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STEVEN LAMAR BAKER – Died Tuesday, January 13, 2015 in Fairhope, Alabama at the age of 71. The cause of death was a heart attack. He was born in Fairhope on February 1, 1943. He is survived by his wife Linda. He served in the United States Air Force from April 10, 1964 to April 9, 1968 with a tour in Vietnam from November 1966 to October 9, 1967. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Robertsdale Chapter #864**. Funeral services were held on Friday, January 16, 2015 at 3:00 PM in the chapel of Wolfe-Bayview Funeral Home, Fairhope.

WILLARD EDWIN “Ed” BAKER – Died Monday, October 1, 2007 in Chattanooga, Tennessee at the age of 60. The cause of death was cancer. He was born in Chattanooga, on February 24, 1947. He served in the United States Marine Corps during the Vietnam War where he was awarded the Purple Heart. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Chattanooga Chapter #203**.



KENNETH JAMES BAST - Died Friday, July 18, 2014 at Abbott Northwestern Hospital due to complications after open heart surgery, at the age of 68 years. He was a resident of Springfield, Minnesota. He was born on November 21, 1945 in Springfield, Minnesota to the late Arlene (née Schwartz) and Richard Bast. Ken grew up in Springfield and after high school drove cattle truck for his uncle, Melvin Krueger. He served in the United States Army from 1966-1968, and is a Vietnam War Veteran, and has passed on his love of country to his children and grandchildren. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Mankato Chapter #999**. He then went on to be an employee of Mathiowetz Construction Company for 35 years, and retired as a construction superintendent in 2003. On October 19, 1968, Ken was united in marriage to the love of his life and soul mate, Laura Lee Weber at Saint Raphael Church in Springfield. The couple continued to make their home in Springfield where they raised three children. Ken enjoyed target shooting and reloading ammo. His passion was Corvettes. He enjoyed traveling to the Rocky Mountains and snowmobiling trips with his nephews, son, and son-in-law. He liked everything in nature and created incredibly beautiful flower gardens with Laura Lee. He enjoyed spending time with family and friends and teasing his grandchildren. He is survived by wife Laura Lee of Springfield; children Tammy (Kevin) Kohnen of Shakopee, Kari Bast-Payne of Medina, Ohio, and Daniel (Stacy) Bast of Mankato; grandchildren Jordan, Katie and Michelle Kohnen, Joshua and Gabriel Payne, and Thurston Steele; brothers Keith (Fran) Bast and Kelvin (Char) Bast; numerous nieces and nephews and great nieces and nephews. Ken was preceded in death by his parents. In lieu of flowers, please donate to a charity of your choice. This memorial service is a celebration of Ken's life. The family invites friends and family to share a written statement of how Ken influenced their life.



GLENDON GENE BATES - Died at 7:15 AM on Tuesday, September 23, 2014 at St. Elizabeth Health Center, Boardman Campus, following a recent illness at the age of 79. He was a resident of Salem, Ohio and formerly of Lisbon, Ohio. The cause of death is unknown. He was born August 12, 1935 in Lisbon to the late Paul Bates and the late Helen J. (née Gillespie) Rouse. Gene was a career United State Army veteran, having served in both the Korean War and Vietnam War. He retired as a Sergeant First Class, and was awarded the Bronze Star Medal for meritorious achievement in ground operations against hostile forces and the Air Medal for meritorious achievement while participating in aerial flight while serving as an observer on a Huey chopper in Vietnam. He had spent 13 years overseas. From 1978 to 1982, he worked as a custodian at Lisbon David Anderson High School. Gene had then volunteered from 1990 to 1998 at the Veteran's Outreach Center and had driven the DAV van for seven years. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Washingtonville Chapter #40**. He is survived by his wife of 52 years, Eleanor (née Bevan) Bates, whom he married April 7, 1962; daughter, Brenda M. (Ron) Bryarly of Lisbon; sons, John G. (Deborah) Bates of Williamstown, N.J., and Brian J. Bates of Salem; two grandchildren and a step grandson. Funeral services were held at 11:00 AM on Friday at the Eells-Leggett-Stauffer Funeral Home with Pastor Ashley McMillin of the Elkton United Methodist Church officiating. Burial with full military honors was at the Lisbon Cemetery. Friends called from 5:00 to 8:00 PM on Thursday at the funeral home. The family suggests memorial contributions to the Disabled American Veterans at www.dav.org. Friends may also view Gene's memorial webpage and send condolences online at www.eells-leggett-stauffer.com.

JAMES DANIEL "Jim" BECKETTE – Died Thursday, January 15, 2015 in Montgomery Village, Maryland at the age of 73. The cause of death was a stroke and a heart attack. He was born in Staunton, Virginia on January 30, 1941. He served in the United States Navy from August 22, 1966 to November 30, 1964. He served on the USS Forrestal for 2 years. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam – Silver Spring - Chapter #641**.



STEVEN H. BENNETT – Died Tuesday, October 28, 2014 at St. Joseph's Hospital at the age of 61. He was a resident of Elmira, New York. The cause of death was a heart attack. He was born May 31, 1953 in Elmira to the late Edward and Betty (née Wertman) Bennett. He is survived by his loving daughter, Nytosha Bennett of Elmira, NY; siblings: Roger (Teri) Bennett of Atlanta, GA; Regina (Robert) Mansfield of AZ; Mary Ann Bennett (Brad Beaver) of Nashville, TN; uncle, Gene Bennett of Erin, NY; along with several nieces and nephews. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. Steve was the Commander of the American Legion Post #154 Elmira Heights, NY, the past President of the Men's Auxiliary at the Rex Field VFW Post #901 Elmira, NY and was a member of the Chemung County Veteran's Honor Squad. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Elmira Chapter #803**. Family and friends were invited to attend Graveside Services for Steve at the Woodlawn National Cemetery 1826 Davis Street, Elmira on Tuesday, November 4, 2014 at 2:00 PM. Chaplain Harold Wacenske of Post #154 officiated. The Chemung County Veteran's Honor Squad accorded Military Honor's for their brother. In lieu of flowers memorial donations may be directed to the Rex Field VFW

Post #901, 113 Keefe Street, Elmira, NY 14904 in his memory. Arrangements were entrusted to the Olthof Funeral Home, Inc. 1050 Elmira, Southport, NY 14904.



EDWARD J. BIEHUNKO, JR. - Died Wednesday, July 2, 2014 in Hallettsville, Texas at the age of 74. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on August 16, 1939 to the late Edward and Emilia (née Ehler) Biehunko, Sr. in Lavaca County, Texas. He was a member of the American Legion, **Vietnam Veterans of America – Hallettsville Chapter #854**, VFW, 23 years with the Hallettsville Volunteer Fire Department, and Sacred Heart Catholic Church of Hallettsville. Ed liked gardening, hunting and fishing, but liked most of all, he liked sitting on the porch to visit with his neighbors. He would talk about his days working with his son at the plastic plant. He had mischief ways and he had a smile that you knew he was fixing to do something. He was a great dad and grandpa, we will miss him and we love him so very much, he is our angel. Ed is survived by: son Edward J. Biehunko III & wife Debbie; Reba Biehunko; sister Helen Vasek & husband Eugene Sr.; nephew Eugene Vasek Jr. & wife Marie, all of Hallettsville; 2 step grandchildren, Danielle Galloway and Brandon Weaver; 3 step great grandchildren, Charlie, Sky and Chase; and loving dog Raylee. Ed was preceded in death by his parents, and his brother William "Bill" Biehunko. Funeral Mass was at 10:00 AM on Tuesday, July 8, 2014 at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Hallettsville. Visitation was from 4:00 PM on Monday at Kubena Funeral Home with the recitation of the Rosary starting at 7:00 PM. The celebrant was Reverend Msgr. John Peters. The Pallbearers were Brandon Weaver, Johnny Biehunko, Hubert Gerlich, James Sims Jr., Joe Olivarez, and Shawn Christen. The Honorary Pallbearers were Charlie Weaver, Shane Blaner, Chase Cole Haynes, Britley Barrera, Raileigh Barrera, and Briana Mendez. The Burial was in Sacred Heart Catholic Cemetery.

DWIGHT E. "Ike" BOWMAN - Died Thursday, October 2, 2014 in Orchard Park, New York at the age of 69. The cause of death is unknown. He was born August 3, 1945 to late Francis and Melissa Bowman. He was the beloved husband of Edna (née Whittaker) Bowman; brother Robert Bowman and Maryann Hunttenlocker (Gerry); brother-in-law of Larry Sr. (Nancy) Hallman, Gary (Maytha) Cawthard, Roger (Eloise) Richards, Leo (Robin) Kennedy, Roy Whittaker (Teri), Denise Whittaker and Derric (June) Whorton; also survived by many nieces and nephews. Family was present on Sunday from 3:00-8:00 PM at the John J. Kaczor Funeral Home, Inc. (Blasdel/Lackawanna Chapel), 3450 South Park Avenue, where the Funeral Service was held on Monday at 11:00 AM. Interment was in Hillcrest Cemetery. Mr. Bowman was a United States Army veteran of the Vietnam War and a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Tonawanda Chapter #77** and the Black Horse Unit. Please share condolences at www.kaczorfunerals.com.

DOCKIE THOMAS BRENDLE - Died Saturday December 28, 2014 in a Swain County Hospital at the age of 70. He was a resident of Bryson City, North Carolina. The cause of death was cardiac arrest. A native of Swain County, North Carolina, he was born June 11, 1944 to the late George Thomas and Belzie (née Franklin) Brendle. Dockie was a United States Army Veteran having served in Vietnam receiving three Purple Hearts, Combat Infantry Badge, Presidential Unit Citation, Vietnam Service Medal with three bronze Stars, Vietnam Gallantry

Cross and a Vietnam Campaign Medal. He was a member and past commander of the Bryson City VFW Post 9281, and a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Franklin Chapter #994**. He was preceded in death by three brothers Fonzie Brendle of Bryson City, Edward Brendle of Bryson City, and Stanley Brendle of Franklin, and one sister Vivian Cody of Stecoah. He is survived by two sisters, Ethel Osborne of Bryson City, and Wanda Ball of Franklin, and several nieces and nephews. Funeral services were at 11:00 AM on Wednesday in the Chapel of Crisp Funeral Home. Reverend Max Cochran officiated. Burial was in the Brendle Hill Cemetery with military graveside rites being conducted by the Bryson City VFW Post #9281. The family received friends from 6:00PM until 9:00 PM on Tuesday at the Funeral Home.



FREDERICK R. BRIGGS – Died Sunday morning, February 23, 2014 at the Van Zandt VA Medical Center after a lengthy illness at the age of 69. He was a resident of Altoona, Pennsylvania at the age of 69. The cause of death is unknown. He was born October 1, 1944 in Altoona, Pennsylvania to the late William R. and Winifred (née Fink) Briggs. He married Cynthia DeWitt on June 1, 1996. He is survived by his wife; two daughters: Michele Briggs and Shila Moore (Jason); eight grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; several nieces and nephews; two special friends: Don and Ted Wills; and his loyal best friend, his dog, Dusty. Fred was a 1962 graduate of Altoona High School. He was a veteran of the United States Air Force, serving from 1963-69. He retired as a Logan Township police officer and also as a truck driver from Air Ground Xpress, and he had also worked for Alto-Reste Park Cemetery. Fred enjoyed hunting and was a member of various area clubs and organizations. He was a *Permanently Hospitalized Veteran Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Hollidaysburg Chapter #967**. Friends were received from 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM and 6:00 to 9:00 PM on Thursday, February 27, 2014 at The Good Funeral Home Inc., Alto-Reste Park Cemetery, where a funeral service was held at 11:00 AM on Friday, February 28, 2014, with Chaplain Lewis Button officiating. Interment was at the Alto-Reste Park Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to the James E. Van Zandt VA Medical Center, 2907 Pleasant Valley Boulevard, Altoona, PA 16602.

DONALD J. “Don” BROPHY – Died Monday, February 25, 2013 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania at the age of 76. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Philadelphia on September 11, 1936. He was the beloved husband to the late Joan. He was a Dad, brother and Pop to all. He served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Liberty Bell (Philadelphia) Chapter #266**. Relatives and friends came calling on Wednesday evening from 7:00-9:00 PM at the Richardson Funeral Home, 7450 Oxford Avenue, Philadelphia and Thursday morning same location 8:30 AM. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at 10:00 AM at Saint Cecilia Church, 535 Rhawn Street, Philadelphia.

RONALD NORMAN BUNCH – Died Saturday, October 12, 2013 in Fenton, Missouri at the age of 67. The cause of death was end-stage renal disease. He was born in Saint Louis, Missouri on October 27, 1945. He is survived by his wife, Sharon (née Crocker) Bunch. He served in the United States Marine Corps from May 27, 1963 to June 11, 1967 with a tour of duty in Vietnam. He attained the rank of Lance Corporal (E-3). He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of**

America – Saint Louis Chapter #1028. He was interred in the Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery in Lemay, Missouri.

TYLER K. BUSH – Died Saturday, October 25, 2008 in Altoona, Pennsylvania at the age of 65. He was formerly a resident of Marietta, Georgia. The cause of death is unknown. He was born November 30, 1942. He served in the United States Marine Corps as a Gunny Sergeant in Vietnam and was awarded the Bronze Star. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Saint Marys Chapter #720**. He is interred in Newton Cemetery in Emporium, Pennsylvania.



CHARLES EMERSON "Charlie" CAMPBELL - Died Monday, November 17, 2014 in Smyrna, Tennessee at the age of 81. The cause of death is unknown. He was born October 1, 1933, a native of Wilmington, Delaware to the father and Stepmother, Gove and Anne Campbell and mother and Stepfather, Lena and Clarence Miller. Mr. Campbell is survived by his wife of 46 years, Betty (née Winters) Campbell; sisters-in-law, Mary Ann Burnette, Shirley Winters, and Mary Winters; nephews and nieces, Kevin and Gena Winters and Diane and Mike Patterson, and Debbie and David Neese; along with many great and great-great nieces and nephews. Charlie was a member of Trinity Christian Church, Sam Davis Masonic Lodge #661 F&AM; Sam Davis Chapter 290 Order of the Eastern Star; a life member of the VFW; and member of the Middle Tennessee Locksmiths. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Smyrna Chapter #1089**. Charlie served in the National Guard, United States Army and retired from the United States Air Force. He was a Vietnam War veteran. Charlie loved trains and after retiring from locksmithing, he built a model railroad layout in his shop. He also enjoyed eating out at two of his favorite restaurants, IHOP and Cracker Barrel where he was often found eating late at night. Memorials in memory of Mr. Campbell may be made to Trinity Christian Church building fund at 1429 Lee Victory Parkway in Smyrna, TN 37167; or to PAWS at 285 John R. Rice Boulevard, Murfreesboro, TN 37129. Visitation was on Wednesday from 4:00 PM to 6:00 PM, at Woodfin Chapel in Smyrna. A graveside service was held on Thursday at 11:00 AM, at Roselawn Memorial Garden, with military honors. Reverend Marshall Gupton officiated. A masonic memorial service took place at 6:00 PM following the visitation. Online condolences can be made at www.woodfinchapel.com.



DONALD R. CHRISTIAN - Died Monday, January 12, 2015 in Leominster, Massachusetts after an illness at the age of 89. The cause of death is unknown. He was born January 28, 1925 to late Ernest O. and Leonna D. (née LaFreniere) Christian. Donald was a member of many organizations including the American Legion, Disabled American Veterans, Franco American War Veterans Post #40 and Post #8, Military Order of the Purple Heart, Veterans of Foreign Wars, AMVETS, The Knights of Columbus #406, and the American Family Link and a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Leominster Chapter #116**. He was the Chaplain in many of these organizations. As a World War II veteran in Europe, Donald received the following prestigious awards and honors: The Bronze Star, The Purple Heart, Combat Infantry Badge with a blue shoulder patch, four campaigns with four Bronze Stars, The French Croix De Guerre Medal and shoulder pad, the French Medal of Honor, The Combat Service Medal, US Army-WWII Victory

Medal, National Defense Medal, Army Achievement Medal, Good Conduct Medal, Presidential Citation Medal, D-Day Medal, Cold War Victory Medal, and various other veteran's medals. Donald was truly dedicated to his community and fellow veterans. He cared deeply for the many organizations and people he worked with over the years. Along with many loving family and friends, Donald leaves a step daughter, Denise Hurgh of Omaha, Nebraska; 6 grandchildren, 10 great- grandchildren; his brother Leo Christian of South Dennis; many nieces and nephews including his caretakers, Kathleen Vowels and her husband Edward of Leominster. His wife, Mary (Crisafulli) Christian, died April 30, 1998. He was also predeceased by his step-son Frederick Gauvin, and his siblings, Vernon, Wilfred, Beatrice, Clifford, Francis, Alwin, Dorothy, and Evelyn. The family would like to thank the Gold Star Mothers for all their kindness and also Donald's best friend David White. The funeral was held from the Brandon Funeral Home, 305 Wanoosnoc Road, Fitchburg on Friday, January 16th with a Mass in Saint Cecilia's Church, Leominster at 10:00 AM. Burial with military honors was in Saint Joseph Cemetery in Fitchburg. Calling hours were held on Thursday, January 15th, from 3:00-6:00 PM in the funeral home.



BERNARD A. CLAIRMONT - Died suddenly at home in Cheshire, Massachusetts on Friday, June 6, 2014 after a short illness. He was 63 years of age. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Adams, Massachusetts on August 18, 1950 to the late Alfred Clairmont and Margaret (née Whitmore) Rolland. He attended Adams schools and graduated from the former Adams High School with the class of 1968. He enlisted in the United States Army where he served with the Army Security Agency in Phu Bai, Vietnam. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Adams Chapter #54**. After returning home he attended the former North Adams State College and graduated with a Bachelor's Degree in Physics. He later received his Master's Degree in Physics from the University of New Hampshire. He became a teacher of Physics at North Adams State College in 1979 where he met his wife, Lynn. He was employed at the High Voltage Laboratory in Lenox (EPRI) for the past 29 years as a Physicist. Bernie most enjoyed his life with his wife and his children; summers in Maine, weekends away with his wife and friends, snowmobiling, working in his garden, "pitch" with the neighbors, fishing for trout, playing poker with the "Knights" and sharing his love of science. He was a former Cheshire Little League coach and an active member of the IEEE. He was a very devoted husband, father and son. Besides his mother of Cheshire he is survived by the love of his life, the former Lynn Latraverse, whom he married on July 12, 1986, and two beloved sons, Joshua Stephen and Justin Bernard Clairmont. He was predeceased by his brother, Stephen A. Clairmont. The funeral for Bernie took place on Wednesday, June 11, 2014 at 12:00 PM from the Trottier Pringle Funeral Home, 6 Summer Street, Adams, followed by a Liturgy of Christian Burial at 1:00 PM in St. Mary of the Assumption Church in Cheshire. The Mass was celebrated by the Reverend David Raymond, Pastor. Burial was in the Cheshire Cemetery. Calling hours at the funeral home were on Tuesday from 5:00 to 8:00 PM. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to IEEE for a memorial scholarship in Bernie's name in care of the Trottier Pringle Funeral Home, 6 Summer Street, Adams, MA 01220.

NANCY I. COOKE – Died recently in 2014 in Taylor, Michigan at the age of 68. The cause of death is unknown. She was born October 4, 1946. She was a *Life Member* of **Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America – Dearborn Chapter #267**.

ALAN B. CRAIG - Died unexpected at his home in North Berwick, Maine on Saturday, January 17, 2015 at the age of 70. The cause of death was a massive heart attack. He was born in Cambridge, New Jersey on February 22, 1944, the only child born to the late Frank and Carolyn (née Bryant) Craig. Alan graduated from Kennebunk High School and Boston University, where he earned his Bachelor's Degree in Management. From that point Alan served his country in the United States Marine Corps, seeing front-line action in Vietnam. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Sanford Chapter #1044**. During that time, he became pen pals for over a year with Mary Gilpatrick, whom he'd never met. After meeting then dating for 4 years, they were finally wed in 1972, settling down in North Berwick in 1975. Alan was a collector of many things including old tools, stamps, coins and record albums. He loved to yard sale, finding treasures like bicycles to repair and stuffed toys to give to kids thru the New Covenant Food Pantry, where he and his wife have served as essential volunteers to this worthy cause for many years. It brought him great joy to purchase coats and toys for the children. He was a member of the New Covenant Baptist Church. Alan also enjoyed nature, feeding the birds and squirrels. His love of giving to children came from losing his own two boys, Alan B. Craig, Jr. in 1986 and Michael Craig in 1999. He is survived by his wife of 42 years, Mary L. (Gilpatrick) Craig of North Berwick; 2 grandchildren, Nathaniel and MacKenzie Tennant; 3 sisters-in-law, Phyllis Gilpatrick, Elinor Omeara and Dorothy Watson, and brother in law, Stephen Gilpatrick and several nieces and nephews. A memorial service was held at the New Covenant Baptist Church, 285 Maple Street, North Berwick on Saturday, January 24th, at 11:00 AM. In lieu of flowers, friends may contribute to the New Covenant Food Pantry, P.O. Box 288, North Berwick, ME 03906.

FRANCES JEANETTE (née Williams) CRAWFORD - Died peacefully Monday, December 15, 2014, in Fayetteville, North Carolina at the age of 66. She was a resident of Raeford, North Carolina and formerly of Dunn, North Carolina. She was born December 25, 1947 in Dunn, North Carolina to the late Michael and Leola (née West) Williams of Dunn. Frances was a graduate of Dunn High School. She was God's gift to our family and country. She served in and retired from the United States Army. Her basic training was at Fort McClellan, Alabama. She served at Fort Lee, Virginia, Fort Holabird, Maryland, Fort Bragg, North Carolina, Shape Hos Belgium, Korea and in Grenada with Operation Urgent Fury in 1983. After retirement, Frances was elected VFW's District 8th Commander in 1998 to 1999 and served as the service officer at the VA Hospital in Fayetteville for 8 years. She was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Fayetteville Chapter #1033**. Frances received the Korea Defense Service Medal, AFEM Medal, Good Conduct Medal, Two Overseas Service Medals and an Army Service Ribbon. She was a true supporter of the military forces and always went the extra mile for them. She traveled across the U.S.A. to VFW meetings and to visit many sick veteran friends. Frances leaves behind brothers John, Mike and Martin Williams; sisters, Sue Williams, Mary Davis, Mattie Gregory, Anne Sherrill and Sallie Norris. Her family wishes to express our gratitude to the many friends that helped Frances throughout her life and especially the ones who helped her through her

battle with cancer. We extend our love to her longtime friend, Dan Armagost. A military service was held at 2:00 PM on Saturday, December 20, 2014 in Skinner & Smith Funeral Home chapel, 905 Erwin Road, Dunn. Interment was in the Greenwood Cemetery in Dunn. Family received friends prior to service from Noon to 2:00 PM. In lieu of flowers, please make memorials to any Veterans Service Organization of your choice. Online condolences can be made at skinnerandsmith.com. Skinner & Smith Funeral Home of Dunn assisted the family.

LIONELL X. DAGGS. SR. – Died recently in 2015 in New Orleans, Louisiana at the age of 66. The cause of death is unknown. He was born August 6, 1948. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Harvey Chapter #553**.

DELMAR J. DAVIS – Died in December 2014 at the Hollidaysburg Veterans Home in Hollidaysburg, Pennsylvania at the age of 70. The cause of death is unknown. He was born June 24, 1944. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Permanently Hospitalized Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Hollidaysburg Chapter #967**.



JAMES CORNELIUS deGLOPPER, JR. - Died Wednesday, November 12, 2014 in Gallatin, Tennessee at the age of 84. The cause of death was heart failure. He was born August 1, 1930 in Nashville, Tennessee to the late James Cornelius deGlopper, Sr. and Anna (née Swift) deGlopper. In addition to his parents, he is preceded in death by sisters, Eugenia Knowles and Betty Parker; son-in-law, Jimmy Swanger. He is survived by wife, Evelyn Joyce deGlopper of Gallatin; sons, James deGlopper, III of California and Bobby Collins (Vicky) of Hermitage; daughters, Anna Hoffman of White House, Susan Swanger of Dickson and Pam Foster (Pat) of Gallatin; sister, Martha Griffin (Joe) of Lebanon; grandchildren, James deGlopper, IV (Brooke), Jennifer Hickey (Stephen), Kerry Hoffman, Matthew deGlopper, Dawn Moss (Marcus), Wynde Huffine (Michael), Jessica Gonzalez (Juan), Patrick Foster (Kim), Daniel Foster (Rachel), Ben Foster (Erin), Robby Collins, Nic Collins and Dillon Collins; great grandchildren, Hannah Duncan, Madison Hayes, Laken Hayes, Jacob Huffine, Jackson Huffine, Abby deGlopper, Lilly deGlopper, Bryce Hickey, Madison Hickey, Hayden Foster, Ainsley Foster, Hope Foster and Channing Collins. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Station Camp Baptist Church or Shrines Hospital for children. He served in the United States Air Force for twenty years, retired from GE Company after twenty years and was owner of convenience store in Cottontown from 1988-1997. He was a member of American Legion Post #17 in Gallatin, V.V.A. #240, Station Camp Baptist Church, Beech Masonic Lodge #240 in Hendersonville, Al Menah Temple and Scottish Rite. He was a *Lie Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Gallatin Chapter #240**. The funeral service was on Saturday, November 15th at 10:00 AM from the chapel of Family Heritage Funeral Home with Reverends Chris Jensen and Forrest Creekmore co-officiating. Interment was in Sumner Memorial Gardens. Visitation was Friday, November 14th from 2:00-8:00 PM with Masonic Service at 7:00 PM. Online condolences may be submitted at familyheritagefh.com Family Heritage Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

STEVEN A. DRYDEN – Died Wednesday, December 31, 2014 at his home in Harbor, Oregon at the age of 65. The cause of death is unknown. He was born April 28, 1949 in Chula Vista, California. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Brookings Chapter #757**. Redwood Memorial Chapel is assisting the family.

RANDALL PATRICK “Randy” DUCKWORTH - Died Friday, December 12, 2014 at Egle Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, Lonaconing, Maryland at the age of 64. He was a resident of Barton, Maryland. The cause of death is unknown. He was born August 31, 1950 in Keyser, West Virginia to the late Patrick B. and Virginia A. (née Llewellyn) Duckworth. Randy was a 1968 graduate of Valley High School. He was a United States Air Force Veteran, having served during the Vietnam War. He was a coal miner having worked for Tri-Star Mining before eventually retiring from Western Correctional Institution as a Correctional Officer. After retirement he enjoyed spending time helping friends at D & D Motors. Randy was also a member of Barton American Legion Post #189. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Cumberland Chapter #172**. He leaves behind his loving wife of 32 years, Brenda (Snyder) Duckworth, a daughter, Carrie McCutcheon and husband Wesley of Lonaconing, a son, Ryan Duckworth of Barton, and the apple of his eye, his grandson, Brady McCutcheon. Friends and family were received at the Boal Memorial Chapel, Barton on Monday from 2:00 to 4:00 PM and 7:00 to 9:00 PM. Funeral and interment services were conducted at the Boal Chapel on Tuesday at 11:00 AM, with Reverend Charlie Lyons officiating. Interment was in Laurel Hill Cemetery, Moscow Mills. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be directed to the Egle Nursing and Rehab Center, Lonaconing, earmarked for the activities fund. The family extends a special thanks to the staff at Egle Nursing Center for the compassionate care given to Randy during his stay there, especially Tammy DiNicola for her constant concern.



ALAN D. “Big Al” EDLER - Died Saturday, September 10, 2011 after a long battle with cancer. He was 62 years of age and a resident of Phelan, California. He was born on June 1, 1949 to the late Ernest Edler and Clara Edler. Al joined the United States Marine Corps upon graduating from high school in 1967 with friends, who remain good buddies. He served in the USMC from 1967 to 1971, where he received a Bronze Star with "V", three Purple Hearts, Navy Commendation Medal with Combat "V" and a Good Conduct medal along with others. He was a member of the Marine Corps Reserves and a 32nd degree Mason and had successful careers as an Arcadia Police Officer, LA County Sheriff, an insurance adjuster, Civil Engineer for the Army Corps of Engineers and retired as the Forest Road Manager with the Angeles National Forest. He enjoyed making shadow boxes and making sure everyone received all their medals and benefits for their military service, going to car shows, working on cars, traveling, fishing and sunsets. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Riverside Chapter #47**. Throughout his life time he maintained memberships and participated in various organizations established to honor, promote and assist US Veterans. Greeting Al in heaven will be his mother, Clara Edler; father, Ernest Edler and step-mother Jesse; older sister Pat Bianchi and step-son Christopher Sweet- Edler (Navy) and many more wonderful family and friends. He is survived by his loving and devoted wife, Barbra; step-son James and Tina with grandkids Julian and Emma De La Torre, of California and step-son Rich and Lori Sweet of California; his sister, Maxine and

William Fredrick and nephew, Jonathan Fredrick, of Ohio; cousin Raymond and Doris Addison of Colorado. In lieu of flowers Big Al would like all who can to donate blood. He received many blood transfusions at the VA hospital in Loma Linda, CA and was very appreciative and thankful for the people who gave blood that helped him out. Services were held at the Desert View Funeral Home at 11478 Amargosa Road, Victorville, CA 92392 at 11:00 AM on September 29, 2011. A private cremation ceremony was already held. He was an Ooh-Rah kind of guy and will be greatly missed. Semper Fi.



STEWART LINDLEY ELLIS, JR. (USA, CWO5-Ret.) - Died Monday, December 15, 2014 in Lawton, Oklahoma at the age of 68. The cause of death was cancer. He was born July 25, 1946 in Swartz Creek, Michigan to the late Stewart L. and Veda (née Heldibraught) Ellis. He retired from the United States Army in 2000 after 35 years of service. While serving he earned the Meritorious Service Medal-3, Army Commendation Medal-3, National Defense Service Medal-2, Army Service Ribbon and the Overseas Service Ribbon. He married Kay F. Walker in 2001 in Lawton. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Lawton Chapter #751**. Survivors include his wife, Kay, of the home; children: Jenny Ellis, Christopher Schoenfeld and Bill McAnnelly; a granddaughter, Kelsey Ellis; and his sister, Janice and husband Bill Seguin. He was preceded in death by his parents; a son, Robby Ellis; and a sister and brother-in-law, Cindy and Don Rupp. Graveside service with military honors was at 2:00 PM on Tuesday in Post Cemetery, Fort Sill, with George Kilmitz officiating.



GEORGE EDWARD ERICKSON - Died Wednesday, December 3, 2014 in Bend, Oregon at the age of 67. The cause of death is unknown. He was born April 29, 1947 in Bend to the late John and Betty Erickson. After graduating from Bend High, he was drafted into the United States Army and served his country in Vietnam. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Bend Chapter #820**. He married his beautiful wife, Darlene Maston upon his return home. They had one son, Jason, and two grandchildren, Tanner and Brynlee. George was proud to be a veteran and was active in the local Band of Brothers. He was preceded in death by his wife, Darlene; his parents, John and Betty; and sisters, Helen and Patricia. He is survived by his son, Jason; sister, Barbra; grandchildren, Tanner and Brynlee; and many nieces and nephews. George was laid to rest next to his wife at Pilot Butte Cemetery on December 9, 2014.

DAVID SCOTT FINLEY – Died recently in 2014 in Highland Lakes, New Jersey at the age of 65. The cause of death is unknown. He was born January 20, 1949. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Vernon Chapter #1002**.

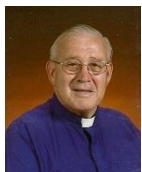
GARY ALLEN FOSS – Died Sunday, November 16, 2014 in Franklin, North Carolina at the age of 67. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on July 21, 1947 in Miami, Florida. He is survived by his wife April. He served in the United States Army from March 20, 1967 to March 19, 1969 with a tour of duty in Vietnam in 1968. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of**

America – Franklin Chapter #994. A memorial service was held on Saturday, November 22, 2014 at Trinity Assembly of God in Franklin, NC.

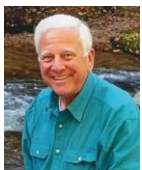
JOHN FRANCE – Died Sunday, January 4, 2015 in Ocala, Florida at the age of 70. The cause of death was cancer. He was born December 20, 1944. He served in United States Army during the Vietnam War. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Ocala Chapter #1085.**



JAMES FREDERICK, JR. – Died Wednesday, February 20, 2013 in Farmington, Michigan at the age of 68. The cause of death is unknown. He was born November 27, 1944. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Dearborn Chapter #267.**



REVEREND FATHER PAUL J. FREMESSER – Died Tuesday, December 23, 2014 in Rochester, New York at the age of 79. The cause of death is unknown. He was born November 9, 1933 to the late George and Esther Freemesser. He was also predeceased by his brothers, Rev. George F. Freemesser, C.S.B., Robert F. Freemesser, and; his brother-in-law, Paul Manning. He is survived by his sister, Maryellen Manning; sister-in-law, Kathleen Freemesser; 3 nieces, Lisa (Lloyd) LeBlanc, Kristin (Anup) Barde, Katherine (Jesse) Davidson; grand-nieces and nephews, cousins and friends. He was a 30 year Veteran of the US Army. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Auburn Chapter #704.** Friends called on Sunday from 2:00-6:00 PM at the John J. Curran Funeral Home, 535 Oxford St. Father laid-in-state on Monday, December 29th at the Church of the Blessed Sacrament, 534 Oxford Street from 4:00-7:00 PM with Evening Prayer at 7:00 PM. Father also laid-in-state from 9:30-10:30 AM on December 30th followed by his Funeral Mass at 10:30 AM with Bishop Matthew H. Clark., Bishop Emeritus of Rochester Presiding. Interment was in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery. Contributions may be made to the Maryknoll Mission Center, 55 Ryder Road, Ossining, NY 10562 or Masses can be offered for the repose of his soul.



RONALD LEE FULLAM – Died Monday, December 29, 2014 in Chattanooga, Tennessee at the age of 72. The cause of death was Prion disease. He was born in Chattanooga on October 8, 1942 to the late Gene and Lois Fullam. In addition to his parents, he was also predeceased by his brother, Larry and brothers in life, Steve Tingle, John Rollins, and Gordon Webster. Left to cherish precious memories are his wife, Karen, of 46 years, along with his children, Shannon Miller (husband Arthur) of Charlotte, NC, and Shawn Fullam (wife Katherine) of Dallas, TX.; grandchildren Clay, Connor and Emma Reid; sisters-in-law Dianne Barrett (husband Anthony), Emily Fullam; brother-in-law Rocky King, Jr (wife Linda Rosa); nieces and nephews, Cheri and Barry Davis (Lauren, Lindsay, Layne), Steve and Margaret Fullam (Allyson), Eliza and Tim Baker (Jackson, Barrett, Crawford), Kingsley and Will Peebles (Addison, Liam), Jeremy and Katie Stephens (Owen, Sam), Josh and Lisa Stephens (Rylee Rolena, Mason), Rocky and Allison King (Bennett, Tate, Graham); and dear friends, Larry and Gail Armour and Malinda Tingle. Included with the family are "The Boys" and their families, Fox Johnston, Scott Williamson and Carden Smith. Friendships forged that made life rich were with the Tennessee Tech group of over 50 years and the East Ridge "Bunch". Ron graduated from East Ridge High School, First class of 1961. He was a graduate of Tennessee

Tech University. He was also a veteran and retired as Major of the United States Army Reserves. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Chattanooga Chapter #203**. Ron was a part of CBL & Associates Properties for over 30 years as a Senior Vice President. He resumed his career with Fletcher Bright as Senior Vice President until the time of his death. Ron loved his church, Covenant Presbyterian, and was honored to serve as a Deacon. The Volunteers of Medicine was also important as he served on their Board as well as the Board for the Hickory Valley Christian School. Ron had a smile for every person he met . . . it would light up his entire face. He had a genuine heart that cared for all people. His happiest moments were with his family and friends. He loved to tell a story while also being a wonderful listener. He shared his love of the outdoors and of hunting and fishing with his son and grandsons and was never happier than when he welcomed the first granddaughter into the family. He loved the times on "the hill" with KK and dog, Burny, and truly saw the importance of the simple things in life and the joy they brought. A memorial service to honor the life and legacy of this dear man was held on Friday, January 9, 2015 at Covenant Presbyterian Church located at 8451 East Brainerd Road, Chattanooga, TN, at 1:30 PM with Dr. Render Caines and Reverend Eric Mullinax who co-officiated. There was no visitation before or after the service. The burial was in the West Miller Cove Cemetery, Walland, TN. Memorial contributions may be made to Volunteers in Medicine, P.O. Box 81057, Chattanooga, TN 37414; or The National Prion Disease Surveillance Center, Case Western Reserve University, Institute of Pathology, 2085 Adelbert Road, Rm. 419, Cleveland, OH 44106. You may also donate online to the National Prion Disease Surveillance Center at www.cjdsurveillance.com/donation. Special thanks to Amedisys Home Health, Amedisys Hospice and Home Instead for their comfort and care. Arrangements were by the East Brainerd Chapel of Chattanooga Funeral Home, Crematory and Florist, 8214 East Brainerd Road, Chattanooga, TN 37421.

DOUGLAS L. GILES – Died recently in 2015 in Midvale, Utah at the age of 68. The cause of death was Agent Orange-related cancer. He was born March 22, 1946. He is survived by his wife, Gloria. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was an *At-Large Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Utah**.



THOMAS J. GILLETTE - Died Thursday, August 21, 2014 in Royal Oak, Michigan at the age of 68. The cause of death was chronic obstructive pulmonary disease and congestive heart failure. He was born in Cleveland, Ohio on July 11, 1946. He was the beloved husband of Nadine; dearest father of Robert (Jennifer) Gillette and Amy (Grant) Johnson; loving grandfather of Rachele and Brandon Smeltzer, Christina, Joseph, and Luke Gillette, and; brother of Constance Gillette. He served in the United States Air Force from November 29, 1965 to November 28, 1971. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Pontiac Chapter #133**. Visitation was at the Sawyer-Fuller Funeral Home, 2125 Twelve Mile Road, Berkley (two blocks west of Woodward Avenue) on Sunday, August 24th from 3:00-8:00 PM, in state at Saint Michael Catholic Community Church, 40501 Hayes, Sterling Heights (two blocks South of 18 Mile Road) on Monday, August 25th from 10:30 AM until time of the Mass at 11:00 AM. Burial was at the Mussey Township Cemetery in Capac, Michigan. Share a memory with the family at www.sawyerfuller.com.



LELAND E. GORDY - Died unexpectedly in a Victorville, California hospital while visiting his daughter. He was 68 years of age and a resident of Brandt, South Dakota and formerly of Canton, South Dakota. The cause of death is unknown. He was born November 11, 1946 in Canton to Louis and Helen (née Armstrong) Gordy. He attended school in Canton, graduating in 1965. He enlisted in the United States Air Force in 1965, beginning a 20-year career. Serving as an aircraft mechanic, he was stationed in Vietnam, Korea, Thailand, Philippines, New Mexico and California. Following his retirement as a Master SGT in 1985, he lived in California. He moved to Canton in 1991 and to Brandt, SD in 1993, where he was currently living. Leland was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Watertown Chapter #1054**. He enjoyed fishing, gardening, and wildlife photography. Leland is survived by 2 daughters- Lesley McConnell (Scott Windham), Hesperia, CA and Helen Margaret (Matt) Miller of Elma, WA; 2 grandchildren- Davey and Melody; brother, Ron Gordy, Canton; sisters- Rhonda Gordy (Nancy Stonefield), Sioux Falls and Mona (John) Gorman, Canton; aunts, Grace Feller, Canton, Alice Ramstad, Willard, MO, and Pearl World, Salt Lake City, UT; many nieces and nephews, and special friend, Steve Berndt and his family. His memorial service was at 10:00 AM on Thursday, January 15th, at Canton United Methodist Church with inurnment at Forest Hill Cemetery.



HONORABLE JOHN S. "Steve" HERNANDEZ - Died Saturday, February 3, 2007 at South County Hospital after being stricken at home in South Kingstown, Rhode Island at the age of 61. He was the beloved husband of Joan M. (née McCormick) Hernandez. They had been married for 38 years. He was born in Providence, Rhode Island to the late William and Bernice (née Williams) Hernandez. Besides his wife, he leaves his children John S. Hernandez, Jr. of South Kingstown and Diane M. Chubb, and her husband Brandon, of Pelham, NH; a brother William F. Hernandez of South Kingstown; a sister Valerie Williams of North Providence, and his dear twin grandchildren, Jason and Rachel Chubb. Mr. Hernandez was the principal of Msgr. Clarke School in Wakefield and was the former principal of Oliver Hazard Perry School in Providence and St. Joseph School in West Warwick. He was a United States Army veteran of the Vietnam War, and earned several medals and commendations, including the Purple Heart. Upon his discharge from active duty, he joined the Army Reserve. He served for 26 years, retiring with the rank of Lieutenant Colonel. He was an active member and past commander of the V.F.W., Post 152 in North Kingstown. He was the current State Junior Vice Commander. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Wakefield Chapter #325**. He was elected to the Rhode Island House of Representatives in 1982, and served five terms before he retired in 1992. He was a communicant of Saint Bernard Church, and a 4th Degree member of the Knights of Columbus. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated Thursday at 10:00 AM at Saint Bernard Church, 410 Tower Hill Road, North Kingstown. Burial with military honors was in the Rhode Island State Veterans Cemetery in Exeter, Rhode Island. Visitation was on Wednesday from 2:00-4:00 and from 7:00-9:00 PM in the Russell J. Boyle & Son Funeral Home, 142 Centerville Road, Warwick. In lieu of flowers donations to The Steve Hernandez Scholarship Fund, c/o Monsignor Matthew F. Clark School, 5074 Tower Hill Road, Wakefield, RI 02879 in his memory will be appreciated.



DANIEL THEODORE HIGDON, SR. - Died Friday, December 26, 2014 in Crossville, Tennessee at the age of 71. The cause of death is unknown. He was born September 20, 1943. He was a member of Vandever Baptist Church. Daniel was a retired United States Army Veteran, where he served in the Vietnam Conflict and Operation Desert Storm. He was retired from the Bledsoe Correctional Complex. He was a member of

Vietnam Veterans of America – Chattanooga Chapter #203. Daniel was preceded in death by his father, Willie Higdon and sister, Rebecca Faye Smith. Survivors include his wife, Barbara Higdon, of Crossville; sons, Daniel T. (Jessica) Higdon, Jr., of Dunlap, Jonathan (Amie) Higdon, Crossville; daughters Tammy (Avery) Watson, Pikeville, Deanna (Tony) Davis, Georgia, Joanie (Jimmy) Davis, Spencer; 12 grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; mother, Josephine Higdon, Dunlap; brother, Jerry Higdon, Whitwell; sisters, Glendon Lance, Tracy City, Jean (Gene) Layne, Dunlap; several nieces and nephews. Services were on Monday, December 29, 2014 at 1:00 PM in the funeral home chapel. Burial was in the Hale Cemetery. Online condolences can be made at www.reedfamilyfh.com. Arrangements were made by the Putnam-Reed Funeral Home, Hwy 127 South, Pikeville, TN. Visitation was on Saturday from 4:00-9:00 PM and on Sunday from 9:00 AM to 9:00 PM.

ALLEN J. HUNT – Died recently in 2014 in Mesquite, Nevada at the age of 65. The cause of death is unknown. He was born January 4, 1949. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. H was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Mesquite Chapter #993.**

BRUCE HUTCHISON – Died Saturday, January 3, 2015 in Little River, South Carolina at the age of 68. The cause of death end-stage renal diseases caused by diabetes mellitus – type II. He was born April 3, 1946 in Columbus, Ohio. He is survived by his wife, Margaret, of the home. He served in the United States Air Force. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Surfside Chapter #925.**



CAROL IRENE (née Blankenship) JOHNSON – Died Thursday, August 1, 2013 in Asheville, North Carolina at the age of 64. The cause of death was cancer. She was born in Asheville on November 8, 1948 to the late Helen and Frank Blankenship. She is survived by Charles "Charlie" Scott Johnson, her husband; Tanya Michelle Johnson, her daughter; Gail B. Waddell of Asheville, her sister; Frank M. Blankenship of Morristown, TN, her brother; Phyllis G. Gardner, her aunt and Harold Garland, her uncle; and numerous nieces, nephews all of Asheville, all who loved her and stood by her side until the end. She was a member of Beaverdam Baptist Church. She attended Jones Elementary, David Millard Junior High School and Lee H. Edwards High School, graduating in 1966. She attended Mars Hill College for a short period of time. She married Charles Scott Johnson in June 1972. He reentered the Air Force in August of '72 and they went to Langley AFB, Virginia to start their career. From Langley they went to Elmendorf AFB at Anchorage, Alaska, and spent 4 years there where both Phil & Tanya were born. They were sent to McClellan AFB at Sacramento, CA. where Charlie was in the Air Force until 1981. She was a member of **Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America – Asheville Chapter #124.** They moved back to Asheville so they could be near their parents who were aging so they could share the children with them. Carol worked at in Asheville City School system; at from Asheville High, Randolph Elementary and to Ira B. Jones

Elementary where she had to retire in 2003 because of health issues. After her retirement she was often heard to say, "I miss my 19 hugs a day." (from her students). She loved all of the children who passed through her classrooms and was known city wide for her bulletin boards which she could put together almost at the drop of a hat. Carol was predeceased by her son Phillip "Phil" Johnson in April of 2000. She helped to put together a chapter of Bereaved Parents of the USA in 2006 in memory of Phil. She had to stop helping Charlie direct the Chapter in late 2007 when her cancer was found and she was unable to continue. Services were held at Beaverdam Baptist Church, 399 Beaverdam Road in North Asheville on Monday, August 5, 2013 at 2:00 PM with the visitation starting at 1:00 PM and burial was in the church cemetery.



DAVID F. KAIN - Died Wednesday, April 11, 2012 at the Minneapolis Veterans Affairs Medical Center at the age of 74. He was a resident of Minnesota Lake, Minnesota. The cause of death is unknown. He was born August 24, 1937 in Danville Township, Blue Earth County, Minnesota to the late Frederick and Margaret (née Klinder) Kain. He graduated from Bethany College High School in Mankato in 1955 and entered into the United States Navy at Great Lakes, Illinois in January of 1956. He went to school at Port Hueneme, CA, and served as a Construction Electrician on Kwajalein, Okinawa, and was honorably discharged in December of 1959. He re-entered the service in March of 1962 and served in Adak, Alaska; Okinawa; Thailand; Sasebo, Japan; Spain; Crete; and 26 months in Vietnam at Chu Lai, Saigon, Danang, and Ha Tien. He was Home-ported at Port Hueneme, CA and Gulfport, MS. He taught Electricians School at Davisville, RI and Port Hueneme, CA, retiring on October 27, 1977, as a Construction Electrician Chief Petty Officer. Throughout his military career, he earned the following awards: Combat Action Ribbon; 3 Navy Unit Commendations; Meritorious Unit Commendation; Combat Readiness ribbon (Battle E); 3 Good Conduct Awards; National Defense; Viet Nam Service Medal with FMF insignia and 6 Operations stars; Viet Nam meritorious Unit Commendation with Gallantry Cross; Viet Nam Campaign Medal; Rifle and Pistol Sharpshooter ribbons; and the Seabee Combat Warfare Insignia. He was an *At-Large Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Minnesota**. After retiring from the Navy he worked for Mankato Electric as a motor and appliance repairman for about 15 years, then for Midwest Electric for 2 years, then Mankato Electric until retiring in 2001. He enjoyed traveling, playing cards and spending time with nieces, nephews and family. David is survived by brother Dale (Elaine) Kain of Inver Grove Heights, MN; sisters: Mary (John) Arvila of Inver Grove Heights, MN, and Mae (Steven) Hanson of North Mankato, MN; special friend Barbara Turner of Broken Arrow, OK; nieces and nephews: Dawn Alger, Denise Alexander (Darren Wandersee), Darren (Jodi) Kain, Noel (Nancy) Arvila, Melanie (Henry) Arvila-Medrano, Jesse Hanson, Jason Hanson (Jenny St. Peter), Aaron Hanson, and Kyle Hanson; and numerous great-nieces and nephews. Funeral services were held on Tuesday, April 17, 2012, at 10:30 AM at St. John Lutheran Church of Danville Township, rural Minnesota Lake, MN. Visitation was on Monday, April 16, 2012, from 4:00-7:00 PM at Bruss-Heitner Funeral Home in Wells, and will continue one hour prior to the service at the church on Tuesday. Reverend Michael Mathews officiated and burial was in the church cemetery. Military Honors were accorded by the Minnesota Lake American Legion and the Wells Color Guard. Bruss-Heitner Funeral Home in Wells was in charge of the arrangements.

THOMAS ALBERT LATHE – Died Sunday, December 7, 2014 in Culpepper, Virginia at the age of 76. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Baltimore, Maryland on May 16, 1938 to the late Warren and Margaret Lathe. They raised five sons, Warren, Jr., Thomas, Robert, Timothy and Albert (deceased). Tom's mother was one quarter Mattaponi Indian of the Powhatan Nation. Tom was very proud of his Indian heritage. Tom loved the outdoors, camping, fishing, boxing, football singing and skiing. As a teenager, he became the Golden Gloves Boxing Champion of Baltimore. Tom's first marriage was to Nancy Jane Butler (June 6, 1959) of Martinsburg, Pennsylvania. They raised two daughters, Nicole Ervin and Noel Corbin. Their first born child (August, 1963) was a daughter named Selina Beatrice Almira Lathe. She died shortly after birth and is buried in Fort Rucker Alabama. They had four grandchildren, Johanna Allen, Kyle Ervin, Charles Weeks Jr. and Philip Weeks. Tom was drafted by the United States Army in 1961. He was stationed at Fort Rucker, Alabama in Helicopter supply. He received orders for Vietnam, but they were canceled. Instead, his unit was flown to south Florida to set up facilities for troops to prepare to invade Cuba. Fortunately, Nikita Krushchev and U.S. President John Kennedy made the decision to cancel the planned combat. Tom's unit was returned to Fort Rucker and we all gave a sigh of relief. Tom retired from the Army in 1963 and returned home to Virginia. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Rixeyville Chapter #752**. Tom's second marriage was to Donna Judy Lathe. They would have been married 39 years on January 17, 2015, but Tom died on December 7, 2014. Donna had 3 children from her first marriage, Dawn Cain, Preston Parker, Jr. and Patrice Nowlan. This marriage has been successful because they enjoyed so many activities together, watching football, fishing, camping, boating, snow skiing and fishing in Striper competition up and down the east coast for Striper Magazine in their bass boat named the "Awesome One". In 1984 they were selected to fish with the "Virginia State" team of nine. There were teams from every state at the competition on the huge Lake Texoma" in Oklahoma. Tom brought in the first striper of the 2-day tournament, he knew fishing. Unfortunately, one team cheated, blocking off one arm of the lake for days before the tournament and gaining a distinct advantage. They won a large cash prize and a new boat, but when it was discovered that they had cheated, the prizes were taken back. The Captain of that boat was sent to prison. Stripers are a deep water fish, and when they are brought to the surface, they have nearly expired so they cannot be set free. The tournament brought in 5,000 pounds of Striper. The catch was donated to local charities such as retirement homes and orphanages. Tom and Donna skied from coast to coast and up to Mount Tremblant in Canada. Exciting fun. They made three trips to Montana two trips in a small camper and once they flew into Bozeman. Tom enjoyed trout fishing in the most desirable Madison River. They loved Montana so they made the decision to buy 20 acres of that beautiful state. They retired in 1992 from the United States Postal Service in Merrifield, Virginia and moved to 88 Acres with a panoramic view of the Blue Ridge Mountains in Culpeper County, Va. on the Robinson River to build their home. They became involved in karaoke and spent 14 years singing around Culpeper. Over the years, Tom and Donna made many friends and Tom will be missed by them. He is survived by his wife, Donna Judy Lathe; five children, Nicole Ervin and her husband, Kenneth of Woodstock, Noel Corbin of Fredericksburg, Patrice Nowlan and her husband, William of Springfield, Preston Parker Jr. and his wife, Lois of Lorton and Dawn Cain of Lorton, VA; three brothers, Warren Lathe, Jr., Robert Lathe and Timothy Lathe; nine grandchildren; twelve great grandchildren; and numerous nieces, nephews, cousins, friends and

other extended family. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by one brother, Albert Lathe. A funeral service was held on Saturday, December 13, 2014 at 2:00 PM at Found and Sons Funeral Chapel, 850 Sperryville Pike, Culpeper. The family will receive friends two hours prior to the service. Found and Sons Funeral Chapel of Culpeper is serving the family.

CHARLES W. "Chas" LENTZ, SR. – Died Tuesday, January 27, 2015 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania at the age of 76. The cause of death is unknown. He was born March 4, 1938 in Philadelphia. He served in the United States Army from September 5, 1961 to September 4, 1964. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Liberty Bell (Philadelphia) Chapter #266**. He was the loving father of Charles W., Jr. (Jessica), Lisa Sterner and Maria Garcia, dearest Pop-Pop of Duncan, Evan, Andrew, Ashley and Richard; dear brother of Michael (Kathi) and James (Nancy). Relatives and friends were invited to call on Monday from 9:00 to 11:00 AM at the Galzerano Funeral Home, 9304 Old Bustleton Avenue (below Welsh Road). The Funeral Service was at 11:00 AM. Interment was private. In lieu of flowers family prefers donations to the Vietnam Veterans of America, Liberty Bell Chapter 266, 1515 East Luzerne Street, Philadelphia, PA 19124.



ROGER A. LIPE - Died at 5:20 PM on Tuesday, March 12, 2013 at his home in Schram City, Illinois at the age of 65. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on February 22, 1948 to the late Charles Pearl and Bonnie Evelyn (née Cozart) Lipe. He married Rebecca Kern on December 21, 1995 in Hillsboro, Illinois and she survives in Schram City. Roger was a native of Schram City and graduated from Hillsboro High School. He later attended Southern Illinois University at Carbondale where he graduated with University Honors in 1979. He had worked for the State of Illinois as a systems analyst, did consulting, and was a self-employed computer programmer. He had lived in Hillsboro, IL, Florida, Texas, Memphis, TN, St. Louis, MO, and then moved back to Hillsboro in 1991. He served his country during the Vietnam War, enlisting in the United States Air Force where he was stationed first at Da Nang AFB, Vietnam and then Tahkli AFB, Thailand. He was very proud of his service and was a *Life Member* of both **Vietnam Veterans of America – Springfield Chapter #534** and Disabled American Veterans. He was a published poet and a lifetime member of the International Society of Poets. Everyone who knew Roger knew that he was a dyed-in-the-wool Deadhead and could boast of having attended 172 Grateful Dead concerts. Along with his wife, he is survived by a brother, Perry Lipe of Columbus, Indiana, 2 nieces and 2 nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents and two brothers, Gary Lipe and Bruce Lipe. A visitation was held on Friday, March 15, 2013 from 5:00-8:00 PM at the Bass Patton Dean Funeral Home in Hillsboro, IL with military rites at 8:00 PM at the funeral home by VFW Post #1306 and American Legion Post #425. Cremation rites will then be accorded. Memorials may be given to Disabled American Veterans.

KIM MICHAEL LOUGHLIN - Died Wednesday, December 24, 2014 at the age of 61 at Lynwood Manor in Adrian of cancer. He was a resident in Somerset Center, Michigan. He was born in Jackson, Michigan on August 27, 1953 to Robert George Loughlin and Joyce Elaine (née Curtis) Loughlin. He graduated from Northwest High school in 1972. He served in the United States

Navy. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Jackson Chapter #109**. He is survived by three brothers, Shawn Loughlin, Todd and Kris Barrett, 2 daughters Nikki and Amber, 4 grandchildren and one great grandchild and several nieces and nephews. A Memorial Service was held on Saturday January 3rd at the Somerset Center Community Center from 12:00-3:00 PM.

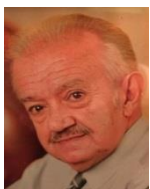


JESSE MARSH - Died peacefully from his home in Mesquite, Nevada surrounded by family and friends on Friday December 19, 2014. He was 77 years of age. The cause of death is unknown. He was born May 13, 1937 to the late Willie and Mary Alice Marsh, and was raised a farm boy in West Mississippi. At the young age of 18 he joined the United States Air Force, which he chose to pursue as his life's career. He proudly served in Vietnam from 1967 to 1968. He retired from the Air Force in 1975. After his military retirement he moved to Las Vegas to pursue a career in the gaming industry. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Mesquite Chapter #993**. In 1992 he worked in security at the Peppermill/Oasis Casino in Mesquite, NV. This is where he met the love of his life, Marilyn. They were married on Aug. 15, 1995 in the CasaBlanca gazebo near the waterfalls. He worked security at the Players Island/CasaBlanca and at the Eureka. He was a wonderful husband, father and friend. He was an active member of the VFW, VVA, American Legion and president of the HOA. He loved being involved in the community and would lend a helping hand to anyone in need. He is very much loved and will highly be missed by family, friends and the community of Mesquite. He is survived by his wife of 19 years, Marilyn Marsh, three daughters, five grandsons, three granddaughters and two great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents and his brother. A memorial service was held at the United Methodist Church 420 North Pioneer Boulevard on Saturday, January 17, 2015 at 12:00 PM. A reception followed in the church fellowship hall, with special thanks to the Eureka Casino. The family invited friends and family to share a message or thought in their guest book at www.virginvalleymortuary.com.

LARRY WAYNE MARTIN, SR. - Died Monday, December 15, 2014 at his residence in Mannington, West Virginia at the age of 65. The cause of death was a heart attack. He was born December 31, 1948 in Rachel, West Virginia to the late Hobart F. Martin and Gladys B. (née Sharp) Martin. Larry was a veteran of the United States Air Force, serving during the Vietnam War as a firefighter for crash rescue. He was a retired coal miner from the Consolidated Coal Co. and a member of the UMWA. He was a member of the Loyal Order of the Moose Lodge No 1344 in Mannington, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks Lodge No. 388 in Mannington, and a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Mannington Chapter #1085**. He also enjoyed fishing, antique cars, hanging out with his buddy at the garage, tinkering with his antique engine and his grandchildren. Survivors include his 3 children and their spouses: Larry W. and Teresa Martin, Jr. of Mannington, Joyce Ann and Dennis Dawson, of VA, and Timothy Lee and Amanda Martin, Joetown; a brother: Randall K. Martin of GA; 5 grandchildren: Aaron Taylor, Jeffery Alan Taylor, Jr., Austin Martin, Dylan Martin and Rosalyn Martin; 4 step grandchildren: Hunter Dawson, Paige, Emily and Benji Snider; and his former wife: Sharon Martin of Mannington and several nieces and nephews. In addition to his parents,

he was also preceded in death by a brother: Hobart "Sonny" Martin. Friends called at the Hutson Funeral Home, 500 East Main Street, Mannington on Wednesday from 2:00-4:00 PM and 6:00-9:00 PM where funeral services were held on Thursday at 12:00 Noon with Pastor Mike Williams officiating. Interment was in the West Virginia National Cemetery at Pruntytown with Marion County Veterans Council rendering full military honors. Condolences may be accessed at www.hutsonfuneralhomes.com.

ROMAN ALEXANDER MARTINEZ – Died Thursday, November 6, 2014 in Philo, California at the age of 64. The cause of death was liver failure due to alcoholic cirrhosis. He was born July 23, 1950 in Richmond, California to the late Antonio Felix and Beatrice Martha (née Montoya) Martinez. He is survived by his wife, Miriam Louise (née Stockwell) Martinez. He served in the United States Army from 31 January 1969 to 8 December 1970. He was assigned to the 1st Infantry Division, 1/26th Infantry Regiment, III Corps from June 1969 to March 1970 and then again with the 101st Airborne Division, 2/17th Air Cavalry from April 1970 to June, 1970. He was awarded the Purple Heart for combat wounds sustained on 21 June 1970. He was also awarded the Bronze Star with four Oak Leaf Clusters and Combat Infantryman Badge. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – San Jose Chapter #201**.



LUIGI MASU – Died Friday, January 23, 2015 in Brooklyn, New York at the age of 74. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on August 21, 1940. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Brooklyn Chapter #72**. Visiting hours were on Sunday, January 25th from 2:00-4:00 PM and from 7:00-9:00 PM. The Mass of Christian Burial was on Monday, January 26th at 10:30 AM at Our Lady of Angels Church. He was interred in Greenwood Cemetery in Brooklyn.

STEPHEN L. McELWEE – Died Saturday, November 15, 2014 in Hamilton, New Jersey at the age of 66. He was a resident of Trenton, New Jersey. The cause of death was kidney disease. He was born April 26, 1948 in Elizabeth, New Jersey. He served in the United States Marine Corps from June 30, 1967 to June 11, 1969 with a tour of duty in Vietnam in 1968. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Bordentown Chapter #899**. Visiting hours were on Sunday, November 23rd from 5:00-8:00 PM at the Bordentown Home for Funerals in Bordentown and also on Monday, November 24th from 12:15-12:30 PM at the Brigadier General William C. Doyle Veterans Cemetery in Wrightstown, New Jersey. Memorial service was held on Sunday, November 23rd at the Bordentown Home for Funerals at 7:00 PM.



JOHN ROBERT "Bob" MENARD (USA, SGM-Ret.) - Died Tuesday, July 1, 2014 in Hinesville, Georgia after a short illness at the age of 72. The cause of death is unknown. He was born, raised and lived in Tecumseh, Ontario, Canada until the age of 19, when he enlisted in the United States Army where he spent more 29 years serving the country he loved until his retirement in 1990. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War when he earned several medals including the Legion of Merit and the Bronze

Star. All who knew him will dearly miss John's charismatic personality and his ability to touch every life he encountered positively. John had a kindred spirit, never met a stranger, and always greeted you with a smile. During his retirement years, he spent time working in places where he could best use his gift to touch the lives of others. He was a *Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Hinesville Chapter #789*. He also enjoyed spending time with his family, especially his grandchildren. John was preceded in death by both parents, Albert and Marie Menard; a brother, Lloyd Menard; and an infant son, John Robert III. Survivors are his wife of 33 years, Susan Menard; brother, Anthony Menard (Gaeton); two sisters, Gale Larocque and Shirley Harkai; daughter, Melody Menard (Dave); three sons, Timothy Menard, Gerard Schrader, Jr. (Charisma) and Fredrick Schrader (April); daughter-in-law, Tammy Schrader; 11 grandchildren, Jonathan Bruce, Michael Bruce Jr., Desiree Robbins (Justin), Tiffany Stumler, Nathan Barker, Ashley Schrader, Madelin Starr Schrader, Blaize Schrader, Collin Schrader, Carlos Lopez-Garcia and Carmen Lopez-Garcia; 10 great-grandchildren, Michael Bruce III, Hersel Cole Bruce, Austin Cordy, Olivia Stumler, Ethan Robbins, Bradyn Robbins, Leila Robbins, Brysen Barker, Kiarah Lopez-Morelli and Carah Lopez-Morelli; and numerous nieces and nephews. A celebration of his life was at 11:00 AM on Saturday, July 12th, at Victory Assembly of God Church, 612 General Stewart Way, Hinesville. A private interment ceremony was at the Georgia Veterans Memorial Cemetery in Glennville. In lieu of flowers, remembrances are requested to Wounded Warrior Project, P.O. Box 758517, Topeka, KS 66675 or VVA Chapter #789, P.O. Box 1679, Hinesville, GA 31310. Thomas L. Carter Funeral Home was charge of arrangements.

GIRARD LEON MERKEL – Died Wednesday, December 24, 2014 in Ocala, Florida at the age of 78. The cause of death was cancer. He was born November 21, 1936. He served in the United States Marine Corps during the Vietnam War. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Ocala Chapter #1085**. He is survived by his wife, Sharon, of the home; his daughter and son-in-law Erika and Don, of New York; his son and daughter-in-law, Joseph and Crystal, of Texas, and; numerous grandchildren.



ARTHUR K. "Art" MOORE - Died Tuesday, December 23, 2014 in Annandale, New Jersey at the age of 64. The cause of death was death resulting from a motorcycle hitting him while a pedestrian. He was born on June 17, 1950 in the Bronx, New York, to the late Arthur Moore and Eleanor Farley. He was a resident of Middlesex for 10 years and then resided in Pattenburg for 13 years, before moving to Annandale 12 years ago. He was the general manager of the Pelican Ski Shop in Whitehouse Station for 42 years. He was a proud Vietnam veteran with the United States Army and was a 4th class rank specialist. He was a member of the American Legion Post #284 of Whitehouse Station, and an honorable *Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Flemington Chapter #452*. Arthur was an avid Yankees fan, enjoyed skiing in Vermont, fine dining, listening to music, visiting baseball stadiums around the USA, and spending time at the Jersey Shore, especially Lavelette. Spending time with his family was most important to him, especially spending time with his children. He is preceded in death by his beloved parents Arthur Moore and Eleanor Farley, and his loving Godmother Grace Moore Miller. Surviving are his beloved daughter Ashleigh Moore and Husband Eddie Carta of New York City; a beloved son James

Moore and his companion Carrie Memet of Denver CO, and his loving sister Elizabeth and her wife Barbara Linski of Woodland Hills CA. Viewing was held on Monday, December 29, 2014 from 2:00-4:00 PM and 7:00-9:00 PM at the Branchburg Funeral Home, 910 Route 202 South, Branchburg. Funeral services began with a prayer at 9:00 AM on Tuesday, December 30, 2014 at the funeral home followed by a 10:00 AM funeral liturgy at Our Lady of Mount Virgin Roman Catholic Church in Middlesex. Interment was in the Holy Redeemer Cemetery in South Plainfield. Memorial contributions can be made in his memory to Vietnam Veterans of America 8719 Colesville Road, Suite 100, Silver Spring, MD 20910. <http://www.vva.org>.

ARTHUR JOE MORALES - Died Sunday, December 14, 2014 at Shasta Regional Medical Center in Redding at the age of 72. He was a resident of Redding, California. The cause of death was acute respiratory failure with hypoxia. He was born in San Francisco, California on October 30, 1942. He served in the United States Army from 1967 to 1970 with a tour in Vietnam from 1967 to 1968. He was an *At-Large Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – California**. Arrangements were made by the Allen & Dahl Funeral Chapel in Redding.



JOHN CRUICKSHANK MUIR III - November 3, 1945, to December 9, 2014 Early Wednesday morning, December 10, 2014, he passed away peacefully from wounds sustained in the heaviest recorded Marine Corps combat of 1965 in the War in Vietnam. He was surrounded by his family and the caring staff of La Posada–Mesilla Valley Hospice, Las Cruces, New Mexico. He was born November 3, 1945 in Beckley, West Virginia. He was a cousin to John Muir, the naturalist and activist who facilitated creation of the National Park System, and the Scion of 4 generations of Muir men and women in distinguished military service, Sergeant of Marines John Muir was a decorated combat veteran. After his tour of duty, he served with the U.S. State Department as Marine Embassy Guard in Europe at the height of the Cold War, actively living and engaging in a significant part of that era's history. A born teacher and storyteller, John's book, *Tigers and Songbirds* (writing under the name J. Cruickshank Muir), and other titles – Pulitzer Prize nominated *Everything We Had: An Oral History of the Vietnam War*, by Al Santoli, and *The Alchemy of Combat*, by friend and associate, Dr. Larry R. Decker, to name only a few, feature his expert and deeply authentic writing, including a compelling appearance on The History Channel's award winning documentary series, *Weapons of War: The Weapon – Grunts of Vietnam* (all available on Amazon.com). A professional Educator as well as a Filmmaker with The Muir Studio, in 1992 John returned, thanks to the original G.I. Bill, to graduate studies at the University of California, Santa Barbara, California, where he earned his Master's Degree in Education. He continued to give back to his students, his community and his nation as a regular UCSB lecturer for the nationally acclaimed course by Professor Walter Capps, *Religion and the Impact of the Vietnam War*. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Santa Barbara (California) Chapter #218**. He was a prominent and vocal advocate for local, regional and national Veterans' concerns, facilitating the launch of the first Southwestern Charter Chapter of Vietnam Veterans of America and Vet Center in San Diego, California, 1980. That year he also met and married fellow film professional, Sandra "Sam" Muir, and together they have a son, J.C., and a daughter, Morgan. In 2009 John and his family relocated to Las Cruces, New Mexico, to join dear friends. A born teacher and storyteller, he became a College Instructor and Guest Lecturer

for New Mexico State University after a lifetime as Author, Poet, Essayist, Rugby Club Player, Football Coach and High School Social Studies teacher. Private funeral services took place at the Getz Funeral Home, whose support has been exemplary, and a Remembrance Gathering for family and friends is scheduled for a date in January 2015.



DONALD W. "Don" MUSE – Died Saturday, September 13, 2014 in Mesquite, Nevada at the age of 80. The cause of death is unknown. He was born December 13, 1933. He lived a long, happy and productive life. Don loved people. He never met a stranger and always had a smile, a story or two and a wonderful sense of humor. Don spent many years working as a member of the Senior Executive Service of the Federal Government before retiring at age 55. Don and Linda moved to Mesquite in late 1998 and he loved living in this wonderful community. Don involved himself in many activities such as with the Mesquite Boxing Club, the Community Garden, the Veterans Center, Elks Club, and the Exchange Club. Don delighted in being Santa to two very special kids. He took great pleasure in helping others. Don was a Navy veteran. He spent 2004-2005 in Iraq as an independent contractor. He loved our great country and wanted to do his part in the war on terror. Don procured and draped the large flag on one wall of the Rec Center building for One Thousand Flags over Mesquite. He was proud of this project. He was a member of **Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America – Mesquite Chapter #993**. Don loved his dogs, taking them for countless desert walks, and he enjoyed the foster dogs that spent time at his home until adoption. As an avid reader, he enthusiastically raised funds for the Virgin Valley Elementary School Reading program. He absolutely loved this project. In Don's memory, donations are welcomed to the Virgin Valley Elementary School Reading program, c/o Gerri Chasko, Eureka Casino, 275 Mesa Blvd., Mesquite NV 89027, or to We Care for Animals, P.O. Box 3028, Mesquite NV 89024. Don is survived by Linda, his wife of 43 years; his daughter, Kim; son-in-law, Gary; grandchildren, Kellie and Christopher; a sister; and nieces and nephews. We will miss Don's warm smile, enthusiasm, his sense of humor, his presence. Friends of Don were welcomed to gather at the Seasons Lounge in the Eureka Casino, 275 Mesa Boulevard on Thursday, September 25, 2014 between 3:00-5:00 PM. Wine and light refreshments were served.



RICHARD L. PLUCKER – Died unexpectedly at All Saints Hospital on Saturday, January 17, 2015 at the age of 73. He was a resident of Racine, Wisconsin. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Burlington, Wisconsin on July 16, 1941 to the late Lawrence and Grace (née Benning) Plucker. Richard was raised in the Waterford/Wind Lake area of Racine County, and was a graduate of Pulaski High School. He was married on September 9, 1961 in Waterford's St. Peter's Lutheran Church to Margaret Jean Gillen. Richard served with pride in the United States Air Force from 1961 - 1968. Richard held several positions in the factory during his 28 year career with the JI Case Company. He was a highly regarded member of VFW Post #8343; and was a *Life Member* and was currently serving as *President* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Rochester Chapter #921**. He was a member of UAW local 180 and UAW Region 4 Veterans. He served as past Wisconsin UAW Vets

State Chair and he was currently chairman of the UAW Vets Day. In his free time he also enjoyed fishing, hunting, and had a passion for playing cribbage and sheephead with friends, spending time playing Santa and enjoyed being with his family. Richard is survived by his wife, Margaret (Gillen) Plucker, currently of Racine; their children, Tammie Matti of Waukesha, Sherri (Thomas) Fincutter of Burlington, and Keith (Monica) Plucker of Silver Lake; grandchildren, Monique "Nikki" (Lee) Klinger, Andrew Fincutter (Jackie Goller), Brian (Catie) Fincutter, and Amanda (Matthew) Jones; his great-grandchildren, Troy and Alexander Klinger, and Dante and Avery Jones; his sisters, Nancy (Lyle) Schwartz of Muskego, and Karen (Allen) Einer of Mukwonago; as well as many nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends. He was preceded in death by his parents and infant sister, Shirley. Complete services were held in the funeral home on Sunday, January 25, 2015. Visitation with the family was from 2:00-3:45 PM with a service to follow at 4:00 PM. Interment and military honors were rendered at the Southern Wisconsin Veterans Memorial Cemetery at 2:00 PM on Wednesday January 28, 2015. Draeger-Langendorf Funeral Home and Crematory 4600 County Line Road, Racine, Wisconsin.

STEPHEN OTTO "Steve" POPOWNIAC, SR. - Died Saturday, July 27, 2013 at his residence in Albany, New York at the age of 66. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Wiesbaden, Germany to the late Basil and Anna Popowniak. Steve proudly served with United States Marines and worked for the Homeless Veterans Coalition in Albany. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Liverpool Chapter #103**. He is survived by his children; Katherine and Stephan (Melissa Fiore) Popowniak; his four grandchildren Isabella, Korey, Owen and Serena. He is the brother of Manfred Priwall and Nancy Weinberger. He is also survived by several nieces and nephews. In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to the National Coalition for Homeless Veterans, 278 Clinton Ave. Albany, NY 12210 in Steve's memory. There was a graveside service for Stephen on Friday, August 09, 2013 at 1:30 PM at the Gerald B.H. Solomon Saratoga National Cemetery.

GILBERT W. "Gil" PORTER – Died Tuesday, July 22, 2014 in Vancouver, Washington at the age of 68. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on March 13, 1946. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Vancouver Chapter #512**.



ARLENE C. (née Buben) REINBOLT - Died Monday, November 24, 2014, at her home in Idaho Falls, Idaho at the age of 68. The cause of death is unknown. She was born August 8, 1946 in Rochester, New York to the late Joseph Buben and Isabella Buben. She grew up and graduated from St. Agnes High School. Arlene attended and graduated from North Eastern College in Boston, Massachusetts. On November 25, 1995, she married Gene E. Reinbolt in Idaho Falls, Idaho. Arlene and Gene made their home in Idaho Falls. November 25, 2014, would have been their 19th wedding anniversary. Arlene was a *Life Member* of **Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America – Idaho Falls Chapter #972** along with her husband. She was also a lifetime member of the "Non Commissioned Officers Associate," also along with her husband. Arlene was also an active member of their Episcopal Church. On Wednesday of every week, she volunteered to cook lunch at St. Luke's for the

people who attended the Wednesday services. At home, and when she had spare time, Arlene loved doing crossword puzzles. Arlene is survived by her loving husband, Gene Reinbolt, and her two younger sisters, Judy Armstrong of Salt Lake City, UT, and Susy Desjardin of Dillon, MT. She was preceded in death by her father, Joseph Buben, and her mother, Isabella Buben. Services were held at 3:00 PM on Saturday, December 13, 2014, at St. Luke's Episcopal Church, 270 North Placer in Idaho Falls. The Reverend Susan E. Speir officiated.



FRANCIS NICHOLAS RICCIO - Died Tuesday January 6, 2015 at his West Ashley, South Carolina home at the age of 29. He was a resident of Charleston, South Carolina. The cause of death is unknown. He was born July 4, 1985 in Fairbanks, Alaska, a son of Daniel and Margaret Riccio. Nick was a true patriot and his lifelong dream was to be a Marine. After graduating West Ashley High School in 2003, he joined the United States Marine Corps, willing to give the ultimate sacrifice for his country. After graduating boot camp at Parris Island, Nick went to infantry school and became a SAW gunner and was assigned to a unit at Camp Lejeune, NC. He was deployed to Iraq in March, 2004 where he sustained a life-threatening brain injury on June 18, 2004 after being struck with a mortar round. On July 5, 2004, Nick, one of the youngest recipients at that time, was awarded the Purple Heart in his Bethesda Naval Hospital room. Nick was also awarded the Combat Action Ribbon, War on Terrorism Service Medal, Sea Service Deployment Ribbon, and Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal and National Defense Service Medal by the United States Department of Defense. In 2007, Nick was awarded the Ultimate Hero Trojan Award for meritorious action in combating the global war on terrorism and in 2014 was recognized by the Wounded Warrior Project. He was a *Life Member* of **Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America – Charleston Chapter #780**. Nick was a devoted husband and father to wife Ashley and children, Aubrie Victoria and Francis Anthony. Nick enjoyed playing with his children, who were the loves of his life. His zest for life was infectious as were his beautiful smile and bright blue eyes. Nick is preceded in death by his paternal grandparents, Francis Nicholas Riccio and Mary Sue Riccio and his maternal grandparents, Anna Isamina Glover and Chester Lee Glover. Nick is survived by his wife Ashley Jenkins Riccio, his daughter Aubrie and his son Anthony; his parents, Dan and Margaret Riccio; brother, Justin Riccio, sister-in-law Brittany and nephew Chase. Nick is also survived by many aunts, uncles and cousins who will miss him dearly. The family received friends on Thursday, January 8, 2015, at McAlister-Smith Funeral Home West Ashley Chapel, from 6:00 PM until 8:00 PM. A funeral service was held on Friday, January 9, 2015, at 10:00 AM, at Saint Joseph Catholic Church, 1695 Raoul Wallenberg Boulevard, Charleston, SC 29407, with Reverend Father Gabriel J. Smith presiding. Interment, with military honors, was at the Live Oak Memorial Gardens Cemetery. Memorial donations may be made in Nick's honor to the Wounded Warrior Project www.woundedwarriorproject.org. Expressions of sympathy may be viewed or submitted online at www.mcalister-smith.com. Arrangements were entrusted to McAlister-Smith Funeral Home West Ashley Chapel, 2501 Bees Ferry Road, Charleston, SC 29414.



WILLIAM F. RIEPENHOFF, JR. - Died at 1:30 AM on Sunday, June 15, 2014 at the age of 64. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on December 31, 1949 in Lima to the late William F. and Marguerite "Maggie" (née McPheron)

Riepenhoff, Sr. William was a machinist at Clark Equipment for over 10 years and at Dana for 18 months. He then worked at the Lima Tank Plant for 8 years and at the Allen County Veterans Service Commission from 1999 until he retired in 2013. He was a 1968 graduate of Lima Central Catholic High School and served in the United States Marine Corps from 1968-1972 with a tour of duty in Vietnam and was in the United States Army Reserve from 1976-1978. He was a member of the American Legion Post #96, where he was a past commander in 1975 and the Legionnaire of the Year in 1987, the Sons of the American Legion Post #96, the AmVets Post #1, the Disabled American Veterans Post #19, the Marine Corps League #1063, the Paralyzed Veterans of America, the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #1275 and a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Lima Chapter #89**, where he was a past chapter president and was the 1998 "Veteran of the Year", the Knights of Columbus #2661 and the Lima Orioles #173. He was also an avid Ohio State Buckeye fan, a Cincinnati Reds Fan and a TRUE Pittsburgh Steeler fan. Surviving are his daughter Sara M. Riepenhoff of Lima, OH; a brother Edward (Julie) Riepenhoff of Loveland, OH; three sisters Becky Morris, Elaine Riepenhoff and Sheila Riepenhoff all of Lima, OH; a nephew Craig (Sandy) Morris; two nieces Melissa (Sam) Treece and Katie Riepenhoff; three great nephews Keaton Treece, Alex Treece and Levi Morris; a great niece Kendall Treece. He was preceded in death by his brother David Riepenhoff and nephews Benjamin and Brian Riepenhoff.. The family received friends on Tuesday, June 17, 2014 from 2:00 PM to 8:00 PM at Chiles-Laman Funeral and Cremation Services, Shawnee Chapel. Funeral services were at 11:00 AM on Wednesday, June 18, 2014 at Chiles-Laman Funeral and Cremation Services, Shawnee Chapel with Father Jim Szobonya officiating. Interment was in Gethsemani Cemetery, Lima with VFW Post #1275 conducting military graveside services. Memorial contributions may be made to the Lima Central Catholic Building Fund or the Vietnam Veteran's Chapter #89. Condolences may be expressed at www.chiles-lamanfh.com.

FRANK RODRIGUEZ – Died recently in 2014 in Detroit, Michigan. The cause of death is unknown. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Dearborn Chapter #267**.



C. STEPHEN "Steve" RUNDE – Died Friday, January 16, 2015 at UPH-Trinity, Rock Island at the age of 64. He was a resident of East Moline, Illinois. The cause of death was kidney failure. He was born May 10, 1950 in Rock Island to the late Lloyd and Erma (née Clark) Runde. He married Deborah Glendon on August 4, 1978, in Rock Island. He served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War from 1970 to 1971. Steve was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Quad Cities Chapter #299** in Rock Island. He worked at Moline Plow and Planter, and before retirement he worked at the Illinois Department of Corrections as a correctional officer. He enjoyed animals, reading, and watching the Chicago Blackhawks. Steve will be remembered for his strong will to battle and overcome many medical challenges he has faced during his lifetime. Steve's life-saving liver transplant was January 3, 1992 and his living donor kidney transplant was September 11, 2003. Even with his determination, courage and strength this challenge was not to be met. He is survived by his wife of 36 years, Deborah Runde; step-mother, Carol Runde; two brothers, Kirk and Brad Runde; niece, Ashley Rivera; step-sisters, Dawn (Jerry) Downs and

Kim (Joe) Pollack; many nieces and nephews; Tonette Tubbs (Kidney-donor angel); and his best buddy, Austin Tubbs. A Memorial Service was held at 11:00 AM on Friday, January 30, 2015 at Wheelan-Pressly Funeral Home, 3030 7th Avenue, Rock Island. Visitation was held one hour prior to service. Burial took place at National Cemetery, Rock Island, with military honors performed by Vietnam Veteran Honor Guard #299. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Alleman High School or Quad City PAWS. Online condolences may be left to Steve's family at www.wheelanpressly.com.

JAMES L. "Jim" RUSSELL - Died Friday, December 26, 2014 in Jasper, Georgia at the age of 71. The cause of death was cancer. He was born in Indianapolis, Indiana on April 27, 1943. He is survived by his wife Ann; sons, Jim Jr., Tom (Maeve O'Reilly), Mike, and daughter Maryn; brother Robert E. Russell, and family. He served in the United States Air Force from August 1966 to 31 May 1972. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Dawsonville Chapter #970**. An Open House in Celebration of Jim was held on Sunday, January 11, 2015 from 2:00 PM until 5:00 PM at The Devore House, 34 Church Street, Alpharetta, GA 30004. In lieu of flowers: donations can be made to: Just People, Inc. Special Needs Trust, PO BOX 930037, Norcross, GA 30003.



LARRY D. SHOCKLEY – Died Monday, July 14, 2014 in Saint Louis, Missouri at the age of 65. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Saint Louis on March 22, 1949. He served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Saint Louis Chapter #1028**. He is survived by one daughter: Katherine Shockley; two brothers: John and wife, Phyllis and James and wife Patricia; aunts, uncles, nieces and nephews. Services: Graveside Services were held at Jefferson Barracks, July 22nd at 11:00 AM with Full Military Honors.



HAROLD WOODROW STALLINGS - Died Friday, February 13, 2015 at the Western Maryland Regional Medical Center at the age of 86. He was a resident of Cumberland, Maryland. The cause of death is unknown. He was born September 19, 1928 in Cumberland to the late Russell Stallings and Lena (née Harden) Stallings. He was also preceded in death by his stepmother, Clara Stallings; a daughter, Sue Ann Owens; two brothers, Frank and Thomas Stallings; and a sister, Edna Beeman. Harold attended Allegany High School and retired from the United States Air Force as a Master Sergeant. He was a veteran of World War II, Korea, and Vietnam. He was a former employee of Coliseum Lincoln-Mercury, Cook Brothers and Franks Dairy. He was a member of Mt. Hermon United Methodist Church and a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Cumberland Chapter #172**. He was for years a Maryland State Council Delegate and attended many of the National Conventions until his health worsened. Harold is survived by his wife of 67 ½ years, Dessie Mae (Rice) Stallings; a son, Wayne Stallings and wife, Patricia, Smithfield, Va.; three grandchildren, Mandy Sarkissian and husband, Mike, Richmond, Va., Jessica Black and husband, Guy, Newport News, Va., and Jason Owens, Chesapeake, Va.; a brother, Gilbert Stallings and wife, Joan, Cumberland; and a special nephew, Peanut Lantz and wife, Carol, Cumberland; as well as numerous nieces and nephews. Friends were received at the Adams Family Funeral Home, P.A., 404 Decatur Street, Cumberland, (www.Adams-FamilyFuneralHome.com) on

Monday, February 16, 2015, from 2:00 to 4:00 PM and 6:00 to 8:00 PM. A funeral service was conducted at the funeral home on Tuesday, February 17, 2015, at 11:00 AM with the Reverend Wayne Sloan officiating. Interment was in Mount Hermon Cemetery. Military honors were accorded at the cemetery by the VVA Chapter #172 Color Guard. Pallbearers were Peanut Lantz, Deven Lantz, Michael Wolford, Matt Green, Jeff Knieriem, and Earl Lantz Jr.



DAVID LEE “Dave” SUMMERS – Died Wednesday, April 23, 2014 in Saint Louis, Missouri at the age of 67. He was born June 27, 1946 to Fran and the late Loyd Summers. He was the beloved husband of Linda M. Summers (née Stochl); dear father of Natalie R. (Jason) Snyder; dear brother of Michael and Jack Summers and dear friend to many. David served proudly in the United States Army with the 11th

Air Cavalry in Vietnam and spent 35 years with the St. Louis Metropolitan Police Department. Officer David Lee Summers, DSN 7913, was commissioned as a Police Officer on 08/17/1970 and entered the Saint Louis Police Academy. After graduating from the academy Officer Summers started his career in the 2nd District followed by an assignment in the 3rd District. On 11/09/1972 Officer Summers was transferred to the Traffic Safety Division as a Motorcycle Police Officer. On 07/28/1975 Officer Summers left his position in the Traffic Safety Division to take the position as the Chief of Police for the City of Lake Ozark Missouri. Officer Summers returned to the Saint Louis Police Department on 02/02/1976. Officer Summers was assigned to the Police Academy for a short period of time before he was assigned to the Traffic Safety Division. Officer Summers would spend the rest of his distinguished career on the motors in the Traffic Safety Division. When Officer Summers retired on 05/30/2005 he had completed 35 years of faithful and dedicated service to the Saint Louis Metropolitan Police Department. Officer Summers served in the United States Army and entered on 06/27/1966. He achieved the rank of Staff Sergeant (E-6), while assigned to the Long Range Reconnaissance Patrol Squad in the 11th Cavalry Division (Black Horses), during the Vietnam War. Officer Summers was awarded the Bronze Star Medal with Valor for heroism in a combat zone. He also was awarded a Combat Infantryman Badge, National Defense Medal, Vietnam Service Medal, Vietnam Campaign Medal, Expert Marksman Badge, and a Good Conduct Medal, Vietnam Campaign Medal W/60 Device, and Expert Badge W/Rifle. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Saint Louis Chapter #1028**. Funeral services were at Kutis Affton Chapel, 10151 Gravois on Monday, April 28th at 10:00 AM. Interment at Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery with full military honors. In lieu of flowers, contributions to Vietnam Veterans of America #1028, appreciated. Visitation Sunday 5-8 p.m.

LARRY DON THOMAS - Died Monday, January 5, 2015 in Roane, Texas at the age of 67. The cause of death is unknown. He was born July 17, 1947 in Dallas, Texas to the late Bradley Thomas and Helen (née Darby) Thomas. He served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War. He was a *Charter Member* and *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Corsicana Chapter #1009**; 69th Armor Association Division of Vietnam; Disabled American Veterans; past Commander AMVETS Post #23-Dallas 2007-2008; Veteran Foreign Wars Post #3366; 1st Vice Commander American Legion Post #22 of Corsicana; NRA Association; TSRA Association; member of Sheriff Association of Texas and member of Republican National

Committee. He is survived by Emma Carmichael of Roane; son, Craig Thomas and wife Lavender of Garland; two brothers, Rickie Thomas and wife Sharon of Midlothian and Jarrell Thomas and wife Annette of Ft. Worth; three grandchildren, Jonathon, Cheyenne and Chelsea. Visitation was on Sunday, January 11th from 1:00-3:00 PM with services following at 3:00 PM in the chapel at Griffin-Roughton Funeral Home. Burial was at DFW National Cemetery 10:30 AM on Tuesday, January 13, 2015.

DAVID J. TIBBETTS – Died Thursday, May 1, 2014 at Harford Memorial Hospital at the age of 68. He was a resident of Aberdeen, Maryland. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Rome, Maine to the Late Raymond and June (née Fuller) Tibbetts. He is survived by his loving wife Mary Jane Tibbetts. He was the adoring father to Jeff Johnson, Tami Campbell and her husband Bob, Cynthia Powell and Sheri Johnson. He was the devoted grandfather to Mallory Shelton, Matthew Campbell and six step-grandchildren. He was also the step great-grandfather to three. He was the loving brother to three brothers and two sisters. Mr. Tibbetts was a veteran of the United States Army. He retired as a Heavy Equipment Operator and worked as an Instructor at the School for the Army. After retirement he had worked for ten years for Maryland Portable Concrete. He was a member of the VFW Post #8126, American Legion and the Cedar Gun Club. He was an *At-Large Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Maryland**. He enjoyed Trap and Skeet shooting. He was an avid Hunter and Fisherman. Services were held on Saturday, May 3, 2014 at the Zellman Funeral Home, P.A., 123 South Washington Street, Havre de Grace, MD. Interment with Full Military Honors was held at Arlington National Cemetery. Messages of condolences may be made to www.zellmanfuneralhome.com.

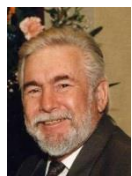
KENNETH STEVEN TURNER - Died Tuesday, December 30, 2014 in Decatur, Georgia at the age of 68. He was a resident of Chattanooga, Tennessee. The cause of death is unknown. He was born December 20, 1946 in Chattanooga Inez Turner and the late Lloyd Turner. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War serving in the United States Army Air Corps. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Chattanooga Chapter #203**. Survivors include his Mother, Inez Turner and a Brother, Tommy Turner both of Chattanooga. Graveside services were held at 2:00 PM Tuesday, January 6, 2015 in Chattanooga National Cemetery with Military honors with Brother Steve Kellogg officiating. There was no visitation at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Wounded Warriors at The Wounded Warrior Project.org. Arrangements were by Hamilton Funeral Home & Cremation Services, 4506 Hixson Pike.

ALLEN L. WALKER - Died Friday, September 13, 2013 at the Arnot Ogden Medical Center in Elmira, New York at the age of 70. He was a resident of Mansfield, Pennsylvania. The cause of death is unknown. He was born January 30, 1943 in Wellsboro, Pennsylvania to the late Joseph D. and Louise T. Walker. He was the husband of Mary Ann (Knowlton) Walker. Allen was a member of Saint James Episcopal Church, Mansfield, Friendship Lodge, Mansfield, Friendship-Williams #400 Lodge, Jenkintown and proud of being a part of The York Rite. He was a United States Army veteran of the Vietnam War. Allen was a Naval Liaison for Northrup Grumman, Long Island, NY. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Elmira Chapter #803**. Allen is survived by his wife, Mary Ann; a son and daughter-in-law, Iain L. and Rachael Walker of

Greencastle, Ind.; two step-sons, Mark Scureman of DelRay, Fla., Daniel Scureman of Lawrenceville, Va.; a step-daughter, Maria Scureman of Raleigh, NC; a brother and sister-in-law, Joseph and Linda Walker of Muncy; two sisters and brothers-in-law, Pamela and Dan Shipe of Wellsboro, Amy and Mark Murdough of Pine City, NY; a special niece, Alexandra Murdough. Family and friends were invited to call on Tuesday, September 17th, from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM at the Buckheit Funeral Chapel and Crematory, Inc., 637 South Main Street, Mansfield. A Masonic Service was held at 8:00 PM with the memorial service to follow with Pastor Steve Case and Pastor Rowena G. Gibbons co-officiated. Military honors were presented by the Tioga County Honor Guard. Memorial donations may be made in Allen's memory to the F&AM Friendship Lodge Building Fund, PO Box 164, Mansfield, PA 16933 www.buckheitfcandcrematory.com.

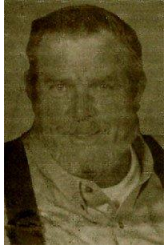
SELVYN WALLACE – Died Wednesday, July 10, 2013 in Natchez, Mississippi at the age of 67. The cause of death was Lung cancer. He was born in San Francisco, California on July 16, 1945 to the late Lamone Edward Wallace and the late Eva Mae (née Knight) Wallace. He served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War as a Combat Medic. He was predeceased by his wife, Larie Wallace on February 25, 2011. He is survived by his sister and brother-in-law, Gwyn and Bill Bacot, of Natchez, Mississippi. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Tupelo Chapter #842**. Private graveside services were conducted on July 11th at 11:00 AM at the Burdine Cemetery. McNeece-Morris Funeral Home, Fulton was in charge of the arrangements.

DAVID K. WARMAN – Died Sunday, December 21, 2014 in Tucson, Arizona at the age of 76. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in 1938. He served in the United States Air Force during the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Tucson Chapter #106**. He is survived by his widow, Leslie Longway. He was cremated and services were private. A memorial service was held at his home at Silverbell West in Tucson on Thursday, February 12, 2015 at 1:00 PM. A reception followed in the Silverbell West Clubhouse.



ROBERT M. "Bob" WEATHERSBY (USMC, MSgt, Ret.) - Died Saturday, July 19, 2014 Pensacola, Florida at the age of 76. The cause of death was Alzheimer's Disease. He was born January 1, 1938 in Soperton, Georgia to the late Sarah Thibodeau and Luther Weathersby. Bob served in the United States Marine Corps from 1954-1977 after joining at the age of 16 years. He served in many locations; including two tours in Vietnam. The USMC was his life and he lived by the motto, "Once a Marine, Always a Marine." Prior to his illness, he was active in many veterans organizations and activities, to include the American Legion, Disabled American Veterans and the Marine Corps League. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Tampa Chapter #787**. Bob was loving, generous, fun, tough, a true friend and a patriotic Christian. In his later years he enjoyed playing cards, working on cars and reading. Bob is survived by his loving wife, Lillie Ayers Weathersby; son, Steven Weathersby (Denise), of Pensacola, FL; grandchildren, Kelly Weathersby (Darla) of Rexburg, ID, Shannon Thompson (Judd) of Pocatello, ID, Andrew Kelleher (Jayme) of Pensacola, FL, Samantha Kelleher of Pensacola, FL; five great grandchildren; siblings, Carol Kellar of Poplarville, MS, Paul Thibodeau of Biloxi, MS, Annette Thibodeau of Biloxi, MS; sister-in-law,

Neva Searles and dogs, Maggie Mae, Daisy Mae and Putt. Special thanks are extended to West Florida Hospice, Homestead Village, Health Center of Pensacola and West Florida Hospital for the care provided to Bob and the love shown to his family. Thank you also to an extraordinary friend and caregiver, Paula Magee. The family received friends for visitation at Pensacola Memorial Gardens Funeral Home from 10:00-11:00 AM on Tuesday, July 22, 2014. The funeral service began at 11:00 AM with Pastor Doug Kimsal officiating. Burial was at Barrancas National Cemetery with full military honors. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Alzheimer's Association or Covenant Hospice.



RALPH D. WIGLE - Died at his home in Winnemucca, Nevada on Saturday, July 10, 2010 at the age of 60. The cause of death is unknown. He was born December 5, 1949 in Reno, Nevada. His dad worked construction and loved mining so Ralph grew up following construction and mining. He was fond of saying that he went to 21 different schools. Ralph married Roseanna Zink in 1979. Ralph served in the Vietnam War in the United States Army between 1968 and 1971. He was also honorably discharged from the Nevada National Guard where he was an E7 and AST of the unit in Winnemucca. He was a member of the American Legion and a *Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Winnemucca Chapter #744* and the VFW. He liked to hunt and fish, and was a good mechanic. Ralph loved his grand-kids and involved them in whatever he was doing. He loved to teach and tease them. Ralph was a very social and liked everyone. He always had a joke or story to brighten your day. Ralph is survived by his wife Roseanna and daughter, Diane Lynn Wigle, both of Winnemucca; a son, Danny Wigle of North Carolina; grandchildren Noah Michael Clymens and Kaden Grace Wigle, both of Winnemucca; and sisters, Ida Jensen (William) of Winnemucca and Helen Grim (Mike) of Kaloma, WA. Funeral services were held at 10:30 AM on Friday, July 16th at the Winnemucca 2nd Ward LDS Chapel with Bishop Vernon Anderson officiating. Interment was at the Winnemucca Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, the family requested donations be made in Ralph's name to the Primary Children's Medical Center in Salt Lake City, UT.

RICHARD DALE WILLIAMS - Died Monday, September 29, 2014 in Leavenworth, Kansas at the age of 71. He was a resident of Platte City, Missouri. The cause of death was cerebral hemorrhage and diabetes mellitus type II. He was born in Topeka, Kansas on October 31, 1942 to the late Harold Williams and Mildred (née O'Harrold) Williams. He is survived by his wife, Connie D. Williams, of Platte City. He served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Kansas City Chapter #317*. Family visitation was at 11:00 AM with a service at 12:30 PM on Tuesday, October 7th, at the Chapel of Veterans at Dwight D. Eisenhower VA Center, Leavenworth Kansas. Burial was in the Leavenworth National Cemetery.

**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