI. He was preceded in death by his parents. Memorial Services were held at the Scandinavia Lutheran Church in Scandinavia at 11:00 AM on Monday, February 23, 2015 with the Reverend Mark E. Sabin, officiating. Interment was held at a later date in the Central Wisconsin Veterans Memorial Cemetery, King, Wisconsin. Memorial Visitation was held on Sunday from 4:00 until 8:00 PM at the Holly Funeral Home in Waupaca and on Monday from 10:00 AM until the time of the service at the church. The Grace family would like to thank the many people who have helped Larry cope with his health issues over the years, especially his surgeon Dr. Ballard and the staff at Appleton Medical Center, and Dr. McCausland at Ministry Health.



**FRANK GRAHAM** - Died Monday, September 21, 2015 in Deatsville, Alabama. The cause of death is unknown. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Wetumpka Chapter #607**. The funeral service was held on Monday, September 28, 2015 at 11:00 AM at the Abraham Missionary Baptist Church, Millbrook, Alabama with Pastor Kenneth Bozeman

officiating. Interment was held at the Alabama National Cemetery, Montevallo, Alabama with the E. G. Cummings Memorial Funeral Home directing. Masonic Rites were held on Sunday, September 27, 2015 at 6:00 PM at the chapel of E. G. Cummings Memorial Funeral Home. The family received friends on Sunday, September 27, 2015 from 6:00 to 7:00 PM at the chapel of E. G. Cummings Memorial Funeral Home. The body of Mr. Graham laid in repose one hour prior to funeral service in the church.

**THOMAS GEORGE GRAVELLE, SR.** – Died Tuesday, November 25, 2015 in the Scripps Mercy Hospital in San Diego, California at the age of 85. He was a resident of Placerville, California. The cause of death was septic shock, bacterial endocarditis and congestive heart failure. He was born in Chicago, Illinois on July 10, 1929 to the late Eugene Gravelle and Louise (née Kernan) Gravelle. He is survived by his wife, Annie Bernice (née Sunday) Gravelle and his son, John Gravelle, of Sierra Vista, Arizona. He served in the United States Navy from September 1947 to September 1980 retiring at the rank of Master Chief. He served during the Korean and Vietnam Wars. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – San Diego Chapter #472**. The Trident Society was in charge of the arrangements. He is interred at the Miramar National Cemetery.

**ROBERT A. GREGOIRE** – Died recently in 2015 in The Villages, Florida at the age of 82. The cause of death is unknown. He was born September 16, 1933. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Oxford Chapter #1036**.

**CHARLIE JAMES HALL, SR.** – Died Saturday, October 16, 2015 in Fitzgerald, Georgia at the age of 81. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Irwin County, Georgia on March 31, 1934 to the late Jimmie and Fannie (née Sanders) Hall. In addition to his parents, he was also predeceased by two sisters, three brothers and a daughter. He attended school in Irwin County and later enlisted in the United States Army and retired after 21 years. He served a tour in Germany during the Vietnam-era. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Fitzgerald Chapter #1082**. He was a member of the Temple of Refuge Church of God by Faith where he served as a deacon. He is survived by his wife, Azzie H. Hall, of the home; five sons and daughters-in-law, Alexander and Elaine Hall, of Fitzgerald, Charles and Marlo Hall, of Hampton, Georgia, Charlie James Hall, Jr., of Miami, Florida, Terry and Lydia Eady, of Homestead, Florida and Marcie Byrd, of Fayetteville, North Carolina; nine daughters, Brittany Hall, Azzie M. Hall, Tiffany Hall, all of Fitzgerald, Karen Cook, of Miami, Florida, Linda Eady, Cherry Eady, both of Tifton, Georgia, Rose Woods, Lois Dukes, Kathie Keaton, all of Fayetteville, North Carolina; his brother, Cecil Hall, of Miami, Florida; his sister and brother-in-law, Mary and Willie Smith, of Boynton Beach, Florida, and; many grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Funeral services were held at 1:00 PM on Saturday, October 24<sup>th</sup> at the Temple of Refuge Church of God by Faith with the Reverend Dr. Donald Walker and ministers Alvin Odoms, Leroy Dobson and George Brown as co-officiants. Interment was in the Osierfield Cemetery. Hall's Funeral Home in Fitzgerald was in charge of the arrangements.

**DONALD L. HAMILTON** – Died Wednesday, August 6, 2014 in Lovelock, Nevada at the age of 59. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on January 12, 1955. He served in the United

States Navy during the Vietnam War. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Lovelock Chapter #834**.



**KENNETH EDWARD "Rooster" HARRIS** - Died Thursday, November 12, 2015 in Staunton, Virginia at the age of 70. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on September 20, 1945 in Richmond to the late Walter and Mildred (née Miller) Harris. He was married to Joyce Ann (née Mowbray) Harris. He was a Sergeant in the United States Army having served in the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Harrisonburg Chapter #1061**. In addition to his wife, family members include four children; five grandchildren; and one brother. A graveside service was conducted at 10:00 AM on Tuesday, November 17, 2015 at the Oak Lawn Mausoleum and Memory Gardens. Henry Funeral Home handled the arrangements. Condolences may be sent to the family at [www.henryfuneralhome.net](http://www.henryfuneralhome.net).



**MICHAEL S. "Mike" HAYES** - Died Thursday, September 3, 2015 at the Center for Hospice in South Bend, Indiana at the age of 63. He was a resident of Mishawaka, Indiana. The cause of death was brain tumors. The Grand Rapids, Michigan native was born May 6, 1952 to the late Jack and Pearl (née Vandermeer) Hayes. Mike served in the United States Marine Corps in the Vietnam War and was a member of the American Legion Post #161, a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – South Bend Chapter #1027**, the Marine Corps League, and held life memberships in the VFW Post #360 and the DAV Chapter #19. He married Sharon Taylor in South Bend on August 12, 1992, and enjoyed his position as a journeyman in maintenance for Steel Warehouse in South Bend. He cherished the time spent with family & friends, and his dogs, Domino & Neiko. Under the skilled teaching of Grand Master Hong, Mike achieved his Black Belt in Habgido. He thoroughly enjoyed the neighborhood kids, taking groups to baseball games at Four Winds, and loved teaching Taekwondo to the children, who fondly referred to him as Haraboji (meaning "Grandfather" in Korean). Mike joked that he was always "paying" Grandpa-mony, Uncle-mony or Dog-imony, and enjoyed every minute of it. Mike was preceded in death by his parents and a son, Michael Bradley. He is survived by Sharon Hayes, his wife of 23 years; daughter, Nancy (Lance) Buss of Wakarusa; grandchildren, Ashley & Austin Buss; his siblings, Will (Wilma) Hayes, Tim (Adele) Hayes & Kellie (Dan) Leonard, all of Wyoming, MI; and his nieces & nephews. The family wishes to sincerely thank the nurses, staff members & sitters at Memorial Hospital as well as the nurses & staff members at Hospice House, for the kindness and care given to Mike. There are no services or calling hours scheduled in Chapel Hill Funeral Home, 10776 McKinley Highway; however a memorial service was planned at a later date. In memory of Mike, memorial contributions may be directed to his family to help defray the cost of his medical care. To sign the guestbook or to offer condolences to the family, please visit [www.chapelhillmemorial.com](http://www.chapelhillmemorial.com).

**DONALD J. HERMANN** – Died Saturday, March 21, 2015 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania at the age of 69. The cause of death was pancreatic cancer. He was born in Philadelphia on December 17,

1945. He is survived by his wife, his son, Christopher D. Hermann, another child and two grandchildren. He served in the United States Navy as a Corpsman from 1963 to 1966 attached to the Marines in Vietnam. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Liberty Bell (Philadelphia) Chapter #266**. He was an original member of the Philadelphia Vietnam Veterans Memorial Society. He was also one of the founders of the Philadelphia Vietnam Veterans Memorial Classic, a traditional Thanksgiving Day high school football game played between Father Judge High School and Abraham Lincoln High School. Beginning in 1986, this game recognized the numerous alumni of both schools killed in Vietnam. He sold insurance and real estate for the bulk of his adult life.

**FRANCIS CLIFFORD “Frank” HIGGINS, JR.** – Died Wednesday, September 9, 2015 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania at the age of 66. The cause of death was liver cancer. He was born in Philadelphia on November 21 1948. He served in United States Marine Corps from April 18, 1966 to November 26, 1968 with a tour of duty in Vietnam. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Liberty Bell (Philadelphia) Chapter #266**.



**JOSEPH LAMAR “Joe” HOWARD, JR.** - Died Sunday, July 19, 2015 in Port Sainte Lucie, Florida at the age of 67. The cause of death was a motorcycle accident, death resulting. He was born July 12, 1948 in Miami, Florida. Joe was a gifted photographer and avid sportsman. He was constantly advocating for environmental causes and veterans rights. He served in the United States Army with the 14<sup>th</sup> Signal Detachment, 5<sup>th</sup> US Army in Cu Chi in Vietnam. He was a member and *Chapter Vice-President* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Stuart Chapter #1041**. Joe was involved in many community charities and veteran organizations in Martin and Saint Lucie Counties. His was a life well lived, serving others. His greatest joy was loving his friends. He cherished and maintained countless friendships over the years. Joe is survived by his son, Jade Howard; his grandson, Monty James; his mother Aileen Howard; his sister, Linda Lange; his brothers, Tom and Jeff Howard, and; many nieces and nephews. He will be greatly missed by all who knew him.

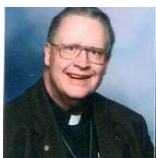


**DONALD K. HUFF** - Died Sunday, August 30, 2015 at Locust Grove Village in LaCrosse, Kansas at the age of 71. He was a resident of Hays, Kansas. The cause of death is unknown. He was born August 13, 1944 in Concordia, Kansas to the late Archie and Alice M. (née Stockham) Huff. He graduated from Grinnell High School in 1963 and from Goodland Technical College. He was a Ford mechanic before entering the United States Marine Corps in 1966. He spent a little over 20 years in the U.S. Marine Corps, retiring in 1986 as a Gunnery Sergeant. He was a Veteran of the Vietnam War. In 1966 he married Loy D. Gray in Grinnell, Kansas. She died

November 16, 2008. On April 30, 2009 he married WillaSue Rupe in Hays. He was a member of the North Oak Community Church, Hays, the Marine Corps League, the Hays American Legion Post #173, the Vietnam Veterans Association, **Vietnam Veterans of America – Hays Chapter #939**, and was a big supporter of the Marine Corps Toys for Tots program. He loved doing puzzles, fishing, Duke Basketball, NASCAR, traveling, and spending time with his family and grandchildren. Survivors include his wife WillaSue, of the home; his two daughters, Tracey Staab and husband Allen and Jennifer Mascarenas and husband Lloyd, all of Hays; his stepdaughter, Jana Hanson and husband Hank of Wisconsin; his stepson, Jeremy Rupe and wife Janita of Pratt; his two brothers, Verle Huff and wife Rose of Scott City, Kansas and Richard Huff and wife Charlene of Laguna Hills, CA; his five grandchildren, Christin Cantrell of Hays, Jessica Cowley and husband Brent and Nathan Huff, all of San Angelo, TX, James Williams of Concordia and Hank Williams of WaKeeney; his nine stepgrandchildren, and; his 13 great-grandchildren. Funeral services were at 10:00 AM on Friday, September 4, 2015 at the North Oak Community Church, 3000 Oak Street. Burial with military honors by the U.S. Marine Corps Funeral Detail, the Marine Corps League, the American Legion Post #173, and the Hays American Legion Riders will be in the Fort Hays Memorial Gardens Cemetery. Visitation was from 6:00 until 8:00 PM on Thursday at the Hays Memorial Chapel Funeral Home and from 9:00 AM until service time on Friday at the church. Memorials are suggested to the Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter #939 Scholarship Fund or to the Marine Corps Toys for Tots, in care of the funeral home. Condolences may be left for the family at [www.haysmemorial.com](http://www.haysmemorial.com).

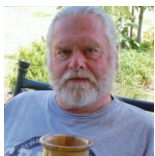


**LINDA KAY JACOBS** - Died Sunday, September 27, 2015 in Hale, Michigan at the age of 69. The cause of death is unknown. She was born on September 2, 1946 in Pontiac, Michigan to the late George and Genevia Babcock and grew up with her brother, Roger and her parents in Lake Orion, Michigan. Linda was a member of the Pioneer Club from AT&T, and retired from AT&T after 28 years of service. She was a member of the VFW ladies auxiliary, VVA auxiliary, American Legion auxiliary and Hale United Methodist Church Women's Club member. She was a *Life Member* of **Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America – Hale Chapter #882**. She was also a Girl Scout leader and active in many children's organizations. She loved to sew, read, putting together jigsaw puzzles, and traveling all over the country with her husband and daughter. She is survived by her husband; Robert Jacobs, daughter, Shanna Jacobs and brother, Roger Babcock. Memorial contributions may be made to Hale United Methodist Church youth group. Arrangements were made by the Buresh Funeral Homes Hale Chapel. Those wishing to offer condolences may do so at [www.bureshfuneralhomes.com](http://www.bureshfuneralhomes.com).



**REV. DR. JAMES ARTHUR "Jim" JOHNSON** - Died Saturday, August 8, 2015 at his residence in Tenille, Georgia at the age of 67. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in

Washington D.C. to the late Hubert Charles Johnson and his mother Lily Ruth (née Bright) Johnson who survives him. He retired in 2012 to Tennille, his wife's childhood home, after forty years in parish ministry as an Episcopal Priest and licensed Marriage and Family Therapist. Jim was a graduate of Shorter College in Rome Georgia, Virginia Theological Seminary in Alexandria, Virginia, Drew University in Madison New Jersey and obtained Post-Graduate certifications from The Georgia School of Professional Psychology and the University of Georgia Continuing Education Center and the Mid-Atlantic Association for Training and Consulting. During his ministry, Rev. Johnson served in Parish Ministry in the Diocese of West Virginia, the Diocese of Newark, the Diocese of Atlanta and ending his career as Rector, The Episcopal Church of the Messiah in Murphy, North Carolina. Jim enjoyed teaching and served as an Education for Ministry Mentor for the University of the South. In retirement, Jim served the church in supply work in the Diocese of Georgia and was active with the Boy Scouts serving as District Commissioner and Scout Master. He was a United States Air Force Veteran serving in Vietnam and a member of the American Legion. He was an *At-Large Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Georgia**. He was also a long time member of the ***International Conference of War Veteran Ministers*** (formerly called *National Conference of Viet Nam Veterans*). Survivors are; his wife Betty Jean (née Smith) Johnson of Tennille, his children, Laura Elizabeth Johnson Wilburn of California, and Jacob Nathaniel Johnson of Tennille, granddaughters Sarah Michelle Wilburn and Hope Anne Wilburn and his mother Lily Ruth Bright Johnson. A memorial service was held on Wednesday, August 12<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 PM at the Grace Episcopal Church in Sandersville, Georgia followed by a committal service at the Washington County Memorial Gardens with full military honors. The Reverend Carlton Shuford officiated. The family received friends from 1:00 PM until the hour of the service at Grace Church. Donations may be made to the Wounded Warrior Project, Post Office Box 758517, Topeka, KS 66675. May and Smith Funeral Directors of Sandersville were in charge of these arrangements.



**RICHARD ARTHUR "Rick" JOHNSTON** - Died Wednesday, October 28, 2015 at the Minneapolis VA Medical Center at the age of 69. He was a resident of Randolph, Minnesota and formerly of Elysian, Minnesota. The cause of death was ARDS (acute respiratory distress syndrome) and complications from quadruple heart by-pass surgery and diabetes. He was born on July 3, 1946 in Montclair, New Jersey to the late Robert and Joyce (née Mauterstock) Johnston. He attended and graduated from West Caldwell High School in New Jersey. Following his schooling, he joined the United States Air Force. He served in Thailand and Vietnam before being honorably discharged in November 1971. He worked at various jobs throughout his life including OTC in Owatonna, Ron Taylor Garage in Elysian, International Harvester Company in Mankato, Lindsay Bros in Mankato, was the owner of Trading Post Sports in Elysian, worked at Hiniker Company in Mankato and Ken's Clean Aquariums. He was also a policeman for the city of Elysian, served on the city council; was a volunteer fireman and EMT, and an NRA Firearms Safety Instructor. He was a member of American Legion Post #311 in Elysian, the DAV, a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Watertown (South Dakota) Chapter #1054**, and the Dakota Territory Gun Collectors, Assn. He was united in marriage to Alma Cords on



December 2, 1967 at Trinity Lutheran Church in Janesville. They lived in Las Vegas, while he was stationed there. They then moved to Elysian in 1970 to raise their family. He enjoyed fishing, wood turning, dog sledding, motorcycles, boating, traveling, and going to gun shows, rendezvous, and train shows. Richard is survived by his wife, Alma Johnston of Randolph, MN; daughters, Ruth (Ken) Exner of Omaha, NE, Roberta Johnston of Minneapolis and her children, Natasha and Tayler, and Rhonda (Bill) Richer of Winthrop; sister, Cynthia Burger of Southbury, CT; nephews, Chris Evans, Cameron Evans, and Ari Burger; niece, Alizah Burger; many other nieces, nephews, cousins, and other relatives and friends. Memorial services were held on Sunday, November 1, 2015 at 3:00 PM at the Trinity Lutheran Church in Janesville with Pastor Larry Griffin officiating. Interment was held at the Saint John's Trinity Lutheran Cemetery in Iosco Township. Military honors were provided by American Legion Post #311 in Elysian. Visitation was held on Saturday, October 31, 2015 from 1:00 to 4:00 PM at the Arnoldt-McRaith Funeral Home and Crematory in Janesville and for one hour prior to services at the church on Sunday. Memorials are preferred to the DAV, American Legion Post #311, Trinity Lutheran Church in Janesville, or St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Randolph, MN.



**JOHN WILLIAM "Willie" KEITH** - Died Tuesday, May 05, 2015 at his home in Odessa, Texas at the age of 67. He was born in Amarillo, TX on March 1, 1948 to the late John Morse Keith and Lillian (née Meek) Keith. Willie served in the United States Navy. He retired after 22 years working for the City of Odessa in the solid waste division. He was an *At-Large Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Texas*. Willie married Beth Hooven in Odessa on February 26, 1982. Their only child was their beloved cat, "Junior Turd," who survives him. He enjoyed building models and wind chimes and other intricate work. For over 30 years, he volunteered with the Permian Basin Fair and Expo. Those left to cherish Willie's memory are his wife: Beth Keith of Odessa; brother: Jack Keith and wife Debra of Keller, TX; sisters-in-law: Kim Robertson and Sandra Duesler, both of Odessa; and niece and nephews: Jennifer Beavers and Jed Duesler of Odessa, Paul Rodriguez of Studio City, CA, and Chris Duesler of Odessa. Memorial services were at 4:00 PM on Wednesday, May 13, 2015 at Acres West Funeral Chapel, officiated by Pastor Eric Thompson. Arrangements were entrusted to Acres West and condolences to the family may be sent online at [acreswestfuneral.com](http://acreswestfuneral.com). In lieu of flowers, send donations in Willie's memory to H.O.T. (Honor Our Troops), 4044 Penbrook Street, Odessa, TX 79762.



**PAUL J. KELLY** - Died Thursday, October 29, 2015 at Home and Hospice Care in Providence, Rhode Island at the age of 69. He was a resident of Lincoln, Rhode Island. He was born in Providence on October 1, 1946 to the late Peter R. and Alicia (née Paquet) Kelly. He was the beloved husband of Marilyn A. (née Rigney) Kelly for 46 years; loving father of Shane M. Morgenweck (Steven); loving PePa of Mackenzie and Zoe; brother of Peter, John, Jeffrey, Timothy, Andrew Kelly, Mary Porcelli and many nieces and nephews. Paul was a United States Army veteran of the Vietnam War serving in the Green Berets with the 5<sup>th</sup> Special Forces. He served from December 9, 1965 to

September 8, 1968 attaining the rank of Specialist 5. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – James Michael Ray Memorial (North Smithfield) Chapter #818**. His funeral was held Tuesday, November 3, 2015 at 9:00 AM from the Thomas and Walter Quinn Funeral Home, 2435 Warwick Avenue, Warwick, Rhode Island with a Mass of Christian Burial at 10:00 AM in Saint Kevin Church, Sandy Lane, Warwick. Visiting hours were on Monday from 4:00 to 8:00 PM. Burial with military honors was in the Rhode Island Veterans Cemetery, Exeter. In lieu of flowers memorial contributions to Home and Hospice, 1085 North Main Street, Providence, RI 02904.



**DONALD C. "Doc" KRIEBLE** - Died Saturday, September 26, 2015 at the Mountain Home Veterans Affairs Hospital in Johnson City, Tennessee at the age of 71. He was a resident of Bean Station, Tennessee. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Bean Station on May 18, 1944 to the late Alvin and Charlene Kriebel. In addition to his parents, he was also predeceased by his wife of 33 years, Virginia Kriebel. Don was retired from the United States Navy. He received numerous awards achieving the rank E8. Don was a lifetime member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, held positions of Judge Advocate, Honor Guard, Captain of the Flag Memorial Ceremonies, VFW Riders and numerous past positions at Post #5266. Don was District 1 Commander and Lifetime member of the AMVETS, DAV and a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Morristown Chapter #1073**. He is survived by his son, Shane Kriebel; daughter-in-law and caregiver, Terry Kriebel; sister, Linda Stiths; nephew, Don Stiths; niece, Pamela Mahoney. Visitation was held on Saturday, October 3<sup>rd</sup> from 1:00 to 2:30 PM at the VFW with military service from 2:30 to 3:00 PM. A Celebration of his life followed at the VFW Post #5266 upstairs. In lieu of flowers the family requests memorial donations be made to VFW Honor Guard Post #5266, 2503 East AJ Highway, Morristown, TN. The family would like to say a special thanks to Mayes Family Services. Arrangements were made by the Mayes Family Services of Morristown, Downtown Chapel.

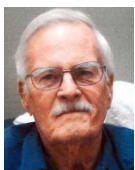


**ROBERT EUGENE "Bob" KUDELKA** - Died Sunday, October 11, 2015 at Wingate of Springfield at the age of 72. He was a resident of Springfield, Massachusetts. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Dayton, Ohio to the late John and Geraldine (née Carlton) Kudelka. He was a graduate of Colonel White High School in Dayton, Ohio and then proudly served in the United States Air Force for eight years during the Vietnam War attaining the rank of Staff Sergeant. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Springfield Chapter #111**. He continued his education at Westfield State earning two Bachelor's Degrees in Business and Psychology. Bob began his working career as a Security Guard for the Pinkerton Detective Agency. He then was a buyer for 12 years at Sweetlife Foods, the former Springfield Sugar. After that he was a manager for Brooks Drugs for 8 years where he met his wife Linda and then for the past 10 years he was a Job Coach at Riverside Industries. Bob was Led Zeppelin's #1 fan. He will be greatly missed for his wonderful sense of humor and his grand smile. He leaves his loving wife of 23 years, Linda M. Wallengren; his six children, Lisa, Michael, Gina, Kevin, Jason, and Justin;

the rest of the extended family; and his beloved dog, Molly. Bob's service was held on Saturday, October 17<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 PM in the Forastiere Smith Funeral Home, 220 North Main Street, East Longmeadow, Massachusetts. A visiting hour preceded the service from 4:00-5:00 PM. Donations may be made to Wounded Warrior Project, P. O. Box 758517, Topeka, Kansas.



**JAMES KENT "Rambo" LAGARDE** - Died at 5:38 AM on Sunday, September 27, 2015 in Dover, Florida at the age of 68 after a courageous battle with cancer. He was born in Warsaw, Indiana on July 20, 1947. He leaves behind his wife and soul mate, Cathy, son Bobby, daughter Caron, grandson David, and his fur-babies Norman, Josie, DA, Sunny, Sylvester and Ms. Priss. He was reunited with his grandson William who passed away in 2014. I am sure he was met at the gates of Heaven with the more than 58,286 soldiers whose names are on the Vietnam Wall as he has kept them remembered for 50 years plus all of his relatives and friends who have passed on. The gates were open wide for him and all his fur-babies that he reunited with at the Rainbow Bridge. He was born in Warsaw, Indiana where he was a farm boy and he never outgrew his love of tractors of any kind. Uncle Sam sent him in the United States Army to Vietnam for his senior trip where he was a Crew Chief and Door Gunner on a Huey Gunship stationed at Bearcat. He retired from Manatee County School Board where he was a welder, always at recess because he was in charge of maintaining all the playground equipment. He checked out each piece himself before allowing the kids to play on it. He met the Superintendent one day while working on the playground and they took time out to swing together and it really impressed him that he knew his name...one of his favorite memories. He was a fanatic NASCAR fan and everyone knew not to bother him when a race was on. He has enjoyed the Sprint Winter Nationals at East Bay for the last 33 years. He was a member and past President of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Tampa Chapter #787**, a member of AMVETS Post #26, and for the past 15 years he has been a Speaker in the History of Vietnam Classes in Hillsborough County. All the kids love and remember Rambo, The Legend. Of all the many things he did in his 68 years, he loved his time with his students and his family the best. He was able to fly to Indiana for his 50<sup>th</sup> class reunion in June this year and see all of his old classmates. This was a dream come true. He is going to be missed by all that knew him as he considered his friends his family. His Celebration of Life was on Saturday, October 3<sup>rd</sup> at 11:00 AM at Hopewell Funeral Home, 6005 CR 39 S, Plant City, Florida 33567, with visitation beginning at 10:00 AM. It is going to be officiated by "His Pistol Packing Minister" and friend Linda. Please bring memories and stories to share with everyone. In lieu of flowers, we ask instead that you make a contribution in his name to the Vietnam Veterans of America - Chapter #787, AMVETS Chapter #26 or Plant City High School JROTC.



**WILLFORD DEAN LIGHT, JR.** (USAF, LTC-Ret.) - Died Sunday, September 27, 2015 in Lubbock, Texas at the age of 82. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Covina, California on January 1, 1933 to the late Willford Dean Light, Sr. and Elsie May Light. He and his family moved to Plains, Texas, where he graduated from Plains High School in 1950. He received a B.S. in Chemical Engineering from Texas

Tech. in 1955. He was commissioned in the United States Air Force in 1955 and served in the Air Force from 1955-1981. He married Elsie (née Carpenter) Light in Plains on November 25, 1954. During his years in the Air Force he served in both Korea and in Vietnam, and raised their children. In addition to his parents, Dean was also preceded in death by his sister, Patty Light Palmer and his sons, Ronald Douglas Light and David Brian Light. Survivors include his wife of 61 years, Elsie Carpenter Light; his daughter and son-in-law, Dana and Justin Steinhauer of Cedar Park, Texas; two granddaughters, Stephanie of Cedar Park and Sarah of San Antonio; and his brother, Charles Light of Bangkok, Thailand. He also left several nieces and nephews who were very dear to him. Dean was a member of the American Legion, National Rifle Association, DOD, Explosive Disposal Association, and a member of Lakeridge UMC from 1984 to present. He was an *At-Large Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Texas*. The service for Dean was held at the Wesley Chapel at the Lakeridge United Methodist Church and at Resthaven Memorial Park on Friday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>. Visitation was from 5:00 to 7:00 PM on Thursday, October 1<sup>st</sup> at Resthaven. Graveside service with full Military Honors was on Friday morning at Resthaven Cemetery at 11:00 AM and then a memorial service was held at the Lakeridge Chapel at 1:30 PM on Friday. Bill Couch and John Burk officiated. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to Lakeridge United Methodist Church at 4701 82<sup>nd</sup> Street, Lubbock, TX 79424 or to the Carillon Foundation at 1717 Norfolk Avenue, Lubbock, TX 79416 or a charity of your choice. Condolences and online guestbook can be found at [www.resthavenfuneralhome.com](http://www.resthavenfuneralhome.com).



**VINCENT H. LODGE, JR.** - Died Tuesday, October 7, 2014 at the Maine Veteran's Home in Bangor, Maine at the age of 73. He was formerly a resident of Eastport, Maine. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Saint Stephen, New Brunswick, Canada on July 28, 1941, son of American parents, the late Elaine B. and Vincent H. Lodge, Sr. of Eastport, Maine. He graduated from Shead Memorial High School, Class of 1959. He enlisted in the United States Air Force on June, 1959 and served until June of 1963. He then enlisted in the United States Navy on November 1963, the day John F. Kennedy was assassinated. Vincent served for two and one half years in Vietnam. He was highly decorated for his service. He served on the USS Jewett, USS Ranger, and USS Raleigh along with duty stations in Guam, San Diego, and several shore duty stations, the last being Combat Wings Atlantic at Brunswick, Maine. After serving 23 years, Vincent retired from the US Navy in June of 1984. He was a *Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Sanford Chapter #1044*. In addition to his parents, Vincent was predeceased by a sister, Joan. He is survived by two nieces, Cindy Moss and Deborah Trythall; a nephew, Michael Foster; and several cousins. A graveside service was held at 10:00 AM on Saturday, October 11, 2014 at the Hillside Cemetery in Eastport with military honors. In lieu of flowers, donations in Vincent's memory may be made either to the Maine Veterans Home of Bangor, 44 Hogan Road, Bangor, ME 04401, or the United Veteran Honor Guard of Washington County, c/o Richard Bowen, 270 Canon Hill Road, Perry, ME 04667. Arrangements were made

by the Mays Funeral Home, Calais and Eastport. Condolences and memories may be shared at [www.maysfuneralhome.com](http://www.maysfuneralhome.com).

**ROBERT E. LONCZAK** - Died on Monday, October 26, 2015 at the Elaine Center at Hadley, Massachusetts at the age of 70. He was a resident of Chicopee, Massachusetts. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on June 25, 1945 in Chicopee and was the son of the late Edmund and Stefania (née Litwin) Lonczak. Robert was a 1963 graduate of Chicopee High School, a Vietnam United States Army Veteran and an automobile mechanic. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Springfield Chapter #111**. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, gardening and modified racing at Riverside Speedway. Robert is survived by a brother, Gary J. Lonczak and his wife, Darlene of Chicopee; nephews, Jason Lonczak and his wife, Moriah of Chicopee, Matthew DeCara and his husband, Amedeo of Chicopee, and Don Lonczak and his wife, Virginia of McLean, VA; a niece, Jennifer Sowers and her husband, Michael of Mt. Pleasant, SC; a sister-in-law, Marie Lonczak of Chicopee and his companion, Marlene Spillane of Chicopee. Besides his parents, he was predeceased by a brother, Donald J. Lonczak. Relatives and friends were invited to attend the Liturgy of Christian Burial on Friday, October 30, 2015 at Saint Anthony of Padua Church at 56 Saint Anthony Street in Chicopee at 10:00 AM. Burial was in the Saint Stanislaus Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Life Choice Hospice of Western Massachusetts, 15 Midstate Drive, Suite 215, Auburn, MA 01501.

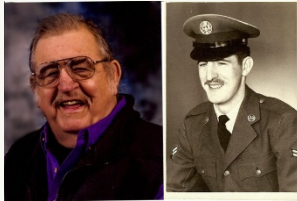


**JOHN HARRISON LOVE** – Died Wednesday, November 4, 2015 in New Braunfels, Texas at the age of 86. The cause of death was sepsis and pneumonia. He was born in Keokuk, Iowa on October 31, 1929. He was a United States Army veteran of 26 years. He was an active member of many organizations including the VFW, DAV, a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Lawton Chapter #751**, Lions Club, Moose Lodge, and Elks Lodge. John graduated from Cameron University with a Bachelor's Degree in Business. He was in the Civil Service for 20 years. John is survived by his son, John H. Love Jr. and wife Laura of Lawton, Oklahoma; daughter, Allison M. Anderson and her husband Jerry of New Braunfels, Texas; son-in-law, Joseph Marschhauser of Spring Branch, Texas; and 7 grandchildren and 13 great grandchildren. He is preceded in death by wife Mary Lou Love; son Robert S. Love; and daughter, Theresa Ann Marschhauser. Visitation was on Monday, November 9, 2015 from 6:00-8:00 PM at the funeral home. The funeral service was held on Tuesday, November 10, 2015 at 1:00 PM in the Whinery-Huddleston Chapel. Burial was at the Fort Sill Post Cemetery.

**IRVING GILMORE LYLES** - Died Monday, January 26, 2015 at home in Huntsville, Alabama, surrounded by family and friends. He was 87 years of age. The cause of death was a heart attack. He was born on May 30, 1927 in Ijamsville, Maryland. He enlisted in the United States Army in 1945 and served 26 distinguished years during World War II, Korean War and Vietnam War and was stationed at military bases throughout the US and abroad. After retiring from the Army in 1972, he dedicated 16 more years to the federal government as a civilian, serving as the Sports Director at Redstone Arsenal, Alabama. He will be missed by all who knew and loved him. He was an active member of Union Chapel Missionary Baptist Church. He was a *Life*



*Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Decatur Chapter #1067.* He was preceded in death by his son, Irving Earle and his only brother Elwood Lyles in 2010. Mr. Lyles left a legacy for his family. He leaves to cherish his memory a devoted wife of 57 years, Margurite Combs Lyles; two daughters, Jennifer Jones and husband Harry, Sandra Lyles-Jackson; two grandsons, Roury Dontee Jones and Dimitri Merci' Jackson; two great grandchildren, Skye and Peyton Jones; and many loving nieces, nephews, cousins, and family friends. The funeral was held at 12:00 Noon on Saturday, January 31, 2015 at Union Chapel Missionary Baptist Church. Burial was in the Faith Memorial Park, 8100 Madison Boulevard, Madison, AL.



**FAY A. LYON** – Died Tuesday, September 15, 2015 at Kadlec Regional Medical Center in Richland, Washington at the age of 74. He was a resident of Kennewick, Washington. He died after battling MDS (*Myelodysplastic Syndrome*) for over a year. He was born July 23, 1941 in Harbor Beach, Michigan to the late Liakim and Mary Agnes (née Carrick) Lyon. He graduated from high school in Harbor Beach in 1960 and joined the United States Air Force shortly thereafter. He served as an Aircraft Fuel Systems Mechanic during most of his career. He served tours in Elmendorf AFB in Alaska, Selfridge AFB in Michigan, Hahn AFB in Germany, Offitt AFB in Nebraska, Clark AFB in the Philippines, Hill AFB in Utah, Da Nang AFB in Vietnam as well as many TDYs including Korea, Iran and many others. He met his wife of 41 years, Carolyn Carmann in Nebraska, where they were married on March 30, 1974. They were then stationed in the Philippines where their first daughter was born and subsequently in Utah. While in Utah, Fay and Carolyn were blessed with a daughter and a son. After retiring from the USAF in 1981, the now family of four, moved back to Nebraska where Fay worked for Lammers Land Leveling, and later the Nebraska State Department of Roads. He retired from there when they decided to move to Kennewick, WA in 1992. Fay was very involved in many organizations and held positions in each. The Disabled American Veterans positions held were, Adjutant local Chapter #46 for sixteen years, WA State Commander and National Executive Committee District #19, and; the Veterans of Foreign Wars, VFW Post #7952 (most recently being the VFW Honor Guard Commander), The Richland Rod and Gun Club, and Redeemer Lutheran Church (Business Trustee, Head Trustee, Vice Chairman and Chairman of the church and Men's Club). He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Spokane Valley Chapter #879**. Fay loved the outdoors, hunting and fishing with his "buddies" or just sitting around the campfire telling stories. Most people didn't know, but Fay had a love for photography, that was created during his time in the Air Force. He continued his pursuit of photography throughout his life. The daily comic section and his morning crossword puzzles were staples in his daily routine. He collected Eagles and loved their majestic stature as a symbol of the great country he served. Fay was preceded in death by his parents, Liakim and Mary Agnes Lyon; his infant sister, and his firstborn baby girl, Lynn Marie. Fay is survived by his wife, Carolyn Lyon; his daughter, Misty Lyon, her son Colton Lyon, Fay's one and only favorite grandson and his son, Mark Lyon and wife Andrea. Services were held on Saturday, September 26, 2015 at 1:00 PM at the Redeemer Lutheran Church, 520 Thayer Drive, Richland, WA. The VFW Honor Guard Post



#7952 presented Military Honors on church grounds after the service. Services were followed with a celebration of Life in the Fellowship Hall at Redeemer. Graveside services were held at a later date in Nebraska where he was laid to rest next to his daughter and Mother. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to VFW, DAV, or Redeemer Lutheran Church.



**RILEY E. MARTIN** (USA, MSG-Ret.) - Died Saturday, September 19, 2015 at his home in Hinesville, Georgia while under the care of Hospice Savannah. He was 75 years of age. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Tampa, Florida on August 1, 1940. A native of Tampa, Florida, he was a resident of Hinesville for 40 years. He served two tours in Vietnam with the 173<sup>rd</sup> Airborne, and retired from the United States Army after 21 years of service. He was a member of Masonic Lodge #271 and the Lions Club. He was also a Shriner and was with the Alea Temple, Scottish Rite Temple, and the Hillbilly Unit, as well as being a Road Runner for the Shriners Children's Hospital in Tampa. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Hinesville Chapter #789**. He is survived by his wife of 48 years, Barbara D. Martin of Hinesville; his children, Riley Dennis Martin of John's Creek, GA, Wendy Cooper of Savannah, Richard Allen Martin of Montgomery, TX, Randel Eugene Martin of Montgomery, TX, Robert K. Martin of Hinesville, and Rhonda M. Nuttall of Hinesville; one brother, Larry Dennis Martin of Tampa; one sister, Linda Johnson of Tampa; eleven grandchildren, and; three great-grandchildren. Visitation was from 6:00-8:00 PM on Tuesday, September 22, 2015, at the Carter Funeral Home Oglethorpe Chapel. Funeral Services were held at 11:00 AM on Wednesday, September 23, 2015 at the Carter Funeral Home Oglethorpe Chapel with the Reverend Noel Cooper officiating. Burial with Full Military Honors and Masonic Rites was in the Georgia Veterans Memorial Cemetery in Glennville at 1:00 PM. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Mr. Martin's memory to the Shriners Children's Hospital ([www.shrinershospitalsforchildren.org/en/donate](http://www.shrinershospitalsforchildren.org/en/donate)), 2900 North Rocky Point Drive, Tampa, FL 33607.



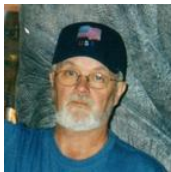
**WILLIAM TAYLOR MASKE** (USA, SFC-Ret.) – Died Monday, October 12, 2015 in Lawton, Oklahoma at the age of 79. The cause of death was chronic obstructive pulmonary disease. He was born February 5, 1936 in Rosedale, Oklahoma to the late William C. and Edna (née Morris) Maske. He married Eleonore Elisabeth (née Suess) Maske on July 27, 1966 in Nuremburg, Germany. He retired from the United States Army in 1983 after 27 years of service. SFC Maske served in Vietnam, and earned the Bronze Star Medal, Vietnam Service Medal with 4 stars, Army Commendation Medal with second Oak Leaf Cluster and the Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Lawton Chapter #751**, The Pershing Missile Association, The NCO Association, and he was a 4<sup>th</sup> Degree Knight with the Knights of Columbus, where he was very active. He was also an usher at Grierson Hill Chapel and was a volunteer for the American Red Cross. He is survived by his wife, Eleonore E. (née Suess) Maske; his two sons: Peter and wife Cynthia (Snyder) Maske, of Illinois, and grandchildren: Steven and wife Alicia (Liguori) Maske, of New Hampshire, Angela (Maske) Wyman and husband Tony, of Massachusetts, David Maske of Illinois, and Michael Maske, of

Illinois; son, Robert and wife Valarie (Benedict) Maske, of Pennsylvania, and grandchildren: Sheena Smith, of Iowa, and Brian Conatser and great-grandson Joseph Conatser, both of Texas. He is also survived by several nieces and nephews: Alfreda Joice Yelms, of Longdale, Okla.; Loretta Kay Kluckner and husband Alva and their family of Custer City, Okla.; Judy Darleen Horseman and family, of Longdale, Okla.; Terry Lynn Vowell and husband Mitchell and their family, of Canton, Okla.; Jackie Sue Cheney and family, of Longdale, Okla.; and Tracy Wilder and family, of Longdale, Okla.; and his relatives in Germany: sister-in-law, Doris Suess, nephews: Georg Suess and Christof Suess, and a niece, Claudia Suess, all of Munich, Germany. He was preceded in death by his parents; a grandson, Brian Maske; a nephew, Alford Russel Wilder; father and mother-in-law, Josef, Sr. and Maria Holz-Suess, of Straubing, Germany; brother-in-law, Josef Suess, Jr., of Munich, Germany; and sister-in-law, Ursula Holz, of Rosenheim, Germany. The Funeral Mass was at 9:30 AM on Thursday, October 15, 2015 in Grierson Hill Chapel, Fort Sill, with Chaplain (MAJ) James E. O'Neal officiating. Burial with full military honors was in Fort Sill National Cemetery, Elgin under direction of Becker-Rabon Funeral Home.



**WILLIAM J. "Bill" McCOMAS** – Died following a brave year-long battle with leukemia on Wednesday morning, April 2, 2014 in East Liverpool, Ohio at the age of 63. He was born on February 7, 1951 in East Liverpool to the late Wirt and Virginia Rose McCoy McComas. Bill was a 1970 graduate of East Liverpool High School and left for Vietnam soon after his graduation, serving from 1971 to 1974 with the United States Army, followed by 23 years of service with the Ohio National Guard. A true patriot, he remained a proud American for the rest of his life. He was involved in countless events and organizations to benefit the military, whether it was the Moving Wall at Thompson Park or raising funds to place a permanent marker in memory of a fallen brother. A life member and Vice-Commander of the VFW #66, he had been President of the Columbiana County Vietnam Veterans of America #40, a life member of the Disabled American Veterans #47, and also belonged to the American Legion Post #736 and the Brothers of the Blade 4th Squadron #107. In addition, he had been the POW and MI. officer for many years. Bill had earned various medals for his service, and had been named Columbiana County Citizen of the Year in 1990. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – East Liverpool Chapter #40**. His faith was of utmost importance to him, especially throughout his illness. He was a longtime member of Saint John Lutheran Church, where he was considered the "go-to guy", serving as president of the church council, property committee, finance committee, and had also been the church liaison for Cub Scouts Pack #43. Bill continued his college education at Bowling Green State University after serving in Vietnam, and later received his degree from Kent State University. He had been an overhead crane operator at the former Crucible Steel before joining the U.S. Postal Service in 1983, where he began as a letter carrier and retired in the general maintenance department. He was happiest when he was helping others. A loyal supporter of the community – and especially those events which involved his kids – he had been a coach with the Bill Booth League, the East Liverpool Youth Soccer League, and had also served as a basketball, football and soccer coach at a variety of

schools, including East Liverpool, Beaver Local, Southern Local and Wellsville. He made people feel they mattered, and he always had time to help a friend. Surviving him at home is his wife and high school sweetheart, Darolyn Sue McComas, whom he married on August 19, 1972. Together, they raised a family who made them immensely proud: Meghan Elizabeth Klenotic and her husband, Luke, of Ravenna; Michael Todd McComas and his wife, Charissa, and their daughters, Kiersten and Kayla McComas, of Apex, NC; and Matthew Sean McComas, of East Liverpool. Bill is also survived by his sister, Sandra Rose Scurlock, of East Liverpool, and by his brothers, Robert F. McComas of Boardman; Charles E. McComas and his wife, Penny, of East Liverpool; and Kenneth D. McComas, also of East Liverpool, as well as a niece and two nephews. In addition, he is survived by his in-laws, Darrell and Marwynne Serafy of East Liverpool, a sister-in-law, Deborah Nicholson Och and her husband, Bill, of Lake Jackson, TX, and a brother-in-law, David Serafy of Groton, CT. Friends visited at the Dawson Funeral Home on Friday, where the family was present from 4:00 until 8:00 PM. The Reverend Eric M. Edwards officiated at a funeral service at Saint John Lutheran Church at Noon on Saturday. Friends also visited from 10:00 AM until the time of the service at the church. Burial took place at the Riverview Cemetery where full military honors were provided. Those wishing to do so may send contributions in Bill's name to Saint John Lutheran Church, 400 Hill Boulevard, East Liverpool, Ohio 43920.



**RICHARD W. MILLIMAKI** - Died Sunday September 20, 2015 at the Upper Peninsula Health System in Marquette, Michigan at the age of 67. He was a resident of Ishpeming, Michigan. The cause of death was renal and liver failure, secondary to pneumonia. He was born June 9, 1948 in Ishpeming to the late Matt and Irene (née Hahka) Millimaki. He was a graduate of the Ishpeming High School and went on to serve his country in the United States Army. Richard served six years in the Army during the Vietnam War. He worked for Cleveland Cliffs Iron Company as a driller at the Empire Mine, retiring in 2004. Richard was a life member of the Ishpeming VFW Post #4573, the Riverside Club and the Ishpeming Elks Lodge #447. He enjoyed playing cribbage and playing baseball in his younger years and later coaching baseball. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Negaunee Chapter #380**. Richard is survived by his wife of 39 years, Marilyn (née Franson) Millimaki, a brother David J. Millimaki of Ishpeming, step children Lisa Lewis, Patricia Gundeuff and Betty Sallengs, brothers in law Steve (Vicki) Contois, Jerry Franson, sisters in law Jean Topliff and Sue Johnson, along with many nieces and nephews. Richard was preceded in death by his parents, a brother Bernie Millimaki, brothers in law Paul and Ralph Franson. Richard's family greeted relatives and friends on Thursday September 24<sup>th</sup> from 1:00-2:00 PM at the Bjork and Zhulkie Funeral Home where a Military Honors service was conducted by the Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter #380 at 2:00 PM. A potluck luncheon was held at the Ishpeming VFW following the service.

**EDWARD PAUL "Pops" MITCHELL, JR.** - Died Friday, September 11, 2015 at his home in Roseville, Michigan at the age of 77. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on August

25, 1938 in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. He was a proud Vietnam veteran and spent most of his career serving in the military. He served both in the United States Army and the United States Air Force. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Clinton Township Chapter #154**. He was an avid fan of the Pittsburgh Steelers and of local high school football teams. He loved to read spy thrillers and see action movies. He was known for his kindness and made everyone who met him feel like family. He opened his home and his heart to everyone who came into his life. He made greasy, gooey grilled cheese. He loved spending time with his friends, Sheryl and Ron, watching Tigers games and solving endless jigsaw puzzles. He is preceded in death by his great love, Jennifer Mitchell, and survived by his greatest joy and challenge, Edward Paul Mitchell III. He is also survived by Paul Pin, Dana Matthews, Christine Foster, Amanda England, Amy Frank and his new best puppy friend, Grover. Memorial visitation was from 1:00-5:00 PM on Saturday, September 19, 2015 at S. K. Schultz Funeral Home, 21705 Gratiot at 8 ½ Mile, Eastpointe, Michigan.

**ROBERT K. MONGE** – Died Thursday, September 17, 2015 in Dayton, Nevada at the age of 66. The cause of death was Agent Orange-related cancer. He was born in San Mateo, California on June 21, 1949. He served in the United States Air Force from July 17, 1968 to March 19, 1972 with a tour of duty in Vietnam from 1969 to 1970. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Carson City Chapter #388**.



**CRISPEN SYDNEY "Cris" MOOREHOUSE** - 73, Died Sunday, December 6, 2015 at Holston Valley after a brief illness. He was 73 years of age and a resident of Kingsport, Tennessee. He was born June 25, 1942 in Kingsport to the late Glen and Myrtle Moorehouse. He was raised and lived most of his life in Kingsport. He retired from Eastman Chemical Company in 1996. Cris was a Vietnam veteran and was active and a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Kingsport Chapter #979**, as well as the Tennessee State Council Vietnam Veterans of America, Inc., and a member of American Legion Hammond Post #3. He was a member of First Broad Street United Methodist Church and the Pairs and Spares Sunday School class. Cris participated in the Dobyns-Bennett Class of 1960 First Friday Lunch. Cris is survived by his wife, Theona Cable Moorehouse; his brother, Evan and wife Laverne; his sister, Sue and husband David Cumbow, and their families; Theona's sisters, Marie Buckingham, Joan Anderson, Connie Latner, and Sherri Hale; and Theona's brother, Lowell Cable, and their families. Graveside services were conducted at 10:45 AM on Wednesday, December 9<sup>th</sup> Mountain Home National Cemetery with Military Rites by American Legion Post #/265. Those attending the service were asked to meet at Hamlett-Dobson Funeral Home, 117 East Charlement Avenue, Kingsport, at 9:45 AM for procession to the graveside. A memorial service was held at 12:00 PM on Wednesday, December 9<sup>th</sup> at First Broad Street United Methodist Church, 100 East Church Circle, Kingsport with the Reverend Joe Green and the Reverend Jack P. Weikel co-officiating. The VVA Chapter #979 conducted honors prior to the memorial service. The family received friends after the service at the church. In lieu of flowers, memorial

contributions may be made to First Broad Street United Methodist Church, 100 East Church Circle, Kingsport, Tennessee.



**ALLEN HENRY "Pop" MORGAN** - Died Monday, November 2, 2015 at his home in Bennington, Vermont at the age of 69. The cause of death was cancer. He was born August 4, 1946 in Bristol, Vermont to the late of Abel and Florence (née Hill) Morgan. He received his education in Bristol schools. He served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War. He later served in the Vermont National Guard for 20 years. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Bennington Chapter #601**. He married the former Patricia Briggs on December 15, 1979. She predeceased him on February 4, 2013. Mr. Morgan was employed for many years by the Bennington Highway Department until his retirement. His favorite pastime was spending time with his grandchildren. Survivors include daughters Debbie Farnum of Tampa, Fla., and Gina Morgan Faccioli and Lisa Morgan Cunningham, both of New York City; a son, Rodney Fisher of Bennington; eight grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; four sisters, Caroline Cutter of East Jaffery, N.H., Alberta McIntyre of Bristol, Agnes Martel and Betty Goyette, both of New Haven; a brother, Harold Morgan of New York; several nieces, nephews and cousins. The funeral was held at 3:00 PM on Friday, November 6, 2015 at the Mahar and Son Funeral Home with the Reverend Robin Green officiating. Friends called at 2:00 PM on Friday at the funeral home until the service. Memorial contributions may be made to the Southwestern Vermont Regional Cancer Center through Mahar and Son Funeral Home, 628 Main Street, Bennington, VT 05021. Guestbook condolences may be left at [www.maharandsonfuneralhome.net](http://www.maharandsonfuneralhome.net).



**LAURENCE P. MULCRONE** – Died Friday, June 12, 2015 in Westchester, Illinois at the age of 64. The cause of death was mesothelioma, cancer of the lung lining. He was born August 12, 1950. He served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Des Plaines Chapter #311**. He was a retired Illinois State Police Lieutenant Colonel. He was the beloved husband of Karen née Krupa; loving father of Joseph (Katherine), Julie (Jonathan) Sochacki, Coleen (Patrick) VanDeWalle and Kristen (fiancé Chris Bauer); dear grandfather of Christopher Mulcrone, Zachary, Elizabeth and Benjamin Sochacki, Annie, Liam and Patrick VanDeWalle, Aubrey and Hayley Mulcrone and Max and Addyson Bauer; fond brother of Rev. Joseph, Mary (Robert) Nellis, Rev. Thomas, Ellen (Jeff) Schuetzner, Michael (Laura), James (Tina) and Jean (John) Gronke; dear brother-in-law of Marlene (Alan) Comella and Cheryl (George) Pruger; fond uncle of many nieces and nephews. He was a member of many law enforcement and military organizations. Visitation was on Tuesday from 3:00-9:00 PM at Saint Odilo Church, 2300 South East Avenue, Berwyn. The Funeral Mass was on Wednesday at 10:00 AM. Inurnment was private. Donations can be made to the Mary Frances Mulcrone Scholarship Fund c/o Chicago Hearing Society, 2001 North Clybourn, Unit 202, Chicago, IL 60614. Arrangements were handled by the Linhart Funeral Home, 6820 West Cermak Road, Berwyn, Illinois.



**EUGENE C. "Joe" NEAL, SR.** - Died Sunday, July 12, 2015 at Martinsburg Veterans Affairs Medical Center after a long illness at the age of 68. The cause of death was Agent Orange-related cancer. He was born on September 5, 1946 in Ansted, West Virginia to the late Bryson and Lucille Neal. He attended Nuttall High School and upon graduation, he joined the United States Marine Corps and served during the Vietnam War where he was wounded and received a Purple Heart and a Silver Star. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Hico Chapter #860** and Veteran of Foreign Wars. In addition to his parents, he was also predeceased by his eldest son, Eugene C, Neal Jr.; a brother, Richard Neal, and; the Mother of his children, Virginia Jeffcoat. Survivors are a son, with whom he resided, Joseph B. Neal of Martinsburg; a daughter, Kimberly Stinnett and her husband Steve, a step -granddaughter, Shaylee of Temple, Texas; a brother, William Neal Sr. and his wife, Shirley; two sisters, Sharon Sevy and Virginia Massey. He will be missed by many friends, nieces and nephews who loved him as a father and grandfather. Funeral Services were at 2:00 PM on Thursday, July 16, 2015 at his beloved Refuge Baptist Church on Sunday Road at Hico with the Pastor Robert Piotrowski and Pastor Tim Chapman, co-officiating. Burial was at the Restlawn Memory Gardens in Victor, West Virginia with Military Rites conducted by the Fayetteville VFW. Friends visited from 6:00 to 8:00 PM on Wednesday, July 15, 2015 at the Wallace and Wallace Funeral Home Chapel in Ansted.

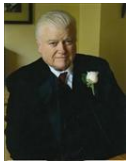


**LINDA MAE (née Thomas) NELSON** - Died Thursday, September 17, 2015 at the Roanoke Memorial Hospital at the age of 67. He was a resident of Princeton, West Virginia. The cause of death was cardiac arrest. He was in Princeton on February 8, 1948 to late Fred Thomas and Lura Gray (née Stinson) Thomas. Linda was retired from Princeton Community Hospital having served in the environmental services department for 19 years. She was a member of **Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America – Blue-Gray (Princeton) Chapter #628** and the Fairview Christian Community Church both in Princeton. She was a loving and devoted wife, mother and grandmother and sister. Survivors include her husband of 48 years, Robert Lee Nelson; his daughter, Althea Barnett and her husband Danny of Princeton; his granddaughter, Katelyn Barnett, and; his brother, Joseph Thomas and his wife Beverly of Princeton. Funeral services were held at 2:00 PM on Monday, September 21, 2015 from the Burns Wornal Chapel of the Memorial Funeral Directory on the Athens Road in Princeton with Pastor Larry Dyer and Pastor Marvin Mills officiating. Burial was in the Roselawn Memorial Gardens in Princeton. Family and friends served as pallbearers. Friends visited with the family on Monday from 1:00 PM until the service hour. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the American Kidney Fund, 11921 Rockville Pike, Suite 300, Rockville, MD 20852.

**EDWARD A. "Ed" NIEMCZYK, JR.** – Died Friday, October 16, 2015 in Elma, New York at the age of 70. The cause of death is unknown. He was born January 25, 1945. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was an *At-Large Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – New York.**



He was the beloved husband of Margaret (née Loeffler) Niemczyk and the late Joanne Niemczyk; dearest father of Barbara Ruff, Patricia (Mark) Lozano, Susan (David) Siminski and Kathleen (Jon) Salazar; loving grandfather of Tyler and Lauren Siminski and Samantha Lozano. Family received friends on Sunday from 4:00-8:00 PM and on Monday from 2:00-4:00 and 7:00-9:00 PM at the Hoy Funeral Home, Inc., 3855 Seneca Street, West Seneca where prayers were said on Tuesday at 8:45 AM followed by a Mass of Christian Burial at Saint Vincent-de-Paul Church at 9:30 AM. Flowers were gratefully declined. Memorials to Saint Francis High School or Mount Mercy Academy were appreciated. Ed was a member of the New York Telephone Pioneers.



**BERNARD JOHN "Bernie" O'DONNELL** – Died Sunday, November 15, 2015 in Volo, Illinois at the age of 67. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on June 8, 1948 to the late James and Margaret O'Donnell. He served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War. He was a Chief Warrant Officer II, Helicopter Pilot. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Island Lake Chapter #242**. He was the sitting *Vice-President* of the **Illinois VVA State Council**. He was the beloved father of Valerie (Matthew) Webb and Jennifer (Rafal) Chwastyk; grandfather of Brian Bernard; step-grandfather of Bart; loving brother to Mary Blanche, Michael, James, Margaret, Paul, and Martin. In addition to his parents, he was also predeceased by his beloved sister Harriet. He was the employer to "his gang", companion to Nancy, ex-husband to Cathy, and best friend to all Vietnam Veterans, National, State of Illinois, and Chicago chapters. Memorial visitation was on Sunday from 3:00 PM to 9:00 PM at the Malec and Sons Funeral Home, 6000 North Milwaukee Avenue, Chicago. Friends and family were invited to meet for the service on Monday at 11:30 AM at the Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery, 20953 Hoff Road, Elwood, IL. In memory and honor of Bernie, any donations to the Vietnam Veterans of America - Chicago Chapter #242 would humbly be appreciated.



**WAYNE E. OLSON** - Died Friday August 14, 2015 in UPMC Hamot Medical Center, Erie, Pennsylvania at the age of 72. He was a resident of Jamestown, New York. The cause of death was a ruptured bowel. He was born September 3, 1942 in Jamestown to the late Eric and Arlene (née Grant) Olson. Wayne was a United States Army Veteran serving with the 25<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division in Vietnam. Prior to retirement, he worked at Fancher Chair and previously at Jamestown Sterling. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Jamestown Chapter #865**. Surviving are his wife of 48 years, Betty Reagle Olson whom he married April 15, 1967; two sons, Duane (Kim) Ingalls of Clymer, NY; Steve (Tammy) Olson of Clarkston, MI; a daughter, Denise Giambra of Jamestown; nine grandchildren: Seth Ingalls, Zachariah (Paola) Ingalls, Jacqueline (Jeremy) LeVan, Jessica Banes, Kailey Levely, Jenelle Ingalls, Niklas Olson,

Chase Olson, Ty Olson; and a great grandson Kayden Ingalls. A celebration of Wayne's life was held at 3:00 PM on Wednesday August 19, 2015 at the Jamestown Vietnam Veterans of America, 41 Bigelow Avenue, Jamestown.

**ALAN LEE "Big Al" PACE, SR.** - Died Friday morning October 2, 2015 at his home in Hubbard, Ohio at the age of 69. The cause of death is unknown. He was born May 5, 1946 in Painesville, Ohio to the late Challie Elliott and Dixie Mae (née Hutchinson) Pace and had lived in Hubbard for 8 years, coming from Newburgh, New York. He served with the United States Army during the Vietnam War and was a member of the Windham American Legion Post #674. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Newburgh (New York) Chapter #537**. He did maintenance work for Simco Management for 8 years, and previously was a carpenter for Glory B. Realty in Newburgh, NY for several years. Big Al enjoyed collecting sports memorabilia, watching sports, loved playing his guitar and most of all enjoyed spending time with his family, grandchildren and friends. He leaves his wife of more than 44 years, the former Calla M. Bright, whom he married March 5, 1971; two sons, Alan L. (Sara) Pace Jr. of Rolesville, NC and Jerry W. (Cara) McCurry of Louisville, OH; three daughters, Kimberly A. (Mike) Rosscup of Newburgh, NY, Alberta L. Pace of Meadville, PA and Rhonda K. Russitano of Carey, NC; 3 brothers, 3 sisters, 14 grandchildren, 7 great grandchildren and several nieces and nephews. In addition to his parents, he was also predeceased by his a son, James D. McCurry; a great-granddaughter, Adelynn J. Rosscup; one brother, and; two sisters. There were no calling hours or funeral services. Arrangements were handled by the Kelley-Robb-Cummins Funeral Home. Please visit [www.krcummins.com](http://www.krcummins.com) to view this obituary and to send condolences to the family.



**ALLAN L. PARKS** - Died Saturday, November 7, 2015 in Fairport, New York at the age of 70. The cause of death was cancer. He was born in Watertown, New York on August 7, 1945 to the late Margaret (née Hill) and Floyd Parks. He is survived by his wife of 47 years, Trudy (née and Kimberly (Rick) Derouin; his brother and sister-in-law, William (Roxanne) Parks; his sister, Carolyn Robinson; ten grandchildren; two nephews; three nieces, and; three great-nieces. He was in the United States Navy from 1963 to 1966, moved to Rochester in 1966 and got a job with Kodak and retired from there after 32 years. He was an avid hunter, fisherman, and a lifetime member of the VFW in Fairport #8495, NY. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Rochester Chapter #20**. Friends and family were invited to share in a memorial service on Saturday, November 21, 2015 at 11:00 AM at the VFW Post #8495, located at 300 Macedon Center Road, Fairport, NY. Donations may be made in his honor to the Veterans Outreach Program and the American Cancer Society.



Hank Pasinski

**HENRY "Hank" PASINSKI** - Died Saturday, July 11, 2015 in Belize at the age of 67. He was a resident of Buckeye, Arizona. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Buffalo, New York on February 28, 1948 to the late Henry and Rita Pasinski. He served in the United States Army as a military policeman with a one-year tour of duty in Vietnam. He then worked as a New York state trooper for 10 years. After retiring, he relocated to Arizona with his family, where he worked as a civilian for the Buckeye Police Department. He was the post commander for the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #12098 in Buckeye. He was an *At-Large Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Arizona*. He is survived by his wife, Mary; one son, Thomas; one daughter, Melanie; one grandchild; and four brothers. A memorial service was at 10:00 AM on August 1<sup>st</sup> at Saint Henry Church, 24750 West Lower Buckeye Road in Buckeye. Memorials can be made to VFW Post #12098, Post Office Box 923, Buckeye, AZ 85326. Condolences can be left for the family at [thompsonfuneralchapel.com](http://thompsonfuneralchapel.com).

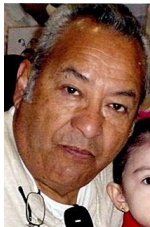


**JOSEPH H. PETTY, SR.** - Died Wednesday, April 29, 2015 at the Ohio Valley Medical Center, Wheeling West Virginia at the age of 65. He was a resident of Lisbon, Ohio. The cause of death was an aneurysm. He was born on September 28, 1949 in Steubenville, Ohio to the late Hayes and Elsa (née Waybright) Petty. He lived in the Salem-Lisbon area most of his life. Joseph served in the United States Army. He was in the Vietnam War. He was a member of the Washingtonville VFW and the Salem American Legion. He was also a *Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Lisbon Chapter #40*. He served many years as a Veterans Service Commissioner for Columbiana County. He retired from Ohio Edison in 2012 as a lineman-troubleshooter. He enjoyed fishing, hunting, camping, and playing cornhole with his friends. Joseph is survived by his wife, Connie (Webb) Petty, a son, Joseph Hayes Petty Jr., niece, Layla, and nephew, Brandon Petty. He will be missed by his two loving dogs "Meat" and "Tater," and many loving family members and friends. Joseph was preceded in death by his two brothers, Jack and Fleet Petty. As per his request there were no services. The family held a celebration of his life on May 30, 2015 at his home from 2:00 to 6:00 PM, to share the many good times and fond memories.



**DENNIS F. PIGNEY** - Died Tuesday, August 25, 2015 at his home in Davenport, Iowa at the age of 70. The cause of death is unknown. Dennis was born on October 25, 1944 in Huron, South Dakota to the late Charles Vern and Kathryn (née Heiny) Pigney. He served in Vietnam with the United States Army – 86<sup>th</sup> Battalion, A Company. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Bettendorf Chapter #776**. He was a journeyman plumber, as well as a craftsman in many other trades. Lately, in the Quad-Cities area, he was a hydraulic specialist and salesman. He loved to visit with friends and acquaintances, both from Huron and other areas of the country. He enjoyed spending time with his two sons, his grandchildren and traveling abroad. He is survived by his sons, John Sorensen, Odessa, Texas, and Gary Pigney, Yankton, S.D.; nine grandchildren; numerous nieces and nephews; and a brother, Gary J. Montana, Osseo, Wis. He is preceded in death by his parents, Charles Vern and Kathryn Pigney, Blunt; and his daughter, Lisa Lynn Pigney. Memorial services were at 10:00 AM on Monday, August 31<sup>st</sup>, at the Runge Mortuary. Burial was at a later date in Blunt, South Dakota where he was laid to rest next to his parents.

**DANIEL “Dan” RAINES** – Died recently in 2015 in Nashville, Tennessee at the age of 64. The cause of death is unknown. He was born July 21, 1950. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Madison Chapter #953**.



**JUAN ALFONSO RAMIREZ** - Died Monday, November 9, 2015 in El Paso, Texas at the age of 68. The cause of death was a stroke and a heart attack. He was born on October 30, 1947 in El Paso, Texas to the late Manuel Rivera and Julia Ramirez. He is survived by his wife, Maria G. Ramirez; his sons, Jose J. Ramirez and Marco A. Ramirez; his daughter, Lydia V. Ramirez; his brother, Juan Manuel Balderaz; his sisters, Gloria F. De La Cruz and Anna Maria Ortiz, and; his grandchildren, Ava M. Alfaro and Evan Alfaro. He served in the United States Navy from July 1967 to April 1971 with a tour in Vietnam from 1967 to 1968. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – El Paso Chapter #574**. Visitation was from 5:00 to 9:00 PM on Sunday, November 15, 2015 at the Hillcrest Funeral Home-Carolina with a Vigil Service at 7:00 PM. The Funeral Mass was at 10:00 AM on Monday, November 16, 2015 at San Antonio De Padua Catholic Church. Interment was in the Fort Bliss National Cemetery. Services were under the direction of Hillcrest Funeral Home, 1060 Carolina, El Paso, Texas.



**MICHAEL E. "Mike" RIGNEY** - Died Friday, September 11, 2015 in Marlborough, Massachusetts after a courageous battle with multiple myeloma cancer. He was 65 years of age. He was born in Marlborough to the late Edward F. and Mildred P. (née Campbell) Rigney and was a 1968 graduate of Marlborough High School. He graduated from Quinsigimond Community College in 1978 with an Associate's Degree in Criminal Justice and later from Fitchburg State College with a Bachelor's Degree in Human Services. He was the husband of Betty A. (née Bourgoine) Rigney for the past 44 years. Mike was a United States Army Veteran of the Vietnam War, serving as a helicopter pilot, and he received the Distinguished Flying Cross, Bronze Star and the Air Medal. In 1972 he began his 32-year career in law enforcement with the City of Marlborough Police Department, retiring in 2004 with the rank of Lieutenant. Mike was a past-president of the Marlborough Police Patrolmans' Union from 1978-1988. He enjoyed camping at Swanzey Lake in New Hampshire with his family, captaining his pontoon boat, enjoying a fine cigar and playing friendly games of poker. Mike was an avid Patriots fan and spent many years tailgating with family and friends. Mike loved the game of football, coaching Marlborough Pop Warner and at Marlborough High School over the years. He and his wife Betty enjoyed traveling and especially loved ocean cruises. He was a member of the Vietnam Helicopter Pilots Association, the Distinguished Flying Cross Society, as well as a number of other veterans groups. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Cumberland (Maryland) Chapter #172**. He will be remembered as a proud, loyal, committed, determined man. He was devoted to his family and affectionately called Baba by his five grandchildren. Besides his wife he leaves his son, Richard B. Rigney and his wife, Abigail of Barre, MA; his daughter Sally A. Rigney of Marlborough; a brother William Rigney and his wife, Diane of Marlborough; a sister Barbara Rebeiro and her husband, Ronald of Haverhill; five grandchildren, Noah, Madeleine, Andrew and Jillian, all of Barre and Jackson, of Marlborough; and many nephews and nieces. A funeral service was held on Tuesday, September 15 at 10:30 AM in the Fitzgerald and Collins Funeral Home ([www.collinsfuneral.com](http://www.collinsfuneral.com)), 378 Lincoln Street, Marlborough. Burial with Military honors was held at 1:00 PM in the Massachusetts Veterans Memorial Cemetery, 111 Glenallen Street, Winchendon, Massachusetts. Calling hours were held on Monday September 14<sup>th</sup> from 5:00-8:00 PM in the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the MGH Fund or the Multiple Myeloma Research Foundation.



**CHRISTOPHER CHARLES ROSE, M.D.** – Died Friday, January 19, 1996 in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania at the age of 48. The cause of death was brain cancer. He was born in Pittsburgh on December 26, 1947 to the late Gail Leroy Rose and Dorothea Margaret "Doris"

(née Lyons) Rose. He served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Liberty Bell (Philadelphia) Chapter #266**. He is interred in Butler County Memorial Park and Mausoleum in Butler, Pennsylvania.



**GEORGE KEITH ROSENBAUM** - Died Saturday, October 24, 2015 in Huntsville, Alabama at the age of 66. The cause of death was acute respiratory failure, lung cancer and acute renal failure. He was a native of Beckley, West Virginia born on June 23, 1949 to the late George William Rosenbaum and Irene Mary (née Watson) Rosenbaum. He was a resident of Madison County for many years. He retired from the United States Army with 24 years of honorable service to his country retiring at the rank of Sergeant First Class (E-7). He had a tour of duty in Vietnam from 1969 to 1970. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Decatur Chapter #1067**. Survivors include his wife, Joyce Rosenbaum; two sons, Daniel Proctor and Jeff Proctor; four grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; three brothers, Wesley Rosenbaum and wife: Debbie, Ronnie Rosenbaum and Tommy Rosenbaum and wife, Cathy; one sister, Diana Kaye Rosenbaum and several nieces and nephews. Visitation was on Tuesday from 6:00 PM until 8:00 PM at the Berryhill Funeral Home with a funeral service on Wednesday at 11:00 AM at the Berryhill Funeral Home Chapel. Burial was in the Valhalla Memorial Gardens.



**RONALD LESTER "Ron" ROYAL** - Died Friday, April 3, 2015 in his home in Fargo, North Dakota under the care of Hospice of the Red River Valley. He was 66 years of age. The cause of death was congestive heart failure contributing factors: atrial fibrillation, chronic disease, hypertension and valvular heart disease. He was born on November 23, 1948 in Sterling, Illinois to the late Horace and Veronica (née Rajnowski) Royal. Ron grew up and attended school in Anoka, Minnesota before the family moved to Dilworth, Minnesota in 1962, where he graduated from Dilworth High School in 1966. Ron married Lynette Romsland in Fargo, June 1, 1968 and enlisted in the United States Army in 1968 with a 13-month tour in Korea and was honorably discharged in 1971. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Mayville Chapter #374**. Ron and Lynette made their home in Fargo where they raised their two children. Ron owned and operated his own collection agency before switching careers. He worked 20 plus years with Shade Tree Service Company and Wright Tree Service Company trimming trees in the power lines for NSP/Xcel Energy until his early retirement in 2008. Ron enjoyed being outdoors and spending time down at the lake, where he would always have a bonfire burning. He also enjoyed fishing and deer hunting. Ron was an avid sports fanatic. He especially liked watching the Bison, the Vikings, and Nascar. Ron and Lynette enjoyed taking their yearly trips to Mexico and Jamaica with their friends Terry & Kathy. Jamaica was Ron's favorite. Ron loved his grandchildren and spending time with them. He will



forever be in our hearts. Ron is survived by his wife, Lynette; daughter, Jenni (Brian) Maloney, Fargo; grandchildren, Jade & Evan; brother, Mike, Fargo; daughter-in-law, Kristine Royal, Fargo; step-grandchildren, Brittany (Matt) Johnson, Fargo, TJ (Nora) Gaskill-Barsness, Portland, OR, Brandi (Jordan) Buermann, Fargo; step-great-grandchildren, Travis Jr., Riley, and Dylan Jane; brothers and sisters-in-law, Richard and Linda Romsland, Kansas City, MO, Robert and Sheila Romsland, Houston, TX, Sherrin and John Chowning, Gualala, CA, and Wendy Royal, Fargo. He is further survived by nieces, nephews, and many wonderful friends. Ron was preceded in death by his son, Jeffrey; his parents, his brother, Robert and brother and sister-in-law, Ronald & Linda Romsland. Ron's family would like to thank Hospice of the Red River Valley for their care and support.



**WILLIE LEE "Rut" RUTLEDGE** - Died in the Mountain Home VA Hospice Care Center on Thursday, November 12, 2015 following a brief illness at the age of 68. He was a resident of Mountain Home, Tennessee. The cause of death is unknown. Willie, the 9<sup>th</sup> of 13 children, was born on June 19, 1947 in the Boones Creek Community to the late James Paul and Kathleen (née Gay) Rutledge. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by five siblings, James S. and Donald A. Rutledge, Phyllis Rutledge Thompson, two newborn brothers, and beloved daughter, Natasha Danielle Rutledge. He was a member of the last graduating class of Langston High School which closed in 1965. While attending school, he was active in athletics and excelled as a football and basketball player. Following graduation he joined the United States Air Force and continued his service to his country. Upon his honorable discharge, he earned the rank of Master Sergeant (E-8) as a member of the Air Reserve Corps. Willie settled in Peoria, Illinois where he was employed by Caterpillar for 28 1/2 years. Having never lost his love for East Tennessee, he returned to Johnson City in 2000 and actively pursued his hobbies of fishing, gardening, and cooking. He was a member of Mt. Olive Baptist Church, Johnson City, Tennessee since childhood. His mission became the veterans at the Mountain Home VA Center and over the years a ministry developed with those in AA where he led Bible Studies and other outreach programs. His involvement there required him to literally go into the streets of the community in order to minister to those in need. He humbly and diligently followed this "call upon his life" until his death. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Elizabethton Chapter #824**. Those left to cherish his memory include: two sons, Marcus Rutledge, Peoria, Illinois, and Sean D. Rutledge, Johnson City; two brothers, Cecil E. Rutledge (Clara Faye) and Paul L. Rutledge, Johnson City; five sisters, Peggy Rutledge Warlix (Charles), Springfield Gardens, NY; Georgia Rutledge Thomas, Washington, DC; Carolyn Rutledge Knaff-Yett, Johnson City; Vanessa Rutledge Babb, Jonesborough; Deborah Rutledge Smith (Bernard), Charlotte, NC, and; several aunts, grandchildren, nieces, nephews, and cousins. Visitation was on Monday, November 16, 2015 between 11:30 AM and 12:30 PM at the Birchette Mortuary. Graveside Services were held at the Mountain Home National Cemetery at 1:00 PM. Professional Services were provided by the Birchette Mortuary Inc., 219 East Millard Street.

**LARRY LYNN “Larro” SAMSEL** - Died Tuesday, October 6, 2015 in Morristown, Tennessee at the age of 66. The cause of death was heart disease. He was born October 1, 1949 in Rutledge, Tennessee to Bobbie Samsel and the late Wavie Samsel. Larry spent the majority of his work career as an employee of the Hamblen County Sherriff's Department, followed by several years at the U.S. Federal Court House in Knoxville. He was a lifelong member of First Baptist Church, Bean Station, served his country in the United States Army, a Vietnam Veteran with the 11<sup>th</sup> Armored Cavalry Regiment. He was a life member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, and a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America - Morristown Chapter #1073**, Disabled American Veterans and a member of the American Legion. He served for several years with the VFW Honor Guard Post #5266. He was also a member of the Tate Springs Masonic Lodge. Larry was preceded in death by his father, Wavie Samsel; grandparents, Ozra Crews, Tom and Alice Samsel; niece, Shaylynn Brooks. He leaves behind his wife of 33 years, Carlene Samsel; his mother, Bobbie Samsel; his children, Krista Samsel Woodfin and husband, Daryl, Kristi Prince and husband, Tony; Melissa Holcomb, and husband Jonathan; Kenny Cobble, and wife Meghan; his grandchildren, Taylor Sarvis, Mark Holcomb, Eli Cobble and Casey Cobble; his brothers, Garry Samsel and wife, Brenda and J.W. Samsel and wife, Ana; sister, Becky Johnson and husband, Rick; his nieces, Leslie Thomas, Jennifer Samsel, Jamie Samsel and Hannah Hopper; his nephew, Caleb Johnson, and; many extended family members; much loved church family; wonderful friends and neighbors; beloved pets, Lucy Grace and Stella. A very special thank you is extended to all of the doctors, nurses and health care providers at the Veterans Administration and Vanderbilt Hospital, who worked so tirelessly to provide the best care possible during Larry's extended illness. Visitation with the family was on Sunday, October 11<sup>th</sup> from 5:00 to 8:00 PM at the Mayes Family Services, Downtown Chapel followed by a celebration of life service at 8:00 PM with the Reverend Derek Drummonds and the Reverend Tommy Muncey, co-officiating. Graveside services were at 2:00 PM on Monday, October 12<sup>th</sup> at the Hamblen Memory Gardens with military honors provided by the VFW Honor Guard Post #5266. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Daily Bread, Morristown Hamblen Humane Society or any charity of your choice.

**VIRGINIA “Ginnie” SAWCHUK** – Died Friday, December 11, 2015 in Henderson, Nevada. The cause of death is unknown. She is survived by her husband, Steven Sawchuk. She was a *Life Member* of **Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America – Las Vegas Chapter #17** and was also the **AVVA Regional Director**. Her memorial service was on January 2, 2016 at 2:00 PM at the Davis Funeral Home, 6200 South Eastern Avenue, Las Vegas, Nevada. A gathering and life celebration followed at the VVA Chapter #17 Hall.

**DOMINICK SCOPELLITI** - Died Tuesday, September 29, 2015 in West Harrison, New York at the age of 71. The cause of death was Agent Orange-related cancer, leukemia. He was born October 2, 1943 in Reggio Calabria, Italy to the late Francesco and Maria Scopelliti. Dominick was a veteran of the United States Army during Vietnam. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Pleasantville Chapter #49**. On August 31, 1969 he married Josephine Fucale at Mount Carmel Church in White Plains, New York. He was a mason working for over 30 years and also owned a Pepperidge Farms Bread Route for 10 years. He was an avid bowler and loved his garden. He also enjoyed cruises and trips to Saint Martin with his family. Besides

his wife Josephine of W. Harrison, he is survived by his children, Frank (Amanda) Scopelliti of Thornwood and Anthony Scopelliti and his fiancée Renee of W. Harrison, his sisters Rina Evangelista, Franca Aversa and Rose Carone, all of W. Harrison and his brother Louie Scopelliti of Fairfield, CT. Also surviving is his granddaughter Ava Rose Scopelliti. Visitation was on Thursday from 5:00-9:00 PM. A Mass of Christian Burial was on Friday at 10:00 AM at Saint Anthony of Padua Church. Entombment was in the Ferncliff Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, please make donations to the Leukemia & Lymphoma Society, 1311 Mamaroneck Avenue, Suite #130, White Plains, NY 10605.



**WARREN N. SCOVILLE** - Died Thursday, May 7, 2015 in London, Kentucky at the age of 75. The cause of death was a self-inflicted gunshot wound. He was born in London, Kentucky on February 3, 1940 to the late Chester and Elgene Lewis Gross Scoville. In addition to his parents, he was also predeceased by his sister, Barbara Harper. Along with his loving wife, Anna Gray Scoville, he leaves behind three children, Hailey Scoville Bonham and husband Jason, Morgan Flinner and husband Michael, and Alexandria Noble Scoville; three sisters, Sophia Pope, Billie Ray Killen, and Margaret Nottingham; four grandchildren, Addison, Ethan, Samantha and Grant, plus a host of other family and friends to mourn his passing. He attended prep school at Columbia, Tennessee, and graduated with honors. He attended and graduated from the University of Kentucky with a Bachelor's Degree and received his legal education from the University of Louisville (J.D. 1976). While at the University of Louisville, Brandeis School of Law, Mr. Scoville was on the dean's list and served in the student government. He served as an officer and Naval aviator in the United States Navy from 1962 to 1967, flying combat support missions in Vietnam. He flew for Pan American World Airways as a pilot from 1967 to 1974. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – London Chapter #1050**. In 1977 he joined the Scoville Firm, one of the oldest family law firms in continual existence in Kentucky, and was the senior attorney. Scoville was regarded as one of the leading trial lawyers in Kentucky and has the highest rating possible (AV) by Martindale-Hubbell. He was licensed to practice in all Federal Courts, including the Supreme Court of the United States and all Courts in Kentucky. He had represented hundreds of clients in Laurel County and Kentucky as well as several prominent clients, including Leona Helmsley of New York and former Kansas City Royals baseball player, Lonnie Smith. Scoville had been awarded several jury award verdicts in civil cases in excess of one million dollars and had been selected as a member of the 'Million Dollar Advocates Forum' of trial lawyers in the United States. He had been prominent in the Republican Party of Kentucky, having served on the Executive Committee of the state's Central Committee for more than 20 years and had been a delegate to three Republican National Conventions, serving on the Platform Committee in 1988. He also served as Chairman of the Republican State Convention and as Finance Chairman of the Republican Party of Kentucky. The funeral service was conducted at 11:30 AM on Monday, May 11<sup>th</sup>, at The Creek Church in London with the Reverend Billy Joe Lewis and the Reverend Trevor Barton co-officiating. Burial was in the Mill Springs National Cemetery in Nancy, Kentucky. The family received friends beginning at 9:30 AM until the funeral hour, also on Monday at The Creek Church. The

pallbearers were Darrell Turner, Honorable R.W. Dyche III, Hon. Danny Evans, Fred Yaden, Hon. Jackie Steele and Judge John Chappell. Honorary pallbearers were members of the Laurel County Bar Association. In lieu of flowers, the family respectfully requested donations be made to the Laurel County Homeless Shelter, 220 East 4<sup>th</sup> Street, London, KY, 40741.



**FRANK JOSEPH SHANNON** - Died Sunday, August 16, 2015 in Baltimore, Maryland at the age of 63. The cause of death was cancer. He was born on July 9, 1952. He was the beloved husband of Barbara "Bobbi" Shannon; devoted father of Nicole Shannon, Frank C. Shannon and his wife Gloria, Fred A. Dillon and his partner Jeanne Bosley and Steven W. Dillon and his partner Mindy Hansen, and; also survived by 8 grandchildren. He served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Baltimore Chapter #451**. Friends came calling at the family-owned Bruzdinski Funeral Home P.A., 1407 Old Eastern Avenue, Essex at Route 702 (Beltway exit 36) on Wednesday from 3:00 to 5:00 PM and from 7:00 to 9:00 PM. Funeral services were on Thursday at 11:00 AM. Entombment was in Holly Hill Memorial Gardens. In memory of Frank, the family requested that a donation be made to the R Adams Cowley Shock Trauma Director's Nursing Fund or the Marlene and Stewart Greenebaum Cancer Center Thoracic Surgery / Oncology Fund.

**JAMES WENDELL SKAGGS** - Died Monday, October 26, 2015 at the Hospice Inpatient Care Center in Louisville, Kentucky at the age of 71. He was a resident of Upton, Kentucky. The cause of death was bladder cancer and diabetes. He was born in Hart County, Kentucky on June 10, 1944 to Howard and Elizabeth Lucille (née Bailey) Skaggs, of Upton. He was a retired telephone technician for GTE and Verizon. He was a member of Upton United Methodist Church. He was a United States Army veteran and a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America - Elizabethtown Chapter #1051**. He is survived by his loving wife, Marsha Harper Skaggs of Upton; his parents, Howard and Elizabeth Lucille Bailey Skaggs of Upton; two sons, Stephen (Tana) Skaggs of Newburg, Indiana, and Wendell (Mitzi) Skaggs of Cecilia; three sisters, Imogene Warren of Magnolia, Eloise Phillips of Horse Cave and Mellony Skaggs of Hodgenville; a brother, Gerald Skaggs of Tennessee; and four grandchildren, Jesse Skaggs, Derric Skaggs, Kyle Goebel and Evan Goebel. The funeral was at 2:00 PM on Thursday, October 29<sup>th</sup>, at the Upton United Methodist Church with the Reverend Becci Loy and the Reverend Brent Loy co-officiating. Burial was in the Campground United Methodist Church Cemetery with full military honors. Visitation was from 2:00 to 8:00 PM on Wednesday at Manakee Funeral Home in Upton and continued at 10:00 AM on Thursday at the church. Condolences may be expressed at [www.manakeefuneralhome.com](http://www.manakeefuneralhome.com).

**JAMES L. SMITH** – Died Sunday, September 28, 2014 in Vincent, Alabama at the age of 67. The cause of death was multiple myeloma and pneumonia. He was born in New York State on July 14, 1941. He served in the United States Navy from September 21, 1960 to July 25, 1964 during the Vietnam-era. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Gardendale Chapter #416**.



**CHUCKSEY CHARLES LEONARD COWAN SPOTTS** - Died Monday, November 2, 2015 at home in Horseheads, New York surrounded by his loving family after a courageous battle with cancer. He was 68 years of age. Chucksey was born June 1, 1947 in Elmira, New York to the late Boyd and Mary (née Cowan) Spotts. He is survived by his loving wife of 47 years, Barbara (née Kosloski) Spotts; his daughters and sons-in-law, Kelly and Mike Burt and Katy and Darren Ascone; his grandsons, Maximilian and Mason Keagle, Brandon Burt; his granddaughters, Bella and Lilly Ascone; his brothers and sisters-in-law, Bud and Diane Spotts and William and Sherry Spotts; his nieces and nephews, Mary Ann and Mark Callahan (Chloe and Ethan), Beau and Shannon Spotts (Ronnie), Amy and Lance Clements (Brock), and; several aunts, uncles, cousins, and a host of caring friends. Chucksey graduated from Elmira Free Academy in 1965. He enrolled in college but was drafted into the United States Army in 1966 and served in Vietnam where he was awarded a Purple Heart in 1967. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Elmira Chapter #803**. Upon his return from military service in 1968, he graduated from Elmira College and taught in the Elmira City School District for 33 years. During that time, he touched many young lives not only in the classroom but also through sports activities. He devoted countless hours as the Girls Cross Country, winter and spring track coach at SHS from 1982 - 2002. He took pride in his teams and individual athletes who won numerous regional and state titles. Chuck enjoyed many activities, and was an avid snowboarder, runner, biker, rock climber and kayaker. He was inducted into the Chemung County Sports Hall of Fame in 2011. After retirement, Chuck worked with his brothers Bud and Bill in helping to build dozens of new homes in the Southern Tier. Chuck was true to his Scottish heritage. He and his wife, Barbara, joined the Caledonian Highlanders Pipe Band and participated in many marches and shows. He was a true believer in the adage "practice makes perfect" and was often seen walking around his neighborhood while playing his bagpipes. Chucksey was an avid dog lover and, over the years, enjoyed the companionship of his two devoted rottweilers, Burton and Jake. Family and friends were invited to call at the Lynch Funeral Home, 318 West Broad Street, Horseheads, New York on Thursday, November 5, 2015 from 2:00-4:00 PM and 6:00-8:00 PM. Chucksey's Funeral Services were held immediately following calling hours at 8:00 PM with Deacon Dan Hurley Officiating. In lieu of flowers, those wishing, may remember Chuck through donations to the Vietnam Veterans War Museum 1200 Davis Street, Elmira, NY 14901. A private burial service was held at the Woodlawn National Cemetery at the convenience of the family where full Military Honors were accorded. Words of Comfort and condolences may be expressed at [www.lynchsfuneralhome.com](http://www.lynchsfuneralhome.com).

**KENNETH CRAIG "Ken" STONE** – Died Thursday, September 17, 2015 in Elmira, New York at the age of 77. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on August 9, 1938. He was predeceased by his daughter, Lori Jean Stone on May 20, 2010 and his loving wife, Bonnie Jean Stone on July 30, 2015. Ken is survived by his beloved granddaughters: Tara (Steve) Costley, Chylene (Brian) Adamy, Katrina Hardiman; grandson and best buddy: Kyle Hardiman; great grandchildren: Logan, and Ally Adamy; Drew, Jade and Hayli Costley; step-brother, Jon Stone of Fort Worth, TX. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Elmira Chapter #803**. Family and friends were invited to attend Graveside Services on Monday, September 21, 2015 in the Fitzsimmons Cemetery (intersection

of Cedar Street and Maple Avenue) at 2:00 PM. Lay Pastor John P. Knapp officiated. Military Honors were accorded Ken by the Chemung County Honor Guard and the Vietnam Veterans of America - Chapter #803 of which Ken is a past-President and member of the Honor Guard. Arrangements were entrusted to the Olthof Funeral Home, Inc., 1050 Pennsylvania Avenue, Elmira/Southport, NY. Ken's guestbook may be signed in obituaries at [www.olthof.com](http://www.olthof.com).



**JOSEPH SZUMSKI, JR.** - Died Wednesday, October 14, 2015 in Blythewood, South Carolina at the age of 66. The cause of death is unknown. He was born December 24, 1948 in Brooklyn, New York. Joseph is survived by his son, Russell Szumski; daughter, Dawn (Michael) Szumski-Chiauzzi; brother, John Szumski; sister, Deborah (David) Gillie and his loving nieces, friends and extended family. Joseph was a loving father, brother, uncle and friend to all. Joseph was a United States Army War Veteran and a retired North Carolina State Trooper, who loved and served both his country and community with dedication, pride and honor. He was an *At-Large Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – North Carolina**. He enjoyed sports, particularly his years of playing baseball and football during his childhood years in Brooklyn NY. Joseph was always there to help family members or friends that may were in need. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to [support.woundedwarriorproject.org](http://support.woundedwarriorproject.org) or mailed to Wounded Warrior Project, PO Box 758517, Topeka, KS 66675. A graveside service was held at 3:00 PM on Wednesday, October 21, 2015 at Fort Jackson National Cemetery with military honors. Please sign the online guest book at [www.kornegayandmoseley.com](http://www.kornegayandmoseley.com).

**MICHAEL LAWRENCE “Mike” TEETER** - Died Friday, March 27, 2015 at Vanderbilt Hospital in Nashville, Tennessee at the age of 67. The cause of death is unknown. He was born August 10, 1947, in Zanesville, Ohio. Mike was a 1965 graduate of New Lexington High School. Mike volunteered to join the combat forces of the United States Marine Corps during the height of the Vietnam War and was twice awarded the Purple Heart. Mike suffered from myriad health issue for decades, many of which he attributed to his exposure to Agent Orange while in Vietnam. Mike’s service with and to veterans remained a lifelong cause as demonstrated by his membership in the VFW, the American Legion, AMVETS Post #1776, the Rolling Thunder, and his tenure as the State Treasurer of Tennessee of the Disabled American Veterans (DAV), Treasurer of his Local Chapter of DAV in Nashville, Treasurer and Board of Directors Member and *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Madison Chapter #953**. In his leisure time, Mike loved riding his Harley – often with others in the Harley Owners Group (HOG), playing golf, shooting pool and listening to the Blues. Mike’s love of and excellence in baseball reached its pinnacle when Mike was inducted into the Perry County Baseball Hall of Fame. A former underground coal miner, Mike went on to earn his Bachelor’s Degree from Western Kentucky University in Bowling Green, Kentucky. Following his graduation, Mike worked as a financial analyst for EDS, a multinational information & technology company and subsidiary of GM. Thereafter, Mike worked as a financial planner for the Saturn Company at its corporate headquarters in Spring Hill, Tennessee, where he organized and ran a billiards league for several years. Mike is survived by his mother, Evelyn Cotterman of New Lexington, Ohio, his son, Michael Zane Teeter of Murfreesboro, Tennessee, Zane’s mother, Jeanne Herrin Teeter of



Murfreesboro, Tennessee, his wife, Trang of Hendersonville, Tennessee, his step-sons, Bill and Boone of Hendersonville, Tennessee, his brother and sister-in-law, Dave Cotterman and Paula Hatem Cotterman of New Lexington, Ohio, his sister, Lisa Cotterman Green of Shepherdstown, West Virginia, his sister and brother-in-law, Ruth Teeter Crawford and Marcus Crawford of Grovetown, Georgia, his step-sister and her husband, Connie Teeter Montag and Ken Montag of Bremen, Ohio, his cousins, Ted Stimmel (Judy) of New Lexington, Ohio and Evelyn "Puz" Stimmel Moyer (Don) of Zanesville Ohio, his nieces, Jessica T. Green Miller (Brian) of San Francisco, California, Rachel Cotterman Smith (Todd) of Middleburg Heights, Ohio, Camran Contanzarite (Jacob) of Denver, Colorado, Kathryn Barnett of Murfreesboro, Tennessee, and Michelle Craig of Bremen, Ohio, and his nephew, Christopher Mulliss. Mike was preceded in death by his father, Samuel Teeter, his maternal grandmother, Freda Stimmel, his maternal grandfather, Franklin Seymour Stimmel and his paternal grandparents, Earl and Ruth Teeter. Befitting of his military service, a burial procession was escorted by Rolling Thunder to the Middle Tennessee State Veterans Cemetery where Mike's body was interred. Memorial contributions in honor of Mike are welcome and may be directed to: Disabled American Veterans Charity in care of the DAV, 6<sup>th</sup> and Un Bldg G22, Nashville, TN 37243 and Operation Stand Down TN, 1125 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue S, Nashville, TN 37203.



**BRUCE "Ducky Commander" "Custer" THOMSON** - Died at home in Santa Rosa, California on Sunday, November 8, 2015 at the age of 67. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Newark, New Jersey on February 28, 1948 to the late Raymond and Julia Thomson and raised in Fair Lawn, New Jersey and moved to Sonoma County, California in 1979. Bruce was a veteran of the United States Army, 10<sup>th</sup> Cavalry, 4<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division, Vietnam Veteran, awarded two Purple Hearts, Vietnam Service Ribbon, National Defense Ribbon, Vietnam Campaign Ribbon and Vietnam Gallantry Ribbon. Bruce dedicated his time helping veterans in any way he could, especially by raising money selling rubber ducks ("Buck a Duck"). He was an *At-Large Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – California**. Bruce worked for the U.S. Post Office for 19 years and retired in 2001. He was a beloved friend of Bill W. for 12 years. Bruce is preceded in death by his parents, Raymond and Julia, and his brother, Raymond (Buddy). He is survived by his wife of 44 years, Diane Thomson of Santa Rosa; sons, Ian (Shannon) Thomson of Cotati and Shane Thomson of Santa Rosa; grandson, Drew Thomson of Cotati; and nieces, nephews and sister-in-law of New Jersey. Friends and family were invited to attend a visitation, Thursday, November 12<sup>th</sup>, from 4:00 - 8:00 PM, with a Rosary at 6:00 PM at the Eggen & Lance Chapel, Santa Rosa. A funeral service was held on Friday, November 13<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 AM at the Santa Rosa Veterans Memorial Building, 1351 Maple Avenue, Santa Rosa, followed by military honors at the Santa Rosa Memorial Park. A reception was held following the burial at the Veterans Memorial Building. Memorial contributions may be made to Vet Connect of Santa Rosa or North County Hospice. Santa Rosa Mortuary Eggen and Lance Chapel were in charge of the arrangements.

**RON THURMAN** – Died Sunday, February 20, 2011 in Lovelock, Nevada at the age of 60. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Lone Pine, California on December 30, 1950. He served in the United States Marine Corps from 1968 to 1970. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Lovelock Chapter #834**.

**JAMES DAVE TUCKER** – Died Tuesday, October 20, 2015 in Lawton, Oklahoma at the age of 85. The cause of death is unknown. He was born August 14, 1930 in Laurel, Mississippi. He served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War from July 19, 1968 to July 31, 1973 with a tour of duty in Vietnam from July 5, 1970 to July 3, 1971. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Lawton Chapter #751**.



**RUFUS L. TURNER** - Died Saturday, May 23, 2015 in Nashville, Tennessee at the age of 76. The cause of death is unknown. He was born June 14, 1938. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Madison Chapter #953**. He is survived by devoted and loving wife, Johnnie M. Turner; step-sons, Darryl (Linda) Bennett, Michael (Suzanne) Bennett; step-daughter, Angela (Timothy) Shine, Columbus, MS; niece (daughter), Sharon Turner, Fredricksburg, MD; grandchildren; sisters, Sylvia (Roosevelt) Westmoreland, Hendersonville, TN, Dorothy (Robert) McQueen, Millry, AL; brothers, Joseph Turner, Millry, AL, Marvin (Angela) Turner, Millry, AL; aunt, Lela Bearden, Sumner, MS; many nieces, nephews, adopted sons, daughters, relatives and friends. Viewing was on Friday, 12:00-5:00 PM with memory service from 5:00-6:00 PM at the funeral home. Visitation was on Saturday from 10:00-11:00 AM with the funeral at the Ephesians Primitive Baptist Church, 1506 22<sup>nd</sup> Avenue North with Dr. L. Fitzgerald as the Eulogist.



**NICHOLAS "Nicky" VASSALLO** - Died Thursday October 1, 2015 at his home in Hammonton, New Jersey at the age of 80. The cause of death is unknown. He was born and raised in Landisville, New Jersey in 1935 to the late Dominick and Angelina Vassallo. In addition to his parents, he was also predeceased by his wife Rose (née Frassetto) and his brother Carmen. After meeting the love of his life, Rose he moved to Hammonton and lived there for many years. Nicky formerly worked for Hess Trucking Company. He was an avid hunter and longtime member of the Boot Hill Gunning Club. Nicky was a member of Hammonton American Legion, The Moose Lodge and the Teamsters Local Union #776. He was a member of **Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America – Egg Harbor Township Chapter #825**. He enjoyed spending time with his family, and playing cards with friends. He leaves behind: Minnie Gilliam (Sister) and her husband Richard of Buena, Dominick Vassallo of

Vineland, Raymond Vassallo and his wife Judy of Landisville, Eleanor Piedmonte of Stuart, Florida, and George W. Vassallo and his wife June of Landisville. He will be sadly missed by many nieces, nephews, great nieces and great nephews. Family and friends were invited to attend his viewing on Wednesday from 9:30 AM until 11:00 AM at Saint Mary of Mount Carmel Parish - St. Joseph Church 3<sup>rd</sup> and French Streets Hammonton, NJ. A Mass of Christian Burial was held at 11:00 AM. Burial was at the Holy Sepulchre Cemetery 124 South First Road, Hammonton, NJ. Arrangements were entrusted to the Marinella Funeral Home 102 North 3<sup>rd</sup> Street, Hammonton, NJ. In lieu of flowers, please make a donation to a VFW Post of your choice.



**GEORGE J. VESEY** - Died Monday, February 23, 2015 at the Aristacare at Norwood Terrace in Plainfield, New Jersey at the age of 68. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on November 14, 1946 in Newark, New Jersey to the late William and Stella Vesey and grew up in Colonia and spent the majority of his life living in Union County. George was a wonderful caring and loving father and friend and was dearly loved by his two children. George was a ticket agent with Eastern Airlines at Newark Airport for over 20 years. He also worked for Polychrome Corporation in Clark, New Jersey, and did security guard work before retiring. George enjoyed painting, wood working, reading and watching documentaries, and sci-fi movies. During his Eastern years, he was an extra on the TV show Miami-Vice. He served during the Vietnam War with the 9<sup>th</sup> Infantry as a Sergeant from 1964-68 and was a decorated soldier. He was a member of the Disabled American Veterans Somerville Chapter #16, a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Flemington Chapter #452**. His genuine kindness, good hearted nature and thoughtfulness for others will be missed. In addition to his parents, he is also predeceased by his brothers William J. and Robert E. Vesey. George is survived by his beloved children William (Billy) Vesey and Aimée Vesey-Clavijo, son-in-law, Jorge Clavijo; his loving sister, Patricia Vouglas. In lieu of flowers the family requests that anyone who wishes that donations in the name of George J. Vesey may be made to the DAV (Disabled American Veterans) PO Box 14301 Cincinnati, OH 45250-0301.



**JAMES ROBERT "Jim" WALKER** (USN, CDR-Ret.) – Died Friday, February 6, 2015 in Reeds Spring, Missouri at the age of 76. He dies at his home on Table Rock Lake due to prostate cancer. Jim was born in Indianapolis, Indiana on September 21, 1938 to CJ and Henrietta Walker. He was the oldest of four siblings, Linda, Paula, and Joe. He graduated from Cathedral High School. Jim is survived by his wife, Barbara Preissel of New Britain, Connecticut, whom he married in 1999, twenty seven years after he met her in 1971; his three children, Seane Walters and husband, Carl, of Newton MS; Sherri Boatright and husband, Terry, of Talihina, OK; James Anderson Walker of Pensacola, FL and one grandson, James Wesley Walker, currently in the Air Force and a host of other relatives and friends. He was an enlisted aviation petty officer, attended NAPS and The United States Naval Academy (USNA) before going into the Naval Air

Preperatory School (NAVCAD) program. Jim spent twenty two years in the United States Navy as a Naval Aviator. He graduated the NAVCAD program and received his wings in 1961. He is a decorated Vietnam Veteran where he was a Seawolf -gunship pilot (HAL3 Det 3) and received the Navy Cross. He also received two Purple Hearts, the Distinguished Flying Cross, thirty two Air Medals, Navy Commendation Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal-Cuban Conflict, Republic of Vietnam Service Medal-four Campaign Stars, two Silver Stars and many more commendations. His medals will be on display at the National Navy Seal Museum and Memorial in Fort Pierce, FL. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Branson Chapter #913**. He graduated Christ for the Nations Bible School where he became a Chaplain in the Florida prison system. Jim and Barbara moved to Branson West in 2007 from California where every day he felt like he had already gone to heaven. Although he is a decorated Naval Officer he is best remembered for his love of God and country, a husband, a father, a grandfather, his sense of humor and a friend to many. A funeral service was held at 11:00 AM on Wednesday, February 11, 2015 in Ozark Mountain Assembly of God Church, Kimberling City, MO. Cremation was under the direction of Stumpff Funeral Home-South, Kimberling City, MO. He was interred in the Barrancas National Cemetery, Naval Air Station, Pensacola, FL. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Missions at Ozark Mountain Assembly of God, 55 Trail Ridge Road, Kimberling City, MO 65686.

**BUDDY CARL WARREN** - Died Sunday, October 18, 2015 at the North Mississippi Medical Center after an extended illness at the age of 66. He was a resident of Nettleton, Mississippi. The cause of death was cancer. He was born on January 31, 1949 in Shannon, Mississippi to the late W.O. and Beatrice (née Christopher) Warren. He was a lifelong resident of Nettleton, a retired employee of Eljer Plumbing in Verona, and a member of the Nettleton First Baptist Church. He was a Staff Sergeant (E-6) in the United States Army during the Vietnam War having received the Vietnam Service Medal with three Bronze Stars and the Purple Heart among other medals and commendations. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Tupelo Chapter #842**. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, and working in the yard. Services were at 11:00 AM on Tuesday at the Nettleton First Baptist Church with the Reverend Donald Pounders and the Reverend Jimmy Bryan co-officiating. Burial was in the Lee Memorial Park in Verona, Mississippi with full military rites. Tisdale-Lann Memorial Funeral Home in Nettleton were in charge of the arrangements. Survivors include his wife of 48 years, Nella Taylor Warren of Nettleton; one daughter, Wendy Warren Randolph (Richard) of Nettleton; two sisters, Betty Hawkes of Auburn and Sarah Lacaze of Tupelo; one granddaughter, Taylor Randolph; & several nieces and nephews. Honorary pallbearers will be the members of the Vietnam Veterans of America in Tupelo. He was preceded in death by his parents; one sister, Doris Williams; three brothers, Guy Wayne Warren, Victor Eugene Warren, and W.O. "Sonny" Warren, Jr. Memorial donations may be made the Vietnam Veterans of America, Chapter #842, P.O. Box 48, Tupelo, MS 38802. Visitation was on Monday at the Nettleton First Baptist Church from 5:00 until 8:00 PM.



**JOHN W. WEBB** - Died Sunday, September 13, 2015 of lung cancer at the age of 83.

He was a resident of Sheboygan, Wisconsin. He was born January 16, 1932 in Greenbush, Wisconsin, the son of the late Edith and Harold Webb. He attended Greenbush Grade School until 1941 when his family moved to Sheboygan and then attended US Grant School and was a graduate of Sheboygan North High School, Class of 1950. On November 1, 1952 John married the love of his life, Donna M. Graefe of Sheboygan Wisconsin at St. Luke United Methodist Church and they became partners in life and love in every way from that day forward and were able to celebrate their sixty-second wedding anniversary last November. After their marriage John was employed at Kohler Co. for a short time and then worked for the Chicago Northwestern Railroad for a number of years. On January 6, 1958 John was accepted at the Sheboygan County Sheriff's Department where he served for thirty-three years, retiring on January 6, 1991. He held many positions with the department as Deputy Sheriff, Sergeant, Lieutenant and Highway Safety Coordinator. On April 14, 1984 he was appointed to the position of sheriff by the governor due to the resignation of Sheriff Boeckmann. John ran successfully for election in 1984, 1986, and 1988 thereby serving for over six years as sheriff. He was awarded a number of citations for service to his community and to the law enforcement effort throughout Wisconsin. John had a varied military career starting as a junior in high school when he enlisted in the Wisconsin Army National Guard. He served seven years as an enlisted man and in 1956 he attended the infantry officer's basic course in Fort Benning, Georgia, commissioned as a second lieutenant. He resumed his duties with the National Guard until he left for Vietnam in 1967 where he assumed command of the 442<sup>nd</sup> Transportation Company. During his tour of duty in Vietnam he was moved up to the position of Battalion Staff Officer until he rotated back to the United States where he was assigned to Fort McCoy, Wisconsin and took over the position of commanding officer of the regular Army Headquarters Detachment. He was released from active duty in 1969 and returned to Sheboygan where he joined the local Army Reserve Unit. He served as battery commander for a short period of time and was promoted to major and was transferred to Milwaukee, WI to become a staff officer in the 3<sup>rd</sup> Brigade Field Artillery where he served until being promoted to the rank of Lieutenant Colonel and was reassigned back to Sheboygan to assume command of the 1<sup>st</sup> Battalion, 3<sup>rd</sup> Brigade Field Artillery for five years. He again was reassigned to the 84<sup>th</sup> Division as Inspector General for the next two years. He was promoted to the rank of full Colonel in 1980 and became the commanding officer of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Brigade until his retirement in 1982. John graduated from the United States Army Command and General Staff College, the Transportation Basic and Advanced Officer Schools and the Army Infantry School. He received many decorations including the Bronze Star, Meritorious Service Medal with three oak leaf clusters, Army Commendation Medal with oak leaf cluster, Vietnam Campaign Medal with three battle stars, Vietnam Service Medal, Army Achievement Medal, National Defense Medal and the Armed Forces Reserve Medal. John was active in many community activities. He was an active member Saint Luke United Methodist Church where he served as a Sunday school teacher for nineteen years, served on the board of trustees and other various committees. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Sheboygan Chapter #618**, the American Legion,

VFW Post #9156, the Sheboygan Noon Optimist Club, the Democratic Party, YMCA, Sheboygan Yacht Club, Los Ninos Project in Tijuana, Mexico, and the Snowbirds in Arizona. John and Donna enjoyed traveling around the world and seeing as much as possible for, in Donna's words, "There is so much to be seen." Trips were taken to Germany, England, Norway, Sweden, Russia, Austria, Holland, France, Spain, Thailand, India, Argentina, and Guatemala. John was a member of the local chapter of People to People which he enjoyed so much. Many of the trips were the result of hearing about places around the world and he wanted to see them. John and Donna's involvement began with the People to People Esslingen student exchange program. They hosted a German student for six months and their son returned to Germany for six months. That was the beginning of a long and steady stream of exchange students in their home, a total of nineteen students have lived with John and Donna. One of the greatest memories is that the second generation of students from the same families has arrived. This was a blessing to John who loved each and every one of them as his own. John and Donna have traveled to far off lands to visit each of their former students over the years. John says, "What a wonderful life this has been!" Survivors are his wife of sixty-two years, Donna; a foster daughter, Rhonda (Todd) Watson; grandsons, Brandon (Jessica) Watson, Skylar (Liz) Watson, Gabe Hawes; great-grandsons, Jordan Toller and Aviar Watson; cousins, nieces, nephews, and other relatives and friends. He was preceded in death by his son, John Michael in 1975 and a daughter, Anne Louise in 1996. Funeral services were held at 11:00 AM on Thursday, September 17, 2015 at Saint Luke United Methodist Church, 623 Ontario Avenue, Sheboygan, WI. Reverends Ric Olson and Kathy Reid were co-officiants. Full military honors were accorded him. Cremains were interred at the Wildwood Cemetery. A time of visitation and support was held at the church from 9:00 AM until the time of service. Memorials may be directed to Saint Luke UMC Trustees, Noon Optimist Back to School Basics, Vietnam Veteran's Association, or Sheboygan County Cancer Association.



**DAVID CHARLES WEIMERSKIRCH** - Died Sunday, August 16, 2015 at Bridge Hospice in Findlay, Ohio at the age of 67. He was a resident of Fostoria, Ohio. The cause of death is unknown. He was born December 28, 1947 in Fostoria, Ohio to the late Ralph and Helen (née Shook) Weimerskirch. He married Jennifer Hyte on January 20, 1987 in Fostoria, Ohio and she survives. Also surviving are his son, Jasen Weimerskirch of Fostoria; daughters, Christine Weimerskirch of Fostoria and Mindy (Mitch) Ary of Findlay; brothers, James (Claudia) Weimerskirch of Ft. Lauderdale, FL, Peter Weimerskirch of Ruskin, FL, Steve (Marianne) Weimerskirch of Port Clinton, Tim (Jacquie) Weimerskirch of Findlay and Gary (Betsy) Weimerskirch of Fostoria; sisters, Julie Kavanagh of Osprey, FL and Karen Matthews of Ft. Myers, FL; and grandchildren, Dylan, Weston, Mya, Alexis and Miles. Dave retired in 1996 as a setup man at Honeywell in Fostoria after 32 years of service. A 1965 graduate of Saint Wendelin High School, he was a United States Army veteran during the Vietnam War. He was a member of the Saint Wendelin Catholic Church and a member of the Fostoria AmVets. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Fostoria Chapter #440**. Funeral services were on Thursday,



August 20, 2015 at 11:00 AM at the Harrold-Floriana Funeral Home, Fostoria, Ohio with the Pastor Trevor Wright and Father Christopher Mileski co-officiating. Visitation was on Wednesday, August 19, 2015 from 2:00-4:00 PM and 6:00-8:00 PM at the funeral home. Burial was in Fountain Cemetery, Fostoria, Ohio, where Military Honors were conducted by the United Veterans of Fostoria. Memorial contributions may be made to Bridge Hospice in Findlay



**JOHN F. WILLIFORD** - Died Sunday evening, June 9, 2013 at the University of North Carolina Hospital in Chapel Hill, North Carolina at the age of 74. He was a resident of Dunn, North Carolina. The cause of death is unknown. He was born October 9, 1938 to the late Isaac and Bonnie (née Stewart) Williford. He was also predeceased by his brother-in-law, Bobby Wood. He was a Quality Control Inspector with Gulfstream Aerospace in Savannah, Georgia. He served in the United States Army for 24 years. He was awarded the Purple Heart along with many other service medals. He served as Commander of the American Legion Post #135 in Savannah Georgia for 10 years. He was a lifetime member of the VFW, the 40 & 8, a *Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America - Four Oaks Chapter #990* and Past President of the Parish Council of Hunter Army Air Field in Savannah, Georgia. He was also a member of Westfield Baptist Church. He is survived by his wife, Brenda L. Williford, sons; Tommy Lee and wife Christina, Michael Williford and wife Nancy, all of Dunn, daughter; Wanda Philligin and husband John of Fayetteville, sister Barbara Wood of Lexington, NC, two nieces; Beverly and Bonnie, nine grandchildren and three great grandchildren. The family received friends on Wednesday from 6:00 to 8:00 PM at the Skinner and Smith Funeral Home. A funeral service was held at 2:00 PM on Thursday at the Skinner and Smith Funeral Home with the Reverend Chris Cottingham officiating. Burial was in the Coats City Cemetery with military honors. Memorial contributions may be made to Westfield Baptist Church, 700 North Ashe Avenue, Dunn, North Carolina 28334. Online condolences and the Memorial Video may be viewed and made to [www.skinnerandsmith.com](http://www.skinnerandsmith.com) Skinner & Smith Funeral Home Dunn, NC 28334 910-892-2447 [www.skinnerandsmith.com](http://www.skinnerandsmith.com) Savannah Morning News June 13, 2013.



**JOSEPH JOHN WOOD** – Died Sunday, September 6, 2015 in Spokane, Washington at the age of 67. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Chateaugay, New York on August 29, 1948, the second son of the late Ambrose W. and Maryrita Wood (née Blair) Wood. When he was 17, his family moved to California. At 18 he enlisted in the United States Army and did a tour of duty in Vietnam where he sustained injuries and received a Purple Heart. Joe held two degrees, a B.S. in biology from the University of Montana and a B.S. in Psychology from the University of North Dakota. His jobs included forest technician from 1983 - 1987, working with old growth trees, a film director for Comcast Media, social worker specializing in working with mentally disturbed children and a veterans advocate writing grants. For enjoyment, Joe liked fishing and was an avid photographer and a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Spokane Valley Chapter #879**. Joe's real passion was writing, and he used those skills to publish articles (many were published in the Spokesman Review) about the pain and suffering that veterans go through and advocating on the behalf of veterans. Joe developed a

deep spiritual faith in his latter days. His love of God was strengthened through discussions during Bible Study. Joe was preceded in death by his parents Ambrose W. and Maryrita Wood (Blair) and his brother Ambrose J. Wood. He is survived by three daughters: Amy Wood, Beth Ihlman and Christine Griffin; two brothers: John and Tim Wood; sister Sharon (Frank) Wilson of Oregon; one sister-in-law Arleen Wood Blazon (Gil); five grandchildren: Rachel, Brynlee, Mason, Jacob and Gabriel and great-grandson Breken. A Rosary was held at Saint Peter Catholic Church on Thursday, September 24, 2015 at 6:00 PM. A Memorial Service was held at Saint Peter Catholic Church on Friday, September 25, 2015 at 11:00 AM, with a reception to follow. Inurnment and Honor Guard ceremony was in the Washington State Veterans Cemetery, 21702 West Espanola Road, Medical Lake, WA 99022 on Monday, September 28, 2015 at 11:00 AM. Memorial contributions may be made to the Veterans Community Living Center located at the Spokane Veterans Hospital. The Wood family would like to thank Father Mee and the Veterans Community Living Center for the loving physical and spiritual care.



**MICHAEL D. ZENISEK** - Died at home in Wheaton, Illinois on Tuesday, October 20, 2015 surrounded by his family at the age of 68. The cause of death was pancreatic cancer. He was born September 1, 1947 in Chicago, Illinois to the late James and Shirley Zenisek. Mike grew up in Downers Grove and graduated from Downers Grove High School. He enlisted in the United States Army and served in Germany and Vietnam. He received a purple heart, Vietnam Combat Medal, Good Conduct Medal, Vietnam Service Medal and the Army Commendation Medal. He served with Company B 504th Military Police Battalion and in the elite criminal investigation division (CID). After Vietnam he returned home and became a Deputy for the DuPage County Sheriff's Department. He coordinated the Crime-Stoppers, served on the accreditation committee, and he retired as a detective in the warrants and fugitive apprehension division. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Des Plaines Chapter #311**. He was a fan of sports, especially the White Sox and Blackhawks. He was a vice-president of the Flames Hockey Association, served on the NIHL suspension committee, and was an active hockey Dad. He was also involved with the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Post #6791 in West Chicago and a member of the American Legion Post at Cantigny, Wheaton. He loved attending yearly reunions of the 504<sup>th</sup> Vietnam MP Battalion in October. He enjoyed woodworking, model railroading, and repairing his cars. He also enjoyed following NHRA drag racing. Boy Scouting was an important part of his life. He served as a scoutmaster and earned adult badges and was awarded the Order of the Arrow and Silver Beaver. He was camp director for Camp Freeland Leslie in Oxford, Wisconsin for 4 years with his youngest son Andrew. He continued in scouting, helping scouts earn their Eagle Badges. He had a great sense of humor and a quick wit. He loved to share his love of food with others. He is survived by his wife, Christina Zenisek, three children, James (Anna) Zenisek of Wheaton, Michelle Zenisek of Wheaton, and Specialist Andrew Zenisek, stationed in Germany, three grandchildren, Bella, Layla and Reed, two sisters, Karen Ocon of Colorado and Linda (Rick) Drapak of Carol Stream, and two nieces, Jenna and Amanda. He was preceded in death by his parents, and one brother, Peter. A visitation was held on Sunday, October 25, 2015 from 2:00 PM until 8:00 PM at the

Hultgren Funeral Home, 304 North Main Street, Wheaton, Illinois, where a funeral service was held on Monday, October 26<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 AM. Interment was in the Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery in Elwood, Illinois at 1:30 PM. Memorial gifts may be directed to the Midwest Shelter for Homeless Veterans, 433 South Carlton Avenue, Wheaton, IL 60187 or the family.

**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