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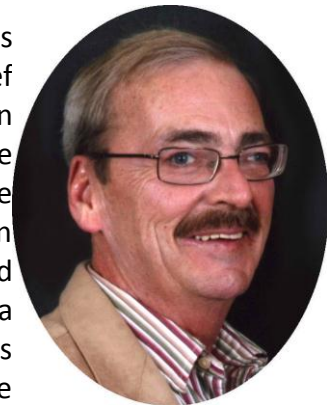
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NIKOLAI T. AHREMOW – Died Friday, December 10, 2010 at the New Jersey Veterans Memorial Home in Menlo Park, Edison, New Jersey at the age of 64. The cause of death is unknown. He was born August 2, 1946. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Permanently Hospitalized Veteran Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – New Brunswick Chapter #233*.

REVEREND DONALD R. ALFORD, SR. - Died Saturday, November 5, 2011 in Longview, Texas at the age of 71. The cause of death was a heart attack. He was born July 4, 1940, in Marshall, Texas, to the late Mira Bishop and Waymon Alford. The Reverend Alford served our country in three branches of our military; United States Air Force, United States Army and the Army National Guard; and served during the Cuban Missile Crisis. He was a member of the VFW, the American Legion and the VFW Honor Guard. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Longview Chapter #987**. The Reverend Alford was a retired Assembly of God minister, and was the pastor of four churches during his ministry. He is survived by his sons, Donald R. Alford, Jr. and wife, Daphne; Travis L. Alford Sr. and fiancé, Francie Webb; grandchildren, Heather Christine Danielle Alford and Travis "TJ" Alford, Jr.; his former wife, Sue Ryan; and numerous other family members. He is preceded in death by his parents; two brothers, Waymon and John; and one sister, Frances Jean. Funeral services will be 10 a.m. Wednesday, November 9, 2011, in The Colonial Chapel of Sullivan Funeral Home. Interment will follow in Algoma Cemetery. The family will receive visitors from 6-8 p.m. today, November 8, 2011, at Sullivan Funeral Home. Please make condolences to the family at www.sullivan-funeralhome.com.

MAYNARD L. ALMJELD – Died Thursday, December 1, 2011, in his home in Watertown, South Dakota at the age of 62, following a brief illness. The cause of death was renal failure. Maynard was born on August 23, 1949, in Tyler, Minnesota, to the late Clifford and Myrtle (née Sand) Almjeld. He attended Tracy Elementary School through the third grade. His father was foreman on the Chicago Northwestern Railroad and was transferred to Salem, South Dakota, where Maynard continued his early education. His family returned to Tracy, Minnesota in 1964. Upon graduation from high school, Maynard worked summers on the railroad with his father and uncles while attending college. He attended Augustana College in Sioux Falls, South Dakota, and Southwest Minnesota State University in Marshall, Minnesota, earning a major in Marketing and a minor in Journalism. He



married Annette Goss in 1970. They had one daughter, Jennifer. Between 1972 and 1974, Maynard worked for the Brookings Register and the Sioux Falls Argus Leader with his best friends, Larry Westall and Professor Frank Kloch. Maynard moved his family to Richmond, Kentucky, where he took a position as Promotions and Advertising Director for the Richmond Register from 1974 to 1986. In this position, he performed many community public relations and spoke to journalism classes at Eastern Kentucky University. He was a Master Mason of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky F & AM, in Louisville, Kentucky. Maynard and Annette divorced in 1987. Maynard changed course to insurance sales, working for Humana Insurance, Met Life Insurance and Nationwide Insurance and received numerous sales awards. He was extremely well-liked and personable. He married Nina Hopper in 1988. In 1992, Maynard's mother became ill and he brought her to be with them in Lexington, Kentucky. Maynard and Nina divorced in 2000. He then returned with his mother to Marshall. While caring for his mother, he worked as the Inside Sales Representative for Schwan's Food Company until her passing in 2005. Maynard moved back to Sioux Falls, where he worked in Marketing Sales for Western Web Printing for four years and also worked part-time at the Hy-Vee Food Store #5. He met his third wife, Sherry (Campbell) Harrington, of Watertown. They were married in December of 2008. He loved to entertain friends and family. Maynard loved to cook. He also enjoyed reading and playing Dominoes. He was a charter member of the Disabled American Veterans' Auxiliary in Watertown and also a member of **Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America – Watertown**. Maynard is survived by his wife, Sherry, of Watertown; his daughter, Jennifer Almjd, of Las Cruces, New Mexico; his step-daughter, Kelly (Lakobi) Hopson, of Fort Polk, Louisiana; and special cousin, Ronnie (Karen) Almjd, of Worthington, Minnesota. A Memorial service for Maynard L. Almjd was at 6:30 p.m. on Friday, December 9, 2011, at the Crawford Funeral Chapel in Watertown. Reverend Roger Spahr and Pastor Juanita Harberts officiated. Music was provided by Pastor Juanita Harberts. Visitation hours were at the chapel on Friday from 4:00 to 6:30 PM prior to the service.

MARY LOU (née Raplee) AMOLE - Died Tuesday, January 17, 2012 in Phoenixville, Pennsylvania, after a brief battle with cancer. She was 69 years of age. She was born on June 10, 1942 in Elmira, New York, to the late Jack and Mary Alice (née Malone) Raplee. Mary Lou was a nurse in the United States Army and veteran of the Vietnam War and a Bronze Star recipient. She was an active volunteer through the Phoenixville VFW, a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Phoenixville Chapter #436**, American Legion and Mom's House, and a member of Sacred Heart Church. She attended Notre Dame High School and St. Joseph's Nursing School, both in Elmira, NY. She was a longtime employee of Valley Forge Ear, Nose and Throat in Phoenixville, PA. Mary Lou is survived by her devoted husband, Barry; her two children, Allison Nemetz of Chicago, IL and Scott Nemetz of Chanhassen, MN; her four stepchildren, Dennis Amole (Christine), John Amole (Tasha), Shannon Dusko (Joe) and Cliff Amole (Rachel Coakley); six grandchildren, Jennifer, Erin, Jack, Joey, Andrew and Ryan; and her brother, Bill Raplee of Pine City, NY. Relatives and Friends are invited to attend her Funeral Service in the Devlin Rosmos Kepp & Gatcha Funeral Home & Cremation Services, 517 S. Main Street at Fourth Avenue, Phoenixville, PA on Friday, January 20, 2012, at 10:30 a.m. with Father Donato Silveri officiating. Burial will follow in Zion Lutheran Church Cemetery, Spring

City, PA. A viewing will be held in the Funeral Home on Thursday evening, January 19, 2012, from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m., and on Friday morning from 10:00 to 10:30 a.m. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions in her name may be made to Notre Dame High School, 1400 Maple Avenue, Elmira, NY 14904. Condolences may be given to the family at www.DevlinRosmosKepp.com.

MARTHA JOAN ARIAN – Died Thursday, July 7, 2011 in Hominy, Oklahoma at the age of 65. The cause of death is unknown. She was born January 21, 1946. She was a member of **Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America – Enid Chapter #940**.



JOHN FRANKLIN BAKER, JR. (MSG-USA-Ret.) – Died Friday, January 20, 2012 in Columbia, South Carolina at the age of 66. The cause of death was heart failure. He was born October 30, 1945 in Davenport, Iowa to the late John Franklin Baker, Sr. and Mary Isabelle (née Enderton) Baker. He graduated from Moline High School in 1966, and later took courses at the University of Hawaii. Baker entered the United States Army in Moline, Illinois, serving as a Private in "A" Company, 2nd Battalion of the 27th Infantry, known as The "Wolfhounds". He served 300 missions as a "tunnel rat" in Vietnam, a soldier who entered Viet Cong tunnels searching out the enemy and destroying their caches of war material. In Vietnam, Baker took part in Operation Attleboro which began in September 1966. On November 5, 1966, Baker and his unit were called to assist another squad who were taking enemy fire. En route, his Company began to take fire and lost their lead soldier. Together with two other soldiers, Baker took over the head of the column and assisted in destroying two enemy positions. They were moving to take two others when a hand grenade knocked Baker off of his feet. With the two other soldiers wounded, Baker "single handedly" destroyed another bunker before recovering his comrades. Despite taking further fire from enemy bunkers and snipers, Baker continually fell back to replenish ammunition and take back several wounded. For these actions, he was awarded the **Congressional Medal of Honor by President Lyndon B. Johnson in 1968**. Baker made the military his career, retiring in 1989 at the rank of Master Sergeant after serving twenty four years of service for a country that he loved. MSG Baker began working as a computer analyst at the Dorn Veterans Hospital in Columbia and retired after fifteen years of service. In 2008, the I-280 Bridge, connecting Davenport, Iowa with Rock Island, Illinois, was renamed the Sergeant John F. Baker, Jr. Bridge in his honor. In addition to serving as the Vice-President of the Congressional Medal of Honor Society, he served as a member on the Nation's Monuments and Cemeteries Committee. John was a member of the VFW, American Legion, **Vietnam Veterans of America – Rock Island (Illinois) Chapter #299**, 25th Infantry Division Association and the 27th Infantry Regiment Historical Society. As a member of the National Infantry Association, Order of St. Maurice, he was a recipient of the Primicerius Award, which is the highest designation for those who have made a significant and lasting contribution to the Infantry. He was a highly decorated veteran to include; Medal of Honor, Silver Star, Legion of Merit, Bronze Star and the Purple Heart. John

was appointed as a Special Deputy with the Richland County Sheriff's Department. He was a collector of Eagles, and often supported Patriotic events at Fort Jackson and in the Midlands of South Carolina. Surviving are his wife, Donnell G. Baker of Columbia; brothers, William Baker and Charles Baker both of Iowa; sisters, Marilyn Edwards of Oklahoma, Eleanor Gring, Mary Anne McCallum and Gloria Helfrich, all of Iowa; brother-in-law, Dennis M. Brazil of Nevada; numerous nieces, nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews. In addition to his parents, he was predeceased by his brothers, Milo Allison and Robert Drury. A Funeral service was held on Friday January 27, 2012 at 1:00 PM at Main Post Chapel on Fort Jackson. Interment, with full military honors, will be in Arlington National Cemetery at a later date. The family received friends from 5:00-7:00 PM on Thursday, January 26, 2012 at Dunbar Funeral Home, Devine Street Chapel. Memorials may be made to Medal of Honor Society, 40 Patriots Point Road, Mt. Pleasant, South Carolina 29464.

PHILIP C. BECKETT – Died Saturday, October 31, 2009 in Lambertville, New Jersey at the age of 59. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Woodbury, New Jersey on February 28, 1950 to the late Charles and Joyce (née Mace) Beckett. He grew up in Pittman, New Jersey. He was a Lambertville resident for 30 years. He served in the United States Navy during the Vietnam War. He was an *At-Large Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – New Jersey**. He was an officer with the Delaware River Joint Toll Bridge Commission for 25 years before retiring two years ago. In addition to his parents, he was predeceased by his late brother Brian Beckett. He is survived by his wife, Christine J. (née Strouse) Beckett, and his son, Philip C. Beckett II, both of Lambertville; his brother and sister-in-law, Dennis and Bernadette Beckett of Monroeville, New Jersey and his sister, Judith Beckett Sellers of Tampa, Florida. Funeral services were conducted on Wednesday, November 4, at 11:00 AM at the Van Horn-McDonough Funeral Home, 21 York Street, Lambertville, New Jersey. Calling hours were held at the funeral home on Tuesday evening from 7:00 to 9:00 p.m. and on Wednesday morning from 10:00 AM until the start of services. Memorial donations may be made to the Lambertville-New Hope Rescue Squad, Box 237, Lambertville, New Jersey 08530 or to the Centenary United Methodist Church for Community Kitchen, 108 N. Union Street, Lambertville, New Jersey 08530.

FRED BERARDI – Died suddenly in his Blauvelt, New York home on Monday, July 18, 2011 at the age of 66. The cause of death is unknown. He was born March 15, 1945. Fred is survived by his wife of 41 years- Candice; his son-Edward, his wife Holly, and their daughter Beth; son-Evan and his wife Jennifer; mother-Lillian Hollo; Mother-in-law- Pauline Starr; Sister-Elaine DeWolf and her husband John; sister-Cookie Namath and her husband Stu; Nieces and nephews-Kim, Peter and Steven Tyler. Fred valued time with family and friends and loved making people laugh and eat. Fred was a graduate of Tappan Zee High School and Rockland Community College. Fred served in the United States Army including a tour of duty in Vietnam and holds the Gallantry Cross with Silver Star. Fred was a proud American and was an active member of the **Vietnam Veterans of America - New City Chapter #333** and the Willis Polhemus VFW Post 9215. Fred and Candice were entrepreneurs who retired in 2006 after running E&F Florist and Landscaping for 26 years. Collecting and trading sports memorabilia was one of his passions. He was also known for his midnight walks with his recently deceased

dog, Chip and feeding all of the wildlife surrounding his home. A celebration of life will be held at Casa Mia Manor House in Blauvelt on Saturday, 7/23 at 1:00PM. In lieu of flowers donations can be made to Willis Polhemus VFW Post 9215, 250 Birchwood Ave. Upper Nyack, NY 10960; Hi Tor Animal Shelter, 65 Firemen's Memorial Dr. Pomona, NY 10970; or Children's Aid Program for Africa, PO Box 474, Piermont, NY 10968.



JOHN C. "Jack" BIHARY - Died Tuesday, January 10, 2012 at the VA Medical Center in Buffalo, New York after a long illness with cancer. He was 61 years of age and a resident of Tonawanda, New York. He was born in North Tonawanda, New York to the late Charles and Dolores (née Rees) Bihary and had been a lifelong resident of the Tonawandas. Mr. Bihary was a disabled United States Army Veteran of the Vietnam War and had been employed at Kaufmann's Bakery in Buffalo before retiring due to illness. He was a coach for the Tonawanda National Little League and had been an active volunteer at both St. Francis of Assisi Church in Tonawanda and the VA Hospital in Buffalo. John was also a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Tonawanda Chapter #77**. He is survived by his three children, James M. Bihary of North Tonawanda, Elizabeth A. Bihary of North Tonawanda, and Julia A. (Kevin) Boger of Tonawanda; and a sister, Laurie Waddell of the Town of Tonawanda. Also surviving are 10 grandchildren and several nieces and nephews. The family will receive friends from 5-9 PM on Friday only at the Hamp Funeral HOME, 37 Adam Street at Seymour, Tonawanda. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10 AM Saturday at St. Francis Chapel, 71 Adam Street in Tonawanda; the Rev. Michael Uebler, officiating. Friends invited. Interment at Elmlawn Cemetery, Town of Tonawanda. If desired, memorials to St. Francis of Assisi Church, 73 Adam Street, Tonawanda, NY 14150, are preferred by the family.



PETER K. BINDER – (Attorney) Died on Monday, September 19, 2011 in his residence in Gardner, Massachusetts at the age of 66, surrounded by his family. Peter was born in Buffalo, New York on September 25, 1944, the son of the late A. Francis and Nancy-Lou (née Knowlton) Binder. Peter and his wife, Attorney Nancy Binder, were partners of the Binder and Binder Law Office located in Gardner. They started their law firm in 1985 and Peter was able to work at the profession he loved until his sickness overtook him very recently. Peter's dedication to the defense of the indigent and less fortunate members of society was legendary. On May 19 of this year he was awarded the Donald D. Deren Courageous Advocacy Award citing his Tireless Commitment to the Defense of the Indigent. He was a member of the Northern Worcester County Bar Association where he often gave seminars to provide guidance to the newer members of the bar. He also served as a mentor to those less experienced in the law. He formerly owned and operated Four Winds Restaurant in Ashburnham from 1974 to 1987. Peter was well known in the area as a first class Chef, enjoying preparing meals for family

and friends at his home "Chez Pierre". Although an accomplished Lawyer and Chef, Peter always wanted to learn more and recently decided he would learn to build things and studied for and obtained his General Contractor's License. Peter graduated from Bennett High School in Buffalo, NY with the Class of 1962. He graduated from Cornell University with a Bachelors Degree in Hotel and Restaurant Management in 1967, and in 1973 he graduated from Suffolk University with a Juris Doctor. Peter was a United States Navy Veteran and received the National Defense Service Medal. He was a member and Past Chairman of Montachusett Veterans Outreach Center, Inc. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Gardner Chapter #907**. Peter enjoyed cooking, gardening and listening to music. He had a true zest for life and loved spending time with his grandchildren, family and friends. Peter loved classic cars, and owned a 1970 Chrysler Newport he affectionately named "Big Red". Peter leaves his wife of 21 years, Attorney Nancy M. (Maillet) Binder of Gardner; one son, Richard K. Binder and his wife Michelle of Gardner; two daughters, Amanda M. Martin-Algarin and her husband Ramon of Fitchburg and Brittany M. (Binder) Gesner and her husband SHSN Charles, who serves on the USS WASP, of Norfolk, VA; two brothers, Richard F. Binder and fiancé Celeste Zuppa of Lockport, NY and Jae Kim and his wife Jennifer of Bedford, MA; four grandchildren, Anthony, Jailyn, Giovanni and Emma; several nieces, nephews and cousins. He also leaves his beloved grand-dog Zamboni. A "Celebration of Life" will be held on Peter's birthday, Sunday, September 25th from 5:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. at the Colonial Hotel, 625 Betty Spring Road, Gardner. Boucher Funeral Home Inc., 110 Nichols Street, Gardner is handling the arrangements. www.boucherfuneral.com.

DALE L. BORGER - Died Saturday, December 24, 2011 in the VNA Hospice House, East Stroudsburg, Pennsylvania at the age of 66. He was a resident of Gilbert, Pennsylvania. The cause of death was chronic obstructive pulmonary disorder. He was born December 16, 1945 in Kunkletown, Pennsylvania to the late LeRoy and Esther (née Buskirk) Borger. He was the loving husband of the late Nancy L. (née Smith) Borger, who died in 2008. He was a machine operator for Ingersoll-Rand, Phillipsburg, New Jersey, for over 30 years until retiring in 2000. After retiring, he worked for the Hide-a-Way Hills Golf Course, Kresgeville. He was a United States Army veteran of the Vietnam War, and was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America - Stroudsburg Chapter #678** and the Quads and Search Lights Group. Borger was of the Methodist faith. In his spare time, he loved to play golf and was in the Men's League at the Indian Mt. Golf Club, Kresgeville. We have been blessed with the presence of Dale in our lives and he will be deeply missed by his children, Tonya, wife of Richard Kemp of Lehighton, and Bryan of Gilbert; a brother Gene, and his wife, Sandy, of Kresgeville; a sister-in-law, Emma VanStone of Saylorsburg; and his mother-in-law, Esther Temple of Saylorsburg. He was a loving and gentle grandfather to his four grandchildren, Carissa, Sarah, Christina and Cierra. He is also survived by nieces and nephews. He was also preceded in death by a son, Jarrod Clark Borger, who died in 2000; and a brother Martin. The Memorial service was 11:00 AM Saturday, December 31, at the Donald N. Gower Funeral Home, Rt. 209, Gilbert, with the Reverend Robin Fisher officiating. Interment was in the Hillside Cemetery, Effort. Call 10-11 a.m. Saturday. Contributions may be made to the family, c/o Tonya Kemp, 222 S. First St., Lehighton, Pennsylvania. 18235.

GEORGE BUNCH – Died Tuesday, December 20, 2011 in Brush Creek, Tennessee at the age of 64. The cause of death was heart disease. He was born in Smith, Colorado on September 30, 1947. He is survived by nieces and nephews. He served in the United States Navy with a tour in Vietnam in 1968. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Lebanon Chapter #1004**. The Funeral Service was at 1:00 PM on Friday, December 23, 2011 at the Carthage Chapel of Sanderson Funeral Home with Jonathan Henry delivering the Eulogy. Interment with Military Honors was in the Dixon Springs Cemetery. Visitation hours were on Friday after 11:00 AM at Sanderson of Carthage.

DOUGLAS JAMES "Butch" BURGESS, JR. - Died Monday, January 30, 2012, at his residence in Greer, South Carolina at the age of 62. The cause of death is unknown. He was born November 20, 1949 to the late Douglas Burgess, Sr. and Nellie Ruth (née Grubbs) Burgess; the widower of Rebecca "Becky" Elizabeth (née Griffith) Burgess. He was a retired employee of Southeastern Parts and a member of Pineview Baptist Church. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America - Greenville Chapter #523**. He is survived by three daughters, Ashley Nicole Kiehl of Spartanburg, Samantha Leigh Heine of Spartanburg and Melanie Ann Coker of Piedmont; a brother-in-law, Richard Griffith of Lyman; and seven grandchildren. Funeral services were conducted at 11:00 AM Saturday, February 4, 2012, at Pineview Baptist Church conducted by Reverend Daniel Bryant. Burial will follow in the church cemetery. Visitation will be held 7:00-9:00 PM Friday, February 3, 2012, at Wood Mortuary. In lieu of flowers, memorials can be made to DAV, Attn: Jerry Handley, Chapter 1, 3510 Augusta Road, Greenville, South Carolina 29605 or Greer Soup Kitchen, P.O. Box 2344, Greer, South Carolina 29652.



GIRARD J. "Gary" "Chick" CICHOCKI – Died Thursday, August 11, 2011 in Amherst, New York at the age of 64. The cause of death is unknown. He was born February 14, 1947 to Virginia and the late Chester Cichocki. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Tonawanda Chapter #77**. He was the beloved husband of Caroline R. (née Lorentz) Cichocki; devoted father of Kimberly A. (Anthony) Zuppa and Jennifer R. Cichocki; loving grandfather of Adrianna and Alyssa Zuppa; dear brother of Karen (Paul) Barone; cherished uncle of Melissa and Steven Barone; adored brother-in-law of Elizabeth Masters. The family will be present on Friday from 2-4 and 7-9 PM at (Amherst Chapel) Amigone Funeral Home, Inc., 5200 Sheridan Drive (at Hopkins Road) where Funeral Services will be held on Saturday at 8:15 AM followed by a Mass of Christian Burial celebrated from St. Gregory the Great R.C. Church at 9 AM. Friends invited. Gary was the owner of Buffalo Time Clock for 36 years. In lieu of flowers, if so desired, memorials may be made in Gary's name to Hospice of Buffalo. Please share online condolences at www.amigone.com.

DANIEL CONAWAY - Died Friday, January 13, 2012 in Rancocas Woods, New Jersey at the age of 63. The cause of death is unknown. He was born April 20, 1948 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania to the late Robert and Dorothy Conaway. Danny was a longtime resident of Riverside and a 1966 graduate of Riverside High School. He was a decorated United States Marine veteran who served during Vietnam where he earned two Purple Heart Medals and received three Presidential Unit Citations. Following his military service, he went on to operate a successful construction business and was an active member of several organizations, including the Beverly AC Club, Amvets, **Vietnam Veterans of America – Bordentown Chapter #899** and Veterans of Foreign Wars where he was a past member of V.F.W. Post 3020 Delran and a current member of V.F.W. Post 2449 Maple Shade. He was preceded in death by his brother, Thomas. Dan is survived by his sister, Dorothy Faulucci and his brothers, Robert Conaway and John Conaway. He is also survived by his three nieces and nephews and many friends. Relatives and friends are invited to attend his funeral service with Military Honors on Friday, January 27, 2012 at 12:30 PM at the Chapel of Brigadier General William C. Doyle New Jersey Veterans' Memorial Cemetery, 14 Chesterfield-Jacobstown Road, Wrightstown, New Jersey 08562. Those wishing may meet at the Weber Funeral Home, 112 Broad St. (River Road), Riverton at 11 a.m. on Friday to travel to cemetery, departing promptly at 11:15 AM. In lieu of flowers, remembrances in his name to the New Jersey Veterans' Home, 524 N. West Blvd., Vineland NJ 08360 would be preferred. Weber Funeral Home, 112 Broad Street, Riverton, New Jersey.



ROBERT M. CROLL (USMC, LTC-Ret.) – Died Thursday, January 5, 2012 in West Chester, Pennsylvania at the age of 81. The cause of death is unknown. He was born April 15, 1930 in New York City, New York, the youngest son of the late Faber Witman Croll, Sr. and Minnie Louise (née Overton) Croll of White Plains, New York. He was a 1949 graduate of Hebron Academy, Maine. He enlisted in the United States Marine Corps (USMC) in 1951. He was selected for Officer Candidate School and was commissioned a 2nd Lieutenant in April, 1953 and later reassigned as a tank officer. After 23 years of service, he retired from the USMC in 1974 as a Lieutenant Colonel (Lt. Col.). Among his military awards are the Navy & Marine Corps Commendation Medal with Combat V (for service in Vietnam) and the Good Conduct Ribbon. While stationed at Quantico Marine Corps Base, he met his wife Kay McKee -- also Marine - and they married in 1966. After retiring from the USMC, he and his family relocated to West Chester, PA where he worked in the security field -- first with Kuntz Detective Agency (Malvern, PA) and then with CALECO (West Chester, PA). He was a life member of the Chester County and Keystone Detachments of the Marine Corps League; 1st Marine Division Association; USMC Tankers Association; Marine Corps Association; BPOE - Elks Lodge 853; B. Schlegel American Legion Post 134; and a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Phoenixville Chapter #436**. He was Commandant of the Chester County Marine Corps League in 1981 and Marine-of-the-Year in 1986. He was awarded the Chapel of the Four

Chaplain's Legion of Honor Award on March 8, 1981. He is survived by his wife, Kay, and their two children: Roberta Croll Okhlopkov (and husband Sergei), of Springfield, Va. and F. Leon Croll of San Diego, Calif.; two grandchildren and several nieces and nephews. His sister, Nancy Croll Hobby, and brother, Faber W. Croll, Jr. preceded him in death. Relatives and friends are invited to his Funeral Services 11 a.m. Monday January 9, 2012 at the Church of the Holy Trinity Episcopal Church 212 South High Street West Chester, with visitation from 10 to 11a.m.at the church. Interment with Military Honors at Oaklands Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to one of the non-profit organizations below or to a charity of your choice . Camp Hope, Chris Neal Farm, P.O. Box 52 Farmington, MO 63640 chrisnealfarm.org and or Renovating Hope P.O. Box 438 Westtown, PA 19395-0438 renovatinghope.org Arrangements by DellaVecchia, Reilly, Smith & Boyd Funeral Home, Inc. West Chester, PA 610-696-1181 www.DellaFH.com.

MIKE CROWLEY – Died Saturday, November 30, 2010 in Saugus, California at the age of 63. The cause of death was lung cancer. He was born August 5, 1947. He is survived by his wife, Tootsie. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Canyon Country Chapter #355**.

PAUL DAVID DAMRAU - Died Saturday, December 17, 2011 at the VA Medical Center in Batavia, New York at the age of 68. He was a resident of LeRoy, New York. The cause of death was cancer. He was born in Tacoma, Washington, January 20, 1943 son of the Late Reverend Walter C. Damrau and Greta (née Hilcher) Damrau. Paul was a proud member of the United States Marine Corps from 1960 to 1966 and served in Danang, Vietnam as a plane Captain on an F-4. He was an avid motorcyclist and advocate for veterans. He was a charter member of the Vietnam Vets Motorcycle Club, a *Charter and Life Member* and long time president of **Vietnam Veterans of America – LeRoy Chapter #193**, a member of VFW Post 1602, The LeRoy Servicemen's Club, LeRoy Moose Lodge 1132, and past member of the Hansen Brothers Marine Corps League. He raced at most local motorcycle tracks and announced for many years at the Batavia Speedway track and for the Crusaders Motorcycle Club in Medina. He worked as a mechanic at many area motorcycle shops and also worked on specialty British, European and Japanese street bikes and racers and was always fascinated by new technology in car and motorcycle racing. He is survived by his two sons, Alan (Kristine) Damrau of Puyallup, WA.; Michael Damrau of Tacoma, WA.; two grandchildren Mariah and Cameron Damrau of Tacoma, WA. ; also his companion of 38 years Penelope Robinson of LeRoy and her sons Glenn Robinson of Rochester and Keith Robinson of Phoenix, AZ. There will be no prior calling hours. There was a military service at the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Genesee County Park on Thursday, December 22, at 2:00 PM and a celebration of his life from 3:00-6:00 PM at the LeRoy Moose Family Center, 21 Bank Street, LeRoy. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to VVA Chapter 193, 53 Main Street, LeRoy, New York. Arrangements were completed by Cameron, Brady and Steuber Funeral Home, 111 Wolcott Street, LeRoy.



PATRICK WILLIAM "Bill" DeCLERICO - Died Saturday, December 17, 2011 in Punta Gorda, Florida at the age of 63. He was formerly of Sarasota, Florida. The cause of

death was heart failure after surgery. He was born in Portsmouth, Virginia on December 19, 1947 and grew up in Sarasota and graduated from Cardinal Mooney in 1966. He served "Boots on Ground" in Vietnam 67 - 68 for the United States Army's 101st Airborne, Company B, 2/504th Infantry. After 30 years of service in the suncoast area car industry, Bill retired as a general manager in 2007. He was an active board member of the local **Vietnam Veterans of America – Punta Gorda Chapter #1037**. Bill truly loved spending time with his family. His other passions included his flight simulator, and beloved bulldog, Preston. Bill will forever be remembered by his loving wife and best friend Penny; daughter, Jennifer Robertson (Robby); son, Adam DeClerico (Jamie); grandsons, Dylan and Brady Robertson; sister, Pam DeClerico; and niece, Alison Day. A graveside service honoring Bill will be held on Friday, Dec. 23rd 2011, 2:30 p.m., at the Sarasota National Cemetery (located at 9810 State Road 72 Sarasota, FL 34241-9574 - 4 miles east of I-75 on Clark Road, exit 205). A gathering of family and friends to celebrate and remember the life of Bill DeClerico will be held afterwards from 4-8 p.m. at the Bird Bay Clubhouse, 602 Bird Bay Drive West, Venice Florida 34285. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that you make a donation to the Vietnam Veterans Association (VVA), PO Box 381283, Murdock, Florida 33938.




ALAN JAMES DICUS - Died Monday, December 26, 2011, in Killeen, Texas 68. The cause of death was Agent Orange-related cancer. He was born November 14, 1943, in Cherokee, Iowa, to the late James Dicus, Jr. and Ruth (née Prescott) Dicus. He served in the United States Army and retired after 21 years of service as a Command Sergeant Major. While serving in the Army, Mr. Dicus received the following medals: Bronze Star Medal w/2 Oak Leaf Clusters, Purple Heart, Meritorious Service Medal w/1 Oak Leaf Cluster, Air Medal w/Numeral 3, Army Commendation Medal w/Oak Leaf Cluster and "V" Device, Army Achievement, Good Conduct Medal w/Silver, 2 Loops, National Defense Service Medal,

Vietnam Service Medal w/1 Silver and 1 Bronze Service Stars, NCO Professional Development Ribbon Numeral 4, Army Service Ribbon, Overseas Service Ribbon Numeral 3, Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal, Combat Infantryman Badge, Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross Unit Citation Badge w/Palm, Republic of Vietnam Civil Actions Honor Medal First Class and Expert Badge (Rifle and Pistol). After serving in the military, he was a plumber with Cooper & Bright Plumbing until he retired in 2008. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Harker Heights Chapter #1000**. Survivors include his wife, Marjorie; sons, James A Dicus and his wife, Karen, of Killeen and Robert D. Dicus and his wife, Elizabeth, of San Antonio; daughter, Lynne M. Powell and her husband, Billy, of Groesbeck; brother-in-law, Audrey L. Leedom of South Sioux City, Neb.; sisters, Peggy A Gearen of North Richland Hills and Mary H. Ellsworth and her husband, Donald, of Richland Hills; sisters-in-law, Edna Lindgren of Onawa, Iowa, and Juanita Murfin and her husband, Larry, of Wakefield, Neb.; grandchildren, Kristian M. Gaffney of Temple, Kayla L. Ochoa and her husband, Michael, of Groesbeck and Gaige A. Dicus of San Antonio; great-grandchildren, Mikayla F. Ochoa and Aydan M. Ochoa of Groesbeck; and several nieces and nephews. Services were at 11:30 AM Friday at Crawford-Bowers Funeral Home Chapel in Killeen. Burial with full military honors was at Central Texas State Veterans Cemetery in Killeen. Visitation was from 6:00 to 8:00 PM Thursday at Crawford-

Bowers Funeral Home in Killeen, which is in charge of arrangements.

THOMAS E. "Tom" DOW - Died Thursday, December 8, 2011 in Asheboro, North Carolina surrounded by loved ones after a long battle with cancer. He was 55 years of age and formerly of Acton, Massachusetts. He was born June 26, 1956 to Irene Dow, of Brunswick, Maine and the late Russell E. Dow. Tom was a native of Acton, and graduated from the Acton-Boxboro Regional High School in 1974. After graduation he entered the Navy where he served as a communication specialist on various vessels within the Mediterranean and Atlantic Ocean. After serving in the United States Navy during the Vietnam-era, Tom worked as a Regional Project Manager in communications for the Digital Equipment Corporation in Maynard, MA and later in the Greensboro / Winston-Salem area of North Carolina. Recently he worked as a manager of Staples in Asheboro, N.C. A great lover of the outdoors, one of his favorite past times was coordinating outdoor music festivals. He enjoyed Blue Grass music and spent much free time searching for and collecting arrowheads. He was an *At-Large Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – North Carolina**. He is survived by four brothers and their families; Russell and Debi Dow of Portland, Oregon; James and Elaine Dow of Brunswick, Maine; Robert and Lynda Dow of Sterling, MA; and Kenneth and Gail Dow of Acton, MA, as well as many nieces and nephews. Tom's kind nature and great sense of humor will be greatly missed. A private family service is planned.

LAWRENCE FORELLA – Died recently in 2011 in a nursing home in Northport, New York at the age of 65. The cause of death is unknown. He was born August 26, 1946. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Hicksville Chapter #82**.

 **PAUL A. FRANCIS** - Died Sunday, November 13, 2011 in Providence, Rhode Island at the age of 69. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Providence on November 7, 1942 to the late James and Jeanette (née Leduc) Francis. Paul was a Vietnam-Era United States Army veteran. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Providence Chapter #273**. He was the beloved husband of Carmelita (née Viernes) Francis. Besides his wife, he leaves two sons, Eric P. Francis and his wife, Brenda of Denver, Colorado and Matthew P. Francis and his wife, Mandy of Swansea, Massachusetts; two brothers, his twin, Philip G. Francis of Warwick, Rhode Island and Leonard A. Francis of Sacramento, California and his grandson, Tucker. He was the brother of the late James Francis. Services with Military Honors were conducted Thursday at 10:00 AM at William W. Tripp Funeral Home, 1008 Newport Avenue, Pawtucket, Rhode Island. Interment was at the Rhode Island Veterans Memorial



Cemetery, Exeter, Rhode Island. Visitation was on Wednesday 4:00 to 7:00 PM. In lieu of flowers, memorial gifts to the Disabled American Veterans, Post Office Box 14301, Cincinnati, Ohio 45250-0301 Attn: Gift Processing will be appreciated. www.TrippFuneralHome.com.



JOHN DONALD "Don" FRANCOIS - Died Tuesday, August 3, 2010 in Oberlin, Louisiana at the age of 69. The cause of death is unknown. He was born January 19, 1941 to the late John and Ruby Francois. He was an active member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Kinder Chapter #215**. He was a United States Army Veteran serving in the Vietnam War & the Korean War. He was an avid hunter and he enjoyed traveling and spending time with his family. He is survived by his wife of 48 years, Juanita Joubert Francois; one daughter, Michelle Francois Guillory & husband Tony of Port Barre; five grandchildren, Ashley Wyble Faul, Delane Dekerlegand, Dawn Guillory, Kristen Guillory, & Tyler Guillory; 4 great grandchildren, Cayden, Kaybri, Landon, & Layton; German exchange student who became a member of the family, Marvin Wenke; two nephews, Tony Fowler & wife Sherry of Livingston, TX, Kirk Joubert & wife Glenda of Houston, TX. He was also preceded in death by two sisters, Mary Fowler & Beverly Joubert. A Funeral Mass will be held Thursday, August 5, 2010 at 1:00PM in St. Joan of Arc Catholic Church. Father Felix will officiate. Burial with Military Honors will follow in Durio Cemetery in Oberlin under the direction of Ardoin Funeral Home of Kinder. Visitation will be held in New Beginnings Assembly of God Church in Oberlin Wednesday from 11AM-10PM with a scripture service at 6:30PM and a rosary at 7PM. Visitation will continue Thursday at 8AM until time of service. Condolences may be sent to the family at www.ardoinfuneralhome.com. Ardoin Funeral Home of Kinder is in charge of arrangements.



PAUL ARTHUR FREESE - Died Thursday, August 19, 2011 at his son's home in Las Vegas, Nevada surrounded by his family at the age of 68. The cause of death is unknown. He was born October 12, 1942 in Palo Alto, California, the oldest child of Harvey Arthur and Anna Bach Freese. On August 16, 1963 he married Eileen Frances Floyd in Yuma, Arizona. When he was only a toddler, Paul's family moved to a farm near Arlington, South Dakota. At age 17 he entered the United States Navy, serving four years on USS George Clymer APA 27, Attack Transport. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Mesquite Chapter #993**. They moved to South Dakota in October 1983, then to Uehling, Nebraska where Tim was born. In 1965 back to San Diego where they stayed until January 1979 when they moved to Badger, South Dakota where they lived for 20 years to the day, operating a bar and store. In 1999 they moved to Mesquite, Nevada as he worked for Wolf Creek, Palms and Casa Blanca. He loved to golf, fish, hunt and spend time with family. Survivors include his wife of 48 years, Eileen Freese of Mesquite, NV; one son, Tim (Cherie) Freese of Las Vegas, NV; grandchildren: Christina, Ashleigh, Elisse; two sisters: Doris Tchobanoff of Steilacoom, WA and Donna Rolsma of Hetland, SD. Funeral services were scheduled for Monday, August 22, 2011 at 2 p.m. at the United Methodist

Church, Mesquite, Nevada. A 30-minute visitation was planned prior to the service at the chapel. Interment was set for Tuesday, August 23, 2011 at noon at the Southern Nevada Veterans Memorial Cemetery under the direction of Virgin Valley Mortuary.

WILLIAM OLIVER FRY - Died Tuesday, January 10, 2012 in Soddy-Daisy, Tennessee at the age of 63. The cause of death was pneumonia and respiratory failure and cardiac arrest. He was born in Floyd County, Georgia June 13, 1948 to the late Silas Franklin and Annie (née Roberson) Fry. He was retired from the United States Army, having served in the Vietnam War. He was a *Charter Member, Life Member* and *Past President* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Chattanooga Chapter #203**. He was also Past President of the Tennessee State Council of Vietnam Veterans of America. He was the recipient of the Charles H. Coolidge Award (veteran of the year) from the Chattanooga Area Veterans Council in 1985 and was a member of Disabled American Veterans Chapter 6. He was preceded in death by his parents and a brother, Jimmy Fry. Survivors are a sister, Martha Sue (Ellsworth) Mines of Chattanooga; brothers, Dicky (Charlette) Fry and Ricky Fry all of Bryant, Alabama. A graveside memorial service will be held 10:30 a.m. Monday at Chattanooga National Cemetery with Chaplain Phil Minton officiating. Full military honors will be performed by Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 203. Arrangements are by Chattanooga Funeral Home Crematory and Florist, North Chapel, 5401 Hwy 153, Hixson, Tennessee 37343.

JOSEPH A. GARY – Died Monday, October 17, 2011 in Lincoln, Michigan at the age of 64. The cause of death is unknown. He was born May 10, 1947. He is survived by his wife, Karen, of the home. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Southgate Chapter #259**.

FRANCIS J. GEARY – Died recently in 2012 in Staten Island, New York at the age of 73. The cause of death is unknown. He was born August 7, 1932. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Brooklyn Chapter #72**.

WILLIAM “Lefty” GILDAY, JR. – Died Saturday, September 10, 2011 in Shirley, Massachusetts at the age of 82. The cause of death was advanced Parkinson’s Disease. He was born May 26, 1927 in Amesbury, Massachusetts. He served in the United States Navy and Air Force during the Korean War and the Vietnam War. He was an *At-Large Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Massachusetts**. Memorial services and interment were privately held.

LEONARD EDUARD GONZALEZ – Died Tuesday, January 11, 2011 in North Miami, Florida at the age of 64. The cause of death was end stage pancreatic cancer and cardiopulmonary arrest. He was born October 13, 1946 in New York City, New York. He is survived by his wife, Isabel Gonzalez of the home. He served in the United States Marine Corps from November 7, 1963 to May 13, 1968 with service in the Vietnam War. He was an *At-Large Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Florida**.

BARBARA MARIE GREENWOOD – Died Friday, May 28, 2010 in Clinton Township, Michigan at the age of 68. The cause of death was a motorcycle accident, death resulting. Barbara was

born on June 27, 1941, to the late Steve and Helen Czapla in Hamtramck, Michigan. She was the oldest sister to Robert and Carol (Bush). She was raised in Warren, Michigan and graduated from Fitzgerald High School in 1959. In September 1966, she married William H. Greenwood, later they divorced but remained friends. She lived in Sterling Heights, Michigan from 1976 to 1999. She was a member of **Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America – Roseville Chapter #154**. She held various jobs throughout the years. She was accepted by American Trans Airlines as a flight attendant at the young age of 58, earning her "first" set of wings in February 2000. As a flight attendant she was especially proud to be flying with military personnel as they headed to various locations around the world and relieved to be bringing them home safe to their families. In 2008, she discovered the love of riding a motorcycle and purchased a Honda Shadow. She joined the Freedom Cruisers Riding Club in 2009 and was given the nickname "Flyer." She was an avid volunteer, always wanting to help others which included donating items to the local Abused Women's and Children's Center, volunteering at the Detroit Zoo, and welcoming home military personnel at the United Service Organization (USO). She enjoyed spending time with her mom, Helen and sister, Carol, her children and especially her grandchildren Vince, Alex and Mateo. She was survived by her loving daughters, Karen (Jim) McCombs and their family, as well as Gina (Ed) Zarate, three grandsons Vince, Alex and Mateo; mother, Helen Czapla; sister, Carol Bush; ex-husband, Bill; many aunts, uncles, cousins and friends; and her loyal dog, Windsor. She is predeceased by her father, Steve and brother, Robert. The viewing will be held at the David Wysocki Funeral Home, located at 29440 Ryan Road in Warren, Michigan on Thursday, June 3, from 3-7 p.m. Her Memorial Service will be held at the funeral home on June 4 at 10 a.m. In lieu of flowers, please donate to any organization of your choice in honor of her. She was loved by all and will be deeply missed. She was so full of life and lived it like it was going to be her last and that's what she would like everyone to do.

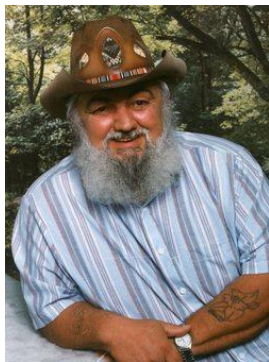
WILLIAM G. "Bill" GRONINGER - Died at 11:30 A.M., Friday, September 2, 2011 at home in Branson, Missouri at the age of 70. The cause of death was pancreatic cancer and blood clots in his pulmonary artery. He was born on April 13, 1941 in Port Royal, Pennsylvania to the late Ben and Marian Groninger. He was a retired United States Air Force Lieutenant Colonel serving for 20 years as a pilot having flown the SR-71 Blackbird. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Branson Chapter #930**. He is survived by his wife Lynn J. Groninger of the home, a daughter, Christine Calderiao of Warrington, Pennsylvania, a son, Gene Groninger of Sacramento, California, a Step-son, Robert Bigley of Lancaster, Pennsylvania. 8 Grandchildren. A brother, Ben Groninger of Slidell, Louisiana. Visitation was Tuesday from 10:00 AM until service time at the funeral home. Funeral service was held Tuesday at 11:00 AM, September 6, 2011 at Greenlawn Funeral Home of Branson. Burial was in Missouri Veterans Cemetery Springfield, MO. Memorial contributions are suggested to Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 913, P.O. Box 632, Branson, MO 65615-0632.



MICHAEL THOMAS GUERIN – Died on Christmas Day, Sunday, December 25, 2011 in Panama City, Panama at the age of 59 at the home of his wife's family while on vacation. He was a resident of Converse, Texas. The cause of death was myocardial infarction, ischemic heart disease and hypertension. He was born October 10, 1952 in Brooklyn, New York. He is survived by his wife, America Sandoval Mendieta "Bonnie" Guerin, of San Antonio, Texas. He served in the United States Navy from August 3, 1970 to June 3, 1974 during the Vietnam War on the USS Sperry. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Brooklyn (New York) Chapter #72**.



ANTONIO "Tony" GUTIERREZ, JR. – Died Wednesday, January 25, 2012 in El Paso, Texas at the age of 70. The cause of death was a heart attack and a stroke. He was born in El Paso on October 16, 1941. He was a proud United States Army Vietnam War Veteran. He served as a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – El Paso Chapter** and was active in the Ft. Bliss community. His memory will never slip away, for he was true and sincere. The strength of his spirit will continue to guide us. In addition to his mother, he is survived by his daughters; Toña Rueda and Jesusita Vasquez, nephews; Henry and Daniel Guerrero, 5 grandchildren, and 4 great-grandchildren. Other survivors include brothers; Robert, David, and Eddie Gutierrez, numerous family members and friends. Visitation for Mr. Gutierrez was on Sunday, January 29, 2012 from 4:00 PM to 8:00 PM at Mt. Carmel Funeral Home with a prayer service at 6:00 PM. Funeral service was on Monday, January 30, 2012 at 8:30 AM at Mt. Carmel Funeral Home with interment to follow at Fort Bliss National Cemetery.



JOHN OPPY HALL II (SFC, USA-Ret.) - Died Tuesday, January 10 at his home, in Fletcher, Oklahoma at the age of 68. The cause of death is unknown. Sergeant Hall was born March 13, 1943 in Newton, Iowa to the late John O. Hall I and Theona (née Lamb) Hall. During his service in the United States Army he was awarded the Vietnam Service Medal with Five Service Stars, Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal, Five Overseas Service Bars, Good Conduct Medal Fourth Award, and the Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross Unit Citation with Palm. He married Gloria E. Serrano in Bayamon, Puerto Rico. She died March 4, 2011. He was a member of the Masonic Lodge #367 and the Eastern Star Lodge #255, and he was a Shriner Clown for many years, where he also played Santa Claus at functions. Sergeant Hall was a charter member of the Monarch of Amber Grotto #204 and the Beaver Creek Free Trappers Black Powder Club in Sterling. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Lawton Chapter #751**. He will be loved and missed by many. He is survived by his daughter, Annette Davis of the home; a daughter in law, Anita Bickerstaff; six grandchildren; four great grandchildren; and a brother, James Hall, Texas. His parents and a stepson, Felix preceded him in death. Funeral services were at 12:30 PM on Wednesday at the

Becker Funeral Home Memorial Chapel with Reverend Dr. Bill Schneider, Pastor of St. John Lutheran Church, officiating. Masonic Rites will be offered by Masonic Lodge # 367 and Eastern Star Lodge # 255. Burial with Full Military Honors will be at Fort Sill National Cemetery, Elgin under the direction of the Becker Funeral Home & Cremation Service. The family received friends on Tuesday from 5:00-7:00 PM at the funeral home.

MICHAEL ADRIAN HARDY - Died peacefully at his home in Fairfax, Vermont with his wife and children early Tuesday morning, February 15, 2011 at the age of 62. The cause of death is unknown. Mike was born on August 30, 1948 in Burlington, Vermont the son of Rolla "Mike" and Ola (née Fletcher) Hardy. On August 12, 1967, he married Sandra Charbonneau at St. Joseph's Church in Burlington. He proudly enlisted in the United States Marines in 1969 and served honorably during the Vietnam Era. He was employed at Lane Press in So. Burlington for over 41 years, many of those as the Press Room Supervisor. Along with love for his wife, children and grandchildren, Mike always loved being out in nature and in the mountains, especially the Rockies. Mike was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Saint Albans Chapter #753** and enjoyed volunteering with the Senior Citizens in St. Albans, coaching them on computer skills. In addition to his wife, Sandi; Mike is survived by his daughter, Angela Hardy Toof and her husband, Kevin, of Morrisville, and their children, Jacob and Kaitlyn; and by his son, Todd Hardy and his son, Dylan, of Winooski. He is also survived by his brothers, James Hardy and his wife, Linda, of Monkton, and Marshall Lamb and wife, Marie, of Malden, Mass.; by his sister, Phyllis Fleming and husband, Myron, of Colchester; his mother-in-law, Fabienne Charbonneau of Burlington; his sisters-in-law, Lynn Varin of Jeffersonville, and Cheryl Laliberte of Winooski; his brother-in-law, Joseph Charboneau and wife, Susan, of Huntington; and by many nieces, nephews and cousins, especially Lee Hubbard. He was predeceased by his parents; his sister, Patricia Vealey; and by his father-in-law, Joseph Charbonneau. Visiting hours will be held on Thursday, Feb. 17, 2011 from 4 to 7 p.m. in the Minor Funeral Home in Milton. A funeral service will be held on Friday, Feb. 18, 2011 at 2 p.m. in the Minor Funeral Home in Milton. Memorials may be made to the Chittenden County Emergency Food Shelf, 228 North Winooski Avenue, Burlington, Vermont 05401.



GARY LEWIS HEADLEY - Died at 6:10 a.m. on Wednesday, January 11, 2012, at the home of his sister. He was 63. He was a resident of Darlington, Pennsylvania. The cause of death is unknown. Gary was born in East Liverpool, Ohio on March 6, 1948, to the late Emil and Doris R. "Nunny Jo" Miller Dicembre. He was graduated from Western Beaver High School in 1966, and was a United States Army veteran, having served three tours of duty as a Ranger in Vietnam. A member of American Legion Post #374, Gary also belonged to the VFW, Moose Lodge #122, and the Elks Lodge #258. He was also a 2nd degree member of the Free & Accepted Masonic Lodge in Shippingport. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Beaver Falls Chapter #862**. For many years, Gary worked at Crucible Steel, and later Koppel Steel. His pastimes included fishing, boating and hunting. He was a member of the Smiths Ferry United Methodist Church. Gary is survived by his daughter, Jamie



Headley Mick (Scott) and two sons, John Gary Headley (Jenn), and Jared Lewis Headley, all of East Liverpool. There are four sisters: Diana Headley Dopler of East Liverpool, Annette Costanza of Brighton Township, PA, Anita Dicembre of Glasgow Borough, PA, and Deborah Pegg of Salem. One brother, Lew Headley, of Monaca, PA, survives as well. There are eight grandchildren: Taylor, Jonathon, Payten, Kadin, Dalaney, Jadin, Raygan and Holdin; a niece, Casey Costanza, and nephew, Richard Costanza, and a great-niece, Kelsey Costanza Ritter. Two uncles also survive: Ron Miller, Keith Miller. Gary will also be missed by his faithful companion, his cat, Meeka. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his sister, Connie Jo Dicembre, and by two uncles, Terry L. Miller and Jerry Miller. Friends may visit at the Dawson Funeral Home on Friday, where the family will be present from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8. Services will be held at the funeral home at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, with Rev. Willard "Chuck" Adkins of the church officiating. Gary will be laid to rest at Columbiana County Memorial Park, where the Tri-State Veteran's Burial Group will provide full military honors.



DANNY HAROLD "Dan" HENKE - Died late Monday, December 19, 2011, under the care of Ministry Homecare Hospice. He was a resident of Wisconsin Rapids, Wisconsin and was 63 years of age. The cause of death was cancer. He was born in Wisconsin Rapids on May 5, 1948, to Melva (née Youngs) and the late Harold Henke. He graduated from Lincoln High School in 1966.

Danny joined the United States Army in 1968, serving in Phuoc Vinh, Vietnam from 1969 to 70 in the 545th M.P. Co. with the 1st Air Cavalry Division. On Sept. 23, 1972, Danny was united in marriage to Marlene Hetzel at the United Methodist Church in Wisconsin Rapids. Danny worked for the City of Wisconsin Rapids Street Department for 40 years as an end loader operator, retiring in 2006. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Wisconsin Rapids Chapter # 101**, VFW Post No. 2534 and he was a member of the Sherry Tired Iron Tractor Club. Danny was a good father and provider for his family who never shied away from helping family or friend when needed. He was a loving husband, father, grandfather, son, brother and brother-in-law, and he delighted spending time with the apple of his eye, his grandson, Brian. In his free time, Danny enjoyed watching football, fishing, hunting and gardening. Survivors include his beloved wife, Marlene; son, Eric (Vikki Ballard) Henke; grandchildren, Brian Henke and Gabriella Daletto; mother, Melva Eswein; sister, Carol Davis; mother-in-law, Leona Hetzel; brothers-in-law, Donald (Ruth Ann) Hetzel, Ronald (Bonnie) Hetzel and Gerald (Wendy) Hetzel; nieces, nephews, extended family and friends. He is preceded in death by his grandparents and father-in-law, John Hetzel. Services will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 22, at the United Methodist Church, 441 Garfield St., Wisconsin Rapids. The Rev. Dale Arndt will officiate. Burial will follow the funeral service in Restlawn Memorial Park with military honors conferred by the VFW Post No. 2534. Friends may call from 4 p.m. until 8 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 21, at Taylor, Vollert and Jennings Funeral Home in Wisconsin Rapids; and from 10 a.m. until time of services Thursday at the

church.

RICHARD LONNIE HICKMAN - Died Thursday, July 7, 2011 at Spotsylvania Regional Medical Center in Spotsylvania, Virginia at the age of 60. He was a resident of Fredericksburg, Virginia. The cause of death is unknown. He was born October 18, 1950. He was the loving husband of Margaret Hickman, an employee of The Martin Agency; and the father of two sons, Wilder Hickman and his wife Andrea and Langdon Hickman. Mr. Hickman was a United States Army Vietnam War Veteran. He was awarded a Bronze Star, two Purple Hearts and the Army Medal of Commendation. He was an *At-Large Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Virginia**. He was an entrepreneur, author, musician, storyteller, an Eagle Scout and a gourmet cook famous for his hot sauce. Calling hours were held from 6:00 to 8:00 PM Wednesday July 13, at Covenant Funeral Service, Fredericksburg. A graveside service was held at a later date in the Arlington National Cemetery Columbarium. In lieu of flowers, please send donations to Spotsylvania Rescue Squad, P.O. Box 101, Spotsylvania Virginia, 22553. Online guest book is available at covenantfuneralservice.com.

JAMES R. HITTMAN – Died Friday, July 7, 2000 in Oshkosh, Wisconsin at the age of 58. The cause of death was heart disease. He was born in Springfield, Missouri on July 9, 1941. He served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Oshkosh Chapter #437**.



E. LOU HOOS – Died Tuesday, January 31, 2012 in Grand Rapids, Michigan at the age of 72. The cause of death is cancer. He was born in Muskegon, Michigan to the late John Ernest and Sophia Marie (née Golden) Hoos. His parents and older brother, John Ernest Hoos, preceded him in death. Lou is survived by his wife of 43 years, Marty Nelson Hoos, his three children: Jennifer (William) Rubenstein of Chicago, Stephanie Hoos of New York City, M. Bradley (Caroline) Hoos of Chicago and two beautiful grandchildren, Evan and Renee Rubenstein. Lou attended Culver Military Academy before becoming a loyal Michigan State alumnus. After college Lou volunteered to serve two tours in Vietnam aboard the USS Kittyhawk, where he was promoted to Naval Captain. He also served in the Gulf War, where he was commissioned as part of a special forces team overseas. Lou was a true American patriot placing God and duty to his country ahead of all else. Lou spent his professional life practicing as an attorney in downtown Grand Rapids for more than forty years. His fellow attorneys, judges and court personnel were part of his extended family. He believed that helping others was his true calling, whether representing clients, volunteering his time to Junior ROTC or becoming an advocate for disadvantaged children. Lou offered his time to organizations such as SAR, the Masonic Lodge and **Vietnam Veterans of America – Grand Rapids Chapter #18** to name a few. Lou's quick wit, easy smile, deep rooted values and affection for all around him lit up his family's lives - he was one in a million. Words cannot express how much we will miss you, E. Lou. Memorial Service and Military Honors will be held 11:00 a.m. Saturday, February 4, 2012 at Calvary Church, 707 East Beltline Avenue, NE 49525. Interment in Fort Custer National Cemetery. In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to

American Cancer Society or Hospice of Michigan. The family will greet relatives and friends Friday at the funeral home from 4 to 7 PM.

FRANK P. HOUGHTON III - Died Wednesday, June 1, 2011 at Baystate Medical Center surrounded by his loving family in Woronoco at the age of 63. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Westfield, Massachusetts on June 20, 1947 to the late Frank P. Houghton Jr. and Marjorie (née Dalrymple) Houghton. Frank graduated from Westfield Trade School and was a United States Submarine Veteran of the Vietnam War. He was employed at Jen-Coat for over twenty years. Frank leaves his wife of twenty-seven years, Annette A. (Amberlock) Houghton and his children; Frank P. Houghton IV and his wife Juliet Jones of Chicago, IL, Gregory Houghton of West Springfield, Michelle LaBay of Ludlow, Julianne Houghton of Rocky Hill, CT, Jacob B. Houghton and Sarrah S. Houghton both of Woronoco, and two grandchildren, Ava and Julia Parent. He also leaves a sister Donna Rosati and her husband Thomas of Hernando, FL and two brothers William Houghton and his wife Debra of Westfield, and Robert Houghton and his wife Donna of Southwick. Frank enjoyed riding his motorcycle, puzzles, and trivia. He was proud to participate in many patriotic and community events. Frank was a member of The American Legion Post 454 of Westfield, American Legion Riders, a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Westfield Chapter #219**, and The Huntington-Federal Masonic Lodge. Frank was a very social person and could start a conversation with anyone. His goal each day was to make at least one person smile. His memory will live on to the many people whose lives he touched. A memorial service will be held Monday June 6, 2011 at 8 PM at Firtion-Adams Funeral Service, 76 Broad St. Westfield. Burial will be at the convenience of the family. Calling hours will precede the service from 6-8 PM. Donations can be made to the Huntington-Federal Masonic Lodge c/o Mark Doane P O Box 223 Middlefield, Massachusetts 01243.



MICHAEL JAY HUTCHINSON - Died Thursday, January 12, 2012, at his residence in Patterson Heights, Pennsylvania at the age of 65. He was formerly of Beaver Falls, Pennsylvania. The cause of death is unknown. He was born September 11, 1946, in Monaca, Pennsylvania to the late Milford and Irene (née Carnahan) Hutchinson. A graduate of Monaca High School, Jay entered the United States Marine Corps on December 27, 1963 serving for 30 years as a chef and attaining the rank of master gunnery sergeant. During his tour of duty in Vietnam Jay was posted at the Demilitarized Zone in Dong Ha. Later he was stationed in Okinawa, Japan, Camp Lejeune, North Carolina and Fresno and Camp Pendleton, both in California. Following his retirement Jay served as a Beaver County Constable for Beaver Borough until January 2009. He was a member of the Non commissioned Officers Association, a life member of Veterans of Foreign Wars, Post 4653, Monaca, a member of Rochester VFW, Post 128 and a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Beaver Falls Chapter #862**, and the chapter's Burial Honor Guard. Jay was an enthusiastic Pittsburgh Steelers and Pirates fan. He will be sadly missed by his loving wife, Linda A. (née Staniland) Hutchinson; four children, Brenda (Alex) Quijan in Wisconsin, Michael Hutchinson of Fresno, Janet Hutchinson of Patterson Heights and Chief Petty Officer, US Navy, Kevin (Kara) Hutchinson of Ocean Side,

Calif.; two grandchildren, Monica and Ricky; three brothers, Milford (Theresa) Hutchinson in San Antonio, Texas, John D. (fiancée, Gloria) Hutchinson of Chippewa and Robert J. (Carol) Hutchinson of Winter Haven, Fla.; a sister, Julia Marilyn (Robert) Brush of Monaca and many nieces and nephews. In addition to his parents, Jay was preceded in death by four brothers, Leonard, Elmer, Dale and Raymond Hutchinson. Friends will be received Wednesday, January 18th, from 2 to 8 p.m. in the Simpson Funeral & Cremation Services, 1119 Washington Ave., Monaca, where funeral services will be held Thursday at 11 a.m. Reverend Beth Wierman-Lambert, pastor of First Presbyterian Church of Monaca, will officiate. Interment will follow in the National Cemetery of the Alleghenies, Bridgeville. Memorial contributions may be made, if desired, to First Presbyterian Church, 1301 Indiana Avenue, Monaca, PA 15061. Once a Marine, always a Marine Semper Fi.

LAWRENCE LEWIS HUTH, JR. - Died Wednesday, November 30, 2011, at the VA Medical Center in East Orange, New Jersey after a long battle with Multiple Sclerosis. He was 64 and a resident of Edison, New Jersey. He was born in Rahway, New Jersey October 31, 1947 and raised in Iselin, New Jersey. He moved to Edison after getting married. He served as a United States Marine in the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – New Brunswick Chapter #233** and the Marine Corp League. He is survived by his wife, Carolann Huth; his daughter, Amy Regan and her husband John; his daughter, Stephanie Lipnicki and her husband Carl; his three grandchildren, Quentin, Xander and Rhianna Lipnicki; his brother, Fred Huth and his wife Pat; and his sister, Barbara Armistead and her husband Pat. In accordance with his last wish, his body has been donated to UMDNJ. The family is planning a memorial service for January 2012. Memorial donations can be made to the MS Society or the Eastern Paralyzed Veterans Association.



ROGER DEAN INGVALSON (USAF, COL-Ret.) - Died Saturday, December 24, 2011 in Chattanooga, Tennessee at the age of 83. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in the farming community of Blooming Prairie, Minnesota on June 20, 1928, to the late Bennie and Ida (née Hanson) Ingvalson. In addition to his parents, he was also predeceased by his first wife, Jackie, three sisters and two brothers. He is survived by his wife of 38 years, Booncy, and four sons: Mike Fullam (Dawn), Cleveland, TN; Craig Ingvalson (Katy), Chattanooga, TN; Mark Fullam (Nancy), Rising Fawn, GA; and Gary Fullam (Melissa), Atlanta, GA; and seven grandchildren, Wayne Fullam, Cadet Haden Fullam, Cadet Jay P. Fullam, Ben Ingvalson, Maggie Ingvalson, Grace Fullam, and Eliason Fullam. Roger joined the United States Air Force in 1950, becoming a pilot and flying the top fighter jets of the 1950's and 60's. In early 1968, he was called to combat duty with orders to fly 100 missions over North Vietnam. On May 28, 1968, his 87th mission, he was shot down by enemy fire and taken prisoner of war, where he remained until March of 1973. Upon his return in 1973, he married his best friend's widow, Booncy, uniting the two Air Force families, and moving to Chattanooga, TN. in 1976. His Air Force decorations include the Silver Star, the Legion of Merit, three Distinguished Flying Crosses, two Bronze Stars, two Purple Hearts, and seven Air Medals. In 1981, he started Chattanooga Prison Ministries, now Prison and Prevention Ministries. He was active in several civic organizations; Boards of Directors for

Bethel Bible Village, Goodwill, Salvation Army and Bonny Oaks Foundation, and was active on the Chattanooga Armed Forces Committee, Chattanooga Downtown Rotary, and Christian Businessmen's Committee. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Chattanooga Chapter #203**. He and his wife have been long time members of First Presbyterian Church where he was a ruling elder. Raised in a church all his life, he turned his life over to his personal Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, in 1968. Since that day, his life's actions and decisions were guided by that act. He was a man who successfully blended military bravery and heroism with a gentle, compassionate heart for every person he met. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Prison and Prevention Ministries, Changed Lives, World Missions of First Presbyterian Church, or Siskin Children's Institute. Please visit www.heritagefh.com to view the memorial tribute and share words of condolence with the family. A celebration of his life and God's grace will be held at 1:00 PM Friday December 30, 2011 at First Presbyterian Church with Ben Haden and Rev. Chris Ehlers officiating. Grandsons will serve as pallbearers. Interment will follow at Chattanooga National Cemetery with full military honors. The family will receive friends at noon at the church on Friday, as well as Thursday evening from 5 – 8 PM at Heritage Funeral Home, 7454 E. Brainerd Road, Chattanooga, Tennessee.

DONALD STEVEN JACKSON - Died peacefully in his home in Lancaster, Ohio on Thursday, December 29, 2011 at the age of 63. The cause of death was cancer and heart failure. He was born in Lancaster on January 13, 1948. He served in the United States Air Force from June 23, 1966 to March 30, 1972 with a year tour of duty in Vietnam. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Lancaster Chapter #1045**. Donnie is survived by his wife and son. An informal gathering will be held for family and, per Donnie's wishes, no formal services will occur at this time.

LEWIS JOHNSON - Died Sunday, July 31, 2011, in the Veteran's Administration Medical Center in Washington, District of Columbia at the age of 65. He was formerly of Elgin, South Carolina. The cause of death is unknown. He was born November 13, 1946. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was an *At-Life Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Washington DC**. Funeral service will be held Saturday, August 6, 2011, at 2:00 p.m. at Green Hill Baptist Church, 2215 Green Hill Road, Lugoff, South Carolina. Visitation will be held at Nelson's Funeral Home Friday, August 5, 2011, from 7:00 - 8:00 p.m. Lewis leaves to cherish his precious memories forever four brothers, Henry (Lila) Johnson of Elgin, South Carolina, Caleb (Ella) Johnson of New Carrollton, Maryland, Leroy Johnson of Hartford, Connecticut, and Ervin (Brenda) Johnson of Columbia, South Carolina; four sisters, Mary Lee of Columbia, South Carolina, Rosalee Lawhorn of Lugoff, South Carolina, Alberta (Woodrow) Lawhorn of Washington, District of Columbia, and Marguerite (Woodrow) Brown of Lugoff, South Carolina, and a host of other relatives and friends. Nelson's Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. www.nelsonsofridgeway.com.

ROBERT C. JOHNSON – Died in 2008 in Fort Wayne, Indiana. The cause of death is unknown. He is survived by a son. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Munising (Michigan) Chapter #237**.

ALBERT JOHN JONES – Died in 2011 in Riverton, New Jersey, at the age of 62. The cause of death is unknown. He was born April 6, 1949. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Bordentown Chapter #899**.

RAYMOND H. KEMP- Died Saturday, January 28, 2012 in Middleburg, Florida at the age of 70. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Syracuse, New York on September 24, 1941. He is survived by his wife, Alice, of the home. He served in the United States Navy during the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Orange Park Chapter #1059**.

RONALD J. KOBLER – Died in 2011 in Elmont, New York at the age of 62. The cause of death is unknown. He was born July 8, 1948. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Hicksville Chapter #82B**.



RICHARD P. "Gumby" KULPA - Died peacefully Tuesday, October 4, 2011, surrounded by his family at home in Taunton, Massachusetts following a short illness at the age of 64. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Taunton, January 31, 1947, the son of Eva Y. (née LeClair) and the late Theodore W. Kulpa of Taunton. A graduate of Taunton High School's Class of 1965, he was a Vietnam veteran who served in the United States Army in Vietnam with Bravo Co. 3/60 9th Infantry division. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Beaver Falls (Pennsylvania) Chapter #862**. A former cost accountant for Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Rhode Island, he spent the last several years enjoying his retirement by traveling with his wife of 41 years, Gail (Roza). A lifelong Taunton resident who previously served on the Taunton School Committee, Richard was a member of the Maximillian Kolby Guild, a former coach and treasurer of the Taunton Junior Girls Softball League, and a dedicated cook and volunteer at the Our Lady of the Holy Rosary Church's annual Polish Picnic. A history buff who never met a black-and-white war movie he didn't like, Richard was a devoted family man who loved traveling around the world, whipping up culinary delights, and spending time with his family. In addition to his loving wife Gail, he is survived by his daughter Jessica Crites and her husband Larry of Taunton; his daughter, Shawna Kulpa of Taunton; two grandsons, Jared and Brayton; a granddaughter, Hannah; and his beloved feline companion Grayson. Richard is also survived by his brother Ronald and his wife Janice of Middlebury, CT; his sister Mary Ann Kulpa of East Harwich, MA; his sister Maureen Bernard and her husband James of Windsor, CT; and several nieces and nephews. In addition, he is survived by his beloved brothers of the Bravo Co. 3/60 9th Infantry division. His funeral will be held from the Silva Funeral Home, 80 Broadway, Taunton on Saturday, Oct. 8th at 9 a.m., followed by a funeral mass at Our Lady of the Holy Rosary Church at 10 a.m. Burial will be at St. Joseph Cemetery. Relatives and friends are invited to attend. Calling hours will be held at the funeral home on Friday, Oct. 7th from 5 to 8 p.m. Hawaiian-inspired attire is requested.



KELLAN MARC KYLLO - Died Saturday, December 3, 2011 in New Braunfels, Texas at the age of 64. He was formerly of Inver Grove Heights, Minnesota. The cause of death was a self-inflicted gunshot wound. He was born April 9, 1947 in Rochester, Minnesota to the late Hiram Ingvald and Marion Doris Kylo. He graduated from Terra Linda High School in San Rafael, California and enlisted in the United States Marine Corps in the summer of 1965. During his 2 tours of Vietnam, Kellan earned the

nickname "K-Bar" where he served as a crew chief with his brothers of HMM-262, the Flying Tigers, and was a veteran of the siege of Khe Sanh. After returning home, he married Anna Huck and they moved to Minnesota where he graduated from the University of Minnesota with a Bachelor of Science degree, and became a dairy farmer in Kenyon, Minnesota. Retiring from farming, Kellan attended William Mitchell College of Law and graduated from the Dakota County Technical College to refinish and restore furniture, an activity he enjoyed for many years. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – South Saint Paul Chapter #639**. He is survived by his wife, Gena, and also by his wife of a previous marriage, Anna; their four children, Erica Kylo, Nels (Aviva) Kylo, Ella (Andy) Collins and Liv (Roger) Garcia; four grandchildren, Nina and Leif Kylo, Stella Garcia and Hazel Collins; his sister, Bonnie (Val) Mercer; nieces and nephews. He is also survived by stepdaughter, Shannon (Bob) Calder; two step- grandchildren, Malcolm and Ally Calder; family and many friends. A memorial service will be held Thursday, December 15 at 10:30 am, at Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 7600 Cahill Ave., Inver Grove Heights, MN 55044. The burial service will be afterwards, Thursday, December 15 at 1:00 pm, at Vasa Lutheran Church, 15235 Norelius Road, Welch, Minnesota 55089.



WILLIAM WATSON "Bill" LACKMAN - Died Thursday, December 1, 2011, at the San Juan Living Center following a brief but valiant battle against a virulent foe, lung cancer at the age of 64. He was a resident of Montrose, Colorado, since 2005. Bill was born in Longview, Texas on November 5, 1947, where he grew up acquiring interests in fishing and hunting, literature, music and more. While in high school, he participated in band and jazz combos as a trumpet soloist. He

also enjoyed playing the guitar. He graduated from Pine Tree High School in 1966 and fulfilled a lifelong dream of going to sea. He worked aboard a sailing ship in the Caribbean, gaining knowledge and experience while learning about the culture of the region. Bill was an avid adventurer and explorer, whether in Vietnam, Thailand, Cambodia, Montana, Arizona, Mexico or the Caribbean. He made lifelong friends and memories along the way. Bill enlisted in the United States Air Force in 1967 and trained as a medic. He was based at Dyess Air Force Base in Abilene, Texas, before transferred to Tan Son Nhut Air Force Base in Saigon, South Vietnam. He was in Vietnam at the time of the 1968 Tet Offensive. Following his honorable discharge from the Air Force in 1971, Bill moved to Tucson, Ariz., where he earned a baccalaureate degree in English at the University of Arizona while working as an assistant for a local orthopaedic surgeon. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Grand Junction Chapter #57**.

Bill married Barbara Donofrio in Cripple Creek, Colo., on Aug. 3, 1974. Four years later, their son, Erik Watson Lackman, a marvelous gift, was born in Tucson. Bill worked for the railway for a number of years in both Arizona and Montana. He was a gifted teacher who spent more than 10 years working with incarcerated juveniles convicted of violent offenses and housed in a prison north of Tucson. There, he implemented a curriculum for character development, keys, a model for rehabilitation of violent youth that was adopted nationally. Bill had several interests that nurtured his adventurous soul. His photographs were exhibited in galleries, and he was an expert fly fisherman who tied his own flies. He enjoyed searching for Spanish treasure in remote areas of the West. He loved music, reading and writing, and was a raconteur of the first order. All who knew and loved Bill will remember his tales (some true, some less so), wit and sense of humor. His literary heroes — Ernest Hemingway, Joseph Conrad, Tom Robbins, Neal Stephenson and others — helped form his personal ethos. Bill's military service defined his life. He created family histories of the military service of his grandfather, William Watson, a veteran of World War I; his father, Hugo Lackman, a veteran of World War II; and his own service in Vietnam. He was a proud member of the Vietnam Veterans of America and the American Legion. Surviving family members include his wife, Barbara, of the family home in Montrose; one son, Erik W. Lackman, also of Montrose; his mother, Elizabeth Lackman, of Woodland Park, Colo.; sister, Mary L. Gillaspy, of Chicago; sister Sherri L. Cheatham (Tom) of Richardson, Texas, and Woodland Park, Colo.; niece, Janet Colson (David), and nephew, Daniel Eric Gillaspy; and three great-nieces, Cameo and Rosemary Colson, and Annabel Gillaspy. Bill was preceded in death by his father, Hugo Lackman. At Bill's request, cremation has taken place. A graveside service with military honors will be held in June, 2012. In lieu of flowers, the family requests contributions be made to Hospice & Palliative Care of Western Colorado (P.O. Box 1804, Montrose, CO 81402) or the Vietnam Veterans of America (8719 Colesville Road, Suite 100, Silver Spring, MD 20910. Arrangements are under the direction of Crippin Funeral Home & Crematory of Montrose.

ANDREW LONG "Andy" LaMONICA – Died Saturday, December 31, 2011 in Sherwood, Arkansas at the age of 66. The cause of death was atherosclerotic cardiovascular disease and chronic obstructive pulmonary disease. He was born in Evanston, Illinois on January 29, 1945 to the late John and Helen LaMonica. In addition to his parents, he was also predeceased by his brother, Jimmy LaMonica. He is survived by his wife, Mary LaMonica, of the home; his daughter, Kellie LaMonica, of Sherwood, and; his brother, John LaMonica, of Tucson, Arizona. He served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* and *President* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Sherwood Chapter #184**. He was a member of the First Baptist Church in Sherwood. Funeral services were conducted on Thursday, January 5th at 11:00 AM in the North Little Rock Funeral Home Chapel. Interment was in the Arkansas State Veterans Cemetery with full military honors.

THOMAS PETER LAVIN, JR. – Died recently in 2011 in Beverly Hills, Florida. The cause of death is unknown. He is survived by his wife, Barbara. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was an *At-Large Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Florida**.



LEO P. LEDWELL, SR. - Died Monday, January 2, 2012 in Falmouth, Massachusetts at the age of 68. The cause of death was heart disease. He was born March 7, 1943. He was the husband of Lois (née Hagerty) Ledwell. He had lived in Falmouth for 35 years. Leo attended Weymouth Vocational School and was self-employed as a printer and master lithographer. He was a member of Saint Anthony Roman Catholic Church in Falmouth and had been a flotilla commander in the Coast Guard Auxiliary. He received a unit citation from Senator Ted Kennedy for his participation in search for JFK Jr. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Hyannis Chapter #338**. He enjoyed playing the guitar, traveling, especially to Newfoundland, sailing, woodworking, collecting certifications and licenses, and spending time with his grandchildren. He is survived by his wife of 48 years, three children, Regina Reed and her husband Eric Reed of Falmouth, Colleen Pierce and her husband Adam Pierce of Colchester, Conn., and Leo Ledwell Jr. and his wife Liz Ledwell of Falmouth; seven grandchildren, Mackenzie, Casey, Regina, Aidan, Devyn, Leo, and Jared; two brothers, Alphonsus and Ronald Ledwell of Weymouth; and three sisters, Regina Dinges and Mary Durante, also of Weymouth, and Leona Simonelli of Wellesley. A funeral Mass will be held at 10 a.m. Friday, Jan 6, 2012, at St. Anthony Church, 167 East Falmouth Hwy., E. Falmouth, followed by burial at Massachusetts National Cemetery, Bourne. Visiting hours were held from 4 to 8 p.m. Thursday, Jan. 5, 2012, in the Chapman, Cole & Gleason Funeral Home, 74 Algonquin Ave., at Rte. 151, Mashpee. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the American Heart Assoc, Heart Gifts Processing Center, P.O. Box 3049, Syracuse, NY 13220-3049. For online guest book and directions, please visit www.ccgfuneralhome.com.



LEONARD LEGER – Died Tuesday, August 30, 2011 at Kingsley Place in Lafayette. Louisiana at the age of 75. The cause of death was cancer. He was born in Duson, Louisiana on November 23, 1934 to the late Velce and Effie Leger. He is survived by two daughters, A. Rochelle Leger of Monroe, WA and Valerie Eagles of Marlborough, MA; two sisters, Joyce Billeaud of Scott and Claudia Avant of Baton Rouge; two brothers, James Carroll Leger and Aaron Leger, both of Lafayette; and three grandchildren, Jenna, Kyle and Abby Eagles. He is also survived by an aunt, Nancy Guidry of Rayne and an uncle, Allen Laughlin of Lafayette. Leonard was preceded in death by his wife, Ruth Stanford Leger. Leonard spent over 20 years in three different military services, retiring as a CW2 from the Army. He was a United States Navy veteran of the Korean and a United States Air Force veteran of the Vietnam War and a United States Army veteran of the Cold War. He then attended USL (now ULL) and received a degree in Vocational-Technical Education, and later earned a Master's degree. He taught industrial arts at state and private voc-tech schools, high schools and at ULL. He retired from Morton Salt as a trainer. Leonard was a member of the American Legion, VFW, National Association of Atomic Veterans (NAAV), a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Lafayette Chapter #141**, Disabled Association of Veterans (DAV). His hobbies included gardening, woodworking, traveling,

drafting, photography, genealogy and keeping in touch with his family. He was a devout Christian, loving husband and wonderful father and grandfather. If the measure of the quality of a man's life is measured by how deeply he has touched the lives of others, then Leonard was truly blessed. He briefly volunteered with the Tourism Bureau, and spent time helping church organizations when many Vietnamese people settled in the Lafayette area. As a teacher, he influenced countless numbers of young people to strive to do better and be better people. Funeral services were held on Friday, September 2, 2011, at 10:00 AM in La Chapelle de Martin & Castille in Lafayette. The Reverend Michael Guidry, Pastor of St. Peter Catholic Church in Morrow, Louisiana conducted the funeral services. Interment was in Greenlawn Memorial Gardens. Leonard's family would like to especially thank Patricia Arboneaux and Paul Cormier for their constant help, love, and support. No amount of words can convey the depth of our love and appreciation. They would also like to recognize Kingsley Place (Emeritus of Lafayette), Paramount Hospice and Reliability Health Care for their superlative service and compassion. Pallbearers will be Mr. Leger's family and friends. The family requests that visitation be observed in Martin & Castille's downtown Lafayette location on Thursday, September 1, 2011 from 5:00 PM to 9:00 PM and on Friday from 8:00 AM until time of service.

NORMAN J. LEIMGRUEBLER - Died Wednesday, August 12, 2003 in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma at the age of 65. The cause of death was a heart attack. He was born on October 20, 1937, in Long Beach, California and grew up in Corpus Christi, Texas. He served as a life guard for the city during high school, became an Eagle Scout, and attended Del Mar College. He was on active duty in the United States Marine Corps for 26 years. He proudly served three tours in Vietnam for which he received two Purple Hearts. He retired from the Marine Corps as a Master Gunnery Sergeant in 1982. He worked for the Oklahoma Department of Human Services and Department of Rehabilitation Services from 1982 until his retirement in 1995. He was an *At-Large Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Oklahoma**. He was active the International Lions Club and was District Governor for District 3-H in 1986-87. For six years, Norm served as President of the Sooner NuVoice Club. During that time, he delivered anti-tobacco messages to young people in the public schools in the Oklahoma City area and he provided a unique service to new laryngectomies and their families. As a cancer survivor himself, Norm was a living example of the hope he instilled in his fellow laryngectomies throughout Oklahoma. Norm suffered a heart attack on Tuesday while enjoying a day golfing with friends. His family and friends will miss his caring spirit, sincere generosity, and exuberant sense of humor. He is survived by his wife, Zoe, three sons, John Leimgruebler and Michael Leimgruebler of Raleigh, NC, David Walker of Atlanta, GA, one daughter, Robin Martinet of Tulsa, and four grandchildren, Kendall, Amanda, Ellie, and Morgane. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Okla. Sooner Nu-Voice Club c/a Larry Bisel, President, 10104 Carnie Circle, Yukon, OK 73099. Memorial Services will be held on Aug. 15, 2003 2 PM at Vondel L. Smith North Colonial Chapel.



JAMES LENYARD, JR. - Died on Wednesday, August 17, 2011 in Birmingham, Alabama at the age of 64. The cause of death was pancreatic cancer. He was born in Jefferson County, Alabama on April 20, 1947. He served in the United States Army from September 9, 1966 to August 8, 1969 with a tour of duty in Vietnam from 1966 to 1968. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Pleasant Grove Chapter #416**. Left to cherish his memories are, his loving wife, Barbara A. Lenyard; sons, Aubrey Lenyard, Atlanta, GA, and Preston Lenyard of Birmingham, AL; brother, Harrison (Evelyn) Lenyard; four step-children, ten step-grandchildren, six great grandchildren and a host of nieces, nephews other relatives and friends. Funeral services were held on Friday, August 26, 2011 at 12:00 noon at Ephesus Seventh Day Adventist Church, 105 - 6th Avenue North, Birmingham, Alabama 35204. Interment was at Valhalla Cemetery. Davenport & Harris, directing.

RICKY JAMES LOFTEN - Died Tuesday, December 27, 2011 at home in Hillsborough, New Jersey surrounded by his family at the age of 65. The cause of death was lung cancer. He was born in Texas City, Texas on November 8, 1946 and has lived in Hillsborough for many years. He graduated from Thomas Edison State College Class of 1991. Ricky retired after 32 years with United Telephone in Belle Mead (now Century Link). He served in the United States Navy during the Vietnam War from 1967-1969. He was awarded National Defense, Vietnam Service, Vietnam Campaign, Navy Unit Commendation, Combat Action, NJ Meritorious Service, NJ Distinguished Service and the Somerset County Distinguished Service Medals. Ricky was a member of the NJ Blue Knights Chapter XIV, a *Life Member* and past chaplain of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Flemington Chapter #452**, a member of the American Legion Post 12, Somerville and a member and past secretary of the Neshanic Station Volunteer Fire Company. He was predeceased by his parents James and Eula Loften and his sister Deborah Johnson. Surviving are his wife of 42 years Phyllis, his son William and his wife Caroline Loften, his daughter Sheri and her husband Jeffrey Zimbardo and his 5 loving grandchildren Nicholas, Ryan, Jared, Brooke and Milania. A funeral service will be on Friday, December 30th at 8pm in the Hillsborough Funeral Home, 796 Rt. 206, Hillsborough with Pastor Steve Eckert officiating. Visiting for family and friends will be prior to the service from 5pm-8pm in the funeral home. Cremation will be private. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Ricky's name to the South Branch Reformed Church, 870 River Rd., Hillsborough NJ 08844.

DANIEL MARVIN - Died Thursday, January 19, 2012 at Crouse Hospital at the age of 78. He was a resident of Cazenovia, New York. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in 1933 in Detroit, Michigan, and had been a resident of Cazenovia since 1999. He retired in 1973 as a lieutenant colonel after 21 years in the United States Army. He was a veteran of the Korean War and the Vietnam War, serving with the Special Forces. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Syracuse Chapter #103**. Dan was a member of the North Madison Baptist Church in Chittenango, New York. Surviving are his wife of 55 years, Kate Marvin; three daughters, Laurie Casano (John) of Rockville, SC, Mary Stevens (Vaughn) of Rochester and Danilee Varner (Mike) of Moravia; a brother, William Marvin of Trumansburg; a sister, Barbara Steiner of Michigan; 11 grandchildren, including five grandsons who are serving in the Armed

Forces; five great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews. Funeral services were at 11:30 AM Tuesday at Ayer & Zimmer Funeral Home, 38 Sullivan Street, Cazenovia. Calling hours were from 10:00 AM to 11:30 AM Tuesday, prior to the service. Private burial was in Sampson Veterans Memorial Cemetery, Waterloo. In lieu of flowers, contributions in his memory may be made to Caz Cares, 101 Nelson Street, Cazenovia, New York.

RICHARD "Lucky" MASSA - Died Friday, November 18, 2011 in Hudson, Florida at the age of 66. The cause of death is unknown. He was born May 13, 1945. He was a member of **Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America – Hudson Chapter #1003**. He is survived by his devoted companion, Barbara; children, Scott, David, Christina, Joseph, Kevin & Ryan; 6 siblings & 2 grandchildren. Dobies Funeral Home was in charge of the funeral.

CURTISS WAYNE McKINNEY - Died Friday, September 2, 2011 at his residence in Spring Creek, Tennessee at the age of 66. The cause of death was cancer. He was born on March 2, 1945 in Jackson, Tennessee to the late Curtiss Wilbur and Mary Lucille (née Barlow) McKinney. He was a Disabled Vietnam Veteran. He was Baptist in faith, a United States Army Vietnam War Veteran Specialist 5th Grade (E-5) serving from July 1966 to July 1969 with the 3rd U.S. Army and until July 1972 in the U.S. Army Reserves, a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Jackson Chapter #995** and the Veterans of Foreign Wars. Survivors include his wife of 30 years, Patricia Sasser McKinney of Spring Creek, TN; four daughters, Vickie Hajek of Oklahoma, Patricia Owen of Henry, TN, Crystal McKinney of Memphis, TN and Amanda Hurst of Jackson, TN; five sons, Jon McKinney of Atwood, TN, Brian McKinney of Las Vegas, NV, Curt McKinney and Clint McKinney both of Jackson, Dominic Klein of South Dakota; three sisters, Marilyn Rouse of Virginia, Darlene Tate of Jackson, TN and Linda Summers of Gleason, TN; 15 grandchildren. The family will receive friends at McKenzie Funeral Home on Sunday, September 4, 2011 from 4:00 to 8:00 PM and Monday, September 5, 2011 from 9:00 AM until service time. Services will be held 10 a.m., Monday, September 5, 2011 at McKenzie Funeral Home with Bro. Randy Bailey officiating. Interment will follow in Antioch Cemetery nears Halls, TN at 2:00 PM. Services were on Monday, September 5, 2011 with Military Honors.



ROGER D. McVAY - Died at 3:35 PM on Wednesday, December 21, 2011, in OSF Saint Anthony Medical Center. He was a resident of Rockford, Illinois and 70 years of age. The cause of death is unknown. He was born December 17, 1941 in Rewey, Wisconsin to the late Albert and Elsie (née Shady) McVay. He served in the United States Marine Corps for three tours of duty in Vietnam, and received three Purple Hearts and also recently received the Gallantry Cross for his service. He married Sandy S. Seidel on June 25, 1994, in Rockton. He was a member of Pelley Road Christian Fellowship, **Vietnam Veterans of America – Rockford Chapter #984**, and the U.S.M.C. Tankers Convention. Roger was an avid Green Bay Packers fan. He is survived by wife, Sandy; five children; eight grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; brothers, Bob and David; and numerous nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his parents; two sisters; and three

brothers. Service at 11:00 AM Wednesday, December 28, in Olson Funeral & Cremation Services Ltd., Fred C. Olson Chapel, 1001 Second Avenue, with the Reverend Jerry Hall, officiating. The burial was in Arlington Memorial Park. Visitation from 5:00 to 7:00 PM Tuesday, December 27, in Fred C. Olson Chapel, and from 10:00 to 10:45 AM Wednesday. Memorials may be made to the Marine Corps War Memorial Foundation, P.O. Box 101, Winchester, VA 22604.



RICHARD R. MELVIN - Died Monday, December 26, 2011, at his residence in Beaver Falls, Pennsylvania after a courageous battle with cancer. He was 65 years of age. He was born November 15, 1946, in Beaver Falls, to the late Robert and Ruth (née Gillingham) Melvin. He was retired from Moon Township Municipal Authority and was a United States Navy SeeBee serving in Vietnam. He was an avid American Legion Post 261 member, serving as post commander for several terms, County Commander and 26th District Deputy for the Legion, as well as the past

commander of the Highland VFW 9545, a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Beaver Falls Chapter #862**, the BPO Elks 348, and the Turners and Owls Clubs of Beaver Falls. He is survived by his loving wife, Paulena E. Melvin, Beaver Falls; brothers, Robert Melvin and wife, Bonnie, Darlington, and Michael Melvin and wife, Sue, Rochester; a sister, Darlene Somerville, Florida. Also surviving are his extended family through marriage, Bonnie Kay, Texas; Jack Gault and wife, Beth, Florida; Allan Gault, Pennsylvania; grandchildren, Darce Juranek and husband, Robert, Florida; Joshua and Cody Gault, New Castle; Tyler Kaye and wife, Ashley, Midland; Trever Kaye, Midland; great-grandsons, AJ Richardson, Florida; and Niko Kaye, Midland. Also surviving are a sister-in-law, Kathy Mattis and husband, Robert of Arizona and several nieces and nephews. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by two brothers, Earl Warren 'Sonny' and Thomas Howard Melvin; a stepson, Mark Gault Yurko and a grandson, Adam J. Richardson. Visitation will be Thursday from 2 to 8 p.m. and Friday from 9 a.m. until time of services at 11 a.m. in the Lutton Beaver Falls Funeral Home, 1117 Fifth Ave., www.luttonfuneralhome.com with Pastor Don Dotterer of the First United Methodist Church, Rochester, officiating. An American Legion service will take place at the funeral home on Thursday evening at 7 p.m. and an Elks service will take place at 7:30 p.m. Gentleman from the Veterans Honor Guard will conduct full military honors on Friday at the funeral home at 11 a.m. Private burial will take place at the National Cemetery of the Alleghenies at a future date. If desired, donations can be made to Vitas Hospice, 235 Alpha Drive, Pittsburgh, PA 15238.

KENNETH J. MEYER – Died Monday, January 17, 2011 in Huron, South Dakota at the age of 62. The cause of death is unknown. He was born September 29, 1948. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was an *At-Large Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – South Dakota**.

DONALD NEAL “Donnie” MILLER - Died on Thursday, February 2, 2012 in Lawrenceburg, Indiana at the age of 64. The cause of death is heart disease. He was born Tuesday, July 8, 1947, in Batesville, Indiana, son of the late Donald "Bud" Miller and Mary (née Neal) Miller

Brooks. He served his country in the United States Army during Vietnam where he received a purple heart when he was wounded in action. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Aurora Chapter #71**. He was a member of the VFW; Lawrenceburg American Legion; and past president of the Aurora Eagles. Donnie graduated from Aurora High School in 1965. He was employed at Joseph E. Seagrams & Sons; Gulf Oil Refinery; and later he retired as a mail carrier from the US Postal Service. He is survived by his 2 loving daughters, Deena (Greg) Gindling, and Danielle (Dave) Nash; close friend, Merrilee Stano; sister, Diana (Dave) Hoerst; and 5 grandchildren, Paige and Blake Gindling, and Dara, David, and Danica Nash. Friends were received Wednesday, February 8, 2012 from 4:00 PM to 8:00 PM at the Fitch-Denney Funeral Home, Lawrenceburg, Indiana. Funeral services were held at the Bright Christian Church, Thursday, February 9, 2012 at 11:00 AM with Pastor David Vaughan officiating. Interment was in the Gibson Cemetery, Bright, Indiana. Contributions may be made to the American Heart Association or Dearborn County Vietnam Veterans.

ROBERT A. MINGUS – Died Thursday, October 21, 2010 in Taylor, Wisconsin at the age of 59. The cause of death is unknown. He was born February 5, 1951. He is survived by his wife, Joan. He served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Sparta Chapter #462**.



GERALD C. "Jerry" MOBLEY - Died Monday, November 28, 2011 at Effingham Hospital at the age of 61. He was a resident of Clyo, Georgia. The cause of death was liver disease and cardiac failure. He was born in Savannah, Georgia on February 4, 1950. The Chatham County native had retired from the United States Navy at the rank of Master Chief. He had graduated from Savannah High and received a degree from DeVry University. Jerry had been a long time member of Morningside Baptist Church. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Savannah Chapter #671**. Survivors include his wife, Rebecca Becky Mobley; sons, Scott C. Mobley, M. Sean Mobley (Chrissy), and Joey A. Mobley; sisters, Linda Bacon (Jerry) and Ellen McPeters (Danny); a granddaughter, Grace E. Mobley; and several step-sisters, step-brothers, nieces, nephews and other relatives. Visitation: 6-8 pm Wednesday, November 30, 2011 in the funeral home. Funeral: 11 am Thursday, December 1, 2011 in the funeral home chapel. Interment: Bonaventure Cemetery. Remembrances: Disabled Veterans of America, PO Box 14301, Cincinnati, OH 45250-0301, ATTN: Gift Processing. Thomas C. Strickland & Sons Funeral Home Effingham Chapel (912)754-6421 Savannah Morning News November 29, 2011 Please sign our Obituary Guest Book at savannahnow.com/obituaries.

VINCENT A. MOORE – Died approximately in 2002 in Poland Spring, Maine at the age of 53. The cause of death is unknown. He was born May 17, 1948. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was an *At-Life Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Florida**.



TOM P. NASH, JR. - Died Sunday, August 28, 2011 at the John L. McClellan Memorial Veterans Hospital in Little Rock, Arkansas at the age of 79. He was a resident of Jacksonville, Arkansas. The cause of death was congestive heart disease, diabetes, liver disease, kidney failure, hypertension, prostate cancer and chronic obstructive pulmonary disease. He was born May 6, 1932 in Henderson, Texas to the late Tom P. Nash, Sr. and Olivia (née McMullan Nash. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his sister Virginia Jones;

and son Brian Thomas Nash. Cherishing his memory are his wife of 55 years, Marilyn Wilder Nash; sons Keith Nash (Mary) of North Little Rock, David H. Nash of Decatur, GA, and Randy Nash (Lisa) of Vilonia; grandchildren Aron Thomas, Cody Nash, Donny Nash, Dr. Lauren Nash Hendrix (Chad), Rachel Nash, and many other relatives and friends. Tom was a graduate of Henderson State Teachers College. Proud of his military service, he volunteered as an enlisted man during the Korean Conflict, was later commissioned as an officer, afterwards completing two tours in Vietnam. After retiring from the United States Army he worked for the Arkansas State Department of Veterans Affairs as a Service Officer advising veterans of benefits available to them. After retiring, he continued serving in that capacity as a volunteer at the Retiree Activities Office at Little Rock Air Force Base until illness forced him to stop. He was an active member of VFW Post 2935 in North Little Rock, Arkansas. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Sherwood Chapter #184**. He was a member of the Christian Church of Jacksonville, where he served as an Elder and Sunday School teacher. A celebration of Tom's life will be held at 11:00 A.M., Thursday, September 1st, 2011 in the chapel of Griffin Leggett-Rest Hills Funeral Home, 7724 Landers Road, North Little Rock(501)835-3515. Burial will follow with full military honors at Griffin Leggett-Rest Hills Memorial Park. The family will receive friends from 6:00 to 8:00 PM on Wednesday, at the funeral home. The family requests that memorials be made to the Disabled American Veterans (www.dav.org), DAV Memorial Program P.O. Box 14301, Cincinnati, OH 45250-0301

ROBERT L. NOVGROD - Died peacefully on Saturday, December 3, 2011 in Rochester, New York at the age of 60, with his family at his side, after a hopeful fight against MDS-Q5. The cause of death was myelodysplastic syndrome with 5Q syndrome. He was born May 20, 1950 to the late Irving and Vivian Novgrod. He is survived by his sons, Justin, Jordan & Nathan Novgrod; daughters, Wenona Feagin (Nonie), Katherine Kyle; seven grandchildren; brothers, Johnny and Peter Novgrod, both of Virginia. Robert was a member of the Patriot Guard Riders, **Vietnam Veterans of America – Rochester Chapter #20**, Salvation Army and Open Door Mission Volunteer. He was a United States Navy veteran, serving from 1970 to 1977 on the U.S.S. Alexander Hamilton. Calling hours were held on Wednesday, December 7, 2011, from 2:00-4:00 PM at the Newcomer Funeral Home, 2636 Ridgeway Ave., Rochester, New York, where a Memorial Service was conducted at 4:00 PM. Memorials contributions may be made to the Patriot Guard Riders, Region 2, 6399 Lake Avenue, Williamson, New York 14589.

VINCENT R. O'CONNOR - Died Wednesday, December 21, 2011 in Oceanside, New York. The cause of death is unknown. He was the beloved husband of Cathleen; loving father of Patrick

O'Connor, Jennifer Pagano and her husband Chad; cherished Grandpa to Madison, Joseph and Emma. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Hicksville Chapter #82** and the Knights of Columbus, Fr. Joseph O'Connell Council. Visiting hours at the Towers Funeral Home Inc., Long Beach & Foxhurst Roads, Oceanside on Thursday 2:00-4:00 & 7:00-9:00 PM. Funeral Mass was on Friday at Saint Anthony's Roman Catholic Church at 9:45 AM. Interment was in Calverton National Cemetery.

RICHARD JOHN PAQUETTE, SR. – Died Thursday, November 1, 2007 in Southwick, Massachusetts at the age of 59. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on March 16, 1948 to Corporal Ralph Paquette, United States Army, and his wife Leida, in Munich, Germany. He was raised and attended school in South Hadley, MA. Rich served his country with honor during the Vietnam War, in the United States Navy, aboard the USS White River (LSMR-536). He was employed as a sub-contracted plant manager at Tell Tool, Inc. for 12 years. His previous careers included; care provider for developmentally disabled children, Montana rancher, Emergency Medical Technician, auto mechanic, machinist and construction general contractor. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Westfield Chapter #219**, the V.F.W. in Westfield, Maine Snowmobile Club, and Rangely Lakes Snowmobile Club. He lovingly raised his son, Richard Jr., who is currently serving as a Lieutenant in the United States Navy. He was a proud father of Rick and his wife Jane and cherished Grandpa of Victoria and Aleksa. Rich's greatest enjoyments included; teaching his son, the company of his granddaughters Victoria and Aleksa, caring for his horse Friday and his cats Cisco and Ditto, helping others in need, hard work of any kind, his annual snowmobiling trip to Rangeley, ME, good food and drink, James Bond movie marathons, tool collecting, and last but not least, having long conversations with his family and friends over a hot cup of strong, black coffee. He will best be remembered for being a kind and generous man with a nice sense of humor and the gift of gab. His love of home, family and life itself set a great example for all who had the pleasure and honor to know him. He will be loved eternally by those that were close to him and sorely missed by all that knew him. He is survived by his: Mother: Leida Paquette, Chicopee, MA Father: Ralph Paquette, South Hadley, MA Son and daughter-in-law: Rick and Jane, Bath, ME Granddaughters: Victoria and Aleksa, Bath, ME Step-children: Erica and Adam DuPont, Southwick, MA Sister: Diana Smarse, Belchertown, MA Brother: David Paquette, Chicopee, MA Nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends. The funeral for Richard will be held Monday afternoon at the Massachusetts Veterans' Memorial Cemetery in Agawam at 1 pm in the Chapel. There are no calling hours. Ryder Funeral Home of South Hadley handling funeral arrangements. Contributions in his memory may be made to the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals (SPCA). Ryder Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.



BENJAMIN ODELL PARTIN - Died Monday, December 5, 2011, in Lawton, Oklahoma at the age of 82. The cause of death is unknown. He was born November 14, 1929, in Johnston County, North Carolina to the late Delmas Partin and Nolie May (née Ashworth Partin, both formerly of Willow Springs, North Carolina. In Feb. of 1951, he was drafted into the United States Army and served two tours in Vietnam and a tour in Korea. He received the Bronze Star, National Defense Service Medal, Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, Vietnam Service Medal, and the Army Occupation Medal, among many others. In February of 1961, Benjamin Odell Partin married Doris Marie Capps of Angier and had two daughters: Sherry Lynn Hayes and Nancy Batts. In 1971, he was stationed at Fort Sill, which became his home. On Aug. 11, 1973, he married Salvadora C. Partin, and in February of 1974, he retired from the Army and pursued a degree from Cameron University. In 1978, he went to work at Goodyear Tire and Rubber Company, where he worked for more than 18 years. Benjamin Odell Partin was an active member of the community, serving as a missionary for the Oklahoma Conference of the United Methodist Church. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Lawton Chapter #751**. He was also a member of the Optimists for more than 16 years, serving as president, lieutenant governor and governor. He also devoted many years to managing the Optimist Oratorical Competitions. He was one of the founding members of the Filipino-American Association of Lawton, Fort Sill, serving for more than 35 years, including as president. Family and God were the most important things in the life of Benjamin Odell Partin. He was a member of First United Methodist Church of Lawton and the United Methodist Men. He is survived by his wife, Salvadora C. Partin; his daughter, Sherry Lynn Hayes and her husband, Jimmy Hayes, and their three children: Nicole Hayes, Amber Hayes and Alex Hayes, of North Carolina; his daughter, Nancy Batts, and her husband, George Batts, and their children: Thomas Batts and Patricia Batts; his stepdaughter, Annie McMahon and her husband, Dr. Dalton McMahon, and their children: Dalton McMahon Jr., and his wife, Kris, and Christina McMahon-Norman and her husband, Bryan Norman; his stepson, Ephraim Buendia and his wife, Melinda Mallarie, Winnipeg, Canada, and their children: Jay Buendia and wife, Katrina Buendia, and Melissa Buendia and Daniel Buendia; his brothers: Ronnie Partin and wife, Susan Partin, and Hershel Partin and wife, Martie Partin; two sisters: Doris Partin and Joyce Partin; great-grandchildren including Justin Norman, Sean Norman, Winter McMahon, Nevada McMahon and Katyana McMahon. Other members of the family include Henry and Sally Herzog, Dinah Lazarte, Ruth Liezl and Dino Tolentino, Matthew Lavender, John Lavender, Sandy Sealy, Becca Sealy, Dallas Sealy, and Kathy and David Casey, all of Lawton; Christopher Holder, Maximos Holder and Christiano Holder, all of Anadarko; and many others scattered around the

world. Funeral for retired Staff Sgt. Benjamin O. Partin, 82, Lawton, will be at 10 a.m. Friday at First United Methodist Church with the Rev. Al Potts, pastor, officiating. A reception for family and friends will follow after the service at the church. Burial with full military honors will be at 1 p.m. at Fort Sill National Cemetery, Elgin, under direction of Lawton Ritter Gray Funeral Home. Special viewing and visitation for family and friends will be from 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be sent to the First United Methodist Church Foundation Fund, 2602 NW Ferris Ave., Lawton 73505.



WALTER NEWTON "Pappy" PATTERSON - Died Saturday, September 17, 2011 at Mesa View Hospital in Mesquite, Nevada at the age of 84. He was a resident of Mesquite. The cause of death is unknown. Pappy was born in Orleans, New York on April 4, 1927. Pappy married Alice Cross on November 11, 1959 and she is currently residing in Mesquite. Pappy was very proud of his military career in the United States Coast Guard where he spent nearly 30 years of his life and retired at a rank of E6. His installation took place in Port Security Station in Alameda California. Pappy was awarded numerous Medals including Fifth Coast Guard Good Conduct Award for the period ending April 13, 1965. Second award National Service Defense Medal for active duty after January 1, 1961. He was also awarded the Vietnam Service Medal. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Mesquite Chapter #993**. Pappy was loved by all and will be solely missed. He was preceded in death by his mother, father, and sister.

JUDITH CHRISTENSEN WEBB PIZZUTO – Died Sunday, October 29, 2006 in Front Royal, Virginia at the age of 65. The cause of death was pulmonary fibrosis. She was born in Detroit, Michigan on April 6, 1941 to Alta (née Barrons) Christensen and the late Conrad Christensen. She is survived by three daughters, Robin (Webb) Bailey, Dawn Webb and Sally (Webb) Richa; one son, Michael Pizzuto; seven grandchildren, Nicholas Pettigrew, Alliston Craft, Kristina Lese, Kathryn Lese, Tyler Lese, Sara Richa and Sommer Richa; four great-grandchildren, Nicholas John Pettigrew, Andrew Craft, Anthony Craft and Alisha Craft; four sisters, Carol (Christensen) Glidden, Deanna Christensen, Connie (Christensen) Glidden and Sally (Christensen) Foster, and; one brother, Greg Christensen. She served in the United States Air Force with a year tour of duty in the Vietnam War as a medic. She was active with the Women Vietnam Veteran activities until her death. She was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Roseville (Michigan) Chapter #154**.



ROBERT S. PULFORD - Died Tuesday, August 31, 2010, in his home in Capron, Illinois at the age of 63. The cause of death was bone cancer. He was born February 11, 1947 in Chicago, Illinois to the late Robert A. Pulford and Helen (née Hoagland) Pulford. Robert was a lifelong engineer of Metra, formerly known as Milwaukee Road. Robert was united in marriage to Victoria L. Pulford on April 6, 1973, in Wheaton, Illinois. He served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War. He was a member of

Vietnam Veterans of America – Rockford Chapter #984. He enjoyed spending time in his community, Sharon, Wisconsin, where he and Vickie owned an antique store, called A Wing and a Prayer. He spent countless hours involved in Sharon Main Street Celebrations to include Victorian Christmas, his favorite. One of his favorite past times was antiquing and attending auctions. He was a fond advocate of helping others, and standing up for what he believed in. Robert's humor stemmed from his desire to make other people laugh, which included acting for Second City in Chicago. His greatest pride and joy were his family, to whom he was a beloved father, grandfather, brother and husband. The love and values that he instilled in them will carry on for generations. He will be remembered dearly by daughters, Heather (Roger) Gunter of Dixon, Mo., and Amy (David) Moncure of Roscoe; mother, Helen Hoagland of Sycamore; brother, Ray (Cheryl) Pulford of Elburn; grandchildren, Christian Gunter, Angela Jackson, Casey and Riley Moncure, Austin Pulford, Marissa and Brandon Ferrara; sisters-in law, Liz (Bob) Mrowinski and Marge Gertch; nephews, Michael Pulford, Ray (Lindsey) Pulford; nieces, Tina (Dan) Parrilli and Kelly Mrowinski; and several caring cousins and special friends. Predeceased by father, Robert A. Pulford; wife, Victoria Pulford; son, Fredrick Pulford; and daughter, Kathleen Ferrara. The family would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to Debbie Fahrnow for her loving care and commitment to go above and beyond to help our family through this difficult year. Service was at 11:00 AM Tuesday, September 7, in Sharon United Methodist Church, 225 Baldwin Street, Sharon, Wisconsin, with the Reverend Ken Markley, pastor officiating. Burial was in Blaine Cemetery. Visitation was from 4:00 to 8:00 PM Monday, September 6, in Buck-Wheeler-Hyland Funeral Home, 218 West Hurlbut Avenue, Belvidere. Memorials can be given in care of the family.



DONALD JAMES PUTNAM - Died Thursday, July 7, 2011 in Howard, Wisconsin, ending his 2 ½ year battle with cancer at home with Kathy at his side. He was 62 years of age. He was born in Appleton, Wisconsin on July 28, 1948, to the late Elmer and Irene (née Pitsch) Putnam. Both of Don's parents passed away by the time he was 15 years old. Don then lived with his sister and brother-in-law, Sherry and Jim (Mike) Peeters. In 1966, he graduated from Green Bay East High School. Don served in the United States Army from 1968 until his honorable discharge as a Staff Sgt E-6 in 1974. He served in the Vietnam War, with the 9th Infantry Division. He was

awarded numerous medals including the Combat Infantryman Badge. In 1987, he became a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Green Bay Chapter #224**, and became a member of the board of directors, eventually becoming President in 1992. Don retired in 2009, from a 37 year career in auto sales throughout the Green Bay and Fox Valley area. In 2000, Don met the love of his life, Kathleen Ashley and her family became his. He enjoyed sharing grandparenting with Kathy. He especially enjoyed spending time with his son, Matt and his wife, Jen. They shared many interests, including motorcycles, classic cars, wood working, racing, grilling and a cold beer. Don's dry wit and unique sense of humor will be missed by all who knew him. Don is survived by Kathy; son, Matt (Jen) Putnam; sisters, Sherry (James) Peeters; Marilyn Putnam; aunt and uncle, Norman and Corrine Pitsch; special cousins, Diane Maynard, Toddy (Otto) Kohls, Porky (Sharon) Putnam and Dan Putnam. Don is further survived by Kathy's

children, Tricia (Nick) Drake, Michelle Myers, Jennifer (Matt) Erickson, Brent (Casey) Ashley; grandchildren, Ashlee, Shania, Brittany, Samantha and Tyson; a wonderful uncle to Billy, Jamie, Jill, Meghan and Molly; numerous great nieces and nephews; he will be sadly missed by his second mom, Eleanor Dietzler; and good friends, Paul and Donna Boehm; Chuck and Pat Steiner. A Celebration of Don's Life will be held at the Pfotenhauer Funeral Home & Cremation Service, Howard-Suamico location, 1145 Cardinal Lane, on Sunday, July 10, after 3 p.m. until the time of the service. Funeral service and local Chapter 224 Vietnam Veterans of America Service 6:30 p.m. Sunday. Graveside committal service with Military Honors 9:30 a.m. Monday at Nicolet Memorial Gardens. Online condolences are welcome at www.PfotenhauerFuneralHome.com. Don's family would like to especially thank Dr. Jerry Winkler, Green Bay Oncology Clinic and the staff of Unity Hospice.

NICHOLAS QUATTRONE, JR. – Died recently in 2012 in Clovis, California at the age of 69. The cause of death is unknown. He was born September 19, 1942. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was an *At-Large Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – California**.



ERNEST REYES, JR. - Died Saturday, January 21, 2012 in Pontiac, Michigan at the age of 67. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Pontiac on July 22, 1944 to the late Ernest and Susie. In addition to his parents he was also predeceased by his daughter, Katie Dowdy. He is the father of Angie (Keith) Salisbury, Lisa (Carl) Holloway and Andrea Benitez; papa of Justin, Jared, Jordan, Jeffrey, Jenna, Brandon and Maya; great-grandpa of Jaxon; brother of Elma MacLean, Sylvia Reyes, Erma Gonzales, Eddie Reyes, Norma Reyes and Elva Reyes. Ernie served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War and retired from General Motors Truck and Bus. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Pontiac Chapter**

#133. He loved to hunt and spend time Up North. Funeral service Tuesday 10:00 AM at the Lewis E. Wint & Son Funeral Home, Clarkston where friends visited on Monday 3:00 to 8:00 PM. Interment Great Lakes National Cemetery, Holly. Memorials may be made to Disabled American Veterans or Vietnam Veterans of America.

DAVID A. RIGGINS – Died Sunday, March 20, 2011 in Altoona, Alabama at the age of 67. The cause of death is Agent Orange-related cancer. He was born in Birmingham, Alabama on October 26, 1943. He is survived by his wife, Dora Riggins, of the home. He served in the United States Army from February 2, 1962 to 1968 with service in Vietnam from 1965 to 1968. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Pleasant Grove Chapter #416**.

JACK MELTON RING - Died Friday, January 20, 2012, at his home in Charleroi, Pennsylvania at the age of 65. The cause of death is lung cancer. He was born November 1, 1946, in Centralia, Illinois, a son of Clifford Newton and Lena (née Swann) Ring. Jack was a veteran of the Vietnam era, having served in the United States Army, and was in the 85th Division Reserves. He was a lifetime member of Veteran of Foreign Wars. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Centralia Chapter #176**. He worked at OMC Galesburg for 14 years and was a retired Illinois employee. Surviving are his wife, Beverly Vojtek Ring; a son, Michael Shane Ring

of Des Moines, Iowa; four grandchildren; a sister; and two brothers. He was preceded in death by two sisters. Graveside service with military honors was at the National Cemetery of the Alleghenies. Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.schrock-hogan.com.



WILLIAM E. "Gene" RITCHIE – Died Sunday, August 7, 2011 in Kerrville, Texas at the age of 79. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Stratford, Oklahoma, September 26, 1932. Gene is survived by his loving and devoted wife of 40 years, June. She has always supported all his endeavors and was constantly by his side. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – San Antonio Chapter #366**.



AUGUST JOHN SAUER - of Tuxedo Park, NY. Died Friday, January 6, 2012 in Tuxedo Park, New York at the age of 71. The cause of death is unknown. He was born May 22, 1940 in Bronx, New York to the late August and Marie (née Leuck) Sauer. August and Marie owned the Rolling Pin Bakery in Suffern. August graduated from Don Bosco High School and received his Bachelors from Delaware Valley College. He served honorably with the United States Army during the Vietnam-era. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – New City Chapter #333**. August was a Past Commander of the Fromm Maxwell DeBaun Post 859 in Suffern, Past County Commander of the Rockland American Legion, a member of the Elks and the Von Struble Association. He is survived by his beloved wife Ines (née DeBlasio), children Karlo, Maria and August Jr. "A.J" (wife Adrienne), grandchildren Madilyn, Hendrik and sister Helena Sauer. Visitation Tuesday 2-4 & 7-9pm at Wanamaker & Carlough Funeral Home in Suffern. Funeral Mass Wednesday 10:00 AM at St. Joan of Arc Church. Committal Private. Donations in August's name can be made to St. Joan of Arc Church.

FRANK SCHLUETER – Died Saturday, November 19, 2011 in Huron, South Dakota at the age of 62. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Vermillion, South Dakota on August 4, 1949. He served in the United States Army from October 15, 1968 to October 31, 1988. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Watertown Chapter #1054**.



ROBERT C. SCHNACKEL - Died Monday, March 7, 2011 in the VA Hospital of West Haven, following a long illness. He was 65. He was born in Cleveland, Ohio on November 6, 1945 to the late Jay W. and Katherine (née Ford) Schnackel. As a child, he relocated to Poughkeepsie, New York for a short time before moving to Darien, Connecticut. He attended the Rectory School in Pomfret, Connecticut and graduated in 1964 from the Darrow School of New Lebanon, Connecticut. He continued his education at Washington College of Chestertown, Maryland, where he obtained a degree of philosophy in 1968. After college, he enlisted in the United States Army and served our Nation during the Vietnam War. While in Vietnam, Bob received a multitude of citations, including the Purple Heart, two Bronze

Stars, and a rare Republic of Vietnam Cross of Gallantry. Proud of his service, he became a longtime member of the American Legion Post # 12, the DAV and the VFW Post #603, all of Norwalk. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Hartford Chapter #120**. One of Bob's passions was to raise money for the Muscular Dystrophy Association, which he and his wife, Bea volunteered for over twenty years. He was a private man who enjoyed spending all his time with his beloved late wife, Beatrice "Bea" (née Draper) Schnackel, who passed away on November 3, 2007. Bob loved being around people with a positive attitude and enjoyed a joke or two. He admired the innocence of children and the beauty of animals. Another love was visiting his sister at the Cape and harvesting cranberries in the Fall. Bob is survived by one brother, Donald C. Schnackel of Akron, OH; one sister, Katherine D. Sargent of South Dennis, Cape Cod, Mass; his mother in law, Marion T. Draper of Rowayton and numerous nieces and nephews. He was predeceased in death by a sister, Mary Louise Jordan and a brother, Jay F. Schnackel. The family received friends on Saturday, March 12, 2011 in Norwalk's Hoyt-Cognetta Funeral Home & Crematory, 5 East Wall Street from 9:00 AM – 10:00 AM. Funeral Services, including interment with full military honors was held privately. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to a charity of one's choice.

RODNEY MAX SEYLER – Died recently in 2011 in Winchester, Indiana at the age of 60. The cause of death is unknown. He was born December 14, 1950. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was an *At-Large Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Indiana**.

RICHARD L. SIGLEER – Died Thursday, December 22, 2011 in Mulberry, Arkansas at the age of 66. The cause of death was a heart attack. He was born June 17, 1945. He is survived by his wife, Sheila, of the home. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Fort Smith Chapter #467**.

FRANK SIZEMORE - Died Saturday, December 31, 2011 at the St. Joseph Hospital in Lexington, Kentucky at the age of 72. He was a resident of Hazard, Kentucky. The cause of death is unknown. He was born September 11, 1939 to the late Dave Sizemore and the late Eunice (née Chapman) Sizemore. He is also preceded in death by his step-father: Jody Ritchie and one

brother: Johnny Sizemore. Mr. Sizemore was a retired Radio Man for the United States Navy and served during the Vietnam War and also retired from the United States Postal Service. He was a member **Vietnam Veterans of America – Cleveland (Tennessee) Chapter #596**. He is survived by his wife: Loretta Sizemore; one daughter: Jennifer Boffo (Kirby Combs); three sons: Dave Sizemore, Michael Scott (Karen) Sizemore and Jeff (Jane Ann) Sizemore; one brother: Lamarr Ritchie; ten grandchildren: Blake, Nikki, Tyler, Graham, Shyann, Jack, Renzee, Elliott, Sarah & Christian and one great grandchild: Brayson.

OMAR NEIL SMITH – Died Friday, July 8, 2011 in Denton, Texas at the age of 47. The cause of death was cancer. He was born May 22, 1964 in Mesa, Arizona to William and Nancy Smith, of Denton. In addition to his parents, he is survived by his daughter, Jennifer Smith and granddaughter, Carolyn In Apache Junction, Arizona; his brother David Smith of Rhome, Texas; two nephews and one great-nephew. He was a member of **Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America – Denton Chapter #137**. There was a Celebration of Omar's Life on August 6, 2011 from 2:00 to 4:00 PM at Shiloh Church, 6500 Cross Timbers, Flower Mound, Texas 75022.

WILLIAM CLEVELAND "Bill" SNYDER – Died Sunday, January 1, 2012 in Canonsburg, Pennsylvania at the age of 64. The cause of death was Agent Orange-related lung cancer. He was born May 21, 1947 in Baltimore, Maryland to the late Billie C. and Mary (née Spina) Snyder. He married Brenda Ward on July 28, 1970. In addition to his wife, he is survived by his son and daughter-in-law, Bryant and Tinnesia Snyder, of Canonsburg; his daughter and son-in-law, Chelena and Roger McConnell, of Powell, Ohio, and; four granddaughters, Mya McConnell, Sydney, Samantha and Sienna Snyder. In addition to his parents, he was predeceased by his brother, Richard Snyder. He served in the United States Army From November 22, 1966 through October 15, 1968 during the Vietnam War with the 79th ORDDT (GMGS) (Hawk) USARPAC. He was a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Canonsburg Post #191 and the American Legion Houston Post #902. He was an *At-Large Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Pennsylvania**. Funeral services were conducted in the Salandra Funeral Home in Canonsburg with interment with full military honors in the National Cemetery of the Alleghenies in Cecil Township.



JEROME H. "Jerry" STARK - Died Sunday, October 30, 2011 in Waupaca, Wisconsin at the age of 71. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Wausau, Wisconsin on May 29, 1940, to late Harold and Crescent (née Britz) Stark. Jerry led a full life. He attended Mosinee schools and excelled in football and hockey. Jerry then earned collegiate athletic scholarships for football and hockey to Northland College in Ashland, WI where he was also a member of Phi Sigma Epsilon Fraternity. Jerry also attended St Mary's School of Nursing in Wausau, WI from which he earned a Nursing Diploma in 1964. He married Maxine A. Fischer on June 1, 1963 in Wisconsin Rapids. Jerry was employed as a Registered Nurse at the Wisconsin Veteran's

Home in King, WI from 1965 until retirement in 2000 serving as Director of Inservice Education and Staff Development for most of his years. Jerry proudly served as a commissioned officer in the United States Army Nurse Corps. He served on active duty in Vietnam with the 71st Evacuation Hospital from 1967-1968. Jerry then served in the United States Army Reserves, and was Commander of the 44th General Hospital, King section from 1970-1992. He again served on active duty in Nuremburg, Germany during Operation Desert Storm in 1991. Jerry was awarded the National Defense Service Medal, Vietnam Service Medal, Vietnam Campaign Medal, and the Army Commendation Medal. Jerry also received recognition for outstanding service from the Vietnam Veterans of America Wisconsin State Council. Jerry was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America - Waupaca Chapter #768**, the American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars. Jerry proudly co-founded the Waupaca Youth Hockey Program in the 1970's and coached the hockey youth of Waupaca for many years watching the program grow into a respected community organization. Jerry enjoyed hunting and fishing and shared his love of the outdoors with his family, especially his children and grandchildren. He enjoyed hobby farming on the beautiful property he called home with his wife and children, and also had a love for restoring antique tractors. Jerry was an avid sports fan, and was especially proud of his grandsons' athletic accomplishments. Jerry also enjoyed and looked forward to traveling adventures with his wife Maxine, especially to Hawaii, Nebraska, and the Colorado Rocky Mountains. Jerry was a hero in the eyes of his family and the many people whose lives he touched. He was extremely proud of his family's achievements of whom he named "The Awesome 11". He held strong to the man that he was until the very end. Survivors include his wife, Maxine Stark, Waupaca, WI; children: SuZanne (Grant) Rogers, Elkhorn, NE; Terie (Casey) Holmquist, Avon, CO; Scott (Toni) Stark, Elkhorn, NE; grandchildren: Scottie Stark; Jack and Sam Rogers; sister: Mary (Leonord) Williams, Marinette, WI. He is further survived by nephews, other relatives and dear friends. A Memorial Mass will be held at St. Mary Magdalene Catholic Community in Waupaca at 10:00 AM on Thursday, November 3, 2011, with Father Jerry Hoeser, officiating. Interment of cremains will be in the Central Wisconsin Veterans Memorial Cemetery, Town of Farmington, Waupaca County, Wisconsin. Memorial Visitation will be held on Thursday from 9:00 AM until the time of the service at the church. The Holly Funeral Home is assisting the family with arrangements.

JAMES H. SWEET - Died unexpectedly Monday evening February 6, 2012 at his home in Bennington, Vermont at the age of 70. The cause of death was a heart attack. Jim was born in Bennington on July 18, 1941 to the late Harold James and Sadie (née Knapp) Sweet. He received his early education at the Forrest Ward Memorial School and then a parochial school in Union Springs, New York. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War, serving with the United States Navy, following his discharge from the Navy, he joined the Army Reserves, serving with the military for almost 30 years. He earned his LPN Degree while serving in the military. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Bennington Chapter #601**. Jim married Wanda Robinson in Bennington on July 21, 1982. He had been employed at The Vermont Veterans Home, Price Chopper in the Seafood Department and Super Samples, for many years he owned and operated Sweets Rubbish Removal, eventually transferring the business to his son, Todd. Jim was a life member and past treasurer of Vietnam Veterans of America Vermont Chapter #601, American Legion of Rutland and the Salvation Army Church in Rutland, Vermont;

he was a former member of the Seventh Day Adventist Church. Jim enjoyed hunting, fishing, playing golf and traveling, he recently returned from a trip to the Caribbean which he thoroughly enjoyed. He leaves his wife Wanda Sweet of Bennington, sons James Sweet Jr. of Dixfield, Maine and Todd Sweet of Argyle, N.Y., daughters Kimilee Gile of Worcester, Mass., and Susan Sweet of Bennington, brothers Tom Sweet of Bennington and Peter Sweet of Pownal, sister Susan Taranto of Florida, grandchildren Logan, Nathan and Amber, cousins Dick France and Jack Sweet, as well as nieces, nephews and cousins. He was predeceased by his former wife Sandra Sweet. Funeral services will be held on Friday February 10 at 11 a.m. at the Hanson-Walbridge Funeral Home, burial with military honors will take place in the spring at the Vermont Veterans Memorial Cemetery in Randolph. Friends may call at the funeral home on Thursday from 5 to 7 p.m. when the family will be present. Memorial gifts may be made to Vietnam Veterans of America Vermont Chapter 601 or Salvation Army Church in care of the Hanson-Walbridge Funeral Home, 213 West Main Street, Bennington, Vermont 05201.

RAYMOND J. TOMASINI, SR. - Died Friday, May 20, 2011 at home in Westfield, Massachusetts at the age of 86. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Southwick, Massachusetts on October 30, 1924 and has lived in Westfield the last forty-five years. He is predeceased by his parents, Jack and Louise (née Zanetti) Tomasini and step-father Bert Cressotti. Raymond was a retired Chief Master Sergeant in the United States Air Force and was a decorated veteran of World War II, the Korean War, and the Vietnam War. He was awarded the Air Force Commendation Medal, China Service Medal, Longevity Service Award Ribbon Four, Good Conduct Medal Air Force, Good Conduct Medal Army 1 Bronze, Outstanding Unit Award, American Campaign Medal W/3 BSS, WWII Victory Medal, Army of Occupation Japan Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Korean Service Medal W/4 BSS, United Nations Service Medal, Korean Small Arms Expert Membership Ribbon, NCO Professional Military Education Graduate Ribbon, and Badge of Honor Formosa. He was the Chairman of the State Disabled American Veterans Audit Committee, a member of Chapter 68 of the DAV, a member of the Russell VFW Post 6645, a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Westfield Chapter #219**, Vice-Commander of the State Disabled American Veterans, Commander of the Disabled American Veterans District Council #6, Golden Rodent Dugout 502, National Order of Trench Rats, a charter member, and past Commander of DAV Chapter #11 of Westover, past Commander of the Italian American War Veterans Post 59 of Springfield, and was a member of the Westfield Honor Guard. Raymond is survived by his loving wife of fifty-two years, Levoy (Korb) Tomasini, a son, Raymond Jr., of Westfield, two daughters, Tina, and her husband Brian Thieme of PA, Lisa, and her husband Roger Goudreau of Southampton, and six grandchildren, William, Joseph, Michael, Gabrielle, Cooper, and Kyle. He is also predeceased by his brothers Silvio and Thomas Tomasini and his sisters Angie Tresnak, Betty Conners, Emma Grabowski, and Catherine Sawyer. His funeral was conducted on Monday at 12:00 PM at the Firtion-Adams Funeral Home, 76 Broad Street, Westfield. Burial with military honors were at the Massachusetts Veterans Memorial Cemetery in Agawam. Calling hours preceded the service from 10:00 AM until 12:00 PM at the funeral home. Donations may be made to Stanley Park Veterans Memorial, 400 Western Avenue, Westfield, Massachusetts 01085, or the DAV, Westover Chapter Eleven, Post Office Box 11, Chicopee, Massachusetts 01020.



SAVIA "ChiChi" (née Anthony) TOZIER - Died on Thursday, December 29, 2011 in the Kaplan Family Hospice House in Danvers, Massachusetts after a long illness. She was a resident of Lynn, Massachusetts and 70 years of age. She was born in Lynn to the late Charles and Thelma (née Saraglow) Anthony. She was raised in Lynn, attended Lynn schools and was a 1959 graduate of Lynn Classical High School. Savia lived in Lynn all of her life. Savia loved spending time with her children and her grandchildren. She was an avid reader and enjoyed nature. She enjoyed doing volunteer work. Savia was interested in Astronomy. She was a member of **Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America – Lynn Chapter #908** and a member of the Retired State, County and Municipal Employees Association. She also worked on several political campaigns in

recent years. Savia worked at Lynn City Hall as the Head Clerk in the Purchasing Department. She also had worked at Atlanticare Medical Center as a Department Secretary. She is survived by her two daughters, Wendy Weigand and her husband Scott of Peabody, Kristen Vousboukis and her husband Peter of Pembroke, two granddaughters Kayla and Krystal Vousboukis. She also leaves a brother Dan Condon of Sanford, Maine and a sister Diane Giunta of Lincoln, Rhode Island. Service Information: Savia's visiting hours were held on Tuesday, January 3, 2012 from 4:00 to 8:00 PM in the Solimine, Landergan and Richardson Funeral Home, 426 Broadway (Route 129), Lynn. Relatives and friends were respectfully invited. A service was held at 7:00 p.m. in the funeral home. Burial was private at a later date. Donations may be made to the United Spinal Association, 54 Nashua Street, Milford, New Hampshire 03055 or Help Hospitalized Veterans 36585 Penfield Lane, Winchester, California 92596. Directions and guestbook at www.solimine.com.



JOHN L. VIA – Died on Saturday, January 7, 2012 in Paducah, Kentucky at the age of 67. The cause of death was Agent Orange-related cancer. He was born October 1, 1944 to the late John Smith Via and Mildred (née Hudson) Via. He served in the United States Navy as a Field Medical Corpsman, HM2, independent duty, serving with the 3rd Marine Division during the Vietnam War, 1967-68. He worked with Prisoners of War in the DaNang area along with various other duties. He was a 1963 graduate of Paducah Tilghman High School and received an Associates of Arts degree from Paducah Community College. He was retired from the Kentucky Department of Transportation, District Office in Paducah. John was a member of the Gospel Mission Worship Center since July, 1989. He

had been active in choir and the children's Sunday School along with his passion for working with the young students in the AWANA program. He loved every child he saw, and they loved him. He always had time to give a hug to each child that desired one and had time to listen to their problems. He was very active in the Disabled American Veterans, Miles Meredith Chapter #7, serving as former Commander and as a DAV Service Officer to help other veterans in need, and also a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Paducah Chapter #337** and the Marine Corps League. He always said that we all need to be a servant to the Lord, and help others

when the time arises. For several years he worked with the Old Order Amish and Old Order Mennonites here in Kentucky, learning their culture and religion. He helped to obtain the property needed and saw a dream of converting a stable into a church for His House Ministries in Mayfield, Ky. He never met a stranger and loved everyone. He is survived by the special love of his life, his wife of thirty years, Delores J. (née Coursey) Via; one special stepson, Bradford A. Jackson; a very special granddaughter and the light of his life, Jaycie Allen Coursey; a very special nephew, Jason Coursey; his very special adopted daughter, Patches Burnett, all of Paducah. His daughter, Rosemary Kathryn Via Barber and her son, Zach Peterson; two sisters, Linda Inez Downey and Rosemary Roeitties; one nephew and four nieces also survive him. He was preceded in death by his parents,; and one brother, Cortez "Stack" Via. Funeral services were held at 1:00 PM Tuesday at Gospel Mission Worship Center. Pastor Brian Nicholson and Pastor Lorenzo Nicholson of Richmond, VA co-officiated. Burial was at Woodlawn Memorial Gardens with full military rites. Visitation was from 5:00-8:00 PM Monday at the church. Milner and Orr Funeral Home of Paducah were in charge of arrangements. It was John's request that contributions be made to Disabled American Veterans, Miles Meredith Chapter #7, Post Office Box 3274, Paducah, Kentucky 42002 or St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, Tennessee 38105. You may leave a message of sympathy or light a memorial candle at www.milnerandorr.com

RUDOLPH LEE "Rudy" WEST - Died Tuesday, March 29, 2011, at Lynchburg General Hospital, in Lynchburg, Virginia, after a long battle with Parkinson's disease. He was a resident of Amherst, Virginia and 74 years of age. He was born in Harnett County, North Carolina on April 2, 1936, to the late Rudolph and Lillian (née Atkins) West, of Dunn, North Carolina. He is survived by his wife, Viola Harris West; three daughters; Jaynene Casey, Sandra Kelley, Jessica Casey; three sons; Ricky West, Jimmy Stewart, and Jeff Stewart. Brother; Robert Earl West, of Garner N.C., 14 grandchildren and 6 great grandchildren. He is predeceased by one sister; Deborah Purdy-West, two brothers; Neill Turner West, and James Stewart West. Rudy received a Bachelor of Arts degree from Campbell University in Buies Creek, North Carolina, a Master of Divinity from Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary in Wake Forest, North Carolina and Master of Education from Lynchburg College, Lynchburg, Virginia. Rudy served in the United States Marines and later joined the United States Army, he retired as a Master Sergeant after 20 years honorable service, also serving in Vietnam. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Lynchburg Chapter #196**. A memorial service honoring Rudy will be held Saturday, April 2, 2011, at 12 p.m. at Amherst Baptist Church located at 226 Lexington Turnpike, Amherst, Virginia with the Dr. David N. Clay officiating. The family requests that in lieu of flowers memorial contributions be made in Rudy's name to; Amherst Baptist Church Building Fund Post Office Box 494, Amherst, Virginia 24521 or the American Parkinson Disease Association 135 Parkinson Avenue, Staten Island, New York 10305.

THOMAS S. WILL – Died Wednesday, October 27, 2010 in Ellicott City, Maryland at the age of 74. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on April 8, 1936. He is survived by his wife, Nancy. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Frederick Chapter #304**.

GARY ANDERSON YOUNG - Died Friday, December 23, 2011 at his residence in Texarkana, Texas at the age of 64. The cause of death was Agent Orange-related cancer and heart disease. He was born May 10, 1947 in Nashville, Arkansas to Ollie Stilson and the late Robert Young. He was retired from International Paper Company, a member of the Farren Road Baptist Church, a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Texarkana Chapter #278**, member of the Texarkana Gun Club and a United States Army veteran having served during the Vietnam War. In addition to his father, he was preceded in death by step-father, Joel Stilson. He is survived by his wife of 37 years, Margaret Young; one son and daughter-in-law, Brandy and Lydia Young; three sisters and brothers-in-law, Anita and David Fincher, Cathey and Tim Lutes, Diana and Steve Arnold; two grandchildren, Tristan and Carrington and a number of other relatives. Graveside services will be held at 12 noon Saturday at the Rock Hill Cemetery with the Reverend David Seifert officiating. Burial is under the direction of Chapelwood Funeral Home.

**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.