

## VIETNAM VETERANS OF AMERICA

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**DAVID MICHAEL ALMEROOTH** – Died Saturday, February 12, 2011 in Glenview, Illinois at the age of 68. The cause of death is unknown. He was the most loving father of Mia, Vincent, Charles, Angelina and Sophia; fond stepfather of Vito; devoted son of Jeanne (Judy) and the late Charles (Chick) Almeroth; dear brother of Jeanne (Jack O'Donnell), Peter, Christopher, and Michael Almeroth and the late Susan Kilmer, and the caring uncle of his nephews and nieces, and survived by countless friends. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Jefferson Park Chapter #242**. At David's request, his body will be donated to the Anatomical Gift Association of Illinois for medical research, after which his ashes will be buried with military honors at Arlington National Cemetery. A Memorial Mass will be held at 11:30 a.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 16, at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church, 1775 Grove St., Glenview, IL. In lieu of flowers, donations to the National Military Family Association, 2500 N. Van Dorn St., Suite 102, Alexandria, VA 22302-1601 would be appreciated.



**RICHARD LEE "Bob" BAKER** - Died Tuesday morning, Oct. 26, 2010 in Hallettsville, Texas at the age of 76. He died at Lavaca Medical Center of natural causes after a life of service devoted to his family, his community and his country. The cause of death is unknown. Richard was born March 4, 1934 in Stroud, Oklahoma. He grew up on a farm and lived a simple country life where he developed a love for the outdoors and a curiosity for nature that became a life-long passion. Throughout his life he shared that passion with any who would join him, and he pursued it wherever it led him. On March 21, 1951 Richard joined the United States Marine Corps. At the age of 17 he became a Marine for life. He enlisted with the 1st Battalion, 3rd Marine Division and began a distinguished military career as a weapons technician, earning expert badges in rifle and pistol marksmanship. Richard loved the Marine Corps and lived his life by the moral standards and strict discipline he acquired while proudly serving in Korea and Vietnam. He retired from active duty on Feb. 28, 1971 and transferred to the Fleet Marine Corps Reserve where he served for an additional 10 years. He was a *Life Member* of the **Vietnam Veterans of America – Lone Star (Hallettsville) Chapter #854**. After leaving the military, Richard owned a gun repair shop and worked in construction before settling in Hallettsville in December 1979. He joined the Hallettsville School District in August 1983 and worked in the maintenance department until he retired as maintenance director in August 2008. An avid gardener and rock hunter, Richard made the most of his place in Hallettsville. He was the "Rock Man" to school children and fellow rock hounds who came from all around to see his popular Rock Shop, known for the collection of beautiful exotic rocks and gems he traveled all over the country to find. He sent many students on their way with pockets full of polished rocks and gems. Richard was loved for his enthusiasm and generosity. He was a

gracious friend to many and a role model to his children. Richard is survived by his brother, Wayne; sisters Noni, Jackie and Gwen; and wife of 35 years, Marianne Newman Baker. Surviving children are sons, Richard Lee Baker Jr. and wife Kathy, Malcolm Trey Baker and wife Charlotte, and Kevin Edward Kendall; daughters, Rhonda Burrage, Lara Bennett and husband Clay, and Kathleen Lee Prescott. Dearly loved were his grandchildren, Michelle Baker Wright, James Matthew Baker, Kelli Baker Palermo, Kenneth Burrage, Ciara "Niki" Major, Chloe Burrage, Henry and Owen Bennett, Erin Kennedy Rutecki, John Paul Prescott, Emma and Sofia Baker; and great-grandchildren Haylee, Kylie, Ethan, Kierston and Caleb. A memorial service with military honors will be held for Richard at 2 p.m. on Friday, Nov. 5, 2010 at First United Methodist Church, 206 South Dowling Street, Hallettsville TX 77964. In lieu of flowers donations to the Vietnam Veterans of America, Lone Star Chapter #854 Scholarship Fund would be greatly appreciated. He was our hero. We will miss you dad.

**DALE ALLEN BARSY** – Died Sunday, March 13, 2011 in the Philippines at the age of 60. He was formerly of North Las Vegas, Nevada. The cause of death is unknown. He was born July 3, 1950. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Philippines Chapter #887**.



**BOBBY CHARLES BEAN** - Died Wednesday, December 1, 2010, at Wake Forest University Baptist Medical Center, Winston-Salem, North Carolina at the age of 61, following a period of declining health. He was a resident of Kannapolis, North Carolina. He was born November 7, 1949, in Lincoln County, North Carolina, the son of Amanda Lois Sherrill Bean of Denver, and the late Vergil Bean. Prior to his disability he was employed with Stanley Works in Concord with 10 years of service. He was a Veteran of the United States Army serving in Vietnam. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Concord Chapter #909**. He was a member of Harvest Community Church where he was an active supporter of "Operation Christmas Child." Funeral services will be 3 p.m. Saturday, December 4, 2010, at Harvest Community Church in Concord conducted by Rev. Jeff Burris and Rev. Scott Whitman. Interment will follow in Trinity Lutheran Church Cemetery in Concord with military graveside rites conducted by the Cabarrus County Honor Guard. The family will receive friends at the church from 1 to 3 p.m. At other times they will be at Mr. Bean's mother's home in Denver. Mr. Bean is survived by his wife of 10 years, Carlene Isenhour Bean of the home; daughter, Nicole (Jason) Wyatt of Norwood; mother, Amanda Lois Sherrill Bean of Denver; two sisters, Brenda Bean, Vickie Correll; two brothers, James (Gaye) Bean, and Tim Bean all of Denver. A number of nieces and nephews also survive. In Lieu of Flowers the family asks that memorials be made to Harvest Community Church, 4284 Orphanage Road, Concord, NC 28027 or to Operation Christmas Child, P.O. Box 3000, Boone, NC 28607. Whitely's Funeral Home is serving the family of Mr. Bean.

**SIDNEY HASKEL BLANKENSHIP** - Died Wednesday, December 22, 2010, at his residence in Lavalette, West Virginia at the age of 71. The cause of death is unknown. He was born June 4, 1939, in Wayne County, West Virginia, a son of the late Hiram and Thelma Lockhart

Blankenship. Funeral services were conducted 11 a.m. Friday, December 24, 2010, at Morris Funeral Home Chapel, Wayne, West Virginia, by Pastor Ray Williamson. Burial will follow at Community Memorial Gardens, Wayne. Sidney was a retired Staff Sergeant in the United States Marine Corps, having served in the Vietnam War. During his tour of duty, he received numerous awards including a Silver Star, a Bronze Star and three Purple Hearts, Vietnam Campaign Medal, National Defense Medal and the Vietnam Service Medal with one star. He was an *At-Large Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – West Virginia**. He was a member of the VFW Post #1064, the American Legion Post #177 and a Life Member of the DAV. Also preceding him in death were two sisters, Leota Adkins and Fredis Blankenship, along with a brother, Cay Blankenship. Survivors include his loving wife of 49 years, Rebbie Craft Blankenship; a daughter Marsha Ann Poff and husband Glen of Wayne; a special granddaughter who was his pride and joy, Cassandra "Cassie" Poff; four sisters, Lillian Lowe of Kenova, W.Va., Irene Artrip and husband Paul of Huntington, W.Va., Gladys Sue Dierdorff and husband Don of Barboursville, W.Va., Sylvia Luther and husband Jim of Kenova; four brothers, James Blankenship of Lavalette, Hiram Blankenship Jr. and wife Mary of Kenova, Ellis Blankenship and Willis Blankenship, both of Barboursville; a very special friend and caregiver, Cindy Petticrew; and a host of nieces and nephews. The family will receive friends from 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday at Morris Funeral Home, Wayne.

**BOBBY LEE BOMAR** (USA-MSG Ret.) - Died Tuesday, March 22, 2011 in Lawton, Oklahoma at the age of 78. The cause of death is unknown. Bobby Lee was born on April 3, 1932 in Paragould, Arkansas to the late Clarence Aubrey and the late Mae Bell (Bean) Bomar. Funeral service for MSG (ret) Bobby Lee Bomar, 78, of Lawton, Oklahoma will be at 2:00 p.m., Saturday, March 26, 2011 at First Pentecostal Holiness Church, Apache, Oklahoma with Pastor Bud Jones, retired pastor of First Pentecostal Holiness Church, officiating. Viewing will be held for family and friends on Friday, March 25, 2011 from 8:00 a.m. until 9:00 p.m. at the funeral home. He attended local schools before he joined the United States Army in 1948 where he served his country for 24 years until his retirement. He served in Vietnam and received the Bronze Star. He married Emma A. Ehrmann in Ansbach, Germany. After his retirement from the Army he went to work at Reynolds Community Army Hospital as an EMT. He enjoyed golfing, fishing, hunting and spending time with his family. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Lawton Chapter #751**. He is survived by his wife, of the home; his children, Karen Gilbreath, of Apache, Oklahoma, and Bobby J. Bomar and his wife, Mary, of Lawton, Oklahoma; four sisters, Louise Vanhook, of Searcy, Arkansas, Betty Ragsdale, of Paragould, Arkansas, Sandy K. Everett and her husband, Gary, of Vienna, Virginia, and Karen Lee Price and her husband, Charley, of Marion, Arkansas; his brother, Gary Bomar and his wife, Thelma, of Millington, Tennessee; his sister in law, Sandra Bomar, Paragould, Arkansas; his four grandchildren, Annamarie Bomar, of Mustang, Oklahoma, Adam Gilbreath and his wife, Tamara, of Apache, Oklahoma, Brandan Gilbreath and his wife, Kara, of Apache, Oklahoma, and Cortney Sorrell and her husband, Thomas, of Oceanside, California; his three great grandchildren, Averi Gilbreath, Ashlynn Sorrell, and Kasen Gilbreath. Mr. Bomar was preceded in death by his parents, his brother, Wayne Bomar, his sister, Shirley Robinson, his cousin, Billy Bomar, and his son in law, Mark Gilbreath. Memorial contributions may be made to the First Pentecostal Holiness Church at P.O. Box 373, Apache, Oklahoma 73006.

**ROGER BRADY** – Died in October 2010 in Rock Island, Illinois. The cause of death was cancer. He was born in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. He served in the United States Navy during the Vietnam War. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Rock Island Chapter #299**.

**LONNIE “Ray” BRADFORD** - Died Wednesday, March 2, 2011 in a Chattanooga hospital after a short illness of cancer at the age of 68. He was a resident of South Pittsburg, Tennessee. He was born July 16, 1942 in Fayetteville, Tennessee, to the late Lonnie and Katherine Warren Bradford. He served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Chattanooga Chapter #203**. Ray retired from the Tennessee Highway Patrol after 31 years of service. After his retirement he worked as a lieutenant with the Grundy County Sheriff's Department. In addition to his parents, he was also preceded in death by a sister, Mary Frances Engle. Survivors include his sons, Danny, Brad, Ryan and Dustin Bradford; sister, Ola Cleek; grandchildren Zach, Patton, Timmy, James, Kloe, and Katie. Funeral services will be conducted at 2 p.m. CST on Friday, March 4, 2011 in the funeral home chapel with Bro. Jerry Walden and Bro. Freddie Savage officiating. Interment will follow in Sequatchie Valley Memorial Gardens with honors provided by the Tennessee Highway Patrol. The family will receive friends for visitation on Thursday from 4-9 p.m. CST at the funeral home. Condolences and memories may be shared with the family by visiting [www.tatefh.com](http://www.tatefh.com).

**WILLIAM R. “Bill” BROWN** - Died Friday, February 18, 2011 in Greenville, North Carolina at the age of 61. The cause of death is unknown. He was born December 3, 1945, a native of Pitt County, North Carolina and lived most of his life in Greenville, and was a graduate of J. H. Rose High School. He enlisted in the United States Army and served in the 82nd Airborne during Vietnam. He was the recipient of the Purple Heart and Commendation Medal as well as other numerous medals and awards. He worked for the US Postal Service in Greenville, retiring after 34 years. For many years he was President of the Greenville Postal Union. Bill, an avid golfer, enjoyed fishing, boating, and dancing. For 13 years he coached Little League. He served as president of ENC Shag Club for many years and also served on the SOS Board. He was a *Life Member* and also served as *President* of the **Vietnam Veterans of America – Greenville Chapter #272**. He was preceded in death by his parents, Rufus and Louise Brown. He is survived by his wife, Brenda Ranes Brown; son, Chris Brown and wife, Katherine, of Greenville; granddaughter, Kristina; step-daughters, Dana Davis and husband, Mike of Four Oaks, and Ryan Kimes, of Greenville; step-grandchildren, Taylor and Lauren Davis; sister, Helen Brown Wall and husband, William, of Clayroot; nephew, Kelly Wall, of Clayroot; nieces, Eleanor Spain and husband, Randy, of Black Jack, and Dana Wall, of Clayroot. The family will receive friends Sunday from 1:30 until 2:30 at the Fellowship Hall. A memorial service was conducted Sunday at 3 pm at Epworth United Methodist Church. Burial will be private. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Epworth United Methodist Church, c/o Sharon Bland, 305 Bay Bush Road, Vanceboro, North Carolina 28586.

**VIRGIL D. CAROTHERS** - Died Wednesday, February 23, 2011, at Saint Anthony's Continuing Care Center in Rock Island, Illinois. He was 86 years of age and a resident of Milan, Illinois. He was born November 15, 1924 in Rock Island. He served in the Army Air Corps during World War II. He was a *Life Member* of **Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America – Quad Cities (Rock**

**Island, Illinois) Chapter #299.** Services are 10 a.m. Monday at Wheelan-Pressly Funeral Home, Milan. Burial is at the Rock Island Arsenal National Cemetery, with military honors. Visitation is 2 to 6 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home. Memorials may be made to the Honor Flight of the Quad Cities.

**JAMES B. "Benny" CARROLL** - Died peacefully on Monday, March 28, 2011 at St. Francis Hospital, Wilmington, Delaware at the age of 69. He was a resident of Elkton, Maryland. The cause of death was pneumonia, sepsis and aspiration. He was born in Elkton, Maryland, on January 31, 1942 to the late Clyde and the late Jennie Carroll. He was the husband of Phyllis Lee (Long) Carroll with whom he shared 37 years of marriage. He served during the Vietnam War in the United States Army. He was employed by the State of Delaware retiring in 2006. He also retired in 2002 from the Delaware Air National Guard. Benny enjoyed being a lifetime member of the Elkton United Methodist Church, the VFW Post 8175 and the American Legion Post 15 where he served 8 years as commander and was currently serving as Sergeant at Arms. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Port Deposit (Maryland) Chapter #722**. He was a volunteer at Perry Point VA Medical Center and was currently serving on the Dept. of VAVS Committee there. He was a past commander of the Cecil County Legion Association and currently serving as treasurer; member of the Dept. Executive Committee American Legion; member of the 40 et 8 Voiture 1371 North Eastern Shore and had served as Chef-de-Garde and a member of DAV. Some of his favorite activities included playing cards with friends and going to ALL his grandsons' sporting events. He also enjoyed all the years attending Legion affairs and conventions with friends. In addition to his loving wife, Benny is survived by his stepson: Tom Quinn and his wife, Lisa, along with his 3 grandsons, Justin, Michael and Caleb; his brother Bill Carroll and his wife, Vanita; a daughter, Dawn, from his first marriage; and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his brother Clyde "Buddy" Carroll and his sister Charlotte Cloud. Visitation for family and friends will be held on Thursday, March 31, 2011 from 6:00PM until 8:00 PM at Crouch Funeral Home, P.A., 127 South Main Street, North East, MD. Funeral services, conducted by Rev. Karen Bunnell will be held Friday, April 1, 2011 at 11:00 AM at Elkton United Methodist Church, 219 East Main Street, Elkton, MD. Interment with full military honors will follow in Delaware Veterans Memorial Cemetery, Bear, Delaware. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made payable to the American Legion Post 15 for "The Benny Carroll Scholarship Fund" in care of Crouch Funeral Home.



**WILLIAM O. CARTER** - Died at his home in Rising Sun, Indiana on Friday, March 11, 2011 at the age of 65. The cause of death is unknown. He was born November 14, 1945 in Dearborn County Indiana the son of James and Florence Kent Carter. He was a

graduate of Lawrenceburg High School Class of 1963 and was a truck driver by occupation until becoming disabled. He was a United States Army veteran of the Viet Nam era. He was a Gold Circle member of Veterans of Foreign Wars of United States, Past Commander of District 9 VFW, Quartermaster of Rising Sun VFW #6220, member of Aurora VFW #5312, Vevay American Legion Post and Aurora Order of Eagles. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Aurora Chapter #71**. Surviving is his daughter Tammy Banks (Tony) of Dupont, Indiana; step-son Robert Dwayne Bradley of Metamora, Indiana; eleven grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren; one brother, Gene Carter of Lawrenceburg, Indiana, and; two sisters, June Marie Minshall, of South Carolina and Judith Ann Brupbacher, of North Carolina. Funeral services will be held Thursday March 17, 2011 at 11:00 AM in Humphrey-Taylor-Detmer Funeral Home, Rising Sun, with burial in Veteran's Memorial Cemetery in Madison, Indiana with military honors. If desired memorial donations may be made to donor's choice.

**RON CHAPIN** – Died Saturday, January 8, 2011 in Wilcox, Pennsylvania. The cause of death is unknown. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Saint Marys Chapter #720**.

**JOSEPH PAUL CRAVERO** - Died Sunday, March 13, 2011, at Physicians Regional Medical Center, Naples, Florida at the age of 69. He was a resident of Moline, Illinois. The cause of death was a heart attack. Joseph was born August 10, 1941 in Paterson, New Jersey, the son of Joseph D. and Mary (Ferrara) Cravero. He married Paula Parizzi, on December 21, 1968. She preceded him in death in November of 1999. He later married Joanne Johns, December 15, 2001 in Moline. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 9:30 a.m. Saturday, March 19, 2011 at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Moline. Visitation will be Friday from 4:00-8:00 p.m. at DeRoo Funeral Home, Moline, where a rosary will be recited at 4:00 p.m. Burial will be at St. Mary's Cemetery, East Moline, IL where the Moline American Legion Post #246 will conduct military rites. Memorials may be made to the Moline Soccer Club or the Pulmonary Fibrosis Foundation. Joseph graduated from Fordham University in New York and joined the Navy. He served on the USS Repose hospital ship as a lieutenant during the Vietnam War. Upon his return he attended and graduated from the Washington College of Law at American University in Washington, D.C. After graduation, he worked for the Reorganization Branch of the Internal Revenue Service in Washington. Joe joined Deere and Co. in October 1976 as a member of the Tax Department holding the position of Tax Attorney. He retired from Deere and Co. in 2001 after 25 years of service. Joe was currently employed at Sunbelt Business Brokers since retiring from Deere and Co. Joe was a member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Moline. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Quad Cities Chapter #299**. He also served on the Moline Park Board, founder and board member of the Moline Soccer Club, was on the board at Moline Municipal Credit Union. He was also instrumental in the Quad City Health Plan, the start-up of John Deere Health Care and many other facets of Deere and Co. In addition to his work, Joe served on the Finance Committee of the United Way of the Quad Cities for a number of years. Joseph loved his family, friends, grandchildren and wintering in Florida with his wife Joanne. Survivors include his wife, Joanne, Moline, sons and daughters in law, Joseph (Bridget) Cravero, Bettendorf, Anthony (Ann) Cravero, West Des Moines, IA, John (Jessica) Cravero, Chicago, IL, stepdaughters and spouses, Lisa (Kevin) Gorgal, Moline, Mindy (Mike) Meyers, Silvis and Ashley

Johns, Dallas, TX, grandchildren Bailey, Dominic, Isabella, Brody, James, Marisa, Bennett and Riley and sister, Loretta Sabio. He was preceded in death by his parents, wife Paula and sister, Dorothy.

**JAMES J. "Jim" EVERSGERD** - Died Sunday, April 10, 2011 in Beckemeyer, Illinois at the age of 63. He was a resident of Germantown, Illinois. The cause of death was a heart attack. He was born June 6, 1947 in St. Louis, Missouri to Erma (Renschen) Eversgerd-Gallatin and Christopher Eversgerd; his father preceded him in death and his mother survives in Germantown. Also surviving are sisters, Darlene (Mark) Lohman of Bartelso and Linda (Rodney) Lohman of Germantown; brothers, Duane (Kathleen) Eversgerd of Beckemeyer, Donald "Dino" Eversgerd of Germantown, and Larry (Angela) Eversgerd of Germantown; and numerous nieces and nephews. In addition to his father, he was also preceded in death by brothers, Marlin Eversgerd and Norman Eversgerd. He formerly worked at the Germantown IGA and Breese Journal, and was a veteran of the United States Army. Jim was a member of St. Boniface Church, Germantown American Legion Post 325, **Vietnam Veterans of America – Carlyle Chapter #269** of Clinton County, and grew up as a Boy Scout and proud Eagle Scout. A graveside memorial service will be held Thursday, April 14, 2011 at 4:00 PM at St. Boniface Cemetery in Germantown with Fr. James Buerster officiating. Memorials can be made to the Germantown American Legion and will be received through Moss Funeral Home in Germantown.

**LITTLETON HENRY FAUST** – Died Sunday, April 3, 2011 in Blythewood, Oklahoma at the age of 90. The cause of death is unknown. He was born July 20, 1920 in Killian, South Carolina to the late John Henry and Jessie Brown Faust. A United States Army veteran, Littleton served in WWII, the Korean War, and through three tours in Vietnam. He received a Purple Heart in each war, as well as three Bronze Stars and several other medals and awards. He was a member of Killian Baptist Church. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Lawton Chapter #751**. Survivors include his wife, Annie R. Faust of Blythewood; daughters, Sandra (Bill) Prince and Cheryl (Carl) Bullock, both of Blythewood; grandchildren, Bill Prince, Bonnie Walker, Kayce Prince and Brittany Bullock; six great-grandchildren; his sister, Emma Meta Walker of Columbia; and four nieces, Lindsay Dawn (David) Ormsbys; Sheree (Dennis) Kavanagh; Tammy Barkoot; and Gina (Wayne) Potton. In addition to his parents, Littleton was preceded in death by a brother, Gene Faust. A graveside service will be held at 11 o'clock, Friday, April 8, 2011 at Ft. Jackson National Cemetery. Shives Funeral Home, Colonial Chapel, is assisting the family.

**CLIFFORD T. GARDNER, JR.** - Died Tuesday, March 29, 2011 in West Kingston, Rhode Island at the age of 81. The cause of death was a heart attack or stroke. He was born January 6, 1930 in South Kingstown, Rhode Island to the late Clifford T. Gardner Sr. and Mary Gardner. Clifford served in the RI State Guard from 1944 to 1947 then became a twenty-seven year United States Navy veteran serving in WWII, Korea and Vietnam, retiring in 1974 as a Chief Petty Officer. He then worked as an environmental police officer for the State of RI Department of Environmental Management for twenty-one years retiring in 1990. Clifford was a lifelong resident of South County and served a pastoral assistant at Church of the Ascension for many years. He was a coach of the American Legion Baseball for thirty-five years, a member of the

American Legion Post 39, past commander for fourteen years, chaplain and service officer, a member of the American Legion Hall of Fame, Vietnam Veterans chaplain, president of USS Tarawa and a member of Hope Lodge #25 AF & AM. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Wakefield Chapter #325**. He was the father of Carl E. Gardner of Marstons Mills, MA; step father of Steven Kile of Warwick, Alex Martlano-Kile of Tiverton; the late Eric Kile and Debra Jean Gardner-Clarke; brother of Norman Gardner of Dalton, NH, Glenn Gardner of Exeter, Marilyn Barrington of Wakefield, Betty Rocha of Wakefield, Joyce Dias of Exeter; the late Harry and Franklin Gardner; grandfather of seven and great grandfather of three. A Requiem Eucharist will be celebrated Tuesday at 10:00 AM in the Church of the Ascension, corner of Main St. and Kenyon Ave, Wakefield. Visiting hours were Monday 4-7 PM in the Avery-Storti Funeral Home, 88 Columbia St., Wakefield. Burial will be private. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Church of the Ascension, 370 Main St., Wakefield, RI 02879.

**ELMER HALL** - Died Sunday, March 27, 2011 at his residence in Carthage, North Carolina at the age of 77. The cause of death was cancer. Mr. Hall was born January 22, 1934 in Clearfield, Kentucky to Nannie Myrtle Moore and Emmett James Hall. Funeral services will be held 2:00 pm Thursday, March 31, 2011 at Union Presbyterian Church in Carthage with interment to follow with military honors at the church cemetery. He retired from the United States Army having served in the Vietnam War and also received the Bronze Star. He was a member of the Moore County Shriners, Union Presbyterian Church, American Legion and Disabled American Veteran Post 83 of Carthage, VFW Post #7318 of Southern Pines and was a Mason. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – West End Chapter #966**. He is survived by sons Harvey Price and wife Sandie of Carthage, Robert D. Hall and Delmer Hall both of Morehead, KY; daughter Pam Evans of Kentucky; brothers George W. Hall and Mack Hall both of Dayton, OH; sisters Beatrice Prince of Willis, MI and Nancy Rose of Ypsalanti, MI; nine grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren. He is predeceased by his wife Peggy Louise Hall in 2007. Memorial contributions may be made to the Moore County Shrine Club, P.O. Box 5264, Pinehurst, NC 28370, or Union Presbyterian Church, P.O. Box 898, Carthage, NC 28326 or Liberty Homecare & Hospice, 300 W. Pennsylvania Ave., Southern Pines, NC 28387.



**BRYCE T. HATTON** - Died Wednesday, March 9, 2011 in Blair, Nebraska at the age of 83. The cause of death is unknown. He was born July 19, 1927. He is survived by his wife Sharon; children Margaret Hatton of Council Bluffs, Leslie Hatton of Tennessee, Janice "Kathy" George and husband Rich of Omaha, Rebecca Bradley and husband Joe of Montana, and Brian Hatton and wife Melissa of Omaha, stepchildren Tim Clark and wife Muriel of Washington State, and DeAnna Starcher and husband Dan of Oklahoma, and; 9 grandchildren and 15 great grandchildren. Services were conducted at 2 PM on Friday, March 11th at The Herman Legion Hall in Herman. Burial was in the Herman Cemetery. Visitation begins 1 PM Thursday at the funeral home with family receiving friends from 6-8 PM. Campbell-Aman Funeral Home in Blair, Nebraska was in charge of the arrangements.



**ALVIS G. HEAD** – Died Saturday, October 24, 1998 in Texarkana, Texas at the age of 56. He was formerly of Independence, Arkansas. The cause of death is unknown. He was born September 26, 1942. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Texarkana Chapter #278**.



**FRANK G. HERRING** - Died Friday, August 20, 2010, at his home in York, Pennsylvania at the age of 75. He was surrounded by his wife, Mary and family. The cause of death was cancer. He was the loving husband of Mary Mae (Paugh) Herring, his wife of 51 years. He was born November 9, 1934, in Accident, Garrett County, Md., the son of the late William and Olive (Callis) Herring. Frank retired from the U.S. Army as a Warrant Officer and served during the Korean and Vietnam wars. He received the Bronze Star with Oak Leaf Cluster, the Army Commendation Medal, the National Defense Service Medal, the Vietnam Service Medal, the Vietnam Campaign Medal, and the Good Conduct Medal. He graduated from Accident High School and received an Associate of Arts Degree from Garrett Community College after retiring from the Army. Frank was a member of Grace Brethren Church, Accident, Md., the VFW, American Legion, Moose, Rotary, and a *Life Member* and *Charter Member* of the **Vietnam Veterans of America – Cumberland Chapter #172**. He enjoyed restoring old cars, golfing, photography, music, and formerly played stand up base in a country band. In addition to his wife, he is survived by his son, William H. Herring and his wife, Tina of Pensacola, Fla.; daughters, Judi C. Herring, M.D. and her husband, Bert Herring, M.D. of Jacksonville, Fla., and Christy Durben Yeiser and her husband, Rev. Daniel Yeiser, Ph.D. of York; sisters, Virginia Sunseri of Oxen Hill, Md., and Alice Deal of Accident, Md.; and seven grandchildren, Gretchen McCullough, Austin Herring, Gwyneth Yeiser, Corianne Herring, Thaddeus Yeiser, Lauren Herring, and Helen Herring. Grandson, Austin (Goose) Herring, died December 1, 2002. Also preceding him in death were his sister, Mildred Lollar; and three brothers, Charles, John, and Walter Herring. A celebration of life service was held Saturday, August 21, 2010, at 8 p.m. in Accident, Md., with his son-in-law, the Rev. Daniel Yeiser, Ph.D. officiating. Contributions in Frank's memory may be made to VNA Hospice, 440 N. Madison St., Hanover, PA 17331; or to Hanover Home and Garden Center, 1169 Eichelberger St., Hanover, PA 17331.

**MICHAEL HOPKINS** – Died Tuesday, October 5, 2010 in Riverside, California at the age of 78. The cause of death is unknown. He was born March 29, 1932. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Inland Empire (Riverside) Chapter #47**.

**RICHARD GARY HULING** - Died Thursday, March 24, 2011 at the home of his son in Clermont, Florida at the age of 62. He was formerly from Lawton, Oklahoma. The cause of death is unknown. He was born September 16, 1948 in Morris, Minnesota, the son of Lowell & Dorothy Ruhl Huling. He was a retired United States Army Sergeant First Class having served in Vietnam & Desert Storm. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Lawton (Oklahoma) Chapter #751**. Preceding him in death were siblings LaVon Giese, Delbert, Glen, Darrell,

Lorraine & Myrl Huling. Surviving are his children Scott G. (Bobbie Joe) Huling of Clermont & Amy Huling, Richmond, VA; grandchildren Jordan Donahue, Carly Braun & Reese Huling. Siblings are Robert Huling, St. Joseph, MN; Clinton Huling, Elk River, MN; Rose Crusier, St. Cloud, MN; Nora Huling, West Allis, WI & Dale Huling, Las Vegas, NV. The funeral service for Richard Huling was held at 5:00 PM on Monday, March 28, 2011 in the Becker Chapel with Reverend Brad Phillips officiating. Visitation will be from 3-5 PM. Becker Family Funeral Home, Clermont, FL 34711.

**RICHARD DONALD IRELAN** – Died Saturday, February 12, 2011 at Veterans Administration Ann Arbor Health Care in Ann Arbor Michigan at the age of 68. He was a resident of Metamora, Michigan. The cause of death is unknown. Mr. Irelan was born April 27, 1942 in Oxford, Michigan, the son of Darrell and Helen (Darling) Irelan. Richard served his country during the Vietnam War as a Medic in the United States Army where he was known as Doc and was a member of the V.F.W. Post in Clarkston. He was a *Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Pontiac Chapter #133*. During his life Richard was a farmer, worked for General Motors, the Oakland County Road Commission, as a carpenter, and as Country D.J. Richard is survived by his wife Veramae Cheryl Irelan; children, April Irelan and Erik Kropp, Marsy (Jason) Kempa, Ivan Galvan, Tabitha (Matthew) Vakula; grandchildren, Maddison, Carson, Paige, Daisy, Lilly, Gryphon and Reiken Richard; brothers, Darrell Jr. and Norma, Albert and Barb, Norman and Sarah; sisters, Rosie (Roger) Ewers, Bonnie Davis; sisters-in-law, Flora and Lucille, many nieces and nephews. Mr. Irelan was preceded in death by his son Peter, parents, and brothers, Hank and Leonard and sister-in-law, Marilyn. Friends may visit the family from 3 to 8 p.m. Wednesday and Thursday at Hill Funeral Home, 11723 S. Saginaw St., Grand Blanc. The funeral service will be 12:30 p.m. Friday, February 18, 2011 at the funeral home. Pastor Kent Hoggatt will officiate. Burial will follow at Great Lakes National Cemetery.

**HERBERT S. JACKSON** – Died Saturday, February 26, 2011 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania at the age of 66. The cause of death was heart disease. He was born September 14, 1944 in Gastonia, North Carolina to Flora Mae Hall and the late Herbert I. Jackson. He was predeceased by his wife, Pricilla Metz Jackson. In addition to his mother, he is survived by his two daughters, Monica Jackson and Nicole Pettway; five grandchildren, and; one sister, Valerie Jackson. He served in the United States Army with a tour in Vietnam with the 25<sup>th</sup> Infantry Division, C Company, 1/27<sup>th</sup> Infantry Regiment. He was a *Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Liberty Bell (Philadelphia) Chapter #266*. He was a member of the Vine Memorial Baptist Church. He was also a member of the Disabled American Veterans – Naomi Chapter #15 and the American Legion Post #292.



**HARRIS B. "Jay" JENKINS** - 65 affectionately known as "Jay" passed away on Sunday, January 30, 2011 from a long struggle with cancer. He was a resident of Allenhurst, Georgia. He was born in Lake City, Florida on March 1, 1945 to the late Lillian and Obediah Jenkins. After serving two tours in Vietnam with the 101st Airborne Division, he medically retired as an E-5 (Sergeant) with the United States Army. As resident of Liberty County since

1969, he was very active in his community and served as Scoutmaster of Troop #581 in Midway, GA for 40 years producing seven Eagle Scouts in five years, including his own son. Mr. Jenkins was always giving his time to help anyone that was in need no matter what the cause. Jay had a nurturing affect on the young men he made contact with always pushing them to strive for excellence. Mr. Jenkins was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Hinesville Chapter #789** and a member of St. Thomas AME Church in Walthourville, GA. He enjoyed fishing, camping, and woodwork and never missed an episode of his soap opera, The Young and the Restless. Family was always important to Jay and he was always active in his grandchildren's lives even after he became ill. He was preceded in death by his parents, a son, Vincent Nero Jenkins, and brothers Barney McCray and Larry Fleming. He is survived by his wife of 20 years, Janice L. Jenkins; sons Ontia (Collita) Jenkins, Lake City, FL; Michael (Betty) Roberts, Hinesville, GA; daughter Chiquita Jenkins, Hinesville, GA; stepdaughter Jamalee (Arthur) Golden. Walthourville, GA; Brothers Charles (Janice) Jenkins, Lake City, FL.; Harry Donald (Palenstine) Andrews, Many, LA; two special cousins, Dean (Robbie) Lovins, Lexington, IN; thirteen grandchildren, seven great grandchildren and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends. In lieu of flowers, please make donations to Hospice of the Golden Isles, Brunswick, Georgia.

**ALEXANDER JEROME** – Died Monday, July 26, 2010 in Upperco, Maryland at the age of 69. The cause of death was Parkinson's Disease. He was born March 11, 1941 in New Kensington, Pennsylvania. He is survived by his sister, Karen Offutt. He served in the United States Navy assigned to the United States Marine Corps. He was an *At-Large Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Maryland**.

**JOHN B. JOHNSON, SR.** - Died Friday, January 28, 2011 in Baxley, Georgia at the age of 77. The cause of death was congestive heart failure. He was born November 12, 1933 in Appling County, Georgia to the late Aaron Barry and Vicie Leola Murphy Johnson. Survivors: son, John Barry (Connie) Johnson; granddaughter, Crissy Johnson; special buddy, Nikolas; aunt, Oletha Teston, and other relatives. He was a member of Big Oaks Church of God. He served in the United States Navy and retired after 21 years of service. He served a tour of duty in Vietnam. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Baxley Chapter #981**. He was predeceased by his wife, Betty Jean Johnson. Visitation: 6-8 p.m., Saturday at the funeral home. Funeral: 2 p.m., Sunday from Big Oaks Church of God. Interment: Omega Cemetery with Military Honors. Swain Funeral Home, Inc. Baxley, GA Savannah Morning News January 29, 2011

**DAVID WAYNE KAISER** - Died Saturday, January 22, 2011 at Porter Hospital. He was 63 years of age and a resident of Wanatah, Indiana. The cause of death was heart failure. He was born February 1, 1947 in Gary, Indiana to Roland and Alyce (Fielor) Kaiser, graduated from Wanatah High School in 1966 and served with the United States Army in Vietnam. He had owned and operated Kaiser Construction, was a member of St. John's Lutheran Church in Wanatah, President of the Wanatah Chamber of Commerce, Vice-President of crafts and food vendors for Wanatah Scarecrow Festival, member of Wanatah Conservation Club, American Legion Post #403, Sons of Union Veterans David D. Porter Camp, I.O.O.F. Checqueuk Odd Fellows Lodge #56 in Valparaiso, and a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America Portage Chapter #905**. Dave

had previously been active with Christmas in April in the Portage and Valparaiso communities. On May 11, 1996 he married Marilyn Williamson, who survives along with daughter, Lt. Renee Kaiser, U.S.N. of Wanatah; his parents: Roland and Alyce Kaiser of Wanatah; sister, Diane Michaels of Union Mills; brothers: Darrell (Sue) Kaiser of Union Mills, Phillip (Annette) Kaiser of Wanatah and Larry (Cindy) Kaiser of Wanatah and grandchildren: Elijah, Parker and Ashton Phillips, all of Wanatah. A funeral service will be held Wednesday 11:00 AM at St. John's Lutheran Church, 15496 S. 900 W., Wanatah with Rev. Joel Zipay officiating and cremation to follow. Visitation was on Tuesday from 4:00-8:00 PM at Wanatah Funeral Chapel, 309 N. Main St. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the family.



**MICHAEL ROBERT KISTNER** - Died Friday, March 11, 2011, at DCH Regional Medical Center in Tuscaloosa, Alabama. He was a resident of Tuscaloosa and 67 years of age. The cause of death is unknown. He was born September 19, 1943 in Alton, Illinois. Services were conducted at 10 a.m. on March 19<sup>th</sup> at St. Matthias Episcopal Church with Frank Roth officiating and Tuscaloosa Memorial Chapel Funeral Home directing. Survivors include his wife, Donna Booth Kistner of Tuscaloosa; daughter, Kathleen Kistner Ellis (Tom) of Columbia, Mo.; son, Steven Michael Kistner (Jen) of Tewksbury, Mass.; sister, Judy Hussey of Tacoma, Wash.; brother, Mark Kistner of Green Springs, Colo.; and grandchildren, Andrew, Chris, and Chloe Ellis, and Caroline Kistner. Michael was a devoted husband, father, and grandfather. He was also a proud Marine and respected mechanical engineer at Nucor Steel in Tuscaloosa. Mike attended University of Missouri at Rolla, earning his B.S. in Mechanical Engineering in 1967. He was a member of Tau Kappa Epsilon. He joined the U.S. Marine Corps prior to graduation in 1967 and served in Vietnam with the 3rd Marine Division, at Da Nang, from 1968 to 1969. On Dec. 27, 1970, Mike married the love of his life, Donna Jean Booth of Slater, Mo. They raised two children, Kathleen and Steve. Their lives took them through Godfrey, Ill. and Duncanville, Texas before settling in Tuscaloosa, Ala. in 2000. Michael was an active member of Marine Corps League, a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Tuscaloosa Chapter #301**, AIST, VFW, and St. Matthias Episcopal Church. His strength of character and kind heart carried him well throughout his life, and he earned the trust and respect of all who knew him. The family wishes to thank the Tuscaloosa Fire & Rescue Service; the staff at DCH Regional Medical Center, where he was lovingly cared for over the last three and a half years; the stalwart support of the Marines and his fellow veterans; St. Matthias Church; Nucor Steel; and the many friends who have become family during a time of need. Pallbearers will be Mike Bosch, James Yerkes, Ron Booth, Thomas R.B. Ellis, Paul Arnold, and Ray Looney. Honorary pallbearers are Chris Hargett; DOK and St. Matthias members; DCH 6 South, MICU, ICU, and Medical Center; Mike Daughtery; Mike Spann Marine League; and Vietnam veterans. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to St. Matthias Episcopal Church.

**SANDRA L. KRANTZ** – Died recently in 2011 in Bainbridge, Georgia at the age of 59. The cause of death is unknown. She was born February 7, 1951. She was a veteran of the Vietnam War. She was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Frederick (Maryland) Chapter #304**.

**DONNA B. KRESAL** – Died recently in 2011 in Frederick, Maryland at the age of 69. The cause of death is unknown. She was born September 9, 1941. She was a veteran of the Vietnam War. She was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Frederick Chapter #304**.

**RICHARD PAUL “Doc” LANCTOT** - Died Friday morning, February 25, 2011, in the Saint Albans Health and Rehabilitation Center in Vermont at the age of 61. He was a resident of Swanton, Vermont. The cause of death was cardio-pulmonary obstructive disorder. He was born in Saint Johnsbury, Vermont on May 21, 1949 to the late Robert L. Sr. and Elizabeth (Farnham) Lanctot and graduated from Saint Johnsbury Academy. He has resided at 52 First Street in Swanton Village for the past seven years. Doc faithfully served his country in the United States Army as a combat medic during the Vietnam Era. He was awarded several medals including the, National Defense Service Medal, Vietnam Service Medal, Vietnam Commendation Medal, Air Medal, Good Conduct Medal and was most proud to receive the Bronze Star Medal. In 2004 he was also awarded by then Governor James Douglas, the Medal of Distinguished Honor for serving as a combat veteran. In 2008 he also received a certificate of appreciation for the success of the Vietnam Moving Wall that was displayed in Saint Albans City. Locally Doc was a *Life Member* and *Past President* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Saint Albans Chapter #753**, including the color guard, Combat Veterans Motorcycle Association, Patriot Guard Riders, American Legion, Green Mountain Post 1 and the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Robert Glidden Post 758 both of Saint Albans. Doc will always be remembered for the love he had for his family and for spending time with his brother and sister combat veterans. He is survived by three daughters, Mariah-Jeanne Lanctot and fiancé Michael Goslin of Swanton, Andrea Warden and husband Corey of Richford and Shauna Manning and husband James of Swanton; his best friend, confidant and mother of his daughters, Valerie Chagnon of Saint Albans, and partner Bob Lamos; five grandchildren, Faith, Ayvah, Ivy, Liallah and Juliana; three sisters, Patricia Beck and husband Drew of Bethlehem, NH, Elaine Robinson and husband Tom of Saint Johnsbury, and Judy Syx of Ludlow; a brother, Jim Lanctot and his wife Kathy of Lyndonville and many nieces and nephews. Besides his parents he was predeceased by a brother, Robert L. Lanctot, Jr. Friends and relatives are invited to call on the family Friday, March 4 2011, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. at The Kidder Memorial Home, 89 Grand Avenue, Swanton. Following will be a Celebration of “Doc’s” Life from 1:30 to 4 p.m. in the American Legion Hall, 100 Parah Drive Saint Albans. Interment with full military honors will take place in the Spring at the Vermont Veterans Memorial Cemetery in Randolph Center. In lieu of flowers it is requested that gifts in Doc’s memory be made to the, Vietnam Veterans of America, Chapter 753, P.O. Box 965, Saint Albans 05478.

**ALBERT VALMORE LECLERC** - Died suddenly on Friday, April 1, 2011 in Cumberland, Rhode Island at the age of 65. The cause of death was a heart attack. He was born September 12, 1945 in Fall River, Massachusetts, the son of Valmore Leclerc of Cumberland, and the late Mary (Malenfant) Leclerc. He was the beloved husband of Carmela (Celentano) Leclerc for 40 years. Mr. Leclerc was a United States Navy Veteran, serving during Vietnam. He was an employee of the United States Postal Service until his retirement. In addition to being an active member of the Disabled American Veterans, he also volunteered his time to other Veteran organizations. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – North Smithfield Chapter #818**. He

enjoyed listening to and playing music. He was a member of the St. Joan of Arc Church Choir. Besides his loving wife, he leaves behind his children, Maria Leclerc, Blanche Jackson and her husband Sean, Valmore Leclerc and his wife Shane, Angela Leclerc and her husband Nicholas D'Amico and Marco Leclerc. He was the grandfather of Toni Lopes, Andrea Marie Leclerc, Patrick Ryan Bacon, Emma and Benjamin Jackson, Pearl D'Amico and Quinn Leclerc. He is survived by his brothers Ronald and Donald Leclerc, niece Rhonda Laferriere and nephew Steven Leclerc, as well as numerous other family members and friends. A celebration of his life will be held Tuesday at 9 AM from the J. J. Duffy Funeral Home, 757 Mendon Road, Rt. 122, Cumberland. Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 10 AM in the St. Joan of Arc Church, Mendon Road, Cumberland. Military honors and Burial will follow at Resurrection Cemetery, West Wrentham Road, Cumberland. Relatives and friends are kindly invited. Visiting Hours will be held Monday from 5-8 PM.

**MICHAEL "Mickey" J. LEONE, JR.** - Died April 11, 2010 in Saratoga Springs, New York at the age of 61. The cause of death is unknown. He was born February 15, 1949. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Fort Ann Chapter #79**. Calling hours were at 4 to 8PM on Wed. at William J. Burke & Sons/Bussing & Cunniff Funeral Homes, 628 N. Broadway. Mass of Christian Burial 9:30 a.m. Thurs. at the Church of St. Peter, 241 Broadway. Burial, 11 a.m. at Gerald B.H. Solomon Saratoga National Cemetery, Schuylerville, New York.



**BRUCE T. LEROUX** – Died Friday, August 13, 2010 at Bassett Hospital in Cooperstown, New York, after a long battle with diabetes and heart disease. He was a resident of Maryland, New York and was 61 years of age. He was born in Danbury, Connecticut on May 24, 1949, son of the late Emile and Rose (Lemire) LeRoux. He was the beloved husband of Theresa (Wildman) LeRoux. He was a graduate of Immaculate High School, class of 1969, and attended Norwalk Community College and Norwalk Tech. In 1971, he married his cherished wife, Theresa. Bruce was a Veteran of the Vietnam War, proudly serving with the United States Navy aboard the USS Newport News. He was honorably discharged in 1974 and was a recipient of the Purple Heart. He was a member of the American Legion, AM Vets, Catholic War Veterans, and the Beckerle Hose and Engine Company 9; and was a life member of the DAV and VFW. He was a *Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Oneonta Chapter #85*. Bruce loved football and was coach for many years with the Danbury Vikings and later Brookfield Pop Warner, and Brookfield Soccer U-10 Travel Team. He was a race car fan, and loved traveling with his wife to 50's concerts. In addition to his wife of 38 years, Theresa, he will be sadly missed by his beloved daughter, Deanna LeRoux; and his four cherished grandchildren, Anthony, Eric, Yonaly, and Bridget Almonte. He is also survived by his brother, Andre LeRoux of Bethel; his three sisters, Jean LeRoux of Bethel, Nancy Macko of Danbury, Pat Moschello of Brookfield and Elaine Ferris of Arkansas; his mother-in-law, Mary Wildman; as well as several cousins, nieces, and nephews. He was predeceased by his brother, Guy LeRoux; his nephews, Peter LeRoux and James Ferris; and his niece, Michele Ferris. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Thursday, August 19th at 10 a.m. at St. Mary Church, Bethel. Burial will follow in St. Mary Cemetery. The family

will receive friends at the Cornell Memorial Home, 247 White Street, Danbury, on Wednesday evening between the hours of 4 and 8 p.m.

**JAMES "Marty" MAARTENSE** Died Monday, January 10, 2011 in Rochester, New York. The cause of death is unknown but his body was found frozen on a street corner. He served in the United States Marine Corps during the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Rochester Chapter #20**.

**LEANDER AUGUST "Lee" MADOSH** - Died Saturday morning, February 12, 2011, at home in Harvey, Michigan, in the comforting care of his family and the caregivers of Upper Peninsula Home Health and Hospice. He was 61 years of age. The cause of death was cancer. He was born October 27, 1949, in Marquette, Michigan, a son of Leander Alfred and Clara (Hilliard) Madosh. Lee was raised in Marquette and was a 1967 graduate of the Marquette Senior High School. He entered the United States Marine Corps in July of 1968, serving during the Vietnam Era, until October of 1969 when he was honorably discharged with the rank of Lance Corporal. Lee enrolled in the welding program offered at the Jacobetti Vocational Skill Center at Northern Michigan University and later began an eleven year stint in highway construction with the Bacco Construction Company. Another eleven year employment in highway construction followed with the Paul Smith Construction Company. Lee's last employment was with the Marquette Fence Company, as an installer for ten years, retiring in 2007 due to ill health. Playing hockey in his younger years, Lee loved the sport and was a dedicated Detroit Red Wing hockey fan and, from the beginning, a Northern Michigan University hockey fan, never missing a season. He enjoyed NASCAR, off road racing, and gardening. His passion was riding his Harley and helping out whenever and wherever he could. He loved to be of service to others. Lee was proud of his American Indian heritage and received the name "Muh-Koons" meaning "Little Bear", and was the last of the Madosh Family who was a chief. Lee was a member of St. Louis the King Catholic Church, Knights of Columbus, the Marine Corps League, and the Keweenaw Bay Indian Community. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Negaunee Chapter #380**. A recovering alcoholic, Lee was a dedicated member of Alcoholics Anonymous for over 19 years, aiding others in their recovery. Survivors include his daughters, Bobbi (Carl) Chambers of Gwinn and Jessica Bigger of Harvey; step-daughter, Nichole (Mike) Peterson of Harvey; sons, Anthony Madosh of Green Bay, WI, and Leander E. Madosh of Harvey; six grandchildren; his sisters, Genevieve "Jeannie" (Gerald) Terando of Morris, IL, Nora (Stephen) Logan of Orange Park, FL, Lana Rosenthal of Fond du Lac, WI, Anita Madosh of Harvey, and Sharon (Dave) Schnorr of Fond du Lac, WI; a brother, Jon Glen (Debbie) Trevillion of Negaunee; numerous nieces, nephews, and cousins; and his faithful canine companions, Nicholas, Simon, and Holly. Lee was preceded in death by his parents; first wife, Lorraine Madosh; step-father, Raymond Trevillion; sister, Judy Smith; and brother, Gerald Madosh. Friends may call at St. Louis the King Catholic Church in Harvey on Monday, February 14, beginning at 11:00 a.m. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated in the church at 1:00 p.m. Monday afternoon with Rev. Ben Paris, pastor, as celebrant. A reception will be held in Fr. Gauthier Hall. Burial will be made in the Northland Chapel Gardens. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be directed to UPAWS (Upper Peninsula Animal Welfare Shelter), P.O. Box 968, Marquette,, MI 49855.

**MARC OLIVER MASTERS** - Died Saturday, January 1, 2011 in Ozark, Alabama at the age of 76. The cause of death was a heart attack. He was born October 26, 1943. He served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Daleville Chapter #373**. Funeral arrangements will be announced through Holman Funeral Home of Ozark. Holman Funeral Home of Ozark, (334) 774-5348, is in charge of arrangements.

**JAMES J. "Jim" McGOVERN** – Died Tuesday, January 11, 2011 in Maquoketa, Iowa at the age of 77. The cause of death was liver cancer. He was born September 10, 1933 in Davenport, Iowa. He served in the United States Army with two tours of duty in Vietnam. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Quad Cities (Rock Island, Illinois) Chapter #299**.

**JAMES JOSEPH MONAHAN III** - Died Tuesday, February 8, 2011, at Jersey Shore University Medical Center, Neptune, New Jersey at the age of 65. He was a resident of Brick, New Jersey. The cause of death was renal failure. He was born July 19, 1945 in Battle Creek, Michigan and lived in Neptune before moving to Brick many years ago. He graduated from Neptune High School and Lincoln Technical Institute. He served in the United States Army in Vietnam from 1970-1971; he received the Vietnam Service Medal and Distinguished Service Medal and also the Chapel of Four chaplains Legion of Honor Award. He was a proud *Life Member* and *past president* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Allenhurst Chapter #12**, Oakhurst. He retired from Fort Monmouth in 2005, where he was a Quality Assurance Specialist after 33 years of service. He loved fishing his Ford pickup and the NY Jets. He was predeceased by his parents, James and Ethel Monahan; and his in-laws, Christopher and Delia Fitzpatrick. He is survived by his wife, Mary (Maureen) Monahan and his son, James Monahan IV of Brick; his brother and sister-in-law John and Colleen Monahan of Boston, Mass; four sisters, Joan and her husband Jim Hockenjos, Myrtle Beach, S.C., Jane Geraghty and her fiancé Patrick Ruane of Jackson, Jean and her husband Dennis Mousaw, Myrtle Beach, S.C., and Jacqueline Monahan of Myrtle Beach, S.C.; his brother-in-law, John Fitzpatrick and his wife Eileen of Staten Island; 10 nieces and nephews; and many aunts, uncles, cousins and friends. Visitation will be from 2 to 4 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 13 at Colonial Funeral Home, 2170 Highway 88, Brick. A funeral mass will be held at 10 a.m. Monday, Feb. 14 at St. Dominic's Roman Catholic Church, Brick. Interment will be held at a later date.



**CHARLES J. "Chuck" MURPHY** - Died Wednesday, February 23, 2011 in Syracuse, New York at the age of 61. The cause of death is unknown. Mr. Murphy retired from the United States Army in 1991, having served in Vietnam and in Desert Storm. Following graduation from OCC and Columbia College, he worked for the NYS Senate as a legislative aide in the office of Senator DeFrancisco. Mr. Murphy was a life member of the Military Order of the Purple Heart, a NY member at large of the VFW and a member of the **Vietnam Veterans of America – Syracuse Chapter #103**. Surviving are his daughter, Dana Murphy of Germany; two grandsons, Joel and Lennard; sisters, Janet M. (Rex) Franklin, Janice M. (Smitty) Smith and Patricia M. (Fred) Herr; brothers, Daniel E. (Gail) and Robert J. (Cindy) Murphy and several nieces and nephews. Graveside services will be at 10 a.m. on Saturday, March 5 in North Syracuse Cemetery where military honors will be accorded. Friends may greet the family Friday, from 5 to 8 p.m. at Ferguson Funeral Home, 215 South



Main Street, North Syracuse. Donations may be made to the Disabled American Veterans, HSC c/o L. Wilson, 800 Irving Avenue, Syracuse, NY 13210. Fergerson Funeral Home, Inc.

**PAUL P. NEWTON** – Died Thursday, September 30, 2010 in Beloit, Wisconsin at the age of 63. The cause of death is unknown. He was born November 6, 1946. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was an *At-Large Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Wisconsin**.

**STANLEY JOSEPH NIKULSKI** - Died Friday January 7, 2011, at Manor Care Health Services, Davenport, Iowa at the age of 78. He was a resident of Rock Island, Illinois. The cause of death was cancer. Stan was born March 2, 1932, in Pittsburg, Pennsylvania, the son of Walter and Stella (Proch) Nikulski. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, January 12, 2011, at St. Pius X Church, Rock Island. Visitation will be 4 to 7 p.m. Tuesday at Rafferty Funeral Home, 2111 1st St. A, Moline, Illinois with a Christian Wake Service at 4 p.m. Burial will be at National Cemetery, Rock Island, with Military Honors by Vietnam Veterans Association. Memorials can be made to Wounded Warriors or St. Pius X Church. Mr. Nikulski retired from the United States Army as an E-8 Master Sergeant after 22 ½ years of service to his country. During his military service he was honored by serving as part of the Honor Guard at Arlington National Cemetery and in the Lyndon B. Johnson Inaugural Presidential Parade. After his service time, Stan was employed at the former Service Automotive Warehouse, Rock Island, and later as a self-employed carpenter. Stan was a member of St. Pius Church, **Vietnam Veterans of America – Quad Cities (Rock Island, Illinois) Chapter #299**, KVA and VFW Post 2153, Moline, serving as Past Commander, and also was Past State Representative for the VFW. He was very instrumental in the naming of Veterans Memorial Highway. With his history of service, he was interviewed for a documentary that is placed in the Lincoln Memorial Library. He enjoyed golfing and painting and had an exposition at the Moline Public Library. He loved spending time with family. Survivors include daughters and sons-in-law, Karen and Curt Noble, Davenport, Amanda and Russ Ward, Cape Cod, Mass., and Lisa and Jeff Russ, Rapid City, S.D.; sons and daughters-in-law, Ronald and Christel Nikulski, Colorado Springs, Colo., John and Connie Nikulski, Pagosa Springs, Colo., and Brian and Gail Nikulski, Davenport; 19 grandchildren; six great-grandchildren; sister, Florence Borrelli, Bethlehem, Pa.; and a brother, Walter Mikulski, Jr., Medina, Ohio. He was preceded in death by his brothers, Edwin and Raymond.



**DARREL BRUCE "Shorty" NOLFF** - Died Sunday, May 16, 2010 at the family's cottage in Michigan. He was 59 years of age and a resident of Clio, Michigan. The cause of death was a heart attack. Darrel "Shorty" was born November 12, 1950 in Flint, Michigan, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Cecil and Doris (Chambers) Nolf. The funeral service will take place 1:00 p.m. Thursday, May 20, 2010 at the Miles Martin Funeral Home in Mt. Morris. Pastor Dale Lewis will officiate with burial to follow in Flint Memorial Park. Darrel's family will be present at the funeral home to receive friends on Wednesday, from 1:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Those desiring may direct memorial contributions to the American Heart Association, or to Crow Leo R. VFW Post # 8236. Envelopes are available at the funeral home. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Flint Chapter #175**. He and Ann Louise Switalski were united in marriage May 6, 1972 in Flint. Darrel proudly

served in the United States Army for two years before receiving his Honorable Discharge in 1971. He worked for Buick for 32 years, retiring in 2000, was a member of Crow Leo R. VFW Post # 8236 and UAW Local #599. Darrel loved spending time with his family especially his grandchildren, golfing, traveling up north to the family cottage, cooking, and listening to oldies music. Darrel leaves to cherish his memory wife of 38 years, Ann; son, Jasen (Kristina) Nolff, and their two children; Zachary and Mia Nolff; daughter, Jana Nolff; nine siblings; Sandra (Frank) Hindbaugh, Cecil "Bud" Jr. (Cheryl) Nolff, Marilyn (Fred) Ruhala, Buz (Susan) Nolff, Allen (Cindy) Nolff, Marty (Peggy) Nolff, Darba (Gary) Dye, Carol (Rod) Wigginton, and Jill (Pat) Groulx and several nieces, nephews, in-laws and friends. Darrel was preceded in death by his father, Cecil, Sr. Friends may share a memory with the family at the funeral home.

**CLIFTON M. "Cliff" OWENS, SR.** - Died Thursday, August 26, 2010 in New Port Richey, Florida at the age of 62. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on February 19, 1948. Survivors include his wife, Rosemarie; children, Clifton Jr., Kimberly; 5 grandchildren. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Hudson Chapter #1003**.



**KENNETH ALAN PARKS** - Died at Arbor Hospice in Ann Arbor Michigan on Wednesday, December 8, 2010 after a brief battle with cancer. He was 60 years of age. Ken was born in Lorain, Ohio on March 23, 1950 to John and Mary Ruth Parks. He attended Fairhome and Lakeview Elementary Schools, Irving Junior High School and Lorain High School. Upon graduation, he enlisted in the United States Air Force and served his country honorably during the Vietnam War as a loading master on cargo planes which flew supplies into the country and wounded or killed service men back to the U.S. After being discharged from the Air Force, he moved to Michigan where he lived in Ypsilanti and Ann Arbor. While in Ypsilanti, he attended Eastern Michigan University and eventually earned a BA in dance. In Ann Arbor he worked at Lotus Engineering and joined the Michigan National Guard, gaining the rank of Master Sergeant of a communications unit. At the outbreak of the war in Iraq, his unit was called up and he served 18 months overseas, primarily in Baghdad at Camp Victory. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Ann Arbor Chapter #330**. Ken (AKA Kenny, Kendolane, Kensington, Kenny Parkman, and Sarge) enjoyed a wide variety of interests and activities. He began playing tennis in high school and was the Lorain Men's Tennis Champion for several years, playing right up until he entered the hospital. He also played croquet and won so often that his friends told him he should "go pro". He enjoyed canoeing, fishing, hiking, orienteering and (in the last years of his life) trapping. He ranged all over the Ann Arbor area setting traps for muskrat and raccoon and selling the pelts to supplement his income and satisfy his sense of adventure. Even after he was weakened by his disease he insisted on going out every day with a friend or one of his brothers to check his trap lines. Ken was also very active in his church, the Webster United Church of Christ in Dexter. He served on the Board of Trustees and was instrumental in creating their Community Garden with his good friend Connie Bank. This past summer they produced over 600 pounds of produce for the Food Gatherers organization which supplies local food banks. Ken was active with the local chapter of the Vietnam Veterans of America and will have

his name added to the roster of deceased Vietnam vets in Ypsilanti on Memorial Day next May. Something of a Renaissance man, Ken also loved Shakespeare and carried his well-worn copy of the plays and sonnets everywhere he went. He also loved Civil War history and spent many hours touring the battlefield sites when visiting his sister and her family in Virginia. Ken was blessed by a loving family and a large circle of friends who have been a great source of comfort and support through this process. He is survived by his parents, his brothers Richard and Tom, his sister Barb, her husband Bruce and their two daughters Allison and Jamie, his niece Aura, her husband Chris and their infant son Eliot, and last but certainly not least, his faithful dog Shirley. Shirley became the unofficial mascot of the Community Living Center at the VA Hospital as well as Arbor Hospice where staff, patients and visitors spoiled her with treats and attention. Special friends include Jeff and Diane and their children, Rita, Connie, Steve and Judy, Tad and Wanda, Susan, Ed, Richard, Eloise, Don and the other members of his Bible study group. These people have been a great source of love and help to Ken and his family and we are eternally grateful to them. Ken was visited by many veterans both during his stay at the VA Hospital and at hospice, and their concern was greatly appreciated. The family would also like to thank the staff at the VA Hospital in Ann Arbor, especially in the CLC, and the staff at Arbor Hospice who treated Ken with care and dignity during the last days of his life. Ken's last wish was to be cremated and his ashes spread in his beloved Huron River.

**DEAN L. PHILLIPS** – Died Sunday, August 29, 2010 at his home in Houtzdale, Pennsylvania at the age of 61. The cause of death was hepatocellular carcinoma (liver cancer). He was born October 5, 1948 in Philipsburg, Pennsylvania to Vera (Allbright) Phillips and the late Ray L. Phillips. He was affiliated with the Parsonville Assembly of God Church. He married Elaine V. (Reams) Phillips on November 16, 1990 in Kylertown, Pennsylvania. In addition to his wife, he is survived by two daughters and one son-in-law, Wendy and Jim Maines, of Waldorf, Maryland and Bridget Martin, of Clearfield, Pennsylvania; two stepchildren, Lorrie Prisk, of Houtzdale and Wendy and her husband John Krause, of Ramey, Pennsylvania; one son, Jeremy D. Phillips, of Parsonville; seven grandchildren, James Maines, Jr., Brittany Martin, Curtis Phillips, Jessica Kephart, Dillon Kephart, Austin Rubly and Colleen Frank, and; two sisters and brothers-in-law, Diane and Bob Refalsky, of Philipsburg and Sharon and Don McIntire, of Houtzdale. He served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Clearfield Chapter #974**. He was also a member of Free and Accepted Masons Osceola Mills Lodge #515; the Jaffa Shrine in Altoona, Pennsylvania; Altoona Consistory; Knights Templar Royal Arch Chapter of York Rite in Clearfield; Moshannon Council #56, Philipsburg and Commandery #887 in Philipsburg, and; Veterans of Foreign Wars – Osceola Mills Memorial Post 5020. Funeral services were conducted at the Heath Funeral Home in Osceola Mills with the Reverend Ernest E. Simmers, officiating. Interment was in the Umbria Cemetery in Osceola Mills.

**GEORGE WILLIAM POOLE** – Died Monday, May 3, 2010 in Saint Joseph's Hospital in Savannah, Georgia at the age of 86. He was a resident of Baxley, Georgia. The cause of death was complications from surgery. He was born August 4, 1923 in Banks County, Georgia. He is survived by his wife, Lola Walton Poole, of Baxley; one daughter, Georgetta Herrin, of Baxley; two sons, Timothy George Poole, of Henderson, Nevada and Marty Author Poole, of Baxley;

two sisters, Ola Belle Thomas, of Beach Island, South Carolina and Loutrell Brown, of North Carolina, and; one brother, John Poole, of Columbia, South Carolina. He served in the United States Navy during World War II. He was a member of the Midway Baptist Church. He was a member of **Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America – Baxley Chapter #981**. Funeral services were conducted from the chapel of Swain Funeral Home with the Reverend Rick Brown, officiating. Interment was in Appling Memorial Gardens.

**PAUL CALVIN REYNOLDS** – Died Tuesday, February 22, 2011 in Vanleer, Tennessee at the age of 84. The cause of death is unknown. He was born April 23, 1926 in Vanleer to the late Arthur C. and Susie Clark Reynolds. In addition to his parents, he was predeceased by his wife, Velma Lee Shawler Reynolds. He is survived by his son and daughter-in-law, Steve and Brenda Reynolds, of Hartselle, Alabama; two daughters and sons-in-law, Jane and Tom Edwards, of Vanleer and Gerry and Bill Browder, of State College, Pennsylvania; three brothers and one sister-in-law, James H. and Ruby Reynolds, of Dickson, Tennessee, Arthur S. Reynolds, of Burns, Tennessee and Franklin D. Reynolds, of Murfreesboro, Tennessee; five grandchildren, and; two great-grandchildren. He served in the United States Marine Corps and retired after a long career and as Navy Chaplain to the Marines. He served in Vietnam from 1965 to 1967. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Cunningham Chapter #950**. Funeral services were conducted in the Taylor Funeral Home Chapel with the USMC Chaplain officiating. Interment with full military honors was in the Reynolds Cemetery.



**DONALD E. RICE** - Died Sunday, January 16, 2011 in Fallbrook, California at the age of 63. The cause of death was cancer. He was born in Shelbyville, Illinois, on July 19, 1947, to Donald Edward and Betty Jean (Adams) Rice. He served in the United States Marine Corps, from 1965 to 1987 was a life-long dream, and he retired with the rank of Major. He was an *At-Large Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – California**. Surviving him is his wife of 34 years, Marlene; daughter, Kristina L. Rice; son, Scott Edward Rice; stepson, Jeffrey W. Stiver; stepdaughters, Pamela L. and Djuana L. Patterson; brother, Kenneth H. Rice; sisters, Judith J. Young, and Sandra Moorhouse; four grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews. A private burial will take place at a later date. If desired, contributions may be sent to the San Diego Hospice, Glenbrook In-patient Care Center, 1950 Calle Barcelona, Carlsbad, Calif. 92009.

**DAVID ALLEN RIGGINS** – Died recently in 2011 in Altoona, Alabama at the age of 67. The cause of death is unknown. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Tarrant Chapter #416**.



**RICHARD R. ROSE** – Died Friday, February 11, 2011 at University Hospital in Syracuse, New York after a long battle with cancer. He was a resident of Syracuse and 62 years of age. He was born in Syracuse. Richard was a Vietnam veteran serving from 1966 to 1972 and was a member of the American Legion Post 787, a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Syracuse Chapter #103**. He was an avid Harley rider and cancer advocate. He was predeceased by his parents, Joyce and Corbet; and his

granddaughter, Kylie. He is survived by his wife, Donna Rose; daughter, Amanda (Joey) Flores; son, Scott (Jennifer Winnicki) Chimber; grandchildren, Jocelyn, Christopher, Jacob, Julia and Jaime Services will be Tuesday 7 p.m. at New Comer Funeral Home, 705 N. Main St., N. Syracuse. Calling hours will be Tuesday from 4 to 7 p.m. at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made to the American Cancer Society.

**CHARLES J. SATTAZAHN** - Died on Thursday, February 17, 2011, in a local hospital in Alma, Arkansas at the age of 79. The cause of death is unknown. He was born June 18, 1931 in Riceville, Pennsylvania. He was a member of Ellic Stauffer Post 31 American Legion, a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and the Fort Smith and Van Buren Antique Car Club and a retired United States Marine Corps veteran who served in the Korean and Vietnam wars. He retired as a master sergeant flight engineer with 26 years of service, retiring in 1976. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Fort Smith Chapter #467**. He was preceded in death by his parents and a son, Wayne Sattazahn. Survivors include his wife, Venia Mae Sattazahn of the home; one daughter, Joey Farris and husband Pierce of Fort Smith; two sons, Bill Sattazahn and wife Debra of Barling and Ralph Sattazahn and wife Mary of Alma; and three grandchildren, Blake, Keely and Kirk Sattazahn. Graveside service will be 11 a.m. Tuesday at the U.S. National Cemetery with full military honors. Services are under the direction of Ocker Funeral Home of Alma. The family will visit with friends from 6-8 p.m. today at the funeral home, 917 U.S. 64 E., Alma.



**JOHN SEBESTYEN** - Died Wednesday, January 26, 2011 in Ypsilanti, Michigan at the age of 68. He was born July 31, 1942 in Chicago, Illinois, the son of John and Margaret (Moran) Sebestyen. He graduated from Bangor High School in Bangor, Michigan and then attended Ferris State College from 1961-65. John served in the United States Army from 1966-68. He was also a Vietnam Veteran, 1967-68, serving with the 589th Engineer Battalion, 18th Engineer Brigade in Vietnam. John entered the insurance business in 1968. He was a member of Central Life Assurance Company for many years. He was also a member of Central Life Agents Advisory Council for three years. John served all offices of the Washtenaw Life Underwriters Association, concluding as president in 1979 and 1980. He served all offices of the MI State Life Underwriters Association and was president from 1990-91. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Ann Arbor Chapter #330**. John owned the Merriman Insurance Agency in Plymouth, MI from 1982-87, serving as CEO and president. He was a participant in the ownership of George's Huron Inn with George and Margaret Beaudette from 1987-92 and was a current co-owner of the Bomber Restaurant in Ypsilanti. He was an avid University of MI football fan, holding season tickets for over 32 yrs. Survivors include: his lifetime companion, Johanna McCoy; two sons, John and Joe (Jen); two daughters, Laurie (Jim) Frye and Lyn (Vinny) Bada-lamente; four grandchildren, Elliot Hughes and Jacob, Zachary and Olivia Sebestyen; one brother, Andrew; and his dog, Mariah. He was preceded in death by his parents and stepbrother, George Beaudette. Cremation rites have been accorded. There will be a memorial

gathering 4-7pm Monday, January 31 2011 at Frenchies/Sidetrack. Contributions in his memory may be made to Humane Society of Huron Valley, 3100 Cherry Hill Road, Ypsilanti. Envelopes will be available at the memorial gathering.

**DONNA L. GILKENSON-SMITH** - Died Wednesday, April 13, 2011 at Sturdy Memorial Hospital, Attleboro, Massachusetts at the age of 62. She was a resident of Mansfield, Massachusetts. The cause of death was a heart attack due to complications from colon cancer. She was born in Pawtucket, Rhode Island on December 1, 1948 to Ruth (Jefferson) Gilkenson of Lincoln and the late Raymond Gilkenson. She is survived by her significant other Larry Goucher. She lived in Mansfield, Massachusetts for the past thirty-four years. She was a registered nurse at the VA Hospital, West Roxbury, Massachusetts for the past thirty-eight years. She was a member of **Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America – North Smithfield (Rhode Island) Chapter #818**. Donna also leaves one daughter Heather J. Slaney of Mansfield, Massachusetts; one son Michael T. Bartleson of Mansfield, Massachusetts; two brothers, Dennis Gilkenson of Saxtons River, Vermont and Jeffrey Gilkenson of Lincoln, Rhode Island; three grandchildren, Andrew, Reilley and Emma Slaney. She was the sister of the late Gary Gilkenson. *“My mother was the best at everything she did, the best mother, the best partner, the best grandma, the best nurse and the best friend. She gave herself fully to everything she did, no questions asked. She earned love and respect from everyone that knew her. I know she will live forever in our hearts through the influence of this love and respect. We love you.”* Relatives and friends were invited and may call Sunday 12-3 and 5-8pm at the Bellows-Falso Funeral Chapel 160 River Road, Lincoln. Her funeral and burial will be private. In lieu of flowers contributions in her memory to the American Cancer Society RI, Chapter #931 Jefferson Boulevard, Suite 3004, Warwick, Rhode Island 02886 would be appreciated.

**REVEREND JAMES ELLIS SNAPP** - Died early Saturday morning, January 29, 2011 at Wellmont Holston Valley Medical Center in Kingsport, Tennessee after brief illness. He was 64 years of age and a resident of Kingsport. The cause of death was a heart attack. He was born January 8, 1947, a lifelong citizen of Kingsport, Tennessee. He was a veteran of the United States Navy, was the first African-American police officer hired by the city of Kingsport, a member and Assistant Pastor at Central Baptist Church. Rev. Snapp served as *Chaplain* and a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Kingsport Chapter #979** and volunteered for the Red Cross. Rev. Snapp is preceded in death by his mother, Mrs. Elizabeth Snapp. Rev. Snapp is survived by his wife, Mrs. Janie Mae Snapp; six daughters, Ms. Mary Elizabeth Snapp, Mrs. Shirley Long, Mrs. Teresa Harold, Mrs. Tammy Franklin, Mrs. Peggy Britt and Mrs. Jeannie Bernard; 19 grandchildren; Father, Mr. Charles A. Ellis Snapp; one brother, Mr. Arthur L. Snapp and a host of friends and other relatives. Funeral Service for Rev. James Ellis Snapp will be conducted at Central Baptist Church on Wednesday, February 2, 2011 at 7:00 p.m. with Pastor Ricardo F. Dorcean, officiating. The family will receive friends from 6:00 p.m. till the hour of service. The interment service will be conducted at the V.A. National Cemetery on Thursday, February 3, 2011 at 2:00 p.m. The cortege will depart Central Baptist Church at 1:00 p.m.

**JAY K. SPAULDING** – Died Saturday, January 1, 2011 in Cambridge City, Indiana at the age of 75. The cause of death is unknown. He was born August 29, 1935. He was a veteran of the

Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Richmond Chapter #777*.

**ARNOLD L. SPRANKLE** – Died Thursday, December 9, 2010 at St. Elizabeth Health Center in Youngstown, Ohio. He was a resident of Youngstown and 65 years of age. The cause of death is unknown. Arnold was born August 30, 1945, in Austintown, Ohio, a son of the late Edward and Nellie (Bikoski) Sprankle. He served in the United States Marine Corps, serving two tours of duty in Vietnam, and was an auto body and paint technician with Superior Auto Body and Trolio Auto Specialist. He was a member of the Austintown VFW Post 4237. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Poland Chapter #135**. Arnold loved his three dogs, Teddy, Taz and Buddy and enjoyed hanging with his friends at Bill's Place. He will be sadly missed by his wife, the former Hope Perrotta, whom he married Aug. 26, 1999; son Matthew (Linda) Sprankle of Cornersburg; stepson Richard (Zara) Rowlands of Hubbard; two sisters, Dorothy Jean Furden of Austintown and Helen Dixon of West Virginia; six grandchildren; and one great-grandson. Beside his parents, Arnold was preceded in death by three brothers, John, Edward and Robert. Funeral services will be at 3 p.m. Sunday at Lane Funeral Home, Austintown Chapel. Friends may call from 1 to 3 p.m. Sunday prior to the services at Lane Funeral Home, Austintown Chapel.

**RICHARD L. TOBIN III** - Died Thursday, February 3, 2011, at Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital, Rahway, New Jersey at the age 66. He was a resident of Rahway. The cause of death is unknown. Mr. Tobin was born in Kearny and lived in Keansburg, South Amboy, Harrison, and Jersey City before moving to Rahway 35 years ago. Relatives and friends are invited to attend the funeral Monday, Feb. 7, 2011, at 9 a.m. from the Pettit-Davis Funeral Home, 371 W. Milton Ave., Rahway, thence to St. Mark's Roman Catholic Church, Hamilton Avenue, Rahway, where a Funeral Mass will be offered at 10 a.m. Interment is at St. Gertrude Cemetery, Colonia. Friends may call Sunday from 1 to 5 p.m. He was a 1972 graduate of St. Mary College in Kentucky, and served in the United States Marine Corps during the Vietnam War. Richard worked as a ticket clerk for New Jersey Transit in Metro Park for 37 years before retiring in 2009. He was an At-Large member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – New Jersey**. He was a member of the Rahway Knights of Columbus Council No. 1146, where he was a past grand knight and past faithful navigator, and served as the financial secretary, as well as being a member of the 4th Degree. Richard also was a member of the Catholic War Veterans and the Rahway Retired Men's Club, and worked as a volunteer for the Big Brothers of Somerset County, as well as various other organizations. Mr. Tobin is survived by his sisters, Lillian Fulton and her husband, Andrew, and Ruth Tobin; his brother, Arnold J. Tobin, and a special friend of many years, Dorothy Yuhas. In lieu of flowers, contributions to the charity of your choice in Richard's memory would be appreciated.

**RODNEY E. TRENT** - Died Tuesday, February 1, 2011 in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania at the age of 65. The cause of death was ischemic colitis and coronary artery disease. He was born March 14, 1945 in Somerset, Pennsylvania. He is survived by his wife of 23 years, Viola "Vi" (née Blumbling) Trent, and his sons, Thomas and Gary Meyer. He served in the United States Navy

for two years and three months during the Vietnam War. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Beaver Falls Chapter #862**. Funeral services were conducted in the Devlin Funeral Home in Ross Township, Pennsylvania.



**RICHARD S. WADE, SR.** - Died Wednesday, February 9, 2011 in Sharpsburg, Georgia at the age of 64. The cause of death was cancer. He was born May 31, 1946. He was a decorated United States Army combat veteran and served in the 121st Signal Battalion, Company C, 1st Infantry Division in Vietnam. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Tupelo (Mississippi) Chapter #842**, and the Sons of Confederate Veterans. He is

survived by his wife, Norma Jean Wade of Sharpsburg; children, Rick S. Wade, Jr. and his wife Melissa of Aiken, SC; Genia Amanda "Amy" Wade of Las Vegas, NV; Buren Wynn Fronebarger of Sharpsburg; Amanda Jean Gilbert and her husband Scott of Fayetteville; Ronald Jerry Fronebarger and his wife JoAnne of Sparta, GA; brother, Larry H. "Skip" and his wife Barbara Wade of Jonesboro; sister-in-law, Janice Wade of Commerce and 14 grandchildren. Funeral services will be held Friday, February 11, 2011 at 2 o'clock in the Chapel of Parrott Funeral Home with Dr. Farren Roper officiating. Inurnment will be held Tuesday, February 15, 2011 at Georgia National Cemetery. Those wishing may send an online condolence at [www.parrottfuneralhome.com](http://www.parrottfuneralhome.com). In lieu of flowers those desiring may make donations to First Baptist Church of Tyrone, 305 Arrowood Rd., Tyrone, GA 30290. The family will receive friends Thursday evening from 5:00 until 8:00 p.m. at Parrott Funeral Home and Crematory, Fairburn.

**RAYMOND K. WARNER, JR.** – Died Tuesday, January 12, 2010 in Endicott, New York at the age of 61. The cause of death is unknown. He was born December 6, 1938 in Binghamton, New York. He served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America - Endicott Chapter #876**.

**STEPHEN G. WEISS, M.D.** - Died Sunday, January 30, 2011, at his condo in Orange City, Florida at the age of 72. The cause of death is unknown. He was born April 16, 1938 in Reinbeck, Iowa. Surviving are his wife, Catherine; children, Katy Wilkens, Texas, Clarissa Weiss, Utah, Dr. Stephen II, Florida, Philip, Davenport; eight grandchildren; sisters, Ruthann Schmidt, Osage, Iowa and Jean Weiss, Loveland, Colorado. He served in the United States Navy as a Flight Surgeon during the Vietnam War. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Quad Cities (Rock Island, Illinois) Chapter #299**. He practiced medicine in Muscatine, Davenport and Moline. Services and burial will be in Reinbeck, Iowa, at a later date. Arrangements are by Halligan-McCabe-DeVries, Davenport.

**JOHN RICHARD "Jack" WHITE** - Died Sunday, February 27, 2011 in Bethpage, New York at the age of 74. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on May 16, 1936 in Queens, New York to the late John Leo White and the late Margaret Mary Ormond White. Jack had a 20+ year armed service career in the United States Air Force and was a decorated Vietnam War veteran. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Hicksville Chapter #82**. He was also a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 3211, Hicksville, NY. He is survived by his children



John White, Marie Finnegan, Grace Marie Mancz, Debbie Augurio, and Darlene Mancz; grandchildren Kelley, Patrick and Nicholas White, Casey Mancz-Murphy, Melissa Rauff and Deanna Augurio. Affectionately known as Pop-Pop to his family, he was a humble man who never liked to be the center of attention. He is preceded in death by his wife Eileen White. A Memorial Mass was celebrated St. James Roman Catholic Church, Seaford, Friday March 4, 9:15AM. The interment of cremated remains were at Long Island National Cemetery in Pinelawn, Long Island. Arrangements were entrusted to the Fredrick J. Chapey & Sons Bethpage Funeral Home.

**THOMAS "Bud" ROBERT WHITE** - Died on Saturday, March 12, 2011, at Martha Jefferson Hospital. He was a resident of Lake Monticello, Virginia and was 63 years of age. The cause of death was a massive heart attack. He was born on March 4, 1948, in Brooklyn, New York, son of Alice Huber White, of South Huntington, New York, and the late Leroy White. Mr. White retired as a Tax Analyst with AT&T. He served in the United States Army in Vietnam, and later as an officer in both New Jersey and Pennsylvania Chapters of the Vietnam Veterans of America, and was an Assistant Scout Master with the Boy Scouts of America. He was a *Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Stroudsburg Chapter #678*. After retirement, he served on the Beautification Corps at Lake Monticello, the Broadcast Group and Fluvanna Rotary Club. In addition to his mother, survivors include his wife, Judy White; two sons, Jason White and his wife, Brandy, of Fairfax, and Jeremy White and his wife, Linda, of Columbia, Maryland; and sister, Barbara Warburton, and her husband, Kenneth, of South Huntington, New York. The family will receive friends from 2 until 4 p.m. Wednesday, March 16, 2011, at Thacker Brothers Lake Monticello Funeral Home, 138 Heritage Drive, Palmyra, Virginia. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be sent to the Vietnam Veterans of America, 8719 Colesville Road, Suite 100, Silver Spring, Maryland 20910; or to the Lake Monticello Beautification Corps, c/o Kathleen Seroskie, 11 Spoon Terrace, Palmyra, Virginia 22963.

**STANLEY WHITEHURST** – Died in Salem, Massachusetts on Thursday, January 27, 2011 at the age of 61. The cause of death was cardio-pulmonary arrest and acute congestive heart failure. He was born May 17, 1949 in New York City. He was the beloved husband of Debra Whitehurst and was the Loving father of Stanley Jamal, Kyle, Korey and Keith. He also leaves a host of other relatives and friends. He served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War and did a tour in Vietnam from 1968 to 1969. He was a *Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Lynn Chapter #908*. Funeral Services Saturday 11:00 A.M. at Wesley United Methodist Church, 8 North St., Salem, MA. Visitation 10:00 A.M. at Church. Interment will be Monday at Massachusetts National Cemetery Bourne Ma departing 10am from Davis Funeral Home 89 Walnut Ave Roxbury. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 908, P.O Box 8043, Lynn, MA 01904.

**ROBERT O. WINFIELD** – Died recently in 2011 in Damascus, Maryland at the age of 63. The cause of death is unknown. He was born May 24, 1947. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Frederick Chapter #304*.

**GLENN WALTER WRIGHT** - Died Monday, April 4, 2011 at home in Green Bay, Wisconsin from heart disease. He was 68 years of age. He served in the United States Marine Corps during the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Green Bay Chapter #224**. He is survived by his daughter, Connie, Stafford, Va.; and sister, Carol, Stevens Point, Wis.; and many friends at the After Seven Pub. He will be interred at the Quantico MCB National Cemetery in Virginia.



**GENE "Ray" YEATMAN** - Died unexpectedly Sunday, March 20, 2011, in Montgomery, Alabama at the age of 57. The cause of death was a heart attack. He was born September 11, 1953 in Tuscaloosa, Alabama to Gilbert Ray Yeatman and the late Bobbie Yeatman. Graveside services were conducted at 11 AM on March 23, 2011, at Williamson Cemetery in Northport with Magnolia Chapel Funeral Home North directing. A memorial service will be held at Baptist Medical Center South in Montgomery 3 p.m. Friday, March 25, 2011. He is survived by his wife, Teresa Causey Yeatman; two children, Jason Yeatman (Robin) and Jill Parsons; a grandson, Tom Hebert; his father, Gilbert Ray Yeatman (Ruby); and a sister, Teresa Lynn Rudder (Jack). He also leaves behind his mother-in-law, Joyce Causey; brother-in-law, Morris Causey (Dee); nephew, C. J. Baily; niece, Quistina Black; sister-in-law, Tracy Dollar (Keith); nephew, Jason Gray (Tricia); niece, Ashley Dollar; and a host of special aunts, uncles, cousins, and friends. He is preceded in death by his mother, Bobbie Yeatman, and his brother, Roy Yeatman. Pallbearers will be Morris Causey, Keith Dollar, Jason Gray, Tom Hebert, Matt McElreath, Ryan McElreath, Gordy Palmer, and Jason Yeatman. Ray was born September 11, 1953. Decorated with numerous medals and honors, he served in the United States Coast Guard and was a retired Captain of the U.S. Air Force. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Tuscaloosa Chapter 301**. He graduated from Tuscaloosa High School and the University of Alabama. Ray loved Alabama sports, fishing and hunting. Dedicated and caring in his role as a nurse, he started at DCH Medical Center before being commissioned in the Air Force. After retirement he spent his last ten years working at Baptist Medical Center South. Ray will best be remembered as a loving and devoted friend to all. Honorary pallbearers are all of the people that loved and cared for Ray. Contributions may be made in Ray's memory to the American Heart Association or to one's charity of choice.

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

FATHER PHIL SALOIS, M.S.