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FARRELL JOHN ADAMS - Died Tuesday, December 11, 2012 in Odenville, Alabama at the age of 65. The cause of death was chronic obstructive pulmonary disorder. He was born in Leeds, Alabama on October 29, 1947 to the late Carvie & Nora Adams. In addition to his parents, he was also predeceased by his brother Ralph Adams. Farrell is survived by his wife, Frances Adams "Frankie", two daughters: Tia Howard (Justin), and Karen Hale (David); 2 Sons: Brandon Adams, and Lee Hosey (Laura); two Brothers: J. W. Adams (Cathy) and Terrell Adams (Loretta); sister, Ellen Harding (Pat); nine grandchildren and multiple nieces and nephews. He served in the United States Marine Corps from September 5, 1968 to February 4, 1970 with a tour in Vietnam. Farrell was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Pleasant Grove Chapter #416** and a member of the American Legion in Leeds, AL. The funeral service was Thursday, December 13, 2012 at 2:00 PM. from the Kilgroe Funeral Home Chapel. The family received friends on Wednesday, December 12, 2012 from 6:00 PM until 8:00 PM. Visit online at www.kilgroefuneralhome.com.

JOHN J. "Jack" ALBRIGHT – Died Tuesday, January 1, 2014 in the Soldier's Home in Holyoke, Massachusetts at the age of 66. The cause of death was renal failure. He was born in Turners Falls, Massachusetts on April 3, 1946. He served in the United States Navy from August 4, 1964 to September 27, 1968. He was a *Permanently Hospitalized Veteran* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Springfield Chapter #111**. He was interred with full military honors on January 7, 2012 at the Massachusetts State Veterans Cemetery in Agawam, Massachusetts.

RONALD MEREDITH "Ronnie" ALEXANDER - Died Thursday, June 14, 2012 at the Alpha Health and Rehabilitation Center at the age of 65. He was a resident of Greer, South Carolina. The cause of death was complications from Agent Orange-related Diabetes Mellitus Type II. He was born in Greenville, South Carolina on October 25, 1946 to the late Grady Livingston and Ruth Helen (née Horne) Alexander. He was a graduate of Greer High School and a retired employee of Carotell Paper. Mr. Alexander was a United States Army Vietnam Veteran. He served from January 26, 1966 to January 13, 1969 with a tour in Vietnam from 1966 to 1967. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Greenville Chapter #523**, Greer DAV Chapter of 39, and National Order of Trench Rats Chapter 638, where he was the imperial executive Rat for the ninth district. He was former adjutant of Greer DAV for 30 years and service officer for 26 years. Mr. Alexander was a member of Faith Temple. Surviving are his wife, Linda Smith Alexander of the home; one son, John J. Alexander and wife Jessica of Taylors; one daughter Ruth Ann Lindsey and husband Tony of Lyman; one brother David Alexander of Piedmont; one sister Rosemary Alexander of Greenville; five grandchildren, Allison Lindsey, Kara Lindsey,

Aubrey Alexander, Erin Alexander and Autumn Alexander and nephew Sgt. Bryan Pate. Mr. Alexander was predeceased by a daughter Cherrie Alexander. Funeral services were held 2:00 PM Sunday at Faith Temple conducted by the Reverend Raymond Burrows, Mr. Don Lollis and Mr. Pat Ramsey. Burial was in the church cemetery with full military rites. Pallbearers were Ron McCutcheon, Alan Tucker, Eric Odom, Michael Juarez, Roger Tate, and Eddie Smith. Honorary escort was the DAV Chapter 39 and Vietnam Veterans. Visitation hours were held from 6:00-8:00 PM Saturday at Wood Mortuary. Memorials may be made to Greer Chapter 39 DAV, c/o Jimmie Duncan, 2420 Few Bridge Road, Greer, South Carolina 29651 or Vietnam Veterans of America, #523, P.O. Box 3862, Greenville, South Carolina 29608.

GUY FRANKLIN ANHORN - Died Thursday, October 11, 2012 in Blue Bell, Pennsylvania at the age of 66. The cause of death is unknown. He was born August 30, 1946 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania the son of Marie (née McGinley) Cotter and her husband, Tom, of Berwyn, Pennsylvania and the late Franklin Anhorn. He was the husband of Paula V. (née Gromelski) Anhorn. The two were married April 8, 1972. Mr. Anhorn graduated from Girard College in 1964 and earned his Bachelor of Science degree after attending Penn State University and West Chester State College and University. He served his country honorably in the United States Army in both Germany and Vietnam beginning November 22, 1968 until his honorable discharge on January 22, 1970 having attained the rank of SP5. Guy served 33 years on the Whitemarsh Police Department, retiring as a sergeant in 2003. He was a professional photographer and was an active volunteer with several veteran organizations, including **Vietnam Veterans of America – Blue Bell Chapter #349**, Disabled Veterans Chapter 25, Catholic War Veterans Post 1182, Blue Knights Pennsylvania XXII, and the Greater Pennsylvania Military Vehicle Historical Society. Guy created VeteransMuseum.org, a website that was recognized for producing and directing original war documentaries. He also started a local honor guard, Central Montgomery County Veterans Honor Guard, for military services. In addition to his wife and parents, he is survived by three children, Jason Anhorn of Philadelphia, Rebecca Anhorn and wife, Kristen Sullivan, of Skippack, and Susan Messmer and husband, Cpt. Kevin T. Messmer, of Lansdale; two grandchildren, Gideon and Baela Jean; two brothers, Tom and Joe; and his mother-in-law, Veronica Gromelski of Blue Bell. He was preceded in death by his sister, Jean Brooks. A visitation to celebrate Guy's life was held from 6:00 to 8:00 PM Monday, October 15, 2012 at Huff & Lakjer Funeral Home, 701 Derstine Ave., Lansdale. His Graveside Service was held 10:30 AM Tuesday, October 16th at Washington Crossing National Cemetery, 830 Highland Road, Newtown. Friends and relatives were invited to meet at the funeral home at 9:00 AM for a formal procession or gather at the cemetery 15 minutes prior to the service. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that contributions be made to any of the aforementioned veterans' organizations.

CURTIS BARGER - Died Tuesday, December 18, 2012, at Saint Joseph in London, Kentucky at the age of 84. He was a resident of London, Kentucky. The cause of death is unknown. He was born September 28,, 1928. He was a member of the East Bernstadt Church of God, a United States Army veteran of the Korean War and a retired press operator in the automobile industry. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – London Chapter 868**. He is survived by his wife, Mildred Barger, London; the following children, Terry (Linda) Barger, Dale (Sandra)

Barger and Katina (Craig) Singleton, all of London, and Melanie (Jeff) Massey, of Manchester; seven grandchildren; 1 great-grandchildren; and a brother, Crafton Barger, Saul, Ky. Funeral services were conducted at 1:00 PM Thursday, December 20th at the East Bernstadt Church of God with Eric Richardson and Eddie Hall co-officiating. Burial was in the Cumberland Memorial Gardens, Lily. Britton Funeral Home of Manchester was in charge of arrangements.

RICHARD G. BARON, SR. – Died Wednesday, December 26, 2012 in Elgin, Illinois at the age of 68. The cause of death was intra-cranial bleed and cardiac arrest. He was born in Chicago, Illinois on June 24, 1944. He was the beloved husband of Mary R. (née Dessent); loving father of Beth Baron, Jennifer (Matt) Alfini and Richard Jr. (Lauren) Baron; cherished grandfather of Payton Alfini; dear brother of Donald (Irene) Baron and Carole (Chis) Pagor; and uncle of many. Richard was a proud United States Army Vietnam veteran. He served from December 8, 1967 to December 7, 1973 with a tour of duty in Vietnam from 1968 to 1969. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Des Plaines Chapter #311**. Visitation was from 3:00 to 9:00 PM Friday, December 28th at Ahlgrim & Sons Funeral and Cremation Services, 330 W. Golf Road, Schaumburg. Prayers were said at 8:15 AM Saturday, December 29th at the funeral home, proceeding to St. Matthew Catholic Church, Schaumburg for 9:00 AM Mass. Interment was in Memory Gardens Cemetery, Arlington Heights. In lieu of flowers, donations to the Disabled American Veterans, P.O. Box 14301, Cincinnati, OH 45250 appreciated.

NELSON HERMAN BARR - Died in Oklahoma City Oklahoma on Thursday, December 6, 2012 at the age of 75. The cause of death is unknown. He was born December 13, 1936 at Wauseon, Ohio to the late Herman Nelson Barr and Marguerite Julia (née Wendt) Barr. He proudly served his country in the United States Air Force. On April 20, 1988 he and Jane Childs were united in marriage at Fort Bend County, Texas. She preceded him in death January 6, 2009. Nelson worked several years as a security guard and actively supported many organizations in the community such as Mason in OK and TX, VFW, DAV, a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Lawton Chapter #751** and American Legion. Survivors include one son, David C. Barr of Aurora, CO; a brother, Orville Charles Barr of Livermore, CA. and sister, Norma J. Dohr of Onaway, MI. He was preceded in death by his parents and wife. A memorial service was conducted at 2:00 PM Tuesday, Dec. 11, 2012 at Don Grantham Funeral Home Chapel. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be sent to Masonic- St Jude Children's Hospital.

ABEL De Los SANTOS BARRERA, SR. - 63, of Victoria, Died Sunday, October 28, 2012 in Victoria, Texas at the age of 63. The cause of death was heart disease. He was born December 16, 1948 in Robstown, Texas to Jose Lopez Barrera and Santos De Los Santos Barrera of Victoria. He was a Catholic and retired from Union Carbide as an electrical technician. He served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War. He was also a member of the VFW, CWV, Veterans of Foreign Affairs, and a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Victoria Chapter #898**. He is survived by his parents; wife, Teri De Leon Barrera of Victoria; daughter, Kathleen Barrera of Victoria; son, Abel Barrera Jr. of Victoria; sisters, Irma Sanchez (Richard) of Victoria and Belinda De La Rosa (Joe) of Victoria; numerous nieces and nephews; and the love of his life, grandson, Isaiah N. Vasquez. He was preceded in death by his brother, Richard Barrera; and niece, Isabel Gonzalez. Visitation hours were from 2:00 PM with the recitation of the Rosary at

7:00 PM on Tuesday, October 30, 2012 at Artero Memorial Chapels. Visitation resumed from 8:00 - 9:30 AM at Atero Memorial Chapels before a funeral Mass at 10:00 AM at Our Lady of Sorrows Catholic Church on Wednesday, October 31, 2012. Burial with full military honors was held under the auspices of the Victoria County Veterans Council, AL, CWV, VFW, DAV, MCL, MOWW, Ex-POW, MOPH, VVA, and the KWV at Resurrection Cemetery. The Pallbearers were Abel Barrera Jr., Oscar Ortiz, Richard Sanchez, John Flores, Joe De La Rosa, Dr. Jesse De Leon, Chilo Barrera, and Bobby Rodriguez. Honorary pallbearer: Isaiah N. Vasquez. The arrangements were under the direction of Artero Memorial Chapels, Victoria.



LEWIS F. BAUMANN - Died Friday, October 12, 2012 in Fenton, Missouri at the age of 89. The cause of death was cancer. He was born July 13, 1923. He was the beloved husband of Mary E. Baumann (née Linson); loving father of Jean Geitz, Butch and Phil Baumann; dear grandfather of 6 and great-grandfather of 8; dear brother of Grace Huss and Carol Huss; our dear father-in-law, brother-in-law, uncle and friend. Mr. Baumann was a World War II Army Purple Heart veteran in the Battle for Henderson Field, Guadalcanal. He retired at 82 years old from a 51 year career at the Ford dealership in Maplewood, Missouri. He was a long time member of the 300-500 Club and the Society of Professional Sales Managers. He was a member of American Legion Post #400 for 53 years. He was a member of Cedar Hill VFW, Purple Heart Association and Honorary member of **Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America – Manchester Chapter #1028**. The funeral from Kustis Affton Chapel, 10151 Gravois, Wednesday, October 17, 10:30 AM to St. Paul Catholic Church (Fenton) for an 11:00 AM Mass. Interment was in the J. B. National Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, contributions to The American Cancer Society or Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation appreciated. Visitation hours were on Tuesday, 4:00-8:00 PM.



RODNEY CHARLES BEHNKE - Died unexpectedly on Saturday, December 3, 2011, at St. Luke's Medical Center in Milwaukee, Wisconsin at the age of 65. He was a resident of Waukesha, Wisconsin and formerly of Baraboo, Wisconsin. The cause of death was heart failure. He was born October 30, 1946, in Madison, Wisconsin to the late August and Clara (née Dykoff) Behnke. He graduated from Baraboo High School in 1964 and continued his education at Aurora College in Aurora, Illinois, where he received a Bachelor's degree. While attending college, Rodney was a star goalie for the college soccer team. Rodney continued to further his education throughout his life with various education courses. After college, Rodney enlisted in the United States Air Force and served his country during the Vietnam War. After his honorable discharge from the Air Force, he was united in marriage to Carolina Moon in Madison. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Milwaukee Chapter #324**. They were blessed with two children. Rodney was employed as a salesman in the welding supply industry and worked for several businesses, some of which included Welders Supply in Waukesha, Bentley Welding Supply of Brookfield, Waukesha Foundry and Machinery and Welder's Corp. of West Allis. In his spare time, Rodney enjoyed fishing, hunting, trapshooting and watching sports including the Milwaukee Brewers, Wisconsin Badgers, Green Bay Packers and NASCAR. He especially enjoyed

spending time with his son, daughter and grandson. Rodney spent time volunteering to help wounded veterans in the Milwaukee area. In addition, he was a member of the New Life Community Advent Christian Church in Baraboo. Survivors include his son, Adam of Madison; a daughter, Andrea of Madison; a grandson, Camron of Madison; a sister, Dorothy Ebsen of Madison; a brother-in-law, Lawrence "Red" (Mary Ann) Sinclair of Waukesha; and two nieces, Melanie (Brett) Staplmann and Cindy Ebsen. Also surviving are five cousins, Gary, Greta, Greg, Gordon and Glenda Ranum; and the Krejchik family. Rodney was preceded in death by his parents; an infant son; and a sister, Donna. Funeral services were held at 11:00 AM Thursday at Rago-Baldwin Funeral Home, 520 East Street, Baraboo, with Pastor Jesse Stevens officiating. Visitation hours took place at the funeral home from 9:30 AM until the time of service Thursday. Burial was held in the Caledonia Lutheran Cemetery with graveside military rites provided by Veterans of Foreign Wars Greenwood Memorial Post No. 987.



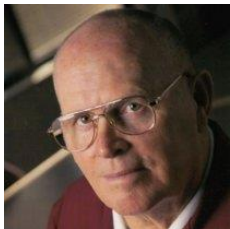
DARRELL BELZER – Died Thursday, June 14, 2012 in Des Moines, Iowa at the age of 61. The cause of death is unknown. He was born August 23, 1950 in Albia, Iowa to Henry M. and Joan M. (née Clouse) Belzer. He married Mary Jean Lalli August 19, 1972 in Albia. A graduate of Albia High School in 1968, he served in the United States Army during the Vietnam Conflict. Darrell worked 32 years at John Deere Ottumwa Works, retiring in 2005. He was a member of UAW Local #74 serving as a Union Steward and for the last 9 years as a Committeeman. He was a member of St. Patrick Catholic Church, Formal Masonic Lodge #442 A.F. & A.M. and was a

Shriner. He was also a member of O.B. Nelson Post #3 American Legion where he served as Financial Adjunct. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Ottumwa Chapter #667**. Surviving is his wife, Mary; two daughters, Jill (Chris) Kesterson of Ankeny and Lisa Belzer of Ottumwa; five grandchildren, Carly, Creighton, Camryn, Julia and Mariah; his mother, Joan Belzer of Ottumwa; a brother, Forrest (Kathy) Belzer of Rock Island, IL; a sister, Deanne (Ralph) Hickenbottom of Fairfield. He was preceded in death by a daughter, Ami Jean Belzer and his father. Funeral Mass was at 10:00 AM Monday at St. Patrick Catholic Church with Father Patrick Hilgendorf presiding. Military services were conducted by O.B. Nelson Post #3 American Legion and Walter B. Schafer Post #775 Veterans of Foreign Wars. Cremation followed the service. Private inurnment was in St. Mary Cemetery in Albia. Memorials may be made to Ronald McDonald House or Hospice, 927 Pennsylvania Ave. Ottumwa, Iowa 52501.



BRADLEY HARRISON BEMIS – Died on Sunday, December 16, 2012 in Longview, Texas at the age of 65. The cause of death is unknown. He was born February 3, 1947, in Geneva, Ohio to the late Virginia Marie (née Armstrong) Bemis and Floyd Bemis of Longview. He had been a resident of Longview since the late 1980s, formerly living in Arlington, Texas for more than 30 years. He retired from the United States Navy after 20 years of service and also retired from the United States Postal Service after 22 years. He was a member of VFW No. 1183 and a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Longview**

Chapter #987. In addition to his father, he is survived by his wife, Mary Ann Phillips Bemis of Longview; four children, Thomas Bemis of El Centro, California, Brad Bemis Jr. of Seattle, Washington, Carl Bemis and wife, Kim, of Abilene, Texas and Renee Green and husband, Preston, of Longview; father,; two brothers, Doug Bemis and wife, Lee Ann, and Mark Bemis and wife, Sharon, all of Longview; eight grandchildren; and one great-grandchild. His family invited friends to visit with them to celebrate his life anytime between 1:00-3:00 PM Saturday, December 22, 2012, at 2558 FM 1844 in Longview, Texas 75605 (the house in the back). In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to VFW No. 1183 or VVA No. 987, both in Longview. Arrangements were by Hilliard Funeral Home in Van.



JOHN OWEN BLAIR (USA-CSM-Ret.) - Died Saturday, January 26, 2013 in Lawton, Oklahoma at the age of 76. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on June 12, 1936 in Preston, Oklahoma to the late Joe E. and Mary (née Page) Blair. He grew up in Preston and graduated from Preston High School. He attended Northeastern College at Tahlequah before going to work for Oklahoma Natural Gas in Tulsa where he worked for several years. He married Ruby Lee Harris on February 13, 1964 in Claremore, Oklahoma. John also joined the United States National Guard in 1956 and served until going into the United States Army and served until retiring on September 30, 1989. While in the military, he served two tours in Germany and served in Vietnam and also worked for the Pentagon for two years. He earned many awards and medals including the Bronze Star with oak leaf cluster, Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal, Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross Unit with palm, Driver and Mechanic Badge, Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, Overseas Service Bars-2, Meritorious Service Medal with fourth oak leaf clusters, National Service Defense Service Medal, Vietnam Service Medal-2, Bronze Service Stars, Army Commendation Medal with oak leaf cluster, Humanitarian Service Medal, Vietnam Service Medal, Vietnam Campaign Medal, Bronze Star Medal with oak leaf cluster, Sharpshooter Badge (Rifle M-16), Noncommissioned Officer Professional Development Ribbon,-5, Army Good Conduct Medal, Armed Forces Reserve Medal, Army Service Ribbon and Overseas Service Ribbon with numeral two. He earned the rank of Command Sergeant Major. While serving his country, he also earned his Associates Degree from Cameron University. After the military, he and his wife, Ruby were volunteers at Southwestern Medical Center, which earned John the FRIST Award (National Volunteer of the Nation). He also ran the Annual Law Day Dinner every May for many years. He was very active in First United Methodist Church and was also a volunteer for the Boy Scouts, member of the VFW, and head of the Eisenhower Village Crime Watch Program. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Lawton Chapter #751**. He served as president of the Optimist Club in Ardmore and was active in the Lawton Optimist Club. He volunteered with the Lawton City Jail where he would bring family members to see their loved ones. He was a great, loving and supporting father and stepfather. He is survived by his loving wife of 48 years, Ruby, of the home; two sons, Bill Hundley, of Canyon Lake, Texas and John Owen Blair II and his wife, Gina, of Burkburnett, Texas; two daughters and a son in law, Donna Little and Gary Davidson, of Lawton and Jeannine Montgomery, of Lawton; four sisters and a brother in law, Alchesta Brown, of Albuquerque, New Mexico, Virginia Curl, of Okmulgee, Oklahoma and Mary Ella and J.C. Dixon, of Okmulgee and his twin sister, Janie McElhannon, of Henrietta, Oklahoma; eight grandchildren, five great

grandchildren, and numerous nieces and nephews. In addition to his parents he was predeceased by two brothers, Joe Blair and Bill Blair; and three sisters, Phyllis Gassaway, Juanita Shick and Nancy Carter. Funeral service was at 1:00 PM on Wednesday, January 30, 2013 at First United Methodist Church with the Reverend Al Potts, pastor officiating. The burial with full military honors was at the Post Cemetery, Fort Sill, Oklahoma under the direction of Lawton Ritter Gray Funeral Home. There was a special viewing and visitation for family and friends on Tuesday, January 29, 2013 at the funeral home. Memorial Contributions may be made to the Salvation Army at 1315 SW "F" Ave., Lawton, Oklahoma 73501.



MICHAEL BENJAMIN "Mike" BOHRINGER - Died Sunday, September 9, 2012 at the Community Living Center Hospice in the William S. Middleton Memorial VA Hospital, Madison, Wisconsin at the age of 63. He was a resident of Rudolph, Wisconsin. The cause of death was cancer. He was born in Lancaster, Wisconsin on May 18, 1949 to the late Grant and Florine (née King) Bohringer. Michael served in the United States Marine Corps from 1966 to 1972, serving two tours in Vietnam. He received the National Defense Service medal, Vietnam Campaign Medal, Vietnam service Medal, Combat Action Ribbon, Presidential Unit Citation, and a Purple Heart. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Stevens Point Chapter #115**. He married Barbara Wolden in Lancaster in 1995. They started a craft business, attending craft shows throughout Wisconsin, and selling woodcrafts through their website for over 15 years. Their business, Sundance Designs, was named after Michael's loyal canine companion. Michael is survived by his wife, Barbara, Rudolph; foster mother, Gloria Jones, Platteville, WI; Stepchildren, Brian (Kathy) Wolden, Nekoosa, Amy (Shane) Scheel, Wisconsin Rapids; and four grandchildren, Kayla Wolden, Jace Wolden, Elijah Scheel and Landon Scheel; a sister, Rachel Bohringer, Broken Arrow, OK; brothers, Sammy Bohringer, Oconomowoc, WI, and Joel Bohringer, Germantown, WI. He was preceded in death by 4 sisters, Abigail, Dinah, Ruthie, Shoshanah, and a brother, David. A Celebration of his life took place at 10:30 AM Friday, September 14 at Boston Funeral Home, with his sister officiating, the Reverend Rachel Bohringer. Full military honors were accorded during the service. Visitation took place at the funeral home on Thursday from 5:00 PM until 7:00 PM and on Friday from 9:30 AM until the time of service. Burial took place at a later date at the Central Wisconsin Veteran's Memorial Cemetery in King, Wisconsin. His family would like to express sincere gratitude to the Hospice staff of the VA Hospital in Madison for the loving care and concern Michael was given.

THORNTON AKIN BURNS, JR. (USA-COL-Ret.) - Died Saturday, December 8, 2012 in Forsyth, Georgia at the age of 80. The cause of death was lung cancer. He was born July 12, 1932, in Forsyth, Georgia to the late Thornton Akin Burns, Sr. and Mary Emily (née Zellner) Burns. He was a graduate of Gordon Military College, Barnesville, Georgia. He attended Virginia Military Institute, Lexington, Virginia and was a graduate of the United States Military Academy, West Point, New York. He retired after twenty-eight years from the United States Army, having served two tours of duty in Vietnam, and served as the United States Army Defense Attaché Officer at the US Embassy in Helsinki, Finland. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Forsyth Chapter #946**. Survivors include his wife, Susan V. Burns of Forsyth,

daughter, Katherine (Craig) Basel of Richmond Hill, Georgia, sister, Charlotte Burns Adams of Tucker, Georgia, brother, Andrew David Burns of Commerce, Georgia, grandchildren, Christian Paul Basel of Charleston, South Carolina, Nicholas Craig Basel of Sandy Springs, Georgia and Kathleen Thornton Basel of Statesboro, Georgia. Funeral services were held at 3:00 PM, Tuesday, December 11, 2012, at Forsyth First Baptist Church with burial in Forsyth City Cemetery. Dr. H. Darrell Watson officiated. The family greeted friends from 6:00 PM until 8:00 PM, Monday, December 10, 2012, at Monroe County Memorial Chapel. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations to the Vietnam Veterans of America, PO Box 1144, Forsyth, GA 31029 or to the Wounded Warrior Project, Post Office Box 758517, Topeka, Kansas 66675. Please visit www.monroecountymemorialchapel.com to express tributes. Monroe County Memorial Chapel was in charge of the arrangements.

TINO CALCANO – Died Monday, February 4, 2013 in San Juan, Puerto Rico. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in San Juan. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – San Juan Chapter #59**.

RONALD T. CAMPBELL – Died in 2012 in Fort Dodge, Iowa at the age of 76. The cause of death is unknown. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was an *At-Large Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Iowa**.

EFRAIN CARDONA, JR. – Died Friday, September 23, 2011 in Cape Coral, Florida at the age of 64. The cause of death is unknown. He was born September 16, 1947. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Cape Coral Chapter #594**.

DUANE M. “Redd” CARR - Died Sunday, April 29, 2012 in Indianapolis, Indiana at the age of 62. The cause of death was a heart attack. He was born January 29, 1950, in Spring Valley, New York to the late Charles and Isobel Carr. Duane was a 1969 Howe High School graduate. He served his country in the United States Army during Vietnam, where he was wounded on October 21, 1969 and received the Purple Heart and a Bronze Star with a "V" Device. He married Nina Smilko on February 28, 1970, was a cab driver from 1984 to 2001 and was owner/operator of Shuttleman. Duane was a *Life Member* of DAV, **Vietnam Veterans of America – Lawrence Chapter #295**, Military Order of Purple Heart, National POW/MIA Coordinator, VFW Post #261, life member of AMVETS, and the Ft. Harrison Chapter of Vet to Vets. Visitation was on Wednesday, May 2, 2012 from 4:00 PM until 8:00 PM and Thursday, May 3, from 11:00 AM until the time of service at 12:00 Noon at Victory Baptist Church, 5350 Ashurst Street, Indianapolis. Duane is survived by his wife, Nina Smilko Carr; children, Allyson R. Tibbs (Andrew Clemans), John M. Carr (Amber Smith), Samuel D. Carr (Amber), Ty A. Carr (Dana Bowen) and Rachel D. Arreola (Hugo); son-in-law, Keith Tibbs; brother, Bewye D. Carr (Judy); sisters-in-law, Virginia L. Fisher, Elaine Kirk (Monty), Janice Lockett (Bob) and Teresa Smilko; 17 grandchildren; and 18 nieces and nephews. A sister, Lydia Carr, also preceded him in death. Memorial contributions may be made to Bearing Precious Seed, Greenwood, IN. Arrangements entrusted to Shirley Brothers Washington Memorial Chapel.

JOHN CHAVERS – Died Wednesday, January 23, 2013 in Lawton, Oklahoma at the age of 83. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Kansas City, Missouri on November 27, 1929. He is survived by his wife, Katherine, of the home; three stepdaughters, Pamela (Frank) Proctor, of Houston, Texas, LaWanda Wilson, of Anadarko, Oklahoma and Vonya Craig, of El Reno, Oklahoma; a stepson, Charles McKinney, of Lawton; adopted children, Dennis and Roselyn Hodges, Annie B. Birchfield, all of Lawton, and Vanessa and Lamar Williams, of Columbus, Ohio; a goddaughter, the Reverend Laswanique M. Gray, of Carbonville, Illinois, and; a cousin, Mark (Pam) Kelly, of Lenexa, Kansas. He served in the United States Navy and United States Army for more than twenty years and retired at the rank of Staff Sergeant. He was a member of Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #1193, Triple Nickle 555 Airborne Association, The Buffalo Soldier Ninth and Tenth (Horse) Calvary Association, Lawton-Fort Sill Chapter and N.A.A.C.P. Lawton Chapter. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Lawton Chapter #751**. He was an active and longtime member of Grant Chapel African Methodist Episcopal Church. Funeral services were at 11:00 AM on Friday, January 25th at the Grant Chapel African Methodist Episcopal Church at 1628 SW McKinley Avenue. Visitation hours were from 1:00 – 5:00 PM on Thursday, January 24th at the Howard-Harris Funeral Home in Lawton.

STEVE CHISOLM – Died Friday, February 17, 2012 in Groveland, California at the age of 65. The cause of death is unknown. He was born June 24, 1946. He is survived by his daughter, Jeanette Chisolm. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Sonora Chapter #391**.

GEORGE H. “Uncle Butch” COLEMAN III - Died Friday, January 13, 2012 in Brooksville, Florida at the age of 67. He was formerly from Tampa, Florida. The cause of death was heart failure. He was born in Greenville, Alabama on November 6, 1944. He moved to Tampa where he attended Chamberlain High School and graduated with the class of 1963. After graduation, George worked as a lead grounds keeper for the Cincinnati Reds. He served in the United States Air Force and the United States Army where he served his country in Vietnam. He was an *At-Large Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Florida**. He was a very compassionate man, and touched many lives, and will be greatly missed by all that knew him. George is survived by his sister, Rebecca Sandel and her husband Ronald; nephew, Gary Sandel; niece, Tracey Sultan; great-nieces, Melissa and Samantha Sandel; and great nephews, Andrew Roth and Dustin Sultan. A procession commenced from the Brooksville Chapel on Wednesday, January 18, 2012 at 11:30 AM and proceeded to the Florida National Cemetery where interment took place with Military Honors. In lieu of flowers, family requested donations be made to the American Heart Association. Brewer & Sons Funeral Home was in charge of the arrangements.



KENNETH D. “Kenny” CORBETT – Died Tuesday, June 16, 2009 in Lansing, Michigan at the age of 62. The cause of death is unknown. He was born September 6, 1946 in Big Rapids, Michigan to the late Jack and Beulah Corbett. Surviving are: one brother, Rex (Carol) Corbett of Petoskey; two sisters, Marianne Hunt of North Carolina and Ella (Blair) Shaw of Hersey; and nephews, nieces, and an extensive spiritual family. Ken was a Sergeant in the United States Marine Corps serving in Vietnam. He was a *Life Member* of

Vietnam Veterans of America – Michigan. He earned a BA (James Madison) and an MA (Journalism) from Michigan State University. His career as a journalist included writing for the military, daily newspapers, and state government (office of substance abuse services) from which he retired in 1997 with 25 years of service. He was an active member of AA since 1979. A memorial service was held at 10:00 AM Saturday, June 20, 2009 at the Estes-Leadley Greater Lansing Chapel, 325 W. Washtenaw Street, Lansing, Michigan 48933. In lieu of flowers, those desiring may make contributions to the Alano Club, Inc., 2909 West Genesee, Lansing, Michigan 48917.

JOHN W. CWIK - Died Wednesday, November 7, 2012, at his residence in Manville, New Jersey at the age of 63. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Somerville, New Jersey on February 22, 1949, to Walter and Helen Cwik. He was a United States Navy veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a member of the Manville-Hillsborough Elks Lodge #2119; **Vietnam Veterans of America – Flemington Chapter #452**; and American Legion Post 3304, Manville. Surviving are two daughters, Cassandra Ferreira of New Rochelle, N.Y., and Jessica Dispensa of Frenchtown; two sisters, Connie Manning of Nazareth, Pa., and Tina Balena of Clinton; and two grandchildren: Alexander Ferreira and Isla Dispensa. Funeral services were held on Wednesday at 11:45 AM in the Holcombe-Fisher Funeral Home, 147 Main Street, Flemington. Interment was in the Brigadier General Doyle Veterans Cemetery, Arnetown. Calling hours were held on Tuesday from 6:00-8:00 PM in the funeral home.



JOSEPH DeLUCA – Died Sunday, July 1, 2012 in Providence, Rhode Island at the age of 64. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Panni (FG) Italy on January 20, 1948 to the late Giovanni and Michelina (née Capobianco) DeLuca. He was the beloved husband of Leslie (née Krapf) DeLuca. Joseph was the Principal of the Junction Alternate School in Providence and a self-employed Real Estate Agent. A lifelong football fan, Joseph was the Captain of the Central High School state champion football team and was all New England Champion in high school wrestling. He also played football at U.R.I. He later went on to play football for the Manton Avenue football team (captain), and was the Founder/ Chairman of the R.I. flag football league. Joseph was a United States Army Veteran of the Vietnam War and a Bronze Medal recipient. He was a *Charter Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – James Michael Ray Memorial (North Smithfield) Chapter #818**. He was also a Providence City Councilman for the 6th ward, Mount Pleasant for twenty years. Besides his wife, he is survived by two daughters, Michelina and Lucia DeLuca; a son Joseph DeLuca; a step-son John Quinn; a sister, Filomena Vento; two brothers, Vito and Anthony DeLuca; and six grandchildren. Calling hours were on Thursday, 4:00 – 8:00 PM, in the A. A. Mariani and Son Funeral Home, 200 Hawkins Street, Providence. The funeral was on Friday at 8:45 AM with a Mass of Christian Burial to follow at 10:00 AM in Blessed Sacrament Church, 179 Academy Avenue, Providence. Burial was in St. Ann’s Cemetery, Cranston.

DANIEL EDWARD “Doc” DOUGHERTY - Died Tuesday, February 14, 2012 at the Harford Memorial Hospital, Havre de Grace, Maryland at the age of 86. He was a resident of North East,

Maryland. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Stonehurst, Pennsylvania on November 18, 1925 to the late Daniel E. and the late Blanche (née Lloyd) Dougherty. He served his country admirably in the United States Navy with two tours during World War II on the USS Mobile, from the time it was commissioned until the time it was decommissioned. Doc was a retired Fire Marshall for the State of Maryland; a retired Tower Operator for Penn Rail Road and a Firefighter for Bainbridge Naval Training Center. He was a member of VFW Post 6027, North East, MD, serving as Past Commander; Disabled American Veterans and the Atomic Veterans Association. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Port Deposit Chapter #722**. He enjoyed working with veterans and volunteered at Perry Point VA Medical Center. Survivors include his children: Gloria McCool and her husband Ralph McCool II of Elkton, MD and Daniel E. Dougherty and his wife Lee of Winter Park, FL; 5 grandchildren: Rebecca A. Rothwell, Ralph W. McCool III, Joanna R. Harkins, Ryan C. McCool and Justin D. Dougherty. He is also survived by 9 great grandchildren and 1 great-great-grandson. Funeral services were held Saturday, February 18, 2012 at 4:00 PM at the Crouch Funeral Home, P.A., 127 South Main Street, North East, Maryland, with visitation for family and friends beginning at 3:00 PM until service time. Interment was in Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, Virginia. In lieu of flowers, the family request donations in memory of Doc to Elkton Vet Center in care of the funeral home.

PATRICK L. DUGAN – Died recently in 2012 in Cape Coral, Florida at the age of 60. The cause of death is unknown. He was born September 22, 1952. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Cape Coral Chapter #594**.

CLAUDE N. DUPLESSIS – Died Thursday, August 21, 2003 in Grand Isle, Maine at the age of 62. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on September 24, 1940 and Claude was a resident of Grand Isle, Maine. He is survived by his wife. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was an *At-Large Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Maine**.



JOHN D. EDGERTON - Died in Richmond, Virginia on Sunday, October 28, 2012, of complications from a long battle with cancer. He was 84 and a resident of Williamsburg, Virginia. He was born in Ashland, Wisconsin, on May 21, 1928 to the late Emerson William Edgerton and Josephine (née Goold) Edgerton. He graduated from Battle Creek High School in Michigan in 1945 and earned his Bachelor of Science degree from Michigan State College after serving in the United States Marine Corps at the end of World War II. John served as member of the Williamsburg Planning Commission. He was a past President of the Williamsburg Chamber of Commerce and the Williamsburg Kiwanis Club. Kiwanis president said, "One of John's most notable contributions to Kiwanis was the acquisition of a \$60,000 matching grant from the DAV to support the purchase of the CHKD Pediatric Mobile Intensive Care Unit. Those who had the pleasure of knowing John say that he was simply a genuine and generous person." He was a decorated war veteran who spent the rest of his life assisting military veterans and standing up for their cause. He was also a key business leader of Williamsburg and York County

as well as a dedicated civic leader. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Williamsburg Chapter #957**. John was married to Mary Inez Gearing on June 16, 1950. They were married 62 years. He was commissioned as an officer in the United States Army upon graduation from Michigan State in August 1952, and served in combat in the Korean and Vietnam Wars. He was highly decorated during his Army career, receiving commendations that include the Legion of Merit, Bronze Star for Heroism, multiple Air Medals, and a Purple Heart while commanding the 2nd Battalion, 8th Infantry, 4th Infantry Division in Vietnam. He served at the Pentagon in the office of the Joint Chiefs of Staff from 1965 to 1967, and the Armed Forces Staff College in Norfolk from 1969 to 1971, as he rose to the rank of Lieutenant Colonel. Upon retirement from the Army in 1971, John became a resident of Williamsburg and began a career as a business leader with positions at Peninsula Savings & Loan and Bay Savings Bank as a vice president and branch manager, and later as the Director of Industrial Development for York County. John continued to be dedicated to serving military veterans and was instrumental in establishing a Peninsula Chapter of the Military Order of the Purple Heart, and the Patrick Henry Chapter #34 of the Disabled American Veterans, where he served as the Commander of both organizations. He also served as the Executive Director for the DAV Thrift Stores and grew the retail organization from one to six stores over ten years. He was appointed a Military Aide de Camp to the Governor of Virginia for the Army and National Guard, serving Governors Allen, Gilmore, Warner, Kaine and McDonnell. Gov. Warner appointed him to the Joint Leadership Council of Veterans' Service Organizations. He also served on the Veterans Advisory Council of the Virginia War Memorial. He served on the national level with the Military Order of the Purple Heart as the Commander of the Virginia Department. He also founded the 8th Infantry Regiment of Society as a chapter of the 4th Infantry Association. John is survived by his spouse Mary G. Edgerton of Williamsburg; his sister Mary E. Runyard of St. Petersburg FL; his children J. David Edgerton of Chesapeake, Jo Edgerton Heath, her husband Todd and Amy E. Rose, her husband Ruddy, of Richmond, and Thomas William Edgerton and his wife Angela, of Bedford; his grandchildren Katherine T. Rose and Sarah H. Rose of Richmond, Emily M. Edgerton and Todd E. Edgerton of Chesapeake, Candice P. Heath of Hampton, and Thomas Elias Edgerton of Bedford, and other family and friends. In addition to his parents, John is preceded in death by sister, Martha E. Sovern of Battle Creek, MI. Visitation was held 6:00-8:00 PM Tuesday, November 6th at Nelsen Funeral Home, 3875 Strawberry Plains Rd. in Williamsburg. The funeral service was held at 1:00 PM Wednesday Nov. 7th, at Nelsen Funeral Home. John Proctor, Chaplain for Patrick Henry Chapter 34 of the Disabled American Veterans, will be officiating. Burial is being planned at Arlington National Cemetery at a future date. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be given to the Patrick Henry Chapter 34 of the Disabled American Veterans, PO Box 372, Norge, VA 23127. The family of John D. Edgerton wishes to thank Our Lady of Hope in Richmond for the compassionate and loving care they provided during the last two years of his life.

CARL E. ERIE - Died Monday, January 14, 2013 in St. Lukes Hospital, Fountain Hill, Pennsylvania at the age of 66. He was a resident of Allentown, Pennsylvania. The cause of death was a massive heart attack. He was born in Allentown, to Helen M. (née Sipos) Erie and the late Edward C. Erie. He is the husband of Patricia (née Boehm) Erie the couple married in 2012. His first wife, Emma E. (née Williams) died in 2004. He was an assembler at Mack Trucks for 28

years, working in the Allentown and Macungie plants. Carl was a United States Marine Corps Veteran serving during the Vietnam War and received a Purple Heart and Silver Star. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Easton Chapter #415**. He also was a graduate of Dieruff High School, Class of 1965. He is survived by his wife; mother; his son, William L. Erie; his daughter and son-in-law, Natelee Kiefer and her husband Daryl; step-daughter, Cathy Krchnavi; and grandson, Mason Kiefer. There was a private burial at Indiantown Gap National Cemetery. Funeral arrangements were by Bachman, Kulik & Reinsmith Funeral Home, Allentown

JAMES ALBERT EVANS - Died Saturday, December 8, 2012 in Juliette, Georgia at the age of 63. The cause of death was lung cancer. He was born June 28, 1949, in Cochran, Georgia to the late AB Evans and Sarah Pauline (née Peacock) Evans. His daughter; Erika Michelle Evans, his brother, Billy Evans and his grandchildren, Kristen and Maria Stegall preceded him in death. He was a retired contractor and a veteran of the United States Army, serving during Vietnam. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Forsyth Chapter #946**. Survivors include his children, Melissa (Donald Berry) Evans of Forsyth, Michael Jaynes of Byron and Liana Jaynes of Monroe County, sister, Jackie (Wilbur) Mosely of Milledgeville, grandchildren, CJ Norton, Angel Stegall, Jimmy Coe, Jr., Dustin Stegall, several nieces and nephews. Graveside services were held at 11:00 AM, Tuesday, December 11, 2012, at Monroe Hills Memorial Gardens. The Reverend James R. Story officiated. The family greeted friends from 6:00 PM until 8:00 PM, Monday, December 10, 2012, at Monroe County Memorial Chapel. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations to the Wounded Warrior Project, Post Office Box 758517, Topeka, Kansas 66675. Monroe County Memorial Chapel was in charge of the arrangements.



JON D. EVANS, SR. – Died Tuesday, January 15, 2013 in Rapid City, South Dakota at the age of 74. The cause of death is unknown. He was born June 16, 1938, to the late John Lee Evans and Ledora (née Knight) Evans in Nyack, New York. Jon served his country in the United States Army in Vietnam and Korea. After an honorable discharge, he returned to New York and worked 33 years for Orange & Rockland Utility Company. After his retirement he began traveling across the United States in a van-type camper. He enjoyed RV'ing and it eventually brought him to South Dakota.

He fell in love with the Black Hills and everything there was to appreciate here. He enjoyed the buffalo in Custer State Park. In 1999, he moved to Rapid City. He met Tonnie Lackey in church and in 2001 they were married. A bigger RV took them across most of the states enjoying camping. Jon was a member of a large camping club called NAARVA. Each year, hundreds of RV'ers would meet up at a camp area in any state and spend a week. He loved that. Jon was a good and generous man, always there to help at any time. His smile and personality always preceded him. Jon loved life and lived it to the fullest. He loved his log home, he loved Jesus, and he loved traveling back to Virginia for reunions and celebrations with family and friends. Jon was an active *Life Member* and *Chaplain* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Chapter #463** and of the Disabled American Veterans Association. He was a life member of the DAVA Unit 3 and the VFW Post 1273, the American Legion, Legion Riders, and 40/8. He will be greatly missed. Survivors include his wife, Tonnie Evans, Rapid City; his children: Gwendolyn Drakeford,

Hackensack, NJ; Cynthia (Frank) Phelps, Irvington, NJ; Regis Asherman, Richmond, VA; Darryl (Meta) Evans, Aiken, SC; two brothers, William (Carmen) Evans, Columbia, SC; Roger (Beatrice) Evans, New City, NY; three sisters, Gwendolyn Burnette, Nyack, NY; Marjorie (Altemus) Brown, Chesapeake, VA; and Dorothy Ann (Jay) Stukes, Spring Valley, NY; his stepmom, Sue Evans, Danville, VA; and numerous grandchildren, great-grandchildren, nieces, nephews, cousins, aunts, and uncles. He was preceded in death by both of his parents; his children, Jon D. "Guy" Evans Jr.; Tyrone Evans Sr.; and Eugena Evans; and his brothers and sisters, Mary Louise, Virginia Mae, Eugene, Gerald Myles and Wayne Ricky Evans. Visitation was from 3:00 to 5:00 PM today at Osheim & Schmidt Funeral Home in Rapid City. Services were at 1:00 PM Monday, January 21, at the South Canyon Baptist Church with Pastor Brent Reeves and Pastor Paul Lloyd officiating. Interment was at 10:00 AM Tuesday, January 22, at Black Hills National Cemetery with military honors provided by the Rushmore VFW Post 1273, the Vietnam Veterans, and the South Dakota Army National Guard. Osheim & Schmidt Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.



MARIO FANELLI - Died peacefully at home in Cherry Hill, New Jersey surrounded by his family on Thursday, November 1, 2012 at the age of 61. The cause of death was Agent Orange-related lung cancer. He was born November 22, 1950. He was the beloved husband of Mary A. (née Bovera); loving father of Kristi, Jeannine, Joshua and his wife Jennifer; devoted grandfather of Jackson and Lila; dear brother of Joseph III, Geraldine, Mary, and the late Michael. He is also survived

by many loving nieces, nephews and friends. Mario Fanelli lived a life full of love, happiness and devotion to his family, co-workers and friends. His kindness, generosity and sense of humor touched the lives of many people. Proud of his children and grandchildren, and devoted to his wife Mary, Mario knew how to live life to the fullest, balance work and home, and still have time for philanthropic work with his church and as a Freemason. Mario, following the family tradition of his father Joseph and his brothers Mike and Joe, became an electrical contractor at a very young age. His knowledge of the electric code was encyclopedic, but his interest and knowledge of many subjects was vast and varied. Mario was a mentor to many in the business world, and as a father led by example. He was an inspiration to all who knew him, and a true believer in 'paying it forward' and always keeping perspective in any situation. He was an avid classic car enthusiast always accompanied by brother Mike and son Josh, coin collector, avid player of Texas Hold 'Em poker and fan of the Harry Potter series, which he would discuss endlessly with his sister Mary and grandson Jackson. Words can never describe the joy Mario derived from his grandchildren, Jackson and Lila. He referred to himself as 'the richest man alive', and he meant it. Mario was very proud to serve his country as a Sergeant in the United States Army during the Vietnam War. During his nine month tour of service he received the Bronze Star, Army Commendation Medal and the respect of his fellow soldiers. Mario lived his life the military credo of Loyalty, Duty, Respect, Selfless Service, Honor, Integrity, and Personal Courage. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Bordentown Chapter #899**. These were more than just words to Mario, they were a way of life. Relatives and friends were invited to attend his visitation Monday morning 9:30 to 10:45 AM at Christ Our Light Roman Catholic Church 402 North Kings Highway, Cherry Hill, New Jersey. A Mass of Christian Burial

was celebrated on Monday 11:00 AM. Interment was at Harleigh Veterans Cemetery, receiving military honors. Contributions in his memory may be made to the Msgr. George Sharkey Tuition Assistance Fund at the above address or to Vietnam Veterans of America 8719 Colesville Rd, Suite 100, Silver Spring, MD 20910.



RICHARD M. FEIGO - Died Saturday, February 4, 2012 at home in Westport, Massachusetts at the age of 63. The cause of death is unknown. He was born July 27, 1948 in Fall River, Massachusetts to Mary (née Ferreira) Feigo of Fall River and the late Serafim Feigo. He was the husband of Doris (née Paul) Feigo. Richard was a Construction worker for the Forte Brothers Construction Company for over 15 years and also for the GRF Construction Company for over 8 years. He was a Veteran of the United States Army having served during Vietnam-era. He has lived in Westport for 29 years coming from Fall River, he attended church services at Sacred Heart Church in Fall River. He was a member of the Honor Guard for **Vietnam Veterans of America – Westport Chapter #207** and was also the past Vice Commander of the American Legion Post 145 Westport. Richard ran a yearly food drive for veterans. The Feigo family would like to express their sincere thanks to the Southcoast VNA, especially Paul Methot RN., for all of their services, compassion, and friendship shown to them during this difficult time. Besides his wife, and mother Mr. Feigo is survived by a son Gregory and his wife Laura of Westport, a daughter Michelle and her husband Keith Dias of Westport. He was the grandfather of Gavin Dias, and Adeline Therese Feigo. His funeral was held Thursday at 8:00 AM from the Hathaway Home for Funerals, 1813 Robeson St., Fall River, MA, followed by a Mass of Christian Burial at 9:00 AM in Sacred Heart Church, Linden Street, Fall River, MA, with burial with Military Honors following in Beech Grove Cemetery, Westport. Relatives and friends were invited to attend. Calling hours were Wednesday from 4:00 PM – 8:00 PM.

REVEREND DENNIS “Den” FENNESSY - Died Saturday, January 12, 2013 in Dayton, Ohio at the age of 65. He was born in Rochester, New York on August 8, 1947 to the late Paul M. & Marjorie L. (née Richard) Fennessy. He was ordained as a minister on Feb. 24, 2008. Den served our country in the United States Marine Corps during the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of V.F.W. #3283, American Legion #888 & **Vietnam Veterans of America – Dayton Chapter #97**, National Board of Christian Clinical Therapists, the Sarasota Academy of Christian Counselors & the National Christian Counselors Assn. Survived by his daughters, Christine Santiago (Paul) & Tammy Langley (Samuel); grandchildren, Bryan Fennessy, Stephanie Santiago & Brooke Langley; brothers, Paul Fennessy (Joyce) & James Fennessy (Nancy); niece & nephew, Jacqueline & James Fennessy, Jr.; adopted family, Judy & Kevin Moore; granddaughter, Leah D. Cooper (Thomas); grandson, Tyler C. Church. A graveside service was at 3:00 PM on Thursday, January 17, 2013 at the Dayton National Cemetery, 4100 West Third Street, Dayton, Ohio 45428 with Pastor Mark McVey, officiating. Arrangements were by the George C. Martin Funeral Home, “Northridge Chapel,” 5040 Frederick Pike, Dayton.



RONALD FRANK FILIP – Died Saturday, December 15, 2012 in Macomb, Michigan at the age of 65. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on December 31, 1946. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Roseville Chapter #154**.



WILLIAM E. FITZGERALD - Died unexpectedly Tuesday, June 2, 2009, at the Dartmouth-Hitchcock Medical Center in Hanover, New Hampshire at the age of 62. He was a resident of Newport, Vermont and formerly a longtime resident of Pittsford, Vermont. The cause of death was a heart attack. He was born on December 29, 1946, in Rutland, Vermont to the late Earl and Evelyn Grace (née Gile) Fitzgerald. Mr. Fitzgerald served in the United States Marine Corps during the Vietnam War where he received two Purple Hearts and many other medals and commendations prior to his honorable discharge. He was a creative and talented woodworker who had been employed for many years by Rutland Plywood and New England Wood Craft prior to his retirement. Mr. Fitzgerald was a member of the Knights of Columbus where he was a 3rd degree Knight of Columbus in Newport, a 4th degree Knight in Rutland and a past Grand Knight in Pittsford. He was a *Life Member* of the American Legion Post #31, Disabled American Veterans, **Vietnam Veterans of America – Rutland Chapter #1** and the Loyal Order of Moose Lodge #1122. Bill had a passion for stamp and coin collecting. He enjoyed fishing, working every year on the Pittsford Haunted House and playing bass guitar in several area bands including Edge of Blues, Short Change and Whiskers. Survivors include his wife, Paula (Doty) Fitzgerald, whom he married on Sept. 23, 1995; four daughters, Mary Kimball and her husband Everett of Newport Center, Karen Fitzgerald and fiancé Mike of Poultney, Laurie Fitzgerald and fiancé Clyde of Ira, Tina Carosella and husband Ben of Naples, Fla.; a son, James Fitzgerald and wife Amber of Granville, N.Y.; five sisters, Betty Sawyer of Rutland, Patricia LaFountain of Weybridge, Sheila Carpenter of Bristol, Shirley Kitchell of Mineville, N.Y., and Madeline LaFountain of Bridgeport; a brother, Tom Fitzgerald of Fair Haven; 12 grandchildren, six great-grandchildren; aunts, uncles and many nieces and nephews. In addition to his parents, he was predeceased by his a sister, Carol Manning; and a brother, Richard Fitzgerald. Visiting hours were on Friday from 4:00-8:00 PM at the Aldous Funeral Home, 44 North Main Street, Rutland, Vermont 05701. Funeral services were held at 10:00 AM Saturday at the St. Peter Church, Convent Avenue, Rutland. Burial was in Calvary Cemetery. Send private condolences through www.aldousfuneralhome.com. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Lung Association of Vermont, 372 Hurricane Lane, Suite 101, Williston, VT 05495; or to the American Heart Association, New England Affiliate, 20 Speen Street, Framingham, Massachusetts 01701-4688.



JAMES ARTHUR GRAY - Died Thursday, January 10, 2013 in Goose Creek, South Carolina at the age of 74. The cause of death was esophageal cancer and metastatic cancer of the liver. He was born August 5, 1938 in Manhattan, New York to the late Arthur Gray and Ruth (née Berg) Gray. He was retired from the Department of Defense as a Cost Analyst and was a

United States Army veteran of Vietnam. James was a *Life Member and Past President* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Farmingville (New York) Chapter #11**, a Civil War Re-enactor and a Past President of the Harley Owner's Group. James is survived by his spouse, Naomi "Candy" Gray of Goose Creek, SC, sons: Michael Gray, James "Butch" Gray and David Gray, stepchildren: Jennifer Madonna, Marc DiFronzo and Felix Nicolini; grandchildren: Michaela Nicolini, Sophie Evans, Kelsey Gray, Sara Gray, Ryan Gray, Allison Gray and Meghan Gray; great-grandchild, Liana Evans; and his special Service Dog, Ranger. He was preceded in death by his parents and his sister, Peggy Shepski. Funeral Service was held Tuesday, January 15, 2013 in the J. Henry Stuhr, Inc., Northwoods Chapel, 2180 Greenridge Road at 5:00 PM The family received friends Tuesday following the service at Stuhr's Northwoods Chapel until 7:00 PM. Burial services were held Wednesday January 16, 2013 in Beaufort National Cemetery at 11:00 AM. Memorials may be made to Ranger's Lead the Way, P. O. Box 281, Manhasset, New York 11030.

MORRIS J. "Morrie" GREEN - Died Sunday, November 11, 2012 in Exton, Pennsylvania at the age of 67. The cause of death was Parkinson's Disease. He was born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania March 22, 1945 to the late Isadore and Katie Green. He served in the United States Army from 1965 to 1967 with a tour in Vietnam. He is survived by his wife, Sandy; his daughter and son-in-law, Jill and Todd Roxbury; his grandson, Evan Christopher Roxbury, and; several other relatives. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Phoenixville Chapter #436**.

RONALD W. HALL – Died recently in 2012 in the Hollidaysburg Veteran Home in Hollidaysburg, Pennsylvania at the age of 60. The cause of death is unknown. He was born August 18, 1952. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Permanently Hospitalized Veteran Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Hollidaysburg Chapter #967**.

WILLIAM R. I. HALL- Died Friday, December 7, 2012 in Princeton, West Virginia at the age of 66. The cause of death was colon cancer. He was born June 9, 1945. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Princeton Chapter #638**.



EDWARD G. "Chief" HAMADY - Died at St. Elizabeth East Hospital in Lafayette, Indiana at 12:24 AM Saturday January 12, 2013 at the age of 80. The cause of death is unknown. Edward was born in Cleveland, Ohio May 1, 1932, the son of the late John Edward and Cathrine (née Kundla) Hamady. He was a graduate of Erie Academy, Erie, Pennsylvania and various Naval schools, and also attended Purdue University. He married Anna Mary Nachman at Girard, PA. February 14, 1953, and she survives. Edward made a career of the United States Navy, retiring in August 1977 with the rank of Senior Chief Quartermaster, and after serving four tours of duty in Vietnam. He also retired from the Purdue University Administrative staff in 1994. He was a member of St. Mary's Cathedral, the Knights of Columbus, American Legion Post 11, VFW Post 1154, the 40 & 8, Voiture 364, and was a Care Giver Companion volunteer all in Lafayette. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Ann Arbor (Michigan) Chapter #310**. Edward was also a member of the Navy Club, Ship 12, where he held every office, local, state and national as well

as holding every local office with the American Legion except commander. Surviving with his wife are three daughters, Cynthia McNeish of Ponte Vedra Beach, FL.; Jean Hamady of Estero, FL.; Mary Palmer (husband Marshall) of Clarks Hill, IN.; and by two sons, Michael Hamady and Mark Hamady, both of Lafayette, IN. Also surviving are 7 grandchildren, Erin McNeish, John Palmer, Rachael Palmer, Catherine Palmer, Jonathan Hamady, Nicholas Hamady and Rebecca Hamady. He was preceded in death by a son, John Edward Hamady and a sister, Charlotte Rapela. Friends called at the Hahn-Groeber Funeral Home, 1104 Columbia Street, Lafayette from 5:00 until 7:00 PM Wednesday, with the Rosary service at 4:45 PM Wednesday. Mass of Christian Burial was held at Saint Mary's Cathedral 10:30 AM Thursday, Fr. Eric Underwood officiating, with interment in St. Mary's Cemetery with military graveside rites. If friends desire, memorials may be made to the American Legion Post 11 Firing Squad "New Bus" Fund or St. Mary's Cathedral. Memories and condolences may be left at www.hahngroeberfuneralhome.com.

ROBERT EDWARD HARMON – Died in 2003 in Chattanooga, Tennessee at the age of 54. The cause of death was cancer. He was born in Oneida, Tennessee on July 22, 1949. He served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Chattanooga Chapter #203**.

GARY WAYNE HARNER - Died Sunday, January 20, 2013 at The Hospice of Dayton, Ohio at the age of 64. He was a resident of Huber Heights, Ohio. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Springfield, Ohio on February 27, 1948. Gary was a 1966 graduate of Wilbur Wright High School, he was the meat manager for Kroger Foods for over 20 years, a United States Army Veteran of Vietnam, served in the Ohio Army National Guard, a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Dayton Chapter #97** and a lifetime member of VFW Post 9494. He is survived by his son and daughter-in-law, David & Sarah Harner of Huber Heights; daughters & sons-in-law, Renee & Wes Isaacs of Kettering, Tara & Roy Sturgill of Huber Heights; sisters, Cheryl (Raymond) Moore, Diane (Glenn) Scheffer & Cindy Colvin; brothers, Karl (Pam), Kurt (Becky) & Kerry (Pam); grandchildren, Gavin, Michael, David, Amber, Tyler, Zachary & William; former wife & friend, Diane Harner and many cousins, nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends. Funeral service was at 10:00 AM Friday, January 25, 2013 at the Marker & Heller Funeral Home, Huber Heights Chapel, 5844 Old Troy Pike with Pastor Rob Wackerman officiating. Interment with Military Honors at the Dayton National Cemetery. The family will receive friends at the funeral home on Thursday from 5-7 PM. If desired, memorial contributions may be made to the Paralyzed Veterans of America in Gary's memory.

CHARLES E. HARVEY - Died Thursday December 6, 2012 in the Raccoon Township, Pennsylvania at that the age of 66. The cause of death is unknown. He was born May 14, 1946 in Aliquippa, Pennsylvania to the late Bryson and Ruth (née Aiken) Harvey. Mr. Harvey was a retired employee of Local #47-Plumbers and Steamfitters Union and he was a United States Army veteran having served in the 101st Airborne Division during the Vietnam War. He was a member and past commander of the Center Township. VFW. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Freedom Chapter #862**. All services were private. Arrangements were by Tatalovich Funeral Home and Cremation Services, Inc., 2205 McMinn Street, Aliquippa, Pennsylvania 15001.



BOBBY JOE HARRIS – Died Wednesday, June 13, 2012, in Mercy Hospital, in Lebanon, Missouri, at the age of 75. The cause of death is unknown. He was born November 14, 1936, in Statesville, North Carolina to the late Robert U. and Rosie (née Summers) Harris. On May 9, 1979, he was united in marriage to Thelma Lee Shriver, and they shared the last thirty-two years together until she died on February 5, 2012. In addition to his parents and his wife, he was also predeceased by four brothers, William Darven, Robert Paul, Robert Udell, and Jerry Ray; four sisters, Mary Deanna, Mabel Mae, Dorothy Louise, and Patty Jean. Bobby is survived by a son, Bobby Joe Harris, Jr., of Statesville, North Carolina; a step-daughter, Thelma Lewis, of Lebanon, Missouri; three step-sons, Charles and Jeffrey Greeno, both of Lebanon, Missouri, and Phillip Greeno, of Hot Springs, Nebraska; nine grandchildren; a number of great-grandchildren; a sister, Nancy Horne, of Statesville, North Carolina; several nieces and nephews; as well as a host of other relatives and friends. He was born and raised in North Carolina, and then entered the military as a young man. He served his country faithfully in the United States Army for over twenty years, retiring with the rank of Staff Sergeant. He served two tours of duty in Vietnam and was stationed stateside in Arizona, New Mexico, and Virginia. After retiring, he made his home in Missouri. Bobby was a lifetime member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and the American Legion, and was an active volunteer with the American Red Cross. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Lebanon Chapter #1014**. He had been awarded the Gloria Doss Award for his service in the Red Cross, and was also named one of Lebanon's Hometown Heroes. He was active in the Hughes Senior Center, and enjoyed dancing and singing. In his spare time he liked being outdoors where his favorite activity was fishing. Bobby was a loving father, grandfather, great-grandfather, brother, and uncle, and was a caring neighbor and friend. He will be fondly remembered for his patriotic spirit and will be greatly missed.



ROGER LEE HURLEY, SR. - Died Friday, January 11, 2013 in Mount Washington, Kentucky at the age of 71. The cause of death is unknown. He was born November 28, 1942 in Pikeville, Kentucky. Roger was a retired employee of General Electric with 31 years of service. He was a United States Navy veteran of the Vietnam War and a member of the NRA and a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Louisville Chapter #454**. He was preceded in death by his parents, Robert and Pauline Hurley; daughter, Brenda Lee Hurley; and grandson, Austin Kyle Hurley. He is survived by his wife of 45 years, the former Nancy Mattingly; daughter, Glenda (David) Maupin; son, Roger Lee (Deandra) Hurley Jr.; brothers, Don and Bob Hurley; and nine grandchildren. Funeral services were at 11:00 AM on Wednesday, January 16, at the Schmid Funeral Home in Mount Washington with burial in Highland Memory Gardens. Visitation was from 1:00-8:00 PM on Tuesday. Expressions of sympathy may take the form of contributions to the Home of the Innocents or the Baptist Children's Home. On-line condolences may be made at www.schmidfh.com.



MARION ALLEN "A.J." JAMES - Died Wednesday, January 16, 2013 in Charleston, South Carolina at the age of 62. The cause of death was a motorcycle accident, death resulting. He was born March 17, 1950 in Russellville, Arkansas to the late Johnny James and Glasco (née Jones) James. He served his country proudly in the United States Army during the Vietnam War from 1970-72. Allen was awarded A National Defense Service Metal, A Vietnam Service Metal, A Vietnam Campaign Metal W/60 Device, Bronze Star Metal, Army Commendation Metal and the Gallantry Cross with Bronze Star. He was a Patriot and defended our Flag with all his being. He loved his country and served so proudly. Allen had a deep love for all of his family and friends and the WarHorse Brotherhood. He was an active member in the American Legion, the VFW, a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Charleston Chapter #780** and The Run for the Wall which is a yearly ride that begins in California and ends in Washington, DC. He was a leader and advocate for all Veterans Affairs and loved to help new Veterans become involved with the VA. He will be so deeply missed by his wife Melanie of 9 years, his children Steve and wife Amelia James, Grandchildren Taylor, Logan and Kiera of Phoenix, AZ, son Brian James of Phoenix, AZ, Mother-in-law, Janet Meek, sister Virginia and Husband Dave of St. Andre of Phelan, CA, his sister Judy James Reither of Fort Smith AR, brother-in law Tom Meek and his wife Ann, brother-in law Philip Meek, along with numerous nieces, nephews, Uncles, Aunts and cousins. Allen also left so many friends who loved him deeply. Graveside services were on Friday, January 25, 2013 at 11:00 AM in Beaufort National Cemetery. The family will meet at 9:00 AM at the funeral home to travel to the cemetery. Family and friends had a Celebration of Life, Saturday, January 26, 2013 at Noon at The River Front Park in North Charleston near the old Navy Base. Afterwards a Celebration of Allen's Life was held at 3:00 PM at Parson Jacks Restaurant on Shelby Ray Court in West Ashley. Allen always said he "wanted a big Party" to send him off and Melanie is honoring his wish. Memorial contributions may be made in Allen's memory to The Run for the Wall, The WarHorse Brotherhood, Vietnam Veterans of America, American Legion and the VFW. All of our lives will be forever changed by the passing of this true American Hero who would lay down his motorcycle in adversity to save the lives of others. The family asks that you remember Allen for the incredible impact that he has made on not only his family and local community but also National and International friendships that came easily and for all the lives he has touched. "Ride Free my Love, I will always have your back" and will carry your legacy on.

RONALD E. JONES – Died Monday, November 3, 2008 in Las Vegas, Nevada at the age of 63. The cause of death is unknown. He was born January 5, 1945. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Las Vegas Chapter #17**.



DONALD FRANK KASSIK (USA-SFC-Ret.) - Died Saturday, January 26, 2013 in Lawton with his family by his side. He was 84 years of age. The cause of death is unknown. He was born March 25, 1928 in Geneva, Nebraska to the late Frank William Kassik, Sr. and Emma Alice Suda. He grew up in Milligan, Nebraska and farmed from 1940 – 1949, he then worked road construction up until he was drafted into the United States Army in 1951. He served in Japan twice, Vietnam twice, Germany and Korea. While on his first tour in Japan he met Nori Kobayashi, who worked for the 94th Engineer Maintenance Company, the two dated and eventually married on May 12, 1953 in Yokohama, Japan. On March 8, 1954 they welcomed a beautiful baby girl, Mary Jo. In 1957, while in Hanau, Germany, he completed and received his G.E.D. He retired September 1971 after 20 years of service. After his retirement he volunteered at Center for Creative Living and McMahon-Tomlinson Nursing Center. He loved gardening and working with his hands, he loved helping his wife Nori's widowed friends with carpentry, plumbing and whatever else they needed; his friends called him "Mr. Fix". He was a lifetime member of The Retired Enlisted Association, Disabled American Veterans Chapter 56, a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Lawton Chapter #751**, Korean War Veterans Chapter 319, Veterans of Foreign Wars Chapter 5263, American Legion Post 29 and The 591st Engineer Maintenance Company. He received numerous awards including: A Certificate of Appreciation for Retirement from General Westmoreland and President Richard Nixon, The Army Commendation Medal for Meritorious Achievement in The Republic of Vietnam and The Bronze Star Medal for Meritorious Achievement in Ground Operations Against Hostile Forces. Survivors include his wife, Nori of the home; his daughter Mary Jo Kassik Fountain and granddaughter Rebekah E. Fountain of Huntsville, Alabama; two brothers, Frank (Margaret) William Kassik Jr. and Robert (Marjorie) Ray Kassik of Milligan, Nebraska, as well as numerous cousins, nieces and nephews in Nebraska. He was preceded in death by his parents and his sister, Eleanor Matthies. The funeral service was at 1:30 PM Tuesday, January 29, 2013 in the Becker-Rabon Funeral Home Chapel. Burial with full military honors was in the Post Cemetery, Fort Sill. The family greeted friends from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM prior to the funeral at the funeral home.

GARY LYNN KRIEN – Died Wednesday, August 10, 2011 in Great Bend, Kansas at the age of 64. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on December 7, 1948. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Hays Chapter #939**.



HENRY JOSEPH KUNTSCHIK - Died Tuesday, December 25, 2012, at M.D. Anderson Cancer Center in Houston, Texas at the age of 70. He was a resident of La Grange, Texas. The cause of death was cancer. He was born January 19, 1942, in Gonzales, Texas to the late Otto and Olga (née Tuch) Kuntschik. He married Verlène Hrachovy on October 15, 1966, at Queen of the Holy Rosary Catholic Church in Hostyn, Texas. Henry served his country in the United States Army National Guard. He worked as a plant operator for LCRA, and retired in 2004 with 19 years of service. Henry was a 4th degree member of the Knights of Columbus, K.J.T., American Legion,

Independent Cattlemen's Association and a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Schulenburg Chapter #870**. He is survived by his wife of 46 years, Verlene; sons Aaron Kuntschik and wife Molly of Austin, and Alan Kuntschik and wife Nicole (Hall) of Corpus Christi; sisters Jeannine Hoopingarner and husband Sonny of Temple, twin sister Christine Cartright of Bastrop, and Carol Sweeney and husband Ken of Friendswood; step-mother-in-law Carrie Hrachovy of La Grange; sister-in-law Marian Chamrad and husband Charles of Hostyn; brother-in-law David Hrachovy and wife Lucy of Houston; grandchildren Devin, Cody, Wesley and Kailey Kuntschik; step-grandchildren Jack, Jerod and Drew Thornton; and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins. He was preceded in death by his parents, brother-in-law Don Cartright and in-laws Jerome and Martha Hrachovy. Visitation was from 11:00 AM-4:00 PM Friday, December 28, at Koenig & Strickland Funeral Home in La Grange. Family received friends 5:00-8:00 PM at Queen of the Holy Rosary Catholic Church in La Grange (Hostyn). A rosary was recited at 7:00 PM at the church. Funeral services were held at 11:00 AM Saturday, December 29, at Queen of the Holy Rosary Catholic Church in La Grange (Hostyn). Burial was at the Holy Rosary Catholic Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to M.D. Anderson Cancer Center, P.O. Box 301407, Houston 77230-1407; Wounded Warrior Project, 12672 Silicon Drive, Suite 105, San Antonio 78249; Queen of the Holy Rosary Catholic Church, 936 FM 2436, La Grange 78945; or a charity of one's choice. Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to Koenig & Strickland Funeral Home in La Grange.

GEORGE EDWARD MAHALKO – Died Wednesday, November 28, 2012 in Killeen, Texas at the age of 73. The cause of death was metastatic lung cancer, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease and heart failure. He was born August 28, 1939 in Stanley, Wisconsin to George E. and Evelyn (née Hodowanic) Mahalko. He was a loving husband, father, grandfather, great grandfather, brother and friend. He attended Taylor County Teachers College in Medford, WI receiving an Associate of Arts in Elementary Education, The University of Tampa receiving a Bachelors of Science in Social Services, The University of Mary Hardin-Baylor in Belton, TX receiving a Bachelor of Art in Business Administration, and American Technological University receiving a Master of Science with a major in Management Science and a minor in Business. He married the love of his life on August 8, 1959 in Huron, Wisconsin. Major Mahalko retired from the United States Army in August of 1985 after more than 28 years of service. Major Mahalko was decorated with the Bronze Star, National Guard Achievement Meritorious Service, National Defense Service, US Vietnam Service, Korean Defense Service, Joint Service Commendation, United Nations Korean Service, the Vietnam Campaign, and numerous commemoratives. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Harker Heights Chapter #1000**. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, woodworking, gardening, reading, and spending time with his family. He was a kind and loving person who will be greatly missed by all who he knew and loved him. He was preceded in death by his father George E. Mahalko and mother Evelyn (Hodowanic) Mahalko, and his sister Darlene Mahalko. Survivors include his wife of 53 years, Florence Mahalko; two daughters, Brenda Jean Mahalko-Hall of Copperas Cove, TX; and Carla Anne Larsson and husband Ricky John of Tomball, TX; a brother, Kenneth Mahalko and two sisters, Betty Callahan and Arlene Victory, all of Wisconsin; three grandchildren, Dustyn Larsson, Jonathan Hall, Ashley Larsson and one great grandchild, Reiny (Larsson) Hutto, numerous other relatives and a host of friends. Services were private.

THOMAS E. "Tom" MAITLAND – Died Friday, December 2, 2011 in Fort Lauderdale, Florida at the age of 66. The cause of death is unknown. He was born August 2, 1945. He served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War. He was A *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Hicksville (New York) Chapter #82**. Funeral services were conducted at the Palm Beach National Chapel 10055 Heritage Farms Road Lake Worth, Florida 33449 on Tuesday, December 13, 2011. Interment in South Florida National Cemetery.

MICHAEL R. MAINHART – Died recently in 2012 in the Hollidaysburg Veterans Home in Hollidaysburg, Pennsylvania at the age of 63. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in April 27, 1949. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Permanently Hospitalized Veteran Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Hollidaysburg Chapter #967**.

HUBERT LYMAN McBRAYER - Died Tuesday, December 18, 2012 in Guin, Alabama at the age of 64. The cause of death was the result of an industrial accident. He was born August 6, 1948 in Georgia. He is survived by his son, Shane (Mercedi Hitt) McBrayer of Guin; daughter, Amy McBrayer (Lance LeDuke) Guin of Guin; grandchildren, Hayden Spiller and Presley Guin; brother, Larry McBrayer of Tifton, GA; sisters, Lugene (Bill) Wishum of Tifton, GA and Eva (Wayne) Welch of Moultrie, GA; nieces, nephews and other relatives. He served in the United States Army from 1967 to 1969 with a tour of duty in Vietnam in 1968. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Winfield Chapter #786**. Chapel service was on Friday at 2:00 PM with burial in Zion Cemetery with Military Honors being presented. Visitation hours were Friday 12:00 Noon-2:00 PM.



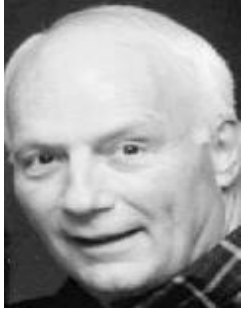
PETER DANIEL McCaffrey - Died Tuesday January 1, 2013 at the Good Samaritan Hospital in Brockton at the age of 71. He was a resident of Somerset, Massachusetts. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Norton, Massachusetts to the late Dr. Jerome A. McCaffrey and Alice (née Budelman) McCaffrey. He was the husband of twenty seven years to Heloise (née Therrien) McCaffrey. He graduated from Msgr. Coyle High School class of 1959 and then from Johnson & Wales University with an associate's degree in business. Mr. McCaffrey then served his country during the Vietnam War with the United States Marine Corps. Peter worked as a manager at the Tom McCann Shoe Store in Boston for several years and then in the maintenance department for the United States Post Office in Fall River for ten years until his retirement in 1998. After he retired Mr. McCaffrey volunteered in Providence as the office manager and coordinator of the Vietnam Veteran Benefits Office. Peter was a *Charter Member and Past President* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Westport Chapter #207** and a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America - New Bedford Chapter #499**, the Lance Corporal John J. VanGyzen Marine Corps League Detachment #1285 in Somerset. He was also active in the Marine Corps League. In addition to his wife, Heloise, he is survived by three daughters: Kathryn McCaffrey of Norton, MA; Rebecca Santana of Fall River, MA; Shelley Torres and her husband Manuel of Somerset, MA; two sons: Michael P. McCaffrey of Sandwich, MA; Matthew Santana and his wife Elizabeth of Fall River, MA; a

sister: Margaret McCaffrey of Somerset, MA; a brother: Eugene McCaffrey and his wife Judith of Taunton, MA; five grandchildren: Nicole, Zachary, Trevor, Jamie and Gracie along with many nieces and nephews. He was the father of the late Joseph Santana, and brother of the late Alice McCaffrey, Jerome and Aloysius McCaffrey. His Funeral was held on Monday, January 7, 2012 at 8:00 AM from the Hathaway Community Home for Funerals, 900 Buffington Street, Somerset, followed by a Mass of Christian burial at 9:00 AM in Saint John of God Church, 996 Brayton Avenue, Somerset. Relatives and friends were invited to attend. Burial follow with Military Honors was in the Massachusetts National Cemetery in Bourne. Calling hours were held on Sunday, January 6, 2012 from 2:00-5:00 PM.

JOHN A. McCLURE III - Died Sunday, September 25, 2011 in Fort Myers, Florida at the age of 64. He was a resident Fort Myers for 25 years. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Wheeling, West Virginia on July 22, 1947 to the late John A. and Katherine V. (née Straub) McClure, Jr. He served our country in the United States Army during the Vietnam War and was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Cape Coral Chapter #594**, DAV. He loved fishing, shark tooth hunting and Janis Joplin. He will be sadly missed by his family and friends. He is survived by his loving wife of 29 years, Kelley; sister, Judith A. Chambers; nephew, Michel G. & wife Gwen Chambers; niece, Michelle D. and husband Jimmy Temple; great nieces, Kelsey, Lexie, Olivia and Katie; great nephews, Logan and Blake. In lieu of flowers please donate to VVA Chapter 594 and Arc Animal Refuge on 31. Visitation was from 6:00-7:00 PM, Wednesday, September 28, 2011 with a Memorial Service at 7:00 PM at Anderson-Patterson Cremation & Funeral Services chapel, 3654 Palm Beach Boulevard, Fort Myers, Florida.

THOMAS McDOWELL - Died at his home in Dunlap, Tennessee on Wednesday, January 16, 2013 with his loved ones by his side. He was 74 years of age. The cause of death was cancer. He was born in Dunlap on October 22, 1939 to the late Sam and Ethel (née Mathis) McDowell. He was a United States Army Vietnam Veteran and a member of East Valley Baptist Church. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Chattanooga Chapter #203**. In addition to his parents, he was also predeceased by his brothers, Odis, Otto, Greer McDowell and his sister, Violet Lively. Survivors include his wife of 48 years, Earlene Austin McDowell, sons, Earl (Tracie) McDowell, Bryan (Cassandra) McDowell, David (Devan) McDowell, grandchildren, Matthew, Marisa and Megan McDowell, Nathaniel Lawson and Nataleigh McDowell, God-granddaughter, Summer Moffitt, all of Dunlap, brother, R. J. McDowell, Eastover, South Carolina, sisters, Flossie Narramore and Claudia Tate, Dunlap, several nieces and nephews. Funeral services were at 1:00 PM CST Saturday in Ewton Funeral Home Chapel with Bro. Terry Barker and Bro. Eugene Kilgore officiating. Burial was in Pope Cemetery. Visitation hours were 11:00 AM – 9:00 PM on Friday.

SHARON J. MERKLINGER – Died Wednesday, August 13, 2008 in Lakeview, Michigan at the age of 64. The cause of death is unknown. She was born October 5, 1943. She is survived by her husband, Carl Merklinger. She was a *Life Member* of **Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America – Petoskey Chapter #68**



WALT E. "Butch" METZGER - Died Wednesday, January 9, 2013 in Topeka, Kansas at the age of 64. The cause of death was heart failure. He was born June 10, 1948 in Topeka, the son of Don and Carrie (née Peyton) Metzger. He was a 1966 graduate of Topeka High School and graduated with a BBA from Washburn University, where he was a member of the Delta Sigma Pi Fraternity. He served as a Staff Sergeant in the United States Army during Vietnam earning the Bronze Star Medal. Walt worked for Bartlett & West Consulting Engineers and Fleming Construction Services. He later owned and operated Metzco Equipment Company as a Supermarket Designer, retiring in 1999. He was a member of Mother Teresa of Calcutta Catholic Church, **Vietnam Veterans of America – Topeka Chapter #604** and a lifetime member of the NRA. Walt married Wanda Wilson on April 27, 1968 in Topeka. She survives of the home. Other survivors include two daughters, Kristen (Darrin Marr) Hren and Jessica (Aaron) Cheney; 5 grandchildren, Brandon, Lauren, Adilynn, Nora and Peyton; and 4 siblings, Darlene Maley, JoAnn Franks, Donna Brandenburg and Sue Bigham, all of Topeka. He was preceded in death by his parents, a brother, Dean Metzger and two sisters, Mary Paxton and Margie Erickson. A Mass of Christian Burial was at 10:00 AM, Monday, January 14, 2013 at Mother Teresa of Calcutta Catholic Church, 2014 NW 46th Street, Topeka, Kansas 66618. Interment with military honors was at the Prairie Home Cemetery, Topeka. Walt layed in state after 3:00 PM, Sunday at the Penwell-Gabel Parker-Price Chapel, 245 NW Independence Avenue, Topeka, Kansas, where a Rosary was recited at 6:00 PM. The family received friends following the Rosary until 8:00 PM. Memorial contributions may be made to Vietnam Veterans of America, Chapter 604, PO Box 750322, Topeka, KS. 66675-0322.



EMMITT STANFORD "Bud" MINOR - Died Tuesday, August 14, 2012 in Merced, California at the age of 84. The cause of death was a massive heart attack, diabetes and heart disease. He was born in Bedford County, Tennessee on January 10, 1928 to the late Eulless Mose and Mary Leota (née Foster) Minor. Bud was known as a proud American who served his country proudly and retired after a long career in the United States Air Force. After military retirement Bud worked with his brother Eldon at Ace Savage in Merced. Later he would Co-own Ace Pipe & Steel in Merced. He was a member of the Merced Elks Lodge B.P.O.E. #1240, VFW, Civil War Re-Enactment, Club Mercedes, Valley Vintage Car Club, and was an *At-Large Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America - California**. Bud was past commander of American Legion Post #83, former commander for the Honor Guard, and volunteered for Disabled Veterans. He loved to collect and restore antique cars, trucks, and caterpillar tractors. However, his prize collections were his military army jeeps which were featured in numerous local parades. In addition to his parents he was predeceased by his daughter, Carolyn Minor James and his brother, Roy Minor. He is survived by his wife whom he married 67 years ago on April 26, 1945, Shirley Minor; daughters, Marilyn & Michael Armstrong of Omaha, NE, Janet Parson & Kevin Filgas of Mariposa, and Linda & Jimmy Smith of Merced; 7 grandchildren; and 11 great grandchildren. A visitation was held at the Stratford Evans Merced Funeral Home, 1490 B Street, Merced, California 95340 on Sunday, August 19, 2012 from 2:00 PM-7:00 PM. Funeral services were held at Stratford Evans Merced Funeral Home on Monday, August 20, 2012 at 10:00 AM with burial in the Merced District

Cemetery. In lieu of flowers the family is requesting donations be made to the American Diabetes Foundation, 4600 Roseville Rd. Ste. 130, North Highlands, California 95660 or the American Heart Association, PO Box 1325, Merced, California 95341-1325. Arrangements were under the direction of Stratford Evans Merced Funeral Home.

ROBERT MITCHELL – Died recently in 2012 in Scottsburg, Virginia at the age of 67. The cause of death is unknown. He was born September 25, 1945. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Halifax Chapter #840**.



CHARLES WATSON MORRIS - Died Wednesday, January 2, 2013, at the Lynchburg General Hospital, Lynchburg, Virginia at the age of 67. He was a resident of Lynchburg. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Altavista, Virginia to the late Charles Russell Morris and the late Florence (née McDaniel) Morris. He was the husband of Ann (née Powell) Morris. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by four brothers and three sisters. Charles was a former employee of Southern Air for 18 years and he was the retired owner of Central Heating and Air. He was a decorated veteran with two Purple Hearts in the United States Army 82nd Airborne and the 173rd Airborne during the Vietnam War and the Dominican Republic conflict. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Lynchburg Chapter #196**. In addition to his wife he is survived by two sons, Charles R. Morris, II of Bedford and David Witt of Spout Spring; one daughter, Cindy W. Jordan and her husband, Craig, of Lynchburg; two brothers, Jack Morris and his wife, Erma of Covington, GA and Ronnie Morris of Orlando, FL; two sisters, Mamie M. Easton of Chesapeake and Elsie Mae Denton of Gladys; four grandchildren; two great grandchildren and a number of nieces and nephews. A funeral service was conducted at 10:00 AM on Friday, January 4, 2013, at the Whitten Timberlake Chapel by the Reverend Carlton Dunn. Interment was in the Fort Hill Memorial Park with military services. The family received friends from 7:00 to 8:30 PM on Thursday, January 3, 2013, at the Whitten Timberlake Chapel. The family requests that memorial contributions be made to the Lynchburg Humane Society, 3305 Naval Reserve Rd., Lynchburg, VA 24501.

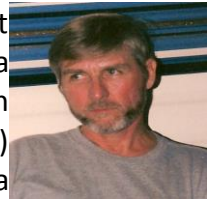


MANUEL O. NAVARRETE - Died Thursday, December 20, 2012 in Austin, Texas at the age of 83. The cause of death was cancer. He was born on October 21, 1929 in Bisbee, Arizona. He was a lifelong resident of El Paso and retired from the United States Postal Service. He was also a retired Major from the United States Army. He belonged to the VFW, Post 10354, American Legion #36, Disabled American Veterans, Chapter 165, a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – El Paso Chapter #574** and Cooties. He will be loved and missed by everyone who knew him. He is survived by his wife, Graciela G. Navarrete, daughters, Cynthia Salas (Charlie), Irma Nydia Jones (Steve) and Graciela M. Prindle (Frank), 7 grandchildren and 1 great grand-daughter. Visitation was from 5:00 PM to 9:00 PM on Thursday, December 27, 2012 at Hillcrest Funeral Home-Carolina with a Memorial Service at 6:00 PM. Graveside Services at 10:00 AM on Friday, December 28, 2012 at Fort Bliss National Cemetery. Services were under the direction of Hillcrest Funeral Home. 1060 Carolina Drive, El Paso, Texas.



JON A. NEELY - Died on Veterans Day, Sunday, November 11, 2012 at the University of Pennsylvania Medical Center - Shadyside Hospital at the age of 64. He was a resident of New Brighton, Pennsylvania. The cause of death was Agent Orange-related cancer. He was born in Altoona, Pennsylvania on March 5, 1948 to the late Homer J. and Jean L. (née Prough) Neely. He served in the United States Army from June 1968 to June 1970 with a tour in Vietnam in 1969. He was to be this year's Grand Marshall in the Annual Beaver County Veterans Day Parade, but lost his battle after a lengthy illness. He retired from the United States Post Office in Rochester. Prior to that, he had worked at the former Conrail in Conway. He also served his fellow veterans working at the New Brighton Veterans Administration. Jon was a 1966 graduate of Altoona High School and was a member of the American Legion, Beaver Falls; V.F.W., Rochester and a *Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Freedom Chapter #862* and was a past officer. He was an avid golfer and Pittsburgh sports fan. He always gave a helping hand and will be greatly missed by all who knew him. Surviving are his wife, Linda (née Krepps) Salvati Neely; three sons, one daughter and their families, Dawn and Bill Ford and daughters, Jessica and Meagan, Maryland; David and Maria Neely and children, Ashley, Zachari, Caitlyn, Dacia of New Castle, PA; Scott and Laurie Neely and their daughters, Kati and Faith of Beaver Falls, PA, and Christopher and Tammy Neely and children, Nathan, Joey, Caitlyn and Nick, New Castle; step-children, Michael S. Salvati of Beaver, PA and Jessica L. Salvati and her daughter, Leeann of New Brighton; five brothers and their families, Joseph Neely and his wife, Mary, James Neely, Mike Neely and his wife, Tina, Bill Neely and his wife, Connie, Bob Neely and his wife, Bobbi, numerous nieces, nephews and great-nieces and nephews, all of the Altoona area. He is also survived by his 'special' brothers, Nick Poupovich, Jim McCoullough, Jack Web, Jerry Johnson and John Potopa; a special aunt, Dorothy Krepps and her daughters, Debbie Pratt, Merianne Hoapes and Patty Carraduf; a brother-in-law, John Dean Krepps and his wife, Tracy of Harmony Twp. and their daughter, Rhiannon and her husband Marty and their daughter, Sophia of Chicago, IL. He will also be missed by his former wife, Shirley Neely of Rochester. Friends were received Wednesday from 6:00 to 8:00 PM, Thursday from 2:00 to 4:00 and 6:00 to 8:00 PM and Friday from 10:00 AM until time of funeral service at 11:00 AM in the J&J Spratt Funeral Home, 1612 Third Avenue, New Brighton. Interment was in Sylvania Hills Memorial Park, Rochester, Pennsylvania.

ERNEST BROUGHTON “Onion” NICHOLS - Died Tuesday, July 24, 2012, at McGuire Veteran’s Hospital in Richmond, Virginia at the age of 67. He was a resident of South Boston, Virginia. The cause of death was cancer. He was born June 29, 1945 to the late John Earl Nichols and the late Effie (née Francisco) Nichols and is survived by his wife of 42 years, Corlis Lacks Nichols. He was a Vietnam veteran, a member of American Legion Post 8 and VFW Post 243,



Vietnam Veterans of America – Halifax Chapter #840. In addition to his wife, Mr. Nichols is survived by two daughters, Melissa C. Bowen and Matt of Raleigh, N.C. and Dr. Elizabeth Nichols of Richmond; one grandson, Wyatt Bowen of Raleigh, N.C.; two brothers, Richard (Dick) Nichols of Clover and Wayne Nichols of Halifax. He was preceded in death by one brother, Davis Nichols. Funeral services were held at Powell Funeral Home Chapel, Friday, July 27, at 2:00 PM. Burial was in the Clover Cemetery. The family received friends at Powell Funeral

Home Thursday from 7:00-8:30 PM and other times at his home. In lieu of flowers, consider the Halifax County Cancer Association, P.O. Box 1891, Halifax, VA 24558 or the Crohn's and Colitis Foundation of America, 386 Park Ave., South 17th Floor, New York, NY 10016. Online condolences may be directed to www.powellfunerals.com. Arrangements were by Powell Funeral Home, South Boston.



LAWRENCE RAYMOND "Larry" NIEZGODZKI – Died early Thursday, June 7, 2012 in Corvallis, Montana at the age of 64. The cause of death was a heart attack. He was born November 17, 1947, in Inglewood, California, the first-born son of Louis and Margaret Niezgodzki. He graduated from Gardena High School and immediately enlisted in the United States Navy. Larry proudly served as a radioman on the USS Ticonderoga, completing three tours in Vietnam. While stationed in Bremerton, Wash., he met and fell in love with Linda Rummel. Their love affair lasted more than 43 years and will continue on in Linda's heart. Linda and Larry were married Oct. 19, 1968, at St. Francis Catholic Church in Hamilton. They moved to California, where Larry completed his Navy tour. Larry and Linda were blessed with three children: Michael, Michelle and Matthew. The family made many great memories camping and dirt biking in the California desert. Larry was active in youth activities and mentored many young people. He enjoyed the Boy Scouts: Larry was a Scout as a boy, a Scoutmaster for many years, and most recently was a liaison. Larry worked with his father in the plumbing business and then joined the Los Angeles Police Department. He later returned to plumbing and ran a successful plumbing contracting business. In 2003 Larry and Linda moved to the Bitterroot Valley, where Linda grew up. He ran Larry's Plumbing up until the time of his death. Larry loved Montana and called it home. He was active in the American Legion Post 91, a fourth-degree Knight in Father Ravalli Council 6130 of the Knights of Columbus and St. Francis Catholic Church. He was a member of the Elks Lodge, lifetime member of the VFW and an avid square dancer while in California. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Hamilton Chapter #938**. He spent many hours selling 50-50 tickets at the Knight fish fries and would often dress in costume! Larry loved to travel, go to the movies and spend time with people. He enjoyed a good game of cards and cribbage; on his last morning he even beat Linda and his mother-in-law in a game of crib! Larry had a very strong faith and felt his mission was to serve others. He always had a kind word, a strong shoulder or a smile for others. Every day was a good day for Larry, and he loved to laugh. Even more, he loved to make others laugh. Larry was preceded in death by his son Matt Niezgodzki, father Louis Niezgodzki and father-in-law Clyde Rummel. He is survived by his wife Linda Niezgodzki; son Michael, his wife Kim Niezgodzki and their children Kameron and Makaila; daughter Michelle, her husband Vicente Zuniga and their children Alyssa, Hailey and Vicente III; mother and stepfather Bob and Marge Johnson; and brothers Dan (Linda) Niezgodzki and Rick (Linda) Niezgodzki. He is also survived by his mother-in-law Verda Rummel, brothers-in-law Pete (Donna) Rummel and Carl (Annette) Rummel, and sister-in-law Julie Rummel. He leaves behind many nieces, nephews, cousins and friends. In lieu of flowers, memorials are requested to the Knights of Columbus or a charity of the donor's choice. Services were held at 11:00 AM Saturday, June 16, at Francis Catholic Church in Hamilton with burial and military honors to follow at Corvallis Cemetery.



JAMES CHARLES "Jim" O'MAHONEY - Died Wednesday, August 1, 2012 at his residence in Dalton, Georgia at the age of 87. The cause of death was ALS (Lou Gehrig's Disease). He was born in Ireland on October 31, 1924, but became a naturalized American Citizen in 1950. Jim proudly served in the Irish Army before enlisting in the American Army. He was a veteran of World War II, Korea, and Vietnam War. He was a member of Dalton American Legion Post #112. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Chattanooga Chapter #203**. He is survived by his wife, Veronica O'Mahoney of the residence; daughter and son-in-law, Eileen and Patrick Stone of Lookout Mountain, GA; two sons and daughter-in-law, Charles and Ann O'Mahoney of Woodstock, GA, Jim O'Mahoney of Surprise, AZ; sister, Margaret Higgins of Philadelphia, PA; brother, Gerry O'Mahoney of Dalton; seven grandchildren, Matt (Sherri) O'Mahoney, Michael (Jess) O'Mahoney, Jade (Zach) Stone, Haley (Shaun) Underhill, Patrick (Caitline) Stone, Patrick O'Mahoney, Roni O'Mahoney; three great grandchildren, Sara and Ryan O'Mahoney, Mya Franks; nieces and nephews. A memorial Mass was held Friday, August 3, 2012 at 12:00 Noon at St. Joseph's Catholic Church with Father Paul Williams officiating. Burial was at Beverly National Cemetery in New Jersey.



HAROLD HOLLENBACK "Ozzie" OSBORNE - Died Wednesday, September 28, 2011 in Cordova, Tennessee at the age of 63. He was formerly from Roanoke, Virginia. Harold fought a courageous and brave battle with leukemia since January 2008. He was born January 1, 1948 in Newport News, Virginia. Harold was a Vietnam veteran and served in the United States Navy from 1968 to 1972. He spent one year in Vietnam as a Corpsman. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Hampton Chapter #433**. Harold volunteered at the Vet Center in Roanoke, VA counseling fellow veterans in the 1980's and 90's. Harold had a wonderful talent as an artist. He loved mowing his and his neighbor's lawn. Harold was kindhearted and had a dynamic personality. He was a native of Newport News, VA and lived in Roanoke, VA for 20 years prior to his Barhamsville, VA home. He will be sadly missed by his wife, Kelly of three years; a stepson, Charles Asa Beaver and his wife Brandie Charleston, SC; a step-daughter, Natasha M. Beaver of Williamsburg; a sister, Becky Osborne, of Newport News; two brothers, David Osborne, of Newport News and Dick Osborne of Memphis, TN; a niece, Lindsay Osborne of Richmond; Taft Osborne of Atlanta, GA. Funeral Service was at 2:00 PM on Sunday, October 2, 2011, at the Vincent Funeral Home & Cremation Service, 417 11th Street, West Point, VA. The family received friends an hour prior to the service.

ARTHUR MARTIN PALMER – Died Sunday, March 18, 2007 in Webster City, Iowa at the age of 82. The cause of death was respiratory failure due to interstitial disease and pulmonary fibrosis. He was born in Elaine, Arkansas on February 1, 1925 to the late DeMar and Stella Palmer. He married Laurel Madelon Palmer on March 13, 1955 in San Francisco, California. He enlisted in the United States Navy shortly after graduating from high school in 1943. He continued to serve his country for a lifetime in the United States Marine Corps retiring in 1976 at the rank of Master Sergeant. He was a member of Trinity Lutheran Church, the League of Women Voters, Webster City Planning and Zoning Commission, Boone River Art League, Veterans of Foreign Wars, the Marine Corps League in Fort Dodge, volunteered in the Webster

City Community Schools and the Boy Scouts of America attaining the high award of Silver Beaver. He was an *At-Large Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Iowa**. In addition to his wife of 52 years, he is survived by three daughters and a son-in-law, Ann Palmer, Betty Riley and Barbara and Lynn Flowerday; his son and daughter-in-law, Lawrence and Denet Palmer; his brother, Martin Palmer, of Kensett, Arkansas; his sister, Mary Lee Canamore, of Kensett, Arkansas, and; thirteen grandchildren and eleven great-grandchildren.

JEROME EDWARD “Ed” PEACOCK, SR. – Died Saturday, November 10, 2012 in Lutherville Timonium, Maryland at the age of 61. The cause of death was acute arrhythmia, acute cardiopulmonary arrest, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, diabetes and fibromyalgia. He was born in Atlanta, Georgia on September 21, 1951 to Molly Peacock and the late Virgil Peacock. He is survived by his wife, Susan K. (née Beckner) Peacock; his son, James Edward Peacock, Jr.; three stepsons, Aaron, Kyle and Richard Reinhart; his half-brother, Lee Hoeflich; two stepbrothers, Doug and Donald Baker; one stepsister, Deborah Plemmons; three grandchildren, and; three stepgrandchildren. He served in the United States Air Force from November 9, 1970 to November 1973 during the Vietnam War. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Baltimore Chapter #451**. Viewing and wake services were at the Mitchell-Wiedefeld Funeral Home in Baltimore, Maryland on Wednesday, November 14th from 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM. The funeral procession began at the Darby Funeral Home in Canton, Georgia at 10:30 AM for a military graveside service at the Georgia National Cemetery in Canton on Monday, November 19th.



LESTER PEGOUSKE – Died Saturday, January 26, 2013 in Ecorse, Michigan at the age of 71. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on July 22, 1941. He was the beloved husband of Christina; loving father of Jerry and Diosa; dearest brother of Carole (Richard) Shogren, Arvilla Pegouske, and the late David Pegouske; also survived by six nieces and nephews, and many great nieces and great nephews. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Detroit Chapter #9**. Visitation hours were on Wednesday from 1:00 PM until 9:00 PM with a Rosary at 7:00 PM at the John K. Solosy Funeral Home, 3206 Fort Street, Lincoln Park. Prayers 9:30 AM Thursday, January 31, 2013 from the Solosy Funeral Home followed by a 10:00 AM Mass at St. André Bessette Church, 4250 West Jefferson, Ecorse. Interment was in the Mt. Carmel Cemetery.



JOHN ALBERT “Papa John” POYER, SR. - Died peacefully at his home in Harrison, Michigan on Wednesday, January 2, 2013, with his wife Linda at his side. He was 66 years of age and formerly from Saginaw, Michigan. The cause of death was heart disease and cancer. He was born October 23, 1946 to the late Thomas and Rita Poyer, of Saginaw, Michigan. In addition to his mother, he is survived by his wife, Linda Swigert, Harrison, MI; two brothers, Thomas and Sue Poyer, Inglewood, FL; Gerard and Kathy Poyer, St. Charles, MI; a sister, Kathy and Francis Cox, Saginaw, MI; his children, Shirley and Michael Brissette, Standish, MI; John Poyer Jr., Saginaw, MI; James Poyer, Saginaw, MI; Brandi and Robert Coats, Essexville, MI; two step-daughters and one step-son, Bobbisue and Carlos Saunders, Christi and Ron Samuelson,

and David and Dawn Fortier; many grandchildren and great-grandchildren; several nieces, nephews and their families. John served in the Michigan National Guard from 1963 – 1969 and was a member and currently served as 1st Vice Commander of the American Legion Post in Harrison, Michigan. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Harrison Chapter #1047**. He was also a member of the Gladwin Eagles Club. A Funeral service took place at 3:00 PM on Saturday, January 5, 2013, at the W. L. Case & Company Funeral Chapel, 4480 Mackinaw Road, where his family received friends from 1:30 PM Saturday until the time of service. Pastor Scott McIntyre officiated.



REVEREND RICHARD G. PYLE - Died Monday, December 10, 2012 in Harrington, Delaware at the age of 75. He was formerly from New Castle, Delaware. The cause of death was end-stage cardiac disease – LV dysfunction. A native Delawarean, Rev. Pyle was born in Wilmington, Delaware on July 16, 1937 to the late Byron B. Pyle and Pearl (née Wilson) Pyle. He proudly made his career in the service of his country, beginning as a member of the United States Navy aboard the USS Coral Sea from 1955 to

1958. He would later serve in the United States Army National Guard during the Vietnam War before leaving active duty in 1972. In the 1980s, he was asked to return to active service as an evaluator/instructor. Even following his retirement, he remained an important member of the local military community serving as the Wing Chaplain of the Delaware Wing Civil Air Patrol (the highest echelon of Civil Air Patrol in the state of Delaware). Among his many military affiliations, he had been a longtime member of the American Legion and of the Coast Guard Auxiliary. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Dover Chapter #850**. Rev. Pyle received his bachelor's degree in psychology from Wilmington College and his master's degree in divinity from Redding University, and served as associate pastor of Salem United Methodist Church for many years. Active in the Masonic order, he was a member and twice Past Master of Christiana Lodge #35 AF&AM, as well as a member of the Knights Templar. An accomplished musician and artist, Rev. Pyle also enjoyed flying, riding motorcycles, camping, reading, traveling, and spending time with his family, especially his grandchildren and great grandchildren whom he adored. A beloved husband, father, grandfather, and brother, he is survived by his devoted wife of 53 years, Barbara J. (née Himes) Pyle; children, Cheri Collins and husband Rich of St. Georges, Ginny Owens and husband Rick of Georgetown, and Rick Pyle of Harrington; brothers, Frank William Pyle and wife Annemarie of Sierra Vista, AZ, Raymond Hunter Pyle and wife Connie of Zephyrhills, FL, and Lauri R. Pyle and wife Marilyn of League City, TX; grandchildren, Kristi (Dan), Melanie (Steve), Amy, Matthew, Crystal, Timothy, Michael, Paul, Megan, Rebekah, and Aliscia; and eight great grandchildren. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his sister, Ginny Chambers, previously of Elkton, MD. Visitation was held from 4:00 PM to 6:00 PM on Sunday, December 16th, at the Spicer-Mullikin Funeral Home, 1000 North DuPont Parkway, New Castle. A funeral service was held at 11:00 AM on Monday, December 17th, at the funeral home. Interment followed in the Delaware Veterans Memorial Cemetery, 2465 Chesapeake City Road, Bear, Delaware. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Delaware Hospice, 100 Patriots Way, Milford, Delaware 19963.

MONTY G. REYNOLDS – Died Saturday, September 8, 2012 in Buckeye, Arizona at the age of 65. The cause of death is unknown. He was born August 6, 1947. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Long Beach (California) Chapter #756**.



NORMAN E. RHOTEN, SR. – Died Tuesday, August 28, 2012 in Omaha, Nebraska at the age of 78. The cause of death is unknown. He was born October 28, 1933. He was preceded in death by his wife, Juanita C. Rhoten (Kock). He is survived by his five children & spouses: Pam Rhoten, Kent, WA; Norman E. Rhoten, Jr., Omaha, NE; Carl & Deanna Rhoten, Omaha, NE; Christina & Don Mickeliunas, Omaha, NE; and Jeff Rhoten, Colorado Springs, CO. He is also survived by 15 grandchildren and 7 great grandchildren. He was a career United States Navy man, chef and baker. Norman and his wife, Juanita, owned Rhoten's Diner & Bakery in Springfield, NE. He was a *Lifetime Member* of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, American Legion, Forty & Eight, Fleet Reserve Association, **Vietnam Veterans of America - Council Bluffs (Iowa) Chapter #279** and Military Order of the Cootie. He held various positions in these organizations over the years. He also volunteered at the VA Hospital in Omaha. Funeral services were held Friday, August 31, at 2:00 PM at Trinity Lutheran Church, 330 West Halleck Street, Papillion. Visitation hours were from 1:00-8:00 PM with family receiving friends and from 6:00 to 8:00 PM on Thursday, August 30, at Kahler-Dolce Funeral Mortuary, Papillion. Interment was in the Fairview Cemetery, Papillion. In lieu of flowers please make donations to Trinity Lutheran Church, Sierra Leone mission and VFW Post 9558, Springfield, NE.



JOHN KENNETH SALTERS, SR. - Died Wednesday, December 26, 2012 at his home in West Branch, Michigan at the age of 67, under the care of Hospice of Helping Hands. The cause of death was Agent Orange-related cancer. Ken had lived in West Branch since 1990, formerly of Detroit. He was born in Detroit, Michigan on September 6, 1945 to the late John and Theresa Salters. He served in the United States Marine Corps from August 17, 1965 to June 30, 1968 with a tour of duty in Vietnam. He retired from the Detroit Police Department after 25 years of service. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Hale Chapter #882**. Ken was a member of the VFW Post #3775, the D.A.V. and St. Joseph Catholic Church of West Branch. He enjoyed boating, carpentry, reading, hunting and playing euchre. Ken is survived by his wife JoAnn Salters of West Branch, his children Kimberly (Rich) Rybak of Sterling Heights, Dawn (Tim) Babich of Port Huron, John Salters Jr. (Alisha Peters) of West Branch, Brian Salters (Marti Ramirez) of Columbia, MD and Melissa (Moe) Rahnama of Severn, MD and grandchildren Christopher, Justin, Eryn, Benjamin, Matthew, Alex, Jason, Ethan and Emily. Also surviving are his sisters, Barbara (Fred) Archutowski of Inverness, FL, Paulette (Jerry) Stanislawski of St. Clair Shores and Geralyn Mitch of South Lyon, his brother Tim (Dawn) Salters of Gig Harbor, WA, his sister-in-law Irene Salters of Arlington, TX and many nieces and nephews. In addition to his parents he was predeceased by his brother Michael Salters and his brother-in-law Gary Mitch. Visitation at the Steuernol & McLaren Funeral Home in West Branch was on Friday, December 28, 2012 from 3:00-9:00 PM with a Rosary at 7:00 PM. On

Saturday, Ken will lie in state at St. Joseph Catholic Church in West Branch beginning at 10:00 AM until the time of the Mass at 11:00 AM. Fr. Patrick Maher officiated. Memorial Contributions may be made to the family.



HARVEY A. SHEETS, JR. – Died at his Hinesville, Georgia residence Saturday, January 5, 2013, after a long illness of cancer. He was born August 3, 1949, a native of Clarksburg, West Virginia, and lived in Hinesville for 29 years. He served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War and retired as a Staff Sergeant. He was a member of the St. Stephen Catholic Church, a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Hinesville Chapter #789**, American Legion Post 1684 and Disabled American Vets Chapter 46. He was predeceased by a sister, Carolyn Sager. Survivors are his wife, Kathy Sheets of Hinesville; daughter, Jennifer Lino of Pooler; mother, Jeanne Smith of Oregon; sisters, Kathryn Ward of Tigard, Ore., and Barbara Feebeck of Buckeye, Ariz.; and two grandchildren, Keoni Lino and Leila Lino. Visitation was from 6:00-8:00 PM Tuesday, January 8, at Carter Funeral Home Oglethorpe Chapel. His funeral was at 1:00 PM Wednesday, January 9, at Georgia Veterans Memorial Cemetery in Glennville with full military honors. Deacon Chad Chaffee will be officiating. In lieu of flowers, please send memorials to Liberty County Homeless Coalition, Inc., 611 Windhaven Drive Hinesville, Georgia 31313. Carter Funeral Home Oglethorpe Chapel was in charge of the arrangements.

MICHAEL P. SHERMAN – Died recently in 2012 in Princeton Junction, New Jersey at the age of 65. The cause of death is unknown. He was born February 1, 1947. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was an *At-Large Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – New Jersey**.

JOSEPH ALLEN SHORT, SR. – Died Sunday, June 24, 2012 in El Paso, Texas at the age of 78. The cause of death was cancer. He was born January 7, 1934 in Sault Sainte Marie, Michigan to the late Harold A Short and Jennie Louise Ashmun. He was a decorated military veteran having served a combined 23 years in the United States Air Force and United States Army branches of the service. He was a member of Eastwood American Legion Post 36, El Paso, TX and a life member of the Veterans of Foreign War Post 2801, Villa Park, IL. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – El Paso Chapter #574**. He was also a member of the Sault Ste Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians. He is survived by his wife of 58 years Marjorie Ann Murray-Short, sons Jeffery, Joseph Jr., and Michael Short; and daughter Lori Ann Short-Cooper, eight grandchildren and 2 great grand-daughters. Also surviving are Brothers Ronald Short, Jewel Short and Sister Judith Short-Gilbert. Visitation was held 5:00 PM to 9:00 PM Thursday, June 28, 2012. Graveside Service was held Friday, June 29, 2012 at 11:00 AM at Fort Bliss National Cemetery. Services were entrusted to Martin Funeral Home Central 3839 Montana Ave. Condolences may be offered at www.FunerariaDelAngelMartin.com.



EMIL CHARLES SMITH – Died Monday, December 31, 2012 in East Providence, Rhode Island at the age of 62. The cause of death was emphysema, chronic obstructive pulmonary disorder and respiratory failure. He was born January 1, 1950 in Pawtucket, Rhode Island. He was the

husband of Carol (née Mastrostefano) Grenier. He is also survived by his children, Ralf Smith, Brandon Smith, Michelle Mowry, Mark Smith, John Smith, Jennifer Smith and eleven grandchildren. He served in the United States Army with tours in Vietnam from May 20, 1968 to March 29, 1969 and from January 25, 1970 to July 11, 1970. He was awarded the Purple Heart, Combat Infantryman's Badge among his other awards. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – North Smithfield Chapter #818**. There were no viewing hours. Funeral arrangements were private. Inurnment was in the Rhode Island State Veterans Cemetery Columbarium in Exeter, Rhode Island with full military honors at 10:00 AM on Monday, January 7, 2013.



REAGAN RAY SMITH - Died Tuesday, January 15, 2013 at his home in Ponca City, Oklahoma at the age of 64. The cause of death is unknown. He was born October 19, 1948 in Ponca City, to George Alta Smith and Betty Jean (née Offill) Smith. He attended the Ponca City Schools. He served his country in the United States Army and was the recipient of the Purple Heart after an 18-month tour of duty in Vietnam. He married Sherry Webb on November 28, 1975 in Ponca

City. Reagan was employed in earlier years as a welder and maintenance worker with Titus Corporation of Ponca City. He then worked 26 years as a machinist with Smith Tools. He was a member of the **Vietnam Veterans of America – Ponca City Chapter #750**. His enjoyments were bass fishing which he dearly loved, cooking Bar-B-Que, grilling and time spent with his many dogs and grand puppies throughout the years. He is survived by his wife, Sherry, of the home; his mother, Betty Jean Smith, of Ponca City; two children, Aaron Smith and wife, Amber, and Tara Gamsjager and husband, Bryan, all of Ponca City; one brother, George Smith, and wife, Brenda, of Bartlesville; close friends Winston Henry and Dolly Roland of Ponca City; many other extended family and friends. He was preceded in death his father George Alta Smith in August of 1980. A memorial service was held at 10:00 AM Friday, January 18, 2013 at Grace Memorial Chapel with the Reverend Larry Harris, pastor of Pioneer Bible Church presiding. Memorial contributions may be made to the Oklahoma Medical Research Foundation, Lung Research, 825 NE 13th Street, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73104.



JOHN A. STEINLE, JR. (USMC- GNY SGT-Ret.) - Died December 2, 2012 in his residence in Kutztown, Pennsylvania at the age of 71. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Reading, Pennsylvania on November 24, 1941 to the late John A. Sr., and Dorothy E. (née Cunnius) Steinle. He was the husband of Judith L. (née Petersen) Steinle. They were married Jan. 26, 1980. He was a member of Trinity Lutheran Church, Kutztown. Mr. Steinle was a career veteran of the United States Marine Corps serving during the Vietnam War. Mr. Steinle was a *Life Member* of **Berks County Vietnam Veterans of**

America – Chapter #131, Reading; V.F.W. Post 6150, Sinking Spring, Non-Commissioned Officers Association. He was also a member of Horace M. Kieffer Post 625, American Legion, Fleetwood. John loved music, enjoyed playing the piano, and loved to sing. He is a former member of the Reading Pretzel City Chorus and Barbershop-pers, Country Rendition Quartet, Trinity Lutheran Church Choir, and sang with various chapel choirs, and other church choirs

during his time in the Marine Corps. In addition to enjoying time with his wife, family and friends, he liked to listen to gospel music, NASCAR races, especially #24 Jeff Gordon, Penn State football games, the Philadelphia Eagles and the Pittsburgh Steelers, and watching professional golf. Survivors, in addition to his wife, include a daughter, Johnna M. Steinle-Plaunt, Camp Hill; sons, Keith A., husband of Susan (Bowman) Steinle, Harrisburg, and Anthony A., husband of Sharon (Hess) Steinle, Reading; step-daughters, Kathleen M. (Hassler), wife of Jeffrey Hertzog, Blandon, and Karen M. Hassler, Fleetwood; stepson, Mark A., husband of Holly (Medlar) Hassler, Reading; grandchildren: Barry M., husband of Erica Plaunt, Nicholas Plaunt, companion of Kristen Bosack, Kyle Plaunt, all of Harrisburg, Cristin Steinle-Belda, wife of Jay Belda, and Felicia Ann, wife of Ryan Bates, both of Houston, TX, Kayla M. Steinle, Elizabethtown, Schuylers T. Steinle, Reading, Amber L., wife of David Hadvab, Gilbert, AZ, Thomas V., Jr., husband of Jessica Alexander, Mohnton, Christopher A. Hassler, Leanna L. Hassler, David M. Hassler, Elizabeth K. Hassler, all of Reading, Ronald G. Seidel, Fleetwood; great-grandchildren: Isaiah M. Plaunt, Liliana M. Plaunt, Kalia N. Plaunt, Brayden A. Plaunt, Rheya Popp, Devan M. Hadvab and Cavan J. Hadvab. He was predeceased by a grandson, Brad Anthony Plaunt. Memorial services were held Wednesday, December 5, 2012, at 11:00 AM in Trinity Lutheran Church, 357 West Main Street, Kutztown, with the Reverend Keith K. Rohrbach officiating. Inurnment with military honors was provided by Ray A. Master Post 217, American Legion Honor Guard, Topton, and the U.S. Marine Corps will follow in Berks County Memorial Gardens, Fleetwood. Friends may call Wednesday from 10 to 11 a.m. in the church. The family requests contributions be made to Trinity Lutheran Church Memorial Fund, 357 W. Main St., Kutztown, PA 19530; American Cancer Society, 498 Bellevue Avenue, Reading, PA 19605 or Heartland Hospice, 881 Marcon Blvd., #3700, Allentown, PA 18109-9379. Ludwick Funeral Homes, Inc., Kutztown, was charge of arrangements. Online condolences may be recorded at www.ludwickfh.com.



WADE MINSON STEWART - Died Monday, January 14, 2013 at his residence in Four Oaks, North Carolina at the age of 68. The cause of death was a heart attack. He was born February 21, 1944 in Johnston County, North Carolina to the late Herman Minson & Velma Lou (née Holland) Stewart. He was preceded in death by a son, Lance Oatley Stewart. Wade graduated from Four Oaks High School in 1962 and received a Bachelor's Degree in English from Campbell University. He was a United States Army Veteran serving in Vietnam. He was very proud of the 101st and 82nd Airborne divisions where he earned the rank of Captain. Wade loved Four Oaks where he served as Boy Scout Leader of Troop 60, coached little league baseball and served as past president of the Civitan Club. Mr. Stewart received the honor of being the citizen of the year for the town of Four Oaks in 1983. Wade was the president of Keener Lumber Company in Smithfield and was a member of the First Baptist Church in Four Oaks. Mr. Stewart was sworn in as a County Commissioner in December 1998, representing District 3. He won reelection to his fourth term in 2010, which was scheduled to have expired in 2014. He was very active in public service, with a passion for serving citizens, emergency workers, veterans, and building schools for the children of Johnston County. He was a *Charter Member* and *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Four Oaks Chapter #990**. Wade was Chairman of the Board of Commissioners from 2008 to 2010. He served as Vice

Chairman from 2004 to 2008. He had previously served on the Criminal Justice Partnership Advisory Board, Social Services Board, Emergency Medical Services Advisory Committee, and Local Emergency Planning Commission. He loved his family and helping people. Surviving include his wife of 45 years, Virginia "Jenny" Lee Stewart; Sons & Daughter-in-law, Chad Minson & Ursula Stewart, Gregory Wade Stewart, all of Four Oaks; and Jeffrey Wayne Stewart of Nashville, Tennessee; Grandchildren, Grant Minson Stewart, Andrew Lance Stewart and Grimes Oatley Stewart; Brother & Sister-in-law, E. Wayne & Julie Stewart of Four Oaks; and Several Nieces and Nephews. Family received friends from 6:00 PM-9:00 PM Wednesday, January 16, 2013 at Rose & Graham in Four Oaks, NC. Funeral Service was at 3:00 PM Thursday, January 17, 2013, at the First Baptist Church in Four Oaks. The Reverend John Norman officiated. Burial was in the Four Oaks City Cemetery with full military honors.

JERRY FRANKLIN TAYLOR - Died Saturday, December 29, 2012, at the North Mississippi Medical Center after an extended illness at the age of 64. He was a resident of Saltillo, Mississippi. The cause of death is unknown. He was born June 13, 1948, in Corinth, Mississippi to Merle "Red" Taylor and Martha Jean (née Ellis) Taylor. He spent most of his childhood traveling with his Dad who was a legend in Blue Grass music. He enjoyed spending time with his Dad at the Grand Ole Opry making memories with music legends such as Bill Monroe, George Jones, Hank Williams, Ferlin Husky, Elvis Presley, Gordon Terry, Ray Price and many other great music legends. Jerry volunteered to serve in the United States Army at the young age of 17. He completed boot camp and infantry training school at Fort Benning, Georgia, in 1966 and then went on to proudly fight for his country in the Vietnam War from 1967-1969. When Jerry returned from his service he joined the Tupelo Police Dept., where he was a patrolman, detective and a sketch artist, and he also worked for the Lee County Sheriff's Department. Jerry had a passion for yard work and cooking. Jerry was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Tupelo Chapter #842**, where he served as a Veterans Service Officer. He was a loving husband, father and grandfather. His life revolved around his grandkids, Cade and Olivia. He will be missed dearly but never forgotten. Services with military honors were at 2:00 PM Wednesday, January 2, 2013, at The Saltillo Chapel of W.E. Pegues Funeral Directors with Brother Tim Green officiating. Survivors include his wife, Mary Ann Taylor of Saltillo; two daughters, Angie Taylor Bates and Misty Taylor, both of Saltillo; two grandchildren, Cade Taylor and Olivia Rutledge, both of Saltillo; two brothers, Tracy Taylor (Patricia) of Tupelo and Dale Taylor (Brandy) of Saltillo; three sisters, Darlene Huntington (Les) of New Albany, Robin Taylor Wages of Birmingham, Ala., and Gina Taylor Tyra of San Antonio, Texas; a special cousin, Jack McCormick (Janet) of Atlanta, Ga. He was preceded in death by his parents, Merle "Red" Taylor and Martha Jean Taylor; his grandparents; a special aunt, Bobbie Sue McCormick. Visitation hours were from 4:00 to 9:00 PM January 1, 2013, at the Saltillo Funeral Home and two hours prior to services Wednesday. Pallbearers were Jack McCormick, Tracy Taylor, Davy Estes, Richard Hill, Cade Taylor, Rick Wages, Jimmy White, Casey White and W.K. Webb. Honorary pallbearers were members of the Vietnam Veterans Association, Chapter 842. Memorials may be made to the St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital, 262 Danny Thomas Place, Memphis, TN 38105.

WILLIAM CLARENCE TUCKER - Died on Tuesday, July 24, 2012 in Edenton, North Carolina at the age of 62. The cause of death was cancer. He was born January 17, 1950 in Newport News,

Virginia. He served in the United States Army with a tour in Vietnam from July 16, 1970 to January 29, 1971. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Elizabeth City Chapter #631**. A memorial service will be held in North Carolina at a later date. Arrangements were by Weymouth Funeral Home in Newport News, Virginia where he was interred.



JAMES ANTHONY TURIANO III - Died Saturday, January 26, 2013 in Altoona, Pennsylvania at the age of 66. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Philipsburg, Pennsylvania to the late James A., Jr. and Margaret E. (née Burd) Turiano. Surviving are a son, Michael John (Terri) of Altoona; a grandson, Michael John Turiano Jr. of Altoona; a brother, George (Patty) of Warriors Mark; and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by a twin brother, Charles. James was a 1964 graduate of Tyrone High School, received an associate's degree in civil engineering and had attended

DeVry Technical Institute. He was a United States Army Vietnam Veteran, serving as a medic. He was an *At-Large Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Pennsylvania**. He was last employed for eight years at the Huntingdon County Courthouse as director of Veterans Affairs, and he continued to help many area veterans with disability claims and benefits. James was a member of VFW Post 4559, American Legion Post 281 and Hookies Fire Company. At the request of the deceased, there was no viewing or service. Arrangements were by Derman Funeral Home Inc., Tyrone, Pennsylvania.

RALPH R. UMBDENSTOCK - Died Monday, December 31, 2012, in San Antonio, Texas, where he had been briefly hospitalized with pneumonia at the age of 61. He was a resident of Kerrville, Texas. The son of Anthony & Elvira (née Klemm) Umbdenstock, he was born at home in Maple Park, Illinois on November 1, 1951, with his twin sister Rita. On October 16, 1999, he married Judi Kruzel. They made their home in Warrenville, Illinois, until Ralph's retirement, when they moved to Kerrville. Ralph spent his early years on the farm near Maple Park, helping with chores and working with his father building grain bins. Ralph graduated from Kaneland High School with the class of 1970. Ralph was a Vietnam veteran and served in the United States Air Force from 1970 to 1972. He graduated from Waubensee Community College in 1975. Ralph loved to travel, and had the opportunity to do so when he worked for Barber Greene for a number of years and then Lucent Technologies for 13 years. He spent two years in Barcelona, Spain, helping set up a new phone system prior to the 1992 Summer Olympics. Ralph enjoyed skiing and scuba diving on his vacations. He could always tell a story or joke and always remembered the punch line. Every person he met became his friend, and those people never forgot Ralph. Ralph continued to live on the family farm after his parents moved to Maple Park. He maintained the family farm pond, where many swimming parties were enjoyed with family and friends. He was a 41-year member and Past Commander of Maple Park American Legion Post 312, involved with the Knights of Columbus, Veterans of Foreign Wars, and La Society des 40 Hommes et 8 Chevaux Locale No. 592. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Kerrville Chapter #863**. Ralph is survived by his wife, Judi; step-daughters, Shawna Lee and Rachele Gatherings; one brother, Anthony; seven sisters, Sheryl Montavon, Mary (Joseph) Walter, Kathryn Belsches, Nancy Walter, Josephine Sprovieri, Rita (David) Campbell and Helen Umbdenstock; many nieces, nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews; and a world

full of friends. He is preceded in death by his parents, Anthony and Elvira; one sister, Carol (Henry) Kohley; and three brothers-in-law, John Montavon, Henry Kohley and David Belsches. Funeral services were held at Grimes Funeral Chapel in Kerrville on Saturday. Interment with military honors took place at a date to be determined at Fort Sam Houston in San Antonio. A memorial gathering in Maple Park took place at a later date. Memorial contributions in his name may be made to the American Legion Post 312, P.O. Box 97, Maple Park, IL 60151.

RICHARD CALVIN VANDELLE - Died Saturday, December 29, 2012 in Hopewell, Virginia at the age of 79. The cause of death is unknown. He was born June 14, 1933. He was the adopted son of the late Everett E. and Dorothy VanDelle, and was also preceded in death by his first wife, Georgietta May VanDelle. Mr. VanDelle was retired from the United States Navy, having served 20 years including two tours in Vietnam. He was a member of Enon Baptist Church, the Fleet Reserve Association and the American Legion. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Richmond Chapter #78**. He is survived by his wife, Linda L. VanDelle of Hopewell; two daughters, Sarah M. Taylor and husband, Jim, of Chesterfield, and Jamie L. Porter and husband, Dan, of Georgia; a son, James M. Delp and wife, Jennifer, of South Carolina; six grandchildren, Crystal L.T. Williams and husband, Gary, Ashley M. Humphrey and husband, Michael, Brittaney N. Taylor, Michael W. Delp, Michael W. and Melinda D. Porter; and three great-granddaughters, Lily and Emma Humphrey, and Kiera Williams. A memorial service was held at 7:00 PM on Wednesday, January 2, 2013, at the Hopewell Chapel of J.T. Morriss and Son Funeral Home, with the Rev. Michael Moore officiating.



ENRIQUE V. "Tata" VILLALVA – Died Sunday, September 4, 2011 in El Paso, Texas at the age of 68. The cause of death was Agent Orange-related stroke. He was born January, 25, 1943 in Gomez Palacio Diego, Mexico. He served in the United States Army from May 1964 to May 1967 with a tour of duty in Vietnam from 1966 to 1967. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – El Paso Chapter #574**. He was a beloved husband, father, grandfather, brother and friend. It's been a year since you left us yet we miss and think of you every day many times with tears and smiles. Your memory is always in our thoughts and in our hearts. Lonely is our home without you, life to us is not the same. In life we loved you dearly, in death we do the same. It broke our hearts to lose you, you did not go alone. For part of us went with you, the day God called you home. You left us beautiful memories, your love is still our guide and though we cannot see you, you are always at our side. We see you every day in all the things you once did and often speak your name. Our family chain is broken and nothing seems the same. Missing and loving you more than words could express from your loving wife, daughter and "kiddos" Armida, Monica, Clarissa, Julian, Arlenna and Anthony. 1st Anniversary Mass was on Saturday, September 1, 2012 at 6:00 PM at San Antonio de Padua Catholic Church, 503 Hunter Drive, El Paso, Texas.

EDWARD ANDREW VOITH, JR. (Chief Master Sergeant USAF-Ret.) – Died Friday, December 14, 2012 after an extended period of illness at the age of 75. He was a resident of Montgomery,

Alabama. The cause of death was cancer. He was born March 6, 1937 in Pittsburg to the late Nell and Edward Voith, Sr. He is survived by his wife, Betty Holmes Voith; daughters, Melissa Daffron Magnoli of Montgomery, Patti Alworden (Phil) of Sallisaw, OK; Katy Dean (Kevin) of Bixby, OK; grandchildren, Matthew Magnoli, SSgt Jami Long (Brian), Danny Kinzie, Nicci Briggs (Kyle), Jacci Alworden & Kalynn Dean; great grandchildren, Andrew and Wylie Long; sister, Cece Stoltz (Alan) of Corona, CA; one nephew and two nieces. Chief Voith spent 30 years in the United States Air Force and 20 years with the Veterans Administration. He was a veteran of Korea and Vietnam (2 tours). He was an *At-Large Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Alabama**. Visitation was on Sunday, December 16th from 4:30-6:30 PM at Southern Memorial. His Funeral Service was on Monday, December 17th at 3:00 PM at Frazer UMC with visitation beginning one hour prior. Burial with full honors was on Tuesday, Dec. 18th at 10:15 AM at the Alabama National Cemetery in Montevallo, Alabama. Pallbearers will be Chief Master Sergeants. In lieu of flowers, please make donations in memory of Ed to your choice of the Wounded Warriors, Montgomery Cancer Society, or Montgomery Humane Shelter.



DEAN ALLEN WARWICK - Died Saturday, January 12, 2013 at a hospital in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma at 77 years of age. The cause of death is unknown. He was born July 9, 1935 in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma to the late Dale and Anna (née Fox) Warwick. He was raised in Oklahoma City and graduated from John Marshall High School. Shortly after high school he enlisted into the United States Army where he enjoyed a successful career. He served in Vietnam, Germany, and Korea; he also served at numerous state side posts. He received many awards for his military service which include: The Bronze

Star Medal, Meritorious Service Medal, Army Commendation Medal with First Oak Leaf Cluster, National Defense Service Medal with First Oak Leaf Cluster, Good Conduct Medal Seventh Award, Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, One Overseas bar, Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal, Vietnam Service Medal with Three Service Stars, Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross Unit Citation with Palm, Combat Infantryman Badge, Expert (pistol .45) tab, Sharpshooter (rifle M-14) tab. After his military retirement he continued to work on Fort Sill as a bus and truck driver in the Transportation Motor Pool (TMP). He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Lawton Chapter #751**. He met Mi Kim 1972 and was married in Korea on June 1973. He loved being outdoors camping, fishing, and hunting. What may have been his greatest love was spending time in his workshop with his garage buddy working on various wood projects. He also enjoyed watching his two favorite teams, the Oklahoma Sooners and Dallas Cowboys. There were also many times he was caught spoiling his Poodle and any one of his four Yorkies. He attended Cameron University and Great Plains Vo-tech. He was preceded in death by both of his parents; a daughter, Patricia; two brothers Charlie Warwick, and Rocky Warwick; a brother-in-law, Robert Moore. He is survived by his wife, Mi, of the home; two daughters, Terri Warwick and boyfriend Greg Tahsahsanah, of Lawton, OK; and Terry Youngblood, of California; three brothers, Billy Willis and wife Darlene, of Oklahoma City, OK, J B Warwick and wife Trina, of Texas, Richard Willis, Oklahoma City, OK; two sisters, Waltza Moore, Oklahoma City, OK, Mary Goucher and husband John, Gracemont, OK; two special family friends, Melissa Walters and husband Bryan, of Fort Hood, TX; and garage buddy Gary Wicker, and wife Belinda of Lawton OK; and He also had many nieces, nephews, and extended family and many friends.

Visitation hours were from 12:00 PM to 2:00 PM on Friday, January 18, 2013 at the Whinery-Huddleston Funeral Service 6210 NW Cache Road Lawton Oklahoma. The service was at 2:00 PM on Friday, January 18, 2013 at Whinery-Huddleston Chapel 6210 NW Cache Road Lawton Oklahoma 73505. Interment was in the Sunset Memorial Gardens 8900 NW Cache Road Lawton Oklahoma 73505.

MARK BENJAMIN “Benny” WENZEL - Died Wednesday, November 14, 2012 at Oakwood South Shore Medical Center in Trenton, Michigan at the age of 73. He was a resident of Flat Rock, Michigan. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on June 10, 1939 in Flat Rock, Michigan to the late Ernest and Doris (née Little) Wenzel. Benny served in the United States Army during Vietnam. He was employed with the Department of Public Works for City of Flat Rock until retiring. He was a 1957 graduate of Flat Rock High School. Benny was a member of Flat Rock Elks Lodge 1731 and served as Exalted Ruler, a member of the American Legion and VFW. He will be missed by many friends and best friend Scott Shelton of Grosse Ile, MI. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Monroe Chapter #142**. In addition to his parents, he was predeceased by his sister, Helen Drouillard, 3 nephews, a niece and 3 brothers-in-law. Surviving are 2 sisters, Eileen Morris of Florida and Theresa Miller of Riverview and many nieces and nephews. A Memorial Service was held on Sunday, November 18, 2012 from 1:00 to 3:00 PM at the Flat Rock Elks Lodge, 26917 Telegraph Road, Flat Rock, Michigan 48134. A lodge of sorrow was held at 2:30 PM. Cremation has taken place.



WARREN W. WHITE, JR. - Died Friday, June 29, 2012 at home in Brownsburg, Indiana after a long illness with cancer. He was 65 years of age. He was born January 29, 1947, he was a graduate of Lawrence Central High School and the University of Indianapolis. He was a veteran of the United States Army during the Vietnam War. Warren was employed by the Indianapolis Fire Department (IFD) as a fireman for 20 years, retiring as the Director of Training in 1989. After retirement from IFD, he was employed by the City of Lawrence as their first Fire Chief in 1989. In 1995, he served as Chief at Warren Township, and later on as Chief of Lawrence Township, retiring in 2007. Over the years he was a Bible Bowl Coach and very involved with youth ministry at Traders Point Christian Church. He was a current member of Ben Davis Christian Church, Disabled American Veterans (DAV), American Legion Post #331, and a lifetime member of the VFW Post #261 of Lawrence, and later VFW Post #6128 of Brownsburg. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Lawrence Chapter #295**. He is survived by his wife and high school sweetheart Beth; sister, Rosie Hill; brother, Jack (Diane) White; daughter, Jennifer (Mark) Wilson; son, Warren (Emily) White, III; and 4 grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his father, Warren W. White Sr.; mother, Grace Pagano White; and sister, Diana Hatch. Pastor Jerry Williams conducted a service at the Indiana War Memorial, 431 North Meridian Street, in downtown Indianapolis on Thursday, July 5. Friends called from 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM, with the service immediately following at 2:00 PM. Next day burial was at the Indiana Veterans Memorial Cemetery in Madison, Indiana. Contributions may be made to Ben Davis Christian Church or Disabled American Veterans (DAV).



CARL DOUGLAS WRIGHT (USA, SGM-Ret.) - Died Saturday, January 26, 2013 in Lawton, Oklahoma at the age of 73. He was born on September 5, 1939 in Fairfield, Illinois to the late C. D. and Mary Ruth (née Owens) Wright. He lived there until 1943, at which time he moved to Edmond, Oklahoma where he attended school at Deer Creek. He moved to Sweetwater, Texas in 1955, and graduated from Newman High School in 1957. He attended Hardin- Simmons University at Abilene, Texas for one year. He enlisted in the United States Army in 1958, serving more than 30 years. He had 5 tours of duty in Germany, 2 tours in Vietnam, and 1 tour in Korea. His assignments included Fire Direction Center Chief at battery and battalion units, with Redstone Missile Battalion, 175 mm Artillery Battalion, Honest John Bn. and composite 8" and 175mm FA batteries in Vietnam. His assignments included First Sergeant in Germany, Fort Sill, and Korea, Operations Sergeant, Army Advisor to the Wisconsin National Guard, S-2 Sergeant, V Corps Operations SGM, Fort Sill IG Sergeant Major, Weapons Department SGM. He retired from the Army in January 1989. After retiring, he went to work at the Oklahoma Department of Public Safety for 17 years as a dispatcher for the Oklahoma Highway Patrol, and as a Drivers License Examiner. He retired from the Department of Public Safety April 2008. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Lawton Chapter #751**. Among his awards and decorations include the Bronze Star with 1 oak leaf cluster, Meritorious Service Medal, with 3 oak leaf clusters, Army Commendation Medal, Good Conduct Medal, Vietnam Service Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Presidential Unit Citation, Republic of Vietnam Cross of Gallantry with Palm, Expert rifle and pistol medals, and St. Barbara Medal. Doug was very proud of his 2 sons that are in the military also. The oldest son, COL Gregory Wright, graduated from West Point on May 1986. The 2nd son, CSM Jeffrey Wright, has served in the Special Forces for over 15 years. Both sons have been in the military for over 25 years. Doug and Betty were married on September 18, 1961 in Sweetwater, Texas. They were married over 50 years. Doug had been in the Army for 2 years, and was stationed at Fort Sill, when he met Betty. Betty was a special military wife, and made many sacrifices to take care of the home and raise 3 children, while Doug was assigned to units around the world. She was the one that kept the family together during Doug's many absences. Betty and family accompanied Doug to Ansbach and Giessen, Germany. Survivors include his wife, Betty of the home; 2 sons and daughters in law, COL Gregory and Pam Wright, and CSM Jeffrey and Tina Wright, 1 daughter and son in law, Lisa and Steve Sanderson, 8 grandchildren, Jennifer Wright, Felicia Wright, Alexander Wright, Austin Wright, Dakota Wright, Savannah Wright, Madison Henry, Chase Sanderson; and many nephews, and nieces. In addition to his parents he was also predeceased by his brother, Owen Wright, and his sister, Elizabeth Faye Wright. A special viewing and visitation for family and friends was held on Thursday, January 31, 2013 from 3:00 PM until 5:00 PM at the funeral home. A Funeral service was celebrated at 1:00 PM on Friday, February 1, 2013 at the Lawton Ritter Gray Funeral Home Chapel with Ken Couch, officiating. Burial was at the Post Cemetery, Fort Sill, Oklahoma with full military honors under the direction of Lawton Ritter Gray Funeral Home.

GORDON L. ZEINE, SR. - Died Thursday, January 10, 2013 at his home in Bartlett, Tennessee at the age of 61. The cause of death is unknown. He was born August 8, 1951 in Pekin, Illinois to Russell L. and Eleanor Joan Zeine. He was in the United States Navy from 1970-1978 serving in

the Vietnam War. Following his service he worked for various Naval affiliated agencies doing mechanical vibration and acoustic work. He settled in Memphis, Tennessee in 1991 and retired from the Naval Surface Warfare Center, Carderock Division (LCC) on Presidents Island. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Memphis Chapter #875**. He enjoyed hunting and fishing. He leaves his children, Gordon Zeine Jr. of Bartlett, Melissa Boam of Memphis, Tina Zeine of Memphis, Adam Zeine of San Diego, CA, Jared Campell of St. Petersburg, FL; brothers, Bradford (Deanna) Zeine of Glasford, IL, Russell (Anita) Zeine, Jr. of Mapleton, IL; and sister, Marie (Doug) Haag of Glasford, IL. A service was held in Lancaster Cemetery, Glasford Peoria County Illinois on Saturday, January 19 at 10:00 AM.

**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.