

VIETNAM VETERANS OF AMERICA

Office of the National Chaplain

DONALD "Don" ALLEE – Died in October 2010 in New Holstein, Wisconsin. The cause of death is unknown. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Green Bay Chapter #224**.

WILMER BLAINE ALLINDER, JR. - Died Wednesday, January 12, 2011 in his home in Aliquippa, Pennsylvania at the age of 62, surrounded by his family and friends, and following a battle with cancer. He was born November 23, 1948 in Sewickley, Pennsylvania to Wilmer Blaine Allinder, Sr. of Hopewell Township, Pennsylvania and the late Betty (Laing) Allinder. Mr. Allinder was a United States Army veteran having proudly served as a sergeant in the Vietnam War from 1969-1970. He was a recipient of the Air Medal and the Army Commendation Medal, both given for valor. He was a retired employee of Nova Chemical and a life member of the following organizations: Hopewell VFW Post 8805, a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Beaver Falls Chapter #862**, DAV and the American Legion. Blaine was very active in all aspects of Veteran's Affairs. In addition to his father, he is survived by his loving wife of 36 years, Noreen (Christiana) Allinder; two devoted sons, Christopher Allinder and Corey Allinder, both of Aliquippa; two beloved grandchildren, Mia and Maddex, and two brothers and sisters-in-law, Tom and Louise Allinder, Hayward, CA, and Harold and Maribeth Allinder, Hopewell Township. In addition to his mother, he was preceded in death by his father-in-law and mother-in-law, James and Mary Ann Christiana. A service will be held today at 11 a.m. in the Tatalivich Funeral Home and Cremation Services, Inc., 2205 McMinn St., Aliquippa, with full military honors being conducted. Private interment will follow in the National Cemetery of the Alleghenies, Washington County. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions in Blaine's name may be made to the Vietnam Veterans of America, Beaver County Chapter 862. Blaine will be remembered as a caring and selfless man, who helped his family, friends and his fellow veterans. His biggest joy in life was raising his two sons. He will be sadly missed by many.

KATHLEEN ANN AYLWARD - Died Tuesday, January 11, 2011, at home in Westwood, Kansas with family and friends at her side. She was 55 year of age. The cause of death was cancer. She was born in Kansas City, Missouri, November 11, 1955 and was a lifelong area resident. Kathleen attended Notre Dame de Sion, and St. Peter's grade schools. She graduated from Southwest High School and earned her bachelors degree in Communication Studies at the University of Missouri - Kansas City. Combining her education with her out-going, enthusiastic personality, as well as her love of working with people, she enjoyed a successful and fulfilling career in advertising, marketing and sales. In 1987 she joined her best friend and husband, Randy Barnes, at City Market Produce Co. After many wonderful years of expanding the business together they decided to close in 2002, retire, and pursue their personal interests. Randy devoted his time as a lead advocate to the local **Vietnam Veterans of America – Kansas City Chapter #317** and a *Life Member* of **Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America – Kansas City Chapter #317**. Kathleen also supported these interests and continued her support after his

death. She also committed and volunteered her time and talents to supporting the Arts, as well as her lifelong passion for local, state, and national politics. She was a vast supporter to many Kansas City Art Institute initiatives and was a member of the KCAI Fireside Committee, serving as president in 2006. In regard to politics, outside of past campaigning successes, she was very proud of working on the 2008 Obama presidential campaign. In leisure she loved playing tennis, travel, spending time with her friends and especially long walks with her dear dog, Jack. Kathleen is predeceased by her husband, Randy, and her parents, Maurine Loftus and Judge George V. Aylward, Jr. She leaves her sisters, Ann Aylward and Beth (David) Crownover, and her stepfather, Dr. James F. Loftus. Kathleen was a very beloved wife, daughter, sister and friend. Her enthusiasm and lust for life will be very dearly missed. Mass of The Resurrection will be offered on Friday, January 21, 2011, 9:30 a.m. at Our Lady of Good Counsel Church, 3934 Washington St., Kansas City, Missouri. The family gives their heartfelt appreciation and gratitude to the many friends, neighbors, family, and caregivers: Linda, Tonia, Teresa, and Keela, as well as all the wonderful nurses and staff of Crossroads Hospice whose dedication and love supported Kathleen. In lieu of flowers, memorials are suggested to the church, Catholic Charities, American Cancer Society, or a charity of the donor's choice. Kathleen will be interred with her husband in Arlington Cemetery, Washington, D.C. (Arrangements: Signature Funerals, 913-526-4317)



TRINCO S. "Sam" BECERRA - Died Sunday, January 16, 2001 in Springfield, Michigan at the age of 69. The cause of death is unknown. He was born March 13, 1941 in Cleveland, Ohio, the son of Manuel and Francisca Becerra. He married Naomi Nichols in 1958 and she preceded him in death in 2008. Sam retired from the United States Army serving in Europe, Thailand, and Vietnam. He was awarded the Army Commendation, Vietnam Service, Vietnam Campaign, National Defense, and Good Conduct ribbons. After his military service, Sam worked at the Post Office as a mail handler and retired in 2000. Sam's hobbies included CB Radios with his call names

of "Soldier Boy" and Sweet Talker", deer hunting, bingo, and playing blackjack. Sam was a *Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Battle Creek Chapter #313*. Sam is survived by his children: Mary (Terry) Quigg of Battle Creek, Deborah (Daryl) Eaton of Eaton Rapids, Tina Meinke (Richard Armstrong) of Battle Creek, Tara (Jon) Bloore of Springfield, and Nicholas Becerra of Battle Creek; his grandchildren: Heather, Darian, Delanie, Jonathan, Matthew, Breanna, and Curtis; his great granddaughter: Faith; his brothers: Henry (Mary) Becerra of Kalamazoo, John (Kim) Becerra of Jacksonville, NC, Robert (June) Becerra of Battle Creek, and Mario (Vickie) Becerra of Marshall; and his sisters: Gloria Kelly of Cleveland, OH, Elenor Bobik of California, and Virginia (Gerry) Gilbert of Charlotte. Besides his wife Naomi, Sam was preceded in death by his parents, and 3 brothers: Alfonso, Manuel, and Arthur Becerra. Funeral services for Sam will be held on Thursday, January 20, 2011 at 11:00 a.m. at the Royal Funeral Home, Battle Creek. Visitation will be on Wednesday from 3-5 and 7-9 p.m. Burial will be in Ft. Custer National Cemetery, Augusta with full military honors. Memorials in Sam's name may be directed to the Vietnam Veterans of America, Chapter 313, Calhoun Co., P.O. Box 2066, Battle Creek, MI 49016-2066.

RONALD J. BITLE – Died recently in 2010 in Reno, Nevada at the age of 66. The cause of death is unknown. He was born March 30, 1944. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was an *At-Large Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Nevada**.

RICHARD A. BLAKELEY – Died Saturday, January 8, 2011 in Sun City Center, Florida at the age of 81. The cause of death is unknown. He was born April 2, 1929 in Buffalo, New York. He is survived by his wife, Sue M. Blakeley of Florida. He served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Lawton (Oklahoma) Chapter #751**.

PAUL BUFFA, SR. – Died Monday, November 1, 2010 in Florissant, Missouri at the age of 66. The cause of death was leukemia. He was born January 12, 1944. He was the beloved husband of Donna S. Buffa (née Cantillon); dearest father of Paul (Patricia) Jr. & Anthony (Christina) Buffa & Lisa (Stephen) Martini; dear grandfather of Nikki, Alex, Garrett, Dean, Gino, Annaliese & Vinny; dear brother to Joe (Diane) & John (Charlotte) Buffa Virginia Olive, Angie (Larry Kellar) Desemone & the late Salvatore Buffa, our dear son-in-law, brother-in-law, uncle cousin & friend to everyone. Paul dedicated himself to helping others. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Florissant Chapter #794** & VFW Post 4105. Paul was an active volunteer in many local organizations including the City of Florissant; Citizens Police Academy & CERT Training, Delmar Gardens North, the USO, North County Relay for Life and many other organizations. Paul was recently honored as the “Veteran of the Year” for the City of Florissant. Funeral Services will be held on Friday, November 5, 10 am Mass at Most Sacred Heart Church (Florissant). VISITATION: Thursday 3-9pm at Archway Memorial Chapel, 111 Taylor, 63042. Interment was in Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery. Memorials to Leukemia Lymphoma Society or St. Jude Children’s Research Hospital appreciated.

JOSE O. BURGOS-TORRES – Did Friday, January 7, 2011 in Roselle Park, New Jersey at the age of 59. The cause of death is unknown. He was born July 3, 1951. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Elizabeth Chapter #779**.

JERRY LYNN BURLISON – Died Friday, January 28, 2011 in Nederland, Texas at the age of 62. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Many, Louisiana on February 28, 19 to C. D. Burlison and Alice Spears Burlison. Jerry had lived in Nederland since 1985 and was a member of Nederland Apostolic Church. He was retired from Motiva as a head operator after 34 years of service. Jerry was a four year United States Air Force veteran serving in Vietnam at the rank of E-5. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Orange Chapter #348**. Funeral services will be held at 10:00 a.m. on Tuesday, February 1, 2011 at Nederland Apostolic Church under the direction of Levingston Funeral Home of Port Neches. Reverend James Corkran of Nederland Apostolic Church will be officiating. Burial will be in Mitchell Cemetery in Anacoca, Louisiana at 3:00 p.m. on Tuesday. A visitation for family and friends will be Monday evening from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. at the church, 1308 S. 27th Street, Nederland, Texas. Jerry is survived by his wife, Wanda Burlison of Nederland, Texas.; daughter, Marsha Bowling and

husband, Melvin of Willis, Texas.; two sons, Mark Burlison and wife, Jennifer of Nederland, Texas., and Duane Hester of Burkeville, Texas.; sister, Sandra Burlison of Hornbeck, La., brother, David Burlison of Hornbeck, La.; seven grandchildren, Colton Hester, Dillan Hester, Micah Burlison, Hannah Burlison, Jordan Burlison, Ashlyn Bowling, and Grant Bowling and numerous nieces, nephews, cousins, friends, and church family.

MARVIN DALE CALE – Died in 2008 in Marontown, West Virginia. The cause of death is unknown. He is survived by his daughter. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Morgantown Chapter #306**.

GILL K. CANIFORD – Died recently in Middletown, Maryland in 2010. The cause of death is unknown. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Frederick Chapter #304**.

HENRY F. CARIDEO – Died Wednesday, October 6, 2010 in Sausalito, California at the age of 66. The cause of death was Agent Orange-related multiple myeloma. He was born in Olympia, Washington on November 3, 1943. He is survived by his wife, Judith Carideo, of the home. He served in the United States Army with a tour of duty in Vietnam from May 1969 to May 1970. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Redondo Beach Chapter #53**.

BOBBY GENE CARLISLE - Died Monday, January 10, 2011 in Pell City, Alabama at the age of 60. The cause of death is unknown. He was born July 16, 1950. He is survived by his wife, Catherine M. Carlisle, daughters, Samantha A. White (Michael), Jennifer L. Nowell (Ray), son, Robert (Ryan) Carlisle (Megan), brothers, James Carlisle, David Glass, sister, Nancy Cook, grandchildren, Austin White, Devin, Braden and Kennedy Nowell. He served in the United States Army with a tour in Vietnam from 1968 to 1969 with the 25th Infantry Division. He was awarded the Bronze Star with “V” device for valor and the Purple Heart. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Birmingham Chapter #416**. The family will receive friends from 6:00 PM until 9:00 PM on Friday, January 14, 2011 at Kilgroe Funeral Home in Leeds. Funeral Services will be held on Saturday, January 15, 2011 at 11:00 AM at Kilgroe Funeral Home Leeds Chapel with burial at Forest Crest Cemetery. Visit online at www.kilgroefuneralhome.com Kilgroe Funeral Home, Leeds directing

THOMAS JEROME “Top Cat” CHAPMAN - Died suddenly on Wednesday, October 27, 2010 in Victoria, Texas at the age of 67. The cause of death is unknown. He was born June 11, 1942 in Fairbury, Nebraska, his proudest days were as a detective with the Jefferson County Police Department in Louisville, Ky. Prior to joining the police force, Tom served his country in the United States Navy during the tense times of the Cuban Missile Crisis. A storyteller, an avid fisherman, and a proud American, he will be missed by all. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Victoria Chapter #898**. Tom is survived by his loving mother, Wilma Jean Chapman Turner of Victoria; brother, Jack R. Chapman Jr. (Ruth Ann) of Buffalo, N.Y.; and nephews, Darren P. Chapman (Jennifer) of Portland and Scott D. Chapman (Meghan) of Rochester, N.Y. He was preceded in death by his father, Jack R. Chapman Sr. Private family

services will be held at a later date. Arrangements were by Colonial Funeral Home, 1801 E. Red River, Victoria.



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WILLIAM ANDREW "Bill" CRIVELLO – Died Tuesday, January 4, 2011, at the Clement J. Zablocki VA Medical Center in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, where he had resided on the 9th floor for the last 3 years. The cause of death unknown. He was born September 3, 1933. He was beloved husband of the late Geraldine; the loving Debi, Derick, Denis, Deana and Dawna; proud

grandfather of 11 grandchildren and 2 great – grandchildren; dear brother of Johnny and Rosey. He will sadly be missed by nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends. He was preceded in death by his parents, 9 brothers and sisters and a grandson. Bill retired from the United States Air Force in 1972. Soon after that, he returned to the Milwaukee area and got involved with many Veterans' organizations. He was a member of the DAV, AMVETS, PLAV, VFW, American Legion, and many other organizations. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Milwaukee Chapter 3324B**. He served as Commander for the DAV, AMVETS, and PLAV, representing the Veterans from Wisconsin. Bill generously donated his time to veteran service organizations by volunteering 18,943 hours. One of his proudest accomplishments in life was working with others to get the Carillon placed at the Veterans Cemetery in Union Grove. Bill was an avid Wiki bowler and enchanted everyone singing karaoke. He loved crafting, playing poker, calling bingo, shooting craps and just about anything that involved fun. He loved being involved in functions that provided entertainment for the troops. Visitation Wednesday, January 12, 2011, at the Clement J. Zablocki VA Medical Center (5000 W. National Ave.) first floor chapel from 8:00 AM until the celebration of the Mass of Christian Burial at 10:30 AM. Interment at the Southern Wisconsin Veterans Memorial Cemetery in Union Grove at 1:00 PM. In honor of Bill's friends and his caregivers at his home on the 9th floor, memorials towards Bingo or other entertainment are appreciated. Rozga-Schutte-Walloch Funeral and Cremation Services serving the family (414) 281-7145



RICHARD A. "Deek" DEITRICK - Died suddenly in his residence in Canton, Ohio on Monday, January 31, 2011 at the age of 62. He was born February 29, 1948 to the late Robert and Wilma (Gliba) Deitrick. He was a 1967 graduate of Timken High School. He served with the United States Marine Corps from 1967-1969 during the Vietnam War. He retired from Conrail and was most recently active with the Stark County Veterans Service Commission as the service commissioner. He was also very active in his church and community service. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Canton Chapter #199**. He is survived by his daughter, Jessica Deitrick, the love of his life; brother, Bob (Sandy); sisters,

Karen (Retired General Donn A.) Starry, Susan, Sharon and Jeanie Deitrick; and uncle, Tony Gliba. He also leaves behind many nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles and all of his friends from every circle of his life including his special Tuesday Night loved ones. He was preceded in death

by his special niece, Darla Deitrick. Funeral service will be held Saturday, February 5, 2011 at the Canton Community Church, 3500 Sherman Church Avenue SW, Canton, OH 44706 at 11 a.m., with Pastor Robert McHue officiating. He will be laid to rest in Calvary Cemetery. Friends may call Friday, February 4, 2011 from 4 to 8 p.m. at the Welch-Sekeres-Lewis Funeral Home. Condolences and fond memories may be registered at www.wslfh.com.



DANIELS JOSEPH "Dan" DENNIS, SR. - Exactly eleven months after receiving his initial cancer diagnosis, Daniels "Dan" J. Dennis, Sr. lost his valiant fight against the disease, in the early hours of Friday, January 21, 2011 at the age of 61. He was born in Toledo, Ohio on July 25, 1949. Dan was a loving and devoted husband, father, brother, uncle and a friend to many. Dan was so fortunate to find a second love in his life, Dorothy Putman-Dennis (Burns), whom he married October 13th, 2007. He is also survived by his three adored children, Daniels J. Dennis Jr., Jean Dennis and Thomas (Beth Brogan) Dennis. Their mother, Barbara (Pollauf)

Dennis was reunited with Dan in heaven. Dan was born to John F. and Stella (Bennet) Dennis Sr. in Toledo, Ohio, who preceded him in death, along with his older brother, John (Jay) Dennis Jr. Also left to mourn his loss, are his two sisters, Grace Dennis OP and Carolyn (Jack) Stevenson; as well as sister-in-law, Sharon Seitz-Dennis, and many loving nieces and nephews. Dan graduated from Central Catholic in 1967 and attended The University of Toledo, prior to being drafted into the United States Army. Dan was a proud Vietnam Veteran, serving in the 102nd Engineering Unit. Post service he was an avid *Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Toledo Chapter #35*, where he served two terms as vice president and he was also a lifetime member of American Veterans Post 69 out of Fostoria. Due to his heavy equipment experience with the Army, Dan became a heavy equipment mechanic/ supervisor for the following companies: Barry Equipment, Columbus Equipment and Co. and SE Johnson Co. among others. In their spare time, Dan and Dorothy "Dotty" enjoyed spending time with family and friends. He was an enthusiastic construction equipment collector, enjoyed antiquing and was a lover of animals. He will also be missed by his devoted dogs Bandit and Mattie. Family and friends may visit on Monday from 6-8 p.m. and Tuesday from 2-8 p.m. at the W.K. Sujkowski & Son Funeral Home, 3838 Airport Hwy., where the Vietnam Veterans of America-Toledo Chapter 35 will hold services at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday. Funeral Services will begin with prayers at the mortuary on Wednesday at 9:15 a.m. followed by the Mass of Christian Burial at 10:15 a.m. in St. Rose Catholic Church, Perrysburg. Interment with Military Honors provided by the Lucas County Burial Corp will follow at St. Rose Cemetery, Perrysburg. The family requests memorial tributes be directed to Hospice of Northwest Ohio or the American Cancer Society. Dan you will be missed by all. As you always said "My Country, right or wrong."

MICHAEL J. "Mickey" D'ERRICO – Died Monday, December 20, 2010 in Harrison, New Jersey at the age of 63. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Harrison on April 11, 1947. It all began in Harrison, N.J., took a brief stop halfway across the world in Vietnam and now has come full circle back to Harrison. Not for an end, but a new beginning. Michael had quite a few

names he went by; to his friends he was "Mick" or "The Deacon", to passer bys on the street he was the guy with the long hair and rainbow suspenders; to the couple of thousand kids he coached from the town of Harrison he was Mr. D; to his family he was Uncle Mickey or Michael. He was called Dad by his children, and most recently he received a new name to go by, Pop Pops by his grandson. To question if he lived a full life is an understatement. In high school he and his brothers all brought home state titles in soccer to Harrison, he served his country in Vietnam with the United States Army, he helped his mother raise eight brothers and sisters, fell in love and married the love of his life, Judith, (nee Brown, Predeceased 1999) who brought five beautiful children into this world along with one grandson, with all that, he still gave something back to the children of Harrison by coaching. Coaching was his passion, as he loved every kid he came across in over 30 years of doing so. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Elizabeth Chapter #779**. He was born, lived, fought, served, taught, lost, loved, and he touched the many lives he has come across. So his memory will live on along with all of his antics through all of us. To quote him, "you have no heart" was just his way of telling all of you how much you were a part of his, and now we must "keep the faith brother, keep the faith". He is survived by his children, Michael, Deirdre, Catrina, and Nicholas (predeceased daughter, Brittany Amber, 1987) and a grandson, Anthony; his brothers and sisters, Jane, Catherine, Anthony, Thomas, David, Mary Jo and Michele; his countless nieces and nephews, the children of Harrison, will all truly miss Mr. D. Viewing hours will be Wednesday from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. and Thursday from 9 a.m. at Mulligan Funeral Home, 331 Cleveland Avenue, Harrison, N.J. 07029. A Funeral Mass will be held at Holy Cross Church on Thursday at 10 a.m. For information, directions or to send condolences, please visit www.mulliganfuneralhome.org. The family requests donations to The Harrison Recreation Center or The VA Lyons Hospital, care of the funeral home in memory of Mickey.

JAMES F. DUCK – Died Tuesday, October 12, 2010 in Franklin, Kentucky at the age of 63. The cause of death was cancer. He was born in McMinnville, Tennessee on April 10, 1947. He served in the United States Navy from September 2, 1966 to April 8, 1968 with a tour of duty in Vietnam from 1967 to 1968. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Gallatin (Tennessee) Chapter #240**.



JOSEPH F. DYE, SR. - 67, of Louisville, Died Saturday, January 16, 2010 in Louisville, Kentucky at the age of 67. The cause of death was cancer. He was born August 18, 1942. He was retired from G.E. after 25 years of service in the maintenance department, a United States Navy Vietnam veteran, member of the American Legion G.I. Joe Post 244, VFW Post 1170, Eagle Aerie 3903, Moose Lodge and St. Edward Catholic Church. He was also a very proud member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Louisville Chapter #454**. He was preceded in death by his parents, James W. and Wilvia Dye; brothers, James C. and Charles E. Dye; and sister, Mary F. Dye. He is survived by his wife of 43 years, Francine K. (Chang) Dye; sons, Joseph F. Dye Jr. (Jennifer); daughter, Kimberly M. Duffy (John); sister, Elizabeth June Nally (John); brother, William K. Dye (Michelle); and six grandchildren, Jonathan, Cameron, Ashley, Parker, Ella and Roehn. Funeral Mass is 10 a.m. Wednesday, January 20, 2010 at St. Edward Catholic church, 9608 Sue Helen Dr., with burial in

Resthaven Memorial Park. Visitation: 2-8 p.m. Tuesday at Arch L. Heady at Resthaven, 4400 Bardstown Road.

THOMAS J. FESI - Died Friday, January 14, 2011 of Mt. Airy, Pennsylvania at the age of 61. He was a resident of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. The cause of death was a heart attack. He was born in Philadelphia on July 16, 1949. Survivors: brother of Donald, Richard (Myra), Francis X., Mary Lou Nocero (Michael), and Christine Van Thuyne (Paul); also survived by many nieces and nephews. He served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Liberty Bell (Philadelphia) Chapter #266**. Relatives and friends may call at Jacob F. Ruth Funeral Home, 8413 Germantown Ave., Chestnut Hill, Thurs., Jan. 20, 7-9 P.M. Friends may also call Fri., Jan 21, 9 A.M. at Holy Cross Church, 154 E. Mt. Airy Ave. Funeral Mass 10 A.M. Interment Holy Sepulchre Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to your favorite charity.

WALTER DILLARD “Gunny” FLETCHER - USMC (Retired) – Died Sunday, October 31, 2010 at Palliative Care, Moses Cone Hospital at the age of 76. He was a resident of Greensboro, North Carolina. The cause of death was cancer. Visitation will be held from 12:00 – 1:15 pm on Friday, November 5 at Hanes Lineberry, North Elm Street. Cryptside services with military honors will follow at Westminster Gardens, 3601 Whitehurst Road. Walt was born on September 4, 1934 in Moyock, NC to the late Bernard L. and Pansy M. Fletcher. His family moved shortly thereafter to Maryland where he was raised and he graduated from Oxon Hill High School, Oxon Hill, MD in 1952. He worked at the Library of Congress in Washington, DC as a stenographer for the Chief of the Card Division Office and also joined the US Naval Reserve Dental Corps at Anacostia NARTU, Washington, DC. In 1954, he switched services and went active duty with the United States Marine Corps where he served in administration and journalism. While serving as Administrative Chief at Marine Corps Air Station, Cherry Point, NC in 1967, he was selected to attend the Department of Defense Language Institute, East Coast Branch to study Vietnamese for duty assignment in Vietnam. After 32 weeks of study, he graduated top Marine and second overall in his class and was assigned as a Vietnamese Linguist with the 4th Combined Action Group, III Marine Amphibious Force in Danang, Vietnam with their CAP (Combined Action Program). While still attached to the 4th CAG, he was sent to Quang Tri Province where he was assigned as a Linguist and Mobile Training CAP Team Leader. After 8 months in the jungles of Quang Tri training Popular Forces to protect their villages and reconnoiter Viet Cong supply routes, he was reassigned to Danang where he started a language school for the 4th CAG and served as their instructor until rotating back to the US in 1969. For his service in Vietnam (1968-1969), he was awarded the Navy Achievement Medal with Combat "V" device. He retired in March 1974 as the Headquarters, USMC Liaison NCOIC at Camp Lejeune, NC and was awarded the Navy Commendation Medal at his retirement ceremony for his outstanding service. Walt received many other decorations and awards during his Marine Corps career including the Marine Corps Combat Action Ribbon, Presidential Unit Citation with 1 bronze star, Navy Unit Commendation with 2 bronze stars, Meritorious Unit Commendation with 2 bronze stars, Good Conduct Medal with 1 silver star, National Defense Service Medal with 1 bronze star, Vietnam Service Medal with 4 bronze stars, Republic of Vietnam Cross of Gallantry with

palm and frame and the Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal. He was also an expert marksman receiving three awards with his rifle and six awards with his pistol. After retiring from the Marine Corps, Walt worked in the insurance industry and moved to the Greensboro area in 1979. His education continued in personal finance, insurance, estate planning and investments until he had the equivalent of 3 years of college credits. He retired from the insurance industry in February 1998 after experiencing a heart attack which was attributed to diabetes stemming from the affects of Agent Orange. He was later classified as 100% disabled by the Veterans Administration. He was a member of Guilford College United Methodist Church in Greensboro. He held life memberships in the Marine Corps League, Veterans of Foreign Wars, American Legion, AmVets, an *At-Large Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – North Carolina**, Disabled American Veterans, The Retired Enlisted Association, The Fleet Reserve Association, The Marine Corps Association and the National Association of Uniform Services. He was a chartered life member of both North Carolina Chapters of the Second and Third Marine Divisions. He was also an active member in the Marine Corps' Military Order of Devil Dogs. In his late 60's, he joined the American Volunteer Reserve, a national organization that rendered final military honors for deceased veterans and supported Homeland Security with First Response Teams. Being well versed in military administration, he was assigned as a Brigade Administrative Personnel Officer and rose to the rank of Major and was awarded the AVR Commendation Medal. He later joined the United States Volunteers which was the same type of national organization as the AVR and was assigned as their National Deputy Chief of Staff for Personnel and Administration, G-1. He was later assigned as the USV National Chief of Staff. For his services, he received both the USV Commendation Ribbon and the USV Meritorious Service Ribbon with 1 Oak Leaf Cluster. He retired from the USV as a full Colonel, but continued to assist them nationally. Walt was a fun loving individual and a joyful, caring and devoted husband and father. He dearly loved his wife and family. Most people knew him by his nickname of "Gunny" that came from his Marine Corps days. It was easy to tell that he was a very patriotic man and that he loved his God, country and family. His indentifying trademark was his constant wearing of a camouflaged Marine Corps Utility Cover identifying him as a retired Marine and Vietnam veteran. Walt loved a good story and joke and had an infectious laugh that drew people to him. His family often said he never met a stranger. Survivors are his most wonderful and loving wife, Jane of 47 years and six children; Ralph H. Vetter (JoAnn) Kennesaw, GA, R. Steven Vetter (Debbie) Greensboro, NC, Richard M. Fletcher (Diane) La Plata, MD, Joy D. Fletcher (Partner, Phil) Chandler, AZ, Walter B. Fletcher (Jennifer) Wilmington, NC, and Rebecca M. Temples (Wayne) Kernersville, NC.; sisters, Joyce M. Bowie (Alton) Bowie, MD and Barbara L. Hoover of Rocky Mount, NC; ten grandchildren and five great-grandchildren; and several nieces, nephews and cousins. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his brother, Douglas A. Fletcher. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Vietnam Veterans Association, 8719 Colesville Road, Suite 100, Silver Spring, Maryland 20910-3710 or American Cancer Society, 4 Oak Branch Drive, Greensboro, NC 27401. The family would like to express their sincere appreciation to the medical staff at Moses Cone Hospital, Dr. Swords and the entire LeBauer Medical community.

LAWRENCE “Wynn” “Larry” FRISBEE - Died Wednesday, December 15, 2010 at FirstHealth Moore Regional Hospital in Pinehurst, North Carolina after a long battle with cancer. He was a resident of Pinehurst. Mr. Frisbee was born May 9, 1943 in Washington, DC to the late James Lawrence Frisbee and Loretta Embt Frisbee. A memorial service will be held 4PM Tuesday December 28, 2010 at Boles Funeral Home in Pinehurst with military honors and short reception to follow. Mr. Frisbee was a graduate of the University of Maryland and a United States Army Veteran who served in combat in the Vietnam War. He worked for 30 years at the US General Services Administration in the Government Wide Fleet Program’s Energy Conservation efforts and was their representative on the White House Climate Change Task Force. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – West End Chapter #966**. An enthusiastic Baltimore Orioles fan, he loved baseball, just this year accomplishing his goal of attending a game in all 30 Major League Baseball stadia. He loved to read and loved to travel; he loved doo-wop and he loved the blues; he loved to play golf and he loved to collect teddy bears but most of all he loved to help people and he loved to laugh. Mr. Frisbee is survived by his wife of twelve years, Joan Rau Frisbee. Sisters, Julie Engleman and husband Lawrence of Alpharetta, GA; and Sharon Etridge and husband Alan of Reisterstown, MD; Niece, Katharine White, of Houston, TX; nephews, Christopher Etridge of Manchester, MD and Michael Etridge of Westminster, MD. In lieu of flowers memorial donations can be made in memory of Lawrence Frisbee to the Given Memorial Library at 150 Cherokee Rd, Pinehurst, NC 28374 or The USO online at www.uso.org Boles Funeral Home of Pinehurst is serving the family.

LOUIS W. GERENCSEK, JR. – Died Thursday, November 11, 2010 in Yonkers, New York at the age of 68. The cause of death is unknown. He is survived by his wife. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – New City Chapter #333**.



RUTH LEE ANTONSEN GIEBEL - On Tuesday, October 27, 2009, our beloved wife, mother, grandmother, sister, and aunt, Ruth Lee Antonsen Giebel, went to be with our Lord. She was a resident of Shepherd, Montana. The cause of death is unknown. Ruth was born March 22, 1945, to Phillip and Marjorie (Richter) Antonsen in Bozeman, Montana. Ruth graduated from Bozeman High School in 1963. She enlisted in the United States Marine Corps in March 1964 and continued the family tradition of four generations of military family members, which included both her parents, her brother Theodore, daughter Lori, sons Michael and SFC Mark Tibbedeaux - currently serving in the U.S. Army - granddaughter Jackie Tibbedeaux, and nephews Tom Antonsen and SSGT Bryan Simanton, currently serving in the U.S. Air Force. Ruth was honorably discharged from the Marine Corps in February 1965. While she was in the Marine Corps, she met and married Don Tibbedeaux. To this union three children were born: Michael Jerome, Mark William and Marjorie Lorraine. Ruth and Don later divorced. In August 1974, Ruth enlisted in the United States Army Reserve in the 420th Military Police Company in Bozeman. She later transferred to the 889th Supply and Service Company in Great Falls. In July 1977 she was transferred to the 125th Ordnance

Battalion in Billings, where she served 24 consecutive years. The highest enlisted rank she held was staff sergeant. She was appointed to warrant officer in September 1979 and was promoted through the ranks to chief warrant officer four in September 1994. She retired Oct. 20, 2001, with 28 total years of service. She also retired as a full-time army reserve technician, GS9, in September 1995. Ruth was awarded the Order of Samuel Sharpes (Ordnance Corps), Meritorious Service Medal, Army Commendation Medal (2), Army Achievement Medal (4), Armed Forces Reserve Medal with Silver Ten Year Device, Army Component Achievement Medal (7). She had two overseas missions - Germany and Okinawa. Ruth met her soul mate, Edmund Jesse Giebel, on a blind date in 1988. They were married July 1, 1989, and had 20 glorious years together. After they both retired, they lived in Billings, then Pinedale, Wyo., and then split their time between Billings in the summer months and Yuma, Ariz., in the winter months. They enjoyed traveling, square dancing, hunting, fishing, horses, shooting, boon docking in the desert, gun shows, snowmobiling, rooting for the MSU Bobcats and anything they did together. Just being together was their greatest joy. Ruth is survived by her husband, Ed Jesse; sons, Michael (Heather) and Mark (Deb); daughter, Lori (Tom) Bellows; grandchildren, Sidney, Jackie, Christi, Michelle, Melissa, Kathy, Tina, Tyler and LeAnn; sisters, Margaret (Miki) Antonsen-Wick, Carol (Hubert) Simanton; brother, Theodore (Joan) Antonsen; and Ed's brother and sister-in-law, Ray and Carmoleda Giebel. Ruth is also survived by numerous cousins, nieces, nephews and family in Alabama. Ruth leaves behind a special friend, Jerome Hurley and her "Forever Friends" Susan Davidson and Suzann Nelson, along with numerous friends, sorority sisters and military comrades all over the world that will never forget her. Ruth was preceded in death by her parents, Phillip (2000) and Marjorie Antonsen (2006); brother, Patrick Thomas (1974); and sister, Elizabeth Jean Antonsen Miller (2000). Ruth loved life and she believed in living life to the fullest. She had so many different interests and hobbies. She loved to quilt, sew, bead and make jewelry, garden, and record family genealogy, along with all the above activities she shared with Ed Jesse. Ruth was a member of the Reserve Officers Association, life member of the United States Army Warrant Officers Association, past commander of the American Legion Post No. 4, Phillip Edwards American Legion Post No. 47, Pinedale, Wyo., original charter member of the Eugene Sara Det. 418 Marine Corps League, Disabled American Veterans, Sovereign Military Order of the Temple of Jerusalem, Beta Sigma Phi Sorority, Cowboy Action Shooting Society, life member of the National Rifle Association of America, Hoedowner's Square Dance Club, the Arizona Chapter of the 20/4 and Pinedale Sage and Snow Garden Club. She was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Glendive Chapter #234**. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday, Nov. 4, at First United Methodist Church in Billings. Visitation in Bozeman is at Dahl Funeral Chapel Wednesday from 6 to 8 p.m. Funeral Mass is at 11 a.m. Thursday at Holy Rosary Catholic Church in Bozeman. Interment will be in Sunset Hills Cemetery in Bozeman with full military honors. Memories and condolences may be shared with the family at www.dahlcares.com. Memorials may be sent to the Huntley United Methodist Church, P.O. Box 184, Huntley, MT 59037; or to a charity of your choice.

ANNA GILL – Died Thursday, December 16, 2010 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania at the age of 69. The cause of death was a heart attack. She was born in Philadelphia on April 21, 1941. She was a *Life Member* of **Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America – Liberty Bell (Philadelphia) Chapter #266**.

DENNIS GRECCO – Died recently in 2010 in Rosendale, New York at the age of 57. The cause of death is unknown. He was born April 10, 1953. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Kingston Chapter #60**.

DONALD A. HALL, SR. - Died Sunday, November 7, 2010 at home in Westfield, Massachusetts, surrounded by his family. He was 61 years of age. The cause of death was hepatocellular cancer. He was born in New Haven, Connecticut on October 22, 1949, son of the late George R. and Janet (Parent) Hall. He was employed as an Auto Technician for several Ford Dealerships. Donald was a United States Army Veteran of the Vietnam War, a member of the D.A.V., a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Westfield Chapter #219** and American Legion Post 124 in Westfield. He leaves his wife, Nancy A. (Murphy) Hall and his children, Donald A. Hall Jr. and wife Jamie, of Plainville, CT and Brandon T. and Erin K. Hall both of Westfield, a brother Russell Hall and partner Jean Reis of Coventry, CT, a sister Catherine Smith and husband Michael of Kissimmee, FL, two grandchildren Charlie and Donovan Hall of Plainville, CT and several nieces and nephews. Committal services with military honors will be held Monday at 2PM in the Mass Veterans' Memorial Cemetery, 1390 Main St. Agawam, MA. Calling hours will be Friday from 6-8 PM at Firtion-Adams Funeral Service, 76 Broad St. Westfield, MA.

CHARLES E. HOMUTH – Died Tuesday, January 25, 2011 in Fergus Falls, Minnesota at the age of 63. The cause of death is unknown. He was born May 18, 1947. He served in the United States Marine Corps during the Vietnam War. He was an *At-Large Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Minnesota**.

RONALD L. HUGHES - Died Thursday, April 15, 2010 in Halifax, Massachusetts, after a long battle with Alzheimers disease. He was 76 years of age. Ron was born in Brockton, Massachusetts, a son of the late Hosea Hughes and Alice (Hogan) Hughes. He spent his childhood in both Massachusetts and Florida. Ron was a graduate of Thayer Academy and Stonehill College, where he was a member of the collegiate boxing team. Ron proudly served in the United States Army during the Korean War. After serving in the Army, he began a long career with the U.S. Postal Service. During the Vietnam War, he volunteered for military service and served honorably in active duty as a Navy Corpsman attached to the Third Marine Division. Upon discharge, he returned to his career with the Postal Service where he became active in union politics with the National Association of Letter Carriers. Ron held numerous elected positions within the union, including President of the NALC Branch-34 Boston and National Assistant Secretary Treasurer and Trustee. He was highly regarded for his efforts to resolve labor grievances and his tireless advocacy on behalf of letter carriers. Ron was a lifelong Boston sports fan. He was an avid long distance runner and completed the Boston Marathon in a time of two hours and fifty-one minutes. He was an *At-Large Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Massachusetts**. He enjoyed spending time with his family and friends, reading, politics and the outdoors. He was exceptionally kind, sincere and eternally optimistic. He admirably fought his battle with Alzheimers disease with dignity and grace. He was the beloved husband of Pauline (Mello) Hughes of Halifax; father to Jonathan Hughes and his wife Corrie (Niro) Hughes of Bridgewater; brother to Doris (Hughes) Farris; grandfather to Lillian Hughes of Bridgewater; and brother-in-law, uncle and great-uncle to many. Visiting hours will be held

Friday, April 23, from 8:30-10 a.m. at the Shepherd Funeral Home, 216 Main St. (Rte. 106), Kingston, with a service to follow at 10 a.m. Interment will be at the Massachusetts National Cemetery in Bourne at 11:30 a.m. In lieu of flowers, contributions in Ron's memory may be made to the Alzheimer's Association, P.O. Box 96011, Washington, DC 20090-6011, or www.alz.org.

THOMAS M. KENNEDY - Died Friday, October 8, 2010 in Roaring Springs, Pennsylvania at the age of 62. The cause of death is unknown. He was born May 20, 1948. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Cumberland (Maryland) Chapter #172**.

TIMOTHY CHARLES KLOPSCHINSKY – Died Sunday, January 2, 2011 in Westland, Michigan at the age of 65. The cause of death was cancer. He was born August 4, 1945 in Dearborn, Michigan. He served in the United States Navy during the Vietnam-era. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Plymouth Chapter #528**.

EDWARD W. KOSMARK - Died Friday, May 7, 2010 in Edgewater, New Jersey at the age of 67. The cause of death is unknown. Beloved husband of the late Barbara (née Henneman) Kosmark. Loving father of Eugene W. and his wife Dana Kosmark and step-daughter Michelle Schotanus. Cherished grandfather of Samantha, Madison, and Matthew. Mr. Kosmark was a HVAC mechanic and stationary fireman for the Division of General Services for the County of Bergen for 25 years. He is a veteran of the United States Navy and served on the USS Saratoga. Mr. Kosmark was a commander of the American Legion Post 116 of Edgewater. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Little Ferry Chapter #800**. Funeral was Wednesday at 9 AM from the Hunt Stellato Funeral Home, 1601 Palisade Avenue, Fort Lee, NJ. Funeral Mass 10 AM at Holy Rosary R.C. Church, Edgewater. Cremation Private. Friends will be received Tuesday 2-4 and 7-9 PM. Send condolences to stellatofuneralhomes.com

RONALD KULLMANN – Died recently in 2010 in Oconomowoc, Wisconsin at the age of 50. The cause of death is unknown. He was born February 9, 1950. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was an *At-Large Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Wisconsin**.

HAROLD F. LAFIRST – Died in 2010 in Ogdensburg, New York at the age of 69. The cause of death is unknown. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was an *At-Large Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – New Jersey**.

EUGENE LEONARDIS - Died Thursday, December 9, 2010 in Jamestown, New York at the age of 64. The cause of death was a heart attack. He was born in Buffalo, New York on May 7, 1946 to Gentile and Mary Evangelista Leonardis. He was husband to Sandra J. Rucker Leonardis; father to David Leonardis; stepfather to Calvin Bohm, Deborah Balderston; stepgrandfather to Devan Wiecek, Leeanna Balderston; and brother to Santo Leonardis. He served in the United States Army with the 1 Cavalry Division in Vietnam from 1968 to 1969. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Jamestown Chapter #865**. A memorial service will be at 2 PM Sunday, December 12, 2010 in the Falconer Funeral Home, Inc., 44 W. Falconer St., Falconer, NY

14733. Visitation will be two hours prior to memorial service. Visit our website at www.falconerfuneralhome.net to light a candle in remembrance.

PAUL RICHARD LOY - Died Saturday, December 11, 2010 in Cooper City, Florida at the age of 71. The cause of death is unknown. He was born June 12, 1939. He was the loving husband of Camille; wonderful father to Dawn and Jennifer; friend and grandpa to Hunter and Kayla; brother of Kathy Mussard and Dennis; brother-in-law, uncle and friend to many. Paul served in the United States Navy and Naval Reserves for 26 years and was a Firefighter and paramedic for 32 years in the City of Miami. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Miami Chapter #620**. Paul was a hard working devoted husband, dad and grandpa, he lived life to its fullest with his joyful sense of humor that would always put a smile on your face, he will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved him. A Celebration of Life Service will be held at Fred Hunters Hollywood Memorial Gardens Home on Saturday, December 18, 2010 from 12 to 2 p.m. www.fredhunters.com

NORMAN C. MABE — Died Sunday, March 28, 2010 in Princeton, West Virginia at the age of 62. He died during heart valve replacement surgery. He was born October 20, 1947 in Bluefield, West Virginia to Lomer and Ruth Mabe. He attended and graduated from Montcalm High School in 1965. After graduation, he served his country by joining the United States Air Force in 1966, achieving the rank of Sergeant in 1968, before his honorable discharge in 1970. He worked for Norfolk Southern Railroad for more than 20 years before becoming disabled in 2000. Since retirement, his personal motto has been “All days are good, some are just better.” He was a member of Maple View Church of Christ, attended Princeton Vet Center #232, and was a member of the Mountaineer Athletic Club. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Princeton Chapter #628**. He was preceded in death by his parents, Lomer and Ruth; and nephew, Jeff; and a niece, Jennifer. Survivors include his wife Janet; son, Jason and wife Becca; stepdaughter, Tracy; and grandchildren, Jailyn, Corey, Deion, and Destinee. Siblings include Roy, wife Sally, Joyce, Don, Carol, husband Roy, and Cheryl, husband Donnie. Nieces and nephews include Julie, Cecil, and Kelli. Great-nieces and nephews include Emma, Kaitlyn, Maggie, and Greyson. Additional survivors include a host of good friends and family members. We celebrated the life of an avid life-long Mountaineer fan and wore our favorite Mountaineer gear during visitation on Wednesday, March 31st from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. at Maple View Church of Christ, located at 32 Mercer Mall Road, Bluefield, West Virginia 24701. On Thursday, April 1st, a Celebration of Life service will be held at Maple View Church of Christ at 1:00 p.m. with Minister Tony Reed officiating. Visitation will be held one hour prior to service. Burial will follow at Roselawn Memorial Gardens, Princeton, W.Va. with military honors being performed. Pallbearers will be Carl Dunn, Sammy Foy, Dennis Buckner, James Goins, Deion Nabors, Danny Brown, Dennis Kirby, and Harold Webb. Honorary pallbearers are the Princeton Vet Center #232 and the Railroad Retirement Lunch Group. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made to the American Heart Association, www.americanheartassociation.com. Online condolences will be accepted at www.cravens-shires.com. The Mabe family is being served by Cravens-Shires Funeral Home in Bluewell, West Virginia.

PENNY D. MacDONALD - Died unexpectedly Saturday, December 25, 2010, in Roswell Park Cancer Institute in Buffalo, New York at the age of 49. She was a resident of Jamestown, New York. She was born September 3, 1961 in Jamestown, the daughter of Gerald B. Miller and the late Leslie L. Hulings Miller. A graduate of Panama High School, she had formerly been employed as a floor manager at Walmart in Lakewood for 11 years, and had also worked at Patsy's Lounge in Jamestown. She was very active and was a member of **Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America – Jamestown Chapter #865**. The most important things in Penny's life were her family and friends, along with her dogs" Charlotte and Sable. An avid reader, she also enjoyed ceramics and her husband's woodworking projects. Penny was loved by many and will be missed by all. Surviving are her loving husband, Thomas J. Mac-Donald Jr., whom she married Jan. 12, 2000; a daughter, Tiffany L. Jones of Ashville; two sons: Sgt. Jason D. Jones, U.S.M.C., and his wife Erin, stationed in Okinawa, and Justin D. Jones of Jamestown; three grandchildren: Jeremy, Ivorie and Dakota "Bear" Jones, all of Ashville, and an additional grandchild on the way; three brothers: Gerald L. Miller and his wife, Tammy of Delaware, Kevin E. Miller and his wife, Jody of Ashville, and Wesley B. Miller and his wife, Nicole of Jamestown; two sisters: Trudy Stuart and her husband, Eddie of Leesburg, Va., and Dawn L. Hall and her husband, David of Panama; her father of Ashville; and several nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her mother on Sept. 15, 2006. The funeral will be at 3 p.m. Thursday in Powers, Present & Sixbey Funeral Home. Pastor John Bowen of the Open Meadows and Magnolia United Methodist Churches will officiate. The family will receive friends for two hours prior to the funeral service Thursday in the funeral home. Messages to the family may be sent by visiting the website www.presentsixbeyfuneral.com. The family suggests that memorials be made to Roswell Park Cancer Institute, Elm and Carlton Streets, Buffalo, NY, 14263.

JAMES "Duqan" E. MAITLAND - Died Friday, June 25, 2010 at The Richard L. Roudesbush VA Medical Center of Indianapolis, Indiana at the age of 62. He was a resident of La Porte, Indiana. The cause of death is unknown. He was born May 22, 1948. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Portage Chapter #905**. Survivors include his wife, Patricia; sons, Michael and Gregory; sisters, Kay (Robert) Butts, Sharon Caviggiola, Marge (Robert) DeRover, Iva Jean (Doug) Wiederhold, Patricia (Lester) Moore and Leanne (Robert) Elkins; a brother, Dennis; and a granddaughter, Sierra Breanne Maitland. Memorial services will be held at 7 p.m. Thursday in the Lakeview Funeral Home and Crematory. Visitation will be from 5 p.m. until the time of the services.

GORDON LEON McCLURE, SR. - Died Tuesday, October 12, 2010 in Greenwood, Indiana at the age of 72. The cause of death is unknown. He was born March 21, 1938, in Madison, Wisconsin to the late Emmett Francis and Martha Malinda (Lynch) McClure. Gordon retired after fourteen years in the United States Marine Corps and ten years in the United States Army. He served two tours in Vietnam and received the Purple Heart and the Bronze Star. Gordon was a member of Concordia Lutheran Church, the American Legion Post #252, VFW, Scottish Rite SJ USA, and the Canaan Masonic Lodge #581. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Lawrence Chapter #295**. He was also an avid Colts and Pacers Fan, a Kentucky Colonel, a member of the Republican National Committee and MOAA. Gordon had a PhD in

Computer Science, along with a Masters in History and Computer Science. When he retired as head of security at Franklin College he worked for the Sheriff's Department. He is survived by his wife Cathy Frances (Boyd) McClure; daughter, Sandra (Robert) Noel; son, Gordon (Michele) McClure, Jr.; siblings, Judith Wakefield, Elbert "Mike" (Helen) McClure and Ruthayn (Bill) Dixon; grandchildren, Amber and Logan Hamilton, Matthew and Christian McClure; and several aunts, uncles, nieces and nephews. Visitation will be from 4:00-8:00 P.M. Thursday, October 14, 2010 at Wilson St. Pierre Funeral Service & Crematory, Greenwood Chapel. Services will be at Indiana Veterans Memorial Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be sent to the American Legion Post #252.

JAMES F. "Mac" McCOY, - Died Friday, November 5, 2010 at his home in Leetonia, Ohio at the age of 60. The cause of death is unknown. He was born January 1, 1950 in Salem, Ohio a son of the late Andrew A. and Frances E. McNeil McCoy and had lived in the area all of his life. He was a 1968 graduate of Leetonia High School and was a veteran of the United States Marine Corps with a tour of duty in Vietnam. He had been employed for 36 years as a welder for Olenik Manufacturing Company, retiring in 2004. He was also employed as a lot attendant for five years at Columbiana Buick-Olds-Cadillac-Chevrolet. He was a member of St. Paul's Lutheran Church and had been a member of the former First Presbyterian Church, Leetonia. He was also a member of the Leetonia Italian American Club, the Fraternal Order of Eagles Aerie #1496 and a lifetime member of the National Rifle Association. He was a lifetime member of Amvets Post #45 of Salem and York Drexler Post #5532 VFW where he was a past commander. He was a lifetime member and past commander of Joe Williams Post #131 American Legion and a lifetime member and past Chef de Gare of Columbiana County 40 & 8 Voiture #273 of Columbiana. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Washingtonville Chapter #40**. Washingtonville and an endowed member of Wick Lodge #481 F. & A.M. of Youngstown. A 32 degree Mason, he was a lifetime member of the Ancient and Accepted Order of the Scottish Rite, Valley of Youngstown. Mr. McCoy is survived by his loving wife, the former Cathie L. Carnie, whom he married June 21, 1975; a son, James C. (J.C.) McCoy of Boardman; three brothers, Thomas A. (Melody) McCoy and Andrew A. (Debbie) McCoy, both of Leetonia and Donald K. (Viola) McCoy of Columbiana; and several nieces and nephews. A brother, John P. (Michelle) McCoy is deceased. Funeral services will be held at 10:55 a.m. Tuesday, Nov. 9, 2010 at the St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Leetonia with Pastor Kari Lankford officiating. Military honors will be accorded by Salem AMVETS and Salem VFW Honor Guard. Friends may call from 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Monday at the Woods-Rettig Funeral Home, Leetonia where the York Drexler Post VFW will conduct a memorial service at 8 p.m. Monday and Wick Lodge will conduct a Masonic Service at 7:30 p.m. Monday. Friends may also call one hour prior to the services on Tuesday at the church. In lieu of flowers, the family has requested memorial tributes to either the St. Paul's Lutheran Church Brick Fund or Hospice of the Valley.

SAMUEL P. McCOY – Died Sunday, February 7, 2010 in Crossville, Tennessee at the age of 65. The cause of death is unknown. He was born July 27, 1945 in Morgan County, Tennessee. He served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Chattanooga Chapter #203**.

RICHARD LARRY "Bud" MERILA – Died Sunday, July 25, 2010 in Duluth, Minnesota at the age of 63. He resided from Ashland, Wisconsin. The cause of death is unknown. He was born May 15, 1947 in Washburn, Wisconsin. He is survived by his wife, Kristin; three sisters and one brother-in-law, Alma McEwen, Dolores "Dolly" Gordon and Nancy and Lowell Swanson; three brothers, Ray "Sonny" Merila, Jack Merila and George Merila, and; several nieces and nephews. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was an *At-Large Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Wisconsin**. Funeral services were conducted in the First Assembly of God Church in Ashland, Wisconsin with Pastor Steve McGinnis, officiating. Interment and the United Chequamegon Veterans Service were conducted in the Mount Hope Cemetery in Ashland.

GARY MILLER – Died Tuesday, July 13, 2010 in Erdenheim, Pennsylvania at the age of 60. The cause of death is unknown. He was born July 27, 1949. He is survived by his wife, Diane Miller, of the home. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Philadelphia Chapter #590**.

WILLIAM J. MILLER (USAF-MSG-Ret.) – Died Friday, December 31, 2010 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania at the age of 66. The cause of death was cancer. He was born December 29, 1944 in Philadelphia. He was the dear brother of Catherine Murphy (Timothy). He was also the loving uncle of Clare Butler (Timothy) and great uncle of Timothy. He is sadly missed by his stepdaughter Donna Nyman. He served in the United States Air Force during the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Liberty Bell (Philadelphia) Chapter #266**. Mr. Miller was a lifetime member of the American Legion and a member of VFW #22. Relatives and friends are invited to his Funeral Mass Thursday, 9:30 A.M. at St. Anne's Church, 2328 East Lehigh Avenue, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19125 (at Memphis St), where his Viewing will begin at 8:30 A.M. Int. Beverly National Cemetery In lieu of flowers, the family respectfully requests memorial contributions to any organization which benefits Veterans. Hubert M. McBride Funeral Home took care of the arrangements.



JOHN PRICE MIZELLE - Funeral Mass for USA 1SG (retired) John Price Mizelle, 63, Lawton, Oklahoma will be at 9:30 a.m. Monday, January 17, 2011 at the Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church with Father Joseph R. Ross, pastor officiating. Mr. Mizelle died Thursday, January 13, 2011, at the Lawton-Fort Sill Veterans Center in Lawton, Okla. Interment, with full military honors, will follow at Fort Sill National Cemetery, Elgin, Okla., under direction of Becker Funeral Home & Cremation service. A wake service will be held at 6 p.m. tonight, at the Becker Funeral Home Memorial Chapel. He was born March 21, 1947, in Newport News, Va., to Jesse and Mary (Tekinder) Mizelle. John was raised and attended school in Newport News and enlisted in the United States Marine Corps in 1964. He served in Vietnam with the 12th Marine Artillery Regiment 1965-1966 and again with the 367th Light Helicopter Squadron from 1968 until 1969. While with the 367th, he received 13 awards of the Air Medal, three of which were for heroic achievement. John was discharged in 1969 and returned home to marry his high school sweetheart, Eleanor Gail O'Hara. He enlisted in the United States Army on September

26, 1978, and retired December 31, 1991. His duty stations included Bamberg and Bad Kreuznach, Germany; Vicenza, Italy; Titusville, Fla., and Fort Sill. John served a total of 20 years, three months. He received a number of commendations while in the military including the National Defense Service Medal with service star, Meritorious Service Medal with two stars, Army Commendation Medal, Vietnam Service Medal with One Silver and Two Bronze service stars, Army Achievement Medal, five Army Good Conduct Medals, Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal, Army Service Ribbon, three Overseas Service Ribbons, four Overseas Service Bars, three NCO Professional Development Ribbons, Parachutist Badge, Recruiter Badge with Second Achievement Star, Army Gold Recruiter Badge with three Sapphire Stars, Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross Unit Citation, Combat Air Crewman Insignia. Following retirement, John attended Cameron University, and after earning a teaching degree, taught sixth grade in the Lawton Public Schools. He later obtained a master's degree in Education from the University of Oklahoma. John then became the principal of St. Mary's Catholic School. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Lawton Chapter #751**. He served on the board of directors and also was editor of the chapter newsletter for a number of years. Survivors include Eleanor, his wife and best friend for 41 years, of the home; son, John P. and Jennifer Mizelle of Newport News, Va.; daughter, Amy E. and Kenny Mossman of Norman, Okla.; and five grandchildren, Amanda, Madison and Reagan Mizelle, Hannah Murphy, and Andrew Mossman; sisters, Carolyn Cirillo of Yorktown, Va., and Lynn Ballou, Winston, N.C. John was preceded in death by his parents. In lieu of flowers, gifts may be made to St. Mary's School, 611 Southwest A Avenue, Lawton, OK 73501.

DANIEL ROBERT MOELTER - Died Thursday, January 6, 2011 in Oildale, California at the age of 56. He was formerly of Haslett, California. He was born October 24, 1955 in East Lansing, Michigan. He served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Long Beach Chapter #756**. A Memorial service 4 p.m. Wednesday at Gorsline Runciman Funeral Homes, East Chapel, East Lansing.

WILL NEUSTROM – Died Tuesday, November 2, 2010 in Hamilton, Montana at the age of 84. The cause of death is unknown. He was born September 15, 1926. He is survived by his wife, Rita Neustrom, of the home. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Hamilton Chapter #938**.

PETER ALBERT NICOLOSI – Died Monday, January 11, 2011 in Tobyhanna, Pennsylvania at the age of 68. The cause of death was colon cancer. He was born in Brooklyn, New York on November 30, 1942. He is survived by his wife, Karen. He served in the United States Marine Corps during the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Stroudsburg Chapter #688**.

KENNETH MARVIN NOLL – Funeral will be at 9:30 AM Thursday at the Becker Funeral Home Memorial Chapel with Chaplain Dan Tucker, Vietnam Veterans of America, Chapter 751 officiating. Mr. Noll died Sunday, January 2, 2011 in Lawton, Oklahoma at the age of 64. The cause of death is unknown. Burial with military honors will be in Fort Sill National Cemetery, Elgin under the direction of Becker Funeral Home & Cremation Service. The family

will receive friends from 6:00 PM until 8:00 PM Wednesday at the funeral home. He was born May 12, 1946 in Muhlenberg, Pennsylvania to Henry Elias and Edith Mae (Keller) Noll. He married Carolyn S. Cox on April 10, 1968 in Walters. Mr. Noll was in the United States Army from 1964 until 1970. He served one tour in Vietnam. He received the National Defense Service Medal, Vietnam Service Medal, Good Conduct Medal and the Bronze Star Medal. He retired from Civil Service after twenty years. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Lawton Chapter #751**. Survivors include his wife, of the home, three children and their spouses; Marvin and Tracy Noll, Germany, Jerome Noll, Lawton and Pam and Matt Stottmann, Lawton and an adopted daughter and her husband; Donna and Jan McCormick, Missouri, eight grandchildren; Tosha Noll, Seth Noll, Amber Noll, Kasie Noll, Megan Stottmann, Dylan Stottmann, Core Ann Noll and Kenneth Ray Noll, two brothers; Henry Noll and Warren Noll, both of Pennsylvania, two sisters; Brenda Lott, Pennsylvania and Margie Grant and her husband Wesley, Wisconsin, numerous nieces and nephews, several great nieces and nephews and one great-great niece. He is preceded in death by his parents, two sisters; Emily and Elizabeth and a brother; Robert.



JOHN ALBERT O'GAVAGHAN – Died Saturday, November 27, 2010 in Syracuse, New York at the age of 65. The cause of death is unknown. He was surrounded by the love of his family as he peacefully passed away at Upstate University Hospital on Saturday. John was born and raised in Cazenovia, New York and Syracuse. He is the son of the late Albert and Anne Burke Gaughan. John attended Cazenovia central schools and graduated from Christian Brothers Academy in 1963, St. Andrew's Seminary in 1965 and St. Bernard's Seminary in 1967. He received a Master of Science in elementary education from Syracuse University in 1970. John entered the United States Army in 1970, serving in the Republic of Vietnam. While on active duty, he was decorated by the U.S. federal government and the Republic of Vietnam. New York state further acknowledged his service with bestowal of the New York State Conspicuous Service Cross and the New York State Conspicuous Service Star. Upon his return from Vietnam, John began his teaching career of 32 years in the Fayetteville-Manlius Central School District. During his career, he was nominated for Who's Who Among America's Teachers six times. John was involved in civic, patriotic and veterans' organizations. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Liverpool Chapter #103**, being named Vietnam Veteran of the Year by the local chapter in 1987. He was a communicant of Holy Cross Roman Catholic Church in DeWitt, where he served as a Eucharistic minister. John is survived by his loving wife of 30 years, Jennifer; daughters, Dr. Heather (Mark) Janik of Lake View, NY, and Colleen of DeWitt; a brother, Thomas (Karen) Gaughan of Syracuse; a sister, Margaret (John) McCullough of Orange, CA; several nieces, nephews and cousins; a grandnephew; and three grandnieces. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Thursday, December 2, at 10:30 a.m. at St. James Church, Cazenovia. Burial will be in St. James Cemetery, Cazenovia. The family has requested that there be no calling hours. Tait Funeral Home, Inc.

DEAN A. ORTH – Died Monday, May 31, 2004 in Toledo, Ohio at the age of 56. The cause of death is unknown. He was born March 18, 1948. He is survived by a cousin, William Orth, of

Temperance, Michigan. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Toledo Chapter #35*.

JAMES MICHAEL PATTY - Died Friday, November 26, 2010 at Jefferson Memorial Hospital at the age of 63. He was a resident of New Market, Tennessee. He was a retired veteran of the United States Marine Corps and the Blount County Sheriff Department. He was an *At-Large Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Tennessee*. He is survived by wife, Juanita Patty; son, Ralph "Skip" Strong; step-children, Robin Tolliver and Sue Rickard; sister, Melissa Hale; brother, Larry Patty; grandchildren, Carson and Taylor Strong, Amanda Collins; great-grandchildren, Kaiden Collins; and several nieces and nephews. Funeral service will be held at 7:00 p.m. Monday, November 29, 2010 at Farrar Funeral Home with Rev. Chris Howell officiating. Family will receive friends from 5:00 until 7:00 p.m. prior to the service. Family and friends will gather at 10:45 a.m. Tuesday at Westview Cemetery for an 11:00 a.m. graveside interment service. Arrangements by Farrar Funeral Home in Jefferson City, TN (865) 475-3892 www.farrarfuneralhome.com

CLARENCE E. PETERSON – Died recently in 2010 in Villisca, Iowa at the age of 64. The cause of death is unknown. He was born November 23, 1947. He is survived by his wife. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Council Bluffs Chapter #798*.

TED L. PHILLIPS – Monday, July 26, 2010 in Olongapo City, Philippines at the age of 65. The cause of death was a heart attack. He was born September 1, 1944. He served in the United States Navy during the Vietnam War. He was a member of ***Vietnam Veterans of America – Philippines Chapter #887*** and was the Second Vice-President at the time of his death.

NANCY HUNTER PLOWS – Died in Gallatin, Tennessee on Monday, August 30, 2010 to be with her husband, Jimmy, who is still listed as missing in action in Vietnam. She was 61 years of age. The cause of death was a heart attack and a stroke. She was a member of ***Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America – Gallatin Chapter #240***. A memorial service will be held for Nancy Hunter Plows on Sunday, September 12, 2010 at 5 p.m. at her home at 218 West Winchester in Gallatin. Nancy's urn will be escorted to her home by members of Rolling Thunder to a ceremony sponsored by Vietnam Veterans of America, Chapter 240 and Rolling Thunder. Pastor Charlie Richie will officiate.

JAMES JOSEPH PORTER, JR. – Died Wednesday, January 12, 2011 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania at the age of 72. The cause of death was a heart attack. He was born July 12, 1938 in Philadelphia. Beloved husband of Carol J. (née Ambron), devoted father of Leslie Williams, Karen (Kenneth) MacHugh, James J. III (Donna), Craig (Collette), Debra (Andrew) Burns and Michael D. (Kimberly), dear brother of John Brandau (Mary), Barbara McCarrie (late Dan) and Sharon Seamans (Edward); sadly missed by his 13 grandchildren and 2 great grandchildren. A Double Veteran, Mr. Porter served both in the United States Army and United States Navy. He was a member of ***Vietnam Veterans of America – Liberty Bell (Philadelphia) Chapter #266***. Relatives and friends are invited to his Funeral Service Mon. 9:30 A.M. in McElvarr Funeral

Home, 1415-17 E. Susquehanna Ave. (Girard Ave. Exit 195). Viewing Sunday 7 - 9 P.M. and Monday after 8 A.M. Int. Washington Crossing National Cemetery. A memorial contribution to Philadelphia Veterans Multi-Service Center, 213 N. 4th St. Phila. PA 19106 or www.pvmsec.org would be appreciated.

THOMAS MICHAEL "Mike" PORTER – Died Monday, September 27, 2010 in Princeton, West Virginia at the age of 69. The cause of death was coronary heart disease. He was born in Bluefield, West Virginia on May 10, 1941. He is survived by his wife, Ruth Porter of the home. He served in the United States Army. He was a *Life Member of Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America – Princeton Chapter #628*.

JOHN RODRIGUEZ - Died Saturday, February 5, 2011 in Boca Raton, Florida at the age of 64. The cause of death is unknown. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Farmingville Chapter #11**. Boca Raton Funeral Home & Cremation Service, Boca Raton.



DENNIS F. ROSANIA - Died Wednesday morning, December 15, 2010, at the Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center, Plains Township, after a lengthy battle with diabetes. He was 62 years of age and a resident of Duryea, Pennsylvania and formerly of Mountain Top, Pennsylvania. He is survived by his wife, Bonnie Dreistadt Rosania. Wed on April 20, 1991, the couple was married for 19 years. Born in Newark, New Jersey, on April 4, 1948, a son of Vincent and Mary Rosania, Dennis was educated in Newark schools. Prior to his illness, he had worked as both a cook and telephone operator at the VA Medical Center for over 25 years. An honorably discharged United States Marine Corps post commander of the Veterans of the Vietnam War Post 2 of Mountain Top, he had stayed active with his fellow veterans as a member of the American Legion and served on the committee of the Luzerne County Vietnam Veteran Memorial Committee to erect the monument at the Wilkes-Barre Courthouse. He also was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Stroudsburg Chapter #678**. An active sportsman, he enjoyed fishing and hunting, riding horses, hockey games and taking his boat out on Harveys Lake. He had also once owned a karate school for many years. He coached junior football in Mountain Top. A loving husband, father, brother and grandfather, his greatest joy was spending time with his grandson Brandon and granddaughter Avena. He is also survived by his three daughters, Kim Rosania and fiancé James Gazafy, Chris Rosania and Kathy Nichols, all of Mountain Top; two step-daughters, Brooke Hoeffner, of Duryea, and Ashley Hoeffner, of Queens, N.Y.; three sisters, Suzanne Giordano Flanagan and husband Robert, of Wilmington, Del.; Michele Sayer and husband Hasn, of Bloomfield, N.J.; and Gloria Correa and husband Tony, of Virginia; as well as two grandchildren, Brandon Nichols and Avena McDonough. Funeral services are scheduled at 3 p.m. Saturday at the chapel in the VA Medical Center, 1111 East End Blvd., Plains Township, to be co-conducted by the Rev. Harriet Santos and the Rev. Susan Zimmerman. Relatives and friends may pay their respects from 2:30 p.m. until service time on Saturday. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made in Dennis' name to Pocono Patriots, c/o P.O. 519, Pocono Pines, PA 18350. Arrangements are under the care of the Thomas P. Kearney Funeral Home

Inc., 517 N. Main St., Old Forge. Please visit www.KearneyFuneralHome.com to leave an online condolence.

WADE ROTTHOFF – Died Sunday, February 6, 2011 in Canton, Michigan at the age of 64. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania on October 21, 1946. Loving husband of his high school sweetheart, Judy (Petty); best father in the world to Robin and Bill Whitney and Tara Rotthoff; dear grandfather to Mercedes and the late Mackenzie and Paige Whitney; brother of David and Patricia Rotthoff of Ft. Myers, FL, and Kim and Eileen Rotthoff of State College, PA; nephew, uncle, cousin, and dear friend to many. He served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War. He was a proud member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Plymouth Chapter #528**. Viewing Wednesday, February 9, at McCabe Funeral Home, 851 N. Canton Center Rd., Canton, MI, from 2-9 p.m. Viewing in Pittsburgh, PA at Nied Funeral Home, 7441 Washington Ave., Swissvale, PA, Friday, February 11, 2-8 p.m. Funeral Saturday, February 12, 2011, at 11 a.m. In lieu of flowers, memorials to Tomorrow's Child, Michigan SIDS, 112 East Allegan, Suite 500, Lansing, MI 48933 or Vietnam Veterans of America, 8605 Cameron St., Suite 400, Silver Spring, MD 20910 are appreciated. Wade was a great guy who will be deeply missed by all who were privileged to know him. Send condolences at post-gazette.com/gb

ROBERT J. SAMSON – Died in November 2009 in Wyandotte, Michigan at the age of 60. He was born July 24, 1949. The cause of death is unknown. He was a veteran of the Vietnam. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Detroit Chapter #259**.



JAMES R. "Jim" SAWYER – Died Monday, June 14, 2010 in Decatur, Alabama at the age of 66. The cause of death is unknown. He was born October 29, 1943, in Pawtucket, R.I. to James J. Sawyer and Gertrude Quintin Gagnon. Funeral for James "Jim" Sawyer of Decatur will be Thursday, June 17, 2010, at 10 a.m. at Roselawn Funeral Home Chapel with Joe Mann officiating. Visitation will be tonight from 6 to 9 at the family's residence, 158 Hamaker Street SW, Decatur. Jim retired as a first sergeant in the United States Army. He was a Roman Catholic. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Athens Chapter #511**. He enjoyed boating, grilling and was a Harley enthusiast. His father, James J. Sawyer; and brother, Jeffrey W. Gagnon, preceded him in death. Survivors include his wife of 19 years, Elizabeth Sawyer; two sons, Brian and Crystal Sawyer and Barry and Kim Sawyer; three daughters, Marion and Ike Mann, Myra Sawyer and Sharon and Michael Sloup; mother, Gertrude Quintin Gagnon; stepson, Billy Kirby; sister, Sharon Gagnon Tardif and her husband, Ron; sister-in-law, Cathy Choquet Gagnon; 15 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

LIONEL MILTON SIMINGTON – Died Friday, August 20, 2010 in Sterlington, Louisiana at the age of 95. The cause of death was prostate cancer. He was born August 22, 1914 in Attica, Arkansas to the late Henry and Bell Simington. He was also predeceased by three brothers, Liston, James and Magnus Simington. He is survived by his wife, Dorothy Simington; his daughter and son-in-law, Sheila and Don Sheppard; his son and daughter-in-law, Ron and

Sandra Sasser; four grandchildren, Charles Martin, Candida Martin, Jason Sasser and wife, Debbie and Justin Sasser and wife, Heather, and; four great-grandchildren, Jeremy Martin, Brady Sasser, Ruthanne Sasser and Isaac Sasser. He served in the United States Air Force with two tours of duty in Vietnam from 1967 to 1968 and 1970 to 1971 and retired after 30 years of service. He was a member of Saint Andrew's Methodist Church in Sterlington. Graveside services were conducted at Memorial Park Cemetery in Bastrop, Louisiana with Pastor Bryan Lane, officiating. He was an *At-Large Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Louisiana**.

ROGER "Skin" SKINNER, JR. - Died Monday, January 24, 2011 in Northfield, New Jersey at the age of 67. The cause of death was heart failure. He was born June 22, 1943, in Windsor, North Carolina. He was the eldest son of Esther and Isaiah Skinner, Sr. He received his formal education at the W.S. Etheridge School. He served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War and was honorably discharged. He also received a Purple Heart. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Somers Point Chapter #228**. He relocated to New Jersey, where he met and married, Wilma Walker while he was employed by the Atlantic City Medical Center. Skin later worked for the Atlantic Electric Company, B.L. England from where he retired after 30 years. The legacy of his season is left to: his wife of 39 years, Wilma Skinner; children, Desiree, Keith, Stanford (Ruth), Stephanie, Roger (Artavia), Yvonne(Feron), Rogrick, Manterro (Brenda), and Laneesha; 25 grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; siblings, Frances (Frank) Allen, Esther, and Thelma, Isaiah Jr. (Christa), David (Deloris), and Earl Skinner, Sr.; god-children and a host of family and friends. Funeral services will be 11 AM, Saturday, January 29, 2011, Shiloh Apostolic Cathedral, 505 Madison Avenue, Atlantic City, where friends may call from 9 AM. Interment was in the Atlantic County Veterans' Cemetery, Estell Manor. Condolences may be sent to: www.greenidgefuneralhomes.com.

RONALD S. STARNIERI – Died recently in 2010 in Douglasville, Georgia at the age of 64. The cause of death is unknown. He was born May 21, 1946. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Douglasville Chapter #935**.

LEROY VEGOTSKY - Died Tuesday, November 16, 2010 in Trenton, New Jersey at the age of 72. The cause of death was cancer. He was born in Trenton on July 5, 1938. Mr. Vegotsky was a paralegal before retiring. He was a United States Army veteran of Vietnam and a member of The Jewish War Veterans, serving on the State Action Committee and the National Action Committee as co-chairman. He was an *At-Large Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – New Jersey**. Mr. Vegotsky was also a member of the Disabled American Veterans and the American Legion. Son of the late Max and Eva Vegotsky, brother of the late Lillian Ward, Estelle Park and Karen Vegotsky, he is survived by his wife, Marie V. Vegotsky; a son, Mark Vegotsky; a daughter, Robyn Kimura; a granddaughter, Rachel Kimura; nieces, Carol Strang, Marcia Park, Marlene Kubis-VanCleef; nephew, Robert Ward; one great niece and several nephews. Funeral services are Thursday 9 a.m. at Orland's Ewing Memorial Chapel, 1534 Pennington Road, Ewing Township. Burial will follow at Washington Crossing National Cemetery. Memorial contributions can be made to The American Heart Association or The American Cancer Society.

JOYCE HARLAND VENABLE - Died Sunday, May 23, 2010 at M.D. Anderson Cancer Center in Houston, Texas at the age of 78. He was a resident of Nederland, Texas. The cause of death is unknown. He was born April, 19, 1932 in the Brushy Community near Madisonville, Texas to Violet Margaret Andrews and Fred Theodore Venable. A resident of Nederland since 1954, Joyce retired from Texaco after thirty-two years of employment as an electrician, and then worked for Austin industries for five years. Joyce was a member of the Calvary Baptist Church in Nederland, Texas. He graduated from Madisonville High School in 1953, attended Blinn Junior College, and earned an associate degree from Lamar University. Joyce's love and memories will remain in the hearts of his wife, Bobbie Jean Waller Venable, daughter, Donna and husband David Grimmer, daughter, Lorrie and husband Robert Simoneaux, one grandchild, David Harland Grimmer, his brother, Melvin D. Venable and wife Ann, sister, Margaret Ward, sister-in-law, Patricia Hayes and husband Will, sister-in-law Peggy Clute and husband Donald and a host of other relatives and friends. Joyce and Bobbie were married July 11, 1954 and remained devoted to each other for fifty-five years. He was a wonderful father and grandfather. Joyce was a veteran of the Korean War. He retired from the United States Marine Corps in June 1980 after twenty-seven and a half years of service to his country. After his military retirement, he stayed active in the Toys for Tots, Marine Corps Association and Gulf Coast Leathernecks. He was proud to be a Marine. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Orange Chapter #348**. He was preceded in death by his parents, Viola and Fred Venable, his brothers Fred Jr. and Walter Ray, and father and mother-in-law, Robert and Burney Mae Waller. Friends and family are invited to attend a family visitation from 1 to 3 pm and memorial service celebrating Joyce's life at 3pm Wednesday, May 26, 2010 at Calvary Baptist Church 2515 Canal Ave. Nederland, Texas with Brother Donald Bean officiating. Visitation will be held from 5 to 8 pm Thursday, May 27, 2010 at Madisonville Funeral Home 1511 East Main Street, Madisonville, Texas. Funeral service will be at 10 am Friday, May 28, 2101 at Madisonville Funeral Home. Interment with military honors will follow at Madisonville City Cemetery. Complete and updated information may be viewed at broussards1889.com.

GILFORD J. "Gil" VerHAGUE - age 83, of North Tonawanda, Died Saturday, January 1, 2011 at Digraph Memorial Hospital, following a brief battle with cancer. He was 83 years of age and resident of North Tonawanda, New York. Mr. VerHague was born January 23, 1927 in North Tonawanda, son of the late Harry and Elizabeth (née Miller) VerHague. Mr. VerHague's career included serving in the United States Navy, working for Buffalo Bolt Company, serving in the 107th Air National Guard, working for General Motors Foundry Division and retiring from Crucible Steel Co. in Syracuse. Mr. VerHague was a member of the American Legion Post 1451. He was an overall outdoors man enjoying hunting, fishing and gardening. He also enjoyed woodworking. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Tonawanda Chapter #77**. Mr. VerHague is survived by his three children, Margaret (Paul) Drees of Tonawanda, Michael (Gail) VerHague of North Tonawanda and Peter (Tina) VerHague of Tonawanda; his sister, Marcelin Hildebrandt; his loving companion, Norma Witkop; 11 grandchildren, 31 great-grandchildren; many nieces and nephews. Friends may call Wednesday from 4 to 8 PM at the WATTENGEL Funeral Home, 307 Oliver St., North Tonawanda, where funeral services will be held Thursday at 10 AM. The Rev. David Constantino will officiate. Private interment will be in Acacia Park Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Niagara Hospice.

LEE J. WARD - 70, Died early Monday morning, November 29, 2010, due to medical complications relative to cancer. He was 70 years of age and a resident of Fresno, California, formerly of Rexburg, Idaho. He was born August 19, 1940, in Rexburg, Idaho, son of Ezekiel and Rose Ward. He was a graduate of Madison High School. He served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War and took great pride in his service to his country, which influenced him to become a key member in establishing a charter for the **Vietnam Veterans of America – Rexburg Chapter #876** an a *Life Member*. Lee won the Silver Rose Award in the VVA of which he was proud. He was also a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars. Lee was also an active member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in which he had a profound belief and served in numerous callings. As a young man, he was married to Ethel Breeton and had two children, Lori Ramos and Karry Ward. They were later divorced. He met and married Chong Camp while serving his country in Korea and had three children, Kim J. Ward, Sara Jean Dorotheo and Melanie Nguyen. They were later divorced. He then married Marilyn Daisson Ward who had three boys, Ernest Daisson, Steven Daisson and Michael Daisson. After Marilyn passed away, Lee was lucky enough to meet his current wife, Judith Ward. He spent the last years of his life happily married to Judith. Judith has a son named Richard Lawson. While Lee was married to Judith, he moved to Fresno, Calif., where he deeply enjoyed mild weather and raising koi fish and fruit trees. He was surprised to find that he enjoyed being a Californian and having indoor pets. He is survived by his above-mentioned children and stepchildren and 39 grandchildren. He is also survived by his brothers, Deloy and Sonny Ward; and sister, Dixie Nording. He was preceded in death by his parents and third wife, Marilyn. He will be greatly missed by his family and friends. Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 9, at the Rexburg LDS 4th Ward Chapel. The family will receive friends from 5 p.m. to 7 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 8, at Flamm Funeral Home in Rexburg and one hour prior to services Thursday at the church. Burial will be in Rexburg Cemetery with military rites by the Madison County Veterans. Condolences may be sent to the family at www.flammfh.com.

EDWIN S. WATSON, JR. – Died Tuesday, June 22, 2010 in Boothbay, Maine at the age of 66. The cause of death was a heart attack. He was born November 5, 1943 in Northport, New York. He is survived by his sister, Caroline G. Watson, of the home. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was an *At-Large Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – New York**.

MICHAEL H. WEAVER – Died Wednesday, February 2, 2011 in Westland, Michigan at the age of 61. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Garden City, Michigan on June 27, 1949. He is survived by his wife, Rosie, of the home. He served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Plymouth Chapter #528**.

STEPHEN LAMAR WOOD - Died Sunday, March 14, 2010 in Irving, Texas at the age of 78. He was a resident of Allen, Texas. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on October 12, 1931 in Lexington, North Carolina to John and Sammie Wood. He is survived by his loving wife of 54 years, Phyllis Wood; son, Tim Wood of Houston, TX; daughter, Alicia Winston of Fredericksburg, VA; grandson, Stephen Winston; and nieces and nephews. Steve served in the United States Navy for 4 years and retired from the United States Air Force after 26 years of

service. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Dallas Chapter #137**. He was a Systems Engineer for MCI for 12 years. Steve loved to travel, read and history. He will be dearly missed by his family. Funeral Service will be held at Ted Dickey Funeral Home on Friday, March 19, 2010 at 3:00 pm.

HERBERT J. WOOLSTON, SR. – Died Friday, December 31, 2010 in Hampton, Virginia at the age of 75. The cause of death is unknown. He was born September 22, 1935 in Grand Rapids, Michigan. He served in the United States Army from 1952 to 1972 with a tour of duty in Vietnam from January 14, 1970 to August 16, 1971. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Hampton Chapter 433**.

ANTHONY “Tony” “Chief” F. YEULENSKI, JR. - Died Thursday, January 6, 2011, at the VA Medical Center in West Roxbury, Massachusetts at the age of 63 with his family by his side. He was a former resident of Paxton, Massachusetts and recently of Hubbardston, Massachusetts. The cause of death is unknown. He was born August 31, 1947 in Worcester, Massachusetts to the late Anthony F. and Arlene (Frick) Yeulenski, Sr. He leaves his wife of 41 years, Linda (West) Yeulenski; a son, Anthony Yeulenski III and his wife Amy of Webster; two daughters, Kimberley Lindberg and her husband Donald of Rutland and Lynn Trudell and her husband Steve of Paxton; eight grandchildren, Anthony IV, Kaitlin, Emily, Curtis, Kyle, Zachary, Benjamin and Tyler; and his unconditional loving dog, Colby. He also is survived by his brother, Thomas Yeulenski of Worcester; a sister, Karen Kubilis of Grafton; his mother-in-law, Sophie West of Webster; and sister-in-law, MaryJane Weldon and her husband Don of East Brookfield with whom he loved to spend time with. Tony was a graduate of Burncoat High School and served his nation proudly with the United States Army during the Vietnam Era. He worked at Becker College, Worcester/Leicester campus, where he was police chief until his retirement. He was a member of Our Lady of Fatima Church, member and vice president of the **Vietnam Veterans of America North Central Chapter 907 in Gardner** and a member of the Disabled American Veterans Chapter 24 in Leominster. He loved to fish, once landing a seven-pound bass. He enjoyed gardening and vacations in New Hampshire. He made friends everywhere he went with his kind and loving nature. Most of all he loved spending time with his family and friends – he will be missed by everyone. Calling hours are from 10 a.m. to 12 noon followed by a funeral service at 12 noon on Monday, January 10th, in the Miles Funeral Home, 1158 Main Street (Rte. 122A), Holden. Burial with military honors will be at Worcester County Memorial Park, 217 Richards Avenue (Rte. 56), Paxton. He loved his veteran friends so his family is requesting donations be made to the Massachusetts Veteran's Shelter, Inc., 69 Grove Street, Worcester, MA 01605. Website & Guest book: www.milesfuneralhome.com

**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.