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LEON ROBERT "Lennie" ARMAGOST - Died Sunday, November 22, 2015 at his residence, after a lengthy illness with cancer. He was 65 years of age and a resident of Byrnedale, Pennsylvania. He was born January 28, 1950 in Bradford, Pennsylvania to the late Earl and Caroline (née Stewart) Armagost. He was married to Edna (née Beck) Friday-Armagost, she survives. Lennie is also survived by his children: Mikki Snyder of Alabama, Mrs. Michael (Marissa) Norcross of Bradford, Katie Jo Armagost of Penfield, Keith Armagost and wife Sarah of Brockway and step-sons Tony Friday and wife Jeannette of Weedville, Russell Friday and wife Lisa of San Diego, CA, and Scott Friday of Penfield, four grandchildren and one great grandchild. Lennie was also preceded in death by a grandson and a step-son: Brian Friday. Lennie was born and raised in Bradford; he was a graduate of Bradford Area High School. He enjoyed golfing and watching sports. He was a truck driver for most of his life and part owner of The New White Horse Inn in Byrnedale. Lennie served in Vietnam with the United States Air Force as a Morse Code Interceptor. He was also a member of Vietnam Veterans of America - Saint Marys Chapter #720, of Dagus Mines. A Memorial Service was held on Saturday, November 28, 2015 at 2:00 PM at The New White Horse Inn in Byrnedale, PA. Military Honors were accorded by the American Legion Post #978 and the Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter #720 of Dagus Mines will also be having a service.

<u>GERALD R. BALDWIN</u> – Died recently in 2015 in Arkansas City Kansas at the age of 77. The cause of death is unknown. He was born September 19, 1938. He was veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of Vietnam Veterans of America – Mesquite (*Nevada*) Chapter #993.

WILLIAM RALPH BARNES - Died Thursday, June 4, 2015 at the Vidant Medical Center in Greenville, North Carolina at the age of 65. He was a resident of Ahoskie, North Carolina. The cause of death was heart failure. He was born on October 30, 1949 to the late Clarence Albert and Margaret (née Askew) Barnes in Ahoskie. He was a member of Powellsville Baptist Church for many years, and attended Holly Grove Baptist Church. He was a graduate of Bertie County High School, a member of Powellsville Fire Department, and a United States Army veteran of Vietnam. Ralph retired from Century Link as a telecommunications technician after 42 years of service. He enjoyed life after retirement, especially his classic cars, playing softball, and most of all, his grandchildren. He was a member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Ahoskie Chapter #1094. Besides his parents, Ralph was preceded in death by his brothers, Clarence Albert Barnes, Jr., Robert Barnes, and Danny Barnes; and a sister, Florence B. Powell. Left to cherish his memory is his wife of 45 years, Deborah Speller Barnes; his son, Brent Barnes and wife, Rena

of Ahoskie, NC; two granddaughters, Cassey Blake Barnes and Riley Hayes Barnes of Ahoskie, NC; three sisters, Dee Jewitt and husband, Eric of Jonesboro, TN, Judy B. Jones and husband, J.D. of Powellsville, NC, and Darlene Castelloe and husband, Gary of Windsor, NC; and two brothers, Roy Barnes of Pollocksville, NC, and Phillip Barnes of Suffolk, VA. The family received friends on Sunday, June 7, 2015 from 7:00 PM until 8:30 PM at Garrett Sykes Funeral Service, Ahoskie Chapel, Ahoskie, NC. A celebration of life service was held on Monday, June 8, 2015 at 2:00 PM at the Garrett Sykes Funeral Service - Ahoskie Chapel, Ahoskie, NC, with the Reverend J. N. Baggett officiating. Burial was in Stoney Creek Cemetery. Flowers are welcome or memorial contributions may be made to the Wounded Warriors Project, P.O. Box 758517, Topeka, Kansas, 66675. Garrett Sykes Funeral Service, Ahoskie Chapel handled the arrangements for the Barnes family and online condolences can be directed to the family by visiting www.garrettsykesfs.com.

GARY L. BEARDSLEY - Died Wednesday, October 21, 2015 while in the VA home in Ivins, Utah at the age of 83. He was formerly a resident of Mesquite, Nevada. The cause of death was Parkinson's disease, Lewy body dementia and lobar pneumonia. He was born August 11, 1932 in Des Moines Iowa. He joined the United States Marine Corps in 1953 serving more than 27 years. He served in Vietnam from September 1965 to September 1966. He retired in April 1979 as a Master Gunnery Sergeant. He proudly wore the title of Marine until his passing. He was a Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America - Mesquite Chapter #993. Gary and Karen (née Keller) were married in Greeley, Colorado in October of 1958. They lived in many places while he was in the service. They moved to Mesquite, Nevada in 1997. He is survived by his wife, Karen and his sons, Thane, Sean and Tracy; 10 grandchildren; and 9 greatgrandchildren. One son, Shawn, preceded him in death. He also leaves behind numerous inlaws, aunts, cousins and family scattered across the country, along with his many close personal friends in Mesquite. Services were held on November 3, 2015 at 10:00 AM at the Mesquite Lutheran Church, 450 Turtleback Road, Mesquite, NV 89027. A reception followed in the fellowship hall. His ashes were interred at the Southern Nevada Veterans Memorial Cemetery in Boulder City, NV. In lieu of flowers the family requests you make a donation to Southern Utah Veterans Home, 160 North 200 East, Ivins, UT 84738 in honor of Master Gunnery SGT Gary Beardsley.

SARAH B. BEHRINGER – Died Wednesday, December 16, 2015 in Texarkana, Texas at the age of 68. The cause of death was cancer. She was born in Texarkana on August 15, 1947. She served in the United States Marine Corps from May 8, 1967 to August 1, 1968. She was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Texarkana Chapter #278**.

EDWARD ROY "Ed" BENNETT - Died Friday, October 30, 2015 at his home in Mountain Lake Park, Maryland at the age of 70. He was also a resident of Oakland, Maryland. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on June 15, 1945 in Harrisonburg, Virginia to Mike Rhodes of Mountain Lake Park and the late Beatrice Rhodes. Ed was a proud veteran of the United States Marine Corps having bravely served in Vietnam. He was a member of the Ironworkers and Laborers Union. In addition to spending time with his sons, he enjoyed riding his Harley. He was a member of Vietnam Veterans of America — Cumberland Chapter #17. In addition to his father, he is survived by three sons, Darwin Bennett, Shawn Bennett and Derek Bennett, all of Garrett County; and three nephews, Mark Bennett, Steve Bennett and Raymond "Dick" Bennett. Friends were received at the C & S Fredlock Funeral Home, P.A., 21 North 2nd Street, Oakland, on Monday, November 2, 2015 from 4:00 to 7:00 PM. According to his wishes, Ed was cremated after visitation and was interred in Rocky Gap Veteran's Cemetery with a memorial service.



HARRY ROY BERGERON - Died peacefully at home in Albion, New Jersey on Sunday, January 3, 2016 at the age of 73. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on December 8, 1942 in Oneco, Connecticut to the late Nellie (née Dawley) and William J. Bergeron II. He was predeceased by his first wife, Marylou (née MacIntosh), his Stepfather, Peter A. Majane, and his Brother, William J. Bergeron III. After High School, Harry joined the United States Army and served six years

with the Military Police. He was stationed in Texas, West Germany and served two tours in Vietnam. Harry was honorably discharged and was awarded a number of service medals including; Good Conduct Award, Vietnam Service Medal, Vietnam Campaign Medal, National Defense Medal, Drivers Badge and Sharpshooter Decoration. Upon returning to the United States, Harry was employed by UPS. He was actively involved with the Camden County 4H for over 15 years. Harry received several special 4H commendations and awards. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Egg Harbor Township Chapter #825**, the National Rifle Association, the VFW and the Disabled American Veterans. Harry was an avid fisherman and horseman. Harry is survived by his wife, Lois E. (née Allen) Bergeron, his step-children Maryann (MacIntosh) Gladfelter and her husband Bruce, Victoria (MacIntosh) Hicken and her husband Eric, Carol Salden and Kathleen Pierotti, his sister Jeanne Field, his brother John Majane, and his wife Peggy. He also is survived by his grandsons, Eric Gladfelter, Mathew Gladfelter, Ian Eddy and Marco Salden. Cousins, nephews and nieces include June (Staskizitch) Dawson, her husband Paul, Christine (Field) Woodcock and her husband James, Scott W. Bergeron, Rebecca Field and Richard J. Field III, and; many other relatives and friends.

DOUGLAS ALLEN BLAINE - Died Saturday, October 24, 2015 at his home in Artesia, New Mexico at the age of 68. The cause of death was esophageal cancer. He was born January 10, 1947 in Grayling, Michigan to the late Aubrey Blaine and Barbara (née Gierke) Blaine. On August 14, 1969, he married Veronica Blaine in Grayling, and the couple came to Artesia in 1995 from Grayling. He served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War. He was a manager for retail stores and a member of DAV, VFW and American Legion. He was a *Life Member* of Vietnam Veterans of America – Artesia Chapter #998. Survivors include his wife, Veronica Blaine, of Artesia; sons Aaron Blaine of Frederick, Mich., and Doug Blaine Jr. of Artesia; sisters Sharon Hagerman and Diane Doremire, both of Grayling; five grandchildren; one greatgrandchild; and numerous nieces and nephews. No local services were scheduled. Family and friends were invited to 4000 West Grand Avenue, on Friday, October 30th to visit with the family. Cremation took place under the direction of Terpening & Son Mortuary. Arrangements were under the direction of Terpening & Son Mortuary. Condolences may be expressed online at www.artesiafunerals.com.

<u>JESSE DEAN BRINSER</u> – Died Tuesday, September 4, 2007 in Williamsport, Pennsylvania at the age of 73. He was a resident of Montoursville, Pennsylvania. The cause of death is unknown. He was born April 7, 1934 in Montoursville to the late Jesse and Bertha (née Blair) Brinser. He was married to Joan C. (née Woods) Brinser who died in 2010. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was an *At-Large Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America** – **Pennsylvania**. He is interred in Saint Charles Lutheran Church Cemetery in Lycoming County, Pennsylvania.

<u>PAUL C. BULLOCK</u> – Died recently in 2015 in Harrietta, Michigan at the age of 64. The cause of death is unknown. He was born October 11, 1950. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America** – **Dearborn Chapter #267**.



ELDON E. BURG - Died at his residence in Sheboygan, Wisconsin surrounded by his loving family and his companion "Wego" on Friday January 15, 2016. He was 73 years of age. The cause of death was Leukemia. He was born June 21, 1942 in Fond Du Lac, Wisconsin to late Chester and Adell (née Schrage) Burg. He began his educational career at Garnet School, a one room schoolhouse with 2 outdoor toilets. His educational career continued through graduation

from Chilton High School to UW-Oshkosh (B/S; MS). Additional doctoral work was pursued at UW-Milwaukee and Wisconsin School of Professional Psychology (WSPP). In 1968 Eldon enlisted in the United States Army and graduated on the Commandants List-Infantry CS. He served in Vietnam as an Infantry Platoon Leader, receiving a Vietnam Campaign Medal (W/60 Device), Vietnam Service Medal, and National Defense Service Medal with notable awards being a Bronze Star, Army Commendation Medal with V device for Valor and the Combat

Infantryman's Badge. He was a Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America - Sheboygan Chapter #618. For many years he and his wife, Fran, operated Elbur Consulting which provided behavioral health services. Previously employed as a staff Psychologist; Eldon served Sheboygan County as Coordinator of Alcohol and Drug Abuse Services, Administrator-Sheboygan County Mental Health Center and Coordinator of Intake Assessment and Clinical Treatment for the Sheboygan County Health and Human Services Department. He also served on the faculty of the University of Wisconsin Oshkosh and Lakeland College in addition to being academic staff at the UW -Extension in Sheboygan. Eldon has passionately devoted thirty plus years to community service. He was a three-term Alderman for the City of Sheboygan. Eldon was elected Council President and Vice-President in addition to serving as Chairperson of numerous committees. A founding director and first president of REACH Hotline, he was involved in community programs including the restoration of the Islander fish tug and Treasurer of Sheboygan Count Humane Society. He and his wife, Fran, enjoyed many years of adventure and travel. Eldon was a Sheboygan Yacht Club and Elks Lodge B.P.O.E. 299 member. Eldon and Fran enjoyed sailing, motorcycling and exploring new countries together. He was musically gifted and played multiple instruments; Drums, accordion, guitar, banjo, harmonica, and trumpet to name a few. Eldon was a loving and devoted family man who will be forever remembered by the community and his family. Survivors include his loving wife Fran, Daughter, Cara (Ray) Burg, their children, Joshua Robles, Mason and Aleda Leonhard, Steven Becker and their grandchildren, Kalia Robles and Jameson Becker; Son Ryan (Chris) Burg and their children Katie and Alex Burg, Son Kurt Martin and his three children Natalie of Denver CO., Emily and Colton, special daughter-in-law Maureen Martin; daughter Jill Martin and her son Zachary Mueller. A Gathering and celebration of Eldon's life was held on Tuesday January 19, 2016, starting at 3:00 PM at the First Congregational Church at 310 Bluff Avenue, until the time of a memorial service at 7:00 PM with the Reverend James Hollister, pastor officiating. A private committal service was held on a later date. In lieu of flowers, a memorial fund has been established in Eldon's name. Fran and the children wish to extend their thanks to Dr. Mark Bettag and his staff for the care and support Eldon received.

Massillon, Ohio with his wife by his side. He was 66 years of age. The cause of death was pancreatic and metastatic cancer. He was born on July 12, 1949 in Athens, Tennessee to late Reverend L.V., Sr. and Gladys (née Kirkland) Carroll. Ronnie was a United States Army Vietnam veteran where he was a member of the 82nd Airborne Division. He was awarded both the Purple Heart and Silver Rose. He worked for Union Drawn, Wayne Dalton Door Co. and North Canton Transfer as a truck driver. Ronnie was a member of Woodlawn Church of God, American Legion Post #221, was a member of Vietnam Veterans of America – New Philadelphia Chapter #857, Mustang Club of Ohio and the Harley Owners Group. Ronnie was a car and motorcycle enthusiast. Along with his parents he was preceded in death by his sister Debra Shelton. He is survived by his wife Gloria (Arney) Carroll whom he shared 43 years of marriage; his sidekick

Pepper; his brothers L.V. Jr. (Helen) Carroll and Richard Carroll; his sisters, Regena Hoover-Mowls, Patricia Davis, Rebecca (Wes) Shankland, Lavell (Bob) Mason and Renee Barker; and many nieces, nephews and friends. A Celebration of Ronnie's life was held on Monday, November 2, 2015 at 11:00 AM at the Paquelet & Arnold-Lynch Funeral Home. Reverends Matt Coutcher and Rob Mason co-officiated. Burial was in the Brookfield Cemetery. The family received friends at the funeral home on Sunday from 2:00-5:00 PM and on Monday from 10:00-11:00 AM. Paquelet & Arnold-Lynch Funeral Home and Crematory were in charge of the arrangements.

<u>WILLIAM M. COLE</u> – Died Wednesday, November 8, 2015 in Tinley Park, Illinois at the age of 71. The cause of death was cancer. He was born October 22, 1944. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was an *At-Large Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Illinois**.



<u>DAVID F. CONKLIN, SR.</u> - Died passed away peacefully at home in Elmira, New York surrounded by his loving family on Sunday, December 13, 2015. He was 69 years of age. The cause of death was esophageal cancer. He was born in Elmira to the late Francis R. and Ruth M. (née Rorick) Conklin. He is survived by his wife of 45 years, Patricia Rourke Conklin; children and their families, Kimberlie Jordan of Elmira with son Kyle; Katherine Marie Durrant of Ithaca

with children, Sarah, A.J., Billy and Anna Danner; Teresa Conklin of Elmira with fiancé Gary Shope; David Conklin, Jr. of Elmira with children, Hannah and Kaler; Sarah Conklin with Mark Tota of Horseheads with children, Jonathan, Anthony and Dominic; "grandchildren" Allen and Zayne; great-granddaughters, Mina and Lydia; sisters, Helen Sullivan with husband James of Horseheads, Judy Cruise of Elmira, Patricia French of Horseheads, Linda Roblyer of Elmira; many nieces, nephews, cousins and in-laws. He was predeceased by brothers-in-law, William Cruise and Thomas French; nephew Brian Cruise. David was a decorated United States Navy veteran having earned a Purple Heart and Bronze Star Medal for service in Vietnam. He was a Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Elmira Chapter #803. He was totally dedicated to his family. Many people were touched by his caring ways and generous character. David, Pat and family loved to spend time together at their place on Keuka Lake. Family and friends were invited to call at McInerny Funeral Home, 502 West Water Street, Elmira on Friday, December 18, 2015 from 4:00 to 7:00 PM. A Mass of Christian Burial was held on Saturday, December 19, 2015 at 11:00 AM at Saints Peter and Paul Church, Elmira. Military honors followed outside of church after funeral mass. Cemetery services were at Woodlawn National Cemetery at a later date. In lieu of flowers, those wishing may remember David with donations to either, CareFirst, 3805 Meads Creek Road, Painted Post NY 14870-9509 or Notre Dame High School, 1400 Maple Avenue, Elmira NY 14904.



<u>REVEREND JOHNNY EARL CONWAY</u> — Died Monday, November 2, 2015 at Centennial Medical Center at the age of 63. He was a resident of Clarkesville, Tennessee. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on September 23, 1952 in Harrison, Arkansas to the late Johnny and Ruth (née Stratton) Conway. He was

pastor and active member of First Church of God. He served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Clarksville Chapter #396**. He is survived by his wife, Shirley, of 38 years; son, Johnny (Brittany) Conway; daughter, Jennifer (Chris) Fry; stepson, Donnie (Debbie) Shy; brother, Mike Conway; sisters, Belinda Gardner, Becky Gammill and Susie Stone, and five grandchildren. Johnny was chairman of Veterans Temporary Emergency Assistance Program. The Funeral service was on Friday, November 6, 2015 at 3:00 PM in the Sykes chapel. The family received friends on Thursday, November 5, 2015 from 4:00-8:00 PM and again on Friday, November 6, 2015 from 1:00-3:00 PM at the funeral home.

LAWRENCE E. "Bunny" DAVIS – Died Sunday, October 25, 2015 Cedar Bluff, Virginia at the age of 70. The cause of death was a massive heart attack. He was born on October 1, 1945 in Richlands, Virginia. He was a graduate of Richlands High School Class of 1964. He served his country in the United States Army during the Vietnam Conflict from September 29, 1965 to September 18, 1967. He was also a member of the Disabled American Veterans Chapter #59; Vietnam Veterans of America – Princeton (West Virginia) Chapter #628, and; the Military Police 25th Division of the U.S. Army. He was married to Barbara. A military graveside service was conducted by the Casey-Shortt VFW Post #9640. The family received friends from 6:00-9:00 PM on Thursday evening at the Hurst-Scott Funeral Home in Richlands, Virginia.

LEE BARRY DAVIS, SR. – Died Thursday, November 26, 2015 in San Marcos, Texas at the age of 68. The cause of death was cardiac arrest. He was born on June 26, 1947 in Ringo, Louisiana. Barry joined the United States Navy on June 29, 1965. Barry soon deployed to South Vietnam where he served as a radioman until 1969. During that time Barry met and married the love of his life, Tao Thi Davis. They were married for 45 years. Barry and Tao remained in Vietnam for 10 years. After the fall of South Vietnam, Barry bravely evacuated his wife and three children, Mark, Kim, and Lee to the United States. They laid roots in San Marcos, TX in 1976, where two years later Barry had the privilege of delivering their fourth child Tracey, enroute to the hospital. Barry instilled great work ethic and devotion in his children by working long hours building a fledgling business (National Steps) and as an independent contractor for TXDOT, until retiring in 2003. Barry was an active Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America San Marcos Chapter #923, VFW, and American Legion where he met fellow Veterans that became dear friends to him and his family. Barry had a passion for horse racing that was only surpassed by the love he had for his 3 grandchildren, Kennedy, Kamdyn, and Kolton. He dedicated the last 8 years of his life to spending every possible moment doting on them. Barry is survived by his wife Tao Davis, children Kim Fuller, Lee Davis Jr, Tracey Hemp, son in laws, Kris Fuller and Frank Hemp, grandchildren Kennedy, Kamdyn and Kolton Fuller, parents William and Wilmoth Davis, brothers Toney and Jeff Davis, and sisters Linda Davis, Donna Sue Weeks, Jill Birdwell, and June Rose, along with many nieces and nephews. Barry is preceded in death by his son Mark Davis and brother, Bruce Davis. Visitation service was held on Tuesday, December 1st from 6:00 – 8:00 PM at the Pennington Funeral Home in San Marcos. Funeral services were also held at Pennington Funeral Home at 11:00 AM on Wednesday, December 2nd. Arrangements were made by the Pennington Funeral Home, 323 North Comanche, San Marcos, Texas 78666.

GERALD F. DIEFENBACH — Died Tuesday, January 24, 2012 in Holland, Pennsylvania at the age of 68. The cause of death is unknown. He was born December 15, 1943. He served in the United States Navy during the Vietnam War. He was a Swift Boater in the Mekong Delta. He was an *At-Large Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America — Pennsylvania.** He is interred in Washington Crossing National Cemetery in Newtown, Bucks County, Pennsylvania.

<u>DORIS I. DUNCAN</u> - Died Thursday, November 27, 2014 at Wheaton Franciscan – All Saints Medical Center in Racine, Wisconsin at the age of 86. She was a resident of Racine. The cause of death is unknown. She was born in Racine on December 4, 1927 to the late Ira and Evelyn (née Jensen) Noyes. Doris was employed for many years at the House of Lem, Labor Center, Meadowbrook

Country Club, and retired from Wisconsin Natural Gas in 1986 after twenty-two years of employment. Her pastimes included knitting, crocheting, crafts, puzzles, and volunteering with Toys for Tots. Doris held numerous offices in VFW Post #1391-Ladies Auxiliary and was a lifelong member. She was a member of Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America - Racine Chapter #767. She also loved traveling, especially on cruises, trips to Puerto Rico, and Door County. Most of all she cherished time spent with her family and will be dearly missed. Survivors include her children, Judith (Dennis) Siddell of Milwaukee, Crystal Orttel of Racine, Penny Duncan of Kenosha, Kenneth Duncan of Racine; 14 grandchildren; 27 greatgrandchildren; 10 great-great-grandchildren; nieces, nephews, other relatives and many dear friends. In addition to her parents she was preceded in death by her sons, Todd and Richard; grandson, Dusty; and sister, Shirley (Otto) Tessmann. Funeral services were held Tuesday, December 2, 2014 at 6:00 PM at the funeral home. Relatives and friends met with the family Tuesday at the funeral home from 4:00 PM until time of service at 6:00 PM. All are welcome to meet Wednesday at the funeral home at 1:15 PM for procession to West Lawn Memorial Park. Memorials to one's favorite veterans' organization were suggested. Maresh-Meredith and Acklam Funeral Home, 803 Main Street, Racine, WI 53403 was in charge of the arrangements.

BRENDA LYNNE (née Jensen) ELLEFSON - f Fargo, ND Died unexpectedly on Thursday, October 22, 2015 in Fargo, North Dakota at the age of 51. The cause of death is unknown. She

was born March 11, 1964 at Saint Ansgar Hospital in Moorhead, Minnesota to Dennis and Arlene Jensen. She graduated from Fargo South High School in 1982. On April 25, 1987 she married Roland Knox and had two sons, Tony and Colton Knox, both of Fargo, and a daughter, Kierra Knox, also of Fargo. After living in multiple places in North Dakota and Idaho, Brenda moved back to Fargo with her three children. She enjoyed the company of her co-workers at the Cass County Courthouse for 14 years in the Recorders Office. In 2011, Brenda found the love of her life in Wayne Ellefson, and they were married on March 7, 2014 at the Cass County Courthouse, adding Christopher and Kari Ellefson to her family. Brenda was devoted to her children, a loving mother and wife. She loved to bake, read books, spend time with family & friends, travel with Wayne, and play with her dogs, Louie and Vito. Brenda enjoyed her time with Moms and More and The Classics at Fargo Baptist Church. She also was a proud member of Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America – Fargo Chapter #941 and was a kind and giving person with a heart of gold. She is survived by her husband, Wayne; parents, Dennis and Arlene Jensen of Fargo; brother Larry (Marsha) Jensen of Fargo; sister Shelly (Mark) Lindlauf of Fargo; her children Tony, Colton, and Kierra Knox of Fargo, and step-children Christopher also of Fargo, and Kari Ellefson of Surprise, Arizona. Brenda also leaves behind two nieces (Tia Lindlauf of Nebraska and Christa Lindlauf of Fargo) and two nephews (Austin and Avery Jensen of Fargo) as well as numerous other cousins and other family members across the country. Visitation hours were from 5:00-7:00 PM on Monday, October 26, 2015 with a Prayer Service at 7:00 PM at Boulger Funeral Home, Fargo. The Funeral Service was at 11:00 AM on Tuesday, October 27, 2015 at Fargo Baptist Church, Fargo, ND. Interment was at the Sunset Memorial Gardens, Fargo.

RAYMOND ISIDRO FABRE — Died Monday, May 25, 2015 in Artesia, New Mexico at the age of 67. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on September 11, 1947 in Yauco, Puerto Rico to the late Isidro Fabre and Eloina (née Martinez) Fabre. He came to Artesia in 1979 from Morristown New Jersey. On Sept. 4, 1971 he was married to Dolores Algarra in Morristown. He served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of Vietnam Veterans of America — Artesia Chapter #998. He worked in law enforcement, serving for both the Police and Sheriff Departments. He was a member of DAV, American Legion, and Paralyzed Veterans of America. He was preceded in death by his parents and a brother Joe Fabre. Survivors include his wife Delores Fabre of Artesia; daughters Yvonne Menefee of Artesia and Jennifer Keim and husband Randy of Carlsbad, NM; a brother Angelo Fabre of Puerto Rico; grandchildren Dakota Knowlton, Erika Knowlton, Logan Menefee, Kandace Menefee, Ryan Keim and Duece Keim. Services were scheduled for 2:00 PM on Friday, May 29th, at the Terpening and Son Chapel of Artesia.

JERRY L. FRANG - Died Wednesday, November 4, 2015 in Rockford Memorial Hospital in Rockford, Illinois at the age of 69. He was a resident of Rockford. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on June 19, 1946 in Rockford to the late Emery and Ruby (née Barnett) Frang. He was a graduate of East High School. He served in the United States Army in the Vietnam War. Jerry obtained his Bachelor Degree in Science from Northern Illinois University and his Master's Degree in Secondary Education from Northern Illinois University. He was formerly employed at Kennedy School as a math teacher, retiring from Rock Valley College, where he was a math professor. He also worked as the night manager at Don Carter Lanes for many years. He was a life-long member of the Optimist Club, and a Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America - Rockford Chapter #984. Jerry is survived by his son, Corey Frang of Boston MA; brothers, Larry Frang of Springfield IL, Ron Frang of Springfield IL, Bill (Vicki) Frang of Loveland CO, Aunt Joan Pennock of Rockford IL; and Uncle Ralph Frang of Golden, CO. Preceded in death by his parents, and wife Martha. A Celebration of Jerry's Life was on Tuesday, November 10, 2015 at 1:00 PM at Heartland Community Church, 1280 South Alpine Road, Rockford, with memorial visitation at 12:00 PM until the time of service. Interment was in Arlington Memorial Park. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Vietnam Veteran Honor Society, PO Box 4304, Rockford, 61110. Grace Funeral & Cremation Services was in charge of the arrangements.

JAMES JAY "Jim" FULLER - Died Tuesday, November 10, 2015 at SOMC Hospice. He was a resident of Lucasville, Ohio and 68 years of age. The cause of death was cancer. He was born June 20, 1947 in Portsmouth, Ohio to the late James Edward Fuller and Jessie (née Macaffery) Fuller Bigley. Jim was the owner and operator of Lucasville Sand and Gravel and Fuller Trucking. He was a United States Army Vietnam War veteran, receiving the Medal of Honor. He was a member of Rarden Baptist Church, the Scioto Breeze Flyers Club, Odd Fellows Lodge #428 in Piketon, and loved his favorite sport, Drag Racing. He was a Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – South Shore (Kentucky) Chapter #1006. He is survived by his wife, Janet Warner Fuller, whom he married May 28, 1968 in McDermott; two sons, Michael Fuller of Lucasville and James "Jay" (Amanda) Fuller of West Portsmouth; one daughter, Jennifer Fuller of Lucasville; four grandchildren of which he was very proud of, Lindsay (Nick) Cook, J.B. Fuller, Katie Fuller, and Jamie Fuller; six brothers, Ed (Lela) Fuller of McDermott, James (Penny) Robinson, Don (Connie) Robinson, Ron (Trish) Robinson, all of North Carolina, Phillip "Butch" Marcum of Lucasville, and Ron (Reba) Marcum of Wamsley; four sisters, Arretta (the late Harold) Spradlin of Lucasville, Sharon (Herb) Dillow of Stout, Vicki (Ronald) Crew, and Debbie Robinson both of Florida; and a special thank you to his additional family, Judy Fuller Warren and Rhonda Burton. He was also preceded in death by one brother, Donnie Marcum. Funeral services were conducted at 10:00 AM on Tuesday, November 17, 2015 at Lombardsville Community Church with Bob Strickland and Roger Powell officiating. Burial was in the Garvin Cemetery where military graveside rites were performed by the William A. Baker and James Irwin Posts of the American Legion. Friends visited from 5:30 to 8:30 PM on Monday at the McKinley Funeral Home in Lucasville and an hour before the funeral at the church on Tuesday. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to SOMC Hospice, 2201 25th Street, Portsmouth, OH 45648.



RAYMOND EDWARD GATTI (USA, LTC-Ret,) - Died Sunday, July 19, 2015 at FirstHealth Moore Regional Hospital in Pinehurst, North Carolina at the age of 83. He was a resident of Whispering Pines, North Carolina. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on November 21, 1931 in Brooklyn, New York to the late Frank and Josephine Gatti. He received his Bachelor's Degree from what is now the City University of New York and later, his Master's Degree from NC State. He entered the United States Army and served as a Battalion Commander of a field artillery unit in the Vietnam War. After proudly serving his country for 23 years, he retired from the military at the rank of Lieutenant Colonel. Raymond and his beloved wife, Vanda, moved to Whispering Pines, and he worked as an educator for Fayetteville Technical Community College. Raymond was a devoted member of Sacred Heart Roman Catholic Church and for many years a Knight of Columbus. As a Knight he served in many positions, including Grand Knight and Faithful Navigator of the Fourth Degree. He was proud to be named the "Knight of the Decade." He was also a member of Vietnam Veterans of America - West End Chapter #966. Raymond was a loving husband, father, grandfather and "Biz." His generosity was unparalleled. He was a devoted family man and a great example of what it meant to serve God and country. Raymond will be greatly missed by all. He is survived by his wife of 62 years, Vanda E. Gatti; two sons, Raymond R. Gatti and wife, Joanne, of Sanford, and Michael F. Gatti and wife, Jan, of Whispering Pines; a daughter, Lynn Speer and husband, Clayton, of Aberdeen; two brothers, Rudy Gatti and wife, Christine, of Whispering Pines, and Ronald Gatti and wife, Ida, of Pennsylvania. He was preceded in death by a brother, Richard Gatti. A vigil for the deceased was held from 6:00 to 8:00 PM on Thursday, July 23rd, at the Boles Funeral Home in Southern Pines, North Carolina. A Funeral Mass was held at 11:00 AM on Friday, July 24th, at Sacred Heart Roman Catholic Church in Pinehurst, with Reverend Father Edward J. Burch officiating. The Rite of Committal Service with full military honors was in Saint Anthony of Padua Roman Catholic Church Cemetery in Southern Pines. Online condolences can be made at www.bolesfuneralhome.com. Boles Funeral Home of Southern Pines was in charge of the arrangements.

ROBERT MARK GILLELAND – Died Thursday, December 10, 2015 in Spanish Fork, Alabama at the age of 69. The cause of death is heart failure. He was born in Bozeman, Montana on October 19, 1946. He served in the United States Marine Corps from May 17, 1967 to February 2, 1973 with a tour in Vietnam from 1970 to 1971. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America** – **Robertsdale Chapter #864**. A graveside service was conducted on Friday,

December 18, 2015 at 1:30 PM at the Alabama State Veterans Cemetery. Wolfe-Bayview Funeral Home in Daphne, Alabama was in charge of the arrangements.

<u>ALYANDRO GONZALEZ</u> - Died Tuesday, December 18, 2012 in Phoenix, Arizona at the age of 79. He was a resident of Yuma, Arizona. The cause of death is unknown. He was born February 7, 1933 in Peoria, Illinois. He was career military man of the United States Marine Corps. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Yuma Chapter #835**. Funeral services were handled by the Sunset Vista Funeral Home in Yuma.

BENNY L. GOODMAN - Died passed away peacefully Friday, September 4, 2015 at the Holyoke Soldiers Home in Holyoke, Massachusetts at the age of 79. The cause of death was congestive heart failure. He was born on December 7, 1935 in Rising Star, Texas to the late Philip and Katy (née Snearly) Goodman. Benny served his country with the United States Air Force for 26 years, from 1956-1982 as an Air Transportation Superintendent, retiring at the rank of Master Sergeant (E-8). He was a *Life Member* of Vietnam Veterans of America — Westfield Chapter #219. He was predeceased by his beloved wife Gerlinde Goodman in 2006 and is survived by his loving children, Jack J. Goodman of Oregon, Gabriela Grant of Georgia and Michelle Goodman of Housatonic, MA, six grandchildren and one great-grandchild. He was buried with full Military Honors in the Massachusetts Veterans Memorial Cemetery, 1390 Main Street, Agawam on Tuesday, September 8, 2015 at 1:00 PM. There are no calling hours. Arrangements were under the direction of the Firtion Adams FS, 76 Broad Street, Westfield, MA 01085.

ROBERT CHARLES GOODMAN - Died Tuesday, March 18, 2014 in Marietta, New York at the age of 61. The cause of death was stage four lung cancer. He was born April 24, 1952 in Cheverly, Maryland. He is survived by his daughters, Veronica and Elizabeth. He was a retired electrician of Tully, New York. He served in the United States Army with a tour of duty in Vietnam from July 16, 1970 to October 14, 1971. He was a *Life Member* of Vietnam Veterans of America – Silver Spring (Maryland) Chapter #641. Services were private. Arrangements were made by Hartwell Funeral Home, Tully.

9, 2016 in North Smithfield, Rhode Island at the age of 68. The cause of death was a massive heart attack. He was born on July 18, 1947 in Woonsocket, Rhode Island to the late Jean-Paul and Hermina E. (née Drolet) Guerin. Richard was a graduate of Mount Saint Charles Academy and Johnson and Wales University. He was a United States Army veteran, serving in the Vietnam War with the 4th Infantry Division. Rick was a *Life Member* and longtime member and treasurer of Vietnam Veterans of America – James Michael Ray (North Smithfield) Memorial Chapter #818. He was employed at the Florence Dye Works and Textile Company, a family business. He leaves his longtime companion, Linda Doughty of North Smithfield, her children

Trisha, her husband Tommy and sons Dylan and Evan, Robert, his wife Tasha, and daughter Kamryn. His brother Robert V. Guerin of Pawtucket, sister Estelle G. Brennan of Lincoln, nephew Patrick Brennan, his wife Kimberly and daughters Caeley and Molly of West Kingston, nephew Daniel Brennan, his wife Abra, and sons Evan and Adam of Greenville, and niece Maryellen Salter, her husband Robert and children, Lila, Scarlett and Jake of Exeter, many cousins, including Rose Trudeau, and dear friend Father Phil Salois. His funeral was held on Monday, February 15, 2016 at 10:00 AM in the Curtis J. Holt Funeral Home, 510 South Main Street, Woonsocket. Burial with full military honors was in the Rhode Island Veterans Memorial Cemetery, 301 South County Trail, Exeter, Rhode Island. Calling hours were held on Sunday from 4:00-7:00 PM. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Vietnam Veterans of America - Chapter #818, c/o Father Philip Salois, 16 Sharon Parkway, North Smithfield, RI 02896.

RODIVICO L. "Rod" "Ed" GUERRERO (USA, SFC-Ret.) - Died Tuesday, December 15, 2015 in Lawton, Oklahoma at the age of 83. The cause of death was failure to thrive. He was born May 29, 1932 in Asan, Guam. He married Delfina Cruz on January 2, 1954 in Guam. She preceded him in death on June 16, 2008. He served in the United States Army for nearly 23 years. He was a veteran of both the Korean War and Vietnam. His awards include the Army of Occupation Medal (Germany), United Nations Service Medal, Combat Infantry Badge, Korean Service Medal, Good Conduct Medal, National Defense Service Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster, Vietnam Service Medal, Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal, Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross with bronze service star, Bronze Star Medal, Drill Sergeant Identification Badge, six overseas service bars, Good Conduct Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Presidential Unit Citation, Meritorious Unit Commendation and the Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross Unit Citation. He retired from the Army on October 31, 1973 at Fort Sill, Oklahoma. Following his retirement, he worked as a plumber with a plumbing contractor before going to work for civil service at Fort Sill as a plumber. He retired from civil service on February 3, 1995. SFC Guerrero was a member of Holy Family Catholic Church and the Saint Vincent De Paul Society. He was a member of the Korean Veterans Association and a Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America - Lawton Chapter #751 as well as the Chamorro Society. He was known for donating to many charities. Fishing, playing poker, playing softball, attending grandchildren's sporting events and playing the harmonica were some of the things he enjoyed. He also enjoyed gardening and was proud of his tomatoes, peppers and long green beans. He is survived by his children and their spouses: Berty and John Peredo, Lawton, and their children: Sira Peredo and Dana Channell and husband Jon; Eddie and Nan Guerrero, Glendale, Ariz., and their daughter, Sabrina Guerrero; Lily and Rick Jung, Lawton, and their son, Jacob Jung and wife Kalie; Leo and Dawn Guerrero, Albuquerque, N.M., and their children: Shannon Gomez, Erica Fields, Javier Criado, Jr. and wife Kersty, and Alejandro Criado; and Sophie and Gary Vaden, Cache, and their children: Nicole Vaden, Grant Vaden and Hannah Vaden; six great-grandchildren: Bly Gomez, Ava Jung, Ellis Jung, Jack Jung, Kylee Davidson and Ayden Criado; brother, Vicente L. "Ben" Guerrero, of Guam; two half-brothers: Pedro L.G.

"Pete" Guerrero and William L.G. Guerrero, both of Guam; two half-sisters: Maria L.G. Taitaque, Guam; and Rosita L.G. Aguon, Tucson, Ariz.; and numerous nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his brothers: Jesus L. Guerrero, Jose L. Guerrero and Danny L. Guerrero; and half-brother, Alfred L.G. Guerrero. A wake service to be followed by a rosary was at 6:00 PM on Monday at the funeral home. A Funeral Mass was at Noon on Tuesday, December 22, 2015 in Holy Family Catholic Church with Reverend Father Philip Seeton, pastor, officiating. Burial with full military honors was in the Fort Sill National Cemetery, Elgin, under direction of Becker-Rabon Funeral Home.

<u>JAMES J. HARRIS</u> – Died Tuesday, November 24, 2015 in Slocomb, Alabama at the age of 76. The cause of death was Agent Orange-related heart attack. He was born in Orma, West Virginia on January 24, 1939. He served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of Vietnam Veterans of America – Dalesville Chapter #373.

JEFFREY L. "Jeff" HESS - Died Sunday January 10, 2016 in Heritage Valley, Beaver, Pennsylvania at the age of 69. He was a resident of Beaver Falls, Pennsylvania. The cause of death is unknown. He was born February 26, 1946 in Rochester, Pennsylvania to late Albert and Ruth (née Maratta) Hess. He was a United States Air Force veteran serving in the Vietnam War. He was a Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America - Freedom Chapter #862. Among his many jobs, he retired from the strip mill of LTV Steel in Aliquippa, was a local disc jockey, and operated his family's lawn service business. He was a member of Stefan Hill United Presbyterian Church and the Monaca Turners. Jeff will be sadly missed by his wife of 45 years, Deborah (née Speer) Hess; 2 sons and a daughter-in-law, Jason and Lindsey Hess, and Chad Hess; 5 grandchildren, Kelsey, Nathan, Madison, Rhiannon, and Jolia; a great-granddaughter, Elizabeth, and a brother and sister-in-law, Donald and Sally Hess. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a brother Rod Hess. Friends were received on Wednesday from 4:00-8:00 PM in the Tatalovich Funeral Home and Cremation Services, Inc., 2205 McMinn Street, Aliquippa, Pennsylvania 15001, where a service was held on Thursday at 11:00 AM with the Reverend Daniel Callihan officiated. Private entombment took place in the National Cemetery of the Alleghenies-Bridgeville. Jeff will be remembered as a kind and generous person who always helped those in need.

RAYMOND HOYT HOGAN - Died Monday at the Palestine Regional Medical Center, Palestine, Texas at the age of 72. He was a resident of Palestine. He was born April 16, 1943 in Palestine to the late Hoyt and Cornellia (née Huddleston) Hogan. Mr. Hogan was retired and worked for TXDOT as assistant foreman. He served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War. He was a member of Vietnam Veterans of America — Palestine Chapter #991. He was attending Muse Missionary Baptist Church. Mr. Hogan was preceded in death by his parents and an infant son Raymond Hoyt Hogan, Jr. He is survived by his wife of 47 years, Mary

Dell (née Trammell) Hogan of Palestine, a daughter Ginger Bowman and husband Glenn of Slocum, son Jamie Hogan and wife Regina of Slocum, a sister Linda Lively and husband Gerald of Desoto, a brother Elwin Hogan of Palestine, four grandchildren, Kelli Fletcher and husband Jody, Jacob Bowman and wife Tiffany, Laynnie Hogan and Katelynn Hogan, and two greatgrandchildren, Ezekiel Fletcher, and Jocelynn Fletcher. The pallbearers were Jacob Bowman, Jody Fletcher, Randy Hogan, Ricky Huddleston, Bobby Al Huddleston and Matt Griffrow. Honorary pallbearers were Wayne Franklin and Don Mays. Services were held at 10:00 AM on Wednesday at the Bailey and Foster Chapel with the Reverend Davy Hobson officiating. Burial was in the Ferguson Cemetery. Arrangements were under the direction of Bailey and Foster. Visitation was held from 6:00 to 8:00 PM on Tuesday at Bailey and Foster Funeral Home. In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to Ferguson Cemetery Association, c/o Citizens Bank, P.O. Box 770, Palestine, TX 75802.

ELBERT D. "Ed" HOWZE - Died at Saint Luke Hospital in Houston, Texas on October 27, 2015 at the age of 64. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Detroit, Michigan, to the late William Howze and Lela (née Reeves) Howze on February 14, 1951. When he was 18 years old, he joined the United States Army and served his country proudly in Vietnam sustaining permanent serious injuries. He was awarded two Purple Hearts. Ed accepted an office manager's position in Houston in 1973. His illnesses, which were many, did not hinder him in continuing his education at the University of Houston receiving a BFA, BS in Technology, BS in Business Technology, Master Fine Arts Photography and Master in Fine Arts-Art. Ed loved taking pictures and being a perfectionist, photos were labeled, in binders and later, on his computer. He loved plants, flowers and making yard decorations for Christmas; this resulted in awards on several occasions for "Yard-of-the-Month" and first place in decorations. Ed was a long time member of Champion Forest Baptist Church serving as an usher captain, member of Encouragers Class and Biblical Literacy Class. He was a Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America - Houston Chapter #343. He ran the North satellite office of Mended Hearts Chapter #38 for several years. One of his many hobbies was being a member of the R.O.M.E.O. (Retired Old Men Eating Out). He was preceded in death by his parents, William Howze and Lela B. Reeves. Ed is survived by his loving wife of 38 years, Barbara, children, Lillian Williams and Jason Howze; grandchildren, Gabrielle Williams and Jonathan Williams; special godchildren, Shelly Miller-Jones, Lisa Jou and the darling, Lauren Benta; his loving siblings include two brothers, William Howze (Fran), Otis Howze, sisters, Versie Chastang (Joe), Doris Hicks (James), Bessie Johnson (Earl), Bernidine Carter and step mother, Betty Howze. Ed also leaves a host of other nieces, nephews, other relatives, church members and friends. Special Thanks to the family expresses their gratitude to the doctors and staff with the Hall-Garcia Cardiology Group, Dr. John D. Goosey with the Houston Eye Association, Dr. Kelty Baker and family physician, Dr. A.

Pacha. The family would also like to pay tribute to the late Dr. Ali Massumi, M.D., Clinical Professor of Medicine who was Ed's Cardiologist for over 19 years.

ERVING SIDNEY "Sid" HULL (USA, SFC-Ret.) - Died Thursday, December 24, 2015 in Austin, Texas at the age of 78, surrounded by his loving family. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on Wednesday, February 24, 1937 in Sharon Massachusetts to the late Sidney P. and Alice V. (née Walker) Hull. He served for 20 years in the United States Army and retired in 1976 as an SFC. During his time in the military he spent 5 years as an MP, 5 years in the 1st Signal Brigade, and 10 years as an Army recruiter. He served in Korea, Germany and in the Vietnam War. After retiring from the Army, Sid attended Saint Edwards University where he earned his Bachelor's Degree in Accounting and Finance. He worked for 20 years as an auditor at the Texas Education Agency. After retiring from the state, he worked at H&R block for several years and then began his volunteer work at the VA clinic for the past 11 years, serving as volunteer coordinator. He logged over 12,000 volunteer hours at the U.S. Dept. of Veterans Affairs (VA) Sid is preceded in death by his parents Sidney and Alice (née Walker) Hull, his brothers and sisters Ronald Hull, Sara Hull, Anna Leighton, Winifred Leighton, James Leighton, Vinette Leighton, Jane Leighton, William Leighton and his grandson, Ryan Constancio. Sid is survived by his wife of 55 years Jane, his 4 children, David Hull-Radowski and wife Rhodona, Eric Hull and wife Tina Fresquez-Hull, Kevin Hull and wife Toni Hull, and Kathy Constancio. He also leaves behind eight grandchildren, Evan, Conner, and Taylor Hull, Austin, Nathan and Olivia Hull, Robbie Constancio and Katy Becker and husband Benji Becker, and two greatgrandchildren, Carson and Mayson Becker. Sid belonged to several groups including the Texas Association of Vietnam Vets, Disabled American Vet, Veterans of Foreign Wars, and the American Legion. He was a Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America - Bastrop Chapter **#915**. The family would like to express their sincere gratitude to the doctors and staff at Seton Medical Center and Cornerstone Hospital. In lieu of flowers, please donate to Homeless Veterans of Texas or any other Veteran organization. A Celebration of Life service was held at 1:00 PM on Saturday, January 9th, at the Camp Mabry Chapel with full military honors, 2200 West 35th Street, Austin, TX, under the direction of Chaplain (Brigadier General) Charles Edwards Jr, (Ret) Texas Army National Guard. Arrangements were under the care of Distinctive Life Cremations and Funerals of Austin.

GREGORY W. JOHNSON - Died Saturday, November 7, 2015 at the Cleveland Clinic, surrounded by his family. He was a resident of Frewsburg, New York and 69 years of age. The cause of death was Agent Orange-related liver disease. He was born April 10, 1946 in Bradford, Pennsylvania to the late William M. Johnson and the late Rose Anne Anderson. Greg graduated

from Randolph High School in 1964 and enlisted with the United States Army where he joined the Special Forces and Military Intelligence units. He served two tours in Vietnam as a Green Beret. He was later stationed in Korea and Hawaii. Greg was awarded the Bronze Star medal. At the time of his discharge in 1974, he held the rank of Sergeant First Class. Greg spent his career in law enforcement and worked for both the Fredonia Police Department as a patrolman and later as a corrections officer with the Chautauqua County Sheriff's Office. Greg was a devoted grandfather who loved spending time with his family and an avid Bills fan. He was also a member of the Town of Carroll Rod and Gun Club and a Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America - Frewsburg Chapter #978. Greg was a Civil War re-enactor and a founding member of the Civil War Heritage Foundation who worked with the Fenton History Center to educate youth about the war. He was also a member of the Sons of Union Veterans. He was preceded in death by his mother; father; stepfather, Leslie G. Lawson; and stepsister, Sarah M. Johnson. He is survived by his wife of nearly 39 years, Wendy; his daughters and sons-in-law, Kristen A. Johnson Lombardi and her husband, Peter Lombardi of Jamestown, NY, and Jennifer M. Spacht and her husband, John Spacht of Frewsburg, NY; and his beloved grandchildren, Kaitlyn E. and Michael J. Spacht of Frewsburg, NY. Also surviving are Greg's younger siblings, John (Kathy) Lawson of Warren, Pa., Mark (Sharon) Lawson of Manteca, Calif., and Kimberly Lawson of Cheektowaga, N.Y., along with numerous nieces, nephews and close friends of the family. The family received friends from 5:00-7:00 PM on Wednesday at Peterson Funeral Home, Frewsburg. Funeral services for Greg were held at 11:00 AM on Thursday in the Funeral Home. The Reverend Carol Becker of Wheeler Hill United Methodist Church in Frewsburg, NY, where Greg and his wife were members, officiated. An informal luncheon followed at Trinity United Methodist Church on Wigren Road in Frewsburg. Greg was laid to rest at Maple Grove Cemetery in Frewsburg. Memorials may be made to the Frewsburg Rescue Squad, 88 West Main Street, Frewsburg, NY, 14738. Greg's family would like to urge members of the community to designate themselves as organ donors.

<u>HOWARD R. LANNON</u> – Died Tuesday, October 20, 2015 in Angeles City, Philippines at the age of 79. The cause of death was multiple organ failure. He was born in Maryland on May 26, 1936. He served in the United States Air Force during the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Angeles City Chapter #887**.

GEORGE RHEA LIPPS III - Died Sunday, March 15, 2015 in Carson City, Nevada of a heart attack. He was 63 years of age. George was a native of Wise County and was born in Norton, Virginia on August 23, 1951. He was the son of the late George R. Lipps, Jr. and Peggy Lipps who survives in Saint Paul, Virginia. He graduated from Saint Paul High School in 1969 and was an outstanding basketball player for the Saint Paul Deacons. George was a veteran of the United States Army, First Cavalry Division and received 4 medals for his service in the Vietnam War. He was a member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Carson City Chapter #388. He received a BS Degree in Accounting from Southeastern Louisiana University. George worked as a CPA. He was also certified Fraud Examiner, certified financial forensics, and a chartered global management accountant. He recently served 2 tours in Iraq and Afghanistan working as a fraud and forensic consultant for a company contracted by the Department of Defense. He is survived by two sons, Brian Christopher and wife Emily of Kensington, Maryland and Coleman Rhea and wife

Leslie of Metairie, Louisiana; mother, Peggy Lipps of St. Paul, VA; a brother, Roger Lipps of St. Paul, VA; three sisters, Shirley Lipps of St. Paul, VA, Betty Smith and husband Jack of Coeburn, VA and Linda Lipps and friend Mark Kiser of St. Paul, VA; three special and loving grandchildren, Julius, Natalie and Anna Rene' of Metairie, Louisiana; several nieces and nephews; and a host of other relatives and friends. Family and friends met at 2:00 PM on Saturday, May 2, 2015 at Sturgill Funeral Home in Wise, Virginia. There was a memorial service at 2:30 PM on Saturday, May 2, 2015 at the Sturgill Funeral Home Chapel in Wise, VA with the Reverend Mike Moore of Saint Paul Baptist Church officiating. Graveside services with Military Rites being conducted by the local VFW Members and the Virginia National Guard will be held afterwards Saturday, May 2, 2015 in the Wise Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, please contribute to Veterans of Foreign Wars, Vietnam Veterans of America, the Wounded Warrior Project or a charity of your choice. Please visit www.sturgillfuneral.com to leave online condolences for the family. Sturgill Funeral Home 1621 Norton Road SW, Wise, VA 24293 was in charge of the arrangements.



KENNETH R. "Ken" LISCH - Died Wednesday January 6, 2016 at his residence in Green Bay, Wisconsin at the age of 66. The cause of death is unknown. He was born December 26, 1949 in Green Bay to the late Robert and Viola (née Cayo) Lisch and has been a lifelong area resident. He was a graduate of the Green Bay East High School. Ken married the former Debbie Uphill on June 10, 1988. He was employed by Georgia Pacific for many years and retired from there on January 21,

2011. Ken served his country in the United States Army in Vietnam as a Sharp Shooter. He received many medals and commendations some of which include the Bronze Star, Army Commendation Medal, Air Medal, and the Combat Infantryman Badge. Ken was a Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America - DePere Chapter #224. He enjoyed going to his cottage at Popps Resort for many years. He loved spending time and playing with his pet cats and dogs. Survivors include his loving wife: Debbie, one son: Lucas Lisch, of Green Bay, two brothers-inlaw: Glen and Colette Uphill, of Green Bay, Don Woodford, of Green Bay, his nieces and nephews: Alli (Brian) Cook, Marci (Chris) Skaletski, Carli Uphill, Duwayne and Jason Woodford, and Mark Lisch, three great-nephews: Boden Cook, Hayden and Duey Woodford, two greatnieces: Eliza and Emiline Skaletski. He is further survived by his cousins, including two very special cousins whom he considered as a brother and a sister: Bobby Lautenbach and Laurel Key and her husband Cordell Smith and their children: Coy Smith and Jessica Key. In addition to his parents, he was also preceded in death by one sister: Virginia Woodford. Funeral services were held at 11:00 AM on Saturday, January 9, 2016 at the Proko-Wall Funeral Home in Green Bay, with Deacon Bill Burkel officiating. Relatives and friends called after 9:00 AM on Saturday at the funeral home. Military rites were accorded by Vietnam Veterans of America - Chapter #224 immediately following the funeral service at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers a memorial fund has been established in his name. The Lambert-Eckert Funeral Home of Mishicot is assisting with funeral arrangements.

<u>ROBERT JAMES LUCY</u> – Died recently in 2015 in Garden City, Michigan at the age of 65. The cause of death is unknown. He was born December 10, 1950. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Dearborn Chapter #267**.

JOHN DANIEL MARCHAND, JR. - Died peacefully on Thursday, January 28, 2016 in Atria Bay Spring Village, Bay Spring Avenue, Barrington at the age of 70. The cause of death was heart failure. He was born in Attleboro, Massachusetts to the late John D. Marchand, Sr. and Muriel (née Phillips) Marchand. He lived in Barrington, Rhode Island for 18 years. He was an estimator for the Coordinated Metals Inc. of New York City for 10 years. John was a member of the Barrington VFW and a *Life Member* of Vietnam Veterans of America – James Michael Ray Memorial (North Smithfield) Chapter #818. He was sports enthusiast and was a devoted New England sports fan. He enjoyed reading about history. He was a United States Navy Seebees Veteran serving during the Vietnam-era. He is survived by a son, John D. Marchand III of Greenville; two daughters, Leigh A. Bears of New London, NH and Lori A. Marchand of Riverside; four sisters, Muriel Gordon of East Providence, Paula Kent of Middleboro, MA, Joanne Marchand of Barrington and Sharon Brown of Barrington and three grandchildren, Jake, Jenna and Ty. He was interred in the Rhode Island State Veterans Cemetery in Exeter, Rhode Island. Services were private.

RAYMOND F. MATTIVI - Died Tuesday, November 10, 2015 at his residence in Kersey, Pennsylvania, after an illness of the past several months. He was 78 years of age. The cause of death was cancer. He was born November 10, 1937 in Toby, Pennsylvania to the late Augustino and Aurelia (née Mattiuz) Mattivi. He was a lifelong resident of the area and was a graduate of Kersey High School, Class of 1956. He was a retired employee of the Keystone Carbon Company. On July 13, 1963 in the Saint Boniface Church, he married Helen A. Dollinger, who survives. Ray was a member of the Saint Boniface Church. He was a veteran of the United States Air Force serving from 1956 to 1960 and was a former member of the Fox Township Servicemen's Burial Detail. He was a member of the Knights of Columbus, the American Legion, and the Fox Township Volunteer Fire Department. He was a member of Vietnam Veterans of America - Saint Marys Chapter #720. He enjoyed hunting and going to camp. In addition to his wife, Helen, he is survived by two daughters, Debra May and her husband Dale Jr. of Toby and Paula Tamburlin and her husband Jack of Toby; two sons, Jeffrey Mattivi of North Glenn, Colo. and Kenneth Mattivi and his wife Rhonda of Kersey; four grandsons, Jacob Mattivi, Zachary Mattivi, Wesley Mattivi, and Kory Mattivi; two step-grandchildren, Roni Sherman and William Anderson; two step-great grandchildren, Emma Samick and Dylan Samick; three sisters, Ann Uhl of Pinecrest Manor, Isabelle Mattivi of Pinecrest Manor, and Lucy Gnan and her husband Leander "Skip" of St. Marys; two brothers, Bruno Mattivi and his wife Rose of Kersey and Edward Mattivi and his wife Mary Ann of St. Marys; a sister-in-law, Jean Mattivi of Raleigh, N.C.; and by many nieces and nephews. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by four brothers, John, Celestino "Casey", Irvin, and Renaldo Mattivi. A Mass of Christian Burial for Raymond F. Mattivi was celebrated in the Saint Boniface Church on Thursday, November 12th at 10:00 AM with Reverend Father Ross Miceli, pastor, officiating. Full military rites were accorded by the Fox Township Servicemen's Burial Detail. Burial was in the Saint Boniface Church Cemetery. Visitation was at the Lynch-Radkowski Funeral Home on Thursday morning from 8:30-9:30 AM. Memorials, if desired, may be made to the Saint Boniface Church, 355 Main Street, Kersey, PA 15846; the Hahne Regional Cancer Center, 100 Hospital Avenue, DuBois, PA 15801; or to the Community Nurses, Inc., 757 Johnsonburg Road, Suite #200, Saint Marys, PA 15857. Online condolences may be offered at www.lynch-radkowski.com.



<u>TERRY MICHAEL McLAUGHLIN</u> – Died peacefully Saturday, November 28, 2015 at Saint Joseph's Hospital after a long illness, at the age of 63. He was a resident of Pine City, New York. The cause of death was glioblastoma multiforme, a very aggressive brain tumor and cardiorespiratory arrest. He was born October 12, 1952 to the late Edward and Janice (nee McConnell) McLaughlin. He is survived

by his wife Ellen Stowell McLaughlin; daughter Mikaela; grandson Austin Monaco; granddaughter Toni Primmer; sisters, Jean (Jeff Barron), Barb (Tim Wolosen); brothers, Richard (Wendy), Michael "Mik" (Cary); nephews, Jason, Joseph, Jeremy; great-nephew Brogan; nieces, Nicole and Courtney; great-nieces, Elissa, Sophie, and Claire; uncles, Bob Anderson, Bud (Pat) McLaughlin; aunts, Mae McLaughlin, Nancy Vallely; mother-in-law and father-in-law Margaret and Thomas Stowell; sisters-in-law, Mary (T.J.) Sochacki, Ann Stowell, and Susan Stowell; along with dozens of cousins. Terry was a very proud man. Most of all he was so very proud of being a McLaughlin descending from the Hornby Clan. Terry graduated from Elmira Southside High School in 1970...."Go Green Hornets". He was selected as the 1970 WENY Sports Award Defensive Soccer Player for the Elmira area schools. He felt blessed to be what we consider a natural athlete. Several years later, Terry would go on to compete in the Decathlon, 10 track and field events held 5 events a day over two consecutive days. As a Decathlete he held two NY titles, one National Title, finished third in one International Competition and fourth in another. After high school Terry volunteered for the military draft during the Vietnam War. He served from September 17, 1971 to July 5, 1973. He was extremely proud to have been a paratrooper with the United States Army's 82nd Airborne Division during the Vietnam War. Terry was also honored to have been one of the Founders and Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America -Elmira Chapter #803, as well as the Vietnam War Museum, in Elmira. As a Correction Officer Terry worked at the Mattewan Criminally Insane Facility, many years at the Attica Correctional Facility and retired from the Elmira Correctional Facility. Terry also served as an Unarmed Defensive Tactics Instructor for NYS Corrections. He taught this at the Albany Training Academy for several sessions and continued to teach it as in service training at Attica and ECF - "The Hill". He looked forward to going to work every day and loved being a Correction Officer, enjoying the special bonds and friendships that arose. Terry loved public service both as a Correction Officer as well as a many time elected Elmira City Councilman representing the city's Fourth District, the old 8th Ward. He served as Deputy Mayor for 10 consecutive years, the longest stretch in the history of the City of Elmira. Terry was very proud of his leadership roles in the rebirth of Eldridge Park, the old Trinity Foundry site becoming the industrial hub it now is at the corner of Woodlawn and College Avenues, the downtown Arena, the Popcorn Truck location at Wisner Park and the monument changes at the park, leading the charge to create the Elmira Animal Shelter, helping to make the city a much safer place by almost single handedly leading the way to create a truck route in the city and a truck route ordinance, and making many residential neighborhoods in the city much safer. Terry was never afraid to take a stand against wrong and was always willing to stand on that stand. To say he was somewhat unique would be a huge understatement. Terry also served a term as a County Legislator representing the 9th District. Terry loved the times that his wife Ellen and their dogs shared in the Adirondacks on vacation. He treasured the times he and his brother Mik spent there hunting and surviving (lol) at Ponderosa Pine Camp, Fish Rock Camp Tree Camp and most of all Cave Camp....as well as the great times fishing for steelhead. Terry believed that the treasures of life shouldn't be measured in monetary value, but by the many memories & thrills of which he had so many shared with family and friends alike. Terry felt so "Humbled and honored that God and Jesus were a part of his life. Yes, they do exist, believe it and trust that belief." "Remember, don't just talk the talk, but, more importantly, you must be willing to walk the talk." Friends were invited to McInerny Funeral Home, 502 West Water Street, Elmira on Tuesday, December 1, 2015 from 2:00 PM to 6:00 PM. A funeral service took place at the funeral home on Wednesday, December 2, 2015 at 10:00 AM. Interment with committal prayers and full military honors was at the Woodlawn Cemetery. Terry's family sends a special thank you to the staff at Saint Joseph Hospital for the wonderful care given to Terry. Those wishing may remember Terry with a donation to either, The Elmira Animal Shelter, 842 Linden Place, Elmira NY 14901 or Vietnam Veterans of America - Chapter #803, 1200 Davis Street, Elmira NY 14901.

JAMES WILLIAM "Jim" McSORLEY — Died Wednesday, September 16, 2015 In Batavia, Ohio at the age of 72. The cause of death is unknown. He was born October 31, 1942 in Newport News, Virginia. He served in the United States Navy from June 12, 1963 to May 15, 1967. Jim worked for Cincinnati Milacron until retirement in 2003. He was the devoted husband of Virginia Jane McSorley (née Mueller) for 43 years; devoted father of Katie (Brad) Deegan, Jim McSorley and Laura (Brandon) Snow; brother of Peggy Shackley, Janie Bier, Beth Davis and Colleen Foster; grandfather of Abby, Alex, Kristie and Sara Deegan, Emily, Nathan McSorley and Luke Snow, and; also survived by numerous nieces & nephews. The family received friends from Monday at 10:00 AM until 11:45 AM at the Moore Family Funeral Homes 225 Spring Street. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at 12:00 Noon at the Holy Trinity Catholic Church, 140 North 6th Street Batavia, Ohio 45103. Interment was in Arlington Memorial Gardens.



<u>CHARLES CLIFFORD MENKE</u> - Died Thursday, July 9, 2015 at Saint Elizabeth Hospice in Edgewood at the age of 67. He was a resident of Elsmere, Kentucky. The cause of death was cancer. He was born August 24, 1947. He served in the United States Air Force from January 10, 1967 to November 7, 1970 with one tour in Vietnam. He was a retired Special Projects Coordinator for the City of Covington. Charles was a member of American Legion Post #275, VFW Post #6423, the 40 & 8 and a member of Vietnam Veterans of America — Florence

Chapter #88. He trained as a storm spotter and also enjoyed bowling and reading. His greatest joy, however, was spending time with his family and friends. Charles is survived by his lifelong partner, Peggy Menke; daughter, Amy Kirst; son, Charles "Chuck" (Christie) Menke; stepdaughter, Tara (Al) Tucker; sisters, Elizabeth "Betty" Kling, Rita (Thomas "Tom") Siemer and Rose (Ronald "Ron") Balcom; eight grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; as well as many other relatives and friends. Visitation for Charles was held on Monday, July 13, 2015 from 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM at Saint Barbara Church. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated the following day, Tuesday, July 14, 2015 at 10:00 AM. The Reverend John Sterling officiated. Burial was at Mother of God Cemetery. Memorials are appreciated to the American Cancer Society, 297 Buttermilk Pike, Fort Mitchell, KY 41017 and/or Saint Elizabeth Hospice, 1 Medical Village Drive, Suite #213, Edgewood, KY 41017. Online condolences may be expressed at www.chambersandgrubbs.com.

<u>CHARLES J. W. MILLER</u> – Died recently in 2015 in Lewistown, Pennsylvania at the age of 60. The cause of death is unknown. He was born April 23, 1955. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Burnham Chapter #791**.



FRANKLIN WAYNE MILLER - Died Friday, December 25, 2015 in Madison, Alabama at the age of 73. The cause of death is unknown. He was born June 9, 1942 in Tuscumbia, Alabama to the late Frank Austin Miller and Annie (née Rikard) Miller. Frank is survived by his wife, LaNelle (née Hester) Miller; Kendall Wayne Miller (Kimberly) of Harvest, AL; Katrina Miller Blackwell (Johnny) of Indian Springs, AL; two

grandsons and two step-granddaughters. In addition to his parents, he was also predeceased by his brothers, Buddy Stanley Miller and Bobby Ray Miller; sisters, Doris Gilbert, Peggy Fortenberry, Betty Gail Nelson, Marjorie Miller Robson, and Auretia Kaye Hinson. Survivors include sisters, Lila Mae Miller, Mary Maxine McIntosh, and Martha Nell Martin. A proud Veteran, Frank joined the United States Army at an early age where he served two tours in Vietnam with honor in his role as a (LRRP- Long Range Recon Patrol). He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Decatur Chapter #1067**. After leaving the Army, he retired from the US Postal Service and became a local business owner. Frank was a strong character, a patriot, an avid animal lover who fostered and adopted many dogs through-out his life, private pilot, athlete and golfer, student of homeopathic and natural medicine, and personified a fighting spirit with caring personality. Frank passed away at home on Christmas Day surrounded by his family. Frank was loved and in his own unique way he loved back. The family takes comfort with the knowledge that they were the parts of his life that were the brightest. Following Frank's wishes, a private service for the family was held at the National Cemetery in Montevallo, Alabama on Wednesday December 30th at 12:30 PM. In lieu of flowers, donations

may be made to the Madison Animal Rescue Foundation (P.O. Box 2486, Madison, AL 35758) or www.madisonarf.org in honor of Frank.

JOHN EDWARD MILLER - Died Wednesday, December 16, 2015 in Kansas City, Missouri at the age of 67. The cause of death is unknown. He was born July 28, 1948 in Kittery, Maine to the late James R. and Lillian Maxine (née Spotts) Miller. He was a 1966 graduate of Oak Park High School. He was a veteran of the United States Navy Seabees serving in Vietnam. He was member of the VFW and a *Life Member* of Vietnam Veterans of America – Kansas City Chapter #317. In addition to his parents, he was also predeceased by his son, Sean Ryan Yochim, sisters, Darlene E. Coats and Brenda C. Coats. He is survived by his brother, James R. Miller, Jr., sister, Mary Elaine Mussett, nephews, Kenneth W. Mussett, Kyle B. High, Devin A. Ragone and Alex Mussett, niece, Stacey L. Strasburg. Services were private. Memorial contributions were recommended to the ASPCA. Arrangements were made by the Cremation Society of Kansas and Missouri, 5561 NW Barry Road, Kansas City, MO.

THOMAS L. "Tom" MINNOE - Died Friday, December 18, 2015 in Auburn, New York surrounded by his loving family. He was 77 years of age. The cause of death is unknown. He was born April 29, 1938 in Baldwinsville, New York to the late Edward and Irene (née Wynes) Minnoe. He was a graduate of Port Byron Central School and proudly served his country from 1956 to 1962 in the United States Air Force and was a Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Auburn Chapter #704. Tom retired from Alco, following twenty years of service. He was a communicant of Saint Mary Church, a member of the Port Byron Fire Department and also served as a Boy Scout leader in Auburn. Tom was an avid horse enthusiast, having participated in equestrian events in our local community, and received many awards. He was a true lover of all animals and volunteered at the SPCA of Auburn. In the late seventies, with his family, Tom formed the Silver Spur Band. For many years, they performed at various venues throughout the state. He had a beautiful tenor voice, and was also known for his uncanny ability to yodel. In addition to Betty (née Aldrich) Minnoe, his wife of 58 years, Tom is survived by four sons Thomas Jr. and his wife Penny, Mark and his wife Donna, Kevin and his wife Lisa and Scott and his wife Anne; two daughters Robin DeBenedetto and her husband Michael and Pamela Sorendo and her husband Anthony; a foster child Lisa; twelve grandchildren, Ashleigh, Sara, Kristen, Anthony, Angela, Mark, Jessica, Christopher, Erica, Brianna, Claire and Scotty; three great-grandchildren, Tucker, Logan and Landon; and several nieces and nephews. In addition to his parents, Tom was predeceased by one brother, Ed Minnoe; two sisters, Beverly Shields and Barbara Lamatie. Friends were invited to join the family for a service conducted on Tuesday December 22, 2015 at 11:00 AM in the Cheche Funeral Home, Inc. Burial was in the Fleming Rural Cemetery. Calling hours were held on Monday from 4:00 to 7:00 PM in the funeral home, 1778 Clark Street Road, Auburn. They offered many thanks to the staff at

The Commons at Saint Anthony. A special thanks to Jennifer Ogar for her compassion and support. Tom will be sadly missed by his family and friends.

JACK DRESSLER MORETZ - Died at his home in Schulenburg, Texas on Friday, April 24, 2015 at 2:00 PM following a six-week illness. He reached the age of 72 years, 11 months, 10 days. The cause of death was dementia. He was born in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania on May 14, 1942 to the late James and Fern (née Dressler) Moretz. While attending high school in Newport, Pennsylvania, he won several awards as a wrestler. He served in the United States Marine Corps for four years, attaining the rank of Lance Corporal (E-3). On November 9, 1991, he married Georgie Krupala Anders in Schulenburg. A 24-year resident of Fayette County, he was retired from GE and Utex. He was a member of the American Legion for 10 years, serving as finance officer for seven years, and was a member of the squad that performs the rifle salute at veterans' funerals. He was also a member of the Lutheran Church. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, barbecuing, and growing and canning tomatoes. He loved the American Legion organization and was proud to have served his country in Vietnam. He was a member of Vietnam Veterans of America - Schulenburg Chapter #870. Survivors include his wife; two daughters, Jacquelin Moretz of Sugar Land and Tracy Moretz of Houston; a sister, Juanita Albright of Birmingham, AL; and a brother, Perry Albright of Newport, PA. Preceding him in death were his mother, Fern Albright; his father, James Moretz; his step-father, R.W. Albright; a sister, Judy Moretz; and two brothers, James Moretz and Byron Moretz. The funeral was held at Schwenke-Baumgarten Funeral Home on Monday, April 27 at 10:00 AM, followed by interment in the Old High Hill Cemetery. Officiating was Reverend Peter Olsen. Pallbearers were Nicholas Venghaus and Corey Anders, grandsons; and Steve Strickland, Jason Strickland, Clinton Guentert and David Orsak, nephews. Schwenke-Baumgarten Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements. Memorial contributions can be made to the American Legion in Schulenburg.



GEORGE CARPENTER NOBLE – Died Monday, January 25, 2016 at the Philip Hulitar Inpatient Center in Providence, Rhode Island. He was 73 years of age and a resident of Bellingham, Massachusetts. The cause of death was respiratory failure and heart failure. He was born in Boston, Massachusetts on April 22, 1942 to the late George and Jane (née May) Noble. He is the beloved husband for 52 years of Linda R. (née Galus) Noble. He is the loving father of Mark G. Noble and

his wife, Kim of Orlando, FL and Robert A. Noble and his wife, Diane of Saratoga Springs, NY. He leaves his cherished grandchildren, Robert G., Brittany F. and Felisha L. Noble and great-grandchildren, Hunter and Kelsey Noble. He leaves his sisters Jane Turner of North Quincy, MA and Mary Noble of Arlington, MA. George was a resident of Bellingham for 48 years formerly of North Quincy and Dorchester where he was raised. He worked as a Customer Engineer for IBM in Newton for 30 years until retiring in 1993. He then worked as a real estate appraiser and is a member of the Bellingham Tax Assessors Board. Having served faithfully and honorably, he was a Retired United States Army Sergeant First Class E-7, and was a former member of the United States Army Reserve Shooting Team. George was a Past Worshipful Master and Free Mason of

the Solomon's Temple Lodge in Uxbridge and a member of the Uxbridge Rod and Gun Club. Devoted to his family, George will be greatly missed. Masonic Service was held on Saturday, January 30th at 3:00 PM at Cartier's Funeral Home, 151 South Main Street (Route 126), Bellingham, MA. Visiting hours were from 12:00 to 3:00 PM prior to service. Burial was private. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to: Vietnam Veterans of America - James Michael Ray Memorial Chapter #818, 333 Victory Highway, North Smithfield, RI 02896. Please sign guest book visit www.cartiersfuneralhome.com.



EDWIN J. PAPROCKI - Died Tuesday, November 17, 2015 in North Tonawanda, New York at the age of 68 years. The cause of death was a heart attack. He was born in Buffalo, New York on September 4, 1947 to the late Edwin and Florence Paprocki. He resided in North Tonawanda for the past 30 years. He was also a resident of Mesa, Arizona. Edwin was a United States Army veteran where he

served in Vietnam and was a recipient of the Purple Heart and Bronze Star. He was a supervisor at General Motors (Tonawanda Engine Plant) where he retired after 37 years of service. Edwin was a life member of the DAV, a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Tonawanda Chapter #77**, Military Order of the Purple Heart and Moose Chapter 1853 (Arizona). He enjoyed golf, bowling, going to Las Vegas and spending time in Arizona with family and friends. He was the beloved husband of 25 years to Theresa "Terri" (née Aldridge) Palmer-Paprocki; dear brother of Patricia Wydro and his little girl Lucy; stepfather of Ken and David Palmer; loving grandfather of Emma Rose Palmer; son-in-law of Mary Ellen Aldridge; brother-in-law of Elizabeth Aldridge and Rick (Cindy) Aldridge; loving uncle of Amy (Andy) Nirelli, Chelsea (Greg) Grosskopf and Matthew (Stacy) Aldridge and great- nieces Kalyn and Brooke; also survived by his beloved cousins. The family greeted relatives and friends on Monday (November 23rd) from 12:00 Noon to 1:00 PM at Nash Road Free Methodist Church, 958 Nash Road, North Tonawanda where funeral services was held at 1:00 PM with Pastor John Heinike who officiated. Flowers graciously declined. Memorial gifts may be made in Edwin's honor to the SPCA.

DONALD J. "Corkey" PATRICK - Died Thursday, February 12, 2015 at UPMC Altoona, Pennsylvania at the age of 77. He was a resident of Flinton, Pennsylvania. The cause of death is unknown. He was born July 28, 1937 in Spangler, Pennsylvania to the late John J. and Sarahellen (née Smith) Patrick. He is survived by his wife of 46 years, Mary Lou (née Brown) Patrick; brother, Ronald J., and sister-in-law, Rosalie Patrick, Duncansville; very special aunt, Delores "Dee" Patrick, Patton; and many nieces and nephews. Donald was a graduate of Patton High School and was a United States Navy veteran and retiree, having served in Antarctica and Vietnam. He retired from McDonnell Douglas as a field service representative in the United States and numerous foreign countries. He enjoyed spending time at Senior Daily Living Center, Altoona, and loved his pets, Daisy the Pug and Jouvet the Poodle. He was a member of Queen of Peace Catholic Church, Patton; American Legion Post #1 Paris, France; Patton VFW Post #779; and Vietnam Veterans of America Hollidaysburg Chapter #967, and Life member of Disabled American Veterans. Friends were received from 2:00 to 6:00 PM on Sunday, February 15th, at the Stevens Funeral Home, Inc., 1004 North Fifth Avenue, Patton, PA 16668, where a vigil for the deceased was held. A Funeral Mass was held at 11:00 AM on Monday at Queen of

Peace Catholic Church, Patton, by the Benedictine Fathers, followed by full military rites by John White VFW Post #779 and Walter McCoy American Legion Post #614. Committal was held at 1:00 PM on Tuesday, February 17th, at the National Cemetery of the Alleghenies, Bridgeville, PA, with full military honors.

JOHN ANTHONY PFERDEHIRT – Died unexpectedly Tuesday, November 24, 2015 at his home in Kingman, Arizona that he shared with the love of his life, Jeannie. He was 71 years of age. He immediately died of a massive heart attack. John, the third son of his parents, Mary and Thomas Pferdehirt Sr., was born in Evans City, Pennsylvania, a suburb of Pittsburgh, on March 10, 1944. He was preceded in death by his parents and one of his older brothers, Richard. His oldest brother, Tom, still lives in Evans City. John grew up in Evans City working on local truck farms and playing music. He graduated from Evans City High School in 1962. Prior to his graduation he worked two summers, 1959 and 1960, for the recording company RCA. After graduation, John joined the United States Air Force (1962-1970). In the military he continued to increase his electronics knowledge with classes as well as practical experience. John achieved the rank of staff sergeant. He had two tours of duty in Vietnam as military personnel and one tour as a civilian. He maintained the computer systems on board as a crew member of the C-47. During his tenure in the military, John married Mary Cole of Kittery, Maine, in 1964. They were married until 1971 and had four children. These children are among his survivors. They are John Jr. of San Diego (father of Chris, Nick and Alyssa), Lisa Raitt of Eliot, Maine, Darren Pferdehirt of Henderson, Nev. (father of Darren Jr. [DJ], Ashley and Sara) and Teresa Bonham of Dripping Springs, Texas (mother of Bailey). John was a successful musician, golfer, salesman, engineer, construction superintendent and pilot car driver. He owned and operated numerous businesses and led a number of bands in his career. In his military and engineering career, John saw the entire world. He resided in England, Germany, Thailand, Vietnam, China and Brazil, to name a few of the places he lived. He was a Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America - Kingman Chapter #975. In 1976, John married Arlene Kelly, a divorced mother of three. Under his training, she established a musical career singing with the band. They continued to sing together until she retired in 1988. John graduated from the University of Texas, San Marcos campus with a B.S. in electrical engineering in 1976. In 1979, John and Arlene moved to California. In California he used his college degree for engineering positions. In 1980, John went to work for Applied Technology (a defense contractor) in San Jose, Calif., as a field service engineer. He worked for them in 1981 in Thailand and, in 1982, John was sent to Germany, where he lived for the next five years. In 1987, he went to work for another defense electronics firm in San Jose; again, he would be traveling the world. It was in the defense electronics field where he was active in the development of direction-finding equipment. He married Jeannie Rossman (nee Stokes) in 1991. His next assignment was living in Mexico City. Unfortunately, due to an interagency Mexican government controversy, living in Mexico City lasted only five months. Then he and Jeannie moved to Kingman, where he opened his indoor golf driving range/golf teaching center in 1993. He lived in Kingman from July 1992 until the present. He owned and operated "The 19th Tee" indoor golf driving range and continued playing music. In 1995, John began helping friends as a pilot car driver. As time went on, John became a highly-requested pilot as well as a construction superintendent for Betnor, a local construction company, with Bob Carlson. In 2008, John formed his own pilot car service, Pilot CarZ LLC. He was driving approximately 35,000 miles per year. A private family funeral was scheduled. On January 9, 2016, there was a celebration of life planned at Beale Celebrations, 201 North Fourth Street in Kingman. It was from 2:00-4:00 PM. Dessert and coffee was served. In lieu of flowers, the family requested checks honoring John be made out to VVA#975/JAVC, Post Office Box 184, Kingman, AZ 86402.



JACQUELINE LOUISE "Jacqui" (née Richie) RECTOR - 69, Died Tuesday, December 29, 2015 in her home in Louisville, Kentucky. The cause of death was Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis (ALS). She was born in Louisville on May 4, 1946, the first born child of the late Doris Jean Richie and the late William Thomas Richie. She is survived by her son Scott Loyd and daughter-in-law Shannon Loyd, two sisters Janis Plotner and Karen Norris, brother, William Richie and sister-in-law Darlene

Richie, as well as two nephews, a niece and four great-nephews. Jacqui proudly served her country as a member of the United States Marine Corps. She then went on to dedicate herself as an advocate on behalf of military veterans. She spent much of her career working to help returning soldiers and their families manage Post Traumatic Stress Disorder. She developed a National training, "Blood, Sweat and Tears", specific to cultural diversity and women's issues in the military as well as the National training, "Loving Your Vietnam Vet", to assist the spouses and significant others of combat veterans. She was a presenter to Congress, along with the William Joiner Center who specialized in the effects of war on American Society. She participated in the development of the Vietnam Women's Memorial. In her personal time, Jacqui was an avid reader and loved going to the movies. She liked to bake and was frequently baking cookies for family and friends. She was an avid supporter of the arts, often attending theatrical performances as well as the opera and orchestra. She had a strong will and an even stronger sense of humor. Jacqui enjoyed spending time with her family and was always present at the Sunday morning family gatherings at McDonald's. Jacqui touched many lives and will be missed. Jacqui proudly served her country as a United States Marine and through her work as a patient advocate at the VA hospital. Upon retirement, she continued her service as a member of the National Board of Directors of Vietnam Veterans of America. She was a Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America - Louisville Chapter #454. A memorial gathering was held at Bosse Funeral Home, 1355 Ellison at Barret Avenues on January 3rd from 2:00-8:00 PM. Committal services were held on January 4th at 1:00 PM at Highland Memory Gardens.

MICHAEL E. "Mike" RIGNEY - Died Friday, September 11, 2015 in Marlborough, Massachusetts after a courageous battle with multiple myeloma cancer at the age of 65. He was born in Marlborough on May 12, 1950 to the late Edward F. and Mildred P. (née Campbell)

Rigney and was a 1968 graduate of Marlborough High School. He graduated from Quinsigimond Community College in 1978 with an Associate's Degree in Criminal Justice and later from Fitchburg State College with a Bachelor's Degree in Human Services. He was the husband of Betty A. (née Bourgoine) Rigney for the past 44 years. Mike was a United States Army Veteran of the Vietnam War, serving as a helicopter pilot and he received the Distinguished Flying Cross, Bronze Star and Air Medal. In 1972 he began his 32-year career in law enforcement with the City of Marlborough Police Department, retiring in 2004 with the rank of Lieutenant. Mike was a past president of the Marlborough Police Patrolmans Union from 1978-1988. He enjoyed camping at Swanzey Lake in New Hampshire with his family, captaining his pontoon boat, enjoying a fine cigar and playing friendly games of poker. Mike was an avid Patriots fan and spent many years tailgating with family and friends. Mike loved the game of football, coaching Marlborough Pop Warner and at Marlborough High School over the years. He and his wife Betty enjoyed traveling and especially loved ocean cruises. He was a member of the Vietnam Helicopter Pilots Association, the Distinguished Flying Cross Society, as well as a number of other veterans groups. He was a Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America - Cumberland (Maryland) Chapter #172. He will be remembered as a proud, loyal, committed, determined man. He was devoted to his family and affectionately called Baba by his five grandchildren. Besides his wife he leaves his son, Richard B. Rigney and his wife, Abigail of Barre, MA; his daughter Sally A. Rigney of Marlborough; a brother William Rigney and his wife, Diane of Marlborough; a sister Barbara Rebeiro and her husband, Ronald of Haverhill; five grandchildren, Noah, Madeleine, Andrew and Jillian all of Barre and Jackson of Marlborough; and many nephews and nieces. A funeral service was held on Tuesday September 15th at 10:30 AM in the Fitzgerald & Collins Funeral Home (www.collinsfuneral.com), 378 Lincoln Street, Marlborough. Burial with full Military honors were held at 1:00 PM in the Massachusetts Veterans Memorial Cemetery, 111 Glenallen Street, Winchendon. Calling hours were held on Monday September 14th from 5:00-8:00 PM in the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the MGH Fund or the Multiple Myeloma Research Foundation. All are invited to sign Mike's online guestbook at www.collins funeral.com.

PHILIP E. ROSELLI, JR. – Died Friday, May 23, 2003 in Andalusia, Pennsylvania at the age of 54. The cause of death is unknown. He was born May 23, 2003 to Philip E. Roselli, Sr. and Mary Agnes (née Shissler) Roselli who both survive him. He served in the United States Marine Corps during the Vietnam War. He was the devoted father of Lisa A. and Sara M.; dear brother of Kathleen E. (Michael F.) Neopolitan and Teresa M. (Paul P.) Rooney; loving grandpop of Kyle R. Dzegelinlanski, and is survived by many other relatives and friends. He was an At-Large Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America - Pennsylvania, a member of Disabled American Veterans Chapter #115 and a member of VFW Post #31. All were invited to call on Wednesday at 9:30 AM at Saint Christopher Roman Catholic Church, 13301 Proctor Road (North of Byberry Road) with the Memorial Mass at 10:30 AM. The interment was private. In lieu of flowers, contributions to H.U.P. Transplant Unit, 3400 Spruce Street, Philadelphia, PA 19104 are appreciated. Malloy Funeral Home was in charge of the arrangements.

GERALD GRANVILLE "Jerry" RUBECK - Died Sunday, October 25, 2015, at his home in Falling Waters, West Virginia at the age of 65. The cause of death is unknown. He was born November 13, 1949 in Hagerstown, Maryland to the late David Cleveland and Louise Virginia (née Baker) Rubeck. Jerry served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War. He retired as a truck driver. He was a member of AMVETS, the Moose Club, a Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America Cumberland Chapter #172, was an officer of the American Legion in Clear Spring, Maryland, and president of Old National Pike Chapter of Antique Truck Club of America. Jerry is survived by his wife, Sharon N. Rubeck; one daughter, Susan Michele Clevenger; one son, John Nichols; three grandchildren, Chris Clevenger, Cassie Clevenger and Chase Clevenger; three great- grandchildren; three sisters, Linda Mauro, Nicky Myers and Patty Binkley; three brothers, David Allen Rubeck, James Myron Rubeck and Mike Hesson; and two sisters-in-law, Deborah Kendall and Dawn Lewis. Services were held at 1:00 PM on Thursday, October 29, 2015 at the Minnich Funeral Home, 415 East Wilson Boulevard, Hagerstown, Maryland. Burial was in the Cedar Lawn Memorial Park. The family received friends from 6:00 to 8:00 PM on Wednesday at the funeral home. Online condolences are accepted at www.minnichfh.com.

ALBERT ANDREW SANCHOTENA - Died at home in Eagle, Idaho on Tuesday July 1, 2014 at the age of 64. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Elko, Nevada to the late Michel and Magdaline Sanchotena. Albert moved with his family to Burley, Idaho where he attended grade school until 1958, then the family moved to Meridian where he finished his education. He served two tours in Vietnam and in recent years became an active Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America - Meridian Chapter #1025. He married Janice Bassett and they had a son, Jason. They were divorced and he married Janet Toliver. Together they owed the Lock Doctor lock and key shop. They were later divorced. Albert loved drag racing at Firebird and jet boat racing on the river. He raced a rear engine fuel dragster and his 1956 Ford Pickup in the Oldies but Goodies competitions. He enjoyed the outdoors, especially catching sturgeon in Hells Canyon and salmon on the Columbia River. He is survived by his son Jason (Tony) Sanchotena, grandson Anthony, granddaughter, River, brothers Mich (Shirley) Sanchotena, John (Christi) Sanchotena and sister, Mary (Terry) Hasselbring. There was a celebration of Albert's life on July 29, 2014 at 3:30 PM at the Meridian American Legion Hall, 22 West Broadway Street (Corner of Broadway and Meridian Street). In lieu of flowers please send donations to the Vietnam Veterans of America, Chapter #1025, Mountain West Bank, 4250 East Fairview Avenue, Meridian, ID 83642.

MICHAEL D. "Mike" SANTILLO, SR. - Died peacefully on Tuesday, October 27, 2015, following a difficult struggle with pancreatic cancer at the age of 72. He was a resident of King of Prussia, Pennsylvania. He was born in Norristown, Pennsylvania on March 29, 1943 to the late Michael and Madeline (née Kowleke) Santillo. He was the husband of Jean (née Garnett) Santillo and the father of Michael, Jr. and Christopher Santillo. He was predeceased by two daughters, Michele and Melissa. Michael was a member of Port Kennedy Presbyterian Church where he served as a Deacon and former Trustee. He was a member and past master of Thomson Lodge No. 340, F&AM, Paoli, PA, Charity Lodge No. 190, F&AM, Norristown, PA, and the Keystone Consistory of Scranton, PA. Mike had a thirst for knowledge and was always eager to learn new things. He had endless energy, loved talking to people, and never ran out of interesting stories. He was multi-talented and could repair almost anything. Mike's career was cut short when he was diagnosed with multiple sclerosis in 1999. He retired from Reliance Insurance Company but continued studying and, in 2007, earned a Doctorate (Summa Cum Laude) in Transportation Science. Michael was a charter member of the Upper Merion Transportation Authority and was elected chairman when it was formed in the 1980's, and remained in that capacity until his death. A former member of the Upper Merion Police Department, he was an active member of Montgomery County Lodge No. 14, Fraternal Order of Police, where he once served as secretary. He also was owner and CEO of a successful contracting business, Santillo Enterprises. Michael loved his family, his country, and his community. He was formerly a firefighter with Goodwill Fire Company of Bridgeport and King of Prussia Volunteer Fire Company as well as a volunteer EMT with Lafayette Ambulance and Rescue Squad of King of Prussia. A lifelong Republican, he has been a committeeman of Upper Merion Belmont 4 District for over 30 years, once serving as municipal chairman. Michael was a United States Army Vietnam veteran and a Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America - East Norriton Chapter #349, Disabled American Veterans Chapter #25, American Legion Post #901, and VFW Post #7878. In addition to his wife, Jean, and sons, Michael and Christopher, he is survived by two sisters: Joanne (Gus) Diana and Kathleen (Joseph) Billetta, as well as several nephews and nieces. Michael's Funeral Service was held at The Bacchi Funeral Home and Crematory, Ltd., 805 DeKalb Street (Route #202), Bridgeport, PA 19405 on Monday, November 2, 2015 at 11:00 AM. The family received relatives and friends on Monday from 9:00 to 10:45 AM at the funeral home. Burial was in the First Presbyterian Church of Port Kennedy Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, the family would appreciate memorial contributions to the First Presbyterian Church of Port Kennedy, 1084 Old Valley Forge Road, King of Prussia, PA 19406; the Vietnam Veterans of America, 740 North Easton Road, Doylestown, PA 18902; or the American Cancer Society, 480 Norristown Road, Suite #150, Blue Bell, PA 19422.

ALAN G. SHEETS - Died Sunday, November 2, 2014 at a local area hospital at the age of 64. He was a resident of Boise, Idaho. The cause of death is unknown. He was born December 24, 1949. SSG Sheets served in the United States Army from October 1966 to June 1983, attaining the rank of SSG (E-6). He was a Vietnam combat veteran. He and other Vietnam Veterans had just received a "Welcome Home" and certificate of appreciation from the Daughters of the American Revolution for the service he had given to his country. Alan was the Vietnam Veterans of America – Meridian Chapter #1025 President. He was interred at the Idaho States Veterans Cemetery on Thursday, November 13th, at 2:45 PM (services at Cloverdale were at 2:00 PM). The Patriot Guard Riders provided a flag line in honor of his life and service to his country.

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THOMAS M. "Tom" SHERMAN - Died Friday, October 30, 2015 at the New York State Veterans Home in Batavia, New York at the age of 68. He was formerly of Buffalo, New York. The cause of death is unknown. He was born November 4, 1946 in Buffalo to the late Roy and Lorraine (née Mergler) Sherman. Tom was a United States Army Veteran having served during the Vietnam War. He worked for many years for the US Postal Service. He was a *Life Member* of Vietnam Veterans of America – Tonawanda Chapter #77. He is survived by his children, Justin and Jessica Sherman of Buffalo; sisters, Lorraine (Richard) Heine of Holland, NY, Roylene (Michael) Dombrowski of Buffalo and Mary (Paul) Orrange of North Tonawanda along with many nieces and nephews. There was no prior visitation. Mr. Sherman was laid to rest with full military honors in Bath National Cemetery, Bath, NY. Memorials in his memory can be made to a charity of the donor's choice.

CHARLES EARL SMITH - Died Saturday, July 25, 2015 at the North Mississippi Medical Center in Tupelo, Mississippi at the age of 71. He was a resident of Bruce, Mississippi. The cause of death was congestive heart failure, respiratory failure and a heart attack. He was born Tuesday, July 27, 1943 in Bruce to the late Elmo Smith and Louise (née Kisner) Smith. He was the husband of Sandra (née Fuller) Smith. He was retired from National Resource Conservation Service. He served as a SP4 in the United States Army. He was a Veteran of Vietnam where he received the Bronze Star of Valor. He was a member of Vietnam Veterans of America — Tupelo Chapter #842. He was a member of Mount Moriah Baptist Church, and Lieutenant in the SCV Camp, Calhoun Avengers, #1969. He is survived by daughters, Becky Dean Smith and husband Jim and Michelle Sanders Wright and husband LT. Shane Wright, brothers, Bro. Jerry Smith and wife Spin of Bruce, MS and Tommy Smith and wife Diane of Brandon, MS. grandchildren, Jacob Dean, Brock Dean, Jacob Ellis Smith, Justin Dean, Brady

Dean, Kalee Hollingsworth Wright and Braelyn Wright. A Funeral service was at 10:30 AM on Monday at Parker Memorial Funeral Home Chapel with Brother Joey Hamilton officiating and Brother James Taylor Assisting. Burial was in the Bruce Cemetery, Bruce, MS. Visitation was held from 5:00 PM to 8:00 PM on Sunday, July 26, 2015 at the Parker Memorial Funeral Home in Bruce, MS. Memorial contributions may be sent to the Mount Moriah Cemetery Fund. Pallbearers were: Breck Brown, John Goudelock, Michael Holder, Billy Van James, John D. Santi and Adam Smith. Honorary Pallbearers were: Wayne Coleman, David Fuller, Jerry Green, Bobby Santi, Clement Santi, James Smith, Jim Smith, Larry Snellings, Lt. Shane Wright, and SCV Camp, Calhoun Avengers #1969.

FREDDIE J. SPEIGHT – Died Sunday, August 2, 2015 in Ahoskie, North Carolina at the age of 67. The cause of death was a brain aneurysm. He was born June 5, 1948 in Bertie County, North Carolina. He served in the United States Army from July 10, 1970 to July 9, 1973 with a tour of duty in Vietnam from January 13, 1971 to August 25, 1971 assigned to the 173rd Airborne Division as a Military Policeman. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America** – **Ahoskie Chapter #1094**.

CHARLES C. "Chuck" STANTON - Died Saturday, December 26, 2015 in Rochester, New York at the age of 66. The cause of death was ALS — Lou Gehrig's disease. He was born in Watertown, New York on February 15, 1949 to Loretta (née Schieble) Stanton and the late Charles W. Stanton. In addition to his mother, he is survived by his loving wife of 41 years, Deborah (née Resch); sons, Keith and Eric Stanton; brother, Donald H. Stanton; niece and nephews; dear friends. He served in the United States Navy from September 12, 1967 to April 1, 1971 during the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of Vietnam Veterans of America — Rochester Chapter #20. Friends visited on Tuesday, December 29th from 3:00-5:00 PM and 7:00-9:00 PM at Vay-Schleich and Meeson Funeral Home, 1075 Long Pond Road. His Funeral Service was held on Wednesday at 11:00 AM at the Hope Lutheran Church, 1301 Vintage Lane. Interment was in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the ALS Association (www.alsaupstateny.org) in his memory. For more information or to sign Chuck's online guestbook, please visit www.MeesonFamily.com.

RICHARD W. "Rick" STRONG - Died Wednesday, May 1, 2013 in Elmira, New York at the age of 59. The cause of death was heart disease and diabetes mellitus type II. He was born May 13, 1953 in Elmira to the late Gerald and Mildred (née Towner) Strong, Sr. He is survived by his loving wife of 27 years, Bonnie (née Randall) Strong; daughter, Tabetha (Robinson) Kelsey; granddaughter, precious one, Tiffany Ronan; grandson, right hand man, Nathaniel Kelsey; sisters, Carol Martin and Susan (Robert) Allen; brothers, Gerald (Sherrill) Strong, James (Penny) Strong and Joseph (Susan) Strong; mother-in-law, Marti McKown and her children, Terry (Lynda), Dana (Roxanne), Debbie (Scott) and Sandra (John); and all of his loving nieces and nephews. Rick proudly served in the United States Navy and was retired as a Lieutenant with the New York State Department of Corrections. He was a *Life Member* of Vietnam Veterans of America – Elmira Chapter #803. His love for family, friends and his hunting crew will never be forgotten. Rick was preceded in death by his younger brother, Jack Strong who just passed away April 21, 2013. Family and friends were invited to gather at the Olthof Funeral Home, Inc.

1050 Pennsylvania Avenue, Elmira/Southport, NY on Sunday, May 5, 2013 from 1:00 to 3:00 PM and 5:00 to 7:00 PM. The Chemung County Veterans Honor Squad accorded Military Honors to Rick following the visitation at 7:00 PM and then Reverend David Sullivan honored his life and celebrated the memory of him following the Military service. Private interment services were held in the Woodlawn National Cemetery at the convenience of his family. His family will provide their own flowers. In lieu of flowers memorial donations may be directed to the American Heart Association, the American Diabetes Association or to the Elmwood Baptist Church. Envelopes were available at the funeral home. Rick's guestbook may be signed in obituaries at www.olthof.com.



JAMES ORVILLE "Jim" STROTHER – Died Friday, October 9, 2015 in Wichita, Kansas at the age of 83. The cause of death was metastatic lung cancer. He was born in Charlotte, Arkansas on September 17, 1932 to the late Cecil and Violet Strother. He graduated from Charlotte High School. He spent two years in the United States Army and later graduated from the University of Arkansas. He and Irene Marston were married July 24, 1958, in Fayetteville, Arkansas. Jim was commissioned a 2nd Lieutenant in the Army Corps of Engineers in 1959, serving

subsequent tours in Schofield Barracks, Hawaii; Ft. Hood, Texas; Vietnam, and was the company commander of the 569th Engineer Company that surveyed and printed maps of Vietnam; ROTC assignment at Eastern Kentucky University; second tour of Vietnam and Korea; Elmendorf Air Force Base Joint Command, Alaska; Ft. Riley, Kansas; and his final assignment with the Army Corps of Engineers in Kansas City, MO. Upon retiring from the Army, he attended law school at the University of Arkansas and practiced law for 23 years in Springdale, Arkansas. He was an At-Large Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Kansas. Jim and Irene moved to Wichita, Kansas, and enjoyed the last 12 years in retirement with friends they met in Wichita which included many trips to interesting places. Jim is survived by his wife, Irene Strother; three sons, James P. Strother and wife, Rozetta of Tulsa, Oklahoma; John O. Strother and wife, Gail of Bentonville, Arkansas; and Dr. Keith O. Strother of Baton Rouge, Louisiana; four grandchildren; Lora Streeter and husband, Alden of Springdale, AR, Clay Strother of Fayetteville, AR, Ian Strother of Bentonville, AR, and Miles Strother of Provo, Utah. He is also survived by two brothers, Harold Strother and wife, Francene of Wichita, KS and Gerald Strother and wife, Jeri of Sherman, Texas. Graveside services were held at 12:00 Noon on Wednesday, October 14th, at Fayetteville National Cemetery, Fayetteville, Arkansas. In lieu of flowers, donations to Wounded Warrior Project are suggested. Downing and Lahey Mortuary West were in charge of the arrangements.



STANLEY C. STRUMSKY - Died unexpectedly Saturday, November 28, 2015 in Camp Hill, Pennsylvania at the age of 85. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Mayfield, Pennsylvania on January 16, 1930. He was raised in Carbondale, and graduated from Benjamin Franklin High School, class of 1948. He joined the United States Army in 1948 and retired as a Chief Warrant Officer after 31 years. He had two tours in Vietnam and was awarded the Silver Star, Bronze Star with valor and one oak leaf cluster, the Purple Heart, Air Medal with three oak leaf clusters, the

Vietnam Cross of Gallantry, Meritorious Service Medal, Army Good Conduct Medal with three

oak leaf clusters, Army Commendation Medal with three oak leaf clusters, the Overseas Service Ribbon and numerous other medals and unit citations. Following his Army career, he worked at the New Cumberland Army Depot and the Navy Depot in Mechanicsburg. He was a member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Harrisburg Chapter #542. He was a member of Saint Theresa Catholic Church, New Cumberland. Stanley is survived by his loving wife of 62 years, Margaret Strumsky; his sons, Mark Strumsky and wife, Susan of Anchorage, Alaska; Stanley Strumsky and wife, Jill of Mechanicsburg; daughter, Susan Sandwell and husband, David of San Diego, Calif. He is also survived by seven grandchildren, Katherine and husband, Eddie; Andrew and wife, Kristen; Philip, Melissa, Lauren, Nicholas and Colin; and one great-grandchild, Grayson. He has one surviving sister, Alice Zarnowski of Carbondale. A viewing was from 9:30 until 10:30 AM on Wednesday at Parthemore Funeral Home, New Cumberland. A Mass of Christian Burial was at 11:00 at Saint Theresa Roman Catholic Church, New Cumberland. Burial with military honors was in Indiantown Gap National Cemetery, Hanover Twp. The family requested memorial contributions be made to Saint Theresa Parish, 1300 Bridge Street, New Cumberland, PA 17070. For more information or to send messages of condolence, visit www.parthemore.com.

HARRY E. SUTTELLE, JR. - Died Saturday, December 26, 2015 in his home in Aliquippa, Raccoon Township, Pennsylvania at the age of 71. The cause of death was a heart attack. He was born April 14, 1944 in Sewickley, Pennsylvania to the late Harry E., Sr. and Irene (née Devaney) Suttelle. A retired employee of LTV Steel in Aliquippa, he also retired from the United Street Army Corps of Engineers. Harry was a proud United States Army veteran having served in Vietnam from 1966-1967 with the 25th Infantry Division. He was a *Life Member* of Vietnam Veterans of America - Freedom Chapter #862; Hopewell VFW Post #8805; and the American Legion Post #0945. Among his many hobbies, Harry had a passion for hunting, fishing, his vintage car and his swimming pool. He will be sadly missed by his beloved wife of 48 years, Victoria (née Koplets) Suttelle; a son and daughter-in-law, Harry E. III and Erica Suttelle; a daughter and son in law, April and James Katsafanas; four granddaughters, who were the pride of his life, Aubrey and Ashlyn Suttelle, and Autumn and Amber Katsafanas; and many cherished friends. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a sister Marlene Furguivelle. Friends were received Tuesday from 2:00-4:00 PM and 6:00-8:00 PM in Tatalovich Funeral Home and Cremation Services, Inc., 2205 McMinn Street, Aliquippa, PA 15001 where a service was held on Wednesday at 11:00 AM, followed by the Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter #862, who conducted full military honors. Harry was laid to rest privately at the John Anderson Cemetery-Raccoon Twp. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Vietnam Veterans of America, Chapter #862-140 Knobvue Drive, Freedom, PA 15042, in Harry's name. The family would like to thank Dr. Goodman, Dr. Meditch, and Concordia Nurses, for all their kindness and loving care.

GRADEN MURRAY THOMPSON, JR. - age 70 of Waycross Died Tuesday night, April 7, 2015 at Mayo Clinic Health System at Waycross, Georgia after a brief illness at the age of 70. He was a resident of Waycross. The cause of death was complications from heart disease. He was born on December 30, 1944 in Mississippi to the late Graden Murray Thompson, Sr. and Velva Marie (née Lanter) Thompson. He lived most of his life in Waycross. A Vietnam Veteran he served with the United States Marine Corps at the rank of Gunnery Sergeant and survived a helicopter ocean crash landing. He retired in 2010 as a supervisor with Crowley Maritime Corporation after 30 years of service. He had recently been working with Crosby Cadillac GMC Nissan. He served his community as an officer of the local and state Vietnam Veterans of America and as a volunteer van driver taking veterans to VA clinic appointments. He volunteered with the Boy Scouts of America through the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, and enjoyed teaching children about the great outdoors. He loved God, his family, and his country. Like many men of his generation, he just didn't always know how to show the first two openly. He enjoyed Coca Cola, westerns, historical/military films, country music, fishing, and hunting. He was a member of Trinity United Methodist Church, the Vietnam Veterans of America - Blackshear Chapter #1070, and the Marine Corp League. He was also preceded in death by his first wife Shirley Dianne Vinson Thompson in 2000, a son, Rodger Thompson, and a grandson Cameron Gill. Survivors include his wife of 35 years, Barbara Ann Claybaugh Thompson of Waycross, his children, Graden Murray Thompson, III of Waycross, Timothy Thompson (wife Lisa) of Waycross, and Dianne Usry (husband Thomas) of Woodstock, GA,; three grandchildren, Dylan Thompson, Caroline Dianne Usry, and Cloie Madison Thompson, his "special extra" granddaughters, Kaci Crase, Jaylen West, Alexis Jewell, and Destiny Jewell; a niece, April Claybaugh Litton, a nephew Richard Lloyd Claybaugh, and special friends Phyllis Myers, George Barley, and Tommy Blount. A memorial service was held at 4:00 PM on Monday, April 13, 2015 at the Music Funeral Home Chapel. The family received friends from 5:00 until 7:00 PM on Sunday evening at Music Funeral Home. Members of the Vietnam Veterans of America and the Marine Corps League were asked to gather at Music Funeral Home Monday at 3:30 PM to serve as honorary pallbearers. Sympathy can be expressed by signing the online registry at www.musicfuneralhome.com. Music Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

JAMES DAVID TUCKER (USA, SFC-Ret.) - Died Tuesday, October 20, 2015 in Lawton, Oklahoma at the age of 85. The cause of death is unknown. He was born August 14, 1930 in Jackson, Mississippi to the late Ernest Lee Holloway. He graduated from high school and joined the United States Army. While serving, he married Bernice Burton in 1971. He served his country proudly for 26 years in the Korean and Vietnam wars. After military service, he continued work at Fort Sill employed at Gunner's Inn. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam**

Veterans of America – Lawton Chapter #751. He enjoyed life and loved to fish, play bingo, talk with friends and go for drives through the Wichita Mountains Wildlife Refuge. A Christian, he was a lover of poetry his favorite was "Father's Love" by Phil Muller. Survivors include a son, Teddy Tucker, of Lawton; a daughter, Krystal Tucker; and a host of nephews, nieces and friends. He was preceded in death by his mother, Ernest Lee Holloway, and sisters: Viola Simmons, Lucille Shade and Mary Sibbie. Funeral was at 11:00 AM on Monday, November 2, 2015, at the Chapel of Howard-Harris Funeral Services, 1005 SW C, in Lawton with Apostle Roderick W. Jackson, pastor, Salt of The Earth Ministries, officiating. Burial with military honors was in the Fort Sill National Cemetery, Elgin, under direction of Howard-Harris Funeral Services, Lawton. Viewing and visitation was from 1:00-5:00 PM on Sunday, November 1, 2015, at the funeral home.



THOMAS G. "Tom" VOYER - Died Sunday, January 18, 2015 at Beverly Hospital in Beverly, Massachusetts at the age of 69. He was a resident of Danvers, Massachusetts. The cause of death is unknown. He was born March, 30, 1945 in Marblehead, Massachusetts to the late Bertrand G. Voyer and Rita (née Arsenault) Voyer of Salem. He was recently a resident at Hathorne Hill in Danvers, MA. He was the President of the former Vincent Potato Chip Company

of Salem, Massachusetts. Tom was a Vietnam veteran having served from 1966 to 1970 as a Technical Sergeant in the United States Air Force. He was an At-Large Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America - Massachusetts. Tom was educated at the former Saint Ann's Parish School in Salem and graduated from Saint John's Preparatory School in Danvers in 1962. Upon his return from Vietnam, Tom attended Bentley College in Waltham, MA earning a degree in Business Administration in 1973. He also worked alongside his father Bert at the family business located for many years on Highland Avenue in Salem. Tom often accompanied his father on trips to Maine securing contracts with potato farmers who supplied Vincent's with its raw materials. Tom became President of the company when Bert passed away in 1981. The Vincent Potato Chip Company was a snack food manufacturer and distributor of branded and private label products throughout the Northeast. North Shore residents especially enjoyed the potato chips manufactured there for nearly fifty years. The factory closed in 1999. Tom was an avid sports fan and followed all the Boston teams over his lifetime. He was a season ticketholder for the Boston Red Sox since 1968. Tom played tennis with a core group of friends and enjoyed frequent ski trips to Vermont with his family for many years. He also attended PGA golf tournaments throughout New England. Tom was a member of the Vietnam Veterans of America, Marblehead Veterans of Foreign Wars, National Snack Food Association and the Potato Chip Institute of America. Tom was predeceased by his beloved wife Patricia Kammes, formerly of Wheaton, IL and a well-known family therapist on the North Shore. He leaves behind his loving daughters Elysse Voyer and her husband Ryan Hamilton of San Jose, CA and Camille Voyer of Gloucester, MA. He also leaves his sister and dear friend, Claudette Bachini and her husband Charles of Spotsylvania, VA and many nieces and nephews, including Elizabeth Bachini of Charlestown, MA and Julia Bachini of Fredericksburg VA, and a dear aunt and godmother, Amy Tremblay of Salem, MA. In addition to his family, Tom will certainly be missed by a multitude of friends who will remember "Tommy" for his warmth and kindness. Most dear to him were his lifelong friends from the "old neighborhood" at Osgood Park, and many others

throughout South Salem. Relatives and friends were invited to visiting hours in the Berube & Sons Funeral Home, 191 Lafayette Street, Salem, MA on Friday from 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM and on Saturday at 9:30 AM for a memorial service at 10:30 AM Burial was in the Waterside Cemetery, Marblehead. In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to: Marblehead Dollars for Scholars, P.O. Box 4, Marblehead, MA 01945, Attention: Patricia Kammes Memorial Scholarship Fund or to www.VietDreams.org. To leave a condolence to the family, please visit www.BerubeFuneralHome.com.

<u>CHRISTOPHER WARD</u> – Died Friday, December 18, 2015 in Leesburg, Florida at the age of 67. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Wayne, Michigan on February 20, 1948. He served in the United States Army from 1966 to 1969 with a tour of duty in Vietnam from 1968 to 1969. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Oxford Chapter #1036**.

HARRY GIBBONS WEBSTER - Died Monday, December 28, 2015 at Vidant Medical Center at the age of 66. He was a resident of Grimesland, North Carolina. The cause of death was metastatic gastric cancer to the lymph nodes. He was born March 30, 1949 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania to the late Seaward Malcolm Webster and Thelma (née Erwin) Webster. In addition to his parents he was predeceased his brother, David Webster of RI; sisters, Regina Wall of Greenville, Dorothy Cochrane of Boston, MA and Ruth Brown of Boothwyn, PA. Harry is survived by his dearest friend and companion, Elizabeth Cannon of Grimesland; brothers, Daniel M. Webster and brother-in-law Roger Williams of Lincoln, DE and Richard A. Webster; former wife, Diane Webster, both of Greenville; as well as many nieces, nephews, great nieces and nephews, cousins, friends, and his beloved pet, Shyanne. Harry was honorably discharged from the United States Army as a Vietnam combat veteran and recipient of the Purple Heart. He served in the 25th Infantry, Long Range Reconnaissance Patrol. He was a gifted and talented harmonica player, lover of the Blues and Country music. Harry was also an avid reader as well as a superb finish carpenter. He was a Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America -Greenville Chapter #272. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Pitt County Humane Society, 3520 Tupper Drive, Greenville, NC 27834 or to the Vietnam Veterans of America, Chapter #272, Post Office Box 171, Greenville, NC 27835. A memorial service was conducted on Monday at 11:00 AM at the Grimesland PH Church, 7315 Pitt Street, Hwy 33 East, Grimesland. A graveside service was conducted on Tuesday at 2:00 PM in the Coastal Carolina State Veterans Cemetery, Jacksonville, North Carolina. Arrangements were made by the Smith Funeral Service & Crematory.



HOWARD E. WILKINSON - Died Thursday, October 22, 2015 at OSF St. Anthony Medical Center in Rockford, Illinois at the age of 69. He was a resident of Stockton, Illinois. The cause of death was cancer. He was born in Savanna, Illinois on August 18, 1946 to the late Glen and Virginia (née Scott) Wilkinson. Howard served in the United States Air Force and was stationed in Vietnam. He married Janice Pierce on

August 15, 1970. Howard farmed west of Stockton for 5 years and then went to work at Kelly Springfield Tires until his retirement. Howard loved the outdoors - hunting, fishing, golfing and camping at Timberlake Resort with his wife. He was an active member of the American Legion where he served as commander for a number of years. He was instrumental in bringing the Legion back to Stockton. He was also a member of the 554 Plum River Lodge Free Masons. He was a member of Vietnam Veterans of America - Elizabeth Chapter #928. Howard was a lifetime Bears and White Sox fan. He also loved watching the Stockton Blackhawks. Surviving Howard are his wife, Janice of Stockton, IL; sister, Patti (Allen) Dean of Wyoming, IL; son, Scott Wilkinson of Mt. Carroll; daughters, Christie (Nick) Deyo of Monroe, WI, Jody (Ben) Newman of Stockton, IL, and Jenny (James) Homan of Shannon, IL; his nephew, Randy Storey of West Jersey, IL, who was like a son to him; 11 grandchildren; and one great- granddaughter. Howard was preceded in death by his parents and granddaughter, Alexandria. A visitation was held from 4:00 to 7:00 PM on Sunday, October 25th, at the Hermann Funeral Home in Stockton. The funeral service was at 11:00 AM on Monday, October 26th, at the funeral home. Interment was in the Ladies Union Cemetery in Stockton. A memorial fund has been established. Condolences may be shared with his family at hermannfuneralhome.com.

ALAN GEORGE "Chief" WILSON – Died Tuesday, April 1, 2014 in Kent, Washington at the age of 60. The cause of death was congestive heart failure, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, myocardial infarction and coronary artery disease. He was born December 1, 1953 to the late George R. Wilson and Marie A. (née Ruffatto) Wilson who survives. He served in the United States Army attaining the rank of PV2 (E-2). He served during the Vietnam-Era. He was an At-Large Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Washington. He was interred in the Tahoma National Cemetery in Kent, King County, Washington.

KENNETH L. WINKLER, JR. – Died Thursday, December 3, 2015 in Canton, Michigan at the age of 66. The cause of death was brain cancer. He was born in Ypsilanti, Michigan on January 22, 1949. He served in the United States Marine Corps from June 1967 to March 1970 with a tour in Vietnam from August 1968 to March 1970. He was a member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Plymouth Chapter #528.

Mexico at the age of 66. The cause of death was acute respiratory failure due to hypercalcemia and acute kidney failure and metabolic encephalopathy, metastatic lung cancer, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, diabetes and hypertension. He was born April 26, 1948 to

Mildred (née Williamson) and the late Raymond Wratchford. He was the beloved husband of Diane (née Caolo) Wratchford; devoted father of the late Lisa Chory; loving grandfather of Shane, Jeremy, Dominick and Kelsey Chory; loved son of Mildred and the late Raymond Wratchford; dear son-in-law of the late Frank and Genevieve Caolo; cherished brother of Dick and Keith Wratchford and Vicky Swift; brother-in-law of Jerry and the late Michael Caolo. He served in the United States Army from December 12, 1968 to December 27, 1971. He served in Vietnam from May 23, 1969 to April 29, 1970. He was an *At-Large Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – New Mexico**. Friends visited at Gonce Funeral Service P.A., 4001 Ritchie Highway, Baltimore, Maryland on Monday from 3:00 to 5:00 PM and from 7:00 to 9:00 PM.

The funeral service was on Tuesday at 11:00 AM. Interment was in Holy Cross Cemetery.

ROBERT J. "Bob" WYMAN - Died Friday, January 16, 2015 at the Cheshire Medical Center / Dartmouth Hitchcock, Keene, New Hampshire following a period of failing health. He was a resident of Keene, New Hampshire and 76 years of age. The cause of death was cancer. He was born in Gassetts, Vermont on May 5, 1938 to the late C. D. Uriah Wyman and Hazel I. (née Martin) Wyman. He was a 1955 graduate of Chester (VT) High School. He was a United States Navy veteran serving two separate enlistments for a combined total of seven years during the Vietnam War and was stationed in Germany during his second enlistment, where he met his future wife, Anita M. Hitchings, who was also serving in the Navy. Following the termination of active duty on August 17, 1964, he served in the United States Army Reserves for eleven years. A resident of Keene since 1966, Mr. Wyman worked as the purchasing agent for twenty-six years with the City of Keene. He was also a past member of the Keene School Board. Mr. Wyman was very active in many area organizations including the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks Lodge #927, serving as Past Exalted Ruler; the Fraternal Order of Eagles Aerie #1413; Loyal Order of Moose #478 holding the degree of Pilgrim, the highest degree in the Loyal Order, and also serving as Past President of the Northeast Moose Association; and a member of the Masonic Order in Chester, VT. He was a life member of the Winchester VFW Post #3968; and a life member of the Gordon-Bissell American Legion Keene Post #4, serving as post Commander for four terms, several terms as post Adjutant, and past State Commander and, recently, as Treasurer for the NH American Legion. He was a life member of the Veterans Council in Keene, and was appointed by the Governor as Chairman of the Board of Managers of the NH Veterans Home in Tilton. He was a Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America - Keene Chapter #1034. He is survived by his wife of 52 years, Anita M. (née Hitchings) of Keene; a daughter, Debra L. Wyman and her fiancé, Justin Wescott, of Keene; a son, James U. Wyman of Keene; three grandchildren, Rebekah A. Howland, Caleb R.J. Howland, Uriah J. Howland; a brother, David

Wyman of Chester, VT; a sister, Lucy Johnson of Springfield, VT; and several nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by two brothers, Philip and Richard Wyman, and a sister, Elizabeth Clarke. A celebration of life was held Sunday, January 25, 2015 from 1:00 to 3:00 PM at the Foley Funeral Home, 49 Court Street, Keene. Family and friends were welcome. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Mr. Wyman's memory to the NH Veterans Home at 139 Winter Street, Tilton, NH 03276-0229.

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