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MERRILL TRAVIS ADAMCIK – Died Tuesday, October 22, 2013 in Louise, Texas at the age of 77. The cause of death was due to complications from heart disease. He was born in El Campo, Texas on August 17, 1936 to the late Lewis and Lillie Adamcik.

Merrill is survived by his wife, Doris; his daughters Merelyn Johnson and husband Brian of Jewett, Texas; Elizabeth Davis and husband Gary of Lake Jackson, Texas; and Cynthia Cruz and husband Emiliano of Jones Creek, Texas; grandchildren Travis Davis, Emily Davis, Evan Cruz and Eli Johnson; sister Bernice Keinarth and sister-in-law Helen Adamcik, both of El Campo. Merrill was preceded in death by his parents and brother, Elton Adamcik. Merrill attended El Campo High School where he was a member of the Ricebird band and Future Farmers of America. He attended Texas A&M where he was a member of the Corps of Cadets and played saxophone in the Fightin' Texas Aggie Band. Upon graduation in 1958 he attended and graduated from United States Army Flight School in 1960. As an Army Aviator, he was then assigned to the 14th Armored Cavalry in Germany. In 1963, he returned to Ft. Sill, Oklahoma for Advanced Artillery School, and upon graduating, was assigned to Ft. Benning, Georgia. There he began flying the Caribou or CV-2B (cargo aircraft), which he flew in Vietnam for one year. Later he spent his second year in Vietnam flying the Chinook helicopter. He also served in Korea. He and Doris, his companion of 49 years, married March 1964 in Houston, Texas. In 1972, he attended and graduated from the Army's Command and General Staff College. Upon his retirement in 1978 as Lt. Colonel, he and his family moved back to El Campo, Texas where he farmed for 15 years. He also served as Wharton County Commissioner, Pct.3. He was a lifelong member of St. Paul United Methodist Church and also a member of the Texas A&M Association of Former Students, Army Otter-Caribou Association, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Elks Lodge #1749, Czech Heritage Society, Disabled American Veterans Chapter 72 and American Legion Post #251, where he served as Past Commander. He also served as Board Member of the El Campo Heritage Center. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Victoria Chapter #898**. Through the years, Merrill made time for family and friends and especially enjoyed gardening and traveling. Watching Texas Aggie football was a favorite pastime. He shared his passion for gardening by giving away his prized homegrown fruits and vegetables to family and friends. His tremendous love for his grandchildren was evident by their numerous pictures hung, taped and framed around his office desk. Visitation was at 1:00 PM on Friday, October 25, 2013 at Triska Funeral Home. The family received visitors from 5:00 to 7:00 PM. Funeral service was at 2:00 PM on Saturday, October 26, 2013 at First United Methodist Church with Pastor Beverly Schmidt officiating. Interment with full military honors was at Garden of Memories Cemetery under the auspices of the American Legion Post #251. At the request of

the family, memorial contributions may be made to St. Paul United Methodist Church, American Legion Post #251, Elks Lodge #1749 or a charity of choice.

RAINER X. ADAMS - Died Tuesday, July 23, 2013 in Fairfield, Pennsylvania at the age of 64. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on March 22, 1947. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was an *At-Large Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Pennsylvania**.

LOUIS CALVIN AKERS, JR. - Died Friday, January 3, 2014 at Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Cincinnati, Ohio at the age of 65. He was a resident of West Union, Ohio and formerly of Southport, North Carolina. He is survived by his wife, Juanita, of the home. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Batavia Chapter #649**. There were no services. Arrangements were under the direction of Lafferty Funeral Home in West Union.



JOHN DAVID ALBRITTON (USA-LTC, Ret.) - Died at the OCH Regional Medical Center in Starkville, Mississippi on Thursday, November 28, 2013 at the age of 86. He was a resident of Starkville. The cause of death was cardiac death, small bowel obstruction, G. I. Bleed and congestive heart failure. He was born in Bourbon, Mississippi on May 27, 1927 to the late Henry H. and Laura Belle (née Brown) Albritton. He Graduated from MSU with a BS and Masters in Agronomy and Seed Technology. John was a retired United States Army Lieutenant Colonel of WWII, Korea and Vietnam. He was a member of VFW Post #5773, DAV, American Legion Post 13, Retired Officer Association, Civitan Club and Alpha Zeta. He was also a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Columbus Chapter #997**. He was also a member and deacon of First Baptist Church of Starkville. He was also a member of the MSU Ag Club and MSU Bulldog Club. John was well known as an avid gardener. Mr. Albritton is survived by his wife of 65 years, Frankine B. Albritton of Starkville, MS; daughters, Laura Susan A. deFreese of Orlando, FL; and Martha Lynn A. Magnus (Jonathan) of Sugarland, TX; son, David R. Albritton (Anna M.) of Starkville, MS; sister: Betty A. Templeton of Starkville, MS; brother, Paul D. Albritton of Liberty, MS; grandchildren Ashley Albritton, Wesley Albritton, Connor deFreese, Carrie Anne deFreese. In addition to his parents, he was also predeceased by a sister Pauline A. Moak; brothers, Joe W., Pete, Harold and Barney Albritton. Visitation for Mr. Albritton was held Monday, December 2, 2013 from 1:00-3:00 PM at the First Baptist Church of Starkville with the funeral immediately following at 3:00 PM in the sanctuary conducted by Dr. Chip Stevens and Reverend Clifton Curtis. Burial was in Memorial Garden Park. memorial donations may be made to First Baptist Church of Starkville, 106 East Lampkin Street, Starkville, MS 39759, or Mississippi Lung Association 353 North Mart Plaza, Jackson, MS 39206.

CARLETON R. ANDREWS - Died Thursday, March 28, 2013, surrounded by family at Millard Fillmore Suburban Hospital. He was 69 years of age and a resident of North Tonawanda, New York. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Niagara Falls, New York on February 13, 1944 to the late James G. and Evelyn D. (née O'Neil) Andrews. He was a loving husband, father and grandfather, a Vietnam Veteran serving in the United States Army Infantry, former employee of Smurfit-Stone Container Corp., avid New York Yankees fan, and most of all, he enjoyed his spending time with his grandchildren. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of**

America – Tonawanda Chapter #77. He is survived by his loving wife, Leigh R. (Peters) Andrews; father of Kelly (Jason) Francis, Daniel P., and Lindsey (Hector) Acevedo; brother of Shirley Markuson, James (Gloria), Gerald (Connie), and the late Diane (Stanley) Kasperzak; grandfather of Kacey, Jason, and Madison Francis, Nataleigh, and Nevaeh Acevedo. Also surviving are several nieces and nephews. Friends called on Monday from 2:00-4:00 PM and 7:00-9:00 PM at the Wattengel Funeral Home, 307 Oliver Street, North Tonawanda. A Mass of Christian Burial was held on Tuesday at 10:00 AM from Saint Jude the Apostle Parish, 800 Niagara Falls Boulevard. Interment was in Acacia Park Cemetery. Online guest register at www.Wattengel.com.

GUY FRANKLIN ANHORN - Died Thursday, October 11, 2012 in Blue Bell, Pennsylvania at the age of 66. The cause of death was cancer. He was born August 30, 1946 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania to the late Franklin Anhorn and Marie (née McGinley) Cotter, of Berwyn, Pennsylvania. He was the husband of Paula V. (née Gromelski) Anhorn. The two were married April 8, 1972. He 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 a *Life Member* of **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 his mother and stepfather, 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 6:00-8:00 PM Monday, October 15, 2012 at Huff & Lakjer Funeral Home, 701 Derstine Avenue, Lansdale. His Graveside Service was held at 10:30 AM on Tuesday, October 16th at Washington Crossing National Cemetery, 830 Highland Road, Newtown. Friends and relatives were invited to meet at the funeral home 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.

CHARLES LEON "Charlie" ARNOLD - Died Wednesday, February 5, 2014 at his home in Washington, North Carolina at the age of 66. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Sarasota County, Florida on July 31, 1947 to the late Charles Jordan Arnold and Ruby (née Lovelady) Arnold. On November 15, 1973, he married the former Betty Frances Holland, who survives. He worked as an auto mechanic with Bell's Starter and Alternator of Washington and Billy Tibbs Automotive in Osprey, Florida. He served his country in the United States Army and

was a veteran of Vietnam, where he was awarded the National Defense Service Medal, Combat Infantryman Badge, Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal and the Vietnam Service Medal with three Bronze Service Stars. He was a past member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Greenville Chapter #272**, and was a member of Riverview Baptist Church. In addition to his wife, Betty, Mr. Arnold is survived by his children, Charles Gilbert Arnold and wife Dawn of Plymouth, NC and Jennifer Arnold Waters of Ayden, NC, a brother, Robert Arnold of Osprey, Florida, a sister, Dru Ezell of Sarasota, Florida, and grandchildren, Daniel Beradi, Haylee Simpkins, David Simpkins III, Kaiah Smith and Scout Arnold. In addition to his parents, Mr. Arnold is preceded in death by a daughter, Christy Lee Arnold and a brother, Harold Ray Arnold. The family received friends on Friday, February 7, 2014 from 6:00 PM-8:00 PM at Paul Funeral Home & Crematory of Washington and other times at the home. A memorial service was held at 1:00 PM on Saturday, February 8, 2014 at Paul Home & Crematory of Washington officiated by Pastor Keith Hudson. Interment was held at Florida National Cemetery in Bushnell, Florida at a later date. Online condolences may be offered to the family by visiting www.paulfuneralhome.com. Paul Funeral Home & Crematory of Washington is honored to serve the Arnold family.

KENNETH ARNOLD AUBERT - Died at his home in Williston, South Carolina on Tuesday, April 9, 2013 at the age of 76. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Chicago, Illinois to the late Clarence and Martha (née Swinedall) Aubert. He was a retired United States Army Veteran of the Vietnam War, was head of security at Chem-Nuclear and was a truck driver. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Barnwell Chapter #828**, served as commander of the American Legion Post 75 in Williston for a number of years and was very instrumental in helping to establish the Barnwell Veterans Park. He was a member of the Williston Church of Christ. Survivors include his wife, Ruby M. Sweat Aubert of the home; daughters, Martha A. Runkle, Debbie (Rufus) Sanders all of Williston and he was preceded in death by a daughter, Shirley Ellis; surviving also are grandchildren, Jimmy (Kim) Ellis, Amy Ellis Sandifer, Joseph Sanders, Abby Sanders, Dana Sanders; great-grandchildren, Tristan Sanders, Hannah Birt, Juiliana Sanders, J'Vaughn Sanders, Phoenix Sandifer, Jimmy Ellis, Jr., Lizzie Ellis, Erica Ellis and Kaylea Winbrenner; sister, Barbara (Len) Bauman of Rhineland, Wisconsin; brother, Richard C. (Diane) Aubert of Chicago, Ill.; and a number of nieces and nephews. Funeral Services were held at 2:00 PM, Saturday, April 13, 2013 in the Folk Funeral Home Chapel. Burial was at the Barnwell County Memorial Cemetery by the airport with full military honors accorded. The family received friends from 6:00 to 8:00 PM Friday, April 12th at the funeral home in Williston.

NICHOLAS JOE “Nick” BAILEY - Died Saturday, January 4, 2014 in Ponca City, Oklahoma at the age of 64. He was born August 2, 1950 in Pauls Valley, Oklahoma to the late Hoyt and Kathleen (née Lane) Bailey. He is survived by his wife of 41 years, Renate, of the home; his son and daughter-in-law, Wayne and Kristi Bailey, of Ponca City, and; his cousin Rex Crisco, of Wichita, Kansas. He served in the United States Army from February 26, 1970 to January 9, 1973 with a tour of duty in Vietnam. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Ponca City Chapter #750**. Services were pending with Trout Funeral Home and Crematory in Ponca City. The services were private for the family only.

JIMMY DOUGLAS BARESH - Died unexpectedly on Tuesday, January 21, 2014 in Schulenburg, Texas at the age of 71. The cause of death is unknown. He was born May 29, 1942 in Hallettsville, Texas to the late Jim and Edith (née Hilsher) Baresh. He graduated from W. B. Ray High School in Corpus Christi in 1961 and later served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War. He remained an active advocate for veteran's causes and was a founding organizer and current Vice President and *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Schulenburg Chapter #870**. Throughout his life, Jim passionately mastered many entrepreneurial pursuits including farming and ranching, real estate investing, hotel ownership, and a variety of others. In his retirement, he enjoyed his morning coffee with friends at Whataburger. Jim was continuously on a quest for a bargain and found particular delight in giving his finds to his friends and family. For many, Jim will be remembered for his great barbecue and warm hospitality at Texas Underpass in Schulenburg. All others will remember his abundant generosity and his ability to never meet a stranger. He is survived by Stephanie Baresh of Houston, TX, Ellen Baresh of Schulenburg, TX, Roger (Judy) Baresh of Houston, TX, Judy Rayburn of Rockport, TX, Ryan (Heather) Baresh of Dallas, TX, and Brent (Jennifer) Baresh of Katy, TX. Funeral services were at the Saint Rose Catholic Church, in Schulenburg on Saturday, January 25th. Interment was in the St. Rose Catholic Cemetery, Schulenburg. Services and arrangements were handled by Schwenke—Baumgarten Funeral Home Schulenburg.



JOHN JAMES BRADFIELD - Died Sunday, December 8, 2013, at his home in Hagerstown, Maryland at the age of 66. The cause of death is unknown. He was born December 28, 1946 in Lonaconing, Maryland to the late Boye and Elizabeth (née Langley) Bradfield. He was a graduate of Fort Hill High School in 1964. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War, serving in the United States Air Force. He was employed with General Motors in Martinsburg for 38 years and consecutively with the state of Maryland as a District Court commissioner for 18 years. He also worked with investigative services for the state and was employed with Bowman Trucking. John was a member of Medairy Lodge 140 Ancient Free and Accepted Masons of Williamsport; Moose Lodge of Williamsport; Funkstown American Legion, Post 211; Good Fellowship of Cumberland; North American Rod & Gun Club; National Rifle Association; and Outdoor Club, Cumberland, Maryland and was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Cumberland Chapter #172**. He had also volunteered with Community Rescue Service. He is survived by his wife of 46 years, Nancy Helmstetter Bradfield; two daughters, Courtney Plume and husband, Paul, of Big Pool, Md., and Nicole Bradfield of Hagerstown; two granddaughters, Ashley Plume and Lindsay Bradfield; a grandson, Adam J. Plume; two cousins, Tommy Langley and Inez Galligher; an uncle, Jim Langley and aunt, Wanda Langley. Funeral services were on Thursday at 11:00 AM at the Minnich Funeral Home, 415 East Wilson Boulevard, Hagerstown, Maryland. The Reverend Charles Holder officiated. The family received friends at the funeral home on Wednesday from 2:00 to 4:00 PM and 6:00 to 8:00 PM. The Masonic service was conducted at 6:00 PM by Medairy Lodge 140 A.F. & A.M. Burial was on Thursday at 2:00 PM in Saint Mary's Cemetery in Cumberland. Graveside military honors will be conducted by the VVA of Cumberland. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Medairy Lodge Scholarship Fund, c/o Greg Mason, 11950 Big Springs Road, Clear Spring, MD 21722.



DAVID M. BRADLEY, SR. - Died Saturday, January 18, 2014 in Columbus, Ohio at the age of 73. The cause of death is unknown. He was born April 27, 1940 in Ashland, Kentucky and lived a life of integrity and dedication. He served 2 tours in Vietnam and in 1983 retired after 22 ½ years as 1st SGT.-E8 from the United States Army; his last post was Personnel Station NCO at the Military entrance Processing Center. David was dedicated to the service of Military Veterans in Franklin County and Ohio throughout his civilian career. He worked on state and national levels with Vietnam Veterans of America and advocated for Veterans with local and state politicians in support of the Chalmers P. Wylie Columbus V.A. medical clinics. He retired in 2005 as Executive Director, Franklin County Veterans Services Commission 1991-2005; also Executive Director, Vietnam Veterans of America, Ohio State Council 1983-1991; Franklin County Veterans Services Commissioner. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Capital City (Columbus) Chapter #670**, Amvets Chapter 300; First Squadron First Cavalry Assn., VFW Post #8794; Milvets; Americal Division Veterans Assn., Disabled American Veterans Chapter 142; Non-Commissioned Officers Assn., Viet Nam Veterans Leadership Program. He was Chairman, Columbus Veterans Advisory Council 1987-1989 where he helped to erect and dedicate the Veterans Park at Port Columbus. He was instrumental in working to fund grants for various veterans' programs. David was an honorary Statehouse cannoneer on Aug. 7, 1998, inducted to the Honorable Order of Kentucky Colonels; nominated for the 1997 President's Service Award; Dept. of Veterans Affairs Community Support Aware 1997; Columbus Dispatch Community Service Award 1986, 1988; received Dept. of Defense Certificate of Appreciation, Armed Forces Examining and Entrance Station 1981 and United Service Organization Certificate of Appreciation. He was a kind and loving husband, father and grandfather and will be missed by his loving wife, Suzanne M. Harnichar, Westerville; children, David M. Bradley Jr., Columbus, Rhonda R. Billingslea, Columbus and Paul A. (Ginger) Bradley, Wichita, KS; grandchildren Alexis, Jonathan, James, Breanna, Adriana, Jackson, John and Langston; great-granddaughter Olivia; brothers, Thomas (Kathy) Bradley, Tom (Linda) Neal and Terry Neal; cousin Patty Maidel of GA; mother-in-law Jane Harnichar; brothers-in-law Michael (Terry) Harnichar and Patrick (Shannon) Harnichar; extended family, friends and comrades. He was preceded in death by his parents, Louise and Paul Neal. Family welcomed friends 2:00-4:00 and 6:00-8:00 PM Tuesday, January 21, 2014 at Schoedinger North Chapel, 5554 Karl Road, Columbus, OH 43229 where services were held at 11:00 AM Wednesday, January 22, 2014; Rev. Will Garland, officiating. Following cremation services, David received final honors at 2:00 PM Friday, January 24, 2014 at Ohio Western Reserve National Cemetery, 10175 Rawiga Road, Rittman, Ohio, 44270. Those who wish may contribute to USO of Central Ohio, PO Box 13176, Columbus, OH 43213 or the Local Volunteers of America, attn. Veterans Programs, 1776 E. Broad St., Columbus, OH 43203 in his memory. Please visit www.schoedinger.com to share memories or extend condolences.



ALAN M. "BOBO" BROMBERG – Died Tuesday July 23, 2013 at Henry Ford Macomb Hospital in Clinton Township, Michigan at the age of 66. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on March 13, 1947 to the late Bernard G. and Helen Alice (née Marciniak) Bromberg. Alan proudly served his country with the United States Army's 39th Infantry during the Vietnam War and was retired from Ford Motor Company's Sterling plant. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Harrison Chapter #1047**.

He was the beloved husband of Cynthia; dear father of Deanna Young and Matthew Bromberg; dear brother of Carol McIntosh; dear son-in-law of Irene Pomaranski and brother-in-law of Thomas (Sheila) Pomaranski, Linda (Dan) Carter, and Cheryl Ratobylski; dear uncle of Chris, Casey, Candice (Joey), Brian (Keeley), Steven, Kevin, Jessica, Kristin, Melissa, Kelly & Dana, and; great-uncle of Jack, Nathan, Carlie, and Max.

ARCHIE BROWN – Died recently in 2014 in the New York State Veterans Home in Montrose, New York at the age of 72. The cause of death is unknown. He was born April 26, 1941. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Permanently Hospitalized Veteran Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Pleasantville Chapter #49*.



BERNARD JOSEPH BUEL - Died Thursday, October 20, 2011 at his home with his brother, Bob, by his side. He was a resident of Fort Dodge, Iowa and 65 years of age. The cause of death is unknown. He was born April 11, 1946 in Fonda, Iowa to the late Anton and Ann (née Riesberg) Buel. As a young child he moved with his family to Fort Dodge where he began his education. He graduated from Saint Edmond High School and following his education he was drafted into the United States Army. He served during the Vietnam War until his honorable discharge in 1968. He returned to Fort Dodge and was employed with Coats Manufacturing, Kwik-Way of Cedar Rapids, and then Frigidaire until his retirement. Bernard was a member of the V.F.W. Post 1856. He was an *At-Large Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Iowa*. Bernard is survived by his children, Jack Buel and Buffy (Mike) Cervený both of Cedar Rapids; grandchildren, Ryan, Casey, and Marley; brothers, Lloyd of New Brighton, MN, Julius of Fort Dodge, Robert of New Brighton, MN, and Jerry of Ramsey, MN; sisters, Marlene Reinsch of Story City, Mardell Jordison-Alig of Fort Dodge, Donna Kapaun of St. Paul, MN, Shirley Krueger of St. Paul, MN, Carol Gute of Brooklyn Park, MN, and Sandra Sweere of Prior Lake, MN; and many nephews, nieces, and cousins. In addition to his parents, he was also predeceased by three infant brothers. Funeral services were on Monday, October 24, 2011 at 10:00 AM in the chapel of Laufersweiler-Sievers Funeral Home and 10:30 AM at Sacred Heart Church, with Reverend Father Shane Deman officiating a Mass of Christian Burial. Burial was at Corpus Christi Cemetery with military graveside rites presented by the V.F.W. Post 1856. A visitation was on Sunday from 5:00 to 8:00 PM at the funeral home, with a vigil at 8:00 PM.

DAVID MICHAEL BURIN – Died recently in 2014 in Sterling Heights, Michigan. The cause of death is unknown. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Detroit Chapter #9*.



KENNETH ALLEN BURKE – Died Friday, December 27, 2013, after an extended illness. The cause of death was cardiac arrest and gastrointestinal bleed with unknown etiology. Ken was born on Feb. 22, 1954, in Verdun, France, to Soria and Kathryn (née Sabrana) Burke. He joined the United States Army in 1974 and served until 1980 in the Army Intelligence. He received the following awards: National Defense Service Medal, Air force Outstanding Unit award, and Sharpshooter Badge. He moved to Napa in 1992, and continued his love of helping retired veterans by working as a Veterans Service officer in

Napa, Alameda and Santa Cruz counties. He was also a lifetime member of Napa Chapter of the VFW. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Yountville (California) Chapter #702**. He retired and moved to Las Vegas in 2009. Ken is survived by Sonia, his loving wife of 18 years. He also is survived by daughter Diana Burke; stepdaughter Aimee Greco and son-in-law Nate Greco; stepson Benjamin Groves; grandchildren Harrison Greco, Nicole Greco, Mikaylah Groves, Lorelai Groves and Maggie Groves; his sister, Marian Hartley; and nephew and nieces, Mark, Margaret, Elizabeth and Mary Alice. A memorial service will be held in Napa at a later date.

PATRICK JOSEPH BURKE – Died Friday, September 20, 2013 in Cheektowaga, New York at the age of 65. The cause of death is unknown. He was born November 15, 1977. He was the beloved father of Patrick William (Josie Price) Burke; brother of Michael (Kathleen) Burke; also survived by nieces and nephews; dearest and loving friend of Peggy McCarney. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Tonawanda Chapter #77**. A funeral service was held on Saturday September 28th at The Chapel at Crosspoint, 500 Crosspoint Drive, Getzville at 10:00 AM. Flowers gratefully declined. Donations may be made to American Legion Post 264. Arrangements were by the Dietrich Funeral Home, Inc.

KENNETH ELBERT CALDWELL - Died Friday, March 4, 2011 at Harford Memorial Hospital in Havre-de-Grace, Maryland at the age pf 61. He was a resident of Aberdeen, Maryland. He was born on July 29, 1949 in Rising Sun, Maryland to the late Elbert and Kathleen Caldwell. He was married for 27 years to the late Sarah "Sally" Caldwell. He graduated from Rising Sun High School and served with the United States Army in Vietnam. Kenneth retired after 25 years of service from Aberdeen Proving Ground. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Frederick Chapter #304**. Kenneth is survived by sisters, Nancy Martin and husband Roy of Marion, VA, Alice Krauss and husband Mark of North East, MD, Beverly McCardell and husband Gregory of Quarryville; brothers, Leonard Caldwell of Peach Bottom, Harold Caldwell and wife Pam of Peach Bottom, Robert Caldwell and wife Abby of Marion, VA; sister-in-law, Barbara Caldwell of Barnesville, GA; and many nieces, nephews and cousins. In addition to his parents and wife, Kenneth was preceded in death by brothers, Richard (Pete) Caldwell and Donald W. Caldwell; and a sister, Doris Caldwell Taylor. A Memorial Service was held Saturday, May 7, 2011 from 1:00-5:00 PM at Robert Fulton Fire Hall, Wakefield, Pennsylvania. Interment was private.

ALVIN JEROME COLE III – Died Sunday, October 28, 2012 in De Soto, Texas at the age of 66. The cause of death is unknown. He was born December 27, 1941. He was a resident of DeSoto, Texas at the time of his passing. He is survived by his wife Andrea, of the home. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was an *At-Large Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Texas**. A Memorial Service was held in the Chapel of West/Hurt Funeral Home at 11:30 AM on Tuesday, November 06, 2012 with Mr. Robin Merritt, officiating. Entombment with Military Honors were in the Dallas/Fort Worth National Cemetery, Dallas, Texas. The family has requested in lieu of flowers memorials or donations be made to the Wounded Warrior Project, 4899 Belfort Road, Suite 300, Jacksonville, Florida 32256.

RICK H. CORDS – Died recently in 2014 in San Bernardino, California at the age of 69. The cause of death is unknown. He was born May 21, 1944. He is survived by his wife. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was an *At-Large Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – California**.

GEORGE JULIUS DANILLA III - Died Sunday, January 12, 2014, at his home in Berlinville, Ohio at the age of 70. The cause of death is unknown. He was born February 26, 1943 in Norwalk, Ohio and lived in the area his entire life. He was a 1961 graduate of Berlin Heights High School. He served in the United States Army in the 173rd Airborne and was a Special Forces volunteer during the Vietnam War. George owned Danilla's Specialty Shop and was a member of the Ironworkers Local 17 in Cleveland. He was actively involved in farming with his son and brothers. George was a member of the Erie County Veterans Service Commission and served as liaison officer to Ohio Veterans Home for the State Council of the Vietnam Veterans of America. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Sandusky Chapter #774**, AMVETS Post 17 in Huron, Disabled American Veterans Post 16 in Sandusky, and American Legion Post 659 in Berlin Heights. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, and drag racing. He is survived by his wife, Patricia (Coolidge); his son, George J. (Angela) Danilla IV, of Milan; and his stepchildren, Matthew (Teresa) Kropf, of Plymouth, Mark Kropf, of Sandusky, and Tracy (Clark) Hamlin, of Milan. He was preceded in death by his parents, George and Maybelle (Parker) Danilla Jr.; his brothers, James and Stephen; and aunts, Clara and Emma. Private services took place at Morman-Hinman-Tanner Funeral Home, Berlin Heights. Condolences may be shared at mormanfuneralhome.com.

ROBERT PAUL DODSON, JR. - Died Sunday, December 22, 2013 at First Health Richmond Memorial Hospital at the age of 66. He was a resident of Rockingham, North Carolina. The cause of death was chronic obstructive pulmonary disease; lung cancer, and; ischemic heart disease. He was born in Greensboro, North Carolina on July 14, 1947. He served in the United States Army from January 1967 to December 1969 with a tour of duty in Vietnam from 1968 to 1969. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Rockingham Chapter #1022**. A memorial service was held at 2:00 PM on Thursday at Cartledge Creek Baptist Church. Harrington Funeral Home was in charge of serving the Dodson family.



DAVID W. DOUGLAS, SR. - Died Friday, January 24, 2014 at the Hospital of the University of PA. He was a resident of Drexel Hill, Pennsylvania. The cause of death was cancer. He was born in New York City on June 29, 1945, but grew up in Delaware County and graduated from Upper Darby High School. During the Vietnam War, he enlisted in the United States Marine Corps, served 10 years, and was honorably discharged as a Staff Sergeant. Mr. Douglas worked at the Philadelphia VA Medical Center for over 20 years and retired as Chief of the Medical Media Service. After his retirement from the VA, he devoted the rest of his life to helping veterans. He was employed as a benefits counselor at the Veterans' Multi-Service and Education Center in Philadelphia and was an active *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America - Drexel Hill Chapter #67** and the Upper Darby Detachment of the Marine Corps League. A loving and devoted family man, David enjoyed surf fishing and working on and driving "The Truck". Survivors: His wife of 31 years, Diane (née

Falcone) Douglas; his children, Lori Graff, Katie, David W. Jr., and Jon; grandchildren, Isabelle and Jack Graff; brothers, Tait (Louise), Bob (Bert Marie) Douglas; and many loving nieces and nephews. He was the father of the late Joel. Funeral Service was at 10:00 AM, Saturday at the Toppitzer Funeral Home at Arlington, 2900 State Road, Drexel Hill, PA, where family and friends called from 5:00-8:00 PM on Friday evening or from 9:00-10:00 AM on Saturday. Burial was private. Contributions in his memory may be made to the Veterans Multi-Service and Education Center (PVMSEC), 213-217 North 4th Street, Philadelphia, PA 19106 or the Hospital of the University of PA Abramson Cancer Center, Philadelphia, PA 19104.



HENRY JOHN DROZDOWSKI – Died Saturday, April 30, 2011 in Warren, Michigan at the age of 64. The cause of death is unknown. He was born March 9, 1947 in Detroit, Michigan. A proud decorated Vietnam veteran, Henry served in the United States Army and received two Purple Hearts and the Bronze Star. He was a hero and an inspiration, enduring over 300 surgeries throughout his life due to the devastating injuries he received. He had a deep love for his country and was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Roseville Chapter #154**. He was a resident of Warren, Michigan and a summer resident of Gladwin, Michigan for 40 years. He retired in 2003 after 30 years as an Engineer Technician for the U.S. Army TACOM Plant in Warren, Michigan. He was a gun collector and a gunsmith, and loved to go deer hunting with all his buddies. He also played golf and bowled for many years. He and his two sons were members of the YMCA Indian Guides. Henry also loved spending summers at the cottage on Pratt Lake with family and friends. He had the best Fourth of July fireworks display on the lake. He was the beloved husband of Sophie; dear father of Brian (Barbara) and Scott (Corinna); grandfather of Tyler, Eliana, Andrew, Jayden and Joseph. Brother of Diane Kunkel (the late Michael), Donna Kreps (Thomas), Randy (Karen) and Debra Bell (Richard). Family received friends at A.J. Desmond & Sons Funeral Home, 2600 Crooks Road, (between Maple & Big Beaver) Tuesday, May 3, 2011, from 1:00-8:00 PM, with a Scripture Service at 7:00 PM. A Funeral Mass was on Wednesday, May 4, 2011 - 10:30 AM at Guardian Angels Church, 581 East Fourteen Mile Road, Clawson, Michigan, with Reverend Father John Sullivan officiating. Visitation at church begins Wednesday at 10:00 AM. Interment was in Christian Memorial Cultural Center Cemetery in Rochester Hills, Michigan. In lieu of flowers, family suggests memorial tributes to: Vietnam Veterans of America – Chapter 154, 16945 Twelve Mile Road, Roseville, MI 48066.



PETER "Pete" DUERR- Died Wednesday, September 12, 2012 in Tucson, Arizona of lung cancer due to the Agent Orange that he came in contact with in Vietnam. He was 65 years of age. He was born August 15, 1948. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Prescott Chapter #95**. He was a Lover of God, Father, Husband, Uncle, Brother, Friend, Builder, Tucson Police Officer, Veteran, Printer. He was a member of the Fraternal Order of Police, 4-H, Nam Jam, past president Arizona State Council. Services were held at Saint Andrew's Episcopal Church, 545 South 5th Avenue, Tucson, AZ on Saturday, September 22, 2012. Calling hours were from 11:30 AM - 1:00 PM. The Funeral Service was at 1:00 PM. Reception followed at Jacobs Park Ramada 1. In lieu of flowers, please make donations to the Arizona-Sonora Desert Museum. Arrangements were made by Hudgel's Swan Funeral Home.



CHARLES ERNEST "Charlie" DUFRESNE - Died Wednesday, March 27, 2013 at the VA Medical Center (Hospice) in Salisbury, North Carolina at the age of 84. He was a resident of Dobson, North Carolina. The cause of death is unknown. He was born February 6, 1929 in Leominster, Massachusetts to the late Joseph A. and Laura (née Gagne) Dufresne. He is survived by his loving wife of 62 years, Ruth Mooney Dufresne, three devoted children, Debra Carr of Pacific Palisades, CA., Charles E. "Chuck" Jr. and his wife Joy Dufresne of Raleigh, NC and Karen McKenzie of Boca Raton, FL.; three beloved grandchildren, Kimberly Dufresne, Matthew Dufresne and Jack Guastella; a sister, Claire Dufresne Weber of Lake Zurich, IL and a sister-in-law, Annie Mae Gwyn Mooney of Ararat, NC. In addition to his parents Mr. Dufresne was preceded in death by ten siblings, Francis Dufresne, Yvonne Venturi, Marguerite Pepin Boyd, Germaine Guilmette, Hortense (Jean) Membrino, Irene Guilmette, Betty Chapel, Richard Dufresne, Leo Dufresne and Norman Dufresne (Missing in Action - Korea.) He was retired after twenty years of service with the United States Army in March 1967. He was a Staff Sergeant (E-6) serving during the Korean Conflict and in Germany in the 1950s. In the United States, he was stationed at Fort Belvoir, VA, Fort Campbell, KY, US Army Pacific in Hawaii and Fort Devens, MA. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Mt. Airy Chapter #1021**. Charlie became a trucker/mover after his retirement from the Army working for Mayflower Moving Company of Nashua, NH; North American Van Lines of Charlotte, NC and Sheets Transfer and Storage Company of Mount Airy, NC until January, 2006. Mr. Dufresne was of the Catholic faith and a member of Holy Angels Catholic Church in Mount Airy, NC. He faithfully attended Pine Hill Friends Meeting with his dear wife, Ruth, as long as his health permitted. Funeral services were held at 2:00 PM on Tuesday, April 2, 2013 at Pine Hill Friends Meeting by Reverends Michael Thames and Billy Britt. Burial was in the church cemetery with full Military Honors conducted by the United States National Guard. The family received friends from 6:00 to 8:00 pm on Monday April 1, 2013 at Moody-Davis Funeral Home of Dobson where his body remained until carried to the church to lie-in-state one hour prior to the service. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Pine Hill Friends Meeting, 3968 NC 268 Ararat, NC 27017, or the Pine Hill Friends cemetery fund, c/o of Johnny Bruner, 638 Eldora Road Ararat, NC 27007. The family would like to express their heartfelt gratitude to the entire staff of WG Bill Hefner VA Medical Center (Building 42), especially Dr. Mark Hueser and Dr. Brazis (ER) for their loving and compassionate care.

NORMAN C. DUPUIS – Died Tuesday, October 29, 2013 in Kennebunkport, Maine at the age of 80. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on February 25, 1933 in Saco, Maine. He served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Oxford (Florida) Chapter #1036**.

EDWIN BERYL EPHROM, JR. - Died Wednesday, January 15, 2014 at Saint Patrick Hospital in Missoula, Montana at the age of 70. He was a resident of Hamilton, Montana. The cause of death was complications from intestinal cancer. He was born October 27, 1943, in Watts, Los Angeles County, California to the late Nellie Beryl (née Breckenridge) and Alva Buck Hummingbird. At birth his name was Alva Buck Hummingbird, Jr. Because Indians could not obtain work during the war, his father changed their family name to Hoyt. That changed Edwin's name to Alva Buck Hoyt, Jr. After his father left, his mother married Edwin William

Ephrom, Sr. Edwin's name was again changed to Edwin Beryl Ephrom, Jr. The family moved to Bishop, Inyo County, California in 1946 and opened a jewelry store named N. Hoyt Jewelers, first on Academy Street and then in 1949 moved to 143 South Main Street. Edwin attended public schools in Bishop through the grades and high school. After graduating in June 1961, he enrolled at California Western University in San Diego. He left the university in 1963 and joined the United States Navy on July 29, 1963. After boot camp at the United States Recruit Training Command in San Diego, he received orders to attend the Class A Electronics Training School at Treasure Island, San Francisco. After completion of the school, he was ordered to FAETUPAC at North Island, San Diego. After about one year, he was ordered to report to COMNAVAIRPAC at the same base. There he worked in personnel taking care of enlisted men's records. Upon completion of three years of service, he was ordered to the USS Kitty Hawk (CVA-63). He became the acting education officer in charge of training and ordering school for the men aboard the ship. In October 1966, the ship was sent to Vietnam and performed air strikes on Vietnam while stationed in what was called Yankee Station until June 1967. He was released from active duty July 28, 1967. Upon returning to Bishop, he went to work for the California Division of Highways. He worked there for eight years. In July 1975, he went to work for the United States Forest Service, Inyo National Forest. There he worked as a civil engineer until Oct. 30, 1993, when he retired. He built and designed a home in Hamilton, Ravalli County. He enjoyed hunting, rock hunting and genealogy in his retirement. During this time, he wrote seven books on various parts of his family. He also wrote a book about the Vietnam veterans in Ravalli County complete with their stories and photos. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Hamilton Chapter #938**. He also enjoyed yard sales, auctions, book sales and antique stores. He collected books on the Civil War, Spanish American War, WWI, WWII and Vietnam. Edwin met the love of his life while stationed at Treasure Island, San Francisco. Her name was Monica Klimek. They were married at the island on September 26, 1964. This marriage was blessed with two daughters, Sandra Lee and Tamara Lee. He had three grandchildren, Christopher Justin, Chanel Laren and Brooke Lynne Ludel of Reno, Nevada. Military funeral honors were held in the late summer. Garden City Funeral Home & Crematory assisted the family with arrangements. In lieu of flowers, consider a donation to the Vietnam Veterans of America – Hamilton Chapter #938.



JOHN LEONARD "Jack" FENCIL - Died Wednesday, April 24, 2013 in Palmetto, Florida at the age of 69. He was formerly from West Union, Iowa. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in West Union on September 25, 1943 to the late Leonard and Marcella (née Marty) Fencil. Jack had been a local resident for 25 years. He was a Vietnam veteran. He was the recipient of a Bronze Star medal. Jack was retired from the United States Army as a Master Sergeant (E-8). He was active with VFW Post 9226 and American Legion Post 325, both in Ellenton, Florida. He was an *At-Large Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Maryland**. Survivors include Cathy, his loving wife of 32 years; a son, John Fencil of Las Vegas, Nev.; a daughter, Amy (Jim) Clausen of West Union; three sisters, Judy Stevens and Joyce Landers of Paris, Tenn., and Jean Earle of Central City; and three grandchildren, Dalton, Trenton, and Madison. A committal ceremony with military honors was held at the Sarasota National Cemetery in Florida on Tuesday, May 28. Memorial donations may be made to the Wounded Warrior Project: woundedwarriorproject.org.

GAIL NOLL FINKS (USA-MSG-Ret.) - Died Wednesday, December 18, 2013 in Killeen, Texas at the age of 81. The cause of death was cancer. He was born in Rileyville, Virginia on May 19, 1932. He was known by family and friends as Jim. His Army career spanned 27 years, including two tours in Vietnam. While serving in Vietnam, he received the Bronze Star with two oak leaf clusters, National Defense Service Medal with one oak leaf cluster, Army of Occupation Medal, Vietnam Service Medal with one silver service star and bronze service star and Army Commendation Medal with three oak leaf clusters. After his retirement, he continued his service to this country in the civil service from which he also retired. He served honorably in the 101st Airborne, 2nd Armored Division, 3rd Armor Division and 1st Cavalry. He was an active member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars. He dedicated his life to his family and country. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Harker Heights Chapter #1000**. He was married to Toni Finks (deceased 2011). Survivors include his two daughters, Aera Oh and Eda Finks; son, Harry Finks; grandsons, Allen, Bradley and Connor Oh; and sister, Anita Kittridge. Visitation was from 5:00 to 7:00 PM on Thursday at Heritage Funeral Home in Harker Heights, which was in charge of arrangements. A celebration of life was at 12:30 PM on Friday at Heritage Funeral Home in Harker Heights.

DUANE F. FLAHERTY - Died Tuesday, September 24, 2013 at Washington Hospital at the age of 72. He was a resident of Canonsburg, Pennsylvania. The cause of death was complications from diabetes mellitus type II, heart disease and septic shock. He was born on September 18, 1941 in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania to the late Francis and Elizabeth (née Filipiak) Flaherty. He is survived by his wife, Linda Flaherty. They were married on September 26, 1980 and would have celebrated their 33rd anniversary today. He is also survived by his children: Karen (Dean) Herzog of Port Lucie, FL, Sean (Cynthia) Flaherty of Needmore, PA, Eric (Kristen) Flaherty of Cecil, PA, and Brian Engott of Houston, PA; six grandchildren: Tiffany, Tyler, Liam, Noah, Matthew, and Elizabeth; his sister, Karen Flaherty (Paul Persoff) of New York City; a niece, Lisa; and a nephew, Brandon. Mr. Flaherty served in the United States Army during Vietnam. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Beaver Falls Chapter #862**. He was a board member of the Washington ARC and the Kelso Beach Property Owners Association. Additionally, he was a member of the Masonic Lodge as well as a member of the First United Methodist Church of Canonsburg, where he served as a trustee. Mr. Flaherty was the Owner/Operator of Flaherty Opticians in Oakland for 42 years and enjoyed building street rods and woodworking. Funeral arrangements were made by Beinhauer-Bogan Funeral Home. Friends were welcomed at 164 West Pike Street, Canonsburg, PA 15317 on Friday from 4:00-8:00 PM. A Funeral Service was held on Saturday at 10:00 AM in the First United Methodist Church of Canonsburg. Interment was in Oak Spring Cemetery. The family suggests that memorial contributions be made to the American Diabetes Association, 100 W. Station Square Drive, Pittsburgh, PA 15219. Please add and view tributes at www.beinhauer.com.

ELDON WAYNE FRANK – Died Friday, January 3, 2014 in Wayne, Michigan at the age of 67. The cause of death was complications from Parkinson's Disease. He was born in Poplar Bluff, Missouri on February 7, 1946. He served in the United States Marine Corps with a tour of duty in Vietnam from July 1968 to August 1969. He was a *Permanently Hospitalized Veteran* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Plymouth Chapter #528**.



WILLIAM OSCAR "Bill" FRYE, JR. - Died Monday, December 16, 2013, after a courageous battle with cancer, surrounded by his family. He was a resident of Kingsport, Tennessee and was 71 years of age. He was born in Kingsport on March 12, 1942 to William Oscar Frye, Sr. and the late Emma (née Curran) Frye. He served in the United States Navy on the USS Ticonderoga during the Vietnam War and was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Kingsport Chapter #979**. They served as pallbearers. He was an active member of Shekinah Church. In addition to his mother, he was also predeceased by his brother, Robert Joseph Frye (Bobby Joe). Bill is survived by his father, William Oscar Frye, Sr.; son, William Oscar Frye III (Billy); daughters, Jamie Henry and husband, Doug, Johnson City, TN, and Angie Gove and husband Lee, King William, VA; grandchildren, Luke Hodge and Hannah Hodge; niece Jodie Roberts; nephew, BJ Frye; and several cousins. The family received friends from 5:00 to 7:00 PM on Thursday, December 19, 2013 at Hamlett-Dobson, Kingsport. The service followed at 7:00 PM with the Reverend Sue Curran officiating. Graveside service was at 10:00 AM on Friday, December 20, 2013, at Oak Hill Memorial Park. The pallbearers were members of Vietnam Veterans of America, Chapter 979. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society, 508 Princeton Rd., Johnson City, TN 37601, or to Shekinah Church, 394 Glory Rd., Blountville, TN 37617.

RICHARD CARL GARRETT - Died Saturday, December 21, 2013 at the Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Nashville, Tennessee at the age of 73. He was a resident of Doyle, Tennessee. The cause of death is unknown. He was born to the late Carl and Gertrude Garrett of Overton County, Tennessee on September 11, 1940 in Battle Creek, Michigan. Richard graduated from Pennfield High School in Battle Creek, Michigan in 1958. He received his B.S. and M.S. in Law Enforcement and Criminology from Eastern Kentucky University and his M.Ed. in Education Leadership from the University of South Florida. Richard, a United States Navy Vietnam Veteran, served with Underwater Demolition Teams (UDT) 11 and 22, and SEAL Team One, and the 20th Special Forces Group. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Lebanon Chapter #1004**. Richard was a police officer in Battle Creek, Michigan, an instructor/adjunct professor for the Department of Justice, managed several small businesses, and was an adult/community high school principal. Richard married Charlene Boston in 1967. Richard is survived by his wife and son, Richard Garrett, JR, of Lebanon, TN; his sister and brother-in-law Dana and Steve Malis and his nephews Brian and Matthew Malis of Marietta, Georgia. The family chose cremation and a memorial service was held at a later date. Crest Lawn Funeral Home and Cremation Center is in Charge of the arrangements. In lieu of flowers, the family is requesting that donations be made to the Disabled American Veterans (DAV).



DANIEL JOHN GARVIS - Died Monday, December 9, 2013 at his home in Iowa City Iowa at the age of 65. He was formerly of Moline, Illinois. The cause of death was atherosclerotic cardiovascular disease. He was born April 7, 1948 in Vermillion, South Dakota to Victor and Dorothy (née Rayman) Garvis. Dan graduated from Moline High School and Black Hawk College. He served four years in the United States Navy from November 1967 to August 1971, including one year in Vietnam. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America –**

Rock Island Chapter #299. He had been employed at John Deere Distribution Center, Milan and iWireless Center, and volunteered at the Iowa Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Iowa City. Survivors include his wife, Sandra; stepdaughter, Kayla; step-grandson, Liam; parents, Vic and Dorothy Garvis, Moline; brothers, Mike (Pam) Garvis, Moline, and John Garvis, Chicago; sister, Georgina (David) Svec, St. Joseph, Mich.; nieces and nephews, Tris, Tim, Abby and Gina Garvis and Madeline, Lydia and Isabelle Svec. He was preceded in death by a stepson, Joshua Sanders. Our country called him to serve. He led a good life. Now the Lord has called him home. Funeral services were at 1:00 PM on Friday at Rafferty Funeral Home, 2111 1st Street A, Moline. Visitation was from 11:00 AM until the time of service at the funeral home. Burial was at the National Cemetery, Rock Island Arsenal, with military honors conducted by Vietnam Veterans of America - Chapter #299. Memorials can be made to Vietnam Veterans of America - Chapter #299, of which he was a *Life Member*.

MATTHEW GEOGHEGAN – Died Wednesday, October 5, 2011 in Rockaway Park, New York at the age of 67. The cause of death is unknown. He was born August 30, 1944 in Ballybeg, Ennis, County Clare, Ireland. He was the loving husband of Bridget (née McCabe); loving father of Margaret Stack (Tommy), Patrick, Annmarie Mollenhauer (Steve) and Carmel; proud grandfather of Matt and Danny Stack, and; loving brother, brother-in-law, uncle and cousin of many in USA, Ireland and England. He was a member of Local 30 & 32 BJ, Emerald Guild. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Glendale Chapter #32**. Dad will be remembered as a strong, loyal, supportive and loving man – as well as the Geoghegan Family historian. In lieu of flowers please make donations to the American Diabetes Association or Vietnam Veterans of America. Visitation was at the Denis S. O'Connor Funeral Home, 91-05 Beach Channel Drive, Rockaway Beach, New York. The Funeral Mass was on Saturday at 9:45 AM in Saint Francis De Sales Church, Belle Harbor, New York. Interment was at Calvary Cemetery. Visiting hours were on Friday, October 7, 2011 from 2:00-5:00 and 7:00-10:00 PM.

RICHARD T. GLENN- Died Wednesday, December 25, 2013 in El Paso, Texas at the age of 63. The cause of death was heart failure. He was born in Detroit, Michigan on December 5, 1950. He served in the United States Army. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – El Paso Chapter #574**. The Memorial Service was at 11:00 AM Friday at Cielo Vista church with a Memorial Graveside Service on Friday at 1:30 PM at the Fort Bliss National Cemetery. Inurnment was at Fort Bliss.



MAX S. GREEN - Died Monday, November 18, 2013 in Belle Chasse, Louisiana at the age of 70. The cause of death is unknown. He was born September 9, 1943 to the late Stanley and Marion Green. He was the husband of Joyce T. Green; father of Ronald Wade Green, Bradley Alen Green and Robin Green; grandfather of Shayanne and Madisson Green and Christian Enfinger; companion of Sandra Boudreaux, and; brother of Phillip Green, Steven Green and Sally Pehrson. Max served as Chief Petty Officer in the United States Navy. He worked as Chief Quality Control Engineer with Entergy. He was a *Life Member* of VFW Post 3121, American Legion Post 64, **Vietnam Veterans of America – Independence Chapter #1052**, CVMA and ABATE. He was an avid motorcyclist. He traveled extensively throughout the lower 48 States on his motorcycle. A visitation was held at the Mothe Funeral

Home, 2100 Westbank Expressway, Harvey, Louisiana on Monday, November 25, 2013 from 6:00 PM until 10:00PM. Visitation resumed at the funeral home on Tuesday from 8:00 AM until 11:00 AM. Funeral Services were held at the funeral home on Tuesday at 11:00 AM. A motorcycle procession to Restlawn Park Cemetery, Avondale, Louisiana took place immediately following funeral services.

RICHARD K. HADLEY – Died Wednesday, September 4, 2013 in Cheektowaga, New York at the age of 73. The cause of death is unknown. He was born February 9, 1940. He was the beloved husband of Virginia E. (née Johnston) Hadley; dearest father of Susanne M. (Joseph) Ditillio; loving grandfather of Brandon Hadley and Rachael Ditillio; dear brother of the late Myrna (late Alex) Hottum; uncle of Linda A. Hottum. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Tonawanda Chapter #77**. The family was present on Sunday from 2:00-4:00 and 7:00-9:00 PM at the Sauer-Lynett-Amigone Funeral Home, 1933 Kensington Avenue, where Funeral Services were held on Monday at 10:00 AM. Military Honors followed at the Funeral Home. A private burial was in Prospect Lawn Cemetery in Hamburg NY. Please share your condolences at www.AMIGONE.com.



JOSEPH I. HAJNY - Died 1:20 PM on Thursday, November 21, 2013 at his home in Washington, Illinois with family by his side after a determined fight with Agent Orange-related pancreatic cancer. He was 67 years of age. He was born on September 17, 1946 in Milwaukee, Wisconsin to the late Albert C. and Mary G. (née Lednický) Hajny. He married Stephanie Condo on June 13, 1970 in Peoria, Illinois at the United Methodist Church. Though divorced, they remained friends. He is survived by his former wife and their sons, Todd of Morton and Matt of Washington; his brothers, Fred and his wife, Rose, of Washington and Rudy and his wife, Virginia, of East Peoria and one sister, Mary Latta and husband Irvin of Chillicothe. Joseph retired from the Peoria Post Office where he worked for 26 years. After retirement he drove a school bus for Allen Transportation Services. After a 13-year absence he returned to college part-time in 1981 at Sangamon State University (now University of Illinois at Springfield) and graduated with honors in 1985. Joe was the first Peoria-area student to address the undergraduates at commencement in 1985. Joseph was proud to have served in Vietnam with the United States Army during a very tumultuous time. He was active in veterans' functions. Joe was in charge of the Dennis Harter Memorial Education Program. For 29 years, he and other Vietnam veterans volunteered their time to educate young people about the Vietnam War. Joe also volunteered to assist with various replicas of THE WALL in several Midwest cities. He and his brother-in-law, Irvin Latta, with whom he served in Vietnam, spearheaded the committee to bring The Wall That Heals to Chillicothe in October, 2007, a highly successful event. Joe was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Rock Island Chapter #299**; Wisconsin Vietnam Veterans Chapter III and a member of VFW #2078. He was the author of "**VIETNAM: A Catharsis in Poetry**". He also spoke at various veterans' functions. He also wrote poetry on various topics and performed at 'open-mike' events in various Illinois cities. Joseph was a die-hard Green Bay Packers fan having attended several games at Lambeau Field and Milwaukee County Stadium. He was the proud owner of an autographed picture of QB Bart Starr from his year in Vietnam. Visitation was at Mason-White Funeral Home in Washington from 1:00-4:00 PM on Sunday, November 24th. A celebration of Joseph's life was

held at the end of visitation, with military rites being accorded. Officiating was Irvin Latta - his brother-in-law. Burial was held on Monday, November 25th at 1:00 PM at the Rock Island National Cemetery, where additional honors were accorded. Donations may be made to Vietnam Veterans of Illinois in Sunnyland or to Mid-Illinois Hematology and Oncology Center in Normal.

GEORGE R. HALE - Died Tuesday, December 24, 2013 at Northside Hospital Cherokee at the age of 72. He was a resident of Villa Rica, Georgia. The cause of death was a heart attack. He was born October 14, 1941. He Hale was a Vietnam Veteran. He served proudly in the United States Navy, United States Air Force and United States Army and was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Douglasville Chapter #935**. George had a Master's Degree in Biology and Animal Behavior and a Bachelor's Degree in Education. He retired from teaching at Alexander High School in Douglasville, shortly after he returned to teach at the University of West Georgia. Survivors include his wife, Laura Jacoby Hale; daughter, Angel Hale Langston; granddaughter, Lyric Elena Langston; stepdaughters, Dale, Sarah and Rachel; step granddaughter, Andi; and numerous colleagues, students and friends. Funeral services were on Monday, December 30, 2013, at 12:00 Noon at the Sosebee Memorial Chapel with his good friend Rabbi Steven Lebow officiating. Interment was in the Georgia National Cemetery. The family received friends on Monday from 11:00 AM until 12:00 Noon at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to the Wounded Warrior Project, Post Office Box 758517, Topeka, KS 66675.

RALPH MICHAEL HIMES – Died Tuesday, January 14, 2014 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania at the age of 64. The cause of death was a heart attack. He was born in Philadelphia on December 28, 1949. He served his country in the United States Marine Corps from April 12, 1967 to March 6, 1970. He was a Vietnam Veteran who also was a Field Artillery Batteryman with the 26th Marines, 1st Marine Division. Ralph was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Liberty Bell (Philadelphia) Chapter #266** and A.L. Juniata Park Memorial Post 738. He was the loving brother of Charles (Anna), Townsend (Lucretia), and the late David. He is also survived by many nieces and nephews. Relatives and friends were invited to his viewing on Saturday, from 9:30-11:30 AM at the Burns Funeral Home, 1428 East Columbia Avenue (at Frankford Avenue), Philadelphia, PA 19125.

RONALD C. HODGES – Died Friday, May 27, 1994 Garden City, Michigan at the age of 50. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on June 18, 1944. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Westland Chapter #387**. The final resting place for Ronald is Maple Grove Cemetery in Westland, MI.

WALTER A. "Walt" JENSEN, JR. - Died Thursday, December 19, 2013 at the VA Medical Center in Buffalo, New York at the age of 67. The cause of death is unknown. A lifelong resident of Tonawanda, he was the son of the late Walter and Pauline Jensen. Walter was a 1964 graduate of Tonawanda High School and was a United States Air Force veteran serving in Vietnam. He was employed by Spaulding Fibre Co. for 30 years and was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Tonawanda Chapter #77**. He is survived by his wife of 48 years, Susan A. (nee

Warblow) Jensen; two children, Stacey L. Jensen of North Tonawanda and Steven (Amy) Jensen of Grand Island; two grandchildren, Cassidy and Alexandra Jensen and his mother-in-law, Dorothy R. Cox of North Tonawanda. Also survived by many sisters and brothers-in-law; nieces and nephews. The family received relatives and friends on Saturday, December 28th from 1:00 PM until 3:00 PM at the John O. Roth Funeral Home, Inc., 25 William Street (between Morgan & Broad Streets), in Tonawanda. Services were private. Flowers gratefully declined. Memorial contributions may be made to VA Medical Center in Buffalo, 3495 Bailey Avenue, Buffalo, NY 14215.

JIM JOHNSON – Died Saturday, November 8, 2008 in Warren, Michigan at the age of 59. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Detroit, Michigan on March 12, 1949. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Roseville Chapter #154**.

GEORGE KENNETH JURKIEWICZ - Died Monday, July 8, 2013 in Harrison, Michigan at the age of 59. He was born the son of George Washington and Mary Jane (née Barr) Jurkiewicz on November 23, 1953 in Flint, Michigan. He had served in the United States Army and had also worked on the assembly line in the automotive industry for many years. He was a member of **Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America – Harrison Chapter #1047**. He is survived by his parents, George W. and Chulita Jurkiewicz of Lake, Michigan; a daughter, Anna (Aaron) Young of Harrison, Michigan, his sisters, Susan (Randy) Smith of Central Lake, Michigan and Melody (Richard) Story of Cadillac, Michigan, and his two grandchildren, Carson and Autumn Young. In keeping with George's wishes, cremation has taken place and a memorial service was held on August 4, 2013 at 2:00 PM from the Clare Church of Nazarene with Pastor Jim Young officiating. Arrangements were entrusted with the Stocking Funeral Home of Harrison, Michigan.

ROBERT E. MICHAEL "Bobby" KELLER - Died Saturday December 28, 2013 at his residence in Louisville, Kentucky at the age of 66. The cause of death was a heart attack. He was born in Louisville, Kentucky to the late Elmer Clifford and Edith Alene (née Skeeters) Keller. He was retired from the U.S. Postal Service, with 35 years of service. He was a member of St. Martin of Tours Catholic Church and was a United States Marine Corps Vietnam veteran, serving two tours. Robert was a *Life Member* and the founding Secretary of the **Vietnam Veterans of America – Louisville Chapter #454**, and currently the President; American Legion Post # 244 and V.F.W. Post # 1170. He was preceded in death by his parents; and his twin brother, William H. Keller. Survivors include his brothers, Ronald C. (Earlene), David L. (Susan) and Daniel K. Keller (Collette); his sisters, Barbara L. Marsh (Randy) and Nellie M. Borders (Michael); his step-mother, Mary E. McFarland and sister-in-law, Harriett Keller; his lifelong friend, Doug Renfrow; and several nieces and nephews. His funeral Mass was celebrated at 11:00 AM on Thursday at Mary Queen of Peace, St. Helen's Campus, 4005 Dixie Hwy., 40216, with burial in the Kentucky Veterans Cemetery Central, Radcliff, KY, with Military Rites. Visitation was from 2:00-8:00 PM Wednesday at Owen Funeral Home, 5317 Dixie Hwy. Expressions of sympathy: Trinity High School or Father Maloney's Boys Haven online condolences: owenfuneralhome.com.



RICHARD LLOYD KENNEDY - Died Wednesday, January 15, 2014 at the Minnesota Veterans Home in Fergus Falls, Minnesota at the age of 67. He was formerly of Fargo, North Dakota and Detroit Lakes, Minnesota. The cause of death is unknown. He was born January 5, 1947 in Madison, Wisconsin to the late Donald and Betty (née Lund) Kennedy. He moved with his family to Frazee, Minnesota where he attended school through the 4th grade. They moved to Detroit Lakes, Minnesota where he graduated high school in 1965. Dick attended the Wadena Vocational School in 1966 and completed the Energy Technology course at the Detroit Lakes Vocational College in 1967. He enlisted in the United States Army in 1967 and served 3 tours of duty in Vietnam. Following his discharge in 1970, he moved to Fargo, North Dakota where he purchased a house and worked as a custodian at the Fargo Veterans Hospital until retiring in 1988. He continued to live in Fargo until moving to the Minnesota Veterans Home, May 31, 2013. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Fargo (North Dakota) Chapter #941**. Dick enjoyed time with his family, his pets, fishing and playing Bingo. Survivors include 2 brothers: Joe Kennedy of Mountain City, TN, Michael Molacek of Detroit Lakes, a niece, Christina Kennedy-Farr of Atlanta, GA. He was preceded in death by his mother and step-father: Betty and Joseph Molacek and his father, Donald Kennedy. David-Donhower Funeral Home was in charge of the arrangements. Funeral services were at 11:00 AM Tuesday, January 21 at Lund Lutheran Church in rural Detroit Lakes with the Reverend James Osvold, officiating. Interment was in Lakeside Cemetery, Richwood, Minnesota. Friends called from 5:00-7:00 PM with a prayer service at 7:00 PM Monday at David-Donhower Funeral Home and at the church one hour prior to the service on Tuesday.

RELAFORD WILLIAM KLEIN – Died Thursday, April 18, 2013 in Bouse, Arizona at the age of 74. He was formerly a resident of Corvallis, Montana. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on April 9, 1939. He served in the United States Marine Corps with a tour of duty in Vietnam. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Hamilton (Montana) Chapter #938**.



ALLAN MAURICE “Butch” KURZER - Died Tuesday, December 10, 2013 at Saint Mary’s of Michigan at the age of 65. He was a resident of Bay City, Michigan. The cause of death is unknown. The son of the late Maurice and Helen (née Tomczak) Kurzer, he was born June 10, 1948 in Bay City, Michigan and has resided here all of his life. Butch was a member of Saint Mary of the Assumption Roman Catholic Church, Knights of Columbus # 414, Bishop Murphy Assembly 4th Degree, and The Color Corps. He was a Vietnam Veteran that proudly served his country with the United States Marine Corps and retired from the Bay County Road Commission. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Bay City Chapter #494**. He was an avid sports fan, enjoyed spending time at the Knights of Columbus and at Pulaski Hall. On June 25, 1981 he married the former Marie T. Rocheleau and she survives his passing along with one son and daughter-in-law; Kristopher and Niccole Kurzer, one grandson and the light of his life; Ransom Kurzer, his mother-in-law; Marlene Rocheleau, three sisters and three brothers-in-law and one sister-in-law; Nancy Redmond, Gloria Kurzer, Cindy Eddy-Rease and her husband Byron and Merle Samborn, Larry Rocheleau and his wife Val and several nieces, nephews, special aunts, uncles, cousins and many special friends. Mr. Kurzer was preceded in death by his father; Maurice Kurzer, mother

and step father; Helen (Tomczak) and Hugh Wilcox, father-in-law; Keith Rocheleau, one sister; Christine (Tina) Samborn, two brothers-in-law; Tim Eddy and Gerald (Mick) Redmond and his nephews. The Funeral Liturgy and Rite of Committal took place on Friday, December 13, 2013 at 10:00 AM at Saint Mary of the Assumption Catholic Church. The Main Celebrant was Reverend Father Patrick M. Jankowiak with private interment in Great Lakes National Cemetery. Friends called at the Gephart Funeral Home, Inc. on Thursday from 2:00 to 9:00 PM. The Bible - Chalice Presentation took place on Thursday evening at 7:00 PM followed by the Vigil for the Deceased. Mr. Kurzer was taken to the church on Friday to lie in state from 9:00 AM and until the time of the Mass.



WILLIAM C. LARLHAM, JR. - Died Saturday, January 18, 2014 at the Philip Hulitar Hospice Center in Providence, Rhode Island at the age of 73. He was a resident of Coventry, Rhode Island. He was born in Providence in 1940 to the late William C. and Mildred C. (née Lewis) Larlham, Sr. He was a fire protection technician for Simplex Grinnell before retiring. He was a United States Army Veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Providence Chapter #273**. After retirement he enjoyed working with his family at Larlham Landscape Construction Company and also enjoyed fishing with friends. He leaves two sisters, Barbara Dizoglio of Florida and Sandra Poland of East Providence, two brothers, Peter Larlham of Saunderstown and Guy Larlham of Wakefield and several nieces and nephews. His funeral was on Thursday at 11:00 AM in the Perry-McStay Funeral Home, 2555 Pawtucket Avenue, East Providence. Burial was in the Rhode Island Veterans Cemetery, 301 South County Trail, Exeter, Rhode Island. Calling hours respectfully omitted.



REVEREND JOHN W. LAZELL - Died at 9:30 AM on Saturday, December 14, 2013 at Memorial Medical Center at the age of 67. He was a resident of Sherman, Illinois. The cause of death is unknown. He was born August 16, 1946. As Proverbs 27:17 says, "Iron sharpens iron, and one man sharpens another." John Lazell was such a man. He was given many abilities that helped sharpen others and, in turn, became more sharpened and focused himself. What a life he lived! He and Elaine Miller were married in 1972 in Lincoln Christian Church, Lincoln; she survives. Also surviving are one son, Kyle (wife, Sarah) Lazell of Springfield; one daughter, Kali (husband, Jason) McDowell of Peoria; several brothers-in-law, sisters-in-law, nieces, nephews and extended family members. Mr. Lazell attended elementary and high school in Decatur. He also attended Millikin University in Decatur until he joined the United States Marine Corps. He served from 1966-1969 with a tour of duty in Vietnam at Da Nang, Dong Ha, Khe Sanh, Con Tien, Camp Carroll, DMZ, and Rockpile. He received two purple hearts and a gold star in lieu of the third purple heart medal; National Defense Service Medal; Vietnam Service Medal with 1 *; Vietnam Campaign Medal with device, Presidential Unit Citation, and Good Conduct Medal 1st Award. After leaving the military, Mr. Lazell enrolled at Lincoln Jr. College in 1969 pursuing a degree in Journalism. In 1973, he received a Bachelor of Arts in Communications from UIS/Sangamon State University. After graduation he pursued a Master of Divinity degree and graduated in 1977 from Christian Theological Seminary, Indianapolis, Indiana. During 1973-1977 he served as a student pastor at Lerna Methodist Church, Lerna and Kenney-Harmony United Methodist Churches, Kenney. After receiving his

degree in 1977 he was appointed to Laurel United Methodist Church, Springfield, as an Associate Minister. In 1979, Rev. Lazell was appointed to Preemption United Methodist Church, Preemption and in 1981, Rev. Lazell was appointed to Cisco United Methodist Church, Cisco. During this time in his career, Rev. Lazell had a calling to work exclusively with senior citizens and enrolled in the Master of Arts in Gerontology program at the University of Illinois-Springfield. Having attained an outstanding academic record, Mr. Lazell was inducted into the Gerontology Honor Society at UIS and later served as President of the Sigma Phi Omega, Eta Chapter at UIS (the Gerontology Honor Society at UIS). After graduating from the Gerontology program, Mr. Lazell secured a position at the Illinois Department on Aging and stayed at the agency for 23 years, retiring in 2010 as Lead Trainer of the Community Care Program (CCP) throughout the state. Because of his prior military service, he was a very detailed person and this ability assisted him when he was in charge of several large state-wide conferences while at Aging. Mr. Lazell was a TV and movie buff. He was also known as a die-hard John Wayne fan including making a trek with his family to Winterset, Iowa, to tour John Wayne's birthplace. He especially enjoyed World War II era movies. Mr. Lazell was also a great sports fan as well as participant. Mr. Lazell was an avid Boston Celtics and Chicago Bulls fan. In fact, for Halloween one year he wore the official uniform of Larry Bird and carried a Larry Bird basketball. He also was a participant in Kim's Tae Kwon Do academy attaining the rank of brown belt. However, his greatest sport achievement was in running which he started at the age of 55. He ran three marathons, 17 half-marathons, and 19 5K/10K/15K. His last race was completed in 2013. For this Christmas, to celebrate his running achievements his family had planned to present a special quilt comprised of many running shirts as well as a special hanger for all 49 medals. Perhaps Mr. Lazell's greatest joy was in being a part of the Hayes-Krell Memorial Chapter 159 Military Order of the Purple Heart. Mr. Lazell was so proud to have served as the Commander of Chapter 159. He was also very proud of the proposed Purple Heart Memorial to be built at Oak Ridge Cemetery to honor those who have paid a high price for freedom. As a combat wounded veteran he was always reaching out to other veterans in needy circumstances explaining the many organizations that can be used to help veterans. As a marine (as ALL marine's know, there is no such thing as a former marine!) he took great pride in "sharing" his marine pride with all his fellow patriots at the Chapter (most of whom are Army veterans). He also was an *At-Large Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Illinois**. John was known for his witty comments, friendly smile and a "go to" person at work and after. His many sayings are left for us to ponder, such as... "If one's good, two's better," "water to drink, water to drink" (don't order or drink soda!). Mr. Lazell was a retired honorable location clergy of the Illinois Great Rivers Conference of the United Methodist Church. Visitation was friends from 5:00-8:00 PM on Thursday, December 19, 2013 at Kirlin-Egan & Butler Funeral Home, 900 South 6th Street, Springfield. The Funeral was at 10:30 AM on Friday, December 20, 2013 at Kirlin-Egan & Butler Funeral Home. Burial was at Camp Butler National Cemetery with military honors provided by Inter-Veterans Burial Detail of Sangamon County and Department of Defense. To celebrate John's life and how he may have touched your life, memorial contributions may be directed to the Animal Protective League, 1001 Taintor Road, Springfield, IL 62702, or Chapter 159 Purple Heart Memorial, c/o Athens State Bank, 6530 North State Route 29, Springfield, IL 62707.

WILLIAM LYNN "Bill" LUTE - Died Sunday, January 19, 2014 surrounded by his family and loved ones at SOMC Hospice. He was 65 years of age and a resident of McDermott, Ohio. He was born October 17, 1948 in Lucasville, a son of the late Floyd William and Roma Jean (née Gillette) Lute. Bill was a retired chemical operator from the Gaseous Diffusion Plant in Piketon with 32 years of service, a 1967 Northwest High School graduate, and attended Shawnee State University. He was a U.S. Army veteran stationed in Germany, and a U.S. Naval Reserve Seabee veteran. Bill was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – South Shore (Kentucky) Chapter #1006**, Cold War Patriots, and the Autism Project of Southern Ohio. He is survived by his wife, Patricia Ann Wilson Lute, whom he married Aug. 8, 1972, in Lucasville; one daughter, Shauna Lynn Lute of Reynoldsburg; two grandsons, Cameron Lute of McDermott, and Jarrett Chambliss of Chillicothe; two brothers, Alan R. Lute of Lucasville and Kevin (Kathi) Lute of Portsmouth; four sisters, Betty (Tom) King of Columbus, Patricia (Gary) Nichols of Lucasville, Renee Lute of Minford, and Tamara (Jeff) Spradlin of Franklin Furnace; several nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles, cousins, many friends and neighbors, a special nephew, Larry "Bubby" Charles Wilson Jr.; and his best friend, Mike Crabtree. Funeral services were conducted at Noon Wednesday, Jan. 22, 2014, at the McKinley Funeral Home in Lucasville with Philip Carver officiating and the Breech Family Singers. Burial was in Scioto Burial Park where graveside military rites were performed by the William A. Baker and James Irwin Posts of the American Legion. Friends visited from 5:30 to 8:30 PM Tuesday and from 11:00 AM to Noon on Wednesday at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter #1006, South Shore, Kentucky, or to the Autism Project of Southern Ohio, PO Box 888, Portsmouth, OH 45662.

EARL BARRY MARKLEY - Died Friday, December 13, 2013 at Paoli Hospital after a battle with cancer. He was 66 years of age and a resident of Birchrunville, Pennsylvania. He was born in Pottstown, Pennsylvania to the late Earl S. and Esther (née Hunsberger) Markley. Earl was a graduate of Boyertown High School and Alvernia College. He was a United States Air Force Vietnam Veteran, a member of Boyertown American Legion, and a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Lancaster Chapter #1008**. He was also a member of several Masonic organizations including Stichter Lodge #254 F&AM Pottstown. A funeral service was on Friday, 11:00 AM at the Catagnus Funeral Home and Cremation Center, Inc., 711 North Franklin Street, Pottstown. Burial with military honors was at the Highland Memorial Park. Visitation was on Friday from 9:30 to 10:45 AM at the funeral home with a Masonic Service to start at 10:45 AM. Memorial donations may be made in Earl's name to Shriners Hospitals for Children, c/o Theresa Diamond, Office of Development, 3351 North Broad Street, Philadelphia, PA 19140-4131.



GEORGE WESLEY MARRS - Died Sunday, January 26, 2014 at his home in Clarksville, Tennessee at the age of 71. The cause of death was an accidental fall, death resulting. He was born in Pawnee, Oklahoma on February 10, 1942 to the late George Marrs and Mary (née Martin) Marrs. George was a proud father and grandfather, who loved his children and grandchildren with all his heart. He was a retired soldier, who was loved and well-liked, having proudly served for 23 years. Mr. Marrs was a highly decorated Vietnam Veteran and was a *Life Member and Vice President* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Clarksville Chapter #396**. He was also a member of American Legion

Life, VFW Post 4895, The Society of the Fifth Division, and Non-Commissioned Officers' Association of the United States of America. George loved sports, fishing, and the Fort Campbell Falcons. George is survived by his son, Larry (Beth) Marrs, of Arizona; daughters, Susan Marrs Gordon (Michell Yates), of North Carolina, and Beth Burrell, of South Carolina; sisters Wilma Mullennax and Louise (Alfred) Bishop, of Oklahoma; grandchildren, Markus Marrs, Kayla Marrs, Rian Marrs, Kasey Marrs, and Candice Thomas; and Joshua Marlow and Anna Marlow, who he played with and talked to regularly. A funeral service was held on Friday, January 31 at 12:00 Noon, at the Chapel of Neal-Tarpley-Parchman Funeral Home. Interment was at the Kentucky Veterans Cemetery - West, in Hopkinsville, Kentucky. Visitation was on Thursday, January 30th, from 7:00 to 9:00 PM. Military personnel will serve as pallbearers. Honorary pallbearers are Joshua Marlow and Markus Marrs. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to VFW Post 1485, 1701 Haynes Street, Clarksville, TN 37043. Arrangements were entrusted to Neal-Tarpley-Parchman Funeral Home, 1510 Madison Street, Clarksville, TN 37040; (931) 645-6488. Online condolences may be made at www.neal-tarpley.com.



RICHARD JOSEPH McCASKILL - Died Saturday, January 11, 2014 at Spring Meadows Healthcare at the age of 67. He was a resident of Clarksville, Tennessee. The cause of death was cancer. He was born on November 29, 1946 in Brooklyn, New York to the late Richard Earl McCaskill and Frances (née Sherman) McCaskill. He was also preceded in death by his great-grandchild, Jerico McCaskill, and father and mother-in-law, Robert Frehulfer, Sr. and Margaret Frehuler. Richard was a Retired Staff Sergeant (E-6) with the United States Army, having served tours in Vietnam and Desert Storm. He received the National Defense Service Medal and the Vietnam Cross of Gallantry Medal. He was also a retired truck driver. He was a member of the Immaculate Conception Catholic Church, **Vietnam Veterans of America – Clarksville Chapter #396**, lifetime member of the NRA, AARP, and the Hunting Club. He is survived by his wife, Janice McCaskill; son, Ivan (Meghan) McCaskill; daughter, Dawn-Star (Joshua) Cobb; brother, Phillip (Kathy) McCaskill; two sisters, Nancy (Pete) Peterson and Debra (James) Neal; five grandchildren, Joseph McCaskill, Cody (Elizabeth Dickey) McCaskill, Joshua Cobb, Randall McCaskill, and Charles Donahoo; great-grandchild, Liam McCaskill; and military brothers, Rock (Tina) Sauce and Felix (Carmen). A funeral mass was held on Friday, January 17, 2014 at 7:00 PM at the Neal-Tarpley-Parchman Chapel. Visitation was held on Friday, January 17, 2014 from 3:00 PM until the hour of service at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the American Cancer Society, 2000 Charlotte Avenue, Nashville, TN 37203. Arrangements entrusted to Neal-Tarpley-Parchman Funeral Home, 1510 Madison Street, Clarksville, TN 37040. Online condolences may be made at www.neal-tarpley.com.

EVERETTE STANLEY McDONALD – Died Sunday, October 9, 2011 in Blackville, South Carolina at the age of 71. The cause of death was lung cancer. He was born July 16, 1940 in Savannah, Georgia. He served in the United States Marine Corps during the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Barnwell Chapter #828**.

WILLIAM DAVID McDONALD – Died Sunday, December 29, 2013 in Lawton, Oklahoma at the age of 81. He died after a long illness at the Lawton-Fort Sill Veterans Center. The cause of death is unknown. He was born June 14, 1932 in Detroit, Michigan to the late William Donald

and Lauraressa C. (née LaVere) McDonald. He served in the United States Army during the Vietnam-era. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Lawton Chapter #751**. The funeral service was at 9:30 AM on Friday, January 3rd, 2014 in the Whinery-Huddleston Chapel with his longtime friend and Pastor Bob Weger, officiating. Interment with full military honors was in the Fort Sill National Cemetery in Elgin, Oklahoma.

GEORGE L. MCLENNON - Died Tuesday, April 30, 2013 in Bowie, Texas at the age of 74. The cause of death is unknown. He was born July 11, 1939. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Denton Chapter #920**.

WILLIAM P. MEMINGER - Died Thursday, January 2, 2014 in Rochester, New York at age 74. The cause of death is unknown. He was born April 27, 1939. He was predeceased by his three wives, Marion, Norma and Billie. He is survived by his sisters, Joan Hall and Sue Fazio; brother, David (Sandra) Meminger of CA; brother-in-law, Harold Strassner; his "son" Steven Wagner; many nieces, nephews and dear friends from his church and veterans groups. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Rochester Chapter #20**. Bill was an avid Rochester Red Wings baseball fan where he was a season ticket holder. No prior calling. On Tuesday morning, January 7th, friends were invited to attend his funeral services at 11:00 AM at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 1250 English Rd. Interment was private.



ROBERT JOSEPH METTLER – Died Monday, July 15, 2013 at St. Vincent Mercy Hospital surrounded by family. He was 78 years of age and a resident of Toledo, Ohio. The cause of death was a fall resulting in a broken neck. He was born on January 3, 1935 in Bay City, Michigan to the late William and Evelyn Mettler. He was a standout baseball pitcher and 1952 graduate of Central Catholic High School. He earned his B.A. in journalism from Toledo University. Robert served his country for more than 14 years in the United States Navy. Voluntary assignment to Naval Mobile Construction Battalion 9, Da Nang, Republic of Vietnam from 1967-1969 was the service of which he was most proud. Robert was granted an Honorable Discharge in 1970. Robert's military service would forever change and define his life. He became an advocate for Vietnam veterans in an era in which they were often ostracized. Before long, his advocacy would include all veterans and the issues important to veterans. Robert was appointed to the Commission of Lucas County Veterans Services, but his drive to work in the trenches with his comrades eventually led him to resign that position in favor of becoming the organizations Executive Director. In addition to caring for veterans needs on a daily basis, Robert skillfully positioned his office as a platform from which he could promote pro-veteran's issues to government agencies and elected officials. Robert worked tirelessly on anything he believed a veteran deserved or needed, regardless of whether it aided all veterans, or a single veteran in need. Rather than diminishing his impact, his retirement in 2004 had the opposite effect. Absent the responsibility and hours devoted to administrative duties, Robert now had time to parlay his many relationships with government officials and elected leaders into "cut-the-red-tape" access to those with the authority to effect change. Robert always found a way to navigate through, around, or sometimes over anyone or anything between him his goal to better the lives of veterans. Robert spent every day of his life in

service to his country, his community and his beloved fellow veterans. He never missed an opportunity to don his uniform or pull on khakis and combat boots to represent veterans at rallies, protests, parades and other events. He was enthusiastic in even his most difficult yet gratifying role, serving in Honor Guards called on to salute and pay respect, on behalf of all veterans, to a fallen brother being laid to rest. Robert served numerous community organizations including: was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Toledo Chapter #35**, American Legion, Disabled American Veterans, the Board of the Area Office on Aging, Homeless Veterans Task Force, Consortium of Care Task Force and Sister Cities Toledo – Da Nang RVN Study Group. Robert was also President Emeritus of the University of Toledo Alumni Association --University College Affiliate, a member of the Walbridge Park Advisory Board and a member of Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish. He is survived by his wife of 57 years, Nancy, and children Michael Mettler, Michelle (William) Mohrbach, James Mettler, Robert T. (Diane) Mettler, John (Laura) Mettler, Joseph Mettler, Susan Mettler (-Sugg) and Jamie Mettler. He is also survived by 15 cherished grandchildren. Robert was looking forward to welcoming his first great-grandchild, due any day, as well as the upcoming nuptials of a granddaughter. Visitation was at the Coyle Funeral Home 1770 South Reynolds Road on Friday July 19, 2013 from 1:00 – 7:00 PM where a Scripture Service was held at 6:00 p.m. Funeral services began in the mortuary at 9:30 AM on Saturday July 20th, with the Funeral Mass to follow at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church at 10:00 AM. Memorial contributions can be made to the Disabled American Veterans or Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish. Robert's family would like to acknowledge and thank the caring staff of St. Vincent Mercy Hospital's Coronary Care Unit, whose compassionate care ensured his final hours were painless and peaceful.

TOMMIE LEE MIKEAL - Died Thursday, November 3, 2011 in Lufkin, Texas at the age of 67. The cause of death is unknown. He was born Feb. 19, 1944 to the late Walter L. and Jewel (née Barber) Mikeal in Rockport, Texas. He and his wife, Nancy, lived in Lufkin for 29 years. He was a very active member of the McKnight Congregational Church. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He enjoyed motorcycling, and was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Nacogdoches Chapter #931**. Survivors include his wife of 43 years, Nancy Mikeal of Lufkin, Texas; son and daughter-in-law, David Lee and Laura Mikeal of Lufkin, Texas; brother and sister-in-law, Raymond and Belinda Mikeal of College Station, Texas; sister, RoJean Williams of Nacogdoches, Texas; grandchildren, Austin Lee Mikeal and Zachary Thomas Mikeal; and numerous nieces and nephews. Pallbearers will be Louis Williams, Shawn Williams, Adam Mikeal, Justin Stohler, Doug Thompson and Richard Currie. Funeral services were at 2:00 PM on Sunday, November 6th, at the Dickie Allen Funeral Home Chapel with Brother Leo Lytle and Brother Ned Chipley co-officiating. Interment was at the Sacul Cemetery. Visitation was from 6:00 until 8:00 PM on Saturday, November 5th at the funeral home in Cushing. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to any of the following places: Hospice in the Pines, 1504 West Frank Avenue, Lufkin, Texas 75904; McKnight Congregational Church, 565 CR 975, Cushing, Texas 75760; or Pine Valley Congregational Methodist, 1472 FM 304, Diboll, Texas 75941. Dickie Allen Funeral Home, Cushing were in charge of arrangements.



RHONDA KAY "Kat" MILLER - Died Thursday, December 12, 2013 at Columbus Regional Healthcare at the age of 58. She was a resident of Brunswick, North Carolina. The cause of death is unknown. She was born August 16, 1955 in Columbus County, North Carolina to the late Tommy H. Jones and Vera Mae (née Benton) Jones. "Kat" was a member of the VFW Auxiliary, and a member of **Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America – Whiteville Chapter #962**. She is survived by her husband, Donald Miller Sr.; one son, Donald Miller Jr. of Whiteville; one daughter, Lisa Long and husband, Derek, of Tabor City; five grandchildren, Jacob Miller, Derek Long, Eric Long, Dustin Long, Peyton Long. Her family received friends from 6:00-8:00 PM on Monday, December 16th at Peacock Funeral Home. Her funeral service was conducted at 2:00 PM on Tuesday, December 17th in the funeral home chapel with Reverend Chip Hannah officiating. Burial was in Peacock's Columbus Memorial Park.

JOHN JAMES "Jack" NEWETT - Died unexpectedly on Sunday, September 22, 2013 in Royersford, Pennsylvania at the age of 65. The cause of death was a motorcycle accident, death resulting. He was born in Phoenixville, Pennsylvania on November 15, 1947 to the late John Newett, Sr. and the late Arlene (née Guest) Newett. He was the husband of Mary (Lorenzo) Newett, of Royersford. A 1965 graduate of Spring Ford High School, Jack worked as a truck driver for John Pfrommer, Inc. for many years. In addition, he was a self-employed courier. Jack enjoyed home improvement projects, masonry work, gardening and horticulture. An avid outdoorsman, Jack enjoyed bicycling, kayaking, riding his motorcycle, camping and spending time with his family and friends. Jack's sense of humor, quick wit, storytelling and discussions of history, religion, politics and science will be sadly missed. Jack was a proud veteran of The United States Military having served in the Air Force in Vietnam. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America - Blue Bell Chapter #349**. In addition to his wife of 39 years, Jack is survived by three children: Joshua, husband of Hanna Lee of Jinhae, South Korea, Jonathan of Royersford and Danielle, wife of Andrew Mungin of Royersford. In addition, he is survived by two grandchildren, Taylor and Ryan Mungin. He is also survived by a sister, Patricia Newett Jones, wife of Nicholas Jones of Phoenixville, and beloved aunts, uncles, in-laws, nieces, nephews, cousins and many friends. There was a celebration of Jack's life on Sunday, September 29th, beginning at 11:00 AM at their home in Royersford. Remembrances began at Noon. Memorial Donations can be made to the American Diabetes Association, P.O. Box 11454, Alexandria, VA 22312. Make all checks payable to American Diabetes Association. Online: Arrangements are being made by Shalkop, Grace & Strunk Funeral Home. On line condolences may be made at www.sgsfuneralhome.com.



BERNARD J. NIENHAUS II – Died Tuesday, March 26, 2013 in Buffalo, New York at the age of 70. The cause of death is unknown. He was born December 13, 1942. He was the beloved husband of Clare Keating Nienhaus; dearest father of B.J. (Amy), Michael (Jeanne) Nienhaus and Kristen (Charles) Salvamoser; loving grandfather of seven grandchildren. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Tonawanda Chapter #77**. The family was present on Saturday from 2:00-6:00 PM at the John E. Roberts Funeral Home (Amherst Chapel), 280 Grover Cleveland Highway at North Bailey. A Mass of Christian Burial was held Monday at 9:30 AM at Saint John

the Baptist Church, 1085 Englewood Avenue, Tonawanda. Flowers gratefully declined. Memorial contributions may be made Catholic Charities. Please share online condolences at www.jerfh.com.



MALCOLM BRUCE NILES (USA-CPT, Ret.) - Died Tuesday, December 31, 2013 at Southwestern Vermont Medical Center, in Bennington, Vermont following a long illness. The exact cause of death is unknown. He was 71 years of age and a resident of Bennington. He was born in Bennington March 7, 1942 to the late of Louise (née Kastenbein) and Robert MacGrey Niles, Jr. He was a 1961 graduate of Bennington Catholic High School. A Vietnam War veteran, Capt. Niles retired from the United States Army in 1983 after serving as an officer and an enlisted man. He attended Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University, Field Artillery Officer Candidate School, Field Artillery Officer Advanced School and served as a combat helicopter pilot for 12 years. His military awards included the Distinguished Flying Cross, Meritorious Service with Oak Leaf Cluster, Bronze Star, Air Medal with Valor and 27 Oak Leaf Clusters and the Vietnam Cross of Gallantry. Following his military career, he was employed for the next 20 years by the U.S. Postal Service, retiring from the North Bennington Post Office. He served as past chairman of the parish council and youth ministry leader for St. John the Baptist Catholic Church. He was also a member of Vietnam Helicopter Pilots Association, Distinguished Flying Cross Society, VFW Post 1332 in Bennington, American Legion Post 13, NorShaft Lions Club and Shaftsbury Veterans Committee. He was a *Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Bennington Chapter #601*. Capt. Niles was an avid outdoorsman. Survivors include his wife, Nancy (née Fierro) Niles of Bennington, whom he married April 19, 1997, in Bennington; five children, Patrick of Lincoln, R.I.; Diana (Niles) Jones of Hope Mills, N.C.; Peter of Washington, D.C.; Colette (Niles) Reid of Summerville, S.C.; and Maria (Fierro) DeLeon of Berlin, NY; eight grandchildren; two brothers, James of Beaver Dam, Wis., and Peter of North Bennington; many nieces, nephews and cousins. He was predeceased by two brothers, Robert III and Eric. The funeral was held at 10:00 AM on Saturday, January 4, 2014 at St. John the Baptist Catholic Church in North Bennington. Friends called from 4:00 to 7:00 PM on Friday, January 3, 2014, at the Mahar & Son Funeral Home. Interment was in Arlington (Virginia) National Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to Southwestern Vermont Medical Center Cardiac Rehab, in care of Mahar & Son Funeral Home, 628 Main St., Bennington, VT 05201.

FRANCIS V. NOLEN, JR. – Died Tuesday June 12, 2012 in Marlton, New Jersey at the age of 67. The cause of death was heart failure. He was born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania on June 14, 1944. He is survived by his wife Nancy Nolen, daughter Kelly Ann Galanti (Bill), son Michael Thomas Nolen (Grace) all of Philadelphia. He was a loving grandfather to seven grandchildren, William, Michael, Caraline, Selena, Sean, Emma and Olivia. He is also survived by his sister Elizabeth Burnett (John), his brother Fred Nolen (Donna), nephews Michael Burnett (JoAnne), Sean Nolen (Jennifer), and Christopher Burnett (Gail), nieces Karen Burnett and Jessica Doran (Matthew) as well as 16 great nieces and nephews. Frank was employed by Yarway of Blue Bell, Pennsylvania. He proudly served in the United States Marine Corps in Vietnam from 1964-1966. He was a *Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Blue Bell Chapter #349*. There was a viewing on Tuesday June 19, 2012 from 10:00 AM-12:00 Noon at The Bradley Funeral Home,

Route 73 and Evesham Road, Marlton, NJ. Funeral service was immediately following, with a burial at 2:00 PM at the Brigadier General William C. Doyle Veterans Memorial Cemetery, Wrightstown, NJ.



STEVE OTIS NORSWORTHY, SR. - Died at his home in Brookport, Illinois on Friday, November 29, 2013, after a brave fight with cancer. He was 63 years of age. He was born in Paducah, Kentucky on January 5, 1950 to the late Woodrow Noble and Loretta Belle (née Kreutzer) Norsworthy. Steve is survived by his loving wife, Doris; seven children, Loretta Williams and husband Barnes, Stacy Yates-Ward, Michelle Fairfield-Ford and Jason Shoulta, Steve Norsworthy, Jr. and Abigail Good, Shawn Fairfield and wife Autumn, James Norsworthy, and Nathan Powalish; 17 grandchildren; 3 sisters, Shirley Hagan, Cheryl Ann Peek, and Sheila Giltner; a special brother-in-law; and several nieces and nephews. In addition to his parents, he was also predeceased his stepmother Jewell Norsworthy; one sister, Vickie Belle Powers. He was a disabled veteran of the United States Army having proudly served our country during the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Paducah (Kentucky) Chapter #337**. He dedicated his life to the love of his life, his wife; he was a rock in the eyes of his children and a hero as a paw-paw. His unique sense of humor was legendary and his “ditty songs” will be passed on for generations to come. His home was filled with love, laughter and acceptance. Simply put he was loved. He belonged to several veteran organizations. Friends called at the Miller Funeral Home from 12:00 Noon until the funeral hour at 2:00 PM. Pall Bearers were Steve Norsworthy II, Jimmy Norsworthy, Shawn Fairfield, Andy Powers, Josh Wiley, Nathan Powalish, Travis Stephens, and J.D. Ward. Funeral services were on Tuesday December 3, 2013 at 2:00 PM at the Miller Funeral Home with the Reverend Glenn Coram officiating. Burial was in the Otterbein Cemetery in Pope County, Illinois with Military Graveside Rites.



STEPHEN RONALD “Olbie” OLBRISH, SR. - Died Sunday, December 15, 2013 after a battle with cancer. He was a resident of Killeen, Texas and 74 years of age. He was born in Newark, New Jersey on February 17, 1939. He was preceded in death by his son Michael Olbrish. He is survived by his wife Ruth Olbrish, son Steve Olbrish and wife Donna, of Rockwall, TX; daughter Kimberly Olbrish and granddaughter Elizabeth Westin of Killeen, TX; daughter-in-law Jennifer Olbrish and granddaughter Preslie Olbrish of N. Richland Hills, TX; brothers, Danny and Ed Olbrish of Sutersville, PA and Walter Olbrish and wife Vilda of Sumter, SC. He served more than 22 years in the United States Army from 1960 to 1981 and earned many military honors including the Bronze Star. He retired in 1981. After retiring from the military he worked range control on Fort Hood and retired from there in 2003. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Harker Heights Chapter #1000**. Services were at 11:00 AM on Friday, December 20, 2013 at the Central Texas State Veterans Cemetery in Killeen.



GEORGE THEODORE PAPPAS, SR. - Died Saturday, September 21, 2013 in Perry, Georgia at the age of 77. The cause of death was cardiac arrest. He was born January 25, 1936 in Washington, D.C. to the late Theodore and Constance Pappas. With pride and honor he served his country in the United States Air Force during the Vietnam

War. He was a member of the Disabled Veterans Association where he served as Chaplain and he was also a member of the Romeo Club (Retired Old Men Eating Out). Bonaire First Baptist Church was his church home. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Macon Chapter #443**. In addition to his parents, he was also predeceased by his grandchildren, Jackson Pappas and Mary R. Pappas. His memory will forever be treasured by his loving wife of fifty-five years, Priscilla Pappas; children, Dorothy Sichelstiel (Todd) of Perry; Stacey Tebben of Moncks Corner, South Carolina; and George "Ted" Pappas Jr. (Julie) of Ft. Mill, South Carolina; grandchildren, Christina Tebben, Ryan Sichelstiel, Cassaundra Tebben, Brendon Sichelstiel, Austin Sichelstiel (Bo), Alexa Tebben, Olivia Tebben, Tucker Pappas, Ella Pappas and Lila Pappas; and sister Athena Pappas. Visitation was on Monday, September 23, 2013, from 6:00 PM until 8:00 PM at McCullough Funeral Home. Funeral Services were held at 11:00 AM on Tuesday, September 24, 2013 at Bonaire First Baptist Church. Interment was in Andersonville National Cemetery at 2:00 PM. In lieu of flowers, the family respectfully suggests that donations be made to the Wounded Warrior Project 4899 Belfort Road, Suite 300; Jacksonville, Florida 32256.



LARRY JAMES "Pete" PETERSON - Died Saturday, December 28, 2013 in Ponca City, Oklahoma at the age of 64 surrounded by family and friends. The cause of death was stage 4 metastatic lung cancer, squamous cell carcinoma. He was born in Wichita, Kansas on June 21, 1949. He was proudly reared in Shidler, Oklahoma. He served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War and proceeded to obtain a Bachelor of Science of Pre-Law from Oklahoma State University. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Ponca City Chapter #750**. After an early career in manufacturing, Pete owned and operated dry cleaning and laundry businesses in the Ponca City area for over 30 years; when he wasn't playing golf or cards. Pete has enjoyed the wind on his face more recently with a new passion for riding his Harley. He will be greatly missed by many. Pete is survived by his two daughters, Jill Peterson, of Ponca City and her children SPC Chance Peterson, U.S. Army, Kaelyn Peterson and Cameron Davis, of Ponca City and Jamie and her husband, Arnold Wilkins and their children Owen and Wren of Kansas City, Kan. Reared by his paternal grandparents, Pete was especially close to his surviving Great Aunt, Joan Kahline and her children Paul, John and Jamie Kahline of Baltimore, Md. Additionally, Pete's half siblings are, Sandy Richards and Roger Peterson of Wichita, Kan. and Gary Peterson of Spring, Texas. As Pete would never tolerate events conflicting with college bowl games (Go Pokes!), a memorial service was planned for Monday, January 6, 2014 at 2:00 PM at the Trout Funeral Home in Ponca City. In lieu of flowers, Pete requested memorial contributions to Hospice of North Central Oklahoma, 1904 North Union, Suite 103, Ponca City, OK 74601.



REBECCA DIANE "Becky" PHILLIPS - Died Monday, December 23, 2013 in her residence in Reading, Pennsylvania at the age of 68. The cause of death is unknown. She was born in Reading on January 28, 1945 to the late Vincent J. and Nona N. (née Noecker) Phillips Talarico. She was the companion of Michael Y. Kowalski for 25 years. Becky was a 1962 graduate of Reading High School and a 1976 graduate of RACC with an Associate's Degree in the Arts. Becky was a member of the United States Army during the Vietnam Era as

well as a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Reading Chapter #131**, where she served on the board of directors for 10 years. She loved all animals and was a frequent visitor at the Humane Society. She also loved movies, bus trips, casinos, the arts and the theater. Becky was employed as a toll collector for the PA Turnpike for 32 years. In addition to her companion, Becky is survived by one brother, John Phillips of Exeter Township as well as aunts, cousins, nieces and one nephew. She was predeceased by one brother, Vincent Phillips. Services were held on Saturday, December 28th at 11:00 AM at the Lutz Funeral Home, Inc. 2100 Perkiomen Avenue, Mt. Penn, PA 19606. Friends called from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM on Friday evening, December 27th at Lutz Funeral Home Inc. Interment in Berks County Memorial Garden. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to VVA Chapter 131, P.O. Box 13735 Reading PA 19612.

JOSEPH MORRIS PICCIRILLI - Died suddenly on Thursday, November 28, 2013 in Piscataway, New Jersey at the age of 65. The cause of death is unknown. A lifelong resident of Piscataway, he was the son of the late Anthony and Marie Piccirilli (née Bruno). A graduate of Piscataway High School, class of 1966, Mr. Piccirilli served his country honorably in the United States Army. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – New Brunswick Chapter #233**. After college, Mr. Piccirilli was employed by the federal government. Joseph is survived by his brother Glenn, who loved him and will deeply miss him. All funeral arrangements were private at the request of his family and have been entrusted to the Sheenan Funeral Home.

GREGORY A. PINSKEY - Died Saturday, January 9, 2010 in Warren Michigan at the age of 58. He was born May 21, 1951. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Roseville Chapter #154**.



ROBERT E. PLEGER - Died Wednesday, January 29, 2014 in Eastern Niagara Hospital, Newfane, New York at the age of 65. He was a resident of Olcott, New York formerly of Arizona. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Newport, Rhode Island on July 19, 1948 to Jack M. Pleger, of Arizona and the late Millie (née Cox) Pleger. He was a member of the United States Army during the Vietnam War where he was wounded during the war. He married Rachel Gurney December 14, 2006. They have lived in Olcott, NY since 1997, coming from Arizona. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Tonawanda Chapter #77**. Robert also completed his Charter Captain course with the US Coast Guard. He enjoyed fishing and loved his children and grandchildren. He was the father of Robb (Lisa) Pleger, James (Josephine) Pleger, Stephanie (Bruce) Hawkins, all of California, Jenifer Robinson of SD, Carey Pleger of Surprise, AZ, Chrislyn (Tyler) Valandra of SD, and Bethany (Lon) Colley of Burt, NY. Brother of Charlene (Jim) Burgner of SC, Jack E. (Nancy) Pleger and Don (Jennifer) Pleger, all of Phoenix, AZ. He was also survived by several grandchildren and great-grandchildren. No prior visitation. Memorial services were held in Arizona at a later date. Burial was in the National Cemetery in Arizona with military honors. Memorials to Vietnam Veterans of America, 57 Main Street, Tonawanda, NY 14170; or Buffalo Veterans Hospital, 3495 Bailey Avenue - #151, Buffalo, NY 14215. Please visit www.rutland-corwin.com to send a condolence to the family.



RONALD CHARLES "Ron" POWELL - Died Monday, January 13, 2014 at his residence in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania at the age of 67. The cause of death was a heart attack. He was born December 23, 1946 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania to the late Charlotte C. Powell (née Miller). He is the brother of Dawn Wagner and her husband the late George Jr. and Karen Newton and her husband Greg "Fig". He is also survived by his many nieces, nephews, grand nieces, grand nephews, neighbors and friends. Ron was born, raised and educated in Philadelphia. He was a 1964 graduate of Murrell Dobbins CTE High School. He enlisted into the United States Navy in October of 1967 and served honorably during the Vietnam War. He was discharged in October of 1970 with the rank of Fireman. Ron is the Chaplain of Juniata Park American Legion Post 738 and past Sergeant at Arms, Chaplain and Commander of Crestlawn American Legion Post 832. Ron was an avid supporter of the NRA. He loved to fish, hunt, and spend time with his comrades at the American Legion. He was a *Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Liberty Bell (Philadelphia) Chapter #266*. Relatives and friends were invited to his visitation on Tuesday, January 21, 2014 from 11:00 A.M. and funeral service at 1:00 P.M. at Wetzel and Son Funeral Home, 419 Huntingdon Pike, Rockledge, PA 19046. His graveside service and military honors rendered by the United States Navy were delayed due to snow and took place on Thursday, January 23, 2014 at 1:00 P.M. at Rosedale Memorial Park, 3850 Richelieu Road, Bensalem, PA 19020. Religious services were conducted by Rev. Jane Marston from Tabor Lutheran Church, 4860 North Howard Street, Philadelphia, PA 19120. Donations may be made in his memory to Juniata Park American Legion Post 738, 1517 East Luzerne Street, Philadelphia, PA 19124 legion.org or Crestlawn American Legion Post 832, 301 East Godfrey Avenue, Philadelphia, PA 19120.

VERNON SHERRILL REYNALDS (USA – CW4-Ret.) - Died Saturday, December 21, 2013 at his home in Daleville, Alabama at the age of 74. He was formerly from Hot Springs, Arkansas. The cause of death was Agent Orange-related cancer. He was born in Sunshine, Arkansas on January 24, 1939. He served in the United States Army from 1957 to 1959 and 1961 to 1978 with service in Southeast Asia from June 1967 to July 1968 and October 1970 to July 1971. He was a *Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Daleville Chapter #373*. Survivors include his wife of 55 years, Glenda Greeson Reynolds, Daleville, AL; 2 sons, Kevin Reynolds (Mary), Hot Springs, AR, Scott Reynolds (Chris), Des Moines, IA; daughter Sheila Outlaw (Mickey), Ozark, AL; grandchildren, Ashley Pagni (Pete), Anchorage, AK, Zachary Reynolds, Charleston, SC, Joshua Reynolds, Des Moines, IA, Jessica Reynolds, Des Moines, IA, Levi Dahlquist, Daleville, AL; mother-in-law, Alma Greeson, Hot Springs, AR; brother, Hoyte Reynolds (Linda), Hot Springs, AR; sister, Sheila Dunn (Russell), Hot Springs, AR; best friend, Walt Waters, Level Plains, AL. Arrangements are incomplete and will be announced at a later date. Searcy Funeral Home and Crematory, (334) 393-2273, was in charge of arrangements.

RICHARD R. "Butch" RHODES - Died Wednesday, February 13, 2008 in Manheim, Pennsylvania at the age of 62. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Ephrata, Pennsylvania to the late Richard R. and Marian (née Root) Rhodes. In 2004 Butch retired from Case-New Holland where he worked for over 30 years. A United States Marine Corps veteran, Rich served three tours during the Vietnam War and received the Purple Heart and was awarded the Bronze Star with a Combat V for his service. He was the husband of Donna L. (née Reppert) Rhodes and

they observed their 40th wedding anniversary on January 20th of this year. Butch was a member of Bridge United Methodist Church, Manheim where he served as trustee. He was active on the Board of Directors for The United Veterans Beacon House, Akron. Rich's memberships included, a life membership in the Military Order of the Purple Heart, a member of the Disabled American Veterans, *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Lancaster Chapter #1008**, Garden Spot American Legion Post 56, Lititz, a life member of Lititz Springs VFW Post 1463, a social member of Hope Fire Engine and Hose Company #1 of Manheim. Butch was very active in scouting in the Manheim area where he was currently committee chair for cub pack 47. Earlier in his life he served as Webelos leader and committee member and served as Assistant Boy Scout Master and committee member for troop 47. Rich's life's focus was his family and he enjoyed spending time with his children and grandchildren. Surviving in addition to his wife are two sons, Brandy L. husband of Jennifer B. Lindsay Rhodes, Corby S. husband of Kimberly A. Sides Rhodes all of Manheim, four grandchildren, Jarrod, Austin, Seth, and Sarah Rhodes, two sisters, Linda Talbot, of Lititz, Cindy Ruth, of Ephrata, and a brother, Albert Rhodes, of Denver. Relatives and friends were respectfully invited to attend his funeral service at Bridge United Methodist Church, located at (J. and J. Material Handling Systems Inc.) 2705 Mount Joy Road Manheim, PA on Sunday, February 17, 2008 at 3:00 PM with Pastor Ted McCabe officiating. Interment was private and at the convenience of the family in Conestoga Memorial Park, Lancaster. There was a public viewing at the church on Sunday afternoon from 1:30 PM until the time of the service. Those desiring may send contribution in Butch's memory to Bridge Church, mailing address: 5048 Field View Drive, Mount Joy, PA 17552 or United Veterans Beacon House, 130 South 9th Street, Akron, PA 17501. The Buch Funeral Home Manheim, PA was in charge of arrangements.

DANNY JOE RICHARDS – Died recently in 2013 in Texas City, Texas at the age of 63. The cause of death is unknown. He was born October 5, 1950. He is survived by his wife. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Dickinson Chapter #685**.



EDWARD C. RIESEL - Died Sunday evening, January 19, 2014, in Utica, New York at the age of 73. He was surrounded by loved ones. He was a resident of Herkimer, New York. The cause of death was heart failure. He was born on November 1, 1940 in Ilion, New York to the late Ernest and Florence (née Lyon) Riesel. He attended Herkimer schools and graduated with the Herkimer High School Class of 1958. Ed entered the United States Army in 1963, and was a member of the 716th Military Police Battalion. He was honorably discharged in 1965. While in the Army, he became an expert in rifle and the 45 pistol. He served in Vietnam and received the Armed Forces Commendation Medal, the Good Conduct Medal, Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, National Defense Service Medal/Republic of Vietnam Campaign Ribbon W/Device (1960)/Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross W/Palm Unit Citation Badge/ Republic of Vietnam Civil Actions Honor Medal, and the First Class Unit Citation Badge/Navy Unit Citation. Ed was extremely close to his family and leaves his cherished sisters, Jane Riesel and Sharon Riesel-Oldfield; his aunts, Patricia Lyon Jones, Dorothy & James Griffith, Joyce Lyon Demchko; an uncle, Burton Werthman; his nephew, Brian Riesel and his wife, Brenda; his nieces, Cheryl Cristman and husband, Michael, and Mary Riesel Clark; and a sister in

law Janet Riesel. Also surviving Ed are his great-nieces, twins Emily and Danielle and Jenna Riesel, Lance Corporal Joseph Riesel, US Marine, along with his goddaughter, Kurstin Gay. Katie Nichols and Donna Merryman were his 'other sisters', and Donald Lyon was his very special cousin (They were Ed's constant traveling partners throughout the years); "happy traveling, my friends". He was predeceased by his parents, a brother, Ernest G., a great-niece, Mariah Riesel, a brother in law, Ronald Oldfield along with several aunts, uncles, and cousins. Ed was the manager of Oyster Harbor's Club, Osterville, MA. During his time on Cape Cod, he became acquainted with many, many people, including former first lady, Jacquelyn Kennedy, Mrs. Robert F. Kennedy, Rep. Joseph Kennedy, III, Rep. Patrick Kennedy, former Speaker of the House Thomas P. "Tip" O'Neill, former presidential advisor Lawrence F. O'Brian, former first lady, Lady Bird Johnson, Joseph Cronin, former president of the American League of Baseball Association., Carl Yastrzemski of the Boston Red Sox, Gene Autry, actress Lee Remick, first and former director of the Peace Corps Sargent Shriver and his wife Eunice, their daughter, Maria Shriver, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Hope, General James M. Gavin, Commander of the 82nd Airborne Division at the Invasion of Normandy, former Secretary of the Treasury, C. Douglas Dillon, former Secretary of Commerce, John T. Connor, Paul Mellon of Mellon Banks, Felix Dupont of Dupont Industries, William Koch, former winner of America's Cup in 1992, and Senator Hillary Rodham-Clinton. Ed also met Richard Burton, Roddy McDowell, Robert Goulet, Joe Paterno, John Havlicek, Donna Reed, Oprah Winfrey, Art Buchwald, Arnold Schwarzenegger, John O'Neil, former co-owner of the Miami Dolphins, William and Mary Sullivan, former owners of the New England Patriots, and sports announcer, Howard Cosell, and Bob Villa, along with Ann Thompson of NBC News, Former Ambassador to Barbados, James Daley, Olympic Gold Medal Skater, Tenley Albright, and pianist, Peter Dudchin. Ed's spare time on Cape Cod was spent playing golf, riding on his small yacht, and going to the best restaurants. He traveled to Florida for a month each winter and had many friends there. Cruising to Nova Scotia was always a great fall vacation for Ed. He was a communicant of the Church of Saints Anthony & Joseph, Herkimer. He was a member of the VFW No. 4915, **Vietnam Veterans of America – Herkimer Chapter #827**, serving as vice-president for many years. He was a life member of the DAV, Chapter 162, the American Legion Post No. 38, Polish Community Home, Herkimer, serving on the Board of Directors, Tony R. George Post No. 6. He was a "Friends of Historical Herkimer County" Board Member, and was instrumental in saving the 1884 Jail. He was also on the Board of Directors of the Hyannis Elks No. 1549, and the Elk's National Foundation. He was a member of the Herkimer County Democratic Committee. Ed was selected and honored as the Grand Marshall of the 2013 Memorial Day Parade by the Veterans Council. Calling hours at The Enea Family Funeral Home, 220 North Washington Street, Herkimer, NY were held on Wednesday, January 22nd from 2:00 – 4:00 & 7:00 – 9:00 PM. The members of the Michael S. Pliseck VFW Post #4915 gathered at 7:00 PM at the funeral home for services. The Vietnam Veteran's Chapter #827 also gathered on Wednesday evening. Contributions in Ed's memory may be made to the Kelberman Autism Center, 1601 Armory Drive, Utica, NY 13501 or to the Make – A – Wish Foundation, 5005 Campuswood Drive, East Syracuse, NY 13057. Envelopes are available at the funeral home. The family is so very grateful to the loving staff of Central New York Cardiology and Dr. Michael W. Kelberman for their professionalism. Funeral services were held on Thursday January 23, 2014 at 12:30 PM from The Enea Family Funeral Home, 220 North

Washington Street, Herkimer. The Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated in the Church of Saints Anthony & Joseph, South Main Street, Herkimer, at 1:00 PM.



LARRY A. RITTER - Died Tuesday, November 5, 2013 at Saint Marys Hospital in Rochester, Minnesota at the age of 67. He was a resident of Mason City, Iowa. The cause of death was ischemic heart disease. He was born December 26, 1945 in Mason City to the late Paul and Helen (née LeDuc) Ritter. Larry graduated from Mason City High School in 1965, and North Iowa Area Community College (NIACC). He served in the United States Marine Corps during the Vietnam War and was honorably discharged after serving two years. Larry married Patricia McKibben March 23, 1968, in Mason City. Larry worked at Northwestern States Portland Cement Co. (Holcim) for 42 years. He was a member of VFW Post #733, **Vietnam Veterans of America – Lake Mills Chapter #790**, and American Legion Post #8363, Rockport, Texas. Some of his interests include hunting, fishing, playing games on his Kindle, watching TV, and rooting for his favorite football team -- the New Orleans Saints. Larry is survived by his wife, Patricia of Mason City; daughters, Jean (David) Whitney of Mason City, Suzanne (Steven) Volkmer of Mason City; grandchildren, Lauren and Sarah; step-grandchildren, Tyler and Braden; sister, Teresa Ritter of Mason City. In addition to his parents, he predeceased by his father and mother-in-law, Thomas Ross and Thelma “Rucille” McKibben. Funeral services were held at 10:30 AM on Monday, November 11, 2013, at Rolling Acres Christian Reformed Church, 340 20th Street, SW with Pastor Nate deVries officiating. Interment was in the Elmwood Saint Joseph Cemetery. Military rites were conducted by the Mason City Veterans Association. Visitation was from 2:00 to 5:00 PM on Sunday at the Major Erickson Funeral Home, 111 North Pennsylvania Avenue and continued at the church on Monday one hour prior to services. Memorials may be directed to the Larry A. Ritter Memorial Fund.

JOEL DUANE ROSS, SR. – Died Sunday, December 22, 2013 in Greenville, North Carolina at the age of 69. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Passaic, New Jersey on April 15, 1944 to the late Warren Ross and Lilly Rawls. He graduated from Passaic High School in 1963. He attended Hampton Institute now Hampton University for three years until he was drafted into the United States Army. He served in Vietnam during the war. He attained the rank of First Lieutenant when he was discharged in 1969. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Greenville Chapter #272**.

THOMAS M. ROWAN - Died Monday, December 9, 2013 at his home in Williamsport, Maryland at the age of 57. The cause of death is unknown. He was born November 19, 1956 in Cumberland, Maryland to Opak V. Rowan, of Williamsport and the late Thomas Robert Rowan who died on January 28, 2002. In addition to his mother, he is survived by his daughter, Jennifer O. Rowan of Williamsport; and son, Zachary M. Rowan of Martinsburg, West Virginia. He served in the United States Army as an auto mechanic, entering the service in 1974 and receiving an honorable discharge on January 3, 1980. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Cumberland Chapter #172**. He was a 1974 graduate of Fort Hill High School, and received an Associate of Arts degree from Allegany Community College in 1984 and a Bachelor of Science degree from Frostburg State University in 1985. He was a member of Phi Alpha Theta National History Honor Society, and was recognized for his attainments and

scholarship in the field of history in 1985. He received a certificate of completion in the legal assistant program from Georgetown University in 1990. He held a variety of jobs, including working as a paralegal in Frederick, Maryland, and as a job-placement counselor and substitute teacher in Washington County, Maryland. A memorial service was on Saturday, December 14, 2013 at 2:00 PM at Adams Family Funeral Home, Cumberland. A celebration candlelight memorial service was on Saturday, December 21, 2013 at 6:00 PM at Byron Memorial Park, Williamsport.

WILLIAM J. RUDINSKI - Died at Einstein-Montgomery Hospital on Monday December 30, 2013 at the age of 62. He was a resident of Eagleville, Pennsylvania. The cause of death was cancer. He was born in Phoenixville, Pennsylvania on September 19, 1951. He was a parishioner of Visitation B.V.M. Church in Eagleville and had been a member of the Teamsters, Local 500 in Philadelphia. Most recently he worked for the Gunton Corp in West Norriton before retiring just a few years ago. Our American Soldiers don't fight because they hate what's in front of them. They fight because they love what's behind them. Billy defended his country during Vietnam in the United States Marine Corps and was awarded the National Defense Service medal; the Vietnam Service Medal, the Vietnam Campaign Medal and a Rifle Marksman Badge before being honorably discharged. He had been a member of the VFW Post #7878 in King of Prussia and a longtime member and supporter of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Blue Bell Chapter #349**. He had also been an associate member of the Conshohocken F.O.P. Mr. Rudinsky will be fondly remembered as a hardworking family man. A good husband and father who enjoyed spending time home with his family; fixin' things around the house or just enjoying an old John Wayne movie. Mr. Rudinsky is survived by his wife Gloria (nee DiRado) and his children Michael J. and Alison Rudinski. He is also survived and will be sadly missed by his sister Patricia Keebler and his brother Greg & his wife Diane Rudinski. Billy was predeceased by his brother Michael H. Relatives and friends were invited to remember Mr. Rudinski, celebrate the love of a hardworking family man and pay tribute to a dedicated husband and father in a Life Celebration on Friday evening between 7:00 PM and 9:00 PM and on Saturday morning between 9:00 AM and 10:00 AM at Boyd-Horrox Life Celebration Home 200 West Germantown Pike, Norristown. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at 11:00 AM at Visitation B.V.M. Church 196 North Trooper Road, Norristown. Interment and graveside military honors were at Calvary Cemetery, Conshohocken. As an expression of sympathy and in lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Vietnam Veterans of America www.vva.org, the Church or a charity of the donors choosing. To share your loving memories, please visit www.lifecelebration.com.

VINCENT E. "Vinnie" SANTORI - Died Friday June 21, 2013 in Norristown, Pennsylvania at the age of 72. The cause of death was cancer. He was born in Norristown on August 4, 1941 to the late Peter J. and Minnie (née Harkins) Santori. He was the beloved husband of Eileen M. (née Piotrowski) Santori. Vinnie attended Holy Saviour Grade School and Bishop Kenrick High School. He served his country honorably as a United States Army Vietnam Combat Veteran. He was a *Founding Member and Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Blue Bell Chapter #349**. He was employed by Thermal Research, Arena Brothers and the Borough of Norristown, where he was a fleet mechanic for 27 years. He was a member of the AFLCIO Local 135, National Street Rod Assoc., and a life member of the Montgomery County Historical Association. Vinnie

loved automobiles and street rods receiving many awards from the Allentown Bargo Speedway. He was the Santa Claus for the Norristown Civic Association for over 20 years making Christmas a special time for many children. He is survived by: 2 brothers, Peter of Norristown and Frank of North Wales; many nieces, nephews, great nieces and great nephews. He was predeceased by 2 sisters, Lana and Ruth. Relatives and friends were invited to attend a memorial mass on Wednesday June 26th at 9:30 AM in Holy Saviour Church, 407 East Main Street, Norristown, PA 19401. Interment was private at the convenience of the family. Professional arrangements are by the William A. Moore Funeral Home, 708 Fayette Street, Conshohocken, Pennsylvania.

KENNETH P. "Ken" SCHANTZ – Died Tuesday, September 22, 2005 in Norristown, Pennsylvania at the age of 77. The cause of death was cancer. He was born in Norristown on November 9, 1936. He served in the United States Air Force during the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Blue Bell Chapter #349**.

JAMES LEROY "John" SEWARD (USA-SFC-Ret.) - Died Tuesday, December 25, 2012 at his home in Graham, Georgia at the age of 81. "John", as he was known, was born in Baxley, Georgia on December 14, 1931 to Anna Bell Seward and the late Leroy Roosevelt Seward. He joined Mt. Zion A.M.E. Church at an early age and was educated in the Jeff Davis County and graduated from Baxley Training School in Baxley. After completing high school, John served his country proudly for 23 years in the United States Army. After retiring from the Army he worked for the City of Lawton, Oklahoma, where he retired after 12 years of service. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Lawton (Oklahoma) Chapter #751**. John resided most of his life in Lawton, Oklahoma and three years ago he moved back home to Graham, to be closer to his family. He was preceded in death by his father, Leroy Roosevelt Seward, his son, James Love, both of his wives, Lillie Bess Seward and Doris Seward; a brother, Robert Seward and a sister, Nellie Seward. John leaves to cherish his memories: two sons: James "Jimmy" Seward, Atlanta, and Dewayne "Peaches" Seward, Graham; his loving mother, Anna Seward, Atlanta; seven sisters: Jacqueline (Thomas O.) Thomas, Darien, Lynette (Tommy) King, Graham, Annette Seward, Nashville, Tenn., Ella (Robert) Studevent, Washington, DC, Dorothy Hayes, Graham, Etta (Dewayne) Kemp, Clinton, Md., Shirley (Lennis) Johnson, Hazlehurst; three brothers: Glenn and Richard Seward, both of Miami, Fl. and Edwin Roosevelt Seward, Antioch, Tenn.; a step daughter, Sandy McManemy, Sebring, Fl.; three daughter in-laws: Marilyn Love, Vidalia, Jeanette Seward, Houston, TX. and Lisa Seward, Atlanta; special friends, Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Brenner, Lawton, Oklahoma ; five grandchildren; four great grandchildren and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and sorrowing friends. There was no wake or visitation. Remains laid in state two hours prior to funeral services. Funeral services were held on Saturday, December 29, at 3:00 PM at Bennett Tabernacle Holiness Church, Interment in Morgan Chapel Cemetery. Final Arrangements were entrusted to Royal Funeral Home in Jesup, Georgia.



JOHN R. SHIELDS - Died on Saturday, September 14, 2013 with his loving family at his side, after a seven-year battle with cancer. He was 65 years old and a resident of Kenilworth, New Jersey. He was born in Summit, New Jersey on March 24, 1948 to Lena and the late Elton E. Shields. John previously resided in Edison, New Jersey and Lakewood, New Jersey. John proudly served in the United States Army from 1968 to

1970. He served with the 3rd Brigade, 82nd Airborne Division in Vietnam. He was a recipient of the Bronze Star Medal and the Purple Heart, and other military commendations, leaving with the rank of Sergeant. He was an *At-Large Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – New Jersey**. He worked 20-plus years at Lindeman Buick, and was also employed at Pine Belt Chevy and Elizabeth Olds. A diehard Mets fan, John also enjoyed woodworking and gifting his projects to family members. He loved his Corvette and motorcycles, warm weather and Pepsi, crosswords and dahlias. His family, friends, and neighbors will remember that he was always there to help anyone who asked. John is survived by his mother, Lena, and was predeceased by his father, Elton E. Shields. He is survived by his brothers, William (Bill), Elton and wife, Debbie, Frank and wife, Carol, and his sisters, Sue Swigunski, Annette and husband, Guy Haddix, Nancy Rademacher, and Joan and partner, Jackie. John is also survived by 16 nieces and nephews. To the best son and brother anyone could have asked for, Thank You and God Bless You always. Services for Mr. Shields were on Wednesday, September 18, 2013 at 10:00 AM from the Opacity Funeral Home, 511 Washington Avenue, Kenilworth. Interment was at the Forest Green Memorial Cemetery in Morganville, New Jersey. Visitation was from 2:00 to 4:00 and 7:00 to 9:00 PM at the funeral home. Please visit www.opacityfuneralhome.com to sign his guest book and to leave a personal condolence to the family. In lieu of flowers, contributions to the Disabled American Veterans, I.D. Harris Chapter 40, c/o Cmdr. Robert House, 845 Inwood Road, Union, N.J. 07083 would be appreciated.



EDWARD T. SMELA - Died Friday, November 22, 2013, while suffering from a heart while vacationing in St. Maarten, Virgin Islands. He was 64 years of age and a resident of Clark, New Jersey and formerly of Maplewood, New Jersey. He was born in Maplewood on February 15, 1949 to the late Joseph and Bertha Smela. Ed proudly served his country as an artillery gunner in the United States Army with the Second Field Forces during the Vietnam War. Thereafter, Ed was an active member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Westfield Chapter #688**, the American Legion and the Veterans of Foreign Wars. At the VFW Post 7363 in Clark, he served in many leadership roles, including Post Commander, Adjutant, and Bartender. Most recently, Ed took great pride as Bar Chairman. Ed began his professional career as a technician with NJ Bell, which became Bell Atlantic and later Verizon Communications. After 31 years in telecommunications, Ed retired as a cable splicer and spent the next two years discovering cooking and enjoying other pursuits. He reentered the work force as an electrical mechanic for the New Jersey Department of Transportation and retired again after six years. In addition to cooking, Ed had many hobbies and interests. For much of his adult life, he was an avid fisherman and boat owner. He loved "talking politics" and "bargain hunting" and established a weekly coffee club with some buddies who shared his interests. He organized charter fishing trips and bus trips to West Point football games. He loved making other people laugh, and they usually did, even if they already knew the punch line. Most importantly, he was good natured, kind and generous. Ed left behind fond memories for all who knew him. In the words of Dr. Oz, "Whatever you choose, do it fully with passion and child-like enthusiasm." Ed embodied this sentiment. In addition to his parents, Ed was also predeceased by his niece, Theresa Surridge. Ed is survived by his daughter, Susan Smela of Clark; his son, Joseph Smela of Elko, Ga.; his sister, Helen Surridge of Scotch Plains, N.J.; his brother and sister-in-law, Robert and Ellen Smela of Delray Beach, Fla., and his fiancé, Dori

Miller of Clark. He is also survived by nieces, Rebecca Trainor of Far Hills, N.J., and Kristeen Pastore of Lake Clarke Shores, Fla.; and nephew, Chad Smela of Boynton Beach, Fla. Lastly; he is survived by Moose "what a cat" of Clark. Relatives and friends were kindly invited to the Walter Johnson Funeral Home, 803 Raritan Road, Clark on Sunday, December 1st, to attend the visitation from 2:00 to 6:00 PM, with a funeral service at 5:00 PM. Final disposition was private. To offer condolences, please visit www.walterjohnsonfh.com. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Ed's name to the Wounded Warrior Project, P.O. Box 758517, Topeka, Kansas 66675 or to the American Heart Association, P.O. Box 417005, Boston, Massachusetts 02241-7005.

GAIL PATRICK SMITH - Died at home in Hamilton, Montana on Tuesday, February 4, 2014 at the age of 67. The cause of death is unknown. He was born January 31, 1947 in Commerce, Georgia to the late Harold and Ida Mae Smith. Gail lived many places before he found a true home in Hamilton. It was there he met his wife Cathee and in the end found real satisfaction in his life. Gail was a life-long and avid Harley-Davidson owner/rider. He took every opportunity to ride, pushing summer at both ends to find as much ride time as possible. In 2009 he rode with friends to Sturgis. After a couple days of the craziness, he decided the event was not as much to his liking as was the ride. For Gail the ride was the thing. Gail served two tours, 1966-1968, in Vietnam as a Sergeant in the United States Army, 9th Infantry Division. He was an active member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Hamilton Chapter #938**. Gail had a major interest in the Western Montana Equine Rescue and Rehabilitation, Inc. He assisted his wife Cathee in running Fantastic Furnishings, a second-hand shop whose profits are donated to Equine Rescue. His greatest joys these last few months were from his latest project, a mare and filly he and Cathee were fostering. He gleefully shared stories about his little girl, as he called the filly, as proud as a poppa. Shannon Alexander, Executive Director of Equine Rescue has suggested that the filly be re-named for Gail, as they loved each other so. Gail was a kind, quiet, gentle man of great character and integrity. Those privileged to know him had a considerate friend with a subtle sense of humor and quick wit. He is survived by his wife, Cathee Watson-Smith and her children, Jessica Cuddeford of Bozeman and Cameron Watson of Hamilton; also by his three daughters, Kayla, Erin and Shari, and by four grandchildren. Memorials may be sent to the Hamilton Chapter of the Vietnam Veterans of America or to the Western Montana Equine Rescue and Rehabilitation, Inc.



NORMAN W. SMITH – Died Friday, September 6, 2013 in Omaha, Nebraska at the age of 78. The cause of death is unknown. He was born August 1, 1935 in Council Bluffs, Iowa. He retired from the United States Air Force after 26 years of service. He was a lifetime member of the V.F.W., Eagle Club and Moose Lodge. He was an *At-Large Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – California**. He was predeceased by his wife, Betty. He is survived by daughters, Sandra Brotherton and husband Donald, Cindy Snyder, and Tammy Carlson; sister, Glenda Woodard and husband Laverne; other relatives; many friends. Visitation was on Monday at 4:00 PM, with family present from 6:00-8:00 PM at Braman Mortuary, 72nd Street Chapel. Graveside Services were on Tuesday, September 10, 2013 at 11:30 AM at Walnut Hill Cemetery, 1350 East Pierce Street, Council Bluffs, Iowa. Full Military Honors were accorded by the U.S. Air Force.

LUIS SOSA - Died Friday, June 14, 2013 in Altoona, Iowa at the age of 65. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on July 29, 1947. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was an *At-Large Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Virginia**.

WILLIAM R. STEVENSON – Died recently in 2014 in Vero Beach, Florida at the age of 93. The cause of death is unknown. He was born August 27, 1920. He was a *Life Member* of **Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America – Vero Beach Chapter #1038**.



BRUCE W. SWOPE - Died Sunday, December 1, 2013 in St. Peters, Missouri at the age of 67. The cause of death was Agent Orange-related cancer. He was born in Saint Louis, Missouri on July 8, 1946 to the late Richard and Wilma Swope. He was the loving husband of Mitzi Swope (née Young); devoted father of Christopher Swope and Jamie (Anthony Fodrini) Swope; dear brother of Norma Jean Downey. He is also survived by very dear brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law, several nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends. Bruce is preceded in death by his brother Richard Swope. He worked for 38 years as a Sprinkler Fitter for Local 268. Bruce also served his country as a United States Marine during the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – St. Peters Chapter #458**. The family was served by The Baue Funeral and Memorial Center, 3950 West Clay Street, St. Charles, Missouri where a visitation was held on Wednesday, December 4, 2013 from 4:00-8:00 PM. A Funeral Service was at 10:00 AM, Thursday, December 5, 2013 at Grace Community Chapel, 7661 Mexico Road, St. Peters, MO. Interment was in Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery. Memorials may be made to Leukemia and Lymphoma Research Society or Wounded Warriors Project.

GARY J. TAYLOR – Died recently in 2013 in Walla Walla, Washington at the age of 60. The cause of death is unknown. He was born July 18, 1950. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was an *At-Large Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Washington**.

LARRY LEE TOWNSEND - Died Monday, April 23, 2012 at his residence in Loranger, Louisiana at the age of 64. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on Tuesday, March 16, 1948, in Terre Haute, Indiana to the late Carol Jean Curtis and William Clayton Townsend. Mr. Townsend served his country during the Vietnam War in the United States Marine Corps from 1966 to 1970. He was a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, the American Legion, a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Independence Chapter #1052**, the Disabled American Veterans, and the Boy Scouts of America. He also volunteered at the Veterans Administration in Hammond. Surviving are his wife, Julie Foret Townsend; two daughters and sons-in-law, LaNette and Ernest Buras, and Mary and John Cloud; son & daughter-in-law, David and Bonnie Townsend; two granddaughters, Desiree Morris and Alexis Morris; and sister, Sandra Townsend. He was also predeceased by his brother, Terry Townsend. Friends were received at Harry McKneely & Son Funeral Home in Hammond, Thursday, April 26, 2012, from 6:00 PM until 9:00 PM.



DAVID FRANK TROESCHER - Died suddenly at home in Santa Maria, California on Saturday, September 24, 2011 at the age of 65. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania on December 8, 1945 to the late Nellie

and Fred Troescher. In addition to his parents he was also preceded in death by his older brother, Fred. Dave moved to Santa Maria in 1984 after living in the Los Angeles area. For most of his life he was a long haul trucker. He also worked as an insurance adjuster and fraud investigator. Dave served his country in the United States Air Force in Bermuda and Vietnam. While in Vietnam, he was attached to the Army and worked on the front lines establishing landing zones. Dave was also a survivor of the Tet Offensive. He was proud of his service and was an active advocate for veterans until the day he died. He founded the Committee to Honor California Veterans to honor those who have sacrificed for their country. His vehicle could always be spotted because it displayed numerous signs supporting all veterans. He was a *Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Santa Barbara Chapter #218*. Dave is survived by his wife Marilyn, son David McMains of Las Vegas, daughter Mary Burnette of Tennessee, step-daughters Carla Bull (Aaron), Michelle Jordan (Chad), step-son AJ Murray, nine grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews. Dave liked nothing better than to go on extended camping trips into the desert where he could enjoy the solitude of nature. He was a lover of animals and never met a dog he didn't like. Dave was a faithful, trustworthy and hard-working individual who will be remembered with much respect. The family will honor his final wishes and no public service will be held. We will miss you Dave. Arrangements were under the direction of Dudley-Hoffman Mortuary, Crematory & Memory Gardens.



RONALD H. VANLERBERGHE - Died Thursday, January 16, 2014 at the Oscar G. Johnson VA Medical Center in Iron Mountain, Michigan at the age of 74. He was a resident of Escanaba, Michigan. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on October 19, 1939 in Escanaba to the late Howard L. and Anita (née Davis) Vanlerberghe. Ronald graduated from Escanaba High School in 1957. Ronald was an Airman 2nd Class in the United States Air Force from July 1, 1957, until his honorable discharge on November 30, 1959. He was a member of **Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America – Escanaba Chapter #345**. He had worked for Chicago-Northwestern Railroad, Marinette Water Utility and was the owner of MBK Sportshop in Marinette, Wis., until his retirement. Ronald was a hunter safety instructor for 27 years. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, shooting sports, and spending time with friends at his beloved camp. Ronald was an avid Green Bay Packers fan. He was a member of the NRA, Ridgerunners Muzzleload Club, Porterfield Sportsman Club, U.P. Whitetails, M & M Whitetails, North American Turkey Federation, and Great Lakes Sports Fisherman. Among survivors include his daughter, Rebecca Sue (Craig) DelFosse of Little Chute, Wis.; sons, Christopher Jon of Marinette, Ross Steven of Green Bay, and Scott of Waukesha, Wis.; grandchildren, Samantha Vanlerberghe, Stephanie (Brandan) Mendenhall, and Joshua DelFosse; great-granddaughter, Kadence Vanlerberghe; sisters, Shirlee Lancour and Joan (Ross) Rhoads, both of Escanaba; brothers, James (Joan) of Green Bay, Terry (Judith) of Rapid River and Dennis of Long Beach, Calif. Visitation was on Saturday, January 25th, from 1:00 to 2:00 PM at the Crawford Funeral Home in Escanaba. The Delta County Veterans Council will have military rites at 2:00 PM. The Crawford Funeral Homes are assisting the Vanlerberghe family.

JOSEPH KENNEDY VRABEL - Died Wednesday, January 21, 2009 peacefully at his home in Poland, Ohio surrounded by his family. He was 76 years of age. The cause of death is unknown. He was born June 15, 1932. He entered the United States Army in December 1952,

and was sent to Basic Training at Camp Polk, Louisiana. He was a member of the 37th Division, the 5th Regimental Combat Team, King Company, and HQ Company, and was with the last man to be killed in the Korean War, Sergeant Harold Cross. He was selected for the 5th Regimental Combat Team Color guard, and attended the 2nd Infantry Division NCO Academy. He was a Life Member of The American Legion and Mahoning Valley Post 15, having served as State Commander during the 2003-04 membership year. He served as Commander of Post 15, The American Legion Mahoning County Council, and The American Legion Ohio Dynamic Ninth District, and was a member of the 40 & 8. He was a *Life Member* of **Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America – Youngstown Chapter #135**. Besides his wife, the former L. Nadene Marshall, whom he married June 15, 1968, he leaves a son, Jeff (Mary); a daughter, Melissa (Andy) Cardinal; two grandchildren, Jeffrey Vrabel, Jr. and Mandy Cardinal; two brothers, William (Sandra) and Gerald (Norma); two sisters, Alma (Mike) McCullion and Patricia Vrabel. He was preceded in death by his parents and his brother Kenneth. He also leaves children, David, Joseph, Kathy, Lori, and Janice; several grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Funeral service was on Monday, January 26, 2009 at 10:00 AM at the Rossi Brothers & Lellio Funeral Home in Boardman, Ohio followed by Divine Liturgy at 11:00 AM at Saint Michael Byzantine Catholic Church in Campbell, Ohio. Friends called from 4:00-8:00 PM on Sunday, January 25, 2009 at Rossi Brothers & Lellio Funeral Home, 4442 South Avenue in Boardman. A prayer service was at 6:00 PM with the Reverend Monsignor Victor Romza, and Memorial Service by The American Legion at 7:00 PM. Interment was at Poland Cemetery, with full Military Honors. Contributions in Joe's memory may be made to Sons of The American Legion Mahoning Valley Squadron 15, c/o 573 North Main Street, Poland, OH 44514-1668.



JEFFREY L. WACHTER – Died Thursday, December 12, 2013 in Bismarck, North Dakota at the age of 67. The cause of death is unknown. He was born August 20, 1946 in Bismarck to the late Paul H. and Charlotte (née Sathre) Wachter. He grew up in Bismarck and attended Bismarck schools, graduating from Bismarck High School in 1964 and Bismarck Junior College in 1966. Jeff enlisted in the United States Army in 1966. He served 25 years in the Army Special Forces (Green Berets) and was a Staff Sergeant (E-6) at the time of his retirement in 1991. Jeff served in the 3rd, 5th, 7th, 10th, 19th and 20th Special Forces Groups as a demolition specialist. Upon his retirement from the Army he began a career in Real Estate Development and was one of the major developers of the Cottonwood Development in Bismarck. Jeff was active in numerous civic projects and a member of the Elks, American Legion, VFW, AMVETS, Lions, Optimists and Knights of Columbus. He was a Life Member of the Special Forces Association and the Special Operations Association. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Bismarck Chapter #150**. Jeff is survived by his mother, Charlotte, Bismarck; his brothers, Paul “Kip” (Valerie), Scottsdale, Ariz., and Lance (Gail), Bismarck; a niece, Lisa Wachter; his nephews, Chad (Stacy) and Kris Wachter; and five great-nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his father, Paul H. Wachter. In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to Trinity Lutheran Church, Bismarck.



LAWRENCE R. “Larry” WALLACE - Died peacefully Tuesday, January 28, 2014 at LGH after a lengthy illness. He was 67 years of age and a resident of Lititz, Pennsylvania. The cause of death is unknown. He was born December 15, 1946 in Lancaster,

Pennsylvania to the late William Wade and Cora Pauline (née Nixdorf) Wallace. His wife, the late Carol A. (née Kendig) Wallace died on March 1, 2010 after celebrating twenty years of marriage. Larry retired from Franklin & Marshall College after twenty-five years of service in 2000. He worked in Safety & Security as a Patrol Officer, Systems Coordinator and Assistant Director. Previously, he worked at the former Safe Padlock & Hardware Company. Larry was a proud United States Army Veteran. He was discharged as a SGT-E-5, Tank Commander with the Armor Division. A Veteran of the Cold War, Larry served in Germany 1966-67 and during Vietnam 1967-68. He was a member of 69th Armor Regiment Association, National 4th Infantry (Ivy) Division Association (Lehigh Valley Chapter), 14th Cavalry Association (D-Troop-14th Armored Cavalry Regiment), American Legion-Post 56, Veterans of Foreign Wars-Post 1463, both in Lititz, and **Vietnam Veterans of America – Lancaster Chapter #1008**. Surviving are two children, Lawrence R. Wallace II, husband of Jen, of Mount Joy, Linda M., wife of Thomas E. Strubel, of Lititz; three step-children, Kathy A. Lowe-Welch, of GA, Monika B. Lowe, of NM and Erik H. Lowe, of IN; eight grandchildren, Alexis, Hannah, Christopher, Justin, Matthew, Kayla, Kyle and Brandon and three siblings, Betty M. Heisey, of Lancaster, Robert C. Wallace, of Lancaster and Arthur "Billy" Wallace, of Reinholds. He was also preceded in death by siblings, Miriam V. Kennedy, Mary K. Coble, Grace E. Huss, Edward P., Clarence L., James T. Wallace. He will be missed by his extended family and friends. Larry's Celebration of Life Funeral Service was held at the Andrew T. Scheid Funeral Home "Sullivan Home," 121 South Prince Street, Lancaster, PA 17603 on Friday, January 31, 2014 at 10:00 AM (Viewing 9:00-10:00 AM). Interment was in the Riverview Burial Park, Lancaster, PA with Military Honors.

THOMAS DEE WATTS - Died Monday, November 4, 2013 in Queen Creek, Arizona at the age of 65. The cause of death is unknown. He was born August 5, 1948. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Mesa Chapter #1011**.

JOSEPH W. WEBER – Died Monday, November 18, 2013 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania at the age of 67. The cause of death is unknown. He was born November 17, 1946. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Blue Bell Chapter #349**.



ROBERT E. WEBER - Died Monday, May 14, 2012 in Hamilton, Montana at the age of 64. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Hastings, Nebraska on August 12, 1947, to the late Lester and Shirley Weber. He attended high school in Jackson, Wyoming, where he played football and played in a band. He also met his wife, Ginny, whom he married on June 22, 1966. After high school, Bob joined the United States Army and fought in Vietnam. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Hamilton Chapter #938**. He later moved his family to Stevensville and became a city marshal. In 1973, Bob started work at the Hamilton Police Department, where he served for 30 years. Bob was known as the prankster who meant business but showed compassion to the troubled. In his down time, Bob got his pilot's license and wrote a history of Hamilton police. In retirement, Bob established the Burnt Forty Collectibles antique shop. In the last few years, Bob celebrated 45 years of marriage and loved

spending his evenings with his dogs watching Ultimate Fighting. He is survived by his wife, Ginny; daughters, Stacey, Lindsey and Shawna and son-in-law Dave Heckerroth; grandchildren, Evanie Squires, Brooke and Nathaniel Heckerroth; sister, Sharon Steers; and three brothers, Ron, Dan and Andy and their families. Visitation was held from 4:00 to 6:00 PM on Sunday at the Daly-Leach Chapel in Hamilton. A funeral service was held at 2:00 PM on Monday, May 21st, at the Grace Lutheran Church with Pastor Vern Sandersfeld officiating. Interment was at Riverview Cemetery in Hamilton with military honors presented by the U.S. Army, Hamilton American Legion and the Marine Corps League-Bitterroot Detachment. Condolences for the family may be left at www.dalyleachchapel.com.

DAVID A. WEMPE - Died Monday, January 20, 2014 at St. Joseph's Hospital in Breese, Illinois at the age of 65. He was a resident of Germantown, Illinois. The cause of death is lung cancer. He was born August 9, 1948 in Breese to the late Virgil and Leanarda (née Rosen) Wempe. In addition to his parents, he was also preceded in death by a grandson, Braxton Wempe; and a sister-in-law, Dang Wempe. He married Barb Albers on September 25, 1970, and they later divorced. Surviving are his sons, Todd (Brenda) Wempe of Germantown, Keith (Jennifer) Wempe of Germantown, and Tim (Amanda) Wempe of Bartelso; 8 grandchildren, Tiffany Budde, Michael (Bethany) Monteiro, Zachary Wempe, Adam Budde, Michael (Annie) Strate, Camden and Griffen Wempe, and Isabella Wempe; 7 great-grandchildren, Skyley and Parker Budde, Corrine and Jacob Engelmann, Samuel and Ella Strate, and Alivia Monteiro; a brother, Virgil "Sonny" Wempe of Shreveport, LA; a sister, Mary (Henry "Red") Hoerchler of Breese. Dave retired as an Aircraft Mechanic from Scott Air Force Base and he was a Veteran of the United States Air Force. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Caryle Chapter #269** where he was a past president, Breese American Legion Post 252, and a former member of the Germantown Kernel Nut Club. Funeral Prayer Service was on Wednesday, January 22, 2014 at 11:30 AM at the Moss Funeral Home in Germantown with Father James Buerster officiating. Interment was at 1:00 PM at Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery, St. Louis. Visitation was on Wednesday, January 22, 2014 from 9:30-11:30 AM at the Moss Funeral Home in Germantown, Illinois. Memorials can be made to the donor's choice and will be received at the funeral home. The Breese American Legion will hold services at 10:30 am and the Vietnam Veterans will visit at 11:00 am Wednesday morning at the funeral home.

FRANK E. WILSON, JR. - Died Thursday, December 26, 2013 at the New York State Veterans Home in Montrose, New York. He was 71 years of age and a lifelong resident of Peekskill, New York. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Peekskill on December 25, 1942. Wilson served in the United States Air Force from 1964 to 1970. He was a *Permanently Hospitalized Veteran Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Pleasantville Chapter #49**. He worked for many years for IBM in telecommunications. Wilson is survived by his wife, Mary Ellen (née McCaffrey) Wilson; sons, Michael (Lauren Amsterdam) Wilson and Daniel (Jacquelyn) Wilson; two grandchildren; and brothers, Robert and Leonard Wilson. Interment was private at the discretion of the family and a Memorial Mass was celebrated at a later date.

WILLIAM M. WILSON – Died Sunday, June 9, 2013 in San Angelo, Texas at the age of 81. The cause of death is unknown. He was born August 18, 1931. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – San Angelo Chapter #457**.

MELVYN LEROY “Mel” “Lee” WINER - Died Saturday, January 11, 2014 in Surprise, Arizona at the age of 73. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Durand, Michigan on May 2, 1940. He was a decorated combat veteran. He served three tours in Vietnam He served in United States Navy UDT 12, United States Marine Corps – 1st Force Recon Company and in the United States Army as a Medic. He received the following awards for his military service: National Defense Service Medal, Presidential Unit Citation, Vietnam Service Medal w/2*, Vietnam Campaign Medal w/device. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Phoenix Chapter #432**. He is survived by his 2 daughters: Stacy Winer and Jaimi Jones; his 5 grandchildren: Nichele, Garrett, Marcus, Kyle, and Dakota; and his 3 siblings: Paddy Jo, Kay, and Russ. Memorial Services were held at Abel Funeral Services 1627 North 51st Avenue, Phoenix, Arizona on Thursday January 16, 2014. A Celebration of Life immediately followed the memorial services at American Legion Post #105 at 3534 West Calavar Road, Phoenix, Arizona. He was interred in the National Cemetery. In lieu of flowers please make donations to Operation Freedom Bird or Disabled American Veterans.



THOMAS R. WOLTER – Died Thursday, April 4, 2013 in Irma, Wisconsin at the age of 65. The cause of death is unknown. He was born December 19, 1947 to the late Orville and Romona Wolter. In addition to his parents, he was also predeceased by his grandson, Leo Wolter. He is survived by his loving wife Gerri (née Proudlove) of 7 years. He was the loving dad of Angie Wolter, Amy (Jerry) Alcala, and Adam (Crystal) Wolter. He was the proud grandpa buddy of Joshua, Seth, Chloe, Ariana, Maya, and Espen. He is also survived by his brothers and sisters, Margaret (Michael) Czarnecki, Jim Wolter, and Laura Gildemeister (Ken Crawley). He is further survived by other relatives and many friends. Tom was an active member of the Mukwonago VFW Post #7221, Mukwonago American Legion Post #375, and a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Rochester Chapter #921**. He was very active in raising money for the Wounded Warrior Project. He was a charter member of (The 7). Tom worked for the Falk Corporation for 42 years, retiring in 2010. He enjoyed fishing, hunting, and spending time with his family and friends. There was a visitation on Tuesday, April 9th, at the Funeral Home from 10:00 AM until the time of the service at 1:00 PM. Burial was at Saint Peter's Cemetery in East Troy, Wisconsin with full military honors. In lieu of flowers, a memorial will be established in Tom's memory.

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

FATHER PHILIP G. SALOIS, M.S.

National Chaplain