

VIETNAM VETERANS OF AMERICA

Office of the National Chaplain

L. J. "Sarge" ADAMS - Died Wednesday, December 2, 2009 in Loretta, Tennessee at the age of 75. The cause of death is unknown. He was born February 12, 1934. He is survived by his wife, Nell Adams, of the home. He served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Loretta Chapter #976**. The funeral will be at 1 p.m. today at Loreto Memorial Chapel, with burial in Restview Cemetery. Military honors will be accorded at graveside.

JOHN F. ARNETT - Died Sunday, January 17, 2010 in the Lawton-Fort Sill Veterans Center in Lawton, Oklahoma at the age of 75. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Sacramento, California May 12, 1934 to the late John and Ava (Cates) Arnett. He served in the United States Air Force from 1954 to 1962 and in the United States Army from 1962 to 1964. He received an honorable discharge while hospitalized in California due to service-related health problems. He was a *Permanently Hospitalized Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Lawton Chapter #751**. He was a motorcycle enthusiast for many years and also enjoyed photography and collecting coins and stamps. He is survived by two brothers and sisters-in-law, Carl and Betty Arnett, of New York and James and Luisa Arnett, of California; four sisters and two brothers-in-law, Jean Gaisler, of Arizona, JoAnn Bridges, of Washington, Betty and Rick Triolo, of Cache, Oklahoma and Patty and Lee Brooks, of Kentucky, and; many nieces and nephews.

MIKE T. ATHANASON – Died recently in 2009 in Ocala, Florida at the age of 64. The cause of death is unknown. He was born July 24, 1945. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was an *At-Large Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Florida**.

JUDETH REGINA "Judy" AVERELLA - Died Sunday, November 1, 2009 at her residence in Murrell Inlet, South Carolina at the age of 54. She was formerly of Dundalk, Maryland. The cause of death was cancer. She was born May 31, 1956 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, to the late Harry and Regina Walsh. Judeth was a graduate of Hallahan Catholic Girls High School in Philadelphia. She was a *Life Member* of **Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America – Baltimore Chapter #451**. Judeth was also a member of Surfside Moose Lodge and The Sons of Italy. She was preceded in death by a brother, Charles Walsh; and by a son, T.J. Gross. Survivors include her husband, John Averella of Murrells Inlet; a daughter, Judeth Gross of Wilkesboro, Pa.; three step-daughters, Lauren, Ashley and Dana Averella, all of Baltimore; one grandchild; and five step-grandchildren; a sister, Mary Jane Garritty of Joppa, Md.; and several nieces and nephews. A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, November 28, 2009 at the Vietnam Veterans of America Baltimore Chapter 451, 6401 Beckley St. Baltimore, MD 21224. Please sign a guest book at www.goldfinchfuneralhome.com and at TheSunNews.com. Memorials may be made to American Cancer Society, 950 48th Avenue North, Ste. 101, Myrtle Beach, SC 29577. Goldfinch Funeral Home, Beach Chapel, is in charge of arrangements.

NELL MARIE BEASLEY - Died Sunday, January 10, 2010 in Medical Center in Enterprise, Alabama at the age of 76. She was a resident of Daleville, Alabama. The cause of death is unknown. She was born February 23, 1933. She was a member of **Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America – Daleville Chapter #373**. A memorial service will be held at 1:00 P.M., Saturday, January 16, 2010 at the First United Methodist Church with Rev. John McCollough, officiating.



DUDLEY PEARSALL BERRY - Died Tuesday, December 1, 2009, at Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center, in Hanover, New Hampshire at the age of 76. He was a resident of Brandon, Vermont. The cause of death is unknown. Mr. Berry was born in Manhasset, New York on October 9, 1933. He was the son of the late George and Harriett (Pearsall) Berry. He moved with his family to Brandon in 1944 and was graduated from Brandon High School, class of 1951. He afterwards joined the United States Air Force and served in many duty stations all around the world. He retired in 1975 as a senior master sergeant following more than 23 years of active service. Among his numerous decorations was the Vermont Distinguished Service Medal. Following his honorable discharge, he returned to Brandon and worked for Bill Peck for a number of years. He served the town of Brandon as the superintendent of the Brandon Water Department for more than 16 years, retiring in 1994. He afterwards worked for the state of Vermont inspecting water departments around the state. He had served on the Brandon Water District Prudential Board for many years. He belonged to the Neshobe Sportsman's Club and was a co-founder and promoter of the Basin Bluegrass Festival. He was a member and past commander of the Brandon American Legion Post 55 and had served as chaplain and other various post positions. He had served as a member of the Brandon Area Rescue Squad and the Brandon Fire Department for many years. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Rutland Chapter #1**. Surviving is his wife, Linda Jean Berry of Brandon, whom he married in Brandon on December 8, 1984; three sons, Mark Dudley Berry of Knoxville, Tenn., Steven Matthew Berry of Brandon, Daniel George Berry of Whiting; one daughter, Susan Kathleen Rogers of Goose Creek, S.C.; two sisters, Barbara Sanders of Valdosta, Ga., and Beverly Davies of Longwood, Fla. Ten grandchildren, two great-grandchildren and many nieces, nephews and cousins also survive him. He was predeceased by the mother of his children, Barbara "Bobbie" Berry, on December 15, 2004. The funeral service will be held on Saturday, December 5, 2009, at 10 a.m. at the Brandon Congregational Church. The Rev. Richard White, pastor, will officiate. The graveside committal service and burial with military honors will follow in the family lot in Pine Hill Cemetery. Following the ceremony, the family will receive friends at Brandon American Legion Post #55 for a time of fellowship and remembrance. Friends may call at the Miller & Ketcham Funeral Home in Brandon on Friday, December 4, from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Memorial gifts, in lieu of flowers, may be made in his memory to The Neshobe Sportsman's Club, PO Box 321, Brandon; or the Brandon Fire Department, 60 Franklin St., Brandon; or the Brandon Area Rescue Squad, PO Box 232, Brandon; or the Brandon American Legion, PO Box 25, Brandon, VT 05733.

STEPHEN BISCHOFF – Died in 2009 in De Pere, Wisconsin. The cause of death is unknown. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Green Bay Chapter #224**.

RICHARD DUANE BLACKSMITH – Died Tuesday, November 24, 2009 in Las Vegas, Nevada at the age of 59. The cause of death is unknown. He was born January 16, 1950. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He is survived by his wife, of the home. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Des Moines (Iowa) Chapter #490**.

GARY MICHAEL BOWERS - Died Saturday, December 12, 2009 in Paulding, Ohio at the age of 60. The cause of death was metastatic adenocarcinoma of the colon. He was born January 15, 1949, in Fort Wayne, Indiana, the son of Bob and Evelyn (Tester) Bowers. On November 9, 1985, he married Rose A. McGrath, who survives in Paulding. He was employed by Stykemain Chevrolet Pontiac of Paulding, retiring in 2006. He was a Vietnam United States Army veteran and a 1967 graduate of Antwerp High School. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Defiance Chapter #954**. He was also a member of VFW Post 587, Fraternal Order of Eagles 2405 and the American Legion of Antwerp. He loved spending time with family and friends fishing and camping, 50's and 60's music, cruising in his 1972 Chevy Nova and his dog "Gunner." He is survived by his wife, Rose Bowers, Paulding; his stepmother, Sherry Bowers, Coldwater, Michigan; four children, Stacy (Jason) Calhoun of Glendale, Ariz., Stephanie Ball of Churubusco, Ind., and Steve (Lena) Mawer and Jon (Monette) Mawer, both of Upper Sandusky, Ohio; 11 grandchildren, Whitney, Madeline, Mason and Corbin Calhoun, Taylor Bowers, Kennedy McMichael, Chloe Ball and Seth, Troy, Owen and Emma Mawer; two brothers, Alan (Sue) Bowers, Ney, Ohio, and Jim (Sandy) Bowers, Antwerp; a sister, Linda (Joe) Messmann, Payne, Ohio; and two stepbrothers, Matt (Tonya) Bowers of Coldwater, Mich., and Bobbie (Scott) Welke, Quincy, Mich. He is preceded in death by his parents and brother, Dennis. Funeral services will be conducted 11 a.m. Thursday, December 17, at the Antwerp United Methodist Church with Rev. Michael Schneider officiating. Burial will be in Live Oak Cemetery, Paulding, with military graveside services. Visitation will be from 2-9 p.m. Wednesday, December 16, at Den Herder Funeral Home, and one hour prior to services on Thursday at the church. Donations may be made to the Antwerp War Monument. Online condolences may be sent to www.denherderfh.com.

RALPH S. "Steve" BREMERS – Died Monday, October 26, 2009 in Omaha, Nebraska at the age of 66. The cause of death is unknown. He was born May 22, 1943. Preceded in death by parents Ralph and Evelyn Bremers; sister, Sharon Wiesner. Survived by daughter, Christina Jackson, Sioux Falls, SD; granddaughter, Caitlin Jackson; nephew Scott (Rhonda) Wiesner; nieces Lydia (Collin) Haas, Michelle (Don) Williams. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. Member of VFW #1, American Legion #1, Ancient Order of Hibernians and Knights of Columbus. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Omaha Chapter #146**. Visitation was Thursday 5-8pm with Vigil Service 7pm at funeral home. A Funeral Mass was celebrated Friday at 10:00 AM in St. Pius X Church. Interment was in Calvary Cemetery. Military honors by American Legion #1.

LEE BUCZYNSKI – Died recently in 2010 in Verona, New Jersey at the age of 62. The cause of death is unknown. He was born April 20, 1947. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Cedar Grove Chapter #510**.

JIM C. BURDICK – Died Wednesday, December 9, 2009, at St. Edward Mercy Medical Center in Fort Smith, Arkansas at the age of 66. He was a resident of Fort Smith. The cause of death is unknown. Jim was born in McAlester, Oklahoma on May 31, 1943. He was adopted by Jessie J. and Lucy C. Burdick on his 2nd birthday and lived in McAlester until age 5. They moved to Spiro, Oklahoma where Jim attended 12 years of school. He was the Drum Major for the Spiro Marching Band for his last two years of high school. He joined the United States Marine Corps in 1963 and was assigned to the Third Air Wing, Third Marine Division, El Toro, California. He served as a jet mechanic. He spent his Vietnam assignment as a crew chief for transport planes flying in and out of Da Nang. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Fort Smith Chapter #467**. He met his wife of 44 years while stationed at El Toro. He married Barbara L. Nichols August 26, 1965 in Huntington Beach, California. Jim was discharged in 1967 and moved to Tulsa, OK where he was employed by Douglas Aircraft. Jim moved his family to Spiro, OK in 1969 and went to work for Whirlpool Corporation for six years when he left and went into the construction field and began building custom homes. In 1975, Jim joined the Oklahoma National Guard and after three years transferred to the U. S. Army Reserves where he finished his military career serving in the 95th Division (IT), where he served as the Division Command Sergeant Major under General Bill Jester. Jim had a combined military service of 30 years and 8 months. Jim went to work for St. Edward Mercy Medical Center in 1979 and retired from there in 2005. Jim served as the RV Park Host at Fort Chaffee RV Park for two years until he was diagnosed with ALS and left in March of 2009. He was a member of Trinity Baptist Church in Pocola, OK, member and Past President of Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter #467 and member of Belle Point Chapter of the Good Sams Club. He was preceded in death by a Biological sister Donna Wood and Biological brother Jack Wood. Funeral service will be 11:30 AM Monday, December 14, 2009, at Trinity Baptist Church, 904 East Pryor, Pocola, OK with Rev. Paul Walker and Rev. Richard Maness officiating. Burial with Full Military Honors will be at U. S. National Cemetery in Fort Smith under the direction of Edwards Funeral Home. He is survived by his wife Barbara L. Burdick, two daughters Elizabeth A. Oden and husband Randy of Van Buren, AR and Tami K. Kuhns and husband Jeff of Van Buren, AR, one son John Taylor and wife Kellie of Cabot, AR, Biological Sister Lisa Hartman of Colorado, Biological Brothers Melvin Wood of California, Randy Wood of Arizona and Ronnie Wood of Colorado, five granddaughters and one great granddaughter. Pallbearers will be Nathan Hobby, Jim Nichols, Jim Locovare, Larry Robison, Michael Thrift and Wilburn Howard. Honorary pallbearers will be Members of Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter #467 and members of Belle Point Chapter of the Good Sams Club. The family will visit with friends Sunday afternoon from 2:00 PM – 4:00 PM at Edwards Funeral Home. Memorials may be made to the Muscular Dystrophy Association, 6101 Hwy 271 South, Fort Smith, AR 72908.

DONALD LEE BURDINE (MSG-Ret.) – Died Friday, January 15, 2010 at his residence in Lawton, Oklahoma at the age of 80. The cause of death is unknown. The funeral services were conducted at 10:30 a.m. on Tuesday, January 19th in the Becker Funeral Home Memorial

Chapel. Burial with full military honors was in the Post Cemetery, Fort Sill. He was born September 18, 1929 in Indianapolis, Indiana, to James Ervin and Grace Leona (Dickerson) Burdine. He married Marlies Burghardt on December 22, 1955 in Bad Hersfeld, Germany. He entered the United States Army on February 26, 1946 and was retired at Fort Sill on August 30, 1976. He had served three tours of duty in Korea and Germany and had served one tour of duty in Vietnam. His awards include the World War II Victory Medal, Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross Unit Citation with Palm, One Overseas Service Bar, the National Defense Service Medal with first oak leaf cluster, Korean Service Medal, Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal with 60 device, Army of Occupation Medal (Japan), German Army Marksmanship Award in Bronze, Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, Expert Qualification Badge Rifle M-16, Bronze Star Medal, the United Nations Service Medal and the Good Conduct Medal with seventh award. Following his retirement from the army he worked maintenance and security for Security Bank from 1978 until 1995. He was a 32nd Degree Mason and a life member of Lawton Lodge #183 and Mt. Scott Lodge #540. He was a member of the York Rite, a Past Master and Past President of the Sojourners. He had been chapter dad for DeMolay, a Boy Scout and Civil Defense Volunteer. He was a member of the VFW, the American Legion and the DAV. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Lawton Chapter #751**. He is survived by his wife, of the home; two sons and a daughter in law, James Ervin and Judi Burdine, Henderson, Nevada, and Frederick Daniel Burdine, Detroit, Michigan; a daughter and son in law, Barbara Leona and Bart Johnston, Lawton; six grandchildren, Liam, Michael, Megan, Frank, Adam and Timothy; three great grandchildren, Michelle Steed, Frederick, Oklahoma, and Adria and Abigail Benoit, both of Lawton; three brothers, Homer Burdine, Indianapolis, Indiana, Walter Burdine, Freedom, Indiana, and Ivan Burdine, Pensacola, Florida; numerous nieces and nephews. His brothers, Leon Summers, Glenn, Ralph, Floyd, Cecil and Benny Burdine, and sisters, Barbara Kershey and Lorene Burdine, preceded him in death.

JOHN W. CAPRIOTTI – Died Friday, July 24, 2009 in Arlington, Virginia. The cause of death was cancer. He was the loving husband of 47 years to Ingrid H. Capriotti and beloved uncle to Dolores, Carlos, Warren and Kathy and their respective families. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Arlington Chapter #227**. Friends may call at Murphy Funeral Home of Arlington, 4510 Wilson Blvd. on Monday, July 27, 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. where prayer services will be held at 7 p.m. Memorial services and Interment Arlington National Cemetery was held on October 15, 2009. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to Capital Hospice, 2900 Telestar Ct., Falls Church, Virginia 22042 or DAV, Arlington Fairfax Chapter 10, P.O. Box 4001, Arlington, Virginia 22204-4001.

ANTHONY T. CARDILLO - Died Thursday, December 31, 2009 in Hudson, Florida at the age of 61. The cause of death was cancer. He was born in Brooklyn, New York on November 11, 1945. He is survived by his wife Michele; his son Anthony Jr., and; his brother Michael. He served in the United States Army with a tour in Vietnam in 1968. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Hudson Chapter #1003**.

JOHN O. CHIMILE – Died Monday, November 23, 2009 in Aliquippa, Pennsylvania at the age of 63. The cause of death is unknown. He was born July 15, 1946. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Beaver Falls Chapter #862**.

JAMES F. CLAIR, SR. – Died Friday December 18, 2009 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania at the age of 66. The cause of death was a heart attack. He was born in Philadelphia on May 10, 1943. He was the beloved husband of Angelina, (née Frascella); devoted father of James F. Clair, Jr.; dear brother of Edward, Lorraine Murphy, John and the late Anna, Margaret Potts and William Clair. He served in the United States Navy. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Liberty Bell (Philadelphia) Chapter #266**. Relatives and friends are invited to his Viewing Tues. eve. after 7 P.M. and Wed. 8 to 9:30 A.M. Cassizzi Funeral Home, 2913-17 E. Thompson St. (at Cambria) and his 10 A.M. Funeral Mass Mother of Divine Grace Church. Interment was in Holy Redeemer Cemetery. In lieu of flowers family prefers donations in his memory to Mother of Divine Grace Church.

MAYNARD L. COWGILL – Died recently in 2009 in Cumberland, Maryland at the age of 74. The cause of death is unknown. He was born August 2, 1935. He is survived by his wife, Kim A. Cowgill, of the home. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Cumberland Chapter #172**.

EDWARD J. “Tiger” DesROCHERS – Died Wednesday, May 27, 2009 at the Edith Nourse Rogers VA Medical Center in Bedford, Massachusetts at the age of 62. The cause of death was Agent Orange-related lymphoma. He was born in Chelsea, Massachusetts on April 5, 1947 to the late George and Thelma (Thibault) DesRochers. He is survived by many cousins. He served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War with the 4th Infantry Division from 1967 to 1968 and was the recipient of the Purple Heart. He was a member of the Disabled American Veterans, the National Fourth Infantry Division Association and the National Rifle Association. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Providence (Rhode Island) Chapter #273**. Graveside services with full military honors were celebrated in the Blue Hills Cemetery in Braintree, Massachusetts.

MICHAEL A. DiGUISEPPI - Died Monday, February 1, 2010 in Bethpage, Long Island, New York. The cause of death is unknown. He was the beloved husband of Maryann (née DeLucia) DiGuseppi; the devoted father of Michael (Laura) DiGuseppi, Michele (Steven) Griffith and Marie (Raymond) Neuman; the proud and cherished grandfather of the magnificent seven. The wake was at the Fredrick J. Chapey & Sons Bethpage Funeral Home, 20 Hicksville Road (1 mile north of Southern State Parkway, Exit 29). Mike was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America - Hicksville Chapter #82**, and was a Director of VVA Chapter #82 and was a Delegate for the Chapter at the State and National level. Mike served in the United States Navy Reserves and was stationed in Naples, Italy from 1965 to 1967. He served his country during the Vietnam War. Mike was a proud member of Chapter #82 and was proud to help his brothers in any way that he could. He wore the bracelet of his classmate, Eddie Garcia, whose name is on the Wall in Washington, DC A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at Saint Martin of Tours

Roman Catholic Church, Bethpage, Thursday 9:45 AM. Interment was in Calverton National Cemetery, Calverton, LI. Visiting Tuesday 7-9:30 PM and Wednesday 2-4:30 & 7-9:30 PM.

LEFF WOODROW DOUGLAS, JR. - Died Tuesday, March 17, 2009 in Galax, Virginia at the age of 60. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Galax Chapter #710**. Funeral service will be held 2 p.m. on Friday, March 20, 2009, at Vaughan-Guyann Funeral Home Chapel, Galax, Virginia.

WILLIAM R. DOUILLETTE, SR. – Died Friday, January 15, 2010 in Concord, New Hampshire at the age of 79. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on November 1, 1930. He was a *Life Member* of **Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America – Bow Chapter #41**.

JAMES FRANCIS DRURY III - 61, died Saturday, December 12, 2009, at Franklin Regional Hospital after a sudden illness. He was a resident of Sanbornton, New Hampshire. The cause of death was hypertensive heart disease and hyperlipidemia. He was born in Lowell, Massachusetts, May 17, 1948, to James F. and Frances (Pushee) Drury II. He grew up in Dracut, Mass., and lived in the Lakes Region for 18 years. During the Vietnam War he served in the United States Air Force. He worked as a manager for Fedex for 30 years, and later as a bridge maintenance supervisor for the State of New Hampshire. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Bow Chapter #41** and served as vice president of the New Hampshire Veterans Association. Family members include his wife of 12 years, Theresa C. (Goulet) Drury of Sanbornton; three children, Lisa Lyman of Groton, Amanda Armstrong with the U.S. Air Force in Germany, and Justine Drury of Katy, Texas; a stepdaughter, Jessica Amato of Wakefield; and eight grandchildren. IN HIS LIFE: He enjoyed motorcycling, snowmobiling and Friday nights at Tilton House of Pizza. He had many friends and will be remembered for his great sense of humor. SERVICES: A committal service with military honors will be Friday at 11:30 a.m. at the New Hampshire State Veterans Cemetery, 110 Daniel Webster Highway, Boscawen, New Hampshire. Memorial donations may be made to the New Hampshire Humane Society, 1305 Meredith Center Road, P.O. Box 572, Laconia, New Hampshire 03246. Lambert Funeral Home & Crematory, Manchester is assisting the family with arrangements (www.lambertfuneralhome.com).

KENNETH RAY “Skip” EGGE - Died Thursday, December 31, 2009 at the Eastern Montana Veterans Home in Glendive at the age of 67. He was a resident of Glendive, Montana and formerly of Miles City, Montana. The cause of death was a stroke. Ken was born on May 30, 1942 in Roundup, Montana the son of Charles and Virginia (Brownlee) Egge. He was raised and educated in Miles City graduating from Custer County High School with the class of 1960. Ken enlisted in the United State Navy in June 1961, where he served in Vietnam as a Navy Corpsman attached to the 3rd Battalion of the 3rd Marine Corp. While Ken was serving in Vietnam he became a prisoner of war for three months until his escape from the camp. Ken returned to the United States and was employed as a Lab Supervisor by the military in the Armed Forces Institute of Pathology in Washington D.C. where he remained until his honorable discharge from the military in January 1970. Ken married Linda Lee in November 1964 in Virginia. He soon returned to Montana where he worked for the Glendive Community Hospital as a Lab

Supervisor for three years. In 1974 he became employed in the oil field in Wyoming. During his oil field career he worked with his brother-in-law as a Roughneck and worked his way up to District Manager, retiring from Tuboscope in Casper, Wyoming in 1988. Ken attended Montana State University in Bozeman, Montana, graduating in 1991 with a Bachelor degree in History and Philosophy. He attended Cooley Law School in Lansing, Michigan for a time before returning to Montana. Upon his return Ken worked for United American Insurance Company, retiring in 2004. Ken had been a resident of Glendive for the past fifteen years and a resident of the Eastern Montana Veterans Home for the past year. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Glendive Chapter #234** and a member of the Masonic Lodge #56 serving as a Worshipful Master in Casper in the mid 1980's. Ken loved to go fly fishing and hunting. He enjoyed fast cars, drag racing, music and dancing and was a huge fan of the Dallas Cowboys Football team. Ken was preceded in death by his parents; an infant daughter in 1968; one son, Greg in 1984, and his wife Linda in 1989. Survivors include his three sons, Steve Egge (Vee) of Odessa, Texas, Sean Egge (Christie) of Gastonia, North Carolina, Brian Egge of Houston, Texas; four grandsons; one sister, Cheryl Watson (Gerald) of Glendive.



REX E. FARMER - age 61, of Route 3 Box 606 (Lorton Lick Road), Bluefield, West Virginia, died on Monday, February 8, 2010 at the VA Medical Center in Pittsburgh with his wife and sister Sarah by his side. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on December 10, 1948 in Goodwill, West Virginia the son of Raymond and Nina Griffith Farmer of Bluefield. He had been a resident of Bluefield for most of his life and belonged to the Jesus Name Church. He formerly worked as machine operator for the Celanese Company in Narrows, Va. He loved golf and enjoyed volunteering for the Special Olympics. He was a United States Army veteran, served in Vietnam and was a *Life Member* of the **Vietnam Veterans of America – Princeton**

Chapter #628. Survivors in addition to his parents include his wife of 38 years, Sherree Surface Farmer of the home; son, Jeremiah Farmer and wife Melissa of Bluefield; beloved grandson who was the love of his life, Cody Farmer; two brothers, Randy Farmer and wife Dinah of Alabama, Blaine Farmer and wife Carol of Bluefield; two sisters, Sarah Riggs and husband Larry of Bluefield, Fern Hartwell and husband Bane of New York; and a host of nieces and nephews. Graveside services will be conducted on Friday, February 12, 2010 at 11:00 a.m. at Roselawn Memorial Gardens in Princeton with Minister Paul Delida officiating. Military honors will be performed by the WV National Honor Guard. Burial will follow with family and friends serving as pallbearers. Those wishing to attend are asked to meet at the funeral home on Friday by 10:30 a.m. Friends may call on Thursday from 6-8 p.m. at the Cravens-Shires Funeral Home in Bluewell. Online condolences will be accepted at www.cravens-shires.com. Cravens-Shires Funeral Home in Bluewell is serving the family.

LARRY DEE FIEDLER, SR. - Died Saturday, October 10, 2009 in London, Kentucky at the age of 61. The cause of death is unknown. He is survived by his wife, Virginia. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Port Huron (Michigan) Chapter #284.** Funeral arrangements are through Smith Family Funeral Home-North.

GERARDO A. FIGUEROA – Died recently in 2009 in Merced, California at the age of 68. The cause of death is unknown. He was born April 5, 1941. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Merced Chapter #691**.



TERRY R. FOLK - 1946 - 2009. Terry Ray Folk, 63, our beloved husband, father, brother, grandfather and friend, passed away unexpectedly Monday, December 28, 2009, at his home in Pahrump, Nevada. Terry was born June 19, 1946, in Cumberland, Maryland. He has lived and worked in Las Vegas and Pahrump since 1958. He was preceded in death by his parents, Howard and Wanda Folk. Terry served honorably in the United States Navy aboard the USS Weise in Vietnam from 1964 to 1968, and was a lifelong member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Henderson Chapter #17**. Terry held valued memberships in both the Pahrump Kiwanis Club and Pahrump Elk Lodge #2796. He was also a member of the Las Vegas Board of Realtors and is the owner and broker of Legacy Trails Realty, serving the Pahrump, Las Vegas, and Ely communities. Terry was a man of great integrity, demonstrated a strong work ethic and lived by a personal code of honesty, generosity and kindness. Though some may have perceived him as quiet and reserved, Terry was a man of great depth and substance. He loved his wife, Patty, and his family, including his many grandchildren, and did many kind and noble things for them. He also loved his dogs, including Duchess, Zoey, Missy and Rosey. Terry will be greatly missed by his family and friends. Terry is survived by his wife, Patty Folk of Pahrump; daughter, Jolene (Robert) Chertok; and grandson, Brandon, of Las Vegas; brothers, Howard, Tom and Jerry Folk, all of Las Vegas.; stepson, Chuck (Lisa) Cauwel; grandchildren, Jennifer, Cassandra, Christian and Andrew, all of Henderson; and stepdaughter, Anna (Gregory) Webb; and grandchildren, Erik, Christopher, Olivia, Natalie and Grace, all of Orem, Utah. Memorial services will be at noon Monday, Jan. 4, at the VFW Lodge 10054, 4651 S. Homestead Road, in Pahrump. A luncheon will be served following the services. Terry will be buried at the Southern Nevada Veterans Memorial Cemetery, in Boulder City. In lieu of flowers, please donate to the charity of your choice.

DENNIS LEE FOX - 63, of Wiley Ford, West Virginia died on Wednesday, December 9, 2009, at his home. The cause of death is unknown. He was born May 3, 1946 in Waynesboro, Pennsylvania. Mr. Fox is survived by his wife, Linda J. (Householder) Fox; and his daughter, Emma Fox, Wiley Ford. He is also survived by several other children, stepchildren, grandchildren and additional family. He served in the United States Navy during the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Cumberland Chapter #172**. Mr. Fox was a born again Christian and a member of the Central Assembly of God. He was employed by ATK for nine years. A memorial service will be held at the Central Assembly of God Church on Saturday, Dec. 12, 2009, at 11 a.m. with Pastor Larry Green, officiating. The Adams Family Funeral Home, P.A., 404 Decatur St., Cumberland, AdamsFamilyFuneralHome.com is in charge of the arrangements.

MARY GRAF – Died in November 2009 in Texarkana, Arkansas. The cause of death is unknown. She was born in Texarkana, Texas. She was a Gold Star Mother. Her son, Barry Graf was killed on Hamburger Hill in Vietnam while serving in the United States Army. She was a member of **Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America – Texarkana (Texas) Chapter #278**.

MIRVE TEX GRIGGS - Died suddenly at home in Hyannis, Massachusetts on Friday, December 28, 2007 at the age of 61. The cause of death was from complications from Agent Orange-related Diabetes Mellitus Type II. He was born and raised in Stamford, Texas, he arrived on Cape Cod in 1976, having spent four years in the United States Navy during the Vietnam War. He owned and operated Tex and Sons Auto Repair in Hyannis during the 1980's and 1990's. He was a member of the Nam Vets Association and the Disable American Veterans. He also volunteered for Channel 17 and for other community affairs. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Hyannis Chapter #338**. He leaves five sons, Chris and Stacy, both of Texas, Patrick of Hyannis, Travis of Vermont, and Tim of Bourne. He also leaves a granddaughter, Aleigha Griggs of Vermont. Visiting hours will be held at the Doane, Beal & Ames Funeral Home, 160 W. Main St., Hyannis, on Friday, from 11 a.m. to noon, followed by a funeral service. Burial will take place at Massachusetts National Cemetery, Bourne, Massachusetts. Memorials may be made to the Nam Vets Association, 569 Main St., Hyannis, Massachusetts 02601.

THOMAS M. GWALTNEY – Died in 2009 in Alexandria, Louisiana at the age of 56. The cause of death is unknown. He was born February 1, 1952. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Finger Lake (Dryden, New York) Chapter #377**.

DOUGLAS W. HANNA – Died Friday, November 6, 2009 in Ionia, Michigan at the age of 61. The cause of death is unknown. He was born October 29, 1947. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Port Huron Chapter #284**.

DALE E. HAYWARD – Died Wednesday, December 9, 2009 in Fairlawn Haven in Archbold, Ohio at the age of 61. The cause of death is unknown. He was born August 24, 1948. He was a *Permanently Hospitalized Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Defiance Chapter #954**.

LOUIS L. HICKMAN – Died Friday, October 9, 2009 in New Brighton, Pennsylvania at the age of 61. The cause of death is unknown. He was born January 18, 1948. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Beaver Falls Chapter #862**.

JAMES M. HIGGINS - Died Sunday, January 17, 2010 at Holyoke Medical Center in Holyoke, Massachusetts at the age of 84. He was a resident of Southampton, Massachusetts. The cause of death was heart failure. He was born in Springfield, Ohio on July 24, 1925 to the late Charles and Margaret (Brown) Higgins. Jim was a 1924 graduate of Catholic Central High School, Springfield, Ohio. He enlisted in 1943 in the United States Navy and served in the Pacific Theater as a photographer's mate after completing Navy Photographic School and Aircrew

training in PBY aircraft. He was also a United States Air Force Veteran of the Korean and Vietnam Wars. In 1948, Jim was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant in the USAF and served as a radar/bombardier in B-29 aircraft during the Korean War completing 50 combat missions and 450 combat hours. Continuing his career, Jim served at a number of AF bases in various flight and staff positions, completing his overseas assignment with a four-year tour of duty, accompanied by his family, at Ernest Harmon AFB, Newfoundland. His final assignment was with the 99th Bomb Wing, Westover AFB where he served in a support capacity as a master navigator during the Vietnam War until he retired in 1970 as a Lt. Col. after 27 years of active duty. During his military career, Lt. Col. Higgins received numerous awards and decorations among them the Asiatic Pacific Campaign Medal with two battle stars for participation in the Iwo Jima and Okinawa missions, Navy Unit Commendation Medal, Air Force Commendation Medal, Air Medal with two Oak Leaf Clusters, WWII victory Medal, Korean Service Medal, United Nations Service Medal, AF Outstanding Unit Award, USAF Combat Readiness medal and various other awards. During his tour of active duty, Jim continued his education by attending evening college classes wherever he was stationed. In 1971 he completed a B.S. degree, and ME degree in 1974 and a CAGS degree in Educational Psychology in 1976, all at American International College, Springfield MA. Following his retirement from the military, Jim enjoyed a second career teaching in the Holyoke Public School System with assignments at Lawrence Jr. High, William Whiting and Lt. Clayre P. Sullivan Elementary Schools, retiring in 1994 after 22 years. Jim was a communicant of Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament Church in Westfield, MA. He was a member of the Holy Name Society, an honorary life member and long-time recorder of the K.C. Council #100 and a 4th Degree member of the K.C. Archbishop Williams Assembly #0388. He was also a lifetime member of the following Veterans' organizations in Westfield: American Legion Post # 454, Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #1847 and Disabled American Veterans Chapter #41 in Holyoke. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Westfield Chapter #219**. He leaves his devoted wife Kay (McDermott) of nearly 61 years to whom he is eternally grateful for the gift of their six wonderful children and for the many sacrifices she made in bringing up the family during his many deployments. Jim also leaves his daughter Nancy and her spouse Robert Gwinn, Roseville, CA; son John and his spouse Michele (Snyder), Southampton, MA; son Charles and spouse Maryann Scott-Smith, Wilbraham, MA; daughter Kathryn Ann Crigger and her spouse Douglas, Southampton, MA; son Thomas Mark and his spouse Helen (Miller), Needham, MA; son James Michael and his spouse Karen (Moynahan), Colorado Springs, CO. He also leaves eleven grandchildren: Heather Higgins, Michelle Pellerin and her spouse Will, Melissa Higgins, Alyson Higgins, Bryan Goodkowsky, Amie Crigger, Natashia Lilly and her spouse Aeron, Gage Higgins, Shannon Higgins, Mark Higgins and Sean Higgins. He leaves one great-grand daughter: Hayllie Lilly. He is also survived by his sister Catherine of Columbus OH, his brother Charles and his spouse Joyce and their children of Huntsville, Al and his sister-in-law Nancy Chick and her spouse Charles and their children of Ft. Worth, TX. He was predeceased by his parents, his brother John who was killed in action during the naval battle of the Philippines in 1945 and his brother Father Thomas C. Higgins, Maryknoll priest who died in 2004 after serving as a missionary in Bolivia for over 40 years. Jim also leaves his long-time WWII buddy Joe Jurlina of Columbus, OH. Calling hours will be Thursday from 4-7 PM at the Firion-Adams Funeral Home, 76 Broad Street, Westfield Massachusetts. The funeral will be Friday, January 22, 2009 at 8:30 AM followed by a Liturgy of Christian Burial at 9:30 AM

at Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament, Holyoke Road, Westfield, MA. Burial with Military Honors will follow at the Mass Memorial veterans Cemetery in Agawam, MA. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions, if desired, may be sent to the Maryknoll Fathers and Brothers, P.O. Box 302, Maryknoll, NY 10545-0302, WWI Memorial Foundation, Wounded Warrior Project.



JERRY R. HILGEMAN - 67, of Alamogordo, New Mexico died Friday, May 22, 2009, at Sierra Providence Eastside Medical Center in El Paso, Texas. The cause of death was kidney failure and diabetes mellitus type II. Jerry was born November 30, 1941, in Evansville, Indiana. He proudly and honorably served in the United States Air Force from 1960 to 1981 and civil service until retirement in 1998 at the rank of Technical Sergeant. He was a lifetime member of VFW, American Legion, Disabled American Veterans and Air Commando Association. He was a

Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Las Cruces Chapter #431. He was also a past master and life member of Tularosa Lodge No. 49 A.F. & A.M. and Sacramento Lodge No. 24 A.F. & A.M., BALLUT ABYAD Shrine Temple – Rocket Shrine Club, York Rite Masonic Bodies, Alamo O.E.S. No. 11, past associate guardian of Bethel No. 11 I.O.J.D., past vice grand guardian of New Mexico I.O.J.D., past royal patron (many times) and life member of Sierra Blanca Court No. 5 Order of the Amaranth, past grand royal patron (four times) of N.M. and Grand Court of Amaranth. The most enjoyable organization he belonged to was the Alamogordo Amateur Radio Club K5FEZ and helping with the Boy Scouts of America "Jamboree on the Air." Survivors include his loving wife of 48 years, Alice Lee Hilgeman; daughters Marcy Ann Kennison and husband, Don, and Tracy Lee Herrera and husband, Johnnie, and his most beloved grandson David Ray Wootton. He was preceded in death by his precious granddaughter, Jessica Ann Trout, in 1985. A celebration of his life will be conducted at Alamogordo Funeral Home Thursday, June 11, 2009, at 2 p.m. with Pastor Billy Tucker officiating. Inurnment will followed at Monte Vista Cemetery with Holloman Air Force Base Steel Talons Honor Guard providing full military honors. In lieu of flowers, donations may be sent in memory of Jerry to the National Kidney Foundation, American Diabetes Association or the BALLUT ABYAD SHRINE TEMPLE. The family of Jerry Hilgeman has entrusted their loved one to the care of Alamogordo Funeral Home to direct the arrangements. "It is not what he has, or even what he does which expresses the worth of a man, but what He Is."

DAN HILL - Died Thursday, December 31, 2009, at his residence in Clarksville, Tennessee at the age of 65. The cause of death was suicide. He was born November 3, 1944 in Hillsdale, Michigan and was the son of the late, Victor S. and Mollie F. Roberts Hill. A memorial service will be held at 5 p.m. Tuesday at McReynolds-Nave & Larson Chapel with Rev. Young Seop Ahn and Rev. George Lefevre officiating. Inurnment will be at a later date in Kentucky Veterans Cemetery West, Hopkinsville, with full military honors. Visitation will be from 4 p.m. until the hour of service Tuesday at the funeral home. The remains are to be cremated. Mr. Hill was retired from the United States Army after 20 years of service and was a decorated soldier. He

served in Korea and Vietnam and was a member of DAV and presided over USDR and a member of MENSA. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America - Clarksville Chapter #396**. Survivors include his wife, Nancy Hill; son, Marcus Hill; daughter, Lori Hill; brothers, Jack Herold, Chris Herold; sister, Joyce Hill.



STANLEY J. "Stan" HOLLOWAY - Retired U.S. Navy SEAL Capt. Stanley J. Holloway died Monday, May 18, 2009, in Sentara Norfolk General Hospital at the age of 63. He was a resident of Virginia Beach, Virginia. The cause of death was glioblastoma multiform. Stan is survived by his loving and devoted wife, Joyce; his children, Houston and Taylor and his wife Ashley and their children Tristan and Chandler; sisters, Arlene Holloway and Arlee Wiseman; and other family, friends and teammates. Stan was an exceptional husband, father, and grandfather and received immense pleasure from his twin grandchildren. He was born August 17, 1945 and raised in Laramie, Wyoming, and spent much of his adult life in the military service. He was a graduate of the University of Wyoming, completed the Defense Language Institute specializing in Korean, began a Master's of Science in systems management at the University of California, and completed a Master's of Science in crisis and consequence management at the University of Nevada - Las Vegas. Stan served as U.S. Army artillery officer in Vietnam, and later joined the U.S. Navy and became a Naval special warfare SEAL officer, where he served in every significant level of responsibility, including commanding officer of SEAL Team FOUR; commanding officer, Special Boat Unit 20 (Norfolk); commanding officer, Special Boat 26 (Panama); commander, Naval Special Warfare Task Group, SIXTH Fleet (Naples); chief of staff, Special Operations Command, Central (Tampa); chief staff officer, Special Boat Squadron TWO (Norfolk), and chief staff officer, Naval Special Warfare Group TWO (Norfolk). Capt. Holloway served with distinction during a magnificent and demanding career in Naval Special Warfare where he excelled as an operator, leader and visionary. His performance across the full spectrum of military assignments was marked with unparalleled sense of duty, extraordinary enthusiasm, and the highest degree of commitment to the SEAL and Special Boat Teams and to his entire Naval Special Warfare community. He was a recipient of the Bronze Star Medal (2) and Combat Action Ribbon, Legion of Merit, Meritorious Service Medal (4), Defense Meritorious Service Medal, Air Medal, Joint Service Achievement Medal, United Nations Medal, and numerous others. He was awarded the U.S. Special Operations Command's Quality Award for VISION 2000, and in 2008 was inducted into the U.S. Army Field Artillery Officer Candidate School Hall of Fame. After Navy retirement, Capt. Holloway served in various defense contractor positions in direct support of Naval Special Warfare and the SEAL and Special Boat Teams. In 2001, he and his family relocated to Las Vegas, Nev., where he supported strategic development for the U.S. Department of Energy at the Nevada Test Site, National Center for Combating Terrorism, and subsequently as manager of the Integrated Safety Security Program for all activities related to Counterterrorism Operational Support. He and his family returned to Virginia Beach in 2008 to complete an assignment as a requirements analyst at the Naval Special Warfare Development Group, which led to his current position as director of Maritime Security for the National Defense Group of the Technology Management Company. Stan was an expert in the field of military and

corporate force protection, and gave many seminars and authored several publications surrounding maritime security and surveillance detection. Widely known and highly respected for his intellect, professionalism, and good humor, Stan was a lifetime member of the UDT-SEAL Association and 1st Air Calvary Association, member of the Naval Special Warfare Foundation Board of Directors, and he organized and was founding president of the UDT-SEAL Association's Las Vegas Chapter. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Henderson (Nevada) Chapter #17**. The family specifically requests no flowers, but instead that any thoughts through gifts be made to the Naval Special Warfare Foundation, www.nswfoundation.org. A memorial service will be held Tuesday at 1 p.m. in Little Creek Amphibious Base Chapel, Norfolk. Any non-military persons wishing to attend Capt. Holloway's service, please call Hollomon-Brown Funeral Home, Bayside Chapel, (757) 464-6221, by 2 p.m. Monday to place name on list. Enter the base at Gate 3.

GLENN ALLEN HUBER – Died Monday, December 21, 2009 in Plumsteadville, Pennsylvania at the age of 62. The cause of death was lung cancer. He was born November 10, 1947 in Lancaster, Pennsylvania to the late Arthur S. Huber and Mabel K. Harnish. He is survived by his daughter, Melissa A. Huber. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Doylestown Chapter #210**. Glenn graduated from Christopher Dock High School, class of 1965. From 1966 – 1970, he served in the United States Air Force in the 35th Security Police Squadron and was a Vietnam veteran. Glenn was a Machinist for 35 years for SPS Technologies, Inc. in Jenkintown, PA. A devoted father, he loved spending time with his daughter, Missy. Glenn was an avid sports fan and especially liked the Eagles & Phillies. He enjoyed fresh water fishing and hunting. He is survived by: Melissa Huber (Daughter) of Sinking Spring, PA; Marian Huber (Sister) of Hatfield, PA; Melvin Huber (Brother) of Doylestown, PA; Ruth Walter (Sister) & husband, Leonard of Telford, PA; Harold Huber (Brother) & wife, Sandra of Naples, FL. He was preceded in death by a sister – Arlene Weaver. Funeral services will be held on Saturday, December 26th, 2009 at 1:00 P.M. at Wellspring Church of Skippack, 1183 Cressman Road, Skippack, PA where friends may meet with the family from 11:00 AM - 12:30 AM. Memorial contributions may be made to: American Cancer Society, 700 Horizon Circle, Suite 201, Chalfont, PA 18914. Arrangements by: Anders-Detweiler Funeral Home & Crematory, 130 East Broad Street, Souderton, PA [www.andersfh.com]

OTIS E. JACKSON – Died Saturday, December 26, 2009 at Saint Mary's Good Samaritan Hospital in Mount Vernon, Illinois at the age of 77. He was a resident of Centralia, Illinois. The cause of death was cancer. He was born June 6, 1932 on Centralia to the late James M. and Luberta (Terrell) Jackson. He married Maureen Wardley on December 28, 1966 in London, England. In addition to his wife, Maureen, he is survived by three sons and one daughter-in-law, Mason and Traci Jackson, of Centralia, David Jackson, of Benton, Illinois and Wayne Wardley, of Thailand; two daughters and one son-in-law, Veronica and Mark Macon, of Greenville, Illinois and Diane Wardley, of London, England; nine grandchildren, Tasheka Jackson, Antonio Garrett, Michayla Jones, Norah and Drew Jackson, Chelsea, Mariah and Ciara Macon and Tyla Wardley; a special nephew, Glenn Jackson, and; many other nephews and nieces. In addition to his parents, he was predeceased by his brother, James Lawrence Jackson and his sister, Carrie Wallace. He served in the United States Air Force during the Vietnam War and retired after 20

years of service at the rank of Staff Sergeant. He also served in the Korean War. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Centralia Chapter #176**. Funeral services were conducted at the Second Baptist Church in Centralia with the Reverend Val Power, officiating. Interment with full military honors was in Elmwood Cemetery in Centralia.

HAROLD D. JOHNSON – Died Monday, December 14, 2009 in Viola, Illinois at the age of 62. The cause of death is cancer. He was born in Moline, Illinois on May 30, 1947. He served in the United States Air Force during the Vietnam War. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Rock Island Chapter #299**.

JOE KELLY – Died Thursday, January 21, 2010 in Texarkana, Arkansas at the age of 65. The cause of death is unknown. He was born Texarkana, Texas on August 6, 1944. He was a member of **Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America – Texarkana Chapter #278**.

ROBERT REYCRAFT KINCH - Died Wednesday, November 18, 2009 in Greenwood, Indiana at the age of 65. He was a resident of Greenwood and formerly of Kalamazoo, Michigan. Robert was born February 1, 1944 in Kalamazoo to Grant and Lucille (Reycraft) Kinch. He was a United States Army veteran during the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Lawrence (Indiana) Chapter #295**. He was preceded in death by his parents, his wife, Helen Alice Kinch and a brother Donald Kinch. A graveside services will be conducted at 10:00 AM Tuesday, December 8, 2009 at Indiana Veterans Memorial Cemetery in Madison, Indiana. Arrangements are being handled by Jessen Funeral Home, Franklin, Indiana. If anyone may be related to or know of a relative of this person, please contact, Dave Lutz, Johnson County Coroner's office, at 317-534-8344.

TIMOTHY RAY “Tim” LARSON - age 56 of West Fargo, North Dakota, died Monday, November 30, 2009 in the Veteran Affairs Medical Center, Fargo, North Dakota. The cause of death was cancer. Timothy Ray Larson was born on April 28, 1953 to Robert and Mary (Coyné) Larson in Fargo, North Dakota. He grew up and attended school in Buffalo, North Dakota. On November 27, 1970 he enlisted in the United States Army serving during the Vietnam War until he was honorably discharged on November 9, 1973. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Mayville chapter #374**. Tim was an avid reader, and was seldom without a book or two at hand. His special interest was history and he enjoyed discussing or debating any aspect of the past. He is survived by his parents; two brothers, Todd Larson of Tower City, ND, Trent Larson of Buffalo, ND; two sisters, Tracy Larson of Tower City, ND, Toni Larson of Mobridge, SD, and many nieces and nephews.

KENNETH J. LAWLER - 85, of 30 Charles St., Jamestown, New York, died at 8:10 p.m. Tuesday (December 22, 2009) in WCA Hospital. The cause of death was heart failure. He was born February 21, 1924, in Buffalo, New York, the son of the late Kenneth J. and Caroline Elizabeth Pfeiffer Lawler. Ken was a United States Navy veteran of World War II. Prior to retirement, he was employed at Jamestown Metal Corporation, and earlier at Watson Manufacturing. He also tended bar at various clubs in the area. He was a communicant of Holy Apostles Parish - Saints Peter and Paul Catholic Church serving as an usher for 30 years. Ken was a member of Ira Lou

Spring Post 149 American Legion; AMVETS Post, and a life member of John W. Tiffany Post 53 VFW. He was a member of **Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America – Jamestown Chapter #865** and served as the Chapter Chaplain. Ken was known as "father" to everyone. He enjoyed being around people, especially his family and attending his grand children's sporting events. An avid Buffalo Bills fan, Buffalo Sabres fan, and Boston Red Sox fan, he used to play golf, bowl on several leagues and play in horseshoe tournaments. Surviving are two daughters: Linda D. (Jack) Smith of Jamestown; Judy M. (Dean) Barmore of Ocala, Fla.; two sons: John K. (Diane) Lawler and Steve L. Lawler, both of Jamestown; 13 grandchildren: Dean Barmore Jr.; Lori Conti; Kathleen Mascaro; Penny Potter; Kathleen Rice; Ted Donovan; Julie Scott; Debbie Breneman; Shelly Myers; John Lawler; Doug Smith; Denise French; Debbie Smith; 15 great-grandchildren; seven great-great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his wife, Carol M. Larson Lawler whom he married September 1, 1962, and who died August 6, 1998; and a daughter, Sandy Hixson. The funeral service will be held at 11 a.m. Monday in the Lind Funeral Home. The Rev. Dennis W. Mende will officiate. Burial will be in Holy Cross Cemetery. Friends will be received from 2 to 5 p.m. Sunday in the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the American Heart Association, Hearts Gifts Processing Center, P.O. Box 3049 Syracuse, New York 13220-3049; or the Vietnam Veterans of America, 41 Bigelow Avenue, Jamestown, New York 14701.

IVAL V. LAWHON, JR. – Died Saturday, October 3, 2009 in Saint Joseph, Missouri. The cause of death is unknown. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Oregon (Missouri) Chapter #638**.

J. L. LAWSON - Died Tuesday January 12, 2010 at the Chestatee Regional Hospital following a period of declining health resulting from cancer. He was a resident of Dawsonville, Lumpkin County, Georgia and was 73 at the time of death. He was born December 25, 1936 in Sneedville, Tennessee to the late Dewey and Della Lawson, he had lived in Lumpkin County for the past 20 years having moved from Dawson County. Along with his wife, they owned and operated L & L Trucking, Inc. Mr. Lawson served in the United States Marine Corps for 16 years and was a veteran of Vietnam. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Cumming Chapter #1030**. He was also preceded in death by his sisters, Jean Johnson, Juanita Damewood, brother, Ed Lawson, and granddaughter, Michelle Scovil. Surviving are his wife of 25 years, Barbara Lawson, Dawsonville; children, Chris and Sonya Lawson, Virginia Beach, VA, Gerald and Wendy Lawson, Virginia Beach, Joe Lawson, Virginia Beach, Teresa and Sam Scovil, California, Carrie and Alan Miller, Savannah; sisters and brother in law, Colleen and Jim Wood, Luttrell, TN, Sadie Davidson, Luttrell; driving companion, Hero; and 14 grandchildren. Funeral services were held Friday January 15, 2010 at 3:30 o'clock at Bearden Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Ronald Pruitt officiating. Interment will follow in Moss Memorial Gardens. The family received friends after 6 p.m. Wednesday and all day Thursday at the funeral home. Condolences may be sent to www.beardenfuneralhome.com.

WALLACE E. LEACH – Died Saturday, January 2, 2010 in Warren, Pennsylvania at the age of 84. The cause of death was cardiac arrest and diabetes mellitus type II. He was born October 13, 1925 in Kansas City, Missouri. He is survived by his wife, Beverly. He served in the United

States Army, the Marines and the Navy during World War II, Korea and Vietnam. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Reynoldsburg (Ohio) Chapter #670**.

DONALD K. LeGAY - 79 of Lancaster died peacefully surrounded by his loving family on Friday, January 15, 2010 in UMass Medical Center Worcester. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on March 31, 1930 in Peterborough; N.H. was the son of Walter and Dazel (Murray) LeGay. He entered into the United States Army in 1947 and became a P.O.W. and was held by the Communist forces, the War Department reported him missing in action since Nov. 4, 1950, and was missing for 13 months before his family received a Christmas card from him December 19, 1951, and then a year later another letter arrived stating he was being treated well by the Chinese forces he was held captive for 3 years. Mr. LeGay earned the Purple Heart, Combat Infantryman Badge, Expert Badge Carbine and the Good Conduct Medal with Bronze Clasp. After returning from Korea, Mr. LeGay then did a tour in Vietnam where he earned the National Defense Service Medal, Vietnam Service Medal, Vietnam Campaign Medal and the Good Conduct Medal after completing his 20 years in the Army he worked for American Con as a machinist for 20 + years before retiring. Mr. LeGay was a life member of the Leominster Sportmans Club, Leominster Rod & Gun Club, Gardner Eagles, Disabled American Veterans, Veterans of Foreign Wars, American Legion, Korean War Veterans, American Ex. P.O.W. Association, Korean Ex P.O.W. Association, and Midstate Auto Club. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Leominster Chapter #116**. He enjoyed gardening, loved playing shuffleboard at his summer camp Lamb City in Phillipston, MA, going to fairs, and traveling to his military reunions. He was honored as a Grand Marshall by the City of Leominster several years ago in the Johnny Appleseed Parade with Ex P.O.W. Arthur Gage, and also participated in the Memorial Day Veterans of Foreign Wars Service of Remembrance on Friday evenings for many years. He is survived by his wife of 4 ½ years Elaine (Caron) Maguy- LeGay of Lancaster, his two sons Kenneth M. LeGay and his wife Diana of Fitchburg, Martin “Chad” LeGay and his wife Dawn of Merrimack, NH, two daughters Jeanne Marie Ulliani and her husband Michael Harfst of Hudson, NH, Cheryl Ann Hamner and her husband Barry of Fleetwood, W.V. two brothers Joseph LeGay and his wife Madeline of Manchester, NH, James LeGay of Liberty Maine, a sister Gloria LeGay of Leominster, eight grandchildren Jessica LeGay, Amanda LeGay, Desiree Dwyer, Jeremy Ulliani, Lee Ulliani, Christopher Morin, Marianna Morin, Katie Belle LeGay, four great-grandchildren Kayle Stuart, Cody Stuart, Haylee Stuart, and Sebastian Ingram. He was predeceased by his first wife Constance “Connie” (Martin) LeGay in 1997, a brother Richard LeGay. The funeral with Full Military Honors was held on Tuesday January 19, 2010 at 11:00 a.m. in the Wright-Roy Funeral Home 109 West St Leominster, burial was in Evergreen Cemetery Leominster, calling hours will be Sunday evening January 17, 2010 from 4:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. and Monday evening from 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. in the funeral home.

VERNON E. LEMASTER – Died Thursday, March 12, 2009 in Omaha, Nebraska at the age of 76. The cause of death is unknown. He was born July 10, 1932. He was a member of **Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America – Omaha Chapter #146**. Survived by daughters: Carol J. Lemaster, Cindy Shockey and husband David, all of Lincoln, NE; stepdaughters: Deborah Hodges and husband Hall, Carolyn Schluckebeier and husband Kevin, all of Omaha; 7 grandchildren; 1 great-grandchild; 3 brothers and 2 sisters. Memorial Service was on Sunday, 2:00 PM in the

West Center Chapel. Inurnment was to be in Forest Lawn Memorial Park at a later date. Memorials may be directed to the family. Heafey-Heafey-Hoffmann-Dworak-Cutler - West Center Chapel 8th & West Center.

MARK CHARLES LEVERONI - Born in San Francisco, California on September 14, 1947, Mark Charles Leveroni lived his life fully. He died on Saturday, January 02, 2010 at 7:30 AM at home in Chico at the age of 62. The cause of death was heart failure. He served in the United States Army in Vietnam from 1967-68 as a combat medic during the Tet Offensive and in Dak To. Mark was a decorated veteran. He received a Bronze Star for bravery, a Commendation for Meritorious Service and a Purple Heart. He was a man who, since that time, had sought reconciliation and peace. Following his return from Vietnam, he received his bachelor's degree and went on to teach for a few years as an associate professor at Chico State University. He attended San Rafael High School and graduated from UNR. In his later years, he offered counsel to returning vets from Iraq and Afghanistan. He has two amazing children, Heather Leveroni, married to Andrew Headrick, they live in San Francisco, and Tim Leveroni, who now resides in Vietnam and teaches English. He is survived by his mother Aurora Leveroni of Graeagle, CA, his sister Valerie Leveroni Corral of Davenport, CA, the mother of his children, Amanda Leveroni of Chico, CA, and his beloved dog, Harley. He liked rock n' roll, jazz, fast cars, Dom Perignon, and pastries. We will honor Mark on Tuesday, January 5, 2010 at Mim's Bakery, 890 Humboldt, Chico, California.

ROBERT E. LEWIS – Died Monday, September 15, 2008 in Springfield, Oregon at the age of 63. The cause of death was a self-inflicted gunshot wound. He was born November 9, 1946 in Oakland, California. He is survived by his wife, Margie. He served in the United States Air Force from 1965 to 1969 during the Vietnam War. He was an *At-Large Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Oregon**.



FLOYD BYERL LYERLA (LTC U.S. Army- Retired) - Died Wednesday, December 23, 2009, at St. John's Regional Medical Center in Joplin, Missouri at the age of 81. He was a resident of Pittsburg, Kansas. The cause of death was heart disease. He was born on November 20, 1928, on a farm near Crestline, Kansas, the son of the late Floyd Westley and Lelauh Elva (Koger) Lyerla. Floyd was their fifth and youngest child. In 1962, he finished his college degree on the Bootstrap Program at the University of Omaha (Nebraska), graduating with a Bachelor of General Education, and attended post-graduate school in the field of education at PSU in Pittsburg, Kan., from 1970 to 1971. He was an Army veteran of the Korean and Vietnam wars before retiring in 1970 with 23 military awards. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Topeka Chapter #604**. Floyd published his "Tri-State Prehistoric Indianology" Book and wrote many articles for local newspapers as well as articles in the five Amerindian related publications. His personal finds are pictured in the Lars Hothem book, "Indian Knives" and other Amerindian-focused publications. He is included in "Who's Who in Indian Relics" No. 7 and No. 9. Floyd also named the extra fine Se-Kan Stiletto and Tsa-La-Gi knives/spears found on Bevel Trait sites that are well represented in Cherokee County, Kan.,

and the surrounding area. He has written about Sandstone Clutter sites found in the same locale which produce a preponderance of larger points. Floyd enjoyed talking to schools and organizations throughout the area to demonstrate his interest in Indian archeology. He had been active as former President of the newly formed Crawford County Amateur Archeological Society, a member of the Board of Directors of the Crawford County Historical Society and vice president of the Pittsburg Coin Club, as well as pursuing his hobby of arrowhead hunting and attending auctions. Floyd was preceded in death by his parents, Floyd W. and Lelaue E. (Koger) Lyerla; as well as two brothers and one sister: Haroldean Lyerla, of Independence, Mo., Dale Lyerla, of Overland Park, Kan., and Vaunda Lyerla-Walker-Tilberg, of Riverton, Kan. He is survived by his wife, Donna Lee Alderman-Lyerla, of the home, Pittsburg; one brother, William Robert Lyerla, of Overland Park; one daughter, Kellye Lynn (Lyerla) Perkins and husband, Richard, of Glendale, Ariz.; and one son, William Brett Lyerla and his wife, Kristi (Bramell) Lyerla, of Carl Junction, Mo. He leaves four grandchildren, Allen Franklin Perkins and his wife, Miranda Irene (Denson) Perkins, of Billings, Mont., Bryan Lee Perkins and his wife, Sharon Kaye (Lewis) Perkins, of Prestonsburg, Ky., Brandon Todd Lyerla and Connor David Lyerla, of Carl Junction, Mo. Floyd has three great-granddaughters, Catelynn Irene Perkins, of Billings, Kaylee Madison Perkins and Alyssa Riley Perkins, of Prestonsburg; as well as many nieces, nephews, cousins and extended family and friends. Floyd became a Christian and accepted Jesus as his Savior. He was baptized in Columbus and attended the Crestline Christian Church near their farm home during his youth. He is a member of the First Church of the Nazarene, Pittsburg. Floyd will be cremated, and a memorial celebration of his life will be on Saturday, Feb. 27, 2010, at 2 p.m. at the First Church of the Nazarene. A visitation time will follow the service. The Parker Mortuary in Joplin will be in charge. Condolences can be made online at www.parkermortuary.com, or sent to 109 East Williams, Pittsburg, Kansas. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to any of Floyd's favorite charities and organizations: The American Heart Association, The First Church of the Nazarene, The Crestline Christian Church, St. Jude's Children's Hospital, The Salvation Army or The Crawford County Historical Museum.

JAMES J. MCSORLEY – Died Wednesday, December 23, 2009 in Hudson, Florida at the age of 66. The cause of death was cancer. He was born January 6, 1943 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. He is survived by his daughter, Katrine and his son James McSorley. He served in the United States Army with a tour in Vietnam in 1966. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Hudson Chapter #1003**.

GEORGE C. MYERS - Died Monday, August 31, 2009, at the VA Medical Center in Gainesville, Florida at the age of 62. He was a resident of Chesapeake, Virginia. The cause of death was metastatic lung cancer. He was born in Norfolk, Virginia on September 1, 1946. He was a Vietnam veteran, a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Norfolk Chapter #969**, lifetime member of the VFW 392, member of the Masonic Lodge and served in the U.S. Army, U.S. Air Force and National Guard. He is survived by his wife, Pam Myers of Virginia; daughter, Nicole Myers and son Michael Douglas Myers, both of Colorado; stepdaughter, Danielle McGrath and a brother, Michael Myers, both of Virginia. There will be a memorial ride for him at 9 a.m. Sunday, Sept. 13, at VFW 392, Virginia Beach. In lieu of flowers, donations may be

given in his memory at any Wachovia Bank. Arrangements are under the care of Moring Funeral Home, Melrose, Fla.

DALE CLIFFORD OGDahl - age 60, of Terrace, Minnesota, died at Glacial Ridge Hospital in Glenwood, Minnesota, early on the morning of Sunday, December 6, 2009. The cause of death was Agent Orange-related Cancer. A Mass of Christian Burial will be at 11 A.M. on Wednesday, December 9th, at Church of the Sacred Heart in Glenwood, with Father Peter Kirchner officiating. Visitation will be from 4:00 - 7:00 P.M. on Tuesday at the funeral home, with parish prayers at 5:30 P.M. Visitation will resume on Wednesday at the church, one hour prior to the service. Interment will be in Calvary Cemetery, Glenwood. Arrangements are with Hoplin-Hitchcock Funeral Home of Glenwood. Dale Clifford Ogdahl was born on January 11, 1949, in Glenwood, Minnesota to Clifford and Mildred (Torkelson) Ogdahl. He graduated from Glenwood High School in 1967 and entered the United States Army on April 23, 1968. During his enlistment he served a deployment to Vietnam with the Mobile Riverine Force, and he was honorably discharged on April 23, 1970. Dale married Judith Christeson on July 3, 1971 at St. Patrick's Catholic Church in Collis, MN. They made their home in Aberdeen, SD until moving to Glenwood in 1972, where they lived until her passing in 1996. In 1998, he moved to Terrace, where he lived until his death. He was employed at the Glenwood Creamery before being hired at the Soo Line Railroad, where he worked until his retirement in January of 2009. He also ran a hobby farm in his free time. Dale enjoyed spending time with Donna, his grandkids, his cats, and the rest of the family. He liked going to watch go-cart and BMX races that his grandsons participated in. His hobbies included woodworking, canning, gardening, and trips to the casinos. He was an active member and president of Terrace Sportsman Club. He served as an officer on the Chippewa Falls township board. He participated and a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Alexandria Chapter #235**, the VFW, the Mobile Riverine Force Association, and the Canadian Pacific Railroad Retirement Committee. He will always be remembered for his big smiles, laughter, sense of humor, and willingness to help others when needed. Dale is survived by his parents, Clifford and Mildred Ogdahl of Glenwood, MN; his companion of 12 years, Donna Sandmeyer (CNL) of Terrace, MN; a daughter, Michelle (Jamie) Pullman of St. Joseph, MN; three sons, Matthew Ogdahl of Brooten, MN, Steven Ogdahl of Minneapolis, MN, and Scott (Tracy) Ogdahl of Starbuck, MN; four grandchildren Jesse, Carter, and Nicholas Pullman, and Mataya Ogdahl; two brothers, Raymond Ogdahl of Milbank, SD, and Dean Ogdahl of Moose Lake, MN; as well as several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his wife, Judith and an infant sister, Shelly.

ERNEST MITCHELL PERDUE – Died Wednesday, September 9, 2009 in North Augusta, South Carolina at the age of 62. The cause of death is unknown. He was born November 12, 1946. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Beaver Falls Chapter #862**.

KIETH K. PETTY - Died Friday, December 18, 2009 at Memorial Hospital in South Bend, Indiana at the age of 61. He was a resident of South Bend, Indiana. The cause of death was Agent Orange-related ischemic heart disease. He was born on August 21, 1948 to Kenneth W. and Jane (Fanning) Petty in Piqua, Ohio, and has lived in South Bend since 1984, coming from

Richmond, IN. Along with his father, Kenneth W. Petty; one sister, Diane Petty; and one brother, Jeff Petty also preceded him in death. He is survived by his loving wife, Cindi A. (Liberti) of South Bend, IN; his mother, Jane (husband Jess) Hall of Donna, TX; one daughter, Sara J. Petty and her husband Matt Melville of South Bend, IN; two sons, Nick (wife Nicole) Petty of South Bend, IN; Jason (wife Karen) Petty of Bradford, OH; three grandchildren, Mayah and Jaxon Petty, both of South Bend, IN; Halley Petty of Bradford, OH; one sister, Michele (husband Roger) Snodgrass of Kokomo, IN; one brother, Monty Young of Curtisville, IN; many special uncles & aunts; cousins; nieces & nephews; and beloved friends. Kieth was a United States Army Veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – South Bend Chapter #1027**. The family could list his credits, affiliations, and accomplishments because there are many, but he was most proud of his children and grandchildren, who were the light of his life. Visitation will be from 2-4 & 6-8 p.m. Tuesday, December 22, 2009 at Kaniewski Funeral Home, 3545 N. Bendix Drive, South Bend, IN. Private Funeral Services will take place at a later date. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to: The Petty Family; or Vietnam Veterans of America, Chapter 1027 in South Bend, IN. A special thanks to Dr. Sarnat and his staff for their care and compassion, we are forever grateful. Life is not measured by the number of breaths we take, but by the moments that take our breath away. Kaniewski Funeral Home, South Bend, IN is handling arrangements.

HENRY PONCE, JR. - Died Monday, January 11, 2010 in Hobart, Indiana at the age of 67. The cause of death was sepsis. He was born September 25, 1942 East Laredo, Texas. Henry was a Deacon and a member of E.W.K.M. church in Merrillville, Indiana. He was a retired Plant Guard for Inland Steel. Henry proudly served his country in the United States Army during the Vietnam War. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Hobart Chapter #905**. He loved spending time with his family, his two grandchildren and his dog Rambo. Henry is survived by his wife of 37 yrs., Beverly (nee Stefanovich) Ponce of Hobart, IN; sons, Robert Ponce of Crown Point, IN, Ken (Megan) Ponce of Port Orange FL; daughter, Lisa Ponce of Hobart IN; sister, Nina (Richard) Falatic of Valparaiso IN; 2-grandchildren, Logan Ponce and Isabelle Rubacha and other loving family and friends. He is preceded in death by his parents, Enrique and Armandina Ponce; brothers, Fortino and Mario Ponce. Funeral Services will be held Friday, January 15, 2010 at 11:00 a.m. with Pastor Nathan Riley Jr. officiating at Rees Funeral Home, 600 West Old Ridge Road, Hobart. Burial will follow at Evergreen Memorial Park. Visitation will be Thursday, January 14, 2010 from 2-8 p.m., at Rees Funeral Home, Hobart Chapel.

GEORGE W. POWELL – Died recently in 2009 at the age of 66 in Bocket, North Dakota. The cause of death is unknown. He was born January 27, 1943. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Mayville Chapter #374**.

DAVID E. PRATT – Died in 2009 in Blair, Nebraska at the age of 66. The cause of death is unknown. He was born December 18, 1943. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Omaha Chapter #146**.

TERRY L. QUISENBERRY, SR. – Died Monday, December 7, 2009 in Lawton, Oklahoma at the age of 65. The cause of death was cancer. He was born January 16, 1944 in Tulsa, Oklahoma to the

late Thomas and Frances Ruth Weaver Quisenberry. He married Phyllis Wayland on October 27, 1963 in Tulsa. In addition to his wife, he is survived by one daughter and son-in-law, Lisa and Charles Ashley, of Bartlesville, Oklahoma; two sons and daughters-in-law, Terry and Shelly Quisenberry, of Marlow, Oklahoma and Patrick and Marisa Quisenberry, of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma; nine grandchildren, Dustin Moore, Thomas Ashley, Kaelyn Jung, Tabitha Ashley, Jimmy Quisenberry, Tyrell Ashley, Matthew Quisenberry, Travis Ashley and Valin Quisenberry; his brother and sister-in-law, Jerry and Tanya Quisenberry, of Owasso, Oklahoma; his sister-in-law, Colleen Quisenberry, of Lawton, and; several nieces and nephews. In addition to his parents, he was predeceased by his brother, Michael Quisenberry and his sister, Connie Medlock. He served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War and retired at the rank of Chief Warrant Officer 3. He was a *Life Member* and *Secretary* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Lawton Chapter #751**. He was also active with the Comanche County Veterans Association. Funeral services were conducted at the Becker Funeral Home in Lawton with Joe Price, pastor of the Denton Baptist Church in Marlow, officiating. Interment with full military honors was in the Fort Sill National Cemetery in Elgin, Oklahoma.



BILLY DALE ROBERTS - Died Monday morning, April 27, 2009 at Mercy Medical Center in Merced at the age of 76. He was born October 18, 1932 in Yawky, West Virginia. He is survived by his best friend, companion and loving wife of 37 years, Caryol. Billy was a very dedicated and patriotic American. He served his country for 23 years beginning in 1949 when he first joined the National Guard. In 1951 he joined the Air Force and was a proud, dedicated Air Policeman during his military career. Billy served his country during the occupation of Germany in 1952 and overseas during the Vietnam War. During his military career, he was stationed at many different locations throughout the world, including serving as good will representative to Turkey, Iran and Holland, before retiring in 1972 from the Security Police Squadron at CAFB. After his retirement, he worked as an accountant for Merced County and continued to serve his country as a member of local VFW and **Vietnam Veterans of America - Merced Chapter #691** as honor guard and volunteer. He was also dedicated to helping with the Special Olympics as a Telephone Pioneer partner as well as other local community projects. Billy was a proud father to his children Eric, Marc and Alec Roberts of West Virginia. He was adored and respected by his five step-children, Donald, Allen, Robin, Michelle and Christopher Harris. He was loved by his 11 grandchildren and 7 great-grandchildren. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to the American Cancer Society. Visitation for Billy D. will be held from 9:30 a.m. until 11:00 a.m. with the Funeral Service to follow at 12:00 p.m. on Thursday, April 30th at Ivers and Alcorn Funeral Home in Atwater with a reception to follow at 1:00 p.m. at the Atwater VFW Memorial Hall. The Graveside service will be held at the San Joaquin Valley National Cemetery in Gustine on Wednesday, May 6th at 12:30 p.m. All funeral arrangements are under the direction of Ivers & Alcorn Funeral Home located at 3050 Winton Way in Atwater, California.

REYNALDO C. RODRIGUEZ – Died recently in El Paso, Texas at the age of 73. The cause of death is unknown. He was born March 27, 1936. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – El Paso Chapter #844**.

DONALD WILSON RYAN, JR. - 59, of Fort Ashby, West Virginia, died on Friday, December 4, 2009, at the Western Maryland Regional Medical Center. The cause of death is unknown. He was born April 14, 1950, in Cumberland, Maryland to the late Donald Ryan Sr. and Iris Lorraine (Rexrode) Ryan. He was also preceded in death by a granddaughter, Erica Lalana Smith. Mr. Ryan was an explosives machinist at Alliant Tech Systems, ABL. He was a United States Army veteran of Vietnam where he served two tours and was with the Navy Reserves for 10 years. He was a member of Trinity Assembly of God Church. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Cumberland Chapter #172**. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, golfing and spending time with his grandchildren. Surviving are his wife of 33 years, Billie Jo Ryan; two daughters, Danelle Rene Smith and husband William E., of Fort Ashby and Iris Lorraine Hawk and husband Christopher M., of Petersburg, W.Va.; one sister, Donna Lorraine Geyer and husband Harold, of Hyndman, Pa.; and five grandchildren, Tyler Smith, Sierra Fitzwater, Dalton Smith, Gracie Hawk and Kaylee J. Hawk. Friends will be received at the Scarpelli Funeral Home, P.A., 108 Virginia Ave., Cumberland, scarpellifuneralhomes.com on Sunday from 3 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m. Funeral services will be conducted in the funeral home on Monday at 1 p.m. with the Rev. Gerald Wagner officiating. Interment was in Sunset Memorial Park. Military honors were accorded by the Veterans of Vietnam Chapter 172.

DOUGLAS W. "Doug" SCHAFFER, JR. - Died Tuesday morning December 22, 2009 at the Aurora Bay Care Hospital in Green Bay, Wisconsin at the age of 75. He was a resident of Sheboygan, Wisconsin. The cause of death is unknown. Douglas was born September 6, 1934 in Nahma, Wisconsin, the son of Douglas and Marciel (Balenger) Schafer Sr. He was raised in Gladstone and he was a 1953 graduate of Gladstone High School. Doug served in the United States Army for 13 years where he served 2 tours of duty in Korea and 1 tour in Vietnam. During this time he was also an instructor for the R.O.T.C. at the University of Illinois. Doug received the Combat Infantry Badge, Vietnam Gallantry Cross and the Bronze Star. Upon his honorable discharge in 1970, Doug worked for Firestone Corporation in Wyandotte, MI until its closure. Doug moved to the U.P. where he met and married the former Ann Stoneclift on July 3, 1981. They made their home in Sheboygan, WI and Doug worked for Kohler Corporation, and later retired from Georgia Pacific in 1996. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Sheboygan Chapter #618**. Doug was a member of the Sheboygan V.F.W. and he especially enjoyed spending time with his family. His hobbies included hunting, fishing and watching television. In addition to his wife Ann, survivors include: 4 daughters: Julie (Doug) Kemp of Pinckney, MI; Kathy Schafer of Lapeer, MI; Dawn (Ryan) Ware of Sheboygan, WI; Darlene (Tracy) Andrus of Sheboygan, WI; 2 brothers: Ron (Sherry) Schafer of Gladstone; Jeff (Melody) Schafer of Wichita, KS; 1 sister, Marcy (Jack) Deneau of Marquette, MI; 6 grandchildren, Trisha, Jamie, Danielle, Amanda, Russell and Michael; 4 great grandchildren, Kamielle, Jenna, Korey and Kameron; numerous nieces, nephews and cousins. In addition to his parents, Doug was preceded in death by 2 daughters, Carol and Debbie. Doug's family will receive friends on Sunday December 27, 2009 from 1:30 to 3:345 PM at the Skradski Funeral Home in Gladstone. Gladstone American Legion Post #71 military rites will follow at 3:45 PM . Funeral services celebrating the life of Douglas W. Schafer will follow at 4:00 PM at Skradski Funeral Home with Rev. Fr. Emmett Norden officiating. Luncheon will follow at the Gladstone American Legion Hall. Burial will be

in the Fernwood Cemetery in Gladstone. You can express your sympathy to the Schafer family, or to leave a memory tribute about Doug by using the form below.

STEPHEN M. SCHECHTER – Died Thursday, November 8, 2007 in Lakewood, Ohio at the age of 64. He was the beloved husband of Barbara Fazio; cherished son of the late Rosalie and Emanuel and loving friend to many. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was an *At-Large Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Ohio**. Services will be held Sunday November 11 at 9 a.m. at the Berkowitz-Kumin-Bookatz Memorial Chapel, 1985 South Taylor Road, Cleveland Heights. Interment was in the Lake View Cemetery. Family will receive friends at the residence: 12700 Lake Ave., Lakewood (in the Winton's Den) Sunday following services till 2 P.M. Friends who wish may contribute to the Natural Wildlife Association or the charity of choice.

KENNETH F. SCHOENICK - Memorial services for TSGT (Ret) Kenneth F. Schoenick, 79, of Junction City was held at 10 a.m., Monday, January 11, 2010 at the Kansas Veterans' Cemetery, Manhattan, Kansas. Mr. Schoenick passed away at Valley View Senior Life Center on Saturday, December 19, 2009. The cause of death was cancer. Kenneth was born April 2, 1930 Oshkosh, Wisconsin to Louis M. and Kathryn (Felker) Schoenick. It was a big day for him on September 18, 1947 as he enlisted in a branch of the U.S. armed forces that by the end of the day would no longer exist. He was aboard a train taking him to Fort Sheridan, IL to do what he thought was a tour of duty in the Army Air Corps. That same day in the military history of the nation legislators and the National Security Act revamped the structure of the U.S. Military and dissolved the Army Air Corp and created the United States Air Force. He spent the next two decades working in jobs ranging from a clerk typist at Yokota Air Base in Japan to a team chief on a Minuteman Missile System at Ellsworth AFB. Kenneth retired from the U.S. Air Force on September 30, 1967 the same month the U.S. Air Force celebrated its 20th birthday. Because he served in the Air Force from the very day it became a separate service he was named Ellsworth Air Force Base "Air Force 20 Man". He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Junction City Chapter #344**. He enjoyed hunting and fishing with his good friend Scottie. He married Dorothy Jean Wilkinson May 5, 1949 she preceded him in death. He is survived by his longtime companion, Charlotta (Lilo) St. Pierre, his son, John Schoenick of Osage City, KS, his brother Donald Schoenick and wife Dawn of Oshkosh, WI, two sisters; Doralee Smithson and husband Raymond of Grants Pass, OR and Marlene Dettlaff and husband Donald of Omro, WI, daughter-in-law, Lois Schoenick of KY and granddaughter, Robin Harris also of Kentucky, another granddaughter and a great-granddaughter, Jessica. He was preceded in death by one sister, Carolyn Wiesinger and two sons, Robert Schoenick and Ted Schoenick.

TERRY LYNN SHARON - Died Sunday, September 13, 2009 in Monterey, Kentucky at the age of 60. The cause of death is unknown. He was born January 22, 1949. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Aurora (Indiana) Chapter #71**. Visiting hours were 11:00 AM-2:00 PM Saturday, September 19, 2009 at the Owen County High School gymnasium followed by the funeral at 2:00 PM.

ISAAC JEROME SHIDER, SR. - Died Monday, December 28, 2009 in Lawton, Oklahoma at the age of 63. The cause of death is unknown. Funeral was Tuesday January 5, 2010 at First Baptist Church, Lawton, Oklahoma at 11 am. Burial was at Fort Sill National Cemetery, Elgin, Oklahoma under the direction of Jefferson Funeral Home immediately following Funeral Services. He was born September 8 1946, in Ware County Hospital in Waycross, Georgia, to Isaac Shider and Eldora Cosby. He moved to Albany Georgia at 2 years old where he attended public school until 1961. In 1967 he joined Suzanne Shider in marriage. Mr. Shider joined the United States Army in 1967 and served in Vietnam from 1968-1969, served in Europe with Seven (VII) Corp with coalition forces fighting for the liberation of Kuwait during Operation Desert Storm in 1990-1991, and retired from the U.S. Army in 1991, at the rank of First/Master Sergeant. He then began working for the State of Oklahoma, Department of Mental Health, Jim Taliaferro Community Mental Health Center, Lawton, OK, as the Supply Officer where he again retired in 2007, and was also a *Life Member* and the President of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Lawton Chapter #751**, a Member of the Buffalo Soldiers, and a former Eastside Optimists (Lt. Governor of local Chapter & former Governor at State Level). Survivors include children and their spouses: Wife Suzanne Shider, Lawton, Son Isaac J. Shider Jr., Lawton, Son Nathaniel W. Shider, Lawton, Mother Eldora Cosby, Albany, GA,, Brother Charles V. Shider, Albany, GA., Sister Ophelia Thompson, Toledo, OH, a host of nieces and nephews; other relatives; and many, many friends. He was preceded in death by his father; his uncle; grandmother, and Susie Mae Crite. Sympathy cards and floral arrangements may be sent to Jefferson Funerals Home 101 W. Gore Blvd. Lawton, OK.

CHARLES FREDERICK “Fred” SLOAN, JR. - 64, of 2 Dudley Street, Lonaconing, Maryland died on Thursday, December 3, 2009, at Johns Hopkins Hospital. The cause of death is unknown. He was born June 1, 1945, in Lonaconing, he was the son of the late Charles and Marcella (Allen) Sloan. He was preceded in death by his wife, Katherine Sloan, sisters Donna and Eleanor Sloan, and brothers Billy and Dan Sloan. He is survived by his children, Fred Sloan III, of Lonaconing, Molly Taylor and husband Tom Taylor, of Lonaconing, and Mac Sloan and wife Melanie Sloan, of Frostburg. He was blessed with 5 grandchildren, Alex, Nick, Johnny, Kate, and Abigail Taylor, of Lonaconing, who will miss him dearly. He is also survived by his sister, Jen Evans, of Lonaconing; and brother Jeff Sloan, of Lonaconing. His surviving nieces and nephews include Danny Sloan, Dawn Sloan, Natalie Glass, Marcie Sloan, Billy Sloan, Katie Sloan, Bo Evans, Julie Wilt, Lee Fisher, Brandon Sloan, Cooper Long, and Matthew Long. Fred is also survived by his ever faithful and devoted mother-in-law, Elizabeth C. Long, of Lonaconing. Fred was a graduate of Valley High School, class of 1963. He served in the 101st Airborne Division in the United States Army during the Vietnam War. He graduated from Frostburg State with Bachelor’s and Master’s degrees in Education. He also received his Doctorate degree in Education from the University of Maryland. Fred proudly served more than 30 years in education in Western Maryland. His career with the Allegany County Public Schools included stints as an elementary school teacher, middle school vice principal and principal, and elementary school principal. He finished his education career at Frostburg State as a professor, in the Department of Education. Fred influenced and touched many lives as an educator, as both a mentor and colleague. Fred also served in local politics over 30 years. His positions included Mayor and Water Commissioner of the Town of Lonaconing, and as an elected member of the Allegany County Board of Education. Fred was

member of George's Creek Valley Lodge 161 AF&AM and the Barton American Legion Post 189. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Cumberland Chapter #172**. Fred was also a devoted Christian being a member of Saint Peter's Episcopal Church of Lonaconing. In May 2009, he fulfilled a lifelong dream of becoming an ordained Episcopal minister. Fred's many years of service to the community, education, and ministry brought him great joy and happiness. This joy was reciprocated by the many people he came into contact with throughout his life. Friends will be received at the Eichhorn-McKenzie Funeral Home, P.A. on Main St., Lonaconing, on Monday from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Barton American Legion will hold a memorial service at 6 p.m. on Monday. Funeral services will be conducted in Saint Peter's Episcopal Church, Lonaconing, on Tuesday, Dec. 8, at 10:30 a.m. with Bishop John Rabb officiating. Family and friends will be received an hour prior to service. A reception to celebrate his life will be held immediately following the service at Saint Peter's Bishop Murray Center. At Fred's request his remains will be cremated and will be buried privately. Attending pallbearers will be Jeff Sloan, Fred Sloan III, Dan Sloan Jr., Bo Evans, Mac Sloan, and Lee Fisher. The family request that memorial donations be made to St. Peter's Episcopal Church, 6 St. Peters Place, Lonaconing, MD 21539. Fred was a devoted husband, father, brother, uncle, friend and grandfather. He enjoyed spending time with his family and friends. Fred also enjoyed many recreational activities including hiking, golf, bicycling, and simply enjoying a quiet afternoon in his backyard. He will be deeply missed by everyone who knew him. The devotion and love that Fred showed to everyone and particularly his family will be forever cherished.

BUSTER B. SPEAKS – Died Wednesday, June 17, 2009 in Geronimo, Oklahoma at the age of 74. The cause of death is unknown. Funeral for Buster B. Speaks will be held at 10:00 am, Wednesday, June 24, 2009 at Lawton Ritter Gray Funeral Home Chapel. Burial will be at Fort Sill National Cemetery in Elgin, Oklahoma under the direction of Lawton Ritter Gray Funeral Home. Friends can call on the family from 5-7 p.m. on Tuesday at the funeral home. He was born in Messer, Oklahoma on August 20th, 1934 to Benjamin and Fannie Speaks. He attended school in Antlers, OK. He worked for Coca Cola until 1955. He joined the United States Air Force and got his GED and 1 year of college. He toured in Paris, France for 2 years and was a Vietnam Veteran. He retired from Castle Air Force Base in Atwater, CA after 26 years of service. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Lawton Chapter #751**. He worked and retired from GSA in Lawton, OK. Buster was a 32 degree mason and a member of the Scottish Rite. He was with Masonic Lodge 540. Buster enjoyed his hunting and fishing. He loved working in his shop making things and tinkering. Buster mainly loved helping people. Buster married Wilma Russell on March 14, 1995. He is survived by his wife of the home; a brother Bill Speaks of Minneapolis, MN; a sister Virginia Bidleman of Florida; three daughters Catherine Speaks of Santa Rosa, CA, Christine Casanova and husband Fernando of Atwater, CA, and Michele Butrej and husband Steven of Fuquay Varina, North Carolina; five grandchildren Adam, Jacob, Stephen Ray, Xavier, and Shayla; two step children Connie Prys and husband Mark of Colorado Springs, CO and Darrell Russell and wife Susan of Midwest City, OK; seven step grandchildren; three step great grandchildren; and many nieces, nephews, and friends. He is preceded in death by his parents, grandparents, four brothers, Dick, Sam, Hugh, and Willard, and a sister Lois.

WILLIE B. TELFAIR - Died on Sunday, January 17, 2010 at Presbyterian Hospital in Charlotte, North Carolina at the age of 63. He was a resident of Charlotte. The cause of death was a heart attack. He was born June 11, 1946. He served in the United States Army from 1967 to 1969 with service in the Vietnam War. He was an *At-Large Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – North Carolina**. Funeral service will be held on Saturday, January 23, 2010 at 12:00 noon at First Baptist Church-West. Visitation will be at 11:00 a.m. Interment will follow at Beatties Ford Memorial Garden. Mr. Telfair retired from Ryder P.I.E. Survivors include his loving wife of 40 years, Lynn Telfair; daughter, Rochelle Telfair; two grandchildren, Justin Spratt and Jasmine Telfair; his wonderful mother, Annie Lee Stewart of Dawson, Ga.; five brothers and three sisters. Grier Funeral Service is in charge of arrangements.

LARRY JOE TREXLER - Died Friday, January 8, 2010, at residence in Clarksville, Tennessee at the age of 65. The cause of death was suicide. He was born September 3, 1944 I Caro, Illinois. He served in the United States Air Force from July 1962 to March 1966 and served in the Reserves from 1966 to 1968. He served a tour of duty in Vietnam from 1965 to 1966. The funeral will be held at 3:00 PM Tuesday at Neal-Trapley-Parchman Chapel with Dr. Larry Robertson officiating. Visitation will be from 1:00 PM until the hour of service Tuesday at the funeral home. Neal-Trapley-Parchman Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

KENNETH E. TURNMEYER - Died Sunday, December 27, 2009 in Oshkosh, Wisconsin at the age of 66. He had fought a long and hard battle with cancer. Ken was born in Oshkosh on July 24, 1943 to Bernard and Marion (LaMore) Turnmeyer. He honorably served in the United States Army from November 1961 to November 1964. Ken was a life member of AMVETS 7, Disabled American Veterans, and the United Veterans Honor Guard. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Oshkosh Chapter #437**. He was a family man who was thoughtful and giving. He enjoyed his nieces and nephews. He also loved being in the outdoors, camping, hiking, and visiting the family farm. A man of faith, he was a member of Grace Lutheran Church. Surviving Ken are his siblings: Gordon (Elizabeth) Turnmeyer of Phoenix, Arizona, Robert (Maureen) Turnmeyer of Pine River, Lynn (Darrell) Gehrke of Oshkosh, and Patricia Misterek of Oshkosh; sister-in-law, Toshiko Turnmeyer of Denver, Colorado; many nieces and nephews; and his special friend, Diane Mulder. Ken was preceded in death by his parents and brother, Bernard Jr. A memorial service will be held for Ken at 3:00 P.M. on Monday, January 4, 2009 at Grace Lutheran Church, 913 Nebraska Street. A time for sharing memories and support will be held at the church on Monday from 1:00 P.M. until the time of the service. Full military honors will be given by the United Veterans Honor Guard. In lieu of flowers a memorial is being established.

LAWRENCE D. WALLMAN – Died Friday, March 6, 2009 in Soddy Daisy, Tennessee at the age of 61. The cause of death was cancer. He was born August 27, 1947. He is survived by sons and daughters, Lori Brown, Patricia Munson, Shane Slaven, Matthew Wallman, Jeremy Slaven; 7 grandchildren. He served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Soddy-Daisy Chapter #942**.

Funeral services were conducted in Soddy Daisy, Tennessee. Memorials requested in care of Legacy Funeral Home, 8911 Dallas Hollow Rd. Soddy Daisy, Tennessee.

MICHAEL WARREN, SR. - 59, of the Cumberland Lakes community of Monterey, Tennessee died Monday, December 1, 2009. The cause of death is unknown. Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Saturday, Dec. 5, at the Dripping Springs Independent Missionary Baptist Church, with the Rev. Mark Hall and the Rev. Howard Siplin officiating. The family will receive friends from 5-8 p.m. Friday, Dec. 4, at the church. Mr. Warren was born May 4, 1950, in Greenbrush Township, IL, the son of the late Ernest and Myriell Yocum Warren. He was an ordained deacon with Beulah Missionary Baptist Church and a member of Dripping Springs Independent Baptist Church. He was in the United States Air Force for 21 years. He spent seven years working with the city of Miami (Florida) Police Force where he was a retired disabled sergeant. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Coral Gables (Florida) Chapter #121**. Survivors include his wife, Doris Warren of the Cumberland Lakes community; son and daughter-in-law, Michael Ernest Jr. and Leah Warren of West Point, NY; daughter and son-in-law, Cornia and Paul Wheeler of Hattiesburg, MS; stepson, Danyell Ferguson of Miami, FL; sister, Sandra Clark of Denver, CO; grandchildren, Jordan, Rachel, Abigail, Gwyneth, Noel and Danielle; mother-in-law, Albertha Ferguson of Miami, FL; sisters-in-law, Zelma Siplin, Ruth Ferguson, Barbara Ferguson, Joyce Ferguson, Tashia Ferguson and Betty Williams; and brothers-in-law, the Rev. Howard Siplin, David Ferguson, Garnett Ferguson, Edward Ferguson, Jr. and Edward Williams. In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorial donations be made to the Beulah Missionary Baptist Church, 3795 Frow Ave., Miami, Florida 33128. Goff Funeral Home of Monterey (www.gofffuneralhome.com) is in charge of the arrangements.

DAVID ALBERT WELLS – Died Tuesday, November 3, 2009 in Yountville, California at the age of 66. The cause of death was sepsis – infections from blood disease. He was born September 14, 1943 in San Leandro, California. He served in the United States Navy from 16 April 1966 to 12 November 1967 with service in the Vietnam War. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Yountville Chapter #702**.

DWIGHT C. WILSON – Died in 2009 in Brookings, Oregon at the age of 76. The cause of death is unknown. He was born March 1, 1932. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Brookings Chapter #757**.



VESTAL O. "Red" WILSON, JR. - Died Friday, October 16, 2009 in Port Huron at the age of 69. The cause of death was a heart attack. He was born October 24, 1939 in Mount Clemens, Michigan to the late Vestal and Viola Wilson Sr. He married Dellene K. Martin on August 12, 1960 in Armada, Michigan. Mr. Wilson retired from Ford Motor Company and was a member of U.A.W. Local #400. He served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Port Huron Chapter #284**. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, mowing the lawn, selling

things at the flea market, and talking to people. He is survived by his loving wife, Dellene; four children, Vestal (Rene) Wilson III, Russel (Lori) Wilson, Kim Bosel and Pat Wilson; six grandchildren, Chris Bosel, Nick, Megan, Keili, Jessica and Klaire Wilson; two sisters, Anne Wilson and Judy (Howard) Williams; three brothers, William "Butch" Wilson, Roy (Ellen) Wilson and Paul (Judy) Wilson; and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by a granddaughter, Angie Bosel. Visitation will be from 12-3 and 5-8 p.m. Thursday, October 22, 2009 in the Marysville Funeral Home. A memorial service will conclude the evening visitation at 8:00 pm. Military honors will be conducted under the auspices of the St. Clair County Allied Veterans. Memorial may be made to the family.

ROBERT L. ZIMAN, SR. (USAF, COL-RET.) - Died Sunday, December 13, 2009 in San Marcos, Texas at the age of 79. The cause of death was Agent Orange-related Parkinson's Disease. He was born in Riverside, California on December 14, 1930. Col. Ziman served his country for 32 years as a pilot in the United States Air Force, including 274 combat missions in Vietnam. After retiring from the Air Force he earned his Bachelor of Science in Psychology and his teacher's certification from Southwest Texas State University. He then taught for eight years at Gus Garcia Middle School in San Antonio. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – San Marcos Chapter #923**. Although he took great pride in his service to his country, he was most proud of his family. With the extraordinary help of his devoted wife, they nurtured and raised five wonderful children. He loved them all dearly. Colonel Ziman is loved and sadly missed by his wife and five children as well as four grandchildren, two sisters and numerous nieces and nephews. As per the wishes of Col. Ziman, there will be no formal services. However, a celebration of life is planned for family and friends in early summer.

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

FATHER PHIL SALOIS, M.S.