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HARVEY L. ADAMS - Died Sunday, February 5, 2012 after a brief illness at the age of 67. He was a resident of Orlando, Florida and formerly of Emmaus, Pennsylvania. He was born in Tower City, Pennsylvania on June 5, 1944 to the late Harvey Adams and Faye Soliday Hand. He was a 1962 graduate of Porter Tower High School and Stevens Trade School. A United States Air Force veteran of the Vietnam War, he retired from Bethlehem Steel. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Easton (Pennsylvania) Chapter #415**. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a brother, Joseph Houtz. Surviving are his wife, Dolores Fetterhoff Adams; a daughter, Michelle Adams, Florida; a brother, Terry Adams and his wife, Patty, Tower City; two nieces; and a nephew. Services were held in Florida.

RONALD J. ALLGAIER - Died Thursday, June 3, 2010, at Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital in Rahway, New Jersey at the age of 67. He was a resident of Woodbridge, New Jersey. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Rahway on August 22, 1942 to the late Joseph and Florence Allgaier, but he lived in Woodbridge all his life and was a graduate of Woodbridge school system. He was employed as a police officer with Woodbridge Township for 34 years before retiring in 2004. Ronald served his country as a special operations officer in the United States Navy during the Vietnam War stationed on the USS Destroyer Durant. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – New Brunswick Chapter #233** and a member of the Colonia V.F.W. Post 6061 and a parishioner of St. James Roman Catholic Church, Woodbridge. He is survived by his daughter, Wendy Allgaier of Bradley Beach; a longtime friend, Marilyn Richvalsky; and also a brother-in-law, Albert Jagielski and his wife Edie of Louisiana; cousins, Randy Larate and his wife Karen of Scotch Plains, and Coleen Burke of Woodbridge. He will be sorely missed by Aiden and Declan O'Rourke and Steven Jagielski. Visitation was from 2:00 to 4:00 PM and 7:00 to 9:00 PM Sunday, June 6 at the Leon J. Gerity Funeral Home, 411 Amboy Ave. (Route 35), Woodbridge. A funeral service was held at 8:30 AM Monday, June 7 from the funeral home, followed by a 9:00 AM Mass of Christian Burial from Saint James Roman Catholic Church, Woodbridge, with interment to follow at Saint Gertrude's Cemetery, Colonia, New Jersey.

GEORGE J. ARMBRUSTER - Died Tuesday, February 28, 2012 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania at the age of 65. The cause of death was cancer. He was born in Philadelphia on September 13, 1946. He was employed by U.S. Post Office for 37 years, and St John Neumann Nursing Home. He served in the United States Army from April 13, 1966 to April 6, 1968. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Liberty Bell (Philadelphia) Chapter #266**. He was the beloved husband for 43 years of Linda (née Ulmer); devoted father of Donna, Rebecca, George, Miranda; grandfather of Joey, Ashley, Eva, Logan, Maddie, Abby, Michael, Matthew; brother of

Margie, Buddy, Jackie, and Joe-Pete. Family received friends Sunday at Noon, followed by a service at 2:00 P.M. at the Hoffmann Funeral Home, 1770 Brown Avenue, Bensalem, Pennsylvania. Donations may be made to Susan B. Koman Breast Cancer Foundation, 125 South 9th Street, Suite #202, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19107.

WAYNE ARNOLD BABB, USMC (LTC-Ret.)- Died Tuesday, March 13, 2012 at his home in Alexandria, Virginia after a courageous fight with terminal illnesses at the age of 72. The cause of death was cancer. Wayne was born in Hendersonville, North Carolina and was a native of Brevard, North Carolina until leaving for college. Wayne was the son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth L. Babb, the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Witcher M. Melton and Mr. and Mrs. J. Garland Vaughn, all natives of Brevard, North Carolina and now deceased. Wayne is survived by daughters Kimberly A. Babb and Patricia L. Babb, and two grandchildren, Thomas Kirtland and Meghan Parkinson. He is also survived by a brother, Gary D. Babb of Brevard, N.C. and a sister, Brenda B. Babb of Waxhaw, N.C. and numerous cousins, nephews and nieces. Wayne was a four-sport letterman at Brevard High School and later attended the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill where he earned a bachelor's degree in political science. He completed the graduate degrees with highest honors. He is a member of numerous honorary fraternities and organizations relating to academic achievement. He served over 20 years as a United States Marine officer, retiring in the mid-1980s as a Lieutenant Colonel with over 20 personal and unit decorations earned in both combat and peacetime. Among his many personal decorations were the Silver Star, Bronze Star and Purple Heart. He was a highly decorated combat veteran of Vietnam. He was a *Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Alexandria Chapter #227*. For the past 25 years, Wayne was a real estate broker in Virginia and abroad. He was directly responsible for over one billion dollars in national and international real estate volume. He earned virtually every designation and award given to high-performing real estate professionals. He taught real estate and counseled real estate throughout the United States and abroad. Wayne was the nephew of R.W. "Buddy" Melton, a prominent broker in Brevard, N.C. and a highly respected teacher and appraiser in North Carolina. During his career, Wayne was a philanthropist who directed substantial amounts of his own assets to bring students from Russia and Eastern Europe to study undergraduate and graduate business and economics in the United States. Many of them returned to their native countries and now have played prominent roles in growing the free enterprise systems in those countries. Wayne was highly respected as a business development advisor to the leadership of the same countries. Wayne will be buried in Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, Virginia, with full military honors. A memorial service will be held at The Old Post Chapel, Fort Myer, Virginia, directly next to the cemetery, prior to the honors and burial. Arrangements are in the hands of Everly-Wheatley Funeral Home in Alexandria. Wayne asked that tributes or memorials be made to The Marine Corps Heritage Foundation, Quantico, Virginia. He asked that no ornamentals or flowers be sent.

CHARLES THOMAS "Chuck" BALENT - Died unexpectedly on Wednesday, March 9, 2011 in Kentwood, Michigan at the age of 63. The cause of death was Hepatitis C. He was preceded in death by his father, Major Louis Balent, retired Army. He is survived by his wife of 12 years, Diane; stepchildren, Russell and Deanna Reynaga, Susan and Jason Swanson, James and Elizabeth Sweet; his step-grandchildren, the loves of his life, Travis Reynaga, Cameron Swanson,

Lila Sweet; mother, Claire Balent; brother, Dennis Balent and Patti Robinson; sisters, Janine and Jim D'Amato, Nancy and Jeff Cichocki; two nieces and two nephews. Chuck retired from GM and later worked with troubled kids as a social worker with Catholic Social Services. He proudly served his country in the United States Army during the Vietnam War as a medic and received numerous medals. He also worked as a LPN at the Walter Reed Army Medical Center in Washington DC. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Grand Rapids Chapter #18**. A burial with military honors will be held Monday at 10:30 am at Fort Custer National Cemetery.

JAMES PATRICK “Pat” BARBEE, SR. - Died Thursday, March 1, 2012 at his residence in Wilmington Island Georgia surrounded by his family at the age of 67. The cause of death was Agent Orange-related lung cancer. Pat was born on December 1, 1944 in Newfoundland, Canada to the late Charles William Barbee and Beatrice Marie Barry Parker, who survives of Savannah. Pat proudly served his country in the United States Army during the Vietnam conflict. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Savannah Chapter #671**. He retired from CSX Railroad as a conductor after 42 years of service and was a member of the Catholic faith. Survivors in addition to his mother are: his wife, Linda Gregory Barbee of Savannah; son and daughter-in-law: James Patrick Lil Pat Barbee, Jr. and wife Megan of Pooler; step-children, Terri B. Sherman and husband Gregg of Savannah, Lent Buchan and wife Leslie and Jamie Buchan of Pembroke; Grandchildren, James Patrick Barbee, III, Brooklyn Barbee, Colby Buchan, Kylie Buchan, Sterling Buchan and Nicholas Sherman; sisters and brothers-in-law, June M. Petrea and husband Jimmy of Savannah, Lynn B. Seabolt and husband Ray of Dallas, Charlene Curl and husband John of Savannah and Barbara Cook and husband George of New Jersey, and a host of nieces and nephews also survive. Funeral services will be held at 10:00 am, Saturday, March 3, 2012 at Bonaventure Funeral Home Chapel with Father Patrick O'Brien officiating. Interment with military honors will follow at Forest Lawn Memory Gardens with Charlie Petrea, Charles Davis, Craig Seabolt, Barry Petrea, Kurt Lewis and Brett Jurkovic serving as pallbearers. A Vigil service will be held at 5:00 pm, Friday, March 2, 2012 at Bonaventure Funeral Home with visitation to follow until 7:00 pm. Please visit www.BonaventureFH.com to share your photos and thoughts with the James Patrick (Pat) Barbee, Sr. family. Savannah Morning News March 2, 2012. Please sign our Obituary Guest Book at savannahnahnow.com/obituaries.

GARNETT BAUGH - Died on Tuesday morning, February 7, 2012, at Rosemont of Stone Mountain following an extended illness. He was a resident of Lula, Georgia and 65 years of age. The cause of death was cancer. Mr. Baugh was born June 22, 1946, in Gainesville, Georgia, to the late George Headley Baugh and Ethel Bates Baugh Poole. He served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War and retired from the U.S. Postal Service with 33 years of service. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Gainesville Chapter #772**. Garnett was a member of Harvest Church and was preceded in death by his parents; his brother, Delmar Baugh; and his sister, Janice Baugh. Mr. Baugh is survived by his wife, Annette Motes Baugh of Lula; daughter and son-in-law, Jessica and Anuel Burce of Lula; son and daughter-in-law, Jason and Kim Baugh of Jefferson; grandchildren, Eboni Burce, Alexis Burce, Amari Burce and Bree Bingham. Funeral services were conducted on Thursday, February 9, 2012, at 4:30 PM

in the chapel of Memorial Park Funeral Home with interment in Memorial Park Cemetery. The Reverend Jeff Morgan and the Reverend Tim House co-officiated. The family received friends on Wednesday, February 8, 2012, from 3:00–5:00 PM and 6:00–9:00 PM at the funeral home. Memorial Park Funeral Home, 2030 Memorial Park Road, Gainesville, Georgia 30504 was in charge of arrangements.

SAMUEL JAMES BEARDEN – Died Saturday, April 3, 2010 in Heber Springs, Arkansas at the age of 62. The cause of death is unknown. He was born May 22, 1947. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – White Hall Chapter #830**.



WILLIAM LESLIE "Bill" BELCHER, SR. - Died Saturday, October 1, 2011 at a Bluefield, West Virginia hospital at the age of 75. He was a resident of Rock, West Virginia. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on September 8, 1936 in Kegley, West Virginia to the late Clarence and Vivian (née Underwood) Belcher. He was a member of the Wesley Chapel in Rock and was a graduate of Matoaka High School and Bluefield State College. He was a veteran of the United States Army and served in Vietnam and Korea and retired with 20 years of service from the United States Army with the rank of Master Sergeant. During his military career, he was the recipient of the Bronze Star, two Meritorious Service Medals, six Good Conduct Medals, three Army Commendation Medals, a Vietnam Service Medal, and seven Battle Stars. He was a member of the NCOA, American Legion, DAV, VFW, a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Bramwell Chapter #985**, Korean War Veterans Association, and was a 20-year member of the Military retired Group Vietnam #37. He enjoyed gardening and fishing. He had formerly worked for U.S. Steel in Ohio for three years and the Forestry Service. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a daughter, Teresa Belcher; and a sister, Vera Earnest and Margaret Goodman. Survivors include his wife, Dorothy Shrader Belcher of the home; one son, William "Sonny" Belcher Jr. of Bluefield; one daughter, Lisa Belcher of Wheeling; three sisters, Angie Martinez of Charlotte, N.C., Lahoma Belcher of Oklahoma, and Frances Robinson of Texas. Graveside services will be conducted on Saturday, October 8, 2011 at 1:00 p.m. at the Wesley Chapel Cemetery on Wright Mountain in Rock with the Reverend Kevin Farmer officiating. Burial will follow. The Mercer County Veterans Council and the West Virginia Honor Guard will conduct military honors. Online condolences will be accepted at www.cravens-shires.com



DANIEL C. BURGESON - Died Sunday February 19, 2012, in the Buffalo VA Hospital surrounded by his loving family and brotherhood. He was a resident of Jamestown, New York and 58 years of age. The cause of death was cancer. He was born September 27, 1953, in Jamestown, the son of Irving C.L. and Donna J. (née Cheney) Burgeson. Dan was a 1972 graduate of Panama Central School, where he wrestled all through high school. He was a United States Army veteran with the Green Beret Airborne Rangers, retiring as a sergeant major after 30 years service, working as a heavy mobile equipment repairer lead man with M.A.T.E.S. at Camp Roberts. An accomplished black belt, Dan ran a karate studio and drove truck for Port-a-Port in California. In Jamestown, he worked as a certified welder at Jamestown Metal and played bass in several area bands. He was a member of the Odd Fellows; VFW; past commander of the DAV; a 25-year member and state chaplain of the Vietnam Vets-Legacy Vets Motorcycle Club; and was an ordained pastor, chaplain of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Jamestown Chapter #865** and co-pastor of Victory Tabernacle. A true outdoorsman, Dan enjoyed hunting, fishing, especially trolling with his late brother Tim, and earlier in his life participated in the 4-H beef cattle program. Dan drove in the Spectator Class at Stateline Speed-way and Sprint and Indy cars in California. He loved music, stamp collecting, his pets, and most important, his family and the brother-hood he shared with his fellow motorcycle members. Surviving besides his parents of Watts Flats are his fiancé, Rebecca Bailey of Jamestown; three daughters: Tia (Adam) Kester of Panama; Tara Quinn of Paso Robles, Calif. and Tori Tanner of Buckeye, Ariz.; two sons: Shaun and Shaen Burgeson, both of Paso Robles, Calif.; 14 grandchildren: Riley, Paige, Zoe, Kate, Hunter Rose, Steven, Amanda, Jessica, Eli, Memphis, Cy, Mikel, Emily and Lucas; a brother, Jon Burgeson of Jamestown; a sister, Christine Burgeson Stebbins of Watts Flats; a niece, Baylee R.C. (Michael) Stebbins of Watts Flats; and four nephews: Logan J. Stebbins of Watts Flats; Reede (Jennifer) Burgeson of Lakewood; Timothy Scott (Rebecca) Burgeson Jr. of Rochester; and J.R. (Betsy) Burgeson of Panama; his sister-in-law, Cheryle "Sam" Burgeson (wife of brother Tim); and great-nieces and great-nephews: Gage, Hayden, Carlyn and Oliver. He was preceded in death by his grandparents, Clair and Genevra Burgeson; Otis and Elva Cheney; and his brother, Timothy S. Burgeson. The funeral service will be held at 1 p.m. Friday Feb. 24, 2012, in the Panama United Methodist Church. The Rev. Steven Taylor will officiate. Friends will be received from 5 to 8 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 23, 2012, in the Lind Funeral Home. Memorials may be made to VNV-LVMC, c/o Ralph Honey, 43 South Ellington Ave., Depew, NY 14043.

ROBERT EDWIN CASS - Died at his home Thursday, January 5, 2012 in Juliette, Georgia at the age of 69. The cause of death is unknown. Mr. Cass, the son of the late Houston Cass and Kathaleen Novella (née Payne) Cass, was born February 7, 1943, in Athens, Tennessee. He was

retired from the Georgia Department of Corrections and was a veteran of the United States Army serving in Vietnam. Mr. Cass was a member of Maynard Baptist Church, a member of the DAV and a member of the American Legion. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Forsyth Chapter #946**. Survivors include his wife, Martha Starr Cass of Juliette; children, Houston Karl (Charlene) Cass of Juliette, Kathy Lynn (Keith) Cooper, Jr. of McDonough and Gini Cass (Dave) Seitz of Juliette; sisters, Virginia Jo (Richard) Taylor of Raleigh, NC and Jane Ann (Wendell) Maupin of Cleveland, TN; brother, James (Brenda) Cass of Cleveland, TN; grandchildren, John Wallace Graham, III, Houston Kyle Cass, Zachary Keith Cooper, Robert Evan Cass, Halie Brook Seitz, Cadi Ashlyn Seitz and Kylie Leigh Seitz; and great grandchild, Christian Jade Graham. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations to Maynard Baptist Church, P.O. Box 576, Forsyth, GA 31029 or to the Monroe County Veterans Memorial, P.O. Box 766, Forsyth, GA 31029. - Funeral services will be held at 3P.M., Sunday, January 8, 2012 at Maynard Baptist Church with burial in Monroe Hills Memorial Gardens. Reverend Johnny Hood and Reverend Jay Moore will officiate. The family will greet friends from 6:00 until 8:00 P.M., Saturday, January 7, 2012 at Monroe County Memorial Chapel. Please visit www.monroecountymemorialchapel.com to express tributes. Monroe County Memorial Chapel has charge of arrangements.

DAVID J. CHEROCHAK - Died Monday, January 16, 2012, at the Elliot Hospital at the age of 63. The cause of death is unknown. He was born July 18, 1948, in Bridgeport, Connecticut, the son of Joseph and Monica (née Hudzik) Cherochak. He attended Jessup High School in Jessup, Pennsylvania, and was a graduate of the University of Scranton. As a corporal in the United States Marine Corps, he was a Vietnam combat veteran with the 1st Marine Division, receiving the National Defense Service Medal and other commendations for his service to our nation. For 33 years, he was an accountant with the National Academy of Sciences in Washington, D.C., until his retirement in 2010. He lived in Gaithersburg, Md., until moving to New Hampshire in October 2011. He was a life member of the VFW and member of the American Legion and an *At-Large Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – New Hampshire**. He enjoyed deer hunting and being a home chef. Family members include his wife of 25 years, Gail (née Vermilyea) Cherochak; a daughter, Amber Lockwood and her husband John of Ohio; a brother, Joseph Cherochak Jr. of South Carolina; a sister, Catherine Krzan and her husband Bernard of Pennsylvania; and nephews, nieces and cousins. SERVICES: A private memorial service will take place at the convenience of the family. Urn burial with military honors will be held this spring in the New Hampshire State Veterans Cemetery. Phaneuf Funeral Homes and Crematorium, Manchester, is in charge of arrangements. For more information, go to phaneuf.net.



JAMES S. CLOUSER - Died Wednesday, March 14, 2012 in Tremont, Pennsylvania at the age of 64. The cause of death is unknown. James was born in Pottstown, Pennsylvania on March 11, 1948 to the late Wilma H. (née Eshbach) and John A. Clouser. He was the husband of Annie "Mae" (née Lewis) Clouser, who survives him. He was a United States Army veteran of the Vietnam War. He worked as a Store Manager

and Truck Driver at Empire Construction Reading, PA and had managed the Empire store in Lebanon, PA. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Reading Chapter #131**. In 1988 he joined with other members of VVA Chapter 131 to march back from the Vietnam Memorial in Washington, D.C., with the inscribed names of Berks County's fallen heroes in small palm sized caskets made by since-deceased Marine Gary Spalding. The names were later placed in the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Reading's City Park Veterans Grove. He was a life active member of the Reading Motorcycle Club, Oley, Pa., and the American Motorcycle Association. He was a life member of Disabled American Veterans. He was also a life member of Gilbertsville Fire Company, the Boyertown American Legion, the Birdsboro Veterans of Foreign War, and the Liberty Fire Company where he was a past President. James loves Potter County, which he visited since his youth and dreamed about building a home on land they owned there. He was an avid hunter and fisherman. In addition to his wife, Mae, James is survived by a son, Jesse James Clouser, of Colorado Springs, CO; two stepsons, Col. Chris Zimmerman, husband of Corinne, of Tampa, FL, and Jeffrey Zimmerman, husband of Crystal, of Pine Grove, PA; 2 granddaughters, 1 grandson, 4 step-grandsons and 1 step-granddaughter. He is also survived by 6 nieces, 3 nephews and three brothers: Donald J. Clouser, husband of Rosalie, of Lyon Station, PA; Mark D. Clouser, husband of Sandra, of Reading, PA; and Dan J. Clouser, husband of Susan, of Laureldale, PA. Friends are invited to call Sunday 5-8 p.m. and Monday from 4-5 p.m. at the Feeney Funeral Home. Religious Service was at 5 p.m. at John P. Feeney Funeral Home. Interment was Wednesday with full military honors at Andrews Settlement Cemetery, Potter County, PA. Family requests donations to Andrews Settlement Baptist Church, 2224 Peet Brook Road, Genesee, PA 16923 or Wounded Warriors Project, 4899 Belfort Road, Suite 300 Jacksonville, FL 32256. Arrangements entrusted to the John P. Feeney Funeral Home, in Reading's Centre Park Historic District, 625 N. 4th St. at Centre Ave., Reading, PA 19601.

EMORY GILBERT "Gil" COLLINS, JR. - Died Wednesday, March 14, 2012, at Johns Hopkins Hospital in Baltimore at the age of 67. He was a resident of Dundalk, Maryland, formerly of Cambridge, Maryland. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Cambridge, Maryland on November 4, 1945. He graduated from Cambridge High School with the Class of 1963. He worked briefly for Caldwell Casting in Cambridge and E. I. DuPont in Seaford, Del., before enlisting in the United States Air Force. Gil served four years in the United States Air Force, including a tour in Vietnam. He was honorably discharged from the Air Force and returned to the Eastern Shore, working for Dresser Industries in Salisbury as a draftsman. Gil then enlisted in the Army and retired after 22 years service in many countries around the world. He then worked for R.R. Gregory Construction as a supervisor. Gil is survived by his wife Diane, whom he married Oct. 26, 2001; and two sons, Joey Collins and wife Mary of Colliers, W.Va., and Jody Collins of Easton. He is also survived by a stepdaughter, Cindy Collins; three stepsons, William, Eric and Richard Arnicar; 14 grandchildren and one great-grandchild. Also surviving are two brothers, Glenn Collins and wife Peggy of Seaford, Del., and Kirk Collins and wife Debbie of Cambridge; and Uncle Edgar and Aunt Rose Ruark of Church Creek. In addition, he is survived by two aunts, Florence Wanerus of Fort Collins, Colo., and Clara Collins of Manchester, England. He was predeceased in death by his first wife, Patricia (Abbott) Collins and a brother, Toby Collins. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Baltimore Chapter #451** and

the VFW. Gil was an avid fan of sprint car racing and enjoyed traveling in his RV to various racetracks of the World of Outlaws circuit. His idol, without question, was Steve Kinser, a 20-time World of Outlaws champion. Gil also enjoyed reading Tom Clancy novels. There will be no services. Per Gil's request, his body was donated to medical science and cremation will follow. Memorial donations may be made to York County Racing Club, Injured Drivers Fund, 568 Yale Street, York, Pennsylvania 17403.

MICHAEL D. COSTELLO – Died Saturday, March 3, 2012 in Columbus, Ohio at the age of 63. The cause of death was heart failure. He was born in Alexandria, Virginia December 4, 1948. He is survived by his wife, Diana R. Costello, of the home. He served in the United States Navy with a tour of duty in Vietnam in 1971. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Newark (Ohio) Chapter #55**. Interment was in Arlington National Cemetery.

PETER DALY - Died after a brief illness on Sunday, February 26, 2012, at Morristown Medical Center at the age of 66. He was a resident of Hamburg, New Jersey. The cause of death was heart disease. He was born in Glasgow, Scotland to the late Peter and Davina (née McKinley) Daly. He had been a resident of Hamburg for the past 20 years and prior to that had resided in Garfield, New Jersey. Peter was a proud veteran of the United States Army and had served his country during the Vietnam War. For 20 years he was employed as a shipping/receiving clerk and fork lift operator for Menshen Packaging Corp. in Waldwick. He was a member of the Sussex Elks 2288 and a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Vernon Chapter #1002**. He is survived by his beloved wife, Patricia (née Hoyt) Daly, of Hamburg; his children, a son Peter James Daly and his wife, Allison, of Pompton Lakes, a daughter Kimberly Becker and her husband, Jason, of Dumont; sisters, June DeLeasa and her husband, Richard, of Carlstadt, Jean Murphy and her husband, James, of Glasgow, Scotland; along with his grandchildren, Ashley Manz, Bradley Manz, Alysse Becker, Gavin Becker and Sean Daly; and several nieces and nephews. Relatives and friends were invited to attend his funeral on Thursday, March 1, at 9:00 AM at Ferguson Funeral Home, 27 Third Street, Sussex. A Mass of Christian burial was celebrated at 10:00 AM at St. Jude the Apostle Church, 4-24 Beaver Run Road, Hamburg. Final disposition will be held privately. Visitation was held at the funeral home on Wednesday from 2:00 to 4:00 and 7:00 to 9:00 PM. Donations in his memory would be preferred and may be made to the American Heart Association, 1 Union Street, Suite 301, Robbinsville, New Jersey 08691-4183. To offer online condolences, go to fergusonsussexfuneralhome.com.



RANDALL DENSMORE - Died Monday, February 13, 2012 at his residence in Marble Hill, Georgia, after battling cancer for 11 years. He was 63 years of age. The cause of death was Agent Orange-related metastatic prostate cancer. He was born June 1, 1948 in Jasper, Georgia. For about 40 years he continued the business started by his father of opening and closing of graves for several funeral homes in the North Georgia area. He was a United States Army Sergeant, a Vietnam War Veteran and was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Dawsonville Chapter #970** and a member of Mount Vernon Baptist Church. Funeral Services were celebrated at 2:00 PM, on Thursday, February 16, 2012, at Mount Vernon Baptist Church with the

Reverend Chris White, Reverend Rodney Pilcher and Reverend Gary Keown co-officiating. The body will lie in state from 1:00 until 2:00 p.m. at the church. Interment was in the church cemetery. The family received friends from 4:00 PM on Tuesday, all day Wednesday and until the funeral hour on Thursday. He was preceded in death by his daughters, Brenda and Linda Densmore, Pamela Densmore, Jamie Harper and father, James (Spud) Densmore. Survivors include his wife, Dinah Densmore, Marble Hill; daughters, Peggy Densmore, Ellijay, Christy (Jerome) Williams, Marble Hill, Mindi Bramlett, Marble Hill, Brittany Densmore, Ball Ground; son, Jody (Alison) Densmore, Ball Ground; son-in-law, Ryan Harper; mother, Helen Densmore, Jasper; brothers, Jerry Densmore, Ball Ground, Donald Densmore, Acworth; sisters, Evelyn Williams, Jasper, Dianne Fox, Tate, Janice Childers, Jasper; grandchildren, Meagan Johnson, Mackenzie Lawson, Claire Williams, Myles Bramlett, Kayla Bramlett, Landon Harper, Raegan Densmore; great grandchildren, Kayson Williams and Tanner Johnson; several nieces and nephews.

STEPHEN A. "Steve" DORAN - Died at 6:44 AM, Friday, March 25, 2011 in the University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics in Iowa City, Iowa at the age of 60. He was a resident of Carman, Illinois. The cause of death is unknown. He was born July 25, 1950 in Burlington, Iowa the son of Robert K. and Jean E. Milligan Doran. Stephen served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War. He had worked for the John Deere Company in the Quad Cities for several years. He assisted his father in the family farming operation, and also was an Amway distributor for many years. For many years, he operated a satellite dish business in west central Illinois. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Madison Chapter #947**. Survivors include one daughter - Alyssa Doran of Livingston, Montana, a special friend- Vonda Stiller of Livingston, Montana, two brothers- Robert (Virginia) Doran of Bettendorf, Iowa, Tom (Diana) Doran of Carman, Illinois, one sister - Diana (Greg) Isaacson of Carman, and several nieces and nephews, and great nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents. Funeral services will be held at 2:00 p.m. Thursday March 31, 2011 in the Carman United Methodist ANDREW Church with Rev. Kendall Hetrick officiating. Burial with military rites will follow in the Carman Cemetery. Friends may call after 3:00 p.m. Wednesday at Banks & Beals Funeral Home in Stronghurst, where the family will be present from 6:00 until 8:00 p.m. A memorial fund has been established.

GEORGE M. DOUSIS - Died Friday, March 9, 2012, at Somerset Medical Center in Somerset, New Jersey at the age of 63. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Brooklyn, New York and has been a resident of Hillsborough for 29 years. Mr. Dousis was a proud United States Army Veteran of the Vietnam War and was awarded a Bronze Star as well as an Air Medal with 4 Oak Leaf Clusters. His membership and hobbies included *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Flemington Chapter #452**, photography and a model railroad enthusiast. Mr. Dousis was well known among New Jersey veterans for having his dioramic displays featured at the New Jersey Veterans Memorial in Holmdel and Lyons VA Hospital in Bernards Township. Surviving are his wife, Linda (Davidson) Dousis; his stepson, Ed Dabagian-Paul (wife Pat); three grandchildren, Otto, Katie and George; and his siblings, Maria Kiernan and Paul Dousis. Visiting hours are from 2-4pm and 7-9pm on Tuesday, March 13, at the Cusick Funeral Home,

80 Mountain Ave., Somerville. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Vietnam Veterans of America, www.vvafund.org.



JAMES ROBERT EAGLES - Died on Tuesday October 4, 2011 of Hewitt, New Jersey at the age of 69. The cause of death is unknown. He was born June 26, 1942. He was an Inspector for the gas department of PSE&G in Oradell, New Jersey. James was a United States Navy Veteran, during his enlistment he was an Aerographer's Mate which is the United States Navy's meteorological and oceanographic expert and was a member of Disabled American Veterans. He was a *Life Member of Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America – Vernon Chapter #1002*. He was the beloved husband of Patricia (née Mara); loving father of Timothy and his wife Gwen, Mark, Tina, Kathleen and her husband Flori, Janet and Mary; dear brother to Janet Bolzan, Carol Bocchino and her husband Michael and the late Virginia Harrison; uncle to several nieces and nephews; grandfather of seven grandchildren and one great-grandchild. The Funeral was from Trinka-Faustini Funeral Service, 439 Maywood Avenue, Maywood, New Jersey on Monday, October 10, 2011 at 9:30 AM. A Funeral Mass was celebrated at Saint Peter the Apostle Church in River Edge, New Jersey at 10:00 AM. The burial was at George Washington Memorial Park, Paramus, New Jersey. Visiting hours were on Sunday 3:00-5:00 PM and 7:00-9:00 PM.

FRANK HASSO RICHARD FALKSON - Died Friday, January 13, 2012, at his home in Bellhaven, North Carolina at the age of 80. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Germany, and came to the United States from England where he served in the British Army System with the Royal Horse Guards. A veteran of the United States Marines, he retired after 28 years of service. He was also at senior telecommunication analyst in Virginia Beach, Virginia. He was a member of ***Vietnam Veterans of America – Englehard Chapter #561***. Survivors include his wife, Iris Bear Falkson; son, Frederick "Fritz" Peter Falkson of Winston-Salem; daughter, Jamie Ann F. Cooper of Jacksonville; two stepsons, Aaron Madril of Virginia Beach, Va., and Bruce Townsend of Palm Springs, Calif.; and two grandchildren. The family will receive friends from 3 to 5 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 21 at Bryan Funeral Service, Swan Quarter. Inurnment will follow in Arlington National Cemetery at a later date. Memorials may be made to Brody School of Medicine, Surgical Oncology Division, 600 Moye Drive, Greenville North Carolina 27834.

LINDA T. (née DERY) FERGUSON - Died Saturday morning, January 7, 2012 at home in Athol, Massachusetts following an illness, with her husband Ron and sister Kathy at her side. She was 62 years of age. She was born on July 11, 1949 in Gardner, Massachusetts, the daughter of the late Richard and Jeannette (née Ward) Dery, Sr. and grew up in Orange, Massachusetts. Linda was married to Ronald Ferguson on November 16, 1968 and has enjoyed over 43 years together. Linda loved children and helped to care for handicapped and mentally challenged children for 24 years. She also had worked in the kitchen at the Ralph C. Mahar Regional School in Orange as well. Linda was a member and Past President for 5 years of the Orange American Legion, a *Life Member of Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America – Athol Chapter #340* and enjoyed collecting porcelain dolls and playing bingo. Survivors include her beloved husband,

Ronald Ferguson of Athol; sons, Richard Ferguson and his wife, Lisa, of North Carolina and John Ferguson and his wife, Marjorie, of Athol; grandchildren, Christopher, Matthew and Brian, all of North Carolina, and Emily and Colby of Athol; mother, Jeannette Dery of Orange; brothers, Richard Dery Jr. of Orange and Mark Dery of New Salem; sisters Kathy Crosby of New Salem, Priscilla Peirce and Kelly Walsh, both of Orange; and many nephews, nieces and cousins. Linda was predeceased by her father, Richard Dery Sr. on May 18, 2001, and by foster children that she and Ron were guardians for, Todd Levasseur in 1986 and Scott Dupray in 2002. Calling hours will be held on Tuesday evening, January 10th from 6-8 p.m. at Witty's Funeral Home, 158 South Main Street, Orange. A graveside service will be held in Tully Cemetery, 350 Tully Road, Orange, on Wednesday morning, January 11, 2012 at 11 a.m., with the Rev. Jean Thompson of the Community Church of North Orange and Tully officiating. In lieu of flowers, donations are suggested to the American Cancer Society, 30 Speen Street, Framingham, MA 01701 or to the Orange Trustees of Soldiers' Memorial, c/o Town of Orange, 6 Prospect Street, Orange, MA 01364, please specify donation in the memo. Witty's Funeral Home, 158 South Main Street, Orange, is directing the arrangements. Guest book and directions are available online at www.wittyfuneralhome.comFerguson, Linda T. [Dery].



JAMES H. FRANCIS, JR. - Died at his home in Guending/Bergkirchen, Germany on Friday, December 29, 2006 after a prolonged struggle with cancer. He was 74 years of age. He was born in Providence, Rhode Island on August 18, 1932 to the late James H. Francis, Sr. and Jeannette L. Francis. He retired from the United States Army after 37 years of service as a Command Sergeant Major. He served during the Korean Conflict and two tours in Vietnam. He was the recipient of the Bronze Star and Purple Hearts for wounds received in Vietnam. He was a *Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Providence Chapter #273*. He is survived by his wife of 50 years, Magdalena Francis, his son James J. Francis, daughter Luise Francis, and granddaughter Denise Francis all of Germany. He leaves brothers in the US; Leonard A. Francis of Sacramento California, Philip G. Francis of Warwick Rhode Island, and Paul A. Francis of Providence Rhode Island. The funeral Mass and interment was held at Saint Vitus Roman Catholic Church in Guending/Bergkirchen in Germany on January 3rd 2007.



RONALD A. FRANCIS - Died 1:40 PM on Tuesday December 20, 2011, in WCA Hospital at the age of 54. He was a resident of Jamestown, New York. The cause of death is unknown. He was born January 19, 1957, in Jamestown, New York, a son of the late Stanley A. and Allene (née Baker) Francis, Sarthe had been employed by Acme Appliance as a service technician for several years and had previously worked at Chautauqua Hardware Corporation. Ron was a member of **Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America – Jamestown Chapter #865**. Ronnie will be greatly missed by his many friends whose lives he touched on a daily basis. Though he departed young the memories will last a lifetime. "We only part to meet again"- John Gay. Surviving are his brother, James G. Francis of Jamestown; seven nieces: Jillian, Haleigh, Taylor, Shelby, Katherine, Carolee and Katie Francis; several great-nieces and great-nephews; his cousins: Debbie and Skip Dean,

Carol and Ron LeRoy; his uncle Don Baker and Aunt Kathryn Baker. Besides his parents, he was preceded in death by two brothers: Stanley A. Francis Jr., who died July 21, 1999 and Richard W. Francis, who died June 30, 2001; and his maternal grandparents Dorothy and Frank Brooks. A private service was held at the convenience of the family. Visitation was not to be observed. Burial was in the Mayville Cemetery.



THEODORE "Ted" FULLER – Died Sunday, March 4, 2012 in Prairie View, Texas. The cause of death is unknown. Ted was born on November 4, 1937 in Hempstead, Texas to the late Theodore and Bernice Fuller. Ted was a well known photographer and columnist, having served as a member of the Houston Forward Times and the Hempstead News Citizen. He took photos that captured life in our community and we will always remember Ted through his photos that remain on our shelves and in our hearts. He grew up a Christian, as a member of Second Corinth Baptist Church. He graduated from Sam Schwarz High

School and attended Prairie View A&M College on a football scholarship. He was a member of the Prairie View football teams that were National Champs in the 1950s' under legendary Coach Billy Nicks. After obtaining a bachelors degree in Agriculture in 1959, Ted became a Teacher in the public school system in Richards, Texas and taught there until being drafted into military service in the United States Army and serving a tour of duty in Vietnam. After completion of his military service he returned to teaching in the Houston Independent School District, where he taught until his retirement. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Houston Chapter #343**. Ted was also preceded in death by his brother Maultie Fuller. He leaves to cherish his sister Redessa (Alvin) Coleman, his brother John (Sherylle) Fuller and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

JOSEPH J. GALLAGHER, JR. – Died Wednesday, August 31, 2011 in Apple Valley, California at the age of 66. The cause of death was Agent Orange-related brain cancer. He was born May 1, 1945. He is survived by his wife of the home. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Riverside Chapter #47**.



ROBERT JAMES GARLAND - Died Monday, July 11, 2011 in Williamsburg, Virginia at the age of 62. He was born in Westbrook, Maine on February 17, 1949 to the late Cecil and Eleanor Garland. Robert joined the United States Army and served for seven years in the 1st Calvary Division, serving one tour in Germany and two tours in Vietnam. Robert was a helicopter gunman who often was sent on to the battlefield to rescue wounded soldiers during his time in Vietnam. During his second tour, he met and married his wife Tu. After leaving the service, he lived with his wife in Maine for 27 years. They retired to Williamsburg where they have lived for

the past eleven years. Robert was an avid fisherman and hunter and enjoyed camping and spending time outdoors. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Williamsburg**

Chapter #957. A loving husband, father, grandfather, son-in-law, and friend, he enjoyed life to the fullest and had a wonderful sense of humor. Robert is survived by his loving wife of 39 years, Tu Ly Garland; two daughters, Trang Garland and Wanda Garland; two grandchildren, Sulema and Christian; two brothers, Donald and Billy; and close friend, Mike Patterson. The family will receive friends from 5 to 6 p.m. Thursday, July 14, at Nelsen Funeral Home, 3785 Strawberry Plains Road, Williamsburg. Online condolences may be offered at www.nelsencares.com.



ROBERT MICHEL "Limpy" GAULIN - Died Thursday, March 1, 2012 in Woonsocket, Rhode Island at the age of 60. The cause of death was a heart attack. Though he was a Woonsocket resident most of his life, he was born in Farnham, PQ, Canada on March 21, 1951, a son of Wilfred and Noella (née Jacob) Gaulin. He was the husband of Joan (née Mitchell) Gaulin. He was a United States Navy veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a quality control inspector for Bird Machine in Walpole for eighteen years, as well as Plainville Machine for many years retiring in 1998. "Limpy" was the President of Amvets Post 7 in Woonsocket, and was a member of UVC of Woonsocket, American Legion Post 62, Woonsocket, Canadian Legion Post 62, Quebec. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – James Michael Ray Memorial (North Smithfield, Rhode Island) Chapter #818**. In addition to his wife and parents, he is survived by two daughters; Jennifer Slade and Tina Gaulin, both of Woonsocket, two stepchildren; Carlene Watts of Woonsocket, and William Myhill of Bellingham, Massachusetts seven step grandchildren; Kayleigh and Joshua Myhill of New Mexico, Robyn Myhill of Bellingham, Massachusetts, Richard, Sean, and Nathyn Auclair of Woonsocket, and Nicholas Auclair of West Virginia, and a great-granddaughter; Emma Elizabeth Auclair also of West Virginia. Visiting hours and services were on Tuesday, 4:00-7:00 PM in the Fournier & Fournier Funeral, 463 South Main Street, Woonsocket. Burial will be private. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to: Mental Health America, Post Office Box 16810, Alexandria, Virginia 22302.



JOSEPH ANDREW "Joe" GIBSON - Died Monday

February 20, 2012 at Grand Strand Regional Hospital in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina at the age 63. He was a resident of Rockingham, North Carolina. The cause of death was a heart attack. He was born December 22, 1948 to Archie Clinton and Lucy Mae (née Seago) Gibson, of Hoffman North Carolina. Joe attended Hoffman High School. He graduated in 1966. Joe was a decorated United States Army Vietnam Veteran. He received three purple hearts and two bronze stars during his service in the 101st Airborne. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Rockingham Chapter #1022**. Joe was a follower of Jesus. He was a long time member of West Rockingham United Methodist Church in Rockingham NC. He served on many committees, including the United Methodist Men. Joe recently married Mavis Watson of Rockingham NC. They were wed February 12, 2012. Joe was a dedicated father. He was the very definition of a "daddy" to his kids. He was always an active participant in their lives and will be missed beyond measure. Surviving are his wife, Mavis Watson Gibson; his children Melissa Gibson Burchett, Leigh Anne Russell, and Billy Harding Smith III "Trey". Joe, "Papa Joe" is leaving four grandsons: Logan Burchett, Trevor Russell, Nolyn Smith and Dylan Smith. He also leaves one granddaughter: Hailey Belk. Funeral Services will be Saturday February 25 at 11:00am at West Rockingham United Methodist Church. The family will receive friends Friday February 24 from 6-8 pm at Carter Funeral Home in Rockingham.



STANLEY A. GOODWIN - Died Sunday, April 8, 2012, at his residence in Belleville, Illinois at the age of 61. The cause of death is unknown. He was born December 13, 1950 in Danville, Illinois to Betty (née Schubert) (Goodwin) Gorges who survives him and the late Charles Goodwin. He was also predeceased by his Stepfather, Frank Gorges. Mr. Goodwin was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of**

America – Centralia Chapter #176 and worked as the secretary-treasurer of the Illinois State Council Vietnam Veterans of America. He was a United States Navy veteran of the Vietnam-era. Surviving are one daughter, Krystal (Michael Tiemeyer) Goodwin of Savannah, Ga.; one son, Craig (Melinda) Hartmann of O'Fallon, Ill.; one sister, Colleen (Rick) Kelso of Belleville, Ill.; two brothers, Dennis (Wanda) Gorges of Charlotte, N.C., and Patrick (Lynn) Gorges of Millstadt, Ill.; and his special friend, Linda Goodwin. His struggles are over, and he is now at peace. Memorials may be made to the family, or to the Belleville Area Humane Society. Condolences may be expressed to the family online at www.rennerfh.com. Visitation: Friends may call from 4 to 7 p.m. Wednesday, April 11, 2012, at George Renner & Sons Funeral Home, Belleville, Ill. Funeral: Personal memories will be shared at 7 p.m. Wednesday, April 11, 2012, at George Renner and Sons Funeral Home, Belleville, Ill. Graveside services will be held at 10:15 a.m. Thursday, April 12, 2012, at Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery, St. Louis, Mo.

EMMETT BERNARD GOSS, SR. - Died Sunday, February 26, 2012, at Northeast Georgia Medical Center following a brief illness at the age of 62. He was a resident of Gainesville, Florida. The cause of death is unknown. Mr. Goss was born January 19, 1950, in Gainesville, Georgia, to the late Eldon Goss and Lula Randolph Goss. He was a Vietnam Veteran with 20-plus active and reserve years with the United States Army, a longtime member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Gainesville Chapter #772**, and a member of New Salem Baptist Church, Jefferson, Ga. He was a 1969 graduate of E.E. Butler High School and was retired from Borg-Warner, employed as a shop supervisor. Mr. Goss was preceded in death by his parents and his brother, Eldon Goss Jr. Mr. Goss is survived by his wife, Angela Putman Goss of Gainesville; sons and daughters-in-law, Emmett Jr. and Brittany Goss of Gainesville and Tavius and Ashley Willis of Gainesville; grandchildren, Brendon Goss, Camdon Goss, Ashyia Willis and Jon Willis; In-laws, Lola and Anthony Holt; brothers and sisters, Joyce and Budell Willis, Kaye and Eddie Christian, Maidena and Emmett Moorehead, Leisa and Johnny Varner, Vivian Lipscomb, Harold and Theresa Goss, Kenneth and Renee Goss, Christopher Goss and Sylvester Randolph; aunts, Mamie Bell Goss, Hattie Mae Goss, Louise Randolph and Inez Leverette; a host of cousins, nieces, nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews; pets, Brandy Goss, Simeon Goss, Kiya Goss, Kia Goss, Zoe Goss, Brownny and Casey. Those who wish may make contributions to: Humane Society of Northeast Georgia, 845 W. Ridge SE, Gainesville, GA 30504, Dialysis Center, 1856 Thompson Bridge Road, Suite 101, Gainesville, GA 30501 or The Vietnam Foundation, Chapter 772, P.O. Box 775, Gainesville, GA 30504. Memorial services were conducted on Saturday, March 3, 2012, at 1:00 PM in the Chapel of Memorial Park Funeral Home. Mr. Chris Stratos officiated. The family received friends on Friday, March 2, 2012, from 6:00–8:00 PM for the wake at the funeral home. Memorial Park Funeral Home, 2030 Memorial Park Road, Gainesville, Georgia 30504 was in charge of arrangements.

ANDREW K. GRETCHOKOFF, JR. – Died Wednesday, January 25, 2012 in McKinney, Texas at the age of 63. The cause of death was lung cancer with ischemic heart disease as a contributing factor. He was born April 13, 1948 in Chicago, Illinois. He served in the United States Marine Corps with a one year tour of duty in Vietnam from 1967 to 1968. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Mesquite Chapter #137**.

PAUL E. GRIGSBY - Died Saturday, March 24, 2012 at Carilion Tazewell Community Hospital in Tazewell, Virginia at the age of 71. He was a resident of Gratton, Virginia. The cause of death is unknown. He was born December 6, 1940 at Nickelsville, Virginia to late William Edgar and Florlean (née Salyers) Grigsby. Mr. Grigsby was a Graduate of Southwest Virginia Community College, earning an Associate's Degree in Business and an Associate's Degree in Mining. He had worked for many years at Bluefield College as Plant Manager. Paul was a United States Army Veteran of the Vietnam War, retiring from the Army as a Sergeant First Class with twenty-two years service. However, his devotion to his neighbor, Country and brother veterans did not stop there. Paul was a member of the American Veterans Association Honor Guard, the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Disabled American Veterans, a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Bramwell (West Virginia) Chapter #985**, and the American Legion all for many years; when his health permitted, Paul was in the ranks of the various Honor Guards, paying his respects to a fallen brother. He loved this Great Nation and the freedoms we enjoy; the Flag of our Country,

its veterans and he was proud of his service. Mr. Grigsby was of the Holiness faith and was a member of the Grace Full Gospel Church in Adria, Virginia. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his first wife, Wilma Grigsby; one son, Eddie Ray Grigsby; two brothers, Howard and Luther Grigsby. Those left to cherish his memories include his loving wife, Alice Bradley Grigsby; one son, Michael L. Grigsby of Portland, OR; one sister, Gracie Stiltner and husband, Denver of Grundy, VA; two brothers, Kenneth Grigsby of Dickenson County, VA and Richard Grigsby of Pocahontas, VA; several nieces, nephews, other family members and many friends also survive. Funeral services for Paul E. Grigsby will be conducted at 1:00 p.m. Tuesday, March 27, 2012 at the Hurst – Scott Funeral Home Chapel in Tazewell, VA with the Reverends Danny and Carol Cornwell officiating. Burial will follow at the Phipps Memorial Cemetery at Clintwood, VA. Nephews will serve as pallbearers. Military Graveside Rites will be conducted by the American Veterans Association Honor Guard in Richlands, VA. The family will receive friends at the funeral home from 6 – 8 p.m. Monday, March 26, 2012.



TERRY R. GOODERMUTH, SR. - Died Wednesday, January 4, 2012 in a quiet hospice room in Phoenix Arizona, a very courageous man lost his battle with an enemy that proved to be too much. He was 75 years of age and a resident of Oshkosh, Wisconsin. 1st Sergeant Terry R Goodermuth Sr. "Papa", 75, born in Gettysburg Pennsylvania on May 7, 1936 passed away peacefully with love in his heart. Terry served his country during the Korean and Vietnam wars in both the United States Marine Corps and United States Army for 28 ½ years. Terry had a love for his country that was only eclipsed by the love he had for his family and grandchildren. Our

father was a recipient of the Purple Heart for a gunshot wound he received during one of his tours in Vietnam. While serving his country, Terry was awarded numerous service medals to include: a Meritorious Service Medal, Bronze Star, Combat Infantry Badge, Expert Infantryman Badge, and the one he was most proud of his Drill Sergeant Badge. He was a *Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Oshkosh Chapter #437*. Terry retired from the military and went to work for the US Post Office for 15 years, but his service to his country did not end there. While living in Arizona as a "Snow Bird" he joined the local Lions Chapter to help serve the needy in his community. He also spent time teaching 1st grade kids about the importance of patriotism at Sousa Elementary School in Mesa, AZ. Terry is survived by his wife Juanita (Montero) married April 3rd, 1971, his son Terry (Margaret) Goodermuth, daughter Christine (Steve) Born and his beloved Brandi. His grandchildren are; Geoff, Alec, Aaron, and Gianna Goodermuth, Myranda, Michaella, and Jordan Born. He is preceded in death by his mother Sarah, father Raymond, brother Raymond, his sons JD and Michael. Dad, we are happy that you have found peace and are no longer suffering. Now we must find the strength that you had during your battle with cancer to move forward with you only in our hearts. You have the love and admiration of not only your family but all those you touched. A Celebration of his life was held at Citrus Gardens in Mesa, AZ. A memorial service will be held in Oshkosh, WI in the summer for family and close friends. Hoo-rah Marine... Semper Fi!



JEAN OKESSON MORROW HAGLUND - Died at her home in Jamestown, New York at 5:00 AM Friday, February 17 2012 at the age of 64. The cause of death was cancer. She was born November 8, 1947, in Jamestown, to the late Otto and Bertrice (née Richardson) Okesson. Jeannie was a 1965 graduate of Perry High School and a 1968 graduate of Aultman Hospital School of Nursing in Canton, Ohio. She also attended Asbury College. From 1971 to 1973 Jeannie served as a nurse at the rank of Captain in the United States Air Force during the Vietnam-era. Her 40-year nursing career saw work in multiple states primarily as an emergency room nurse. Locally, she had been employed by Warren General Hospital, Warren State Hospital (psychiatric nurse) and the American Red Cross-Chautauqua county chapter. Most recently Jeannie worked as a traveling nurse and been in states including California, Kentucky and Maine. She enjoyed being a short-term medical mission nurse serving in Haiti, Jamaica and Brazil with Allegheny Regional Mission. She formerly assisted her husband in the ministry at Calvary Baptist Church, where she loved teaching and caring for children. Jeannie was a member of the Clarks Corners Community Church, serving on the mission committee and VBS teacher. She loved to read, travel and was an avid quilter. Jeannie was very patriotic and was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Jamestown Chapter #865**. She was passionate about all levels of football and college basketball. Her true joy has always been her family and doing God's work. She was also a former member of the Good News Community Church of Warren, Pa. All that knew Jeannie were blessed by her love, her joyful spirit and her faith-filled heart. She is survived by her husband, the Rev. Gerald A. Haglund, whom she married April 8, 1988; her son, Major John Lucas (Melissa) Morrow of West Point, granddaughter Madison Grace Morrow and grandson Joshua Owen Morrow of West Point; a stepson, Gerald (Teresa) Haglund Jr. of Louisville, Ky.; three step-grandchildren: Ashley Baker, Kristina Haglund and Joseph Haglund; two step-great grandchildren: Serenity and Alexander Baker also of Louisville; two brothers: John (Janice) Okesson of Wheaton, Ill. and James Okesson of San Francisco, Calif.; a sister, Joan (Robert) Winter of Rotonda West, Fla.; many loving nieces and nephews and cousins; and her special in-laws, Everett and Betty Morrow of Glasgow, Pa. The funeral will be held on Tuesday, February 21 at 11 a.m. in the Clarks Corners Community Church. The Rev. Walter Venman, the Rev. Dayle Keefer and the Rev. Sam Shreffler will officiate. Burial will be in the Lake View Cemetery. Jeannie's family will receive friends from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. on Monday in the Lind Funeral Home. Memorials may be made to Clarks Corners Community Church, Gospel Lane, Kennedy, NY 14747; or to the Wounded Warrior Project, 4899 Belfort Road, Suite 300, Jacksonville, FL 32256. You may light a candle in remembrance of Jeannie at www.lindfuneralhome.com.



OTTO GREGORY VINCENT HAMILTON - Died quietly at home in Gaithersburg, Maryland on Saturday, March 10, 2012 at the age of 62. The cause was cancer due to Agent Orange for serving in Vietnam. Greg was born October 9, 1949 in Chicago, Illinois. Survivors include his beloved wife Clara Louise; eight children; seven grandchildren; one great-grandson; one sister; four nieces; one nephew and three great-nephews. Greg loved his family very much and all of his many friends.

He served in the United States Navy on River Patrols in Vietnam. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Silver Spring Chapter #641**. His viewing was held on Thursday, March 15 from 6:00 to 8:00 PM at the Hines-Rinaldi Funeral Home, 11800 New Hampshire Avenue, where funeral services were held Friday, March 16 at 11:00 AM. Entombment was at Parklawn Memorial Park, Rockville, Maryland. Memorial contributions are welcome and should be mailed to Rolling Thunder Maryland Chapter 1, P.O. Box 441110, Fort Washington, Maryland 20749.

RUSSELL E. HAZELWOOD – Died Thursday, July 1, 2010 at the North York General Hospital in Toronto, Ontario, Canada at the age of 63. He was a resident of Toronto. The cause of death is unknown. He was born August 25, 1946 to late Clarence and Marion. He is survived by his brother, Frank. He will be sadly missed by many family and friends. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Sacramento (California) Chapter #500**. Funeral arrangements were under the direction of the Jerrett Funeral Home Scarborough Chapel. Tributes and condolences to the family may be made at www.jerrettfuneralhome.com.

ROBERT JAMES HEINZL – Died Tuesday, February 7, 2012 in Elizabethtown, Kentucky at the age of 70. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania on May 31, 1941. He served in the United States Army from 1959 to August 18, 1984. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Elizabethtown Chapter #1051**.

MICHAEL R. HICKEY - Died Sunday, February 5, 2012 in White Plains, New York at the age of 66. The cause of death was cancer. He was born April 17, 1945 in White Plains to the late Vincent and Ruth Hickey. Michael is a retired City of White Plains employee. He served in the United States Navy from 1965 to 1969 during the Vietnam War and was a member of the American Legion. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Pleasantville Chapter #49**. On July 7, 1999 he married Charlyn R. Stephens at St. John the Evangelist Roman Catholic Church in White Plains. Besides his wife Charlyn, Michael is survived by his four children, Eileen Holder, Colleen Griffin, Simone Blejec and Darlene Dugan, 7 grandchildren; Davin, Jaxon and Aria, Hunter and Zoey and Katerina and Joseph, 3 siblings; Daniel (Lee) Hickey, Maureen Van Loan, Kathleen Martin. He was predeceased by brothers, James, John, Arthur and Stephen Hickey. In lieu of flowers send donations to American Cancer Society or Vietnam Veterans. Visitation was Tuesday 2:00-5:00 PM & 7:00-9:00 PM. Funeral Mass was Wednesday 10:30 AM at St. John the Evangelist. McMahon, Lyon & Hartnett Funeral Home 491 Mamaroneck Avenue, White Plains, New York 10605.

WILLIAM P. HICKS – Died Saturday, February 4, 2012 in North Tonawanda, New York at the age of 66. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Buffalo, New York on October 11, 1945. He served in the United States Army from October 1965 to October 1967. He was a *Life Member* and former Board Member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Tonawanda Chapter #77**.

LEWIS WARD “Lew” HODGES – Died Friday, July 16, 2010 in Florence, Oregon at the age of 67. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on April 24, 1943 to the late William Hodges and

Berneice Hodges. Lew married Colleen Hodges (née Shaw) on October 28, 1964. Lew was a Vietnam War veteran, Master Mason, lifetime member of the O.E.S., Local 3, and banjo player. He was an *At-Large Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Oregon**. He is survived by his mother Berneice, wife Colleen, three daughters Connie (Craig) Ellis, Heidi (Taylor) Stein, and Carrie (William) Andrews, brother William Hodges, sister Sharon Norager, eight grandchildren. Memorial services will be July 22 in Florence, Oregon. According to his wishes, Lew's ashes will be spread in the Utah Mountains, which he called home.

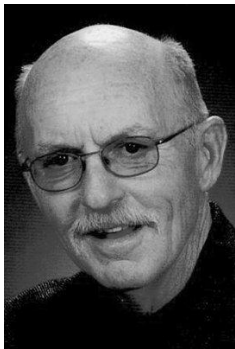


WALTER WELDON HOLLAND, JR. - Died Monday, March 5, 2012 in Mount Holly, New Jersey at the age of 67. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Phoenixville, Pennsylvania on February 15, 1945, the eldest of seven children. Walt, affectionately known as 'The Professor' by his closest friends, grew up in Devon, Pennsylvania. He attended Conestoga High School in Berwyn, Pennsylvania, where he excelled as an athlete. After graduating in 1963, Walt joined the United States Air Force to serve his country during the Vietnam-Era. Walt worked for Belasco Oil Company as a HVAC Technician, at which time he applied and was accepted to attend Glassboro State College (Rowan University) in Glassboro, N.J. Walt graduated with a bachelor's degree in Mechanical Engineering in 1977. His first job after graduating was with Krylon Paint in Pennsylvania as a Chief Mechanical Engineer. He also worked for Elkin Sinn Industries/A.H. Robins (West Ward) in Cherry Hill, N.J. for 15 years, starting out as a process engineer and moving up to pharmaceutical engineer. Walt eventually went to work for Dupont Merck in Wilmington, Del. as a pharmaceutical engineer, where he then retired with a disability. During his life, Walt wore many hats. He was a coach, teacher, musician (the drums were his passion), all around sportsman, humanitarian, barber, photographer, and arms collector. He was also an avid hunter and fisherman. Walt was a dedicated veteran and involved in all aspects of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Bordentown Chapter #899** and The Burlington County Veterans. He was a member of the American Legion Mount Holly Post 11 and served as Commander of the VFW Post 1817, Burlington City, for a year. Walt was proudly honored by his local veteran's group in 2009. Walt is survived by his wife, Margarita (née Torres) Holland; his father, Walter Weldon Holland Sr.; his children, Darren E. Holland (Kristen), Tanya M. Holland, Walter W. Holland III; step-children, Serrita Hayes, Keesha Hayes, and Donnie Hayes; brothers and sisters, Beverly Holland-Jackson, Duane Holland (Raquel), Donna Holland-Knight, Seatta Holland-Tessema (Meteku), Theodore Holland (Rene), and Brian Holland; five grandchildren; and a host of nieces, nephews and cousins. Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. on Tuesday, March 13 at the Christian Faith Assembly, Marne Hwy., Hainesport. Family and friends may attend his viewing from 6 to 8 p.m. Monday, March 12 at the W. R. Woody Funeral Home, 465 High St., Burlington, and from 10 a.m. until the time of service Tuesday at the church. Interment will be in Brig. Gen. William C. Doyle Veterans Memorial Cemetery, Arneytown. W. R. Woody Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.



KEVEN LEE HULINGS - Died Wednesday, December 28, 2011, in his home in Falconer, New York after a courageous battle with ALS. He was 56 years of age. A lifelong area resident, he was born October 6, 1955, in Jamestown, New York the son of the late John A. and Katherine (née Kashmer) Hulings, of Falconer. Keven was a 1973 graduate of Falconer High School, and was one of the first of four employees hired by Cummins Engine for the Jamestown, New York, engine plant. Keven was founder of the HUGO Foundation and co-founder of Friends of HUGO Foundation. He was a member of **Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America – Jamestown Chapter #865**. He was a member of the Henry Mosher Post

638, Sons of American Legion, serving as lifetime commander for the Sons and also served as chaplain. Prior to being diagnosed with ALS in 1991, Keven enjoyed playing baseball and softball for various leagues. Keven was a passionate man towards the things he liked and cared for. He was a loyal New York Yankee, Miami Dolphin and Duke Blue Devil fan. Surviving are his mother Katherine Hulings of Falconer; two brothers: Stephen A. Hulings of England and John C. Hulings of High Point, N.C.; a sister, Yvonne Pickering of Jamestown; four nephews: Chris and Michael Pickering, Adam and Brandon Hulings; a niece, Sarah Hulings; three great-nieces: Abbigael and Zipporah Pickering and Layla Sullivan; and two great-nephew: Moses Pickering and Logan Sullivan. The family would like to thank all the family and friends that volunteered their time and resources to make the Hugo fund and Friends of Hugo a success. A special thanks to Jennifer Davidson for providing her loving care for over 14 years. The funeral will be at 1:00 PM Saturday in the Falconer Funeral Home. Inurnment was in Pine Hill Cemetery. Friends were received by the family from 2:00 to 4:00 and 7:00 to 9:00 PM Friday in the funeral home. In lieu of flowers memorials may be donated to Friends of HUGO Foundation, 304 East Elmwood Ave., Lot 32, Falconer, New York 14733.



RICK HURT - Died Monday, January 9, 2012 at his home in Hamburg, Ballard County, Kentucky, at the age of 67, where he had resided for more than 39 years. The cause of death was Agent Orange-related cancer. Rick was born in Knoxville, Tennessee, on September 16, 1944 to the late James Meredith and Mary Frances (née Chaney) Hurt. He was also preceded in death by a brother, Robert Fowler. Rick is survived by his wife, Wanda Harper Hurt of Hamburg; one son, Chaney Harper Hurt of Hamburg; one daughter, Lee Tiffen Cox of Barlow, Kentucky; three brothers, Ralph McNutt of Wausau, Wisconsin, Rolly Lockre of Santa Barbara, California, and William Hurt of

Boonesville, Indiana; and one sister, Gwen Means of Tucson, Arizona. He is also survived by five grandchildren, Coy and Evan Cox of Barlow, Corey Lynn Hurt of Hamburg, Peyton Hurt of Bandana, and Emilye Hurt of Kevil; one stepgrandchild, Parker Graves of La Center; and several nieces and nephews. Rick was a member of Bethel Cumberland Presbyterian Church, where he served as a youth leader for 20 years. He was also a past elder. He was a two-time Vietnam veteran, serving with the United States Navy as a Seabee. He was a member of the Plain City Masonic Lodge #449. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Paducah Chapter #337**. Visitation was from 4:00-7:00 PM Wednesday with Masonic Rites at 7:00 PM. Funeral services were at 11:00 AM Thursday with the Reverend Bud Russell, officiating. Interment will

follow at Woodlawn Memorial Gardens in Paducah. Morrow Funeral Chapel of La Center is in charge of arrangements. The family has asked that in lieu of flowers, contributions be made to The Gideons International, Post Office Box 10, Kevil, Kentucky 42053.



LAWRENCE JOHNSON, JR. - Died Sunday, March 11, 2012 in Lancaster, California at the age of 69. The cause of death is unknown. He was born January 7, 1942. CPO Johnson was a Retired United States Navy Vietnam Veteran of 27 years. He took pride in being very involved in his grandchildren lives. He enjoyed boxing, running marathons, fishing and golfing. Lawrence was a member of the Potter's House, and several organizations including a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Canyon Country Chapter #355**, 'The Lost Patrol', Point Man, and the M.W. Prince Hall Masons. Some called him Larry, LJ, Chief, Sunny and the proudest of all, PaPa. He was loved and will be

eternally missed by his wife, Faye Johnson of 49 years; sons Brian Johnson and Lawrence (Tami) Johnson III; grandchildren Millicent Woodruff, Kwam Asbill, La'Nyce Johnson, Makalia Johnson, Bailey Johnson and Riley Johnson. A memorial service was held on Tuesday, March 20, 2012, at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 719 West Ave M Lancaster, California at 11:00 AM.



LEWIS JOHNSON - Died Sunday, July 31, 2011 at the Veteran's Administration Medical Center in Washington, DC at the age of 65. He was formerly of Elgin, South Carolina. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Camden, South Carolina on November 13, 1946. Lewis graduated from Jackson High School in Camden, South Carolina. After graduating from high school, Lewis entered the United States Army and fought in the Vietnam War where he received the "Air Medal with

"V" Device Award. This award was bestowed on Lewis for his acts of heroism during a medical evacuation mission where he repeatedly exposed himself to enemy fire to aid in the safe loading of the injured personnel aboard his helicopter. After his discharge from the Army, Lewis attended the Washington Technical Institute and received an Associates' Degree in Police Science. Lewis continued his education at the American University in Washington, D.C., where he received a degree in Administration of Justice. He was an *At-Large Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Washington DC**. In 1982, Lewis was licensed to sell real estate in the Washington, D. C. area. He was a very successful realtor with Century 21 until his health began to fail. Lewis attended Emmanuel Baptist Church in Washington, D. C., where he was a quiet; but dedicated disciple. He will be missed by his church family. In addition to his mother and father, Lewis was preceded in death by three brothers, Johnny Johnson, Willie Johnson, Major Johnson and one sister, Hattie Gripper. Lewis leaves to cherish his precious memories forever four brothers, Henry (Lila) Johnson of Elgin, South Carolina, Caleb (Ella) Johnson, of New Carrollton, Maryland, Leroy Johnson of Hartford, Connecticut and Ervin (Brenda) Johnson of Columbia, South Carolina; four sisters, Mary Lee of Columbia, South Carolina, Rosalee Lawhorn of Lugoff, South Carolina, Alberta (Woodrow) Lawhorn of Washington, D. C., and Marguerite (Woodrow) Brown of Lugoff, South Carolina and a host of other relatives and friends. Funeral Services was held Saturday, August 6, 2011 at 2:00 p.m. at Green Hill Baptist Church, 2215

Green Hill Road, Lugoff, South Carolina. Visitation was held at Nelson's Funeral Home Friday, August 5, 2011 from 7:00 - 8:00 PM.

GREGORY W. JUUL, SR. - Died Thursday, October 27, 2011, at WCA Hospital at the age of 54. He was a resident of Frewsburg, New York. The cause of death was cancer. He was born November 23, 1956, in Jamestown, New York, to the late Richard and Norma (née Stevens) Juul. He was a United States Army veteran, and had been employed at Chautauqua Hardware. Greg was a member of the Sylvan Lodge, where he was past master, Carroll Rod and Gun, Ellery Lodge 933, past president of the Joint Veterans Council of Chautauqua County, and was very involved with boy scouts for many years. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Jamestown Chapter #865**. Besides his father, Calvin Carr of Ashville and his stepmother, Gen Juul of Jamestown, Gregg is survived by his wife, Connie Hair Juul of Frewsburg; five children: Gregory (Leigh) Juul Jr. of Dewittville, Joshua (Heather) Juul of Forestville, Jeremiah, Joseph and Maggie Juul, of Frewsburg, five grandchildren: Gregory Juul III, Jesse Juul, Joshua Juul Jr., Braden and Adrienne Grubb, five brothers: Martin Juul of Virginia, Kevin Juul of Frewsburg, David Carr and Daniel Marucci of James-town, and Leonard Marucci of Pennsylvania; and two sisters: Kathleen Possai of Thief River Falls, Minn., and Amy Greenawalt of Sinclairville. Besides his parents, he was predeceased by his former wife, Melinda Juul; a son, Jacob Juul; and a grandson, Parker Juul. The funeral was held at 11:00 AM Monday in the Peterson Funeral Home, Frewsburg. The Reverend Cameron Lienhart, pastor of Trinity United Methodist Church, Frewsburg officiated. Burial was in Sunset Hill Cemetery, Lakewood. The family received friends on Sunday from 4:00 to 7:00 PM in the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Allegheny Highlands Council, 50 Hough Hill Road, Falconer, New York 14733 or a charity of choice.



FREDERICK WILLIAM KENT, JR. - Died Tuesday, January 31, 2012 at 11:29 p.m. at Mercy Hospital in Iowa City, Iowa at the age of 70. He was a resident of Montrose, Iowa. He died from complications of Diabetes Mellitus – Type II. He was born on May 30, 1941 in Fort Madison, Iowa to the late Frederick W. & Marion R. (née O'Neil) Kent, Sr. He married Helga Behr on August 18, 1961 in Budingen, Germany. He served in the United States Army for 20 years during the Vietnam War, retiring as First Sergeant. He then worked for the Lee County Sheriff's Department for 20 years, retiring in 1999. He was currently the Master of Claypoole Masonic Lodge #13 AF & AM, Stella Masonic Lodge #440 AF & AM & Joppa Masonic Lodge in Montrose. He was a member of the Scottish Rite, York Rite and also the KAABA Shrine in Davenport, IA. He was an Honorary 33rd Scottish Rite Mason and a driver for the Shriner's Childrens Hospital. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Fort Madison Chapter #947**. Fred is survived by: his wife: Helga Kent of Montrose, IA; 3-sons: James (Tammy) Kent of Fort Madison, IA, Thomas (Beth) Kent of Pass Christian, MS & Kevin (Robin) Kent of Fort Madison, IA; 7-grandchildren; 4-great grandchildren & 1-sister: Leticia (Thomas) Hauck of Fort Madison, IA. He was preceded in death by his parents & 1-sister, Donna. Per his wishes, his body has been

cremated by King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory. Friends may call after 1:00 p.m. with the family to receive friends from 5:00 to 6:30 p.m. on Friday, February 3, 2012 at King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory with a Masonic Service to immediately follow at 6:30 p.m. on Friday evening. A private family burial will be held at Soldiers' Circle in Oakland Cemetery with Dr. James Kannenburg officiating. A memorial has been established for the Shriner's Childrens Hospital.

EDWARD JOHN KESGEN - Died Monday, February 27, 2012 in Sylva, North Carolina at the age of 68. The cause of death was heart failure as his death was unexpected, but his life was and will continue to be an inspiration for those who knew him. He was born in Teaneck, New Jersey on December 21, 1943. Ed spent his boyhood in East Rutherford, NJ, graduating from East Rutherford High School. His academic background included environmental studies, philosophy and psychology. He earned his undergraduate degree at Seton Hall University and graduate degrees from Springfield College and Texas A&M University. (Ed's attachment to A&M was extraordinary, from his favorite Texas Aggie belt to his guaranteed attendance at the annual Aggie Muster.) Professionally, Ed was an inspirational speaker, a retired professor and therapist, an educational session facilitator, a former United States Naval Officer and an interpretive naturalist. Ed, who also was a pilot, thought of his later years as his final approach to a landing. In those years, he authored two books and developed a blog. His third book was under construction. Ed spent two tours of duty during Vietnam as a United States Naval Officer attached to Attack Squadron 94, deployed aboard the aircraft carrier USS Bon Homme Richard (CVA 31). He was proud of his son's U.S. Navy service, and of his two nephews with the U.S. Marines. Earlier in his career, Ed worked as an administrator and recreational therapist, with adolescents and children. Later, he held faculty teaching positions at Texas A&M University, Southwest Texas State University (now Texas State University), Lyndon State College (VT) and Western Carolina University. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Franklin Chapter #994**. Ed believed his purpose in life was to elevate the human spirit. In his words, Ed sought to "ease the burden of those in physical, mental or spiritual disharmony by helping them to encounter the magic and wonder of their being." Over a span of 30 years, Ed shared his ideas about self-empowerment, environmental harmony and spirit-mind-body healing through over 300 seminars, conferences and keynote addresses. His message of joy, hope, optimism and celebration touched thousands of lives. Another author, in speaking of Ed, referred to him as "a gentle being (who) appears in our lives to share words of profound insight." Ed also believed in a shared purpose for us all: "The reason you have taken birth on this planet is to be happy - to love and learn from loving relationships." Always something of a computer geek, Ed began a blog in 2009 and shared his positive and life-affirming messages with those he called his Circle of Friends. His final posting was about angels among us, an ironic and appropriate message from a man who transcended his earthly being. Ed is survived by his wife, Annette; his daughter, Jenna; his son, Carl, who with his wife Lori, brought Ed his first grandchild, Carlie; and by his step-daughter, Erin. Ed is also survived by his brother, Bill, with his wife Mary and son Jeff; and by his aunt, Dorothy. He was preceded in death by both of his parents and by his daughter Lauren. Ed's first book - "To Carlie, With Love, From Grandad" - was inspired by a desire to connect across generations in a lasting way. The subtitle was one that only Ed would

write: "Personal Reflections on an Earth School Journey." His hope for that book to Carlie is similar to what his words mean for many: "Long after I am gone, may the words in 'To Carlie' serve as a compass to help my granddaughter fill her sails and navigate the seas she will encounter on her journey." Ed lived a full and rich life, and he viewed death as a natural transition, without fear. One of his often-repeated quotes was from Welsh poet Dylan Thomas: "And death shall have no dominion." Those who knew and loved Ed are welcome to attend his Earth School Graduation, a gathering of love honoring Ed's life. The gathering will be at 2 p.m. Sunday, March 25, in the picnic area at Western Carolina University. Memorials may be made to the Ed Kesgen memorial scholarship at SOAR (www.soarnc.org), the Vietnam Veterans of America or the Wounded Warriors Project.



MARTIN C. KICHAR - Died Monday, February 6, 2012, in the VA Medical Center in West Haven after a courageous battle with Leukemia. He was a resident of Beacon Falls, Connecticut and 73 years of age. Mr. Kichar was born in Shelton, Connecticut on January 23, 1939, to the late Stephen and Ann (née Blanco) Kichar. He was a proud United States Navy veteran and submariner, having served his country from 1956 until 1963, and had been awarded, among others, the Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal with 3 Bronze Stars and the Vietnam Service Medal with Bronze Star. He was a member of the US SUBVETS in Groton, the Holland Club, the Tin Can Sailors, the AMVETS, the DAV, **Vietnam Veterans of America – Milford Chapter #251**, American Legion Post 25 and VFW Post 1236. Mr. Kichar worked as the body shop manager for the former Crabtree Haas Car Dealership in Shelton for many years before his retirement. He is the loving father of Cheryl Dahlman and her husband Harry, the very proud grandfather of Cristina Connor, Tamara Connor and PVT Victoria Connor, US Army, and the brother of Ann Cesaroni, Michael, George, Gary and Wayne Kichar. Marty is also survived by his cousin and best friend, Russell Kichar, who was his constant angel during his illness and also many nieces, nephews and cousins. He was predeceased by his brother, Steven. Friends may call on Friday from 5-8 pm at the Edward F. Adzima Funeral Home, 253 Elizabeth St., Derby. His vigil service will be held on Friday evening at 6 pm at the funeral home. Burial services with full military honors will be at the CT Veterans Cemetery, 310 Bow Lane, Middletown, CT on Saturday morning at 10:30 am. Friends may leave condolences at www.adzimafh.com.



TOMMY R. KINARD - Died unexpectedly on Tuesday, November 1, 2011 in an unfortunate accident at the age of 67. He was a resident of Midpines, California. He was born in Oklahoma on August 13, 1944 to the late Loyd and Trudie (née Launie) Kinard. Tommy grew up in Oklahoma, moving to California in 1963. He worked for California Division of Forestry, beginning in 1964, in Santa Cruz County as a firefighter. He served in the United States Army from 1965-1967, including a tour in Vietnam. He returned to the Forestry working there until 1977 when

he transferred to Mt. Bullion Camp, Mariposa. Tommy retired from CDF in 1982 and in 1985 started his second career as a Barber until his second retirement when he sold the PD Quick Barber Shop. He was a well known member of the community serving as a coach in youth sporting activities with his children and grandchildren, a *Founding Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Mariposa Chapter #368**, a member of the local chapter of the VFW, and was proud to carry perfect attendance in the Mariposa Lions Club for over 20 years while holding many different offices including Club President. Tommy was a man of integrity, who gave friendship, support, and love to all his family and friends. He always gave time no matter what the task. He passed along his love for fishing, hunting, camping, and everything about the outdoors to his children and grandchildren. Tommy is survived by his loving wife of 45 years, Joyce, his three children, Missy (James), Todd (Chris), and Jeanette, and his seven grandchildren, Corissa, Travis, Kyle, Anita, Thomas, Sara, and Sean. He is also survived by his Aunt Ruthie, sisters, Linda, Ruth (Dean), and Ann, brother, Eddy (Cindy), mother-in-law Lois, and many other family and friends. He was preceded in death by his sister, Joyce Lee, and his brother, James. Services were held on Monday November 7, 2011.

LAURENCE STEVEN KOLMAN - Died Wednesday, October 20, 2010 in Valley Cottage, New York at the age of 69. The cause of death was a heart attack. He was born November 24, 1940. He was the beloved husband of Elizabeth Landau Kolman, loving father of Michele and Geoffrey and loving step-father to Jacqueline and Sharon, dearly loved brother of Alan, adored grandfather of Rebecca, Adam, Tyler, Nick, Rosie, AJ, Jessica and Glenn, and loved son of the late Sol and Sylvia Kolman. A Vietnam War veteran and clinical psychologist, Larry dedicated his life to helping others. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – New City Chapter #333**. His giving spirit and loving heart will live on in the many lives he touched. Funeral services were conducted on Friday October 22, 2010 at 1:00 PM at Hellman Memorial Chapels 15 State Street, Spring Valley, New York. Interment was in Frederick W. Loescher Veteran Cemetery, New Hempstead, New York. Memorial Contributions may be made in memory of Dr. Kolman to the Vietnam Veterans of America, Chapter #333, Post Office Box 243, New City, New York 10956. Hellman Memorial Chapels, 15 State Street, Spring Valley, New York 10977 were in charge of arrangements.

ALFRED J. "Al" LaBEAU - Died Monday, May 3, 2010 at University of Pittsburgh Presbyterian Hospital after a car accident. He was a resident of Pasadena, Maryland at 65 years of age. He was born March 8, 1945, in Michigan. He served in the United States Army for nine years and was in the Vietnam War. He was a supervisor for 12 years for the Department of Labor and Licensing for the State of Maryland. He was a life member of the VFW Post 2462, the American Legion Laurel Post, DAV, a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Baltimore Chapter #451**, National Association of Work Force Development Professionals, certified resume writer, and Global courier development facilitator. He is a 2001 Summa cum laude graduate of the University of Baltimore with a bachelor's degree in Government and Political Science, and was a member of the Keeweenaw Bay Indian Community. He enjoyed fishing, hunting, going to casinos and spending time with his family. He is survived by his wife of 45 years, Martha R. "Dee" LaBeau (nee Huber); his children, Pebbles LaBeau of Pasadena and George L. LaBeau of Easton; grandchildren, Phillip and Brittany LaBeau of Pasadena, Jack and Megan LaBeau of

Severna Park; mother-in-law, Margaret "OMI" Huber; and he was sponsoring parent of Naval Academy graduates Don D'Andrea, Tony Ohl and Andre Stroud. Relatives and friends are invited to call from 3 to 5 and 7 to 9 p.m. Monday at McCully-Polyniak Funeral Home, P.A. 3204 Mountain Road, Pasadena, where funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Tuesday. Interment was in Glen Haven Memorial Park Cemetery. Contributions may be made to the Maryland Center for Veterans Education and Training, 301 North High Street, Baltimore, Maryland 21202. Online condolences may be sent to www.mccullyfuneral.com.

DONE LAYTON, SR. - Died Sunday, April 26, 2009 in the comfort of his home in Anniston, Alabama at the age of 69. The cause of death was a heart attack. He was born March 10, 1940 in Jefferson County, Alabama. Survivors include his wife, Barbara Drake Layton; two sons, Done Layton Jr. and Jason (Angela) Layton; daughter, Beverly (Steve) Gray; brother, James (Sue) Layton; sisters, Rosie Myrick and Edna Copeland; six grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. He served in the United States Army from August 8, 1960 to 1964. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Pleasant Grove Chapter #416**. Mr. Layton was a proud member and Master Mason in Anniston Fraternal Lodge 700, a 32nd Degree Scottish Rite Mason in the Valley of Birmingham and a Shriner in Zamora Shrine. Funeral services were Wednesday at 1:00 PM at the Anniston Memorial Funeral Home. Burial with Masonic Honors was in Anniston Memorial Gardens. The family will receive friends this evening from 5:00 PM until 7:00 PM at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to the Masonic Lodge 700 in Anniston. Arrangements were by the Anniston Memorial Funeral Home 3865 US Hwy 431 North Anniston, Alabama 36206.

TIMOTHY E. LEE – Died recently in 2012 in Fort Wayne, Indiana at the age of 64. The cause of death is unknown. He was born May 23, 1947. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was an *At-Large Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Indiana**.

NATHAN "Jack" LEWIS, JR. - Died Monday, March 19, 2012 in Jasper, Tennessee at the age of 64. He died from complications from surgery. He was born in Jasper on September 30, 1947. Jack proudly served his country in the United States Army as a Warrant Officer III helicopter pilot in the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Chattanooga Chapter #203**. During his long career, he worked as a Senior Reactor Operator for TVA, and retired from the USNRC in 2004. He was recently working at the Bellefonte Nuclear Power Plant in Hollywood, Alabama. He was a member of the Presbyterian Church of Beechmont, Kentucky, and Olive Branch Lodge, 297, Jasper, Tennessee, as well as Alhambra Shriners, Chattanooga, Tennessee. Mr. Lewis is survived by his wife, Lana Lewis; parents, Nathan "Jack" Lewis, Sr. , and Anna Lois Rector Lewis; son, Jackson Lewis; daughter, Megghan Lewis and grandson, Kyle Curtis. He will be deeply missed by his family and friends. Funeral services will be conducted from the Tate funeral home chapel at 2:00 pm CST, Saturday, March 24, 2012 with Rev. James Patterson officiating. Interment will follow in Sequatchie Valley Memorial Gardens. The family will receive friends from 5:00 pm until 8:00pm CDT, on Friday, March 23, 2012 and from 1:00 pm until time of the service on Saturday.



ROBERT RUSSELL "Bob" MARSH - Died Saturday, November 26, 2011, at Dale Medical Center after an extended illness. He was a resident of Ozark, Alabama and 80 years of age. CW4 Marsh was born on February 4, 1931 and lived most of his life in Dale County, Alabama. While still in high school, he joined the Alabama National Guard in 1947. After graduation from high school in 1949, he enlisted in the U.S. Army where he served until his retirement in 1970. He was a veteran of the Korean and Vietnam wars, having served two tours in Vietnam as a CH-54 Army helicopter pilot. After his retirement from the Army, Marsh attended Troy University, earning degrees in history and political science. He also retired from the U.S. Postal Service, having served 20 years as a rural mail carrier. After his second retirement, he

enjoyed gardening and self-taught woodworking as a hobby, which produced many exquisite items of furniture and wood work. He handcrafted a mandolin, taught himself to play it, and was an accomplished guitar player who loved the old bluegrass music. He was a member of the Distinguished Flying Cross Society, the National Rural Letter Carriers Association, the Retired Officers Association, the National Association for Uniformed Services, the National Association of Retired Federal Employees, Veterans of the Vietnam War, Vietnam Helicopter Pilots Association, Veterans of Foreign Wars, the First Cavalry Division Association and numerous other service and civic organizations. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Daleville Chapter #373**. His many military awards include the Distinguished Flying Cross, the Bronze Star with V device and 23 Air Medals. Mr. Marsh was a member of the Pleasant Grove Baptist Church. He was preceded in death by his parents, Theodore Roosevelt (Bob) Marsh and Quida Smith Marsh, a sister, Jeanette, and brother, Harold (Norma Jean). Survivors include his loving and faithful wife of 56 years, Mary Ezell Marsh; son, Robert David and daughter-in-law, Shari Russell Marsh of Ozark; daughter, Shari, and husband, Phillip Harris, of Ozark; sisters: Joanne Boyette of Montgomery, Shelby Marsh Godwin (Joe) of Ozark; brother, Bobby Marsh (Sandra) of Ozark; grandchildren: Robert James Marsh of Ozark, Richard Alan Marsh (Kelli) of Smyrna, TN, Jessica Marsh of Dothan, Mikayla Harris of Ozark; great-grand-children: Tristan and Isabella of Ozark, Riley of Smyrna, TN; numerous nieces and nephews. Special thanks to Jim Ezell, his brother-in-law, who has provided so much support in Bob's later years. Funeral services will be held at 2:00 p.m. Tuesday, November 29, 2011, at Fuqua-Bankston Funeral Home with Reverend William Hart officiating. Burial with full military honors will follow in Woodlawn Memory Gardens with Fuqua-Bankston Funeral Home directing. The family will receive friends at Fuqua-Bankston Funeral Home Tuesday from 1:00 p.m. until service time. Flowers will be accepted or the family asks that memorials be made to your favorite charity. Fuqua-Bankston Funeral Home in Ozark (334) 774-4551, is in charge of arrangements. Condolences may be offered at www.fuquabankston.com Sign the guestbook at www.dothaneagle.com.



SAMUEL MCKINLEY MAY - Died Sunday, January 8, 2012 at a local hospital at the age of 74. He was a resident of Soddy-Daisy, Tennessee. He was born August 7, 1937. He was a member of Dividing Ridge Church of God. He was the retired owner of M&M

Concrete. He was preceded in death by his son, Terry N. May. He is survived by his wife, Peggy N. May, his beloved dog, Sammy. He was a member of **Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America – Chattanooga Chapter #203**. Funeral service was at 2:00 P.M. Wednesday in the funeral home chapel with Bishop Bruce Wilson officiating. Interment was in Dividing Ridge Cemetery with David Shankles, David Petty, Chris Scutella, Charles Hobbs, and Ronnie May serving as pallbearers. Family received friends from 2:00-8:00 PM Tuesday at the funeral home. Condolences and memories may be shared at www.williamsonandsons.com. Arrangements were by Williamson and Sons Funeral Home, 8852 Dayton Pike, Soddy-Daisy, Tennessee 37379.



JOHN F. MCGOWAN - Died Saturday, March 3, 2012 in Red Bank, New Jersey at the age of 64. The cause of death was a massive heart attack. He was born June 24, 1947 in Jersey City, New Jersey. He is survived by his wife Lynn, son John, daughter Rori, son-in-law Jim and grandson James. He was also a loving son, son-in-law, brother-in-law, uncle, and great uncle. John served in the United States Marines from 1966-1970 where he earned multiple medals and citations for bravery and combat during the Vietnam War. John was a dedicated and committed member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Allenhurst Chapter #12** where he served on the executive board.

He was also a member of the VFW and the American Legion. He often would visit Veterans Hospitals to comfort other Veterans with major illnesses and disabilities from the wars in which they served. John Will always remain in the hearts of his family and friends as a loyal and devoted Husband, wonderful Father, loving Grandfather and a proud member of the Vietnam Veterans of America and Marine Corps. The family receives their friends 2:00-4:00 and 7:00-9:00 PM Wednesday at the John P. Condon Funeral Home in Leonardo. Funeral Services were held 10:30 AM Thursday at St. James Church, Broad Street, Red Bank. Cremation services will be private. The Family suggests that in lieu of flowers please make a donation to Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 12, P.O. Box 276, Allenhurst New Jersey 07711.



ROGER D. McVAY - Died at 3:35 p.m. Wednesday, December 21, 2011, in OSF Saint Anthony Medical Center in Rockford, Illinois at the age of 70. The cause of death was Agent Orange-related lung cancer. He was born December 17, 1941, in Rewey, Wisconsin to the late Albert and Elsie (née Shady) McVay. He served in the United States Marine Corps for three tours of duty in Vietnam, and received three Purple Hearts. He also recently received the Gallantry Cross for his service. He married Sandy S. Seidel on June 25, 1994, in Rockton. He was a member of Pelley Road Christian

Fellowship, a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Rockford Chapter 984**, and the USMC Tankers Convention. Roger was an avid Green Bay Packers fan. He was survived by wife, Sandy; five children; eight grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; brothers, Bob and David; and numerous nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by two sisters; and three brothers. The funeral service was at 11:00 AM on Wednesday, December 28, in Olson Funeral & Cremation Services Ltd., Fred C. Olson Chapel, 1001 Second Avenue, with the Reverend Jerry Hall officiating. Burial services were in Arlington Memorial Park. Visitation hours were from

5:00 to 7:00 PM on Tuesday, December 27th, in Fred C. Olson Chapel, and from 10:00 to 10:45 AM on Wednesday. Memorials may be made to the Marine Corps War Memorial Foundation, Post Office Box 101, Winchester, Virginia 22604.

JOHN CARROLL MIDDLECAMP - Died Sunday, March 11, 2012 at NHC Health Care in Tennessee at the age of 76. He was a resident of Burns, Tennessee. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Portsmouth, Ohio on May 23, 1935 to the late John Edward and Charlotte Lillian (née Cook) Middlecamp. He was a retired United States Army veteran and a member of the Catholic Church. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Dickson Chapter #950**. Survivors include his daughters, Jan Colston of Dickson, Beth Middlecamp of Dickson; brother, Jim Middlecamp of Illinois; grandchildren, Drew Colston, Cory Colston, Evan Broussard and Aiden Broussard. Funeral services will be conducted Wednesday March 14, 2012 at 3:00 PM from the Chapel of the Taylor Funeral Home. Place of rest will be in the Middle TN Veterans Cemetery on Thursday March 15th at 11:00 AM. Visitation with the family will be Tuesday March 13th from 5 to 8 PM and on Wednesday from 2 PM until time of service. Those desiring memorials may be made to the Wounded Warrior Project. Services are under the direction of the Taylor Funeral Home.

GERALD ROBERT MILLER – Died Saturday, February 18, 2012 in Helena, Montana at the age of 73. The cause of death is unknown. He was born April 14, 1938. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Helena Chapter #626**.



JOHN DAVID MILLER - Died Thursday, December 8, 2011 in Hendersonville, Tennessee at the age of 56. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Portland, Oregon on January 16, 1955. He was a United States Navy veteran. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Gallatin Chapter #240**. He is survived by his wife, Janet Miller; son, Darryl Miller (LaNea); daughters, Debi Miller (Chris) and Denise Sibole (Matthew); six grandchildren and two on the way. Cole and Garrett Funeral Home in Hendersonville were in charge of arrangements.



GARAND RUSSELL "Gary" MOORE - Died Friday, March 2, 2012 in Marysville, Michigan at the age of 60. The cause of death is unknown. He was born September 8, 1951 in Detroit, Michigan. He married Tammy Gravlin on September 28, 1991. Gary served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War and was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Roseville Chapter #154** and a member and past Commander of the Shafer-Rachelle VFW Post #6782. He worked for many years as plant superintendant at Yale Industries and recently as the produce manager at Wally's Supermarket in Marysville. Gary was an avid hockey player and fan and also enjoyed playing golf, fishing, gardening and landscaping, and cooking. He is survived by

wife, Tammy; daughters, Heather (Alan) Earls of Nashville, Tennessee, and Stacy (Brad) Connell of White Lake; sons, Jamie O'Mara of Orlando, Florida, and Jason (Alisa) Moore of St. Clair Shores; grandchildren, Beck and Brock Amo, Ava Connell, and future granddaughter, Bethanny Moore; two sisters, Donna Kucharek of Gaylord and Maureen (Rich) Radcliffe of Warren; many nieces, nephews, and cousins, including special cousin, Michael Embry; and wonderful canine companion, Brandy. He was preceded in death by his parents, Harry Neu and Marcella Moore, and a brother, Dennis Moore. Visitation will be from 2-4 & 6-9 p.m. on Monday and 3-6 p.m. on Tuesday in the Marysville Funeral Home. Funeral services will be held at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 6, 2012 in the Marysville Funeral Home. The Reverend Max Amstutz will officiate. Memorials may be made to Soldier's Best Friend, an organization that places service dogs with war veterans. To send condolences, visit marysvillefuneralhome.com.



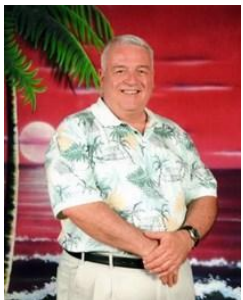
ROBERT MALCOLM MORGAN - Died Wednesday, March 7, 2012, of Olney, Maryland at the age of 71. The cause of death was Agent Orange-related squamous cell carcinoma of head and neck, Diabetes Mellitus Type II and Ischemic Heart Disease. He was born in Providence, Rhode Island on December 31, 1940. He was the beloved husband of 49 years to Kathleen F. Morgan; father of Robert I. (Kristina), Daniel S. (Rachel) and Karen E. Morgan. Brother of Meredith Dubke of Warwick, Rhode Island and the late Kenneth Morgan. He is also survived by 10 grandchildren. Mr. Morgan joined the United States Marine Corps in 1958 and served 11 years, including a tour in Vietnam, where he was exposed to Agent Orange. He finished his military career in the Maryland Army National Guard, retiring as 1st Sergeant. He also had a Civil Service career as a Computer Systems Analyst. Lastly, he spent several years in the private sector, most notably as the Assistant Regional Manager in the Maryland Prison System. His retirement years were full of family, travel, participation in many veterans groups, and volunteering at the VA Hospital in Washington, DC. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Silver Spring Chapter #641**. Relatives and friends called at Collins Funeral Home, 500 University Boulevard West, Silver Spring, MD, (Valet Parking), Sunday, March 11, 2:00 to 4:00 PM and 7:00 to 9:00 PM. A memorial service was held at Church of Christ at Manor Woods, 5300 Norbeck Road, Rockville, MD, on Monday, March 12, at 1:00 PM. Inurnment Arlington National Cemetery at a later date. Memorial contributions may be made to Church of Christ at Manor Woods, Disabled American Veterans, 47 Long Green Court, Silver Spring, MD 20906 or Montgomery Hospice Society, 1355 Piccard Drive, Suite 100, Rockville, MD 20850. www.collinsfuneralhome.com.

SANDRA M. MULLER - Died Wednesday, March 21, 2012, in Grants Pass, Oregon at the age of 65. He was a resident of Brookings, Oregon. The cause of death is unknown. Sandra was born December 17, 1946, in San Francisco, California. She grew up between there and Crescent City, attending schools in both locations. She married Doug Costa in 1964; they had one son, Kurt. Mr. Costa preceded her in death. Sandra met Frank Muller while living in San Anselmo, California. The two fell in love and were married there on May 12, 1990. They moved to Napa, California, and then later to American Canyon, California, where Sandra worked as a co-manager of a Hallmark store. She and Frank would often take trips to Crescent City to visit her

sister, who would in turn take them on drives to Brookings. They decided to retire to Brookings and moved here in 2005. She was a member of Brookings Elks Lodge 1934. Frank and Sandra were also both very active members of the Brookings-Harbor Red Shirts. From sewing helmet liners for soldiers, to helping with any fundraiser, parade or festival, to writing letters, doing mailings and even wearing red every Friday, their house was always abuzz with Red Shirt activities. Sandra was always willing to lend a helping hand to anyone in need. She was a very caring person; her generosity had far-reaching effects on many of her family and friends. She will be missed dearly and remembered fondly. She was a member of **Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America – Brookings Chapter #757**. Survivors include Frank Muller, her husband of 22 years, of Brookings; son Kurt Costa of Petaluma, Calif.; daughter Allison Muller of Napa; granddaughters Andrea Muller and Makayla Costa; sisters Barbara Batt of Jacksonville, and Jeannette Mitola of Crescent City; nephews Jeff and Gary Mitola; niece Cheryl Tackett; brother-in-law Dave Costa. Memorial contributions may be made to the Brookings Harbor Redshirts, 17247 Lumber View Road, Brookings, OR 97415. A celebration of Sandra's life will be at 4 p.m. Saturday, April 21, 2012, at Redwood Memorial Chapel, 1020 Fifield Street, Brookings, Oregon. Condolences may be expressed online at www.redwoodmemorial.net.



RONALD J. MURRAY - Died Sunday, December 25th, 2011, at his home in Lakeland, Florida (formerly of Enola) at the age of 66. The cause of death is unknown. Ron served 2 tours in Vietnam with the United States Army from 1966 - 1967, served with the 179th Aviation Company, 52nd Aviation Battalion, 1st Aviation Brigade, from 1968 - 1969. He served with the 82nd Airborne, Headquarters and Delta Company, 3rd Brigade, and 505th Infantry Battalion. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Tampa Chapter #787**. He is survived by 2 daughters, Veronica Murray of Lemoyne, Tammy Davidson, of Wormleysburg; 2 sons, Derek Tare of Etters, Glenn Sullivan of Villa Rica, Georgia; 11 grandchildren, and 2 great-grandchildren. Burial services will be held at Ft. Indiantown Gap, Annville, PA, on Tuesday, January 31st, 2012, at 1:00 pm. In lieu of flowers, contributions can be made to any veteran organization in his memory.



VIRGIL THOMAS "Tom" O'BERRY - Died Tuesday, March 20, 2012 in Jacksonville, Florida at the age of 58. The cause of death was coronary disease. He was born in Waycross, Georgia on October 20, 1953 to the late George Thomas and Mildred Louise (née Kinnon) O'Berry. He served in the United States Army from 1971 to 1974. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Atlantic Beach Chapter #1046**. He worked for many years at NADEP at Naval Air Station-Jacksonville. Recently he was involved with the Missing in America Project. Surviving are his loving wife Jean of

over 31 years, two children, Jennifer (Clayton) Ulmer, Patrick (Regina) O'Berry, two grandchildren, Scott and Ariana, a brother, Jerome O'Berry, sister, Maxine (Wilton) Sapp and many dear friends. Visitation will be tomorrow, 6– 8 PM Thursday, March 22 at Hardage-Giddens Funeral Home, 4115 Hendricks Avenue, Jacksonville, FL. Interment will take place

9:30AM Friday, March 23 at Jacksonville National Cemetery with a Memorial Service following at 11:30AM at Hardage-Giddens Hendricks Chapel. Dr. Vonn Johnson will officiate. Memorials in his name may be directed to the Missing In America Project. Words of comfort may be shared with the family at www.hardage-giddenshendricksave.com.

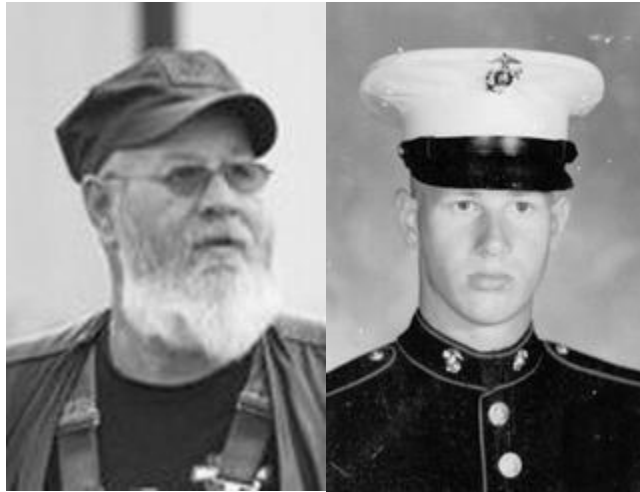
STEPHEN CHARLES OPDYKE – Died recently in 2012 in Los Angeles, California at the age of 62. The cause of death is unknown. He was born October 22, 1949. He served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War with Headquarters and Headquarters Battalion, 2^{/32} Artillery. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Redondo Beach Chapter #53**.

HAROLD F. OTT – Died Tuesday, November 1, 2011 in the Group Home for Veterans in Grand Rapids, Michigan at the age of 60. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Oscoda, Wisconsin on November 3, 1950. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Permanently Hospitalized Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Grand Rapids Chapter #18**.

LEROY W. PERRY - Died Thursday, February 23, 2012, at home in Wilmington, North Carolina at the age of 67. The cause of death was cancer. He was born July 31, 1944 in Wilmington, North Carolina. He is survived by his wife, Barbara Perry, of the home. He served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Wilmington Chapter #885** and was Past-President of the Chapter and served as the North Carolina State Minority Affairs Chairman. The funeral was at 100 PM Tuesday, February 28, 2012, at St. Andrew AME Zion Church. Burial was in Greenlawn Memorial Park. Arrangements were made by John H. Shaw's Son Funeral Home.



RONALD DEAN PINTA - Died Monday, January 16, 2012, at the Muse Norris Inpatient Unit in Mason City, Iowa. He was a resident of Hampton, Iowa and 71 years of age. The cause of death is unknown. He was born September 19, 1940, in Mason City, Iowa, to the late Harold Herbert & Dorothy Evelyn (née Dean) Pinta. Ronald graduated from Plymouth High School in 1959. He served his country in the United States Army during the Vietnam War. Ronald was united in marriage to Janet Kay Fowler on October 23, 1960, at the Little Brown Church in Nashua, Iowa. He was a member of the Church of Christ in Hampton and was also a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Lake Mills Chapter #790**. Ronald enjoyed photography, cooking, amateur ham radio, volunteering for American Red Cross, watching old western and war movies and shooting guns. He is survived by his daughter Brenda and husband Ben DeVries of Hampton, son David Pinta of Hampton, grandsons Reid and Sawyer DeVries of Hampton, brothers-in-law Robert Fowler and Gary Faktor, both of Mason City, sisters-in-law Jan Faktor and Susan Chapin, both of Mason City and many nieces, nephews and cousins. He was preceded in death by his parents, wife Janet Kay, sister-in-law Sandy Fowler and brothers-in-law Kermit Chapin and Edward Fowler. Burial will take place at the Plymouth Cemetery in Plymouth, Iowa, at a later date.



ROBERT WAYNE PORTMESS - Died at home in Ridgeley, West Virginia surrounded by his family on Wednesday, February 8, 2012 at the age of 58. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on August 13, 1953, in Cumberland, Maryland to the late Francis Wayne and Jessie Helen (née Johnson) Portmess. He retired from CSX Railroad as a trackman. He was a United States Marine Corps veteran of the Vietnam-era. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America Cumber Chapter #172**, the Mountainside Marines, the Cumberland Outdoor Club, The

Cresaptown Eagles, The Cumberland Moose and the Ridgeley VFW. Surviving are four daughters, Dixie Armbruster, Midlothian, Jennifer Lynn Portmess, Ridgeley, Sarah Susanne Portmess, Martinsburg, W.Va. and Leah Anna Alderman, Ridgeley; and one son, Robert E. Lee Portmess, Fountain, W.Va. He is also survived by two sisters, Patricia Ann Butts and husband Raymond, Corriganville and Brenda Pearl Ross, Cumberland; four brothers, Carl Portmess and wife Tammy Sue, Ridgeley, Cecil Edward Portmess, Cumberland, Keith Andrew Portmess and wife Patti, North Carolina and Warren Leroy Portmess and wife Ronna, Cumberland. He had eight grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews. He is also survived by his dog, Kelly. Friends were received at the Scarpelli Funeral Home, P.A., 108 Virginia Avenue, Cumberland, (www.scarpellifh.com) on Thursday, February 9, 2012 from 5:00 to 8:00 PM. Funeral services were conducted at the funeral home on Friday, February 10, 2012 at 11:00 AM with Pastor Charles Riggelman officiating. Interment was in the Maryland State Veterans Cemetery, Rocky Gap, Flintstone. Military honors will be accorded by the Vietnam Veterans of American #172



DONALD W. PULENSKEY - Died Monday, November 21, 2011 at Treasure Coast Hospice House in Fort Pierce, Florida. He was a resident of Port Sainte Lucie, Florida and 67 years of age. The cause of death was cancer. He was born in Troy, New York and moved to Port Sainte Lucie, Florida from Poestenkill, New York in 2007. Donald retired from Watervliet Arsenal and was a veteran of the United States Air Force serving in the Vietnam Conflict. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Cohoes (New York) Chapter #8**. Survivors include his wife of 47 years Deanna Pulenskey of Port Saint Lucie, daughter Michelle Welch of Fort Pierce, FL, and a granddaughter KaLeigh Arsenault. He is preceded in death by his grandson

Bobbie Arsenault II, brothers Paul and Michael Pulenskey. Private Arrangements were with Yates Funeral Home Fort Pierce, Florida. Memorial donations may be sent to Make-A-Wish Foundation of Southern Florida 4491 South State Road 7, Suite 201 Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33314. A guest book is available at www.yatesfuneralhome.com.



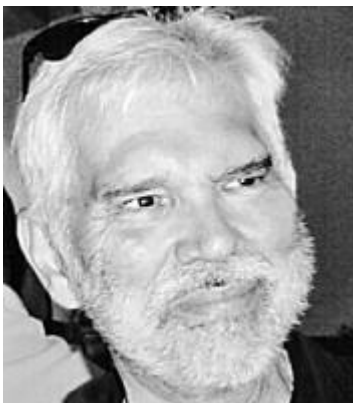
JOHN H. "Jack" REED, SR. - 65, of Roanoke, Died peacefully on March 6, 2012 in Roanoke, Virginia at the age of 65. The cause of death is unknown. He was born June 18, 1946. He was preceded in death by his parents and brother. Survivors are his wife, Cindy; children, Monica Paitsel, Jack Reed, Zane Reed and Sam Reed; also sister, Theresa R. Wright; and seven grandchildren.

A gathering of family and friends was held at Oakey's North Chapel on Thursday, March 8, 2012 from 5:00 to 7:00 PM. In lieu of flowers, please send memorials to the Veterans Administration Medical Center in Salem. Arrangements were made by Oakey's North Chapel.



GERALD WAYNE REYNOLDS - Died Saturday, October 8, 2011 in Corinth, Texas at the age of 69. The cause of death was lung disease. He was born on March 25, 1942 in Paris, Tennessee to the late Charles R. and Mavis K. (née Smothers) Reynolds. Gerald served in the United States Army for 6 years in the 101st Airborne, Screaming Eagles Division in the Vietnam War and was employed by Mead Westvaco Envelope of Dallas, TX for 41 years and retired in 2006. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Denton Chapter #920**. Gerald is survived by his wife Barbara Reynolds and

one son, Barry and Sonya Reynolds and one daughter, Sandra Alfaro. Gerald is also survived by four sisters; Janet and Gene Sweatt, Debra and Rodney Saucedo, Anita and Chris Powers and Paula and Tony Harvey and stepmother, Dorothy Reynolds and nine grandchildren; Michael Owens, Alex and Jordon Alfaro, Erin, Anna, Julia Reynolds, Roy and Justin Jones and Michael Tart. He was preceded in death by his parents, Charles R. Reynolds and Mavis K. Smothers, two brothers, Timothy Randolph and Robert Gary Reynolds and one sister, Carolyn Kaetzel. Visitation was on Wednesday, October 12, 2011 from 7:00 PM until 9:00 PM at the Dalton & Son Funeral Home in Lewisville, Texas. Funeral services were on Thursday at 11:00 AM at Dalton & Son Funeral Chapel with burial at D/FW National Cemetery. In lieu of flowers donations can be made to the Vietnam Memorial Fund or American Lung Association.



LARRY E. ROEHL - Died unexpectedly on Friday, June 17, 2011 at The Toledo Hospital at the age of 62. He was a resident of Toledo, Ohio. The cause of death is unknown. He was born February 3, 1949 to the late Lorenz and Marjorie (née Miller) Roehl. Larry was a Vietnam Veteran, proudly serving with the 82nd Airborne Division of the United States Army. In addition to being a civilian volunteer for the Sylvania Township Police Department, Larry was a lifetime member of many organizations including: the Joseph Diehn American Legion Post No. 468, VFW Post No. 2898, AMVETS

OH 222, and a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America - Toledo Chapter #35**. Larry retired in 2000 from Verizon, formerly GTE, and was also a member of the Communication Workers of America Local No. 4379. A very social person, Larry enjoyed spending time with friends and the freedom of riding his Harley. He will be dearly missed by his loving wife, Connie R. (Burgess); children, Jason Roehl and Lesley (Michael) Maidlow, both of Toledo; grandchildren, Lillian, Valerie, and Blake; sister, Bonnie (Robert) Wilcox; special in-laws, Deborah (William) Wittich and Donald (Mary Ann) Burgess; step father, Gerald O'Brien; step brothers and sisters, nieces, nephews, and many friends. He was also preceded in death by his brother, Donald Roehl. "Your memory is a keepsake with which we will never part. Tho' God has you in his keeping, we will always have you in our heart." Visitation was at the Reeb Funeral Home, 5712 North Main Street, Sylvania, on Monday, June 20, 2011 from 4:00-8:00 PM, with a VFW Post No. 468 service at 7:00 PM. The funeral service was held on Tuesday at 1:00 PM, with Pastor Ed Strietelmeier officiating. Interment was at Ottawa Hills Memorial Park with a Patriot Guard escort and burial honors. Donations in Larry's memory may be made to the VFW Post No. 2898.

ANITA LOUISE (née Bailey) SCHMIDT – Died Sunday, December 25th 2011 while visiting family in Spokane, Washington at the age of 55. She was a resident of Perry, Georgia. The cause of death was cancer. She was born in Danbury, Connecticut on January 1, 1955 to Enrico J. and



Rosemary Potenziani, of Kathleen, Georgia. Anita is survived by her husband retired Technical Sergeant Brian L. Schmidt of Perry, Georgia; her sister, Ida Bessette, of Danbury, Connecticut; five step-children, Robin Kissock (John) of Bloomington, Minnesota; 2nd Lt. John Schmidt (Amanda) of Ft Riley, Kansas; Brady Schmidt of Watertown, South Dakota; William Schmidt and Madalynne Schmidt of Perry; plus numerous other relatives. Anita was a 1974 graduation from Danbury High School, Danbury, Conn. She attended Western Connecticut State College, earned her bachelor's degree in journalism from Charter Oak College in Farmington, and her master's degree in mass communications from the University of the Incarnate

Word in San Antonio, Texas. Anita enlisted in the United States Air Force and served from March 1978 to September 2002. Her assignments included Keesler Air Force Base, Miss.; Bitburg Air Base, Germany; K.I. Sawyer Air Force Base, Mich.; Joint Task Force Bravo, Honduras; Lackland Air Force Base, Texas; Air Force Surgeon General's Staff at the Pentagon; and finally as the Public Affairs Superintendent for Air Force Reserve Command, Robins Air Force Base, Georgia. After retiring from the Air Force, Anita taught several courses from 2002 until 2010 when her health forced her to stop working. She taught within the Communications discipline, including public speaking, public relations, news writing, media relations, interpersonal and cross cultural communications, at Macon State College, Mercer University, Gordon College, and at the Warner Robins campus of Georgia Military College. Anita was also very active as a *Life Member* in **Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America – Warner Robins Chapter #902**, her local church and the Christian Motorcycle Association with which she went on several overseas mission trips to present pastors with small motorcycles. A memorial service will held at Andrew United Methodist Church in Kathleen, GA at 3 PM December 30th.

GARY L. SCHOJAN - Died Friday, March 30, 2012 in Marion, New York at the age of 66. The cause of death is unknown. He was born July 10, 1945 to the late Paul and Helen Schojan. He is survived by his son, Gary (Janet) Schojan, Kevin (Jennifer) Schojan; daughter, Kimberly (William) Harrison; granddaughters, Courtney, Carley and Caitlin Schojan, Olivia and Taylor Schojan, Charlotte, Isabella, Julia and Willow Harrison; significant other, Carol Little; ex-wife, Judith Schojan; brothers; sister; nieces, nephews and friends. He was a Vietnam veteran and a United States Marine. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Rochester Chapter #20**. Friends and family are invited to call 4-7 Tuesday at Stevens Funeral Home, 3896 Buffalo St., Marion, NY where the Funeral Services will be held 7 PM Tuesday immediately following Calling Hours.



BETTYE IRVINE SELBY - Died Monday, January 16, 2012 in Chattanooga, Tennessee at the age of 68. The cause of death is unknown. She was born in Scottsboro, Alabama on November 23, 1943 to the late Charles and Rubye Irvine. Bettye is survived by her loving husband, Wayne Selby. She is also survived by her loving church family of Chattanooga Church. She was a *Life Member* of **Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America – Chattanooga Chapter #203**. The family received friends Wednesday from 6:00 to 9:00 PM at the North Chapel. Funeral service was held 12:30 PM Thursday, January 19, 2012, at the North Chapel of Chattanooga Funeral Home with the Reverend Morty Lloyd officiating. Burial was at Chattanooga National Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to the Vietnam Veterans of America at 8719 Colesville Road, Suite 100, Silver Springs, MD 20910 - 3919. Arrangements were by Chattanooga Funeral Home Crematory and Florist, North Chapel, 5401 Highway. 153, Hixson, Tennessee 37343.



JOHN WILLIAM SHEARER III - Died at the Michael E. DeBakey VA Medical Center, Houston, Texas, on Wednesday, December 9, 2009, at the age of 63. He was a resident and business owner of Shearer's Autoplex/271 Wrecker Service of Gladewater, Texas. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on September 1, 1946, in Odessa, Texas, to the John William Shearer II and Inez (née Moorman) Shearer. John was the third of four children born into the Shearer household. John was a gracious man and a wonderful friend. He never met a stranger and always offered his help and assistance to anyone in need. John was proud to be a 32nd degree Mason and a proud veteran of our nation's armed services. One of his greatest pleasures, living in Gladewater, came from service to his community: the local fire departments, police departments and Lions Club. John was a member of Ridgecrest Baptist Church in Greenville, Texas. John joined the United States Navy on March 24, 1967, and served our military honorably for six years. His first assignment took him into the

heart of Southeast Asia: the Vietnam War. During his tour in Vietnam, John was awarded the Vietnam Navy Distinguished Service Award, Vietnam Service Medal, one Gold Star, Vietnam Campaign Medal with Device Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal and the Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry. He was then assigned as a sonar technician aboard the USS Bryce Canyon (AD36) and finished his career with the Navy as a recruiter encouraging other young men to serve their country. Just this year, grandsons, Taylor Hill joined the U.S. Air Force and Hunter Bethune joined the U.S. Navy. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Longview Chapter #987**. In addition to his parents, John was preceded in death by his daughter, Suzanne Shearer Akin. He is survived by his wife, Corinne Shearer of Gladewater; son, David and wife, Angie Shearer of Gladewater; daughter, Wendy Shearer Olsen and husband, Darin, of Rockwall; stepchildren, Sam Hill and wife, Kim, of Gladewater, Mike Hill of Greenville, Brad Hill of Caddo Mills, Valesa Hill Stanphill of Big Sandy, Jeff Stanphill of Washington State and Maria Hill Yosten and husband, Mark, of Gladewater; 16 grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; sisters, Jerry Suphen and husband, Aubrey, of Odessa, and Kay Aiken and husband, Herb, of San Marcos, Texas; brother, Glenn Shearer and wife, Gail, of Longview; several nieces and nephews; and a host of friends. John and Corinne Hill married in 1990 and moved to the Warren City area of Gladewater, Texas, in 1992. Corinne would like to thank this wonderful man for the strength and guidance he gave to their children, enabling them to become who they are today. God has likely already said to our loved one, "Well done my good and faithful servant, so welcome home, MY BIG MAN!" A memorial service was held at Calvary Baptist Church, Highway 80 and FM 2685, in Gladewater, Texas, at 1:00 PM Saturday, December 19, 2009. John's family asks that if it is in your heart to give something to John's memory, please give to Michael E. DeBakey VA Medical Center-Fisher House, 2002 Holcomb Boulevard, Houston, Texas 77030.



FREDERICK PAUL SHORT - Died Tuesday, February 28, 2012 at Florida Hospital in Tampa, Florida. He was a resident of Albion, Rhode Island and 66 years of age. The cause of death was a massive cerebral hemorrhage. He was born in Pawtucket, Rhode Island on February 15, 1946 to late Frederick and Ada (née Inglis) Short. Fred was a graduate of Pawtucket West High School and served his country as a United States Army Ranger combat veteran during the Vietnam War. He was an active *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – James Michael Ray Memorial (North Smithfield) Chapter #818**. Fred is survived by his sister Dorothy Inglis and

two sons Joshua and Zachary. Calling hours were held at Merrick R. Williams Funeral Home 530 Smithfield Avenue, Pawtucket, Rhode Island on Thursday, March 8th from 6:00-8:00 PM. Burial was on Friday at 10:00 AM at the Rhode Island State Veterans Cemetery, 301 South Country Trail, Exeter, Rhode Island. In Lieu of flowers, donations in Fred Short's memory may be made to VVA Chapter 818, 333 Victory Highway, North Smithfield, Rhode Island 02896.

WILLIAM F. SLUSSER - Died peacefully to the effects of Agent Orange at home in Stevens, Pennsylvania on Thursday, March 1, 2012 at the age of 69, surrounded by his loving family. He was born November 21, 1942 in Lancaster, Pennsylvania to the late Clark and Ethel (née Young)

Slusser, and step-son of the late Gilda Slusser and Ed Kelchner. Bill loved the outdoors, including hunting, fishing, and camping in the mountains of upstate PA. He was known as "Billy" growing up, "Slush" at work and "Poppy" to his grandchildren. He enlisted in the United States Army in 1961 studying as a Nike Hercules missile technician at NATO nuclear warhead school, Oberammergau, Germany. After being stationed at various missile sites, he served in Vietnam 1968-70 as an 11th Black Horse Armored Cavalry tank driver. He received a Purple Heart, Vietnam Service Medal & Gallantry Cross, Army Commendation Medal and a Bronze Star. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Lancaster Chapter #1008**. He has worked for Victor Weaver, Big Dutchman, Woolworth and last, loved driving truck for Summer's Trucking. His favorite job was being a husband, father and grandfather. Surviving are his wife of 41 years, Ruth R. (Cairl) Slusser; children, Sonya Kessler, fiancée of Troy Hawkins; Jim (Colleen Shadwell) Slusser; Gwendolynn Myers, companion of Timothy Gallaher; William "Pete" (Lucie Hill) Slusser; and Jennifer Slusser; grandchildren, Steven, Jessica, Jamie, Kenneth, Samantha, Michael, Melissa, Rachel, Regina, Gabrielle, Chayla and Alivia; great-grandchildren, Zane, Christian, Noa and an expected great-granddaughter; aunts, Martha Bankus and Mary Sponenberg; sisters, Bertha Hamilton, Elmira, NY; Connie Reider, Salisbury, NC; Cindy (Tom) Gensel, Berks; and Deb (Bob) Thennis, Mifflinville; and numerous nieces, nephews and their families. Also predeceasing him were brothers in law, Jim Hamilton and Bob Reider, 2 nephews and a great-nephew. FUNERAL: Tuesday, March 6, 12:00 Noon, Good Funeral Home, Reamstown, Pennsylvania. VIEWING: 10:00 AM-12:00 Noon BURIAL: Indiantown Gap National Cemetery with military honors. Omit flowers, contributions to 11th ACVVC - Scholarship Fund c/o Ollie Pickral, 571 Ditchy Road, Kimarnock, Virginia 22482 or Reamstown Church of God, 400 Pfautz Hill Road, Stevens, Pennsylvania 17578. Although Bill is no longer here in person, his family knows he's in the heavens above looking down upon them. His memory will never fade, as they remember the kind of man he was... a hero, survivor, patriot, loving husband and proud, devoted father and grandfather.

ROGER LEE SNYDER – Died Wednesday, November 11, 2009 in Dunlap, Tennessee at the age of 64. The cause of death was cancer. He was born in Dunlap on December 17, 1944. He served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Chattanooga Chapter #203**.



DONALD SPERRY – Died Thursday night, December 29, 2011 in Coulterville, California at the age of 64. He lost his 1 ½ year battle with Agent Orange-related lung cancer. He was born on September 3, 1947 in Sacramento, California. He is survived by his mother, Ruth Sperry, his wife Nellie, sons Roy & Ruben Sperry, stepsons Steve & Donnie Staal, stepdaughters Sharon Baldwin, Debra Qualls, Teri Garner & Susan Jameson, 11 grandchildren and 1 great granddaughter. He served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War with a tour of duty from January 22, 1969 to January 22, 1970. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Sonora Chapter #391**. He spent most of his early years in Manteca and Modesto. He has moved to the foothills near Don Pedro Lake in 1990. He loved the outdoors, fishing and gold panning and also cooking

ethnic dishes. He was a great mentor to all of his children. He will be missed by many friends and family, but we rejoice in the fact that he made a commitment to accept and serve Jesus Christ on March 30, 2009. He attended Lake Don Pedro Baptist Church.



FRANK D. STRUCK - Died Friday, February 24, 2012, at the Saint Joseph Regional Medical Center in Mishawaka, Indiana at the age of 60. He was a resident of Lakeville, Indiana. The cause of death was liver failure. Frank was born November 9, 1951, to the late Stanley and Freda (née Paulus) Struck in South Bend, Indiana. On July 8, 1972, he married the former Miss Sharon Rose in South Bend. They celebrated 39 years of marriage. Surviving are his wife, Sharon Struck of Lakeville; his brothers, Edward Louis Struck and Noel Frederick (Janice) Struck; and his sisters, Joanne Carole (Ronald) Crawford and Judith Kay Rutkowski. Also surviving are several nieces and nephews, Rhonda Owens, James Rutkowski, John Rutkowski, Julie Rutkowski-Lawson, Eric Struck, Holly Magyar, Ashley Struck, Neely Struck, Jacob Struck and Alisson Struck. Visitation will be held 2 hours prior to the 2:00 pm funeral service today, February 27, 2012, at the Chapel Hill Funeral Home in Osceola. Entombment and military honors will follow in the Good Shepherd Mausoleum on the grounds of Chapel Hill Memorial Gardens in Osceola. Frank served honorably in the United States Marine Corps from 1970-1974, where he was a tank commander for the 1st Marine Division. He graduated Cum Laude from Indiana State University with a B.S. in Safety Management in 1982, and was employed first as an engineering consultant for AETNA Insurance and Casualty, and then later as an elevator and amusement ride inspector for the State of Indiana. He loved riding his Harley, and was a lifetime member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – St. Joseph County Chapter #1027**. Frank, in his youth, was also an Eagle Scout, where he obtained the Order of the Arrow. Frank also enjoyed catfishing. He loved animals, wildlife, and the serenity of his wooded property. In his memory, donations may be made to the Heartland Small Animal Rescue in South Bend, to Pet Refuge in Mishawaka, or to the Logan Center. Online condolences may be sent to the Struck family at www.chapelhillmemorial.com.



RICHARD H. SUAZO - Died Monday August 2, 2010 in Hayward, California at the age of 63. The cause of death is unknown. He was born June 25, 1947 to Adelina and the late Elisandro Suazo. He was a barber for over 40 years in Pleasanton. He was a Vietnam Veteran and served in the United States Marine Corps. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Oakland Chapter #400**. Richard is predeceased by his father Elisandro Suazo, his brother David, and his sister Catherine. He is survived by his wife Lydia Ann, his son Cory Suazo, his daughter Marisa Torres her husband Matthew, his mother, Adelina, his brother Randy Suazo and wife Veronica, his sister Linda Kronder and husband Rick, his brother Michael Suazo and all of his nieces and nephews. Viewing will be on 8-5-10 at 5:30pm at Chapel of the Chimes in Hayward. Funeral mass will be held on 8-6-10 at 9:30am at St. Bede Catholic Church in Hayward.



STEPHEN C. SWISHER - Died Friday, March 2, 2012 at the Louisville VA Medical Hospital in Kentucky at the age of 68. He was a resident of Louisville. The cause of death was esophageal cancer. He was born in Louisville on January 13, 1944 to the late Berdet and Ola (née Blair) Swisher. He retired from GE after dedicating 30 years of committed service. Stephen was also a United States Army veteran and served in the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Jackson (Tennessee) Chapter 995**. Left to carry on his memory are his sisters, Nora Maxine Paul and Barbara Jones; dear friends, Jackie Mann, Mike Hoffman and Ernie Marr (Wanda); cherished legal guardian, Hazle Pratt; and his dog, Dusty. A service celebrating the life of Stephen will be 10 a.m. Wednesday at Arch L. Heady at Resthaven Funeral Home, 4400 Bardstown Rd. Visitation will be 3-8 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home. Donations can be made to Disabled American Vets or St. Jude. To leave condolences, please visit www.archlheadyresthaven.com.

THOMAS S TOCCI – Died Wednesday, February 15, 2012 in Manalapan, New Jersey at the age of 68. The cause of death was lung cancer and chronic obstructive pulmonary disease. He was born January 12, 1944. He is survived by wife, Marilyn, of the home. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was an *At-Large Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Florida**.



DANIEL EARL TRESEMER – Died Friday, May 7, 2010 in Mason City, Iowa at the age of 58. He fought a courageous battle with cancer and exceeded the expectations of doctors, a true fighter. He was born on September 16, 1951, to the late Richard E. and Ethel Belle (née Quinn) Tresemer in Ashland, Kentucky. He was the fourth child of five. He attended Osage High School, which he left to join the United States Army before graduation. He honorably served his country from 1969 to 1970 in Vietnam, during which time he was a door gunner for a medi-vac helicopter, a true hero to his family and friends. For 36 years he was in maintenance and a mill operator at Holcim Cement Plant and worked part time for Fastenal after retiring. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Lake Mills Chapter #790**. He was joined in marriage to Kathy Detmering on September 18, 1971, at the Wesley Methodist Church in Wesley. Together they had two children and enjoyed having a foreign exchange student. This past summer he and Kathy enjoyed baking bread and pies and sold them at the Farmer's Market. Dan enjoyed hunting, fishing, golfing, grilling out for friends and family. He never hesitated to volunteer his time to help others. Dan was a member of the VFW and enjoyed serving at various functions. Dan's family and friends will greatly miss his outgoing, fun-loving but yet stubborn-minded attitude. Dan lived each day to the fullest and loved to party, his grandkids will miss his love, care and most of all his laughter. Memorial services were held at 5:00 PM on Monday, May 10, 2010, at the Fullerton Funeral Home, 123 Second Street, SE, Mason City, Iowa. Officiating was the Reverend Steve Hansen of Grace United Methodist Church, Mason City. Visitation was from 3:00 PM until service time. Full

military honors will be presented by the Vietnam Veterans of America and the Mason City Memorial Association of VFW and American Legion. There will not be a burial service, but the family invites everyone to the VFW, 1603 South Monroe Avenue, following all services for a time of fellowship, reflection and sharing. Those planning an expression of sympathy may wish to consider memorials to the Vietnam Veterans Association (VVA) in care of his wife Kathy. Condolences may be shared with the family at www.Fullertonfh.com. Those thankful in sharing Dan's life include his wife Kathy of 38 years; his two children Brad Tresemer (Carrie), Story City, Kim Ryan (Kit), Mason City; the seven surviving grandchildren, Jordan Brown, Brock and CJ Tresemer, Amanda, Traci, Christopher, and Ali Ryan; his brother Jim (Ann) Tresemer, Omaha, Neb.; and sister Bonnie (Jerry) Kahler, Mason City; a special nephew Matt Miller (Kelly) and family, along with numerous family and friends. In addition to his parents, his granddaughter Cassidy Tresemer; his brother Samuel Tresemer; and his sister Pat Miller preceded him in death. Arrangements were made by the Fullerton Funeral Home and Cremation Services, 123 Second Street, SE, Mason City, Iowa.



Uhrick

LARRY L. UHRICK - Died Saturday, February 4, 2012, at his home in Wolcottville, Indiana at the age of 62. He was formerly of Berne, Indiana. The cause of death is unknown. He was born June 14, 1949, in Adams County, Indiana to Elmer and the late Norma Jean (née Swygart) Uhrick. He married Jane (née Nueuenschwander) on August 15, 1970. He is the former Chief of Police of the Berne Police Department. He spent 23 ½ years in the military. From 1966 to March of 1970, he served in the United States Marine Corps receiving the Good Conduct Marine Corps Medal; he served in Vietnam from July of 1967 to March of 1969; he served five years in the United States Army; he served with the United States Air Force in Desert Storm from January of 1991 to June of 1991; and retired with the United States Air Force in 1995 at the rank of Sergeant Major (E8). He was the Security Superintendent with the Security Police. He then served in Bosnia as a civilian with the security police in 2004. He was an Eagle Scout; and a member of

Leatherneck Marine Corps Club, in Columbia City, American Legion, the Police Chief Association, Fraternal Order of Police, the Sheriff Association, and the VFW. He was a *Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Bluffton Chapter #698*. He was also a member of Grace Bible Church in Berne. He enjoyed refinishing small pieces of furniture, fishing and traveling. "He will be greatly missed." In addition to his wife, he is also survived by his twin brother, Kerry (Marilyn) Uhrick of Sevierville, Tenn; sisters, Judy (Jerry) Wyatt of Warsaw and Joyce (Greg) Smith of Decatur; stepbrothers, Bill (Claudia) Bergdoll of Angola and Jim (Sheila) Bergdoll of Michigan; and stepsisters, Terri (Roger Black, Cindy (Mike) Wolfe and Ann (Jim) Harshman, all of Bluffton. He was also preceded in death by his stepmother, Madonna (Bergdoll) Uhrick. The funeral service was at 10:30 AM Wednesday, Feb. 8, 2012, at the Grace Bible Church, Berne, with visitation one hour prior. Pastor Ryon Adcock and Pastor William Lehman co-officiated. Visitation was also from 2:00 to 8:00 PM on February 7, 2012, at the


Yager-Kirchhofer Funeral Home, Berne. The burial was in M.R.E. Cemetery. Preferred memorials are asked to be made to the Wounded Warrior Fund.

GARY LEE VALENTINE - Died Friday, January 20, 2012, at the Western Maryland Regional Medical Center in Cumberland, Maryland at the age of 65. The cause of death is unknown. He was born January 4, 1947, in Cumberland, Maryland to the late Raymond Robert Valentine, Sr. and Anna Mae (née Bealky) Valentine. He was also preceded in death by a brother: Raymond R. Valentine, Jr. He was a graduate of Fort Hill High School Class of 1965 and a United States Naval Veteran during the Vietnam Era. Gary was a caregiver for a non-profit organization. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Cumberland Chapter #172**; the Cumberland Outdoor Club; and the Goodfellowship Club. Gary was also a member of the Fort Cumberland Post #13 American Legion. He loved his V.V.A. friends as though they were his brothers. His memory will live on in the care and love that he gave and the laughter he shared. Gary was the proud father of: Jason C. Valentine and wife, Erin, Annapolis, MD; Nicholas B. Valentine, Baltimore, MD; and Timothy L. Valentine, Cumberland, MD; his stepson: Harold W. Dixon, III and wife, Kirsten, MD; he is also survived by his sister: Mary Ann Franciosi and husband, James, Cumberland, MD; and his granddaughter: Amelia Valentine, whom he liked to call “Pickles”, Annapolis, MD. He was a loyal, lifelong friend to Ken Hausman, Charlie Bierman, and Gene Bender. He was honored to be the friend and caretaker of Bob Jones. He also had cherished friendships with Barb Wilson and Harlan Smith. Friends were received at the Adams Family Funeral Home, P.A., 404 Decatur Street, Cumberland, MD, on Sunday, January 22, 2012, from 2:00 P.M. to 4:00 P.M. and from 7:00 P.M., to 9:00 P.M. A funeral service was conducted at the funeral home on Monday, January 23, 2012, at 11:00 A.M., with V.V.A. Chapter #172 Chaplain Roger Long officiating. Interment was the in Maryland Veterans’ Cemetery at Rocky Gap. Military honors were accorded at the cemetery by the Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter #172 Honor Guard. The family requested that memorial contributions be made to the Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter #172.



VERNON PAUL VALENZUELA - Died Monday, March 26, 2012, overlooking the ocean and surrounded by his family. He was 63 years old. The cause of death was cancer. He was a resident of Bakersfield, California. He was born January 15, 1949 to the late Louis and Nellie Valenzuela. He served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War and was wounded in action during his tour. Vernon was a lifelong veteran's advocate since his return home from Vietnam in 1969. It's what he was and what he did. He loved it. Vernon started with the Vets Club at Bakersfield College and never looked back. It came easily to him, being with veterans, working with them and for them. The Vets Club of the '70s, which he often compared to Animal House, made him realize he could be a leader, and he used his abilities to the advantage of veterans locally and nationally. He obtained a degree in counseling so that he could specialize in treating Post Traumatic Stress Disorder. In private practice he fought for awards for many of his clients, and he always won. He was an *At-Large Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America - California**. Vernon worked at the national level with Vietnam Veterans of America, and met

with Congress regarding PTSD, Veterans rights, Agent Orange and MIA/POW issues. He was honored to bring home MIA remains from Vietnam to their families. When Bakersfield was bestowed with the honor of a Vet Center, Vernon was approached to be its first Team Leader. It was as though he trained all his life for this position, and it was a natural move. In addition to his parents, Vernon is preceded in death by his brothers, Ronnie and Everett; and numerous friends and fellow veterans. He is survived by his wife, Lise; his son Robert, wife Tracy, and son Kai; his daughter Alison and husband Andrew; his daughter Katherine; his sister, Dorothy and husband Robert Ochoa; his brother, Sully; his nieces Joann, Carla, Cindy; Grandson Ty, wife Stephanie and son Jimmy; and numerous other family members and friends (who were considered family). Vernon had what he would call the "high class problem" of having too many wonderful friends to name. Visitation will be held at Basham Funeral Care on Sunday, April 1, 2012, 5-8 p.m. Services at Basham Funeral Care on Monday, April 2, 2012, 8:30am. Interment was at Bakersfield National Cemetery after services. A wake to share stories and celebrate Vernon's life was at the Bakersfield Army National Guard Armory, 2800 Gateway Avenue, at noon. Attendees are invited to wear Hawaiian shirts if they choose. Pallbearers will be Ty Heckman, Danny Shaffer, Andy Anderson, Robert Fortner, Armando Trujillo, and Casey Schaub Schlager. A special thanks goes to Doctors Waguespack, Cousin (and Robert), Cartmell and Desai (and Margaret and Rodney). The wonderful staff and nurses of Hoffman Hospice, you guys are the best! And to the Vet Center staff, you all were his second family - he was so proud of all of you, especially Jenny (his "work wife"). In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made in Vernon's honor to either the Veterans of Kern County Inc. (c/o Kelly Tritch, 1120 Golden State Avenue) or Hoffman Hospice. The arrangements were made by the Basham Funeral Care www.bakersfield.com/obits.

 **ROBERT "Poppi" VOLK** - Died Monday, February 27, 2012 at his home in Easley, South Carolina at the age of 74. The cause of death was cancer. He was born in Brooklyn, New York on November 1, 1937 to the late Theodore Richard and Loretta (née Rindge) Volk. Mr. Volk retired as a home repairman and was a member of the Easley Moose Lodge and the American Legion. He was a veteran of the United States Army and retired from the United States Coast Guard. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Farmingville Chapter #11**. Surviving are his wife, Esther Hannah Rothman Volk of Easley; daughters, Tamara Pace of Easley, Kerry-Lee Volk-Smith (Mike) of Central Islip, NY; and Angie Soulsby (Johnny) of Easley; a sister, Carol Clark of Florida; and two grandchildren, Cody Pace and Tori Pace. In addition to his parents, Mr. Volk was predeceased by a sister, Barbara Mihle. Services were at 2:00 PM Thursday at Dolly Cooper Veterans Cemetery in Anderson with the Reverend Christie Gravely officiating. Visitation was from 6:00 PM until 8:00 PM Wednesday at Robinson Funeral Home-Downtown. Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society, 154 Milestone Way, Greenville, South Carolina 29615 or to Moose Lodge #2219, 121 Mauldin Road, Easley, South Carolina 29640. The family is at the residence. Condolences may be expressed online at www.robinsonfuneralhomes.com or in person at Robinson Funeral Home-Downtown which is assisting the family.



GARY D. VROOMAN - Monday, December 26, 2011, surrounded by his family in Owego, New York at the age of 69. The cause of death is cancer. He was born July 16, 1942 in Owego, New York to the late J. Samuel and Mary Vrooman. He is survived by his wife, Joyce, and their children, Katie Vrooman, Endicott, and Eric Vrooman, Owego; and his beloved grandchildren, Raymond Rudolph III and Hailee Johnson, both of Endicott. He is also survived by his brother, Leigh Vrooman, Owego; and his sisters, Mary Day, Athens, OH and Dona Dow, Maryville, TN; also several aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews and friends. Gary was very proud of his military service. He served in the United States Marine Corps from 1960 to 1971, including a tour in Vietnam between July 1967 and August 1968 with the 2nd Battalion 7th Marine regiment, receiving many awards and service commendations. He was a lifelong member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 1371 in Owego and also a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Owego Chapter #480**. He was recently employed by the Weis Market in Endicott. Our family would like to thank Dr. Ronald Harris and the staff at Broome Oncology and Dr. David Kwiatkowski and his staff in Apalachin. Funeral services were held Friday at 9:30 AM at the Allen Memorial Home, 511-513 East Main Street, Endicott, New York. Pastor Rollin Howard of Ross Corners Baptist Church officiated. Burial was in Vestal Hills Memorial Park, Vestal, New York. The family received friends at the Allen Memorial Home, Thursday, 7:00-9:00 PM. Expressions of sympathy in Gary's memory may be made to The American Cancer Society 13 Beech Street, Johnson City, New York 13790.



STEVEN W. WALSH - Died at 8:10 a.m. Friday, September 9, 2011 in his home in Sinclairville, New York at the age of 54, following a difficult battle with cancer. He was born in Jamestown, New York on April 17, 1957 and was a veteran of the United States Navy. Steve owned and operated Steven Walsh Contracting for many years and had earlier been employed by Dahlstrom Manufacturing. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – David B. Arthur (Jamestown) Chapter #865**, the American Legion Cassadaga Post 1280, the American Legion Riders WNY Chapter Cassadaga Post 1280 and the War Vets. Surviving is his wife, Kimberley Birath Walsh; a daughter, Ashley Walsh of Sinclairville and son, Adam Walsh of Jamestown; a grandson, Bryce Jedrysik of Sinclairville; his mother, Marilyn Hamilton Casamento (Anthony) of Bemus Point and Port Orange, Fla.; his father, Roger Walsh (Diane) of Sanford, Maine; two sisters, Janet Fredrick (Robert) of Bemus Point and Kathleen Walsh (Mark) of Sanford, ME; several aunts & uncles, nieces & nephews and cousins; and his caretaker and good friend, Patty Ross. He was preceded in death by his grandparents, Laura & Thomas Walsh and Minnie & Vern Larson. A memorial service was held at 11:00 AM Tuesday at the Park United Methodist Church in Sinclairville. The Reverend James D. Bailey and the Reverend Robert D. Lewis co-officiated. Burial was in Stillwater Cemetery. Friends were received for one hour prior to the service in the church Tuesday. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Hospice Chautauqua County, 20 West Fairmount Avenue, Lakewood, New York 14750; or to a Veteran's association of one's choice.



JACKIE L. WEST - Died Friday, January 27, 2012 in Franklin, North Carolina at the age of 65. The cause of death was metastatic melanoma. He was born January 3, 1947 in Macon County, to the late Sarah (née West)

Anderson. In addition to his mother, he is preceded in death by his step-father, Ralph Anderson; grandchildren, Micah and McKenna and brother, Roger West. Jackie was a United States Army veteran and served during the Vietnam War. He was an avid golfer and sportsman and volunteered countless hours coaching and mentoring in many sports. Jackie was an Oasis Shriner; member of Junaluskee Lodge 145 and a *Charter and Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Franklin Chapter #994**. He was an active member of Cowee Baptist Church, where he was a deacon and member of Cowee Mens Brotherhood. He had a special heart for missions and helping those in need. He is survived by his wife of 43 years, Carolyn Bowers West; two children, Jerry West and wife Margaret of Highlands and Jamie McHan and husband Duane of Franklin; grandson, Tucker McHan; beloved mother-in-law, Edna Bowers; half-brothers and sisters, Nancy, David, Kathy, Mark, Jennifer and Rexanna and several nieces and nephews. Funeral Services were held at 2:00 PM Monday, January 30, at Cowee Baptist Church. Reverend David Powell and Reverend Lloyd Fish co-officiated. Burial was in the church cemetery with military graveside rites conducted by the Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter #994. The family received friends from 12:00-2:00 PM prior to the service. Pallbearers were Tony Ashe, Kevin Rogers, Johnny Teem, CD Jenkins, David Morgan, Terry Cabe, Bob Bolick and Ellard Bolick. In lieu of flowers, gifts can be made to the H. Lee Moffitt Cancer Center Foundation in memory of Jackie West and sent to the H. Lee Moffitt Cancer Center Foundation; 12902 Magnolia Drive Tampa Florida 33612 or Cowee Baptist Church Building Fund, c/o Kay Rickman, 240 Golf View Drive, Franklin, North Carolina 28734. Macon Funeral Home was in charge of the arrangements. Online condolences can be made at www.maconfuneralhome.com.

**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.