

# VIETNAM VETERANS OF AMERICA

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**DONALD WAYNE ABBE** - 71, of Denton, Died Saturday, July 16, 2011 in Denton, Texas at the age of 71. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on January 18, 1940 in Gainesville, Texas to the late William Abbe and Gladys (née Foster) Abbe. He was a retired Master Sergeant and proudly served in the United States Army during Vietnam. He married Renate Luise Thomer in Germany in December of 1959. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Denton Chapter #920**. Donald is survived by his wife, Renate Abbe; daughters, Donna Sargeant and husband, William Schaaff, Delilah Bitton and husband, Louis and Donnis Sullivan and husband, Steven; sister, Peggy Byrom and husband, Jim Houlette; brothers, Leon Abbe and wife, Peggy, Gary Abbe and wife, Ranae and Johnny Abbe and wife, Susan; sister-in-law, Margie Abbe; grandchildren, Michael G. Erickson and wife, Denise and Jayson W. Erickson; and great grandchildren, Kady and Taylor Erickson. He is preceded in death by his parents, William and Gladys Abbe; and brothers, Ronnie Abbe and W.L. Abbe. A funeral service was held on Thursday, July 21, 2011 at 10:00 AM in the Chapel of DeBerry Funeral Directors. He was laid to rest at the Dallas Fort Worth National Cemetery.



**HARLEY ADAMS** - Died Wednesday, February 13, 2013 at his residence in Harts, West Virginia at the age of 63. The cause of death is unknown. He was born September 10, 1949, in Harts to the late Dewey and Letie Adams. Also preceding him in death were three brothers, Oscar, Nim and Charlie Adams, and one sister, Allie Wells. Harley was a United States Army Vietnam Veteran, and a member of the Hoover Church of Jesus Christ. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Henlawson Chapter #308**. He served with the Main Harts Volunteer Fire Department for several years and enjoyed being in the hills, his dog Dazee and going to Pickin in the Park. Harley also enjoyed it when visitors came to sit and talk with him and using his Stihl chainsaw and spent many years trying to teach his son how to cut as good as him. Those left to cherish his memory include his wife, Bonnie Sue Adams; one daughter, Tammy Sue (Ed) Adams of Harts; one son, Harley Dale “Bo” Adams of Harts; one sister, Eveleen Adams; three grandchildren, Brandon Lee, Dustin Edgar and Cannon Dale Adams, and one great-grandchild, Dalton Lee Adams. Harley was loved by many nieces, nephews, sisters-in-law, brothers-in-law, cousins, friends and many others. Services were held at 7:00 PM on Saturday, February 16, at Freeman Funeral Home with Strylin Robinson officiating. Burial was at the Farley Cemetery at Harts. Visitation was from 6:00-9:00 PM on Saturday, February 16, at the funeral home. Memorial contributions can be made to the Hoover Church of Jesus Christ, 8130 Main Harts

Road, Harts, West Virginia 25524. Pallbearers consisted of family members. Freeman Funeral Home of Chapmanville was in charge of arrangements.



**WILLIAM CARL ALEXANDER** - Died Tuesday, February 12, 2013 at the age of 63. The cause of death was liver failure. He was born in Franklin, North Carolina to Lula Alexander Kloss of Franklin and the late Cecil Delonius Alexander. He graduated from Franklin High School in 1967. He served in the United States Army from 1969-1974 and served with the military police in the Vietnam War. He earned a Bachelor of Science Degree in Industrial Science from Western Carolina University in 1974. He held several manufacturing positions in the Carolinas and Alabama and returned to Franklin, NC in 1994. Here, he started two local businesses, Otto Trucking and Tarheel Water Treatment, and was an active member of the Hickory Knoll United Methodist Church. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Franklin Chapter #994**. Carl was a loving and dedicated son. He was well-known for his impressive physical strength, passion for farming and entrepreneurial spirit. He will be missed. In addition to his mother, Lula Alexander Kloss, of Franklin, NC, he is survived by his son, Eric Carl Alexander, of Union, SC; his brothers, Robert James Alexander, and wife Joyce, of Sunset, SC and Richard Cecil Alexander, and wife Janfra, of Lawrenceville, GA; and his sister, Frances Alexander Killian of Asheville, NC. Funeral services were held at 2:00 PM Monday, February 18th at Macon Funeral Home located at Iotla Street, Franklin, NC. The family received friends prior to the service starting at 1:00 PM. Pallbearers were Randall Dills, Alvin Doster, Mike McClure, Patrick Rathbone, Gary Gibson and Warren Wiley. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Hickory Knoll United Methodist Church, 86 East Hickory Knoll Road, Franklin, NC 28734. Macon Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements. Online condolences can be made at [maconfuneralhome.com](http://maconfuneralhome.com).

**ALLEN ANDERSON** – Died recently in 2013 in Willmar, Minnesota at the age of 60. The cause of death is unknown. He was born October 27, 1952. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Saint Cloud Chapter #290**.



**JOHN EDWARD ANGIER** - Died Thursday, January 31, 2013 at home in Vacaville, California at the age of 78. He had been a resident of Vacaville since December 1969. The cause of death was cancer and other health illnesses. John was a proud and loving husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather. He was born on January 9, 1935, in Utica, New York to George James and Rita Delores (née Philips) Angier. He graduated from Waterville High School in 1952 and joined the United States Air Force soon thereafter. John met Wenonah Marie Martin in December of 1954 and they were married in April 1956, while he was stationed at Whiteman AFB, Missouri. They had been happily married for more than 56 years. John was a retired M/SGT and proud veteran of the United States Air Force; having served more than 20 years, and in the Korean and Vietnam Wars. After retiring from the USAF he attended Solano Community College where he earned an AS degree in Marketing. John was the owner/operator of J & W Lawn and Garden Equipment in Vacaville for 33 years. John volunteered for the Veterans Hall (VFW) and was the former Commander of the VFW and the American Legion. John and his wife, Wenonah, were very active and involved with Boys State

and Girls State for the past 15 years. John was also the recipient of numerous Veterans' Awards and received the Vacaville Tribute to Seniors Award in 2001. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Yountville Chapter #702**. John enjoyed football and baseball. He was an avid fan of the SF 49ers, SF Giants and NY Yankees. John especially enjoyed watching all of his grandchildren at their games and various school events. John Angier is survived by his wife, Wenonah Angier; their six children, Cindy Beck (spouse, Ray Beck), Dolores Conroy (spouse, Dan Conroy), John Angier Jr., Lynn Seals (spouse, Roger Seals Jr.), Martin Angier (spouse, Marcy Angier), and Lyle Angier (spouse, Cynthia Angier); 12 grandchildren, Elizabeth Seals, Amber Seals Quinn (spouse, Aaron Quinn), Alex Angier, Clint Conroy, Kevin Conroy, Amy Seals Rhodes, Raymond Beck II, Christopher Beck, Tabitha Angier, Alexis Angier, Joseph Angier and Jonathan Angier; six great-grandchildren, Chloey Seals, Zyere Rhodes, Trinity Rhodes, Dean Seals Quinn, Mya Rhodes, and Elijah Cooper II; four siblings, Mary Hauck, Charles Angier, Joyce Smith and Dennis Angier; many nieces, nephews, extended family and special friends that he loved. John was preceded in death by his parents, George and Rita Angier, and four siblings, Robert Angier, Bernice Griffin, George R. Angier, and Joan Griffiths. Family and friends were invited to attend a family visitation and viewing at McCune Garden Chapel, 212 Main Street, Vacaville, Wednesday, February 6 from 4:00 to 8:00 PM. A Mass of Christian Burial was held on Thursday, February 7, at 9:30 AM, at St. Joseph's Church, 1791 Marshall Road, Vacaville. Burial was at 11:30 AM, with full Military Honors at Sacramento Valley National Cemetery, 5810 Midway Road, Dixon, California. A reception was held at 1:00 PM, at the Veterans Memorial Building, 549 Merchant Street, Vacaville. In lieu of flowers, family requests donations in memory of John Angier to the American Legion Post #165 and/or VFW Post #7244, 549 Merchant St., Vacaville, CA 95688 and/or North Bay Hospice Care, 5140 Business Center Dr. Suite 130, Fairfield, CA 94534. Arrangements were under the direction and care of McCune Garden Chapel, 212 Main St., Vacaville, CA 95688.

**CHARLES “Sonny” ARNOLD, JR.** - Died Saturday, November 3, 2012 at the G.V. (Sonny) Montgomery VA Medical Center in Jackson, Mississippi at the age of 65. He was a resident of Crystal Springs, Mississippi. He was born in 1947. The cause of death is unknown. Mr. Arnold was a proud Vietnam Veteran. He served in the United States Marine Corps serving our country in Vietnam from 1968-1972. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Brandon Chapter #1057**. He spent 40 years in the printing industry. He was the owner of Arnold Printing and The Byram Banner. He was an avid outdoorsman and woodworker. Mr. Arnold was preceded in death by his father, Charles Arnold; stepfather, James Barker; mother, Lucille Barker; sisters Theresa Garrard and Betty Clay Coleman; and brother, Wayne Arnold. He is survived by his wife, Donna Arnold of Crystal Springs; sons, Donald Snyder of Jackson and David Snyder (Dannette) of Crystal Springs; daughter, Tammy Stennett (Brian) of Brandon; sisters, Charlotte Hunter (Harold) of Pearl and Kathy Halford (Roy), also of Pearl. He is also survived by one grandchild, Shelby Bryant of Brandon. Funeral Services were held at 2:00 PM at the Chancellor Funeral Home of Byram with interment in Lakewood Memorial Park. Visitation preceded the service from 1:00-2:00 PM at the funeral home.

**MICHAEL ARRINGTON** – Died in October 2012 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania at the age of 62. The cause of death is unknown. He was born January 26, 1950. He was a veteran of the

Vietnam War. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Liberty Bell (Philadelphia) Chapter #266**.

**GLEN ALAN BAXMANN** - Died Sunday, March 3, 2013 at UT Medical Center, surrounded by his family. He was a resident of Knoxville Tennessee and 72 years of age. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on December 30, 1940 in Milwaukee, WI. He was preceded in death by his parents, Arnold and Myrtle Baxmann. Glen is survived by his wife, Patricia Baxmann, daughter, Lisa Davis (Mark), daughters, Lori Baxmann and LeAnn Baxmann, brother, Wayne (Renee), and 6 grandchildren. Glen honorably served 26 years in the United States Air Force, from December 23, 1962 to November 30, 1986 and retired at the rank of Master Sergeant (E-8). He was an *At-Large Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Tennessee**. He was a member of First Lutheran Church, Knoxville, where he served as an Elder, and volunteered as a designer at Random Acts of Flowers. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to First Lutheran Church, 1207 North Broadway, Knoxville, Tennessee 37917. Memorial service was at 9:00 AM Friday at First Lutheran Church, officiated by Pastor Paul Busher and eulogy offered by his son-in-law Mark Davis. Inurnment was at 11:30 AM Friday at the East Tennessee Veterans Cemetery on John Sevier Highway with full military honors. Arrangements were by the Atchley Funeral Home, 122 Peacock Court, Seymour, Tennessee 37865. ([www.atchleyfuneralhome.com](http://www.atchleyfuneralhome.com))

**ROBERT J. BEARD, JR.** – Died recently in Gilmer, Texas at the age of 60. The cause of death is unknown. He was born July 6, 1952. He is survived by his wife, Charlotte, of Whiteoak, Texas. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Longview Chapter #987**.

**KENNETH ABRAHAM BEREZ** - Died Tuesday, January 29, 2013 at Suburban Hospital in Bethesda, Maryland at the age of 64. He was a resident of Chevy Chase, Maryland. The cause of death was bladder cancer. He was born in Brooklyn, New York in 1948. He graduated from American University in 1981. He served in the United States Army's 82<sup>nd</sup> Airborne Division in Vietnam. He was severely wounded in 1969 during a Viet Cong ambush and spent two years recovering. He worked for many years with Vietnam Veterans of America and a related foundation. He began volunteering with Vietnam Veterans of America in 1979 and became a full-time employee of the support and advocacy group a year later. He worked on membership initiatives and headed the group's educational efforts. He developed an educational program for schools and worked on a program to provide prosthetic limbs to Vietnamese and Cambodian victims of land mines. From 1996 to 1998, he worked for the Vietnam Veterans of America Foundation. He was an *At-Large Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Maryland**. While working with the veterans group, he helped create an umbrella organization of 70 charitable groups called America's Charities. He was board chairman from 1989 to 2005 and continued to serve on the board until 2011. Survivors include his wife of 26 years, Jenny Schnaier and their twin children, Jaime and Alyssa Berez, all of Chevy Chase; and a brother.

**RONALD C. BETHARD** – Died Friday, March 2, 2001 in Northport, Alabama at the age of 64. The cause of death is unknown. He was born November 6, 1946. He served in the United States

Army during the Vietnam War. He is survived by his wife, Trinh of the home. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Tuscaloosa Chapter #301**.

**JAMES RODERICK BIGELOW II** - Died Wednesday, October 10, 2012 in Linden, Michigan at the age of 70. The cause of death is unknown. He was born November 29, 1941 in Pontiac, Michigan to the late James Roderick and Dorothy Mae (née Stevens) Bigelow. He was a Vietnam Veteran serving in the United States Army. He was an *At-Large Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Michigan**. He had resided in Linden for the past 35 years. He owned and operated United Industrial Distributors. He is survived by his son, Bradley Bigelow of Kalamazoo; his brother, William Bigelow of Grand Blanc; his sister, Nancy Chiasson of Canada, and; several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents and son, Brian Bigelow. Graveside services were held at 9:30 AM Friday, October 19, 2012 at Great Lakes National Cemetery, Holly, Michigan, with Father Steve Makranyi officiating.

**JAMES MICHAEL “Mike” BLANDFORD** - Died Saturday, February 2, 2013 at his residence in Louisville, Kentucky at the age of 62. He was formerly from Saint Marty’s, Kentucky. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on February 11, 1950 in Lebanon, Kentucky to the late Bill and Ella Blandford. He was a United States Army Veteran of the Vietnam War, and a retired employee of General Electric in Louisville. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Louisville Chapter #454**. He is survived by three brothers, Bill Blandford, of Louisville, KY, Tom Blandford, of Cincinnati, OH, Joe Blandford, of St. Mary's, KY; five sisters, Sally Hughes, of Highpoint, N.C, Mary T. Blandford, of Louisville, KY, Margaret Age, of Louisville, KY, Barbara Blandford, of Lebanon, KY, and Martha Nell Blandford, of St. Louis, MO. Also surviving are several nieces and nephews, and great- nieces and nephews. Funeral Services were held at 11:00 AM on Wednesday, February 6, 2013 at the Bosley Funeral Home. Interment was in the St. Augustine Church Cemetery. Visitations were held from 4:00 to 8:00 PM Tuesday at the funeral home. A prayer service was held at 7:00 PM Tuesday evening by Deacon Tom Mattingly. The family has requested that memorial contributions be made to the Marion County Veterans Honor Guard.

**RONALD DALE “Ron” BLANTON** – Died on Oct. 25, 2012, at Casa Grande Regional Medical Center in Casa Grande, Arizona at the age of 68. He was a resident of Casa Grande. The cause of death was cardiac arrest, renal failure, pneumonia and Diabetes Mellitus Type II. He was born on Oct. 7, 1944, in Shelby, North Carolina to the late John and Helen Blanton while his father was serving with the Marine Corps in the South Pacific during World War II. He attended an air show at age 5 and became interested in aviation. While in college he would get one hour of flight instruction whenever he could put together \$10. He obtained a private pilot certificate in 1966. Despite having a college deferment, he volunteered for the draft and for United States Army Airborne training. He was assigned to the 82nd Airborne Division and 173rd Airborne Brigade in Vietnam. He was awarded the Army Commendation Medal and Bronze Star for meritorious service. He later obtained a commercial pilot certificate and trained pilots from all over the world in basic, advanced and multi-engine flying and aerobatics. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Stanhope (New Jersey) Chapter #327**. In June 1971 he married his longtime girlfriend, June Somegustava from Sacaton, Arizona. He moved around

and flew for Gulf & Western, Volkswagen of America, American International Group and a large Wall Street investment firm. He continued to advance and learn new skills and served as a captain on multiple fix-wing and rotary-wing aircraft. He flew to various points around the globe and enjoyed it all. He retired from corporate aviation in 2008 as a department manager and director of operations. He logged 14,750 hours of flight time. He was an avid motorcycle rider since age 15. In his 50s, he had a stint racing vintage motorcycles on road courses with the American Historic Racing Motorcycle Association. He raced on tracks at Daytona, Florida, Talladega, Alabama, Loudon, New Hampshire, Savannah, Georgia, and the Mid-Ohio Sports Car Course. Survivors include his wife, June; a son, Ronald W. Blanton of Charlotte, N.C.; and a brother, Stephen Blanton of Bluffton, S.C. He was preceded in death by a brother, John R. Blanton. The graveside service was at 9:00 AM on Thursday in Mountain View Cemetery, with the Reverend Monsignor Ed Meulemans officiating. Memorial contributions may be made to: Ira H. Hayes Legion Post 84, Post Office Box 186, Sacaton, Arizona 85147; Legion Auxiliary Unit 84, Post Office Box 1955, Sacaton, Arizona 85147; or a charity of the donor's choice. J. Warren Funeral Services, Cole & Maud The Gardens Chapel was in charge of arrangements.

**JOHN F. BOZAN** - Died Sunday, February 3, 2013 at home in East Norristown, Pennsylvania at the age of 66. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Scranton, Pennsylvania to the late John and the late Florence (née Butkiewicz) Bozan. He was educated in Scranton public schools and graduated in 1964. He served in the United States Navy and completed 23 years of military service. He was employed at Norristown State Hospital before retirement in 2003. He was a lifelong member of St. Stanislaus Polish National Catholic Cathedral, and a member of Charity Masonic Lodge 190, Norristown, for more than 40 years. John's favorite expression to anyone showing courtesy was "Thank you for your kindness." He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Blue Bell Chapter #349**. Surviving are cousins and two especially close friends, Maxine Yorks and Mary Mitzeia of Norristown. A Mass of Christian Burial was on Tuesday at 10:00 AM in St. Stanislaus Cathedral, Scranton. Interment followed in the parish cemetery. Memorial donations may be made to St. Stanislaus Polish National Cathedral, 529 E. Locust St., Scranton, PA 18505. Arrangements were by Sznyter Funeral Home, Scranton.

**RONALD B. BRADSHAW** - Died on Sunday, March 24, 2013 at the Sion Medical Center, Beavercreek, Ohio at the age of 64. He was a resident of Fairborn, Ohio and formerly from Sabina, Ohio. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on May 23, 1948 in Wilmington, Ohio to the late George and Dorothy (née Wallace) Bradshaw. He graduated with the East Clinton High School class of 1966. On January 18, 1974, he married Elizabeth Wilkin, who survives. He served as a Lance Corporal in the United States Marines, serving in Vietnam. He retired after 23 years at Landrum Oil, Inc. as a petroleum transport driver and as an administrative assistant. He served on the Clinton-Massie School Board and volunteered with the marching band as the official Big Red Falcon bus driver. One of Ron's favorite hobbies was reading about the history of our nation. In addition to his wife, Ron is survived by his three daughters, Gretchen Kay Bradshaw of Oak Hill, W.Va., Lori Elizabeth Thompson of Columbus, Ohio, and Carrie Rebecca (Nicholas) Gould of Beavercreek; two grandchildren, Joseph and Julianne; three siblings, Deborah (Ray) Woolridge of Waynesville, David (Kathy) Bradshaw of

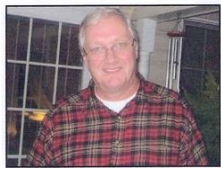
Edison, and Ed (Bunny) Bradshaw of Wilmington; and several nieces and nephews. He was a member of the American Legion Post 49 and the Veterans of Foreign Wars. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Dayton Chapter #97**. He attended the Byron Church, Fairborn. His funeral service was held at 11:00 AM on Thursday, March 28 at the Littleton Funeral Home, 104 North Jackson Street in Sabina, Ohio. The burial was in the Centerville Cemetery, Lees Creek. Visiting hours were from 5:00 until 7:00 PM Wednesday, March 27 at the funeral home. In Ron's memory, contributions may be made to Honor Flight, Inc., Attn.: Diane Gresser, 300 E. Auburn Ave., Springfield, OH 45505.

**COLIN KEITH BRAME** – Died Sunday, August 5, 2012 in Lafayette, Oregon at the age of 70. The cause of death is unknown. He was born March 29, 1942. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Bend Chapter #820**.

**ROBERT HENRY BRAMLETT, SR.** - Died Thursday, March 7, 2013, at Pontotoc Hospital in Pontotoc, Mississippi at the age of 76. He was a resident of Pontotoc. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Pontotoc on April 15, 1936 to the late, Lonnie Lunsford Bramlett and Iola (née Lunn) Bramlett. He served 23 years in the United States Army Special Forces and was wounded in Laos during the Vietnam War. He received the Purple Heart, three Bronze Stars, the Army Commendation Medal and the Soldiers Medal. He was a tireless advocate for veterans in Pontotoc. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Tupelo Chapter #842**. He is survived by five sons, Robert Henry Bramlett Jr. of Chicago, Randall Scott Bramlett of Fayetteville, N.C., Regan Keith Bramlett of Charleston, S.C., Russell Allen Bramlett of Fayetteville, N.C., and Ryan Patrick Bramlett of New Orleans; sisters, Argie Bramlett Warren of Pontotoc and Arrie Effie Brown of Pontotoc; and brothers, Thomas Edward Bramlett of Las Vegas, Lonnie Lunsford Bramlett Jr. of Chicago, Wayne Eugene Bramlett of Chicago, William Lee Bramlett of Pontotoc and Rayburn Bramlett of Pontotoc. In addition to his parents he was preceded in death by brothers, Dee Emmitt Bramlett and Paul Keith Bramlett. A memorial service was at 3:00 PM Sunday at the Pontotoc County Courthouse Court Room. Eulogies will be given by Judge Fred Wicker, and Judge Jimmie Roberts. The message will be delivered by Bro. Pete Gregory. Inurnment was in Arlington National Cemetery. Tutor Memorial Funeral Home of Pontotoc is in charge of the arrangements. Visitation was from 4:00 to 8:00 PM today at the funeral home and from 2:00 to 3:00 PM Sunday at the court room. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the American Legion Post 16, 278 North Brooks Street, Pontotoc, Mississippi 38863.

**STANLEY H. "Smokin' Stan" BROWN** - Died Monday, October 17, 2012, at the VA Medical Center in Beckley, West Virginia at the age of 67. He was a resident of Beckley. The cause of death was lung cancer. He was born December 28, 1944, in Jersey City, New Jersey to the late Hercules Moorner and Eartha Brown. He worked as District Manager for Combined Insurance and was owner/operator of Smokin' Stans Barbeque. He was a United States Vietnam Army Veteran ranked as a Sergeant E-5 and was honored with the National Defense Service Medal, Vietnam Service Medal with 2 (two) bronze service stars, was a Sharp Shooter and a 2nd Class Gunner. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Hico Chapter #860**. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by five brothers and five sisters. Left to

cherish precious memories are his loving wife, Eugenia "Regina" Brown of Beckley, WV; son, James (Kathy) Miller of Beckley, WV; daughters, Melissa Cooper and Moncherie (William) Chapman of Highland Village, TX, Keisha (James) Miller and Ronda (Roger Hicks) Miller, both of Beckley, WV; brothers, Harry (Teresa) Brown of Wilkes Barre, PA, Henry Mooror of Beckley, WV, and Louie Brown of Jersey City, NJ; sisters, Louise Brown of Lynchburg, VA, and Ann Louise Strickland of Sumpter, SC; special friends, Gene Nabors and Rick Vance; and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends. Funeral services were at 1:00 PM Monday, October 22, 2012, at St. Matthew A.M.E. Church, 103 Mills Street, Beckley, WV, with Reverend Debra Smoot, officiating. Burial was in Blue Ridge Memorial Gardens, Prosperity. Condolences may be e-mailed to [ritchie-johnson@suddenlinkmail.com](mailto:ritchie-johnson@suddenlinkmail.com). Arrangements were entrusted to Ritchie & Johnson Funeral Parlor, Beckley.



**J. NED HOLMES BURFORD, JR.** - Died peacefully, surrounded by members of his loving family at the Wuesthoff Hospice, Rockledge, Florida, on Tuesday, 15 February 2011. He was 62 years of age and a resident of Viera, Florida, formerly of Mount Airy, Maryland. The cause of death was cancer. He was the son of a career foreign service officer, born in Frankfurt, Germany on 27 March 1948. He was raised in Kassel, Germany; Baghdad, Iraq; Saigon, Vietnam and Springfield, Virginia. He studied electrical engineering at Old Dominion University before studying computer science prior to entering the United States Army in 1969. He was very proud of the year he served in Vietnam as a Specialist 5 microwave radio technician. Ned and his family were privileged to live, work and experience Germany from 1984 to 1994 and experienced the fall of the Soviet bloc and the reunification of Germany, Ned retired in June 2004 after 35 years of federal service where he received numerous commendations and awards. He was an *At-Large Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Maryland**. Ned enjoyed family time, travel with his family, riding his motorcycle (always with a helmet), grilling and cooking, shooting pool, and spending time with fellow-veterans. Following retirement he enjoyed taking the senior citizens at Heartfields Assisted Living at Frederick (MD) on outings and to their medical appointments. Ned is survived by his wife of 33 years, Teresa (Terrie); his son, Jonathan (Jon). He is also survived by his mother, Virve, Tulsa, OK; sister Patricia (Pat) Jones; Bixby, OK; brother David, Viera; brothers-in-law Kent Jones, George Ratte, Frederick (Fred) Jaffke, and James (Jimmy) Grubbs; sisters-in-law Jan Burford, Catherine (Cathy) Ratte, Mary Ann Grubbs, Kathleen (Kathy) Jaffke, Elizabeth (Lisa) Ratte, and Leah Wolf; and many nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his Father, J. Ned Holmes Burford, Sr. Family received friends on Friday, February 18, 2011 from 6:00-8:00 PM at Beckman-Williamson Funeral Home 5400 Village Drive, Viera, Florida. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at Saint John the Evangelist Catholic Church, 5655 Stadium Parkway, Viera, Florida, on Saturday, February 19, 2011 at 1:00 P.M. Interment was at Florida National Cemetery Bushnell, Florida. Those wishing to make contributions can make them to the Wuesthoff Hospice, Rockledge, Florida.

**RICHARD J. CARLIN, SR.** - Died Tuesday, December 25, 2012 at the Delaware County Memorial Hospital at the age of 72. He was a resident of Havertown, Pennsylvania. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in 1940 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania to the late Charles and Elizabeth Carlin (née Carney). He served in the United States Army and was employed as a printer. He



was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Media Chapter #67**. He is survived by his wife Anne S. Carlin (née Shirley); his children Anne Marie Kleinz (Michael), Lynn Marie Covert (Thomas), James E. Truax, John T. Truax (Johanna), Timothy M. Truax (Jennifer) and Richard J. Carlin Jr. (Lindsay); 18 grandchildren; 5 great-grandchildren; his brothers Charles Carlin (Kathleen) and James Carlin (Virginia). He was predeceased by his sister Elizabeth Chappelle. Relatives and friends were invited to his viewing Sunday December 30, 2012 from 6:00 to 8:00 PM and Monday December 31, 2012 from 8:30 to 9:30 AM at the Donohue Funeral Home, 8401 West Chester Pike (cor. Lynn Blvd.), Upper Darby, Pennsylvania. The Funeral Mass was at 10:00 AM Sacred Heart Church, Manoa & Shelbourne Roads, Havertown, Pennsylvania. Interment was in Saints Peter & Paul Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, contributions in his memory to Sacred Heart Church at the above address would be appreciated.

**RONALD “Ron” CHERRY** – Died recently in the VA Medical Center in Atlanta, Georgia. He was a resident of McDough, Georgia. The cause of death was respiratory failure. He was born in Brooklyn New York. He is survived by his wife, Linda C. (née Collier) Cherry, of the home; his sons, Ronald Cherry and Michael Cherry; his daughter and son-in-law, Vicki and Tim Green; his granddaughters, Taray Davis, Makiya Holly and Jasmine Tamika Harris; his grandsons, Mike Cherry and James Gousse; two brothers, James Cherry and Buddy Cherry; three sisters, Vanetta, Cindy and Gloria, and; many nieces, nephews and cousins. He served in the United States Air Force as a postal worker during the Vietnam War. He worked for the United States Postal Service in New York until his retirement. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Glendale Chapter #32**. He was laid out in his VVA Chapter #32 Honor Guard uniform with a Military Honor Guard. He was cremated Saturday March 2, 2013 after a church ceremony.



**OSBY “Oly” CHILDRESS, JR.** - Died unexpectedly on Wednesday, January 30, 2013 in Renton, Washington at the age of 70. The cause of death was a heart attack. He was born in Lynchburg, Virginia on March 19, 1942. The youngest of three children, he joined the United States Navy at 17 and soon found himself "on the ground" in Vietnam. After 20 years of travelling the world, he retired in 1980 as a Senior Chief (E-8) and decided to stay in Washington State. Oly worked at Boeing for a few years and then went to Metro King County for the remainder of his career, retiring as a Millwright in 2008. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Sandpoint (Idaho) Chapter #890**. He is survived by his wife Diane (née Ramsay) Childress, his daughter Karen Childress of Goose Creek, SC, his sister Elnora Childress Stubbs and husband Roy Stubbs of Huddleston, VA, and his step-brother William Brooks of Lynchburg, VA. He was preceded in death by his daughter Kathi Childress Cockerham of Goose Creek, SC and his brother Jimmie D. Childress of Lynchburg, VA. He has four grandchildren and three great-grandchildren in SC. Oly (as he was known on the West Coast) or Boonie (as he was called on the East Coast) was larger than life. He often told anyone who would listen how great his life had been. The last few years were hard on Oly because of debilitating back pain and increasing evidence of dementia. At Oly's request there was no service. Please send any remembrances to an animal welfare organization of your choice.

**BRUCE H. CLARK** – Died recently in 2013 in Apache Junction, Arizona at the age of 68. The cause of death is unknown. He was born September 8, 1944. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was an *At-Large Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Arizona**.



**JAMES L. COVERSTONE** - Died Monday, September 24, 2012 in Queen Creek, Arizona at the age of 66. The cause of death was pancreatic cancer. He was born on June 17, 1946 in Sidney, Ohio to the late Ivan and Virginia (née Howell) Coverstone. He is survived by his loving wife, Lisa; children, Matthew of Indianapolis, Ind., and Gregory of Chandler, Ariz., sons of Marilou Coverstone of Greenville, Ohio; stepchildren, Melanie (Jeff) Smith of Mesa, Ariz., Jimmy Parsons and Keith (Jessica) Parsons of Laura, Ohio. He is also survived by his brother, Tom (Linda) Coverstone of Sidney, Ohio; sisters-in-law, Valerie (John) Stamper, Veda (Carl) Stamper, Ima Jean Ashley; brother-in-law, Jeff (Tinah) Spencer; as well as many other family members. He was a wonderful grandfather to Kylee, Katelyn, Alicia, April, Kirsten, Keith Jr., Zackary, Liliana, Aiden, Mina and Rachel. He proudly served as a United States Marine in Vietnam and maintained the "Once a Marine Always a Marine" attitude. He spent a great portion of his adult life in Greenville, Ohio, where he worked at the Veterans of Foreign Wars and served as a corporal in the Darke County Sheriff's Office. He was an *At-Large Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Ohio**. He moved to Huber Heights, Ohio, in 2005 and worked for the Lowes Corporation until his retirement in July 2011. Jim and Lisa moved to Queen Creek, Ariz., in January of 2012 where he resided until his death. Jim loved his family, hiking, photography and a good Frisch's Big Boy sandwich. He was a solid rock and source of inspiration to his family and those who knew him. He is greatly loved and will be missed very much but forever remembered. A memorial service was held on Saturday at 2:00 PM at the Sidney Moose Lodge, 1200 Broadway Avenue, Sidney, Ohio. Online condolences can be posted at [www.sonoranskiesmortuaryaz.com](http://www.sonoranskiesmortuaryaz.com). Memorial contributions can be made to Hospice of Arizona, 1132 South Oakland Avenue, Mesa, Arizona 85206

**BARRY CONWAY CROUCH** - Died Monday, July 30, 2012 in Humble, Texas at the age of 64. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on January 30, 1948. He married Wanda L. Fast on November 11, 2007 and is survived by his wife. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Conroe Chapter #734**. Visitation hours were on Sunday, August 05, 2012 from 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM at Calvary Hill Funeral Home, 21723 Aldine-Westfield Road, Humble, Texas. Graveside Service was on Monday, August 06, 2012 from 9:00 AM at the Houston National Cemetery 10410 Veterans Memorial Drive, Houston, Texas.

**DENNIS ORLAND "Doc" CROUCHER** – Died Friday, February 8, 2013 in Catheys Valley, California at the age of 63. The cause of death was cancer. He was born in Ventura, California on March 24, 1949 to the late Rita and Harley Croucher. He and his brother, Michael, were world travelers as children due to being Navy brats. As an adult, after a stint in the United States Army, he worked in the music, publishing, and communications industries. He moved to Mariposa, California in 1979 where he met and married his wife Chelli where they raised four children, Mindi, DJ, Tomi and Keena. Doc was an avid reader who also enjoyed fishing,

gardening, online poker and slots, playing his moldy oldies, shooting pool, hanging out with friends and family, cooking, yelling at the TV when his team was losing and helping people. When it snowed, he would make coffee and give it to the stranded travelers, then help them chain up and send them on their merry way. He was the "Voice of the Grizzlies" for about 10 years. He emceed the Labor Day and Butterfly Day parades, the home show and various other community events. **He was a Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Mariposa Chapter #368** and the first vice president of the California State Council of the Vietnam Veterans of America. He is survived by his wife, Chelli of Mariposa; his brother, Michael and wife Pati of Ohio; his children, Mindi and Curt Hibpshman, DJ Croucher, Tomi Croucher and Chris Allred and Keena and Bryan Johnson; grandchildren, Curtis and Nasheena Hibpshman, Christina and Luke Hughes, Melyssa, William, and Samuel Hibpshman, Emma Croucher, Kyra and Lily Johnson. In lieu of flowers please send donations to the Dennis Croucher Family Fund at Yosemite Bank account #307015446. Memorial services were held on March 2 at 11:00 AM at McCay Hall in Cathey's Valley.

**ROBERT DANIELS** – Died recently in 2013 in Hines, Illinois at the age of 67. The cause of death is unknown. He was born August 1, 1945. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Permanently Hospitalized Veteran* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Geneva Chapter #693**.



**RONNIE W. DAVIS** - Died Sunday, September 30, 2012, at the Norton Brownsboro Hospital in Louisville, Kentucky at the age of 63. He was a resident of Radcliff, Kentucky. The cause of death is unknown. He was born June 18, 1949. He was a retired Command Sergeant Major in the United States Army. Davis was an Iraq War veteran and received the Legion of Merit and Bronze Star Medal. After retiring from the U. S. Army, he worked for the Commonwealth of Kentucky at the Career Center in Elizabethtown. He served on the Radcliff Planning and Zoning Commission and the board of North Hardin Hope, provided counseling at the Chaplain Family Life Center and was a member of Stithton Baptist Church in Radcliff. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Elizabethtown Chapter #1051**. He was preceded in death by his son, Joseph Davis. He is survived by his wife, Rose K. Davis of Radcliff; a daughter and son-in-law, Beverly and Jamos Wriedt of Union; four grandchildren, Sierra Davis of Louisville and Taylor Wriedt, Zachary Wriedt and Emma Wriedt, all of Union; two great-grandchildren, Cali Williams and Zoey Thompson; and eight siblings, Sandra, Linda, Roger, Nancy, Teresa, Leigh Ann, Carolyn and Karen, all of Alabama. The funeral was at 2:00 PM Thursday, October 4, at the Nelson-Edelen-Bennett Funeral Home in Radcliff. Burial was in the North Hardin Memorial Gardens in Radcliff with military honors. Visitation was from 5:00 to 8:00 PM Wednesday and continued at Noon on Thursday at the funeral home. Expressions of sympathy may take the form of contributions to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital or a charity of the donor's choice in memory of Ronnie Davis.

**ARTHUR EDWARD DECKER, JR.** - Died Saturday, February 9, 2013 in Jeffersonville, Indiana at the age of 69 with his family by his side. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Poughkeepsie, New York to the late Arthur, Sr. and Yrleen Decker. He was a retired I.B.E.W. Local 369 electrician, a member of Saint Augustine Catholic Church, Knights of Columbus and a

United States Navy Veteran of the Vietnam War. He was an avid volunteer for many organizations including: Red Cross, USS LST Ship Memorial, Honor Flight, Rolling Thunder/ Run for the Wall, P.O.W./ M.I.A., Toys for Tots, H.O.G.S. and Bee-Keepers. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Louisville Chapter #454**. Survivors include his loving wife, Karen Decker; step daughter, Cindie Weatherford and husband, Tim, of Cicero; four siblings, Don Decker and wife, Linda, Ken Decker and wife, Dee, Joe Decker, and Joy Decker Stuecker and husband, Phil; four step-grandchildren, Austin, Dakota, Grant and Sterling Weatherford; and numerous beloved nieces, nephews, great nieces and nephews. Funeral services were at 1100 AM Friday, February 15, at St. Augustine Catholic Church, Jeffersonville, with burial in Kraft-Graceland Memorial Park, New Albany, Indiana. Visitation was from 4:00 to 8:00 PM Thursday, at Scott Funeral Home, Jeffersonville. Memorial contributions can be made to Honor Flight Bluegrass Chapter.

**FRANCESCO R. “Frank” DeSANCTIS** – Died Thursday, March 14, 2013 in Wantagh, New York at the age of 69. The cause of death was a massive heart attack. He was born September 6, 1942 in the Bronx, New York. He served in the United States Army in Vietnam as a Field Medic with the 11<sup>th</sup> Armored Cavalry Regiment, B Troop, 1<sup>st</sup> Squadron from May 17, 1967 to June 14, 1968. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Hicksville Chapter #82**. He is survived by his wife, Anna; three daughters, Danielle, Marie and Jessica, and; four grandchildren, Tyler, Jack, Michael and Hayley. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated in Sacred Heart Roman Catholic Church in Island Park, New York with interment with full military honors in Calverton National Cemetery, Calverton, New York.

**PATRICK MICHAEL DOYLE** – Died recently in 2013 in Mesquite, Nevada at the age of 69. The cause of death is unknown. He was born January 21, 1944. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Mesquite Chapter #993**.



**DON WALKER EDMON** - Died Wednesday, February 6, 2013 in a Chattanooga, Tennessee hospital at the age of 71. He was a resident of Dunlap, Tennessee. The cause of death was heart disease and cancer. He was born February 3, 1942 in Dunlap, Williamson County and graduated from Franklin High School in 1960 and graduated with a degree in agriculture business from Middle Tennessee State University in 1965. He was of the Methodist faith. He served in the Army National Guard for over 20 years during the Vietnam-era and Desert Storm war. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Chattanooga Chapter #203**. He was a wildlife resource officer for TWRA from 1965 to 2002 and loved to hunt, fish and spend time with his grandchildren. Preceding him in death were his wife, Mary Ellen Johnson Edgmon; parents, Leonard and Eula Blanche Edgmon; and sister, Dorothy Edgmon King. Survivors include his daughter, Amanda (Pitt) Derryberry of Bowling Green, Kentucky; son, Shawn (Kelly) Edgmon of Dunlap; brothers, Jack (Martha) Edgmon of Dickson and Paul (Betsy) Edgmon of Pulaski; grandchildren, Ella, Addy and Emmy Kate Edgmon, and Caroline and Will Derryberry. Funeral services were held Sunday, February 10 in the funeral home chapel with Pastor Tony Cates officiating. Burial was in

Sequatchie County Memorial Gardens. An online guestbook is at [www.ewtonfuneralhome.com](http://www.ewtonfuneralhome.com). Ewton Funeral Home of Dunlap was in charge of arrangements.



**DONALD LEE EPRIGHT** - Died at 6:08 am, Thursday, January 17, 2013 at Memorial Medical Center in Springfield, Illinois at the age of 70. He was a resident of Springfield. The cause of death was Parkinson's disease. He was born November 23, 1942, in Springfield, to Sherman and Augusta Glass Epright. He married Vickie Julius on May 3, 1986 and she survives. Also surviving are several nieces, nephews, cousins, great-nieces and great-nephews. Donald was a member of Asbury United Methodist Church. He was a United States Navy veteran serving during the Vietnam Era. He was a member of the American Legion, AMVETS, Navy Club, DAV and **Vietnam Veterans of America – Springfield Chapter #534**. He was a crane operator for Allis Chalmers. Memorial Service: 10:30 AM, Tuesday, January 22, 2013 at Asbury United Methodist Church with Reverend Bill Burton officiating. Memorial contributions may be made to the Parkinson's Foundation or to a charity of the donor's choice.

**ALBERT HOMER "Bert" FISHER** – Died Friday, January 25, 2013 in Gonzales, Louisiana at the age of 71. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Lake Providence, Louisiana on April 25, 1941 to the late Russell Dennis Fisher and Martha Viola Fisher. He is survived by his wife of 43 years Sherry Ann Rives Fisher; one sister Martha Bridgea of Greensburg, LA; and two brothers, Billy Fisher of Slaughter, LA and Raymond Fisher of Zachery, LA; his daughter, Kelly and son in law, Michael Parrish both live in Central, LA; his son Russell and daughter in law Lori Jones Fisher reside in Vacaville, CA; his son Richard and daughter in law Tabitha Fisher live in Calhoun, GA. The grandchildren of his daughter Kelly, are Kristin and Kyle Parrish, both residing in Baton Rouge, LA. The grandchildren of his son Richard are Colby, Alex, Dylan, Jordan, and Ross Fisher, all of Calhoun, GA. A veteran of the United States Air Force, he proudly served his country in Vietnam. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – St. Amant Chapter #725**. Pallbearers will be Richard Fisher, Russell Fisher, Kyle Parrish, Billy Fisher, Ray Fisher, Jr., and Will Rives. Services were held at Seale Funeral Home Tuesday, Jan. 29. Family and friends were encouraged to visit from 10:00 AM to the Service at Noon. Committal and prayer were held at Green Oaks Memorial Park, Baton Rouge immediately following the service.

**ROGER WAYNE FRANCISCO** - Died Thursday, January 3, 2013, at Halifax Regional Hospital in Halifax, Virginia at the age of 63. He was a resident of Nathalie, Virginia. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Halifax County on June 27, 1949 to the late Roger E. Francisco and the late Doris (née Rickman) Francisco. He was married to Rebecca Wilson Francisco, who survives. Mr. Francisco was an inmate foreman with Virginia Department of Transportation and a U.S. Army Vietnam veteran. He was a member of Hunting Creek Baptist Church and American Legion Post 8 where he served as a member of the Honor Guard. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Halifax Chapter #840**. He is survived by his wife, Rebecca Wilson Francisco, of Nathalie; three sisters, Joyce F. Ratliff of South Boston, Faye F. Glover of Powhatan and Phyllis F. Brooks and husband Charles of Richmond; one brother, Grady V. Francisco and wife Dale of Nathalie; a special aunt, Cleo Anderson; a special niece, Pam Paynter; a number of

nieces and nephews; and great-nieces, Taylor and Madison Barnes. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his grandparents, George and Minnie Rickman and John and Mattie Francisco. Funeral services for Mr. Francisco were held Sunday, January 6, 2013, at 2:00 PM at Hunting Creek Baptist Church with the Reverends Lee Cooper and Raymond Wooten officiating. Burial was in the church cemetery. Family received friends Saturday, January 5, 2013, from 7:00 to 8:30 PM at the Brooks Funeral Home and at other times at the home, 1005 Rickman Lane in Nathalie. Those wishing to give memorials are asked to consider Halifax Regional Hospice, 2204 Wilborn Avenue, South Boston, Virginia 24592 or Hunting Creek Baptist Church Cemetery Fund, 4055 Hunting Creek Road, Nathalie, Virginia 24577. Online condolences may be made at [www.brooksfhinc.com](http://www.brooksfhinc.com).

**MICHAEL JAMES "Mike" GAFFNEY** – Died Thursday, February 14, 2013 in Washington, DC at the age of 66. The cause of death was Multiple Sclerosis. He was born in Framingham, Massachusetts on August 3, 1946. He was predeceased by his wife Naimah, his step-daughter April, and his mother, father and brother, John. He leaves behind two sisters, Kathleen and Heather, three brothers, Brian, Neylan and Collin, his sister-in-law, Evelin, his step-son Robert and numerous nieces and nephews. He was an *At-Large Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Washington, DC**. He attended both public and private schools in Framingham, Massachusetts. At the time of his death he was residing and practicing law in Silver Springs, Maryland. He enlisted in the United States Army and served in Vietnam. After his discharge from service, he received his B.A. from the University of Massachusetts-Amherst. In 1976 he earned his Jurist Doctor from Antioch School of Law. He was a founding member of the Military Law Task Force (MLTF) of the National Lawyers Guild dedicated to the rights of veterans and was Counsel to the Vietnam's Veterans of America (VVA). He is remembered as a loving and caring brother and one who devoted his professional career to assisting veterans. He was interred at the Massachusetts National Cemetery, Bourne, Massachusetts with his brother, John.

**BARRIE D. GIBSON** - Died Friday, January 25, 2013 in Milan, Illinois at the age of 70. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on February 27, 1942. He was preceded in death by his wife Betty. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Rock Island Chapter #299**. Funeral services were at 10:00 AM, Tuesday at Wheelan-Pressly Funeral Home, Milan. Visitation was on Monday from 4:00-7:00 PM at the funeral home, with a Masonic Service at 7:00 PM. Burial was in the Rock Island National Cemetery, with Military honors presented by the United States Navy and Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter #299.

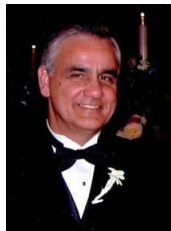


**ROBERT CARROLL GLICK** - Died Tuesday, January 22, 2013 in Tuscaloosa, Alabama at the age of 69. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Hickman, Kentucky on March 7, 1943 to the late Frances and Robert Glick. He served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War and retired after a long career at the rank of Colonel (O-6). He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Tuscaloosa Chapter #301**. COL Glick leaves to cherish his memories a loving and devoted wife, Teresa Prince-Glick; five children, Harold Robert Alka (Becky) of Albion, Ill., Michelle Glick-Wolter (Philipp) of



Brooklyn, N.Y., Kimberly Shockley (Matthew) of Atlanta, Ga., Le Glick (Melissa) of Wilmington, N.C., and Brian Prince (Shontell) of Tuscaloosa, Ala.; one brother, Wayne Glick (Gail) of Flora, Ill.; three grandchildren, Bailey and Sage Alka and Ziedah Prince; a wonderful and loving mother-in-law, Elizabeth Hudson Prince; brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law, Roderick Hudson (Sharon), Jimmie Prince (Mary), Elizabeth Melton (James Jr.), and John Prince (Dawn); an enormous amount of nieces, nephews, uncles, aunts, cousins, and friends; and students from around the world who loved him dearly. Services were at 1:00 PM Saturday, January 26, 2013, at Hillcrest High School Auditorium with Elder James Melton officiating. Burial was in Cedar Oak Memorial Park with Wills' Funeral Service directing.

**JOHN JOSEPH GOSS, JR.** - Died Friday, February 22, 2013 at the VA Medical Center in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania at the age of 67. He was a resident of Mount Laurel, New Jersey. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania on September 19, 1945. Mr. Goss grew up in Delanco and was a graduate of Riverside High School. He served in the United States Marine Corps Third Division during Vietnam. After serving his country, John worked as a Bill Poster for RC Maxwell in Trenton. He was a member of the Marine Corps Scout and Sniper Association, the Marine Corps League, a *Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Bordentown Chapter #899*, and was an avid hunter and fisherman. Mr. Goss is survived by his wife of 42 years, Deborah N. Goss of Mount Laurel; a daughter and son-in-law: Carriann & James Brennan of Marlton. He was “G-dad” to granddaughter Cecily. John is also survived by several nieces and nephews. Interment service with military honors was held on Friday, March 1, 2013 at 11:30 AM at the BGWCD Veteran’s Memorial Cemetery Chapel. Vehicles may gather for the procession to the cemetery in the parking lot of the Church of the Assumption, 26 Monmouth Road, New Egypt, New Jersey at 11:00 AM. Contributions in his memory may be made to the US Marine Corps Scout Sniper Association, c/o ACTS, 385 Garrison Road, Stafford, Virginia 22554.



**PASQUALE “Pat” GRECCO** – Died Saturday, February 9, 2013 in Mount Sinai, Long Island, New York at the age of 68. The cause of death was a heart attack. He was born March 25, 1944 in New York City, New York. He served with the United States Coast Guard during the Vietnam War. He was a *Charter Member and Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – New York City Chapter #126*. Funeral arrangements were entrusted to O.B. Davis Funeral Homes, 4839 Nesconset Highway, Port Jefferson Station, Long Island. Visitation hours were on Tuesday from 7:00-9:00 PM and Wednesday from 2:00-4:00 and 7:00-9:00 PM. The Funeral Mass was on Thursday morning at the Infant Jesus Roman Catholic Church, Port Jefferson, New York. Interment was on the Calverton National Cemetery, Calverton, Long Island. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital or Wounded Warrior Project.

**TOM WILLIAM HADEN** – Died Wednesday, March 6, 2013 in McEwen, Tennessee at the age of 67. The cause of death is unknown. He was born May 15, 1945 in Detroit, Michigan. He served in the United States Navy from May 29, 1963 to May 26, 1967. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Waverly Chapter #1053**.

**GILBERT STARLING “Gibb” HANEY** - Died Wednesday, October 17, 2012 at DCH Regional Medical Center at the age of 64. He was a resident of Northport, Alabama. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Russellville, Alabama on November 20, 1945 to the late Arcula Haney and Wallace Harris. He was also predeceased by his grandmother, Lillie Mae Harris. Survivors include his wife, Bessie Seals Haney of Northport; his daughter, Shannon Leigh Haney of Calera; his sons, Cary Christopher Haney of Washington, D.C. and Geoffrey Blake Haney of Tuscaloosa; his stepdaughter, Amy Housley (Shane) of Coker; his stepson, Shane Clemmons (Amy) of Northport; his sisters, Donna Lowry (Darrin) of Delphi, Ind. and Lela Boyles of Flora, Ind.; his brothers, Joe Harris (Angie) of Delphi, Ind. and Robert Harris of Frankfort, Ind.; his grandchildren, Keelie Housley, Lindsie Housley, Taylor Clemmons, and Cooper Clemmons; and his special “granddogs”, Mattie and Max. He graduated from Carbon Hill High School in 1967. He was a native of Walker County before moving to Tuscaloosa in the early 1970s due to his love of University of Alabama athletics and to proudly attend the University of Alabama. He proudly served in the United States Army and served in combat duty during the Vietnam War from 1967 to 1968. Through the years Gib held various positions in the workforce and spent several years working for Jim Walter Mines. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Tuscaloosa Chapter #301**. Gib married his best friend, Bessie, on June 4, 1993, and they spent 19 wonderful years together enjoying family, friends, all Alabama sporting events, and their loving church. Gib was a loyal friend to so many, and he will be missed by all of us. He dearly loved his three children and was so proud of each of them and their accomplishments. He was also a devoted grandfather to his grandchildren and seldom missed their sporting events. He is now in heaven with his Heavenly Father, and his hearing and health has finally been restored. Pallbearers will be Cary Haney, Blake Haney, Sammy Seals, Shane Clemmons, Taylor Clemmons, Cooper Clemmons, and Andy Haydu. Honorary pallbearers are American Legion Post 208, Vietnam Veterans of America, Disabled American Veterans, Eugene and Marguerite Seals, Betty Seals, Jill Seals, Sonjia Guy, Bettie and David McCray, Roz and Rufus Payne, Bill and Dian McDonald, Roy and Kathy Giles, Ray and Ruby Yeatman, “Shorty” Crawford, members of Northport Baptist Church, Carl Wilson Sunday School Class, R.E.A.C.H. and Mrs. Betty Lambert, Jr. & Barbara Capleton, friends and family in Eldridge and Haleyville, friends from Buddy’s and Mr. Bill’s, Snow Sleep Center, employees of Buffalo Rock, DCH Emergency Room staff, and VA Hospital staff. Services were at 1:30 PM Sunday at Tuscaloosa Memorial Chapel Funeral Home with Dr. John Nixon officiating. Burial was in the Tuscaloosa Memorial Park with Tuscaloosa Memorial Chapel Funeral Home directing.

**STEVE W. “Tex” HARDEN** - Died Saturday, January 28, 2012 in Red Oak, Indiana at the age of 69. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Columbus, Indiana to the late Samuel & Lucinda (née Robertson) Harden. He proudly served his country with the United States Army, serving in Special Forces and turning in three tours of duty in Vietnam. He was awarded three purple hearts and two bronze stars. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Mesquite (Texas) Chapter #137**. He was an avid reader and loved his family & pets. He is survived by his wife of 26 years, Susie Harden; daughter, Tonia Dee Miklas; sons, David Wayne Harden, Rob Harden, Willie Harden & Jeffrey Andrew Harden; grandchildren, Christopher & Ava; brothers, Ancel Harden & Eric Harden; sister, Debra Harden. Funeral Service was at 10:00



AM Tuesday, January 31, 2012 at Jaynes Memorial Chapel Duncanville. Burial was at the Dallas-Fort Worth National Cemetery.

**JAMES LEE HARMON, SR.** – Died Sunday, July 8, 2012 in the VA Community Living Center in Asheville, North Carolina at the age of 67. He was a resident of Arden, North Carolina. The cause of death is unknown. He was born April 23, 1945. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Asheville Chapter #124**. A memorial service was held on August 23, 2012 at 2:00 PM on the second floor of the V.A Hospital Community Living Center honoring Mr. James Lee Harmon, Sr. and other veterans who have died recently. Family and friends were invited to attend.

**JOHN BILLIE "Bill" HARRIS** – Died Friday, February 01, 2013 in Steens, Mississippi at the age of 66. The cause of death was cancer. He was born Thursday, November 28, 1946 in Millport, Alabama to the late Lavert and Annie Kate (née Sudduth) Harris. He was a United States Army Veteran having served 2 tours of duty in Vietnam. He was a lifetime member of the American Legion, a member of the, VFW Post 69, and the Steens Civic Center. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Columbus Chapter #997**. He was the retired owner and operator of Harris Trucking after 46 years. In addition to his parents he was preceded in death by his brother Tommy Harris. Survivors include his wife, Betty A. Harris, Steens Mississippi; his daughters, Brandy Murphy, Columbus, Mississippi and Michelle Glidewell (Steve), Corinth, Mississippi; his son, Bill Harris, Jr., Birmingham, Alabama; his stepson, Michael Reynolds (Renee'), of Steens, Mississippi; his sisters, Alene Keaton, Columbus, Mississippi and Jackie Harris Wolf, Columbus, Mississippi; his brothers, Lamar Harris (Debbie), Columbus, Mississippi and Jimmy Dale Harris, Columbus, Mississippi; four grandchildren, Lane Euer, Brody Murphy, Josh Reynolds (Haley) and Dakota Conner (Chase), and; brother and sister-in Law, John and Geraline Holliman, sister-in-Law: Donna Allbritton and Mother-in-Law: Margreet Allbritton. Services were held Monday, February 04, 2013 at 11:00 AM at New Covenant Baptist Church with the Reverend Tommy Whaley and the Reverend Ed Nix, co-officiating. The burial with U.S. Army Honors will follow at Pleasant Hill Baptist Church Cemetery. Visitation was held at Memorial Funeral Home on Sunday, February 03, 2013 from 2:00 PM until 5:00 PM. The Pallbearers were Charlie Johnson, Lee Gallop, Carl Stewart, Virgil Kimbrell, Lucas Harris, Josh Keaton, Justin Harris, and Buddy Thrasher. The Honorary Pallbearers were: Grady Jaynes, Herman Hughes, Jim Richardson, Members of the American Legion, Members of the VFW Post #69, and Deacons of New Covenant Baptist Church. Memorials may be made to: Gideons International Post Office Box 2174, Columbus, Mississippi 30704.

**MELVIN ARTHUR HEMBY** – Died Wednesday, February 20, 2013 in Hurricane Mills, Tennessee at the age of 62. The cause of death was cancer. He was born in Nashville, Tennessee on August 5, 1948. He served in the United States Marine Corps from March 9, 1966 to February 20, 1970 with three tours of duty in Vietnam. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Waverly Chapter #1053**.

**WALTER J. HENRIKSEN, JR.** - Died Friday, March 22, 2013, at A.O. Fox Memorial Hospital in Oneonta, New York at the age of 65. He was a resident of Mount Upton, New York. The cause

of death was cancer. He was born March 20, 1948 to the late Walter J. and Lillian (née Koster) Henriksen in Mineola New York. Upon graduation from high school, Walt enlisted in the United States Marine Corps. He was a trained rifleman and was stationed in Vietnam. On April 5, 1969, Walt was wounded and permanently disabled in the line of duty. He was awarded the Purple Heart, National Defense Medal, Vietnam Service Medal, Vietnam Campaign Medal w/device, Rifle Marksman Qualification Badge and the Good Conduct Medal for his service and sacrifice for our country. Walter was a devoted *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Oneonta Chapter #85** serving as president for 16 years. He was past commander and very active with the Disabled American Veterans Oneonta Post No. 200. Walt was also a member of the Oneonta VFW Post No. 1206, the Mount Upton American Legion, the Marine Corps League and the Paralyzed Veterans. Walter dedicated his time and experience to support veterans organizations to make life a little better for other veterans. His presence will be greatly missed by his many friends and family. Walter is survived by his devoted wife, Valerie (Robinson) Henriksen, Mount Upton; daughter and son-in-law, Melinda and Roger Beers, Mount Upton; four grandchildren, Walter Eugene, Angela, Jacqueline and Roger Beers Jr.; two sisters and brothers-in-law, Nancy and Walter Bloor, Tennessee, and Caroline and Richard Jankowski, Oxford; brother and sister-in-law, Chuck and Gloria Henriksen, Mount Upton; brothers-in-law, Keith, Tommy, Alan and Dennis Robinson and their families; many nieces, nephews, cousins and friends. Walter was also predeceased by his brother-in-law, James Robinson. Friends called from 6:00 to 9:00 PM Tuesday, March 26, 2013, at C.H. Landers Funeral Chapel, 21 Main Street, Sidney, New York. Funeral services were at 3:00 PM Wednesday, March 27, at the funeral chapel, with the Reverend Peggy Eller and the Reverend Mary Ann Linder, co-officiating. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be sent to the Disabled American Veterans or the Vietnam Veterans of America, 279 Chestnut St., Oneonta, NY 13820. Arrangements were under the direction of C.H. Landers Funeral Chapel, 21 Main Street, Sidney.

**PHILIP E. "Phil" HODGE** – Died Wednesday, March 20, 2013, peacefully at home in Klamath Falls, Idaho at the age of 72. The cause of death was cardiomyopathy and Agent Orange-related Diabetes Mellitus Type II. He was born March 9, 1940, in Albany, California to the late Cecil and Elsie Hodge, and was raised in Richmond, California. He graduated from Richmond Union High School in 1958. After high school he joined the United States Air Force, where he spent his career in Security Police. He retired in 1978 as a Vietnam Veteran and Bronze Star recipient. After retiring from the Air Force, he worked at Maywood for 15 years, until they closed. He then worked at Bi-Mart for six years, before retiring in 2000. He met Lynn Troutman, the love of his life, in 1957. They married Jan. 13, 1963 in Richmond, California. They had 50 amazing years together. He and Lynn started the Junior Rifle Club at AF South NATO Base in Naples, Italy in 1964, and continued involvement through 1968. Later, after moving to Klamath Falls and starting a family, he became a 4-H leader in archery and coached T-ball and soccer so that he could be involved in the interests of his two sons. He was a life/benefactor member of the National Rifle Association, one of the founding members of the Jefferson State Shooting Association (and was later awarded a life membership in honor of his work for the association) as well as a life member of the Klamath Sportsman's Park Association. He was an *At-Large Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Oregon**. He enjoyed hunting and fishing. He was an avid shooter, and participated in a variety of shooting sports. He helped build the Klamath

Sportsmans Park in Keno, and was a past vice president of the Klamath Sportsmans Park Association. He held numerous offices in the Jefferson State Shooting Association, including 20 years as the Bowling Pin Match Chairman, and was a co-chairman of the Jefferson State Shooting Association Gun, Knife, and Coin Show for a number of years. As one of the founding members of the Jefferson State Friends of NRA, he was dedicated to advancing firearms safety education, youth hunting and shooting programs, women's shooting programs and range improvements. He is survived by his wife Lynn; son and daughter-in-law Chris and Rhonda Hodge; son Aaron Hodge; special friends Larry and Donna Bosley, Larry and Lorain Despain, Floyd and Marty Hancock, Tom and Patty Neel, Dave and Cricket Roskos, Bill and Joan Youngren, all of Klamath Falls, and Drew and Sharon Stevenson of Richmond, Ca. At his request, he will be cremated and there will be no services. Memorial donations may be made to KCF/Sportsman's Park Endowment Fund, P.O. Box 1903, Klamath Falls, OR 97601 or to the Jefferson State Friends of NRA, c/o Chris Pellissier, P.O. Box 7465, Klamath Falls, Or, 97602. I know you had to leave our life together early, but as always, I know you'll wait for me. You are my forever love. Family and friends loved him, squirrels feared him.

**WILLIAM HOGGATT** – Died Sunday, February 24, 2013 in Tacoma, Washington at the age of 81. The cause of death is unknown. He was born April 7, 1931. He is survived by his wife, Louisa, of the home and his son, Norman. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was an *At-Large Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Washington**.



**RUSSELL DON HOWE** - Died peacefully at Lakeland Regional Medical Center on Thursday, February 21, 2013, of heart failure at the age of 78. He was a resident of Polk City, Florida. He was born in Chesterfield, Indiana on June 4, 1934. He was a retired Army Paratrooper in the 173rd Airborne Brigade Combat Team. He attended Ball State University, in Indiana. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Ponca City (Oklahoma) Chapter #750**. He is survived by his wife: Mary (née Whitt) Howe, son: Timothy R. Howe (Tonia), daughter: Kimberly Johnson (Tim), brother: John H. Howe of Ponca City, Oklahoma, brother: Jerry L. Howe of Orange Park, Florida, ten grandchildren and ten great-grandchildren.

**DOUGLAS A. JOHNSON** – Died in November 2012 in Lamberton, Minnesota at the age of 66. The cause of death is unknown. He was born June 11, 1946. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He is survived by his wife. He was an *At-Large Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Minnesota**.

**ROSS HASTINGS JONES** - Died Monday, February 18, 2013 at home in Cumberland, Rhode Island at the age of 65. The cause of death was a massive heart attack. He was born October 2, 1947 in Pawtucket, Rhode Island to Elizabeth (née Morse) Jones and the late Thomas Jones. He was a lifelong resident of Cumberland. He was the husband of Kathleen M. (née Kwolek) Jones. He was a parts driver for Advanced Auto and formerly employed by Pawtucket Auto and Selrex. He was a United States Army Veteran serving in Vietnam, and was also a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – James Michael Ray Memorial (North Smithfield) Chapter #818**. He enjoyed watching Family Guy and NASCAR. He loved his cats and doing crossword

puzzles every day. Besides his wife he leaves his three sons; Seth J., Joshua T. and Jesse R. Jones; two brothers Glenn Jones and Dana Jones, both of Cumberland and several nieces and nephews. A Funeral Service was held Friday, February 22<sup>nd</sup> at 10:00 AM in the J. J. Duffy Funeral Home, 757 Mendon Road, Rt. 122, Cumberland. Burial was in the Rhode Island State Veterans Cemetery, Exeter. Calling Hours were held on Thursday 5:00 to 8:00 PM. In lieu of flowers donations may be made in his memory to the Vietnam Veterans of America, Rhode Island State Council, Post Office Box 5551 Wakefield, Rhode Island 02880-1551.



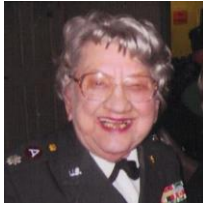
**GARY R. KAMATS** - Died at the DuBois Regional Medical Center, DuBois, Pennsylvania on Wednesday, January 16, 2013 at the age of 65. He was a resident of Emporium, Pennsylvania. The cause of death is heart disease. He was born June 24, 1947 in Saint Marys, Pennsylvania to the late George and Clara (née Zoschg) Kamats. On August 29, 1970 in Saint Leo Catholic Church, Ridgway, Pennsylvania, he married Jane (née Imhof) Kamats, who survives. Gary graduated from Cameron County High School in the class of 1965. He served with the United States Army during Vietnam Era. He then graduated from the University of Miami where he received an accounting degree. He was a partner of Kamats & Wolfanger, LLC., an accounting firm, in Saint Marys. Gary was a very active member of the Saint Marys Rotary Club where he had served as president and was currently serving on the board of directors as he had for many years. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Saint Marys Chapter #720**. He was also a member of Saint Mark Catholic Church. Gary enjoyed the outdoors, hunting, cooking and working around his home. He especially enjoyed spending time with his grandchildren. In addition to his wife Jane Imhof Kamats, he is survived by his son, William Kamats and his wife Carmen, St. Marys; his son, Timothy Kamats and his wife Sarah, State College; his daughter: Beth Minnick, St. Marys and 8 Grandchildren; Emily & Anna, Saresa, Xabine, Xura, Simone Alex and Casey; his sisters, Louise Cooney, Emporium, Kathleen Kamats, Emporium, Pam, Mrs. Howard Stuart, Emporium, Margaret, Mrs. Ernie Lovett, Emporium, Carolyn Wolfanger, Emporium, Joanne Kamats, Seattle, Maxine, Mrs. John Zokaite, Zelienople; his brothers, George "Mick" Kamats and wife Kathy, Nashville, TN, Donald Kamats and wife Jeanne, Springville, NY, Richard Kamats and wife Joanne, Orchard Park, NY. He was predeceased by his parents, George and Clara Zoschg Kamats and his sister, Helen Ripple. Visitation with video tribute was at the Barnett Funeral Home on Friday from 4:00-8:00 PM. The Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at the Saint Mark Catholic Church, 235 East Fourth Street, Emporium, PA on Saturday, January 19, 2013 at 10:30 AM with Reverend Paul S. Siebert, Pastor, as Celebrant. A Military Service was accorded by the Cameron County Memorial Detail following Mass. The burial was in the Portage Township Cemetery, Gardeau, Pennsylvania. Memorial contributions may be made to Saint Mark Catholic Church, 235 East 4th Street, Emporium, PA 15834 or to Pennsylvania Wounded Warriors, Inc., 2665 Lake Meade Road, East Berlin, Pennsylvania 17316

**WILLIAM J. KEHOE III** - Died Friday, February 1, 2013 at the Raritan Bay Medical Center, Old Bridge, New Jersey at the age of 66. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Brooklyn, New York on December 25, 1946 to the late William J. Kehoe, Jr., and Bernice Kehoe. He lived in South Amboy, New Jersey before moving to Old Bridge 9 years ago. Before retiring, he was

employed by Verizon, New York City. He was a United States Marine Corps veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a member of VFW Post #4247, Keyport, American Legion, Luke A. Lovely Post #62, South Amboy and a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Allenhurst Chapter #12**. In addition to his parents, he was also predeceased by his brother, John Kehoe. He is survived by his wife, Halina Kehoe; his son and daughter-in-law, Brian and Patricia Kehoe of South Amboy; his daughter, Kelly Kehoe of Old Bridge; his brother, Dennis Kehoe of Belgrade, Maine; his sisters, Maureen Pierce of Winslow, Maine, Kathleen Sherman of Walnut Creek, California and Marilyn Marmorstein of Litchfield, Arizona; 3 grandchildren, Kaitlyn Kehoe, Kelsey and Kimberly Korosko and his dear friend, Joanne Morris of South Amboy. Funeral services were held Thursday, February 7, 2013 at 9:00 AM from The Gundrum Service "Home For Funerals" 237 Bordentown Avenue, South Amboy followed by a 9:30 AM Mass of Christian Burial at Saint Mary's Church, South Amboy. Interment followed at Shoreland Memorial Gardens, Hazlet. Visitation was on Wednesday from 2:00-4:00 PM and 7:00-9:00 PM.



**GREGORY JAMES KINGBIRD, SR.** - Died Monday, September 24, 2012 at Fairview Hospital in Hibbing, Minnesota at the age of 62. He was a resident of Ponemah, Minnesota. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on August 29, 1950, in Ponemah the son of Lillian Kingbird Jones. He was raised and educated in Ponemah. He attended Red Lake High School and played basketball there. He served 2 tours in Vietnam as a United States Marine. When he returned to the US, he lived in Oregon, and began a career as a boxer. He moved to Minneapolis, Minnesota, where he continued to box, started working as a roofer, and played guitar in a band. In the 1980s he began to spend time in Red Lake, and started sharing spiritual teachings. His Native America name was *Waa-bi-ga-nay-osh* – translated to *Flowers in the Wind*. He continued to teach and serve as a Spiritual Leader the rest of his life. He worked various jobs over the years including at the Ponemah Juvenile Center. He married Leogene English on August 13, 2012, in Minneapolis. He enjoyed playing the guitar, and was a people person, always willing to lend a hand to those in need. He was an *At-Large Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Minnesota**. He is survived by: Sons, Mike Dahl of Naytahwaush, MN, Sheldon (Shaye) Iceman of Bemidji, Gregory Kingbird Jr. of Minnesota, Gabriel Commands of Minneapolis, MN, Kevin Strong of Duluth, MN, Daughters, Candida Rodriguez of Salem, OR, Lolita Rodriguez of Salem, OR, Larissa (Brandon) Raincloud of Ponemah, MN, Shari Iceman of Bemidji, MN Justine (Kyle) Barrett of Bemidji, MN Rhonda Barrett of Red Lake, MN, Susan Ballott of Naytahwaush, MN, Wife, Leogene English of Red Lake, Step-Children, Toni (Terry) Gross of Remer, MN, Lynnette Bedeau of Red Lake, MN, William Bedeau of Red Lake, MN, Jennifer Loud of Red Lake, MN, Lisa Loud of Red Lake, MN Sister, Verona Jones of Red Lake, MN Brothers, Brad Jones of Oregon, Vernon Jones of Red Lake, MN, Nick Jones of Minneapolis, MN, Arthur Jones of Minneapolis, MN, Numerous Grandchildren, Great-Grandchildren, Nieces, and Nephews. He was preceded in death by his son Dustin Kingbird, his mother, 2 brothers, and 1 sister. Traditional Funeral Services were at 10:00 AM Saturday, September 29, 2012 at the Ponemah Community Center in Ponemah. A wake was at 7:00 PM, Thursday, September 27, 2012 at the Ponemah Community Center and continued until the time of the service. Interment was at the Family Burial Grounds in Ponemah under the direction of the Cease Family Funeral Home of Bemidji, Minnesota.



**MARIE S. KNASIAK** (USA-LTC-Ret.) - Died Thursday, March 21, 2013 in Port Charlotte, Florida at the age of 93. The cause of death was congestive heart failure. She was born December 26, 1919 in Chicago, Illinois, and was a United States Army veteran of three wars (World War II, Korea and Vietnam), retired from a long Military Career in 1972. Since 1972, Marie has been a member and volunteer at Saint Charles Borromeo Catholic Church in Port Charlotte, serving as a lector and providing care and assistance to parishioners in need; a

*Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Englewood Chapter #1037* the D.A.V., Retired Officers and Reserve Officers Associations, WAC Veterans Association, Women's Overseas League, Pregnancy Care line & Solve. She is survived by a sister, Irene J. Surdyk; a niece, Anett (Steve) Rowe, and great nieces Katie and Kellie, all of Arizona; and her Port Charlotte family, Jerry and Myrna Baumgartner, Jonathan Sylvain, and the VVA of Chapter 1037. Visitation was held from 2:00 to 4:00 PM and 6:00 to 8:00 PM with Wake service at 7:00 PM on Monday, April 1, 2013 at Roberson Funeral Home, Port Charlotte Chapel. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at 11:00 AM Tuesday, April 2, 2013, at Saint Charles Borromeo Catholic Church. Full Military Honors and burial were held at Arlington National Cemetery at a later date. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations in Marie's name are suggested to the Marie Knasiak Memorial Fund, care of Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 1037. Arrangements were by Roberson Funeral Home Port Charlotte Chapel.



**ROBERT B. KRIVACH** - Died Wednesday, November 21, 2012 at the Hollidaysburg Veteran's Home in Altoona, Pennsylvania at the age of 62. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on October 15, 1950 in Johnstown, Pennsylvania to the late John and Margaret (née Kristoff) Krivach. In addition to his parents, he was also predeceased by his siblings, John and Tom DeMarco and Patricia Krivach. He is survived by his sons; Jason of Richland; and Stephen of Elton; siblings, Nancy Williams and her fiancé, Don Holtzman, Davidsville, Tim (Laura Caroff), Richland and Carrie Ann (Robert Escobar) Yurich, Geistown; and several nieces and nephews. Bob was a 1968 graduate of Richland High School where he wrestled and played football. He was a graduate of Pittsburgh Institute of Aeronautics. He was a United States Marine Corps Veteran serving during the Vietnam War. He was formerly employed at the John Murtha Johnstown-Cambria County Airport. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Johnstown Chapter #364**. He enjoyed Honda cars, airplanes, camping and loved pizza and doughnuts. He was also known as "Honda Bob". Bob had a heart of gold and would help anyone. He used to play "Santa Claus" at Grant's Dept. Store. Friends were received from 4:00-8:00 PM on Friday at the Harris Funeral Home, 500 Cherry Lane, Richland, where Vigil for the deceased was held. Funeral Mass was held at 10:30 A.M. on Saturday at St. Benedict Catholic Church, Geistown with Fr. David S. Peles, Pastor as the Main Celebrant. Committal was at Richland Cemetery with military rites conducted by Conemaugh Valley Marine Corps League Detachment.

**JOSEPH A. KURAK** - Died Friday, March 15, 2013 in Red Bank, New Jersey at the age of 71. He was a resident of Middletown, New Jersey. The cause of death is unknown. He was born March 17, 1942 and raised in West Orange, New Jersey until he moved to Middletown 31 years ago. Joseph honorably served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War. Joseph



retired in 2007 as a driver for the New York Daily News. He was also a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Allenhurst Chapter #12**. He loved animals. He was a big hunter and fisherman. And he was an avid coin collector. Surviving are his wife, Marilyn Kurak; his daughter and son-in-law, Laurie and Ronald Maes; his son and daughter-in-law, Joseph and Jennifer Kurak Jr.; his grandchildren, Joseph, Brayden, Cole, and Ronni-Lee; his sister-in-law and her husband, Joan and Robert Hendry; and loving nieces and nephews. Joseph was preceded in death by his parents, Charles and Cecilia Kurak. A Memorial Mass was offered Wednesday, March 20, 2013 at 10:30 AM at St. Mary's Chapel, 26 Leonardville Road, Middletown. For more information, to send condolences or for directions, please visit [www.pflegerfh.com](http://www.pflegerfh.com).



**ALBERT W. LAJOIE** - Died Monday, February 11, 2013 at University of Mass Medical Center – University Campus in Worcester, Massachusetts at the age of 79. He was a resident of Phillipston, Massachusetts. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Somerville, Massachusetts, September 1, 1933 to the late William and Celina(née Comeau) Lajoie. He grew up in Athol, attending Athol High School and since 1978 he has lived in Phillipston. He attended Northeast Institute of Industrial Technology, Hobert Welding School, Boiler School (fireman) at Worcester Trade, Technical Instructors School and Peter Pan Tour Driving Training. Al served in the United States Navy during the Korean and Vietnam Wars with the Navy Atlantic Fleet, the Navy Construction Battalion receiving his honorable discharge (MCB-12) after serving in Vietnam, with a rank of SWI Petty Officer. While serving in the Navy he received the U.S. Navy Achievement Medal in the Republic of Vietnam from 1968-1969. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Athol Chapter #340**. Al worked for R.W. Chapman Co. Well Drilling of Oakdale, MA as a pipe welder and machine operator, U.S. Navy Mobile Construction Battalion XLL, DaNang, Vietnam as a steel worked 1st class and crew leader, New England Power Co. in Worcester, MA as a Jr. pipe fitter – journeyman-welder, worked on all coal fired boilers and atomic plants in the New England area, New England Boiler Repair of West Springfield, MA as a maintenance/welding foreman, Barry Wright of Worcester, MA as a maintenance mechanic, Whitman and Howard Engineering as chief maintenance mechanic, Montachusett Regional Vocational Technical School in Westminster, MA as maintenance mechanic and St. Joseph's Parish in Fitchburg as building and ground supervisor until his retirement. Al also owned and operated his business "Bee Line Van Service" for eight years. Al was a member of Our Lady of Czestochowa in Turners Falls, also attended St. Vincent DePaul Catholic Church in Baldwinville, Turners Falls Council of Knights of Columbus #737, Athol-Orange Lodge of Elks #1837, Athol American Legion Post #102, VFW Post #15022 and Gentlemen of St. Joseph in Turners Falls. He leaves his wife of 52 years, Ronnie L. (Abbott) Lajoie; two daughters, Karen Whittle and her husband Stuart of Suffield, CT and Kelly Haley and her husband Ted of Templeton; four grandsons, Mitchell and Trevor Haley and Austin and Zachery Whittle and a sister, Nancy Powers and her husband John of Homosassa, FL. He was predeceased by a brother, Roger Lajoie. A Mass of Christian Burial was held Friday, February 15, 2013 at 10:00 AM at St. Vincent DePaul Catholic Church, 1 Forest Street, Baldwinville. Burial with military honors will follow at the Massachusetts Veterans' Memorial Cemetery in Winchendon. There are no calling hours and in lieu of flowers the family suggests donations in Al's name be made to St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital, 262 Danny Thomas Place, Memphis, TN 38105. Higgins-O'Connor Funeral Home, 146 Main Street, Athol is directing

arrangements. For further information or to share a memory with the family, go to: [www.higginsoconnorfuneralhome.com](http://www.higginsoconnorfuneralhome.com).



**GARY WAYNE LEACH, SR.** - Died on Wednesday, February 13, 2013 in Santa Maria, California at the age of 60. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on January 4, 1953 to the late Ivan Leach and Irene Leach who survives him. Gary was a humble man at heart, a caring father and dedicated grandfather. He proudly served his country in the United States Marine Corps. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Guadalupe Chapter #982**. Gary's focus was family. He spent most of his time fiddling around with his truck and trips to the park with the grandchildren. Gary worked with Health Sanitation Services for over 15 years. In addition to his mother Gary is survived by his brother Bob Leach; his three beloved children Gary Leach, Jr., Christina Leach and Michael Leach, and; three grandchildren Jolie, Mahlya and Jazara Leach. Our family would like to thank everyone for their heartfelt condolences and support. Graveside services were held on Friday, February 22, 2013 at 11:00 AM in the Santa Maria Cemetery. Arrangements were under the direction of Dudley-Hoffman Mortuary, Crematory and Memory Gardens.

**MATTHEW P. LEDFORD** – Died Wednesday, November 28, 2012 in Cleveland, Georgia at the age of 65. The cause of death is unknown. He was born October 17, 1947. He is survived by his wife. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War having served a tour from 1967 to 1968. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Gainesville Chapter #772**.

**ROBERT SIDNEY LOCK** – Died Sunday, January 20, 2013 in Sarasota, Florida at the age of 72. He was formerly from Dunedin, Florida. The cause of death was lung cancer. He was born July 11, 1940 in Detroit, Michigan to the late James and Ruth (née Burton) Lock. He served in the United States Army from May 10, 1966 to November 17, 1966 with service in the Vietnam War. He was awarded the Purple Heart and the Bronze Star with "V" device for Valor. He also served in the United States Air National Guard. He was an *At-Large Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Florida**. He is survived by his loving wife of 48 years, Peggy, of the home; three sons and daughters-in-law, Dwayne and Teresa Lock, Bryan and Theresa Lock and Keith and Amy Lock; his brother, Howard Lock, of Long Beach, Mississippi; his sister, Alice Sanders, of Michigan City, Indiana, and; his four grandchildren, Kendall, Cameron, Ashley and Jessica Lock. Visitation was held from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM on Wednesday, January 23, 2013 at Shannon Funeral Home Town Chapel in Bradenton, Florida. Services were held at 10:30 AM on Thursday, January 24<sup>th</sup> at the Elwood Park Baptist Church in Bradenton, Florida. Funeral arrangements were made by Shannon Funeral Home Town Chapel, Bradenton.



**PAUL MORITZ MARSCHALK** – Died Thursday, January 31, 2013 in Bristol, Tennessee at the age of 73. He fought a brave fight with Alzheimer's disease and was sweet and loving to the end. He was born to the late Paul Maurice Marschalk and Yvonne (née Derby) Marschalk on March 4, 1939, in Pierre, South Dakota. After earning his Bachelor's Degree from the University of Minnesota in 1962, Paul entered the United States Air Force, where he was an officer and pilot for seven years. Paul ended his Air Force career in November 1969 with the rank of captain after a tour in the Vietnam War, with



the Air Commando 609th Special Operations Squadron, "Nimrods" as an A-26 attack bomber pilot, with 155 night missions over the Ho Chi Min Trail. Paul was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross by order of the President of the United States for heroism while participating in aerial flight. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Kingsport Chapter #979**. In July 1970, Paul was hired as a pilot for Pacific Southwest Airlines, which in 1988 merged with US Airways. Paul was a captain and retired from US Airways in 1999 after 29 years of service with the airlines. Paul loved to fly and was a pilot for 50 years with more than 21,000 flight hours. He was an Air Force pilot, a commercial pilot, a certified flight instructor and qualified to 27 different aircraft. He started his flying career in propeller aircraft, flew both propeller aircraft and jets in the Air Force and with the airlines. In his retirement years, Paul enjoyed flying his own 1940 Boeing Stearman bi-plane. Paul was preceded in death by his parents; his brother, Robert William Marschalk; and his first wife, Therese Todd Marschalk. He is survived by his wife and soul-mate, Sue King Marschalk; daughter, Elizabeth Marschalk Feric "Ante"; grandchildren, Paul M. Feric and Anna Maria T. Feric; nieces, Kathryn Marschalk, Madyson Davison and Eva Marschalk; nephew, Alex Marschalk (Julie); sister-in-law, Kay Marschalk; sister-in-law, Elizabeth Ruppert (Frank); and nieces Liz Ruppert and Claire Ruppert. Interment was with military honors at Fort Rosecrans National Cemetery, Point Loma, California.



**FRANK MARTIN, JR.** - Died Tuesday, November 15, 2011 in Cocoa, Florida at the age of 76. He was born in New Bedford, Massachusetts on May 21, 1935 to the late Frank and Iona Martin. The cause of death is unknown. He was the husband of Priscilla E. (née Coelho) Martin. He was a lifelong resident of New Bedford, Massachusetts.

Mr. Martin accumulated 29 years and 4 months of military service with the Army National Guard, United States Navy and United States Air Force and served with the Third Marine Division, Cape Horn, the Republic of Vietnam. Mr. Martin was a Disabled American Veteran. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – New Bedford Chapter #499** and several other military organizations. He is survived by his widow, Priscilla Martin; daughter, Linda Yeakle; son, Mark Martin; granddaughters, Katelyn Yeakle and Brittany Martin; and a grandson, Brandon Martin of Orlando. A visitation was held on Saturday, November 19, 2011 from 1:00 – 2:00 PM, with a military funeral at Florida Memorial Funeral Home, U.S. 1, Rockledge, Florida at 2:00 PM. Interment was at the Florida Memorial Gardens.



**DENNIS E. MATTHEWS** - Died Wednesday, August 29, 2011 unexpectedly at home at the age of 65. The cause of death was a heart attack. He was born in Rahway, New Jersey on May 27, 1946 to Jean Matthews of Barnegat, New Jersey and the late Edward J. Matthews. He attended Seton Hall University and served our country during the Vietnam War in the United States Army on active duty until 1997. He remained an active member in the U.S. Army Reserves until he retired in 2006 at the rank of Colonel (O-6). He was a graduate of the U.S. Army War College, Carlisle Barracks, Pennsylvania, Class of July 22, 1994. He loved and served his country faithfully and honorably. Dennis worked at Webster Bank as a Senior Vice President of Lending in Loan Operations. He had been actively involved in ESGR (Employer Support of the Guard and Reserve) supporting our troops overseas. He was also an active member of the Knights of Columbus, 3rd Degree Council 2533 of Glastonbury and the VFW post 7659. He was an *At-Large Member* of **Vietnam**

**Veterans of America – Connecticut.** He loved boating and fishing on the Connecticut River and the Long Island Sound with his family and friends. His greatest joy was his two beautiful children, Kelly and Sean. He is survived by his wife of 26 years, Patricia, his daughter Kelly and his son Sean; his sister Diane Holzmiller and her husband Ralph of Barnegat, New Jersey; and his sister Pat Paolini, her husband Orfeo, and their children of St. Augustine Beach, Florida. He is also survived by his niece Kimberly Falzarano, her husband Matt, and their two children Valentino and Bella; his niece Arlene Holzmiller and her two sons Kevin and Bryan; and his nephew Michael Holzmiller, all of New Jersey. He is also survived by his sister-in-law Colleen Ingalsbe and her husband Bob of Colorado; his sister-in-law Mary McGone of Florida; his brother-in-law John McGone, his wife Theresa and their children of Florida; his brother-in-law Terry McGone and his children, of Florida; and his brother-in-law Jim McGone and his two children, of Florida. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated Saturday September 3, at 10:00 AM in Saint Dunstan Church, 1345 Manchester Road, Glastonbury. Burial with full military honors was in the Holy Cross Cemetery, Glastonbury. Friends called at the Mulryan Funeral Home, 725 Hebron Avenue, Glastonbury on Friday September 2 from 4:00-7:00 PM. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to The American Heart Association, 5 Brookside Drive, Wallingford, Connecticut 06492 or to the Wounded Warrior Project 7020 A.C. Skinner Pkwy Suite #100 Jacksonville, FL 32256. To share a memory please visit [www.mulryanfh.com](http://www.mulryanfh.com).

**CALVIN R. MAY** - Died Thursday, October 25, 2012 in Yellville, Arkansas at the age of 70. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on January 25, 1942. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was an *At-Large Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Arkansas**. Visitation was on Sunday October 28, 2012 from 6:00 - 8:00 PM at Burns Funeral Home in Yellville, Arkansas, with a Prayer Vigil beginning at 7:30 PM led by Deacon Steve Trinor. The United States Marine Corps performed military honors at Burns Funeral Home in Yellville at 10:30 AM. Interment took place at a later date in Denham Springs Memorial Cemetery in Denham Springs, Louisiana. A Memorial Mass was on Monday, October 29, 2012 at 11:00 AM at Saint Andrew's Catholic Church in Yellville, Arkansas with the Reverend James Fanrak officiating.

**DARRELL GENE McCOMB** - Died at 7:45 a.m. Sunday, March 24, 2013, in his home in Gnadenhutten, Ohio after a short battle with pancreatic cancer at the age of 62. He was born April 19, 1950 in Dennison, Ohio to the late Robert Lee McComb and Peggy Marie (née Frey) McComb. Darrell was a 1968 graduate of Indian Valley South High School in Gnadenhutten where he played football. He was a Veteran of the United States Army serving his country for two years during the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – New Philadelphia Chapter #857**. He was employed for 19 years at Arizona Chemical in Dover. In his spare time he loved to bowl and go camping. Surviving is his wife of 38 years, Kathleen Sue Creager McComb. They were married June 1, 1974; also surviving are a brother, Donald (Jean) McComb of Gnadenhutten; two sisters: Jaynie (Companion Robert Hostetler) Campbell of Gnadenhutten and Peggy (Gary) Tanksley of New Philadelphia; his mother-in-law, Jean Creager of Gnadenhutten, a brother-in-law, Chris Creager of Dover; a sister-in-law, Tina Creager of Midvale; numerous nieces and nephews; and his beloved cats, Kayla and Spooky. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his father-in-law, Calvin Creager and a sister-in-law,

Nancy Creager. Friends were received in the John Heckewelder Memorial Moravian Church, Gnadenhutten on Tuesday, March 26th, from 5:00 to 8:00 PM. Services were held in the church at 11:00 AM Wednesday, March 27, 2013 with the Reverends Tom Klasner and Darrell Johnson co-officiating. Military Services by the Newcomerstown Vietnam Veterans, and burial was in the Gnadenhutten Clay Union Cemetery, Gnadenhutten. Memorial contributions may be made in Darrell's memory to Hospice of Tuscarawas County or the Cats N' Us Shelter in Dover. Arrangements were entrusted to Koch Funeral Home, LLC, 244 N Walnut Street, Gnadenhutten, Ohio.



**GEORGE WAINRIGHT "Butch" McHUGH, JR.** - Died Friday, February 15, 2013, at Iberia Medical Center at the age of 70. He was a resident of Saint Martinville, Louisiana. The cause of death was Agent Orange-related Hodgkins Lymphoma. He was born April 21, 1942 in New Orleans, Louisiana to the late George Wainright McHugh, Sr. and Eunice (née Roberts) McHugh. He served his country honorably in the United States Army during the Vietnam War, where he was a helicopter pilot and JAG Officer. Having attained the rank of Captain, he was awarded two Purple Hearts, one Bronze Star, and three medals for Valor, as well as numerous other honors and medals. He was a *Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Lafayette Chapter #141*. Butch was an attorney for 34 years and also served as a consultant for the St. Martin Parish Sheriff's Office. A true advocate for the citizens of St. Martin Parish, he was a member of the Governor's Commission for Addictive Disorders and served on the board for the Acadiana Human Services District. Butch possessed a heartfelt compassion and desire to assist anyone with addictive disorders - his help to them was infinite. He enjoyed spending time with his family at his camp every weekend, hunting and caring for his animals, while accompanied by his faithful companion, his dog, Sammy. He is survived by his loving wife, Sylvia Bienvenue McHugh of St. Martinville; two sons, Tom McHugh and his fiancée, Stacy D. Richard, of St. Martinville, and Paul McHugh and his wife, Angie, of Florissant, CO; one brother, Patrick T. McHugh and his wife, Stacy, of Pace, FL; and his sister, Serena McHugh Lockwood and her husband, Michael, of Mandeville. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at 2:00 PM on Tuesday, February 19, 2013, at St. Martin de Tours Catholic Church in St. Martinville. The family had requested that visiting hours be observed at the funeral home from 5:00 PM until 9:00 PM on Monday, and continue at 8:30 AM until 1:30 PM on Tuesday. A rosary was prayed by Reverend Ed Degeyter at 7:00 PM on Monday. Reverend Ed Degeyter celebrated the Funeral Mass. Scriptures were read by Carmen Nicholson and Connie Pelafigue. Gift Bearers were Peggy Champagne and Jeanne Pellerin. Interment was in the Saint Michael Cemetery in Saint Martinville. Pallbearers were Tom McHugh, Paul McHugh, Pierre Landry, Fred Bienvenu, Patrick McHugh, and Michael Lockwood.



**MICHAEL THOMAS "Mike" McWHIRTER** - Died Monday, November 19, 2012 at the Western Maryland Regional Medical Center in Cumberland, Maryland at the age of 62. He was a resident of Cumberland. The cause of death is unknown. He was born November 4, 1950 in Grand Rapids, Michigan to Phyllis (née Brown) McWhirter, of Cumberland and the late James C. McWhirter. He was also preceded in death by his two sisters, Judith Ann McWhirter and Margaret "Margie" McWhirter. Mike graduated from Bishop Walsh High School, class of 1969. He earned an

Associate of Arts degree in Forestry from Allegany College of Maryland. He served in the United States Marine Corps during the Vietnam Era and was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Cumberland Chapter #172**. He had been a stone mason by trade. Mr. McWhirter was a member of St. Patrick's Catholic Church. In addition to his mother, Mike is survived by his two daughters, Colleen Pritchard and husband Sam, Austin, Texas, and Katie McWhirter, Austin; his brother, Patrick J. McWhirter, and wife Beverly, Ridgeley, W.Va.; a nephew, Mitchell McWhirter, Ridgeley; a special niece, Alison Humphrey and husband Chris, Fort Ashby, W.Va.; a great-niece Adaline Humphrey, Fort Ashby; and close friend, Rick Twigg. As per his request, Michael will be cremated. A committal service was conducted in the chapel at Maryland State Veterans Cemetery at Rocky Gap on Thursday, November 29, 2012 at 1:00 PM. Military honors will be accorded by Chapter 172, Vietnam Veterans of America. Memorial contributions may be made to either the WMHS Hospice, 1050 W. Industrial Boulevard, Cumberland, MD 21502 or to the American Heart Association, 4217 Park Place Court, Glen Allen, VA 23060.



**JACKIE DALE MEADOWS** - Died Tuesday, February 12, 2013 at Grand Strand Regional Medical Center in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina at the age of 66. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Logan, West Virginia to the late Arnold and Mildred Meadows. He was preceded in death by two brothers, John and Bob Meadows and a sister, Nelda Hammons, two grandchildren Scott and Jesika Thornhill. Mr. Meadows was a United States Army veteran serving two tours in Vietnam. He worked in the coal mines and drove a delivery truck for several years. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Logan Chapter #308**. He was a member of the Masonic Lodge of Logan, WV and was a member of Palmetto Pointe Church of God where he was a greeter and known to the kids as the "Candyman". Survivors include his wife, Mary Meadows of Myrtle Beach; two sisters, Carol Barefoot and Barbara Meadows both of Raleigh, NC; two brothers, Bo Meadows and Arnold Meadows, Jr. both of Logan, WV, step daughter Angela (Jeff) Thornhill and two great grandchildren Landon and Layla Hayes. Initial funeral service was held at 7:00 PM Wednesday, February 13, 2013 at Goldfinch Funeral Home, Beach Chapel in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina. The family received friends from 5:00-7:00 PM prior to the service. Graveside services were held at 2:00 PM Friday, February 15, 2013 at Highland Cemetery at Godby, West Virginia, with Military Graveside Rites, friends called on the family on Friday February 15, 2013 at Honaker Funeral Home in Logan from 11:00 AM – 1:00 PM.

**AUDREY V. (née HILPERT) MECULSKAS** - Died Friday, March 8, 2013, in her home in Linden, New Jersey at the age of 92. The cause of death is unknown. She was born in New York City, New York and lived in Kearny, New Jersey, before moving to Linden in 1956. She worked as a bookkeeper for Standard Electric in Linden for 30 years. After that she was employed as a clerk for the State of New Jersey in the unemployment office in Elizabeth for 15 years, retiring in 2006. Mrs. Meculskas was a member of the Ladies Auxiliary of the Linden Knights of Columbus Council No. 2859 and an *Associate Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Elizabeth Chapter #779**. She was predeceased by her husband, Vincent J. Meculskas (1942), and her great-grandson, Rusty Swartz. Mrs. Meculskas is survived by her daughter, Audrey L. Pereira and her husband, Carl; her grandson, Willie V. Weist and his wife, Linda Governale; her great-grandchildren, Lisa Edelstein and her husband, David, Michael Swartz and his wife, Jessica, and

Joey Kolias; her five great-great-grandchildren, Tyler, Nick, Vanessa, Jeremy, and Mackenzie; her sister, Natalie Hauss; her brother, Richard Baker, and numerous nieces and nephews. Visitation was on Monday, March 11, from 3:00 to 7:00 PM in the Kowalski Funeral Home (Kowalskifuneralhome.com), 515 Roselle Street, Linden, N.J. On Monday, March 12, family and friends were invited to meet in the funeral home at 9:30 AM, where a funeral service was held at 10:00 AM. Interment was in Rosemount Cemetery, Elizabeth, N.J. Please send condolences to [sharinggrief@aol.com](mailto:sharinggrief@aol.com). Donations in her memory can be made to the ASPCA, P.O. Box 96929, Washington D.C. 20090.

**ROBERT L. "Bob" MEEKS** - Died Tuesday, December 25, 2012, at the family residence in Cleveland, Tennessee at the age of 63. The cause of death is unknown. He was born September 3, 1949 to the late Earl and Emma Meeks. He was also preceded in death by a brother, John Meeks. He was a veteran of the United States Army, serving in Vietnam and receiving the Bronze Star, Combat Infantry Badge, Vietnam Campaign Medal and the Vietnam Service Medal. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Cleveland Chapter #596**. He retired from the Tennessee Department of Human Services as a case manager with more than 10 years of service. He was a member of Mountain Creek Church of Christ in Chattanooga. He is survived by his wife, Jean Meeks; one son, Steven Meeks and his wife, Betsy, of North Charleston, S.C.; one daughter, Melissa Behrans of Chicago; stepdaughters: Anna Scoggins of LaFayette, Ga., Laura Wilson of Chattanooga, Erin Cole of Cleveland, and Suzanne Burke of Daytona Beach Fla.; stepsons: Daniel Hurst and Glenn Hurst, both of Chattanooga; several grandchildren and stepgrandchildren; one brother, Richard Meeks of North Charleston, S.C.; two sisters: Norma Thomas and Debbie Altman, both of North Charleston; and several nieces and nephews. A Remembrance of life graveside service was held at 10:00 AM on Friday, January 4, 2013, at Chattanooga National Cemetery with full military honors, and the Reverend Gene Dasher officiated. Jim Rush Funeral Homes was in charge of arrangements.

**FRANK B. MEYER** – Died Monday, February 12, 2007 in Hines, Illinois at the age of 58. The cause of death is unknown. He was born September 30, 1948. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Permanently Hospitalized Veteran Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Geneva Chapter #693**.

**DWIGHT HALE MONTGOMERY** - Died Sunday, February 17, 2013 in Vanderbilt Hospital at the age of 66. He was a resident of Hurricane Mills, Tennessee. The cause of death is unknown. He was born February 10, 1947 in Clay County, Arkansas. Mr. Montgomery was a Vietnam Army Veteran, member of the American Legion Post # 5 and the VFW Post #88 in Indiana. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Waverly Chapter #1053**. He also worked for the railroad, loved fishing and loved his horses. He is survived by his wife, Sharon Montgomery of Hurricane Mills; his sons, Nathan Hale Montgomery (Crystal) of Ashland City, Duane Smith (Connie) of Delaware, Shawn Smith of Michigan, Darryl Smith of New Jersey; his daughters, Sherry Lynn Smith of Michigan, Shanon Iuni (Don) of Georgia; two brothers, Fred Montgomery (Marty) of Florida, Wiley D. Montgomery (Cassy) of Michigan; three sisters: Wyvonna Ballard of Michigan, Mozella Markham of Michigan, Perna Brown of Michigan, and;

15 Grandchildren. He was predeceased by his parents, D.L. Hale and Freddy Mozelle (née Goodman) Montgomery; his brother, Douglas Montgomery, and; his sisters, Gwendolin Ciccarella and Paulea Bates. Mr. Montgomery's wishes were to be cremated. The Memorial Services for Mr. Montgomery was conducted at 2:00 PM on Tuesday, February 19 in the Humphreys County Funeral Home chapel with William Brown officiating. Arrangements were by the Humphreys County Funeral Home.

**MICHAEL D. MURPHY** – Died Saturday, February 16, 2013 in Angeles City, Philippines at the age of 65. The cause of death is unknown. He was born August 30, 1947. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Angeles City Chapter #887**.



**JAMES RAY MURRAY** - Died Sunday, January 6, 2013 at Stanly Regional Medical Center at the age of 79. He was a resident of Oakboro, North Carolina. The cause of death was a heart attack. He was born on April 20, 1933, to the late Joseph Murray and the late Beula (née Burris) Murray. He is also preceded in death by two sisters. James is survived by his loving wife of 57 years, Pauline Tucker Murray of the home; two daughters, Denise Tucker and husband Kenneth of Denver, NC and Pam Lowder and Ernie of Oakboro; son, James Dudley Murray and wife Carol of Oakboro; five grandchildren, Kenny Tucker and wife Tiffany of Murrells Inlet, SC, Kevin Tucker and wife Lauren of Lake Wylie, Samantha Lowder of Oakboro, Matthew Murray and wife Jennifer of Fort Bragg and Maggie Murray of Oakboro; four great grandchildren, Tyger and Talon Tucker of Lake Wylie and Brantley, and Braelynn Murray of Fort Bragg; and one brother. He was a twice state commander of Disabled American, VFW, and a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Concord Chapter #909**. He retired from the United States Army and Post Office. He loved working outdoors and being on his tractor, he also enjoyed spending time with his loving children and grandchildren. The family received friends at Hartsell Funeral Home, Albemarle on Tuesday, January 8, 2013, from 6:00 PM until 8:00 PM. The funeral service, officiated by the Reverend Josh Fraley, was held at Red Cross Baptist Church, Oakboro on Wednesday, January 9, 2012, at 11:00 AM. He was laid-in-state 30 minutes prior to the service. The burial was in Stanly Gardens of Memory.



**MELVIN LEE "OB" O'BRIANT** - Died Tuesday, February 19, 2013 in Olongapo City, Philippines at the age of 70. The cause of death is unknown. He was born August 8, 1942. OB served in the United States Navy for over 22 years retiring as BTCM (E-9). OB's last duty assignment was aboard the USS MIDWAY CV-41. During his long career, OB served many years in WESTPAC. His awards include the Vietnam Service Medal (9 stars), Vietnam Campaign Medal, National Defense Medal, Navy Achievement Medal, Meritorious Unit Commendation (2nd), Navy Unit Commendation Ribbon (2), Philippine Presidential Unit Citation and four Good Conduct awards. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Angeles City Chapter #887**. He was VFW Life Member and Cootie and as a VFW member OB worked his way up the ladder becoming Post Commander in 1999 and served one year. He was also District 7 Commander in 2000-2001. OB was also an active member of Pup Tent 11 "KURIPOTS" serving as Seam Squirrel 1998-99. Master Chief O'Briant was in failing health the last few years. Funeral arrangements



were handled by the Flores Funeral Parlor for viewing. He was buried at the Clark American Cemetery in Angeles City, Philippines.



**JOHN JOSEPH OCIEPKA** – Died Friday, October 19, 2012 in West Palm Beach, Florida at the age of 65. He was a resident of Okeechobee, Florida. The cause of death is unknown. He was born May 9, 1947 in Daytona Beach, Florida to the late Casimer and Anna Ociepka. He proudly served our country in the United States Army during the Vietnam War. He was an *At-Large Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Florida**. He came to Okeechobee from Daytona Beach in 1980. He was the owner of John's Auto Electric in Okeechobee. Mr. Ociepka is survived by his wife, Peggy Ociepka; sister, Julie Cox of Houston, Texas; and his 15 year old Peekapoo, Pierre. Memorial services were held at 1:00 PM Saturday, November 10, 2012 at the Buckhead Ridge VFW Post 9528, 29012 E S.R. 78, Okeechobee, FL 34974. All arrangements were entrusted to the loving care of Bass Okeechobee Funeral Home and Crematory.



**LIONEL R. "Leo" PEREZ** – Died Friday, September 21, 2012 in Houston, Texas at the age of 64. The cause of death was complications from Diabetes Mellitus Type II. He was born October 24, 1947 in Houston. He is survived by his daughter, Flora Trevino, of Houston. He served in the United States Marine Corps from August 9, 1966 to August 7, 1970 with a tour of duty in Vietnam as a sniper from 1967 to 1968. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Houston Chapter #343**.



**GARY EDWARD PESHEK** - Died Thursday, February 14, 2013 in North Richland Hills, Texas at the age of 68. The cause of death is unknown. He was born July 25, 1944 in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, to William and Margaret Peshek. He is survived by his wife, Darlene Sledge; daughter, Desiree Ewing; and the lights of his life, granddaughters, Danya and Sara Ewing. Gary was a 30-year United States Navy veteran retiring as a Command Master Chief on the USS Missouri. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Corsicana Chapter #1009**. Memorial service was at 2:00 PM Saturday, February 23, at Watauga Methodist Church in Watauga, with full military honors.

**PATRICK J. POHNAN** – Died Saturday, June 23, 2007 in Hines, Illinois at the age of 57. The cause of death is unknown. He was born January 5, 1950. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Permanently Hospitalized Veteran Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Geneva Chapter #693**.



**RONALD N. "Ron" POLITO** – Died Monday, October 8, 2012 at his home in Ormond Beach, Florida at the age of 61. The cause of death was cancer. He was born May 1, 1951 in Braddock, Pennsylvania and grew up in Swissvale, Pennsylvania. He was a 1970 graduate of Swissvale High School. Ron proudly entered the United States

Army in February 1971. He served in the Signal Corp in Berlin, Germany. He was honorably discharged in December 1972. Upon discharge from the Army he moved to Fort Lauderdale, Florida where he attended Broward Community College and Florida Atlantic University in Boca Raton. Ron was married to Donna L. Polito (née Phily) on September 5, 1976; they were married for 36 wonderful years. Ron worked as plant manager for Aqua Filter Corporation for 20 years. In 1998 he and his wife relocated to Ormond Beach, Florida. He worked for Hudson Tool and Die for two years. He was hired by the U.S. Post Office in Palm Coast in April of 2000 where he remained until his retirement in March of this year. Ron was very passionate about the things he loved. On his 25th wedding anniversary Ron surprised Donna with a renewal of their wedding vows in Ligonier, Pennsylvania. He was an avid Pittsburgh Steelers fan with a garage, so filled with Steeler's memorabilia, that it was officially named "The Steeler's Shrine South". He loved riding his Harley, The Rolling Stones and of late he was a huge Foo Fighters fan. Ron was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Fort Lauderdale Chapter #23** and while living in Ft. Lauderdale he actively participated as a board member and in the Color Guard. Ron also belonged to Berlin U.S. Military Veterans Association. He was a member of the American Postal Workers Union, AFL-CIO. Ron will be greatly missed by his wife Donna; his mother Constance Polito; his brother Sal Polito; sister-in-law Janell Polito; brother-in-law Donald Phily; sister-in-law Fran Phily; aunts, cousins, nieces, nephew; his family of friends and co-workers at the Palm Coast Post Office; friends in Ormond Beach, Fort Lauderdale and dear friends and classmates in Pittsburgh. He is preceded in death by his father, Sebastian Polito. A celebration of Ron's life will be held at a future date. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to: HospiceCare at Memorial, 300 Memorial Medical Pkwy., Daytona Beach, Florida 32117 or to your favorite Veteran's charity.



**HOMER O. "Hop" POORMAN, JR.** - Died Tuesday, February 19, 2013 at his home in Hebron, Ohio at the age of 82. The cause of death was heart failure. He was born on August 26, 1930 in Somerset, Ohio to the late Homer O. Poorman, Sr. and Thelma (née Fisher) Poorman Holdbrook. Upon graduation from Hebron High School (Class of 1948), Homer enlisted in the United States Navy and served for four years. After his discharge from the Navy, he enlisted in the United States Army, 101st Airborne, and served for eighteen years. He was a graduate of Officer's Candidate School, received his Jump Wings from Parachute Jump School and served in the Green Berets. He served in Vietnam in 1966 and 1967 with the 173rd Airborne where he was wounded in 1967. During this tour he was awarded the Purple Heart, V for Valor and the Combat Infantry Badge. He also served tours of duty in Germany and Japan before going to Vietnam. He retired as a First Lieutenant with military honors in October of 1969. In addition to his military career, he worked as a shipping and receiving clerk at Diebold, Inc. and spent several years in real estate. He enjoyed bowling and golf, especially the golfing trips with his wife and their friends. He was a member of St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church in Newark, Hebron American Legion, a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Newark Chapter #55** and the Military Order of the Purple Heart, among several others. He also served on the committee to build the Veterans Memorial in Hebron. He is survived by his loving wife of 39 years, Lucy (Rees) Wilson Poorman; sons, Derrick and Forrest (Jelena) Poorman of Los Angeles, CA; step-sons, Dana, Greg and Jim (Sharon) Wilson of Hebron; grandchildren, Jacob, Anastasia, Joshua, Shawn, Chad, Gavin, Amber and Mike; ten great-



grandchildren, including his special buddy, Trenton Lee Wilson; aunts, nieces and cousins. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by an infant daughter, Kandy, and her mother, Carolyn Fitzgerald Poorman; sisters and brother-in-law, Mary and Donald Meinzen and Karen Holdbrook Kentosh. The family would like to express their thanks to five special military buddies from five different states, that he served with in Vietnam, who came to visit him last summer, and other military friends who have kept in touch over the years. A memorial service was held at 11:00 AM on Saturday, March 2<sup>nd</sup> at the American Legion, 108 Water Street, Hebron, with Pastor Brian Harkness officiating. Military honors were observed by the Licking County Veterans Alliance. Memorial contributions may be made to Hospice of Central Ohio, Hebron American Legion or the Wounded Warrior Project. The Heath Chapel of Henderson-Van Atta-Stickle Funeral & Cremation Service assisted the family with arrangements.



**ALLEN LEO QUESNEL** - Died in the arms of his loved ones on Thursday morning, February 7, 2013, at the St. Albans Road home of his daughter, Kim, in Swanton, Vermont at the age of 66. He was formerly a resident of Bracey, Virginia. Allen waged a courageous battle with Male Breast Cancer since 2010. He was born in Middlebury, Vermont on November 27, 1946 to the late Paul Leo and Ida Mae (née Ryan) Quesnel. He attended schools in Middlebury, and on August 9, 1969, was married to the love of his life, Martha Ann (née Johnson), who survives him. Allen faithfully served his country in the United States Marine Corps during the Vietnam-era. He received several commendations and medals including the Vietnam Service Medal, Vietnam Campaign Medal, National Defense Service Medal and the Rifle Sharpshooter Badge. He was educated and trained in Infantry Organization, Communications and Crew Served Weapons, Individual Protective Measures and Operations against Guerilla Units. He drove armored amphibious tanks in combat. Allen was a lifetime member of several post military organizations including the Disabled American Veterans, a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Bristol Chapter #926**, American Legion, Post 26 in Richmond, Va., The Marine Corps League, Lake Country Detach 1085, Department of Vermont and the Disabled Veteran Hunting and Fresh Water Fishing. A native of Middlebury, Allen and his wife lived in Cornwall for 37 years. He was an avid outdoorsman, with a love of fishing, hunting, camping and kayaking. Allen was community-minded, never missing an opportunity to help others. He served on the Cornwall Board of Adjustments, and was a lifelong, active member of The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish in Middlebury. Allen was an incredibly hard worker, with a history as a mason, bricklayer and general contractor. He also delivered apples for Sunrise Orchards and ran his own maple sugaring and snow plowing businesses. Allen also assisted his wife in the daily operation of her day care and was known by the children as "Mr. Pancake Man." Always a comedian, his family and friends knew him by several other nicknames including "Bugger," "Mr. Wing Ding" and "Robert McDonald." Allen and his wife later retired to Bracey, Va., in the Lake Gaston region. They were active members of the South Hill Community Memorial Health Center cancer support group. He will always be remembered by many family and friends for his big heart, his incredible sense of humor and his love of laughing, which stayed with him until the very end. He leaves the family that he adored, his wife, Martha, of 43 years; two children, William James Quesnel of London, England, and Kim Quesnel Sweeney and husband, Mark, of Swanton; two grandchildren, Elijah (his camping buddy) and Samantha (the light of his life)

Sweeney, of Swanton; two brothers, Richard Quesnel and wife, Janna, of Michigan, and Michael Quesnel Sr. of Cornwall; as well as a very large extended family and a wide network of close friends. Funeral services and interment were held and announced in the spring, at the Vermont Veterans Memorial Cemetery in Randolph Center. Gifts in Allen's memory may be made to the Marine Corps League, Lake Country Detach 1085, Post Box Office 642, Bracey, Virginia 23919-0642; or to the Vietnam Veterans of America, 8605 Cameron St., Suite 400, Silver Springs, MD 20910-3710. Arrangements are under the direction of The Kidder Memorial Home, 89 Grand Ave., Swanton, Vermont 05488. To offer private online condolences please visit: [www.kiddermemorialhome.com](http://www.kiddermemorialhome.com).

**RICHARD ALLEN RELF** – Died Wednesday, January 8, 2003 in Elk Point, South Dakota at the age of 59. The cause of death is unknown. He was born May 29, 1943 in Media, Pennsylvania. He resided for a time in Slidell, Louisiana. He served in the United States Navy during the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Media Chapter #67**. He was buried in Brule Creek Cemetery in Elk Point, South Dakota.

**JOHN SAMUEL RESTANEO** – Died Wednesday, June 28, 2006 in Pennsylvania at the age of 57. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Pennsylvania on August 10, 1948. He served in the United States Marine Corps during the Vietnam War and attained the rank of Lance Corporal. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Media Chapter #67**. He is buried in the Washington Crossing National Cemetery in Newtown, Pennsylvania.

**ALFRED H. REX** – Died Saturday, April 28, 2012 in Buffalo, New York at the age of 67. The cause of death is unknown. He was born October 5, 1944. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Tonawanda Chapter #77**. He was the beloved husband of Donna (née Christen); devoted father of Cheryl (Gary) Rex-Wilson, Alfred, Jr. (Reiko) and Jenefer Rex; dearest son of the late Jean Deveso and late Alfred Rex; son-in-law of Helen and the late Harry Christen; dearest brother of Carolyn Shaw and Marti Bergeron; brother-in-law of Annette (Robert) Olejniczak and Kathleen Grabowski; also survived by nieces, nephews and cousins. Relatives and friends were invited to gather for a Celebration of Alfred's Life at the Pietszak Funeral Home, 2400 William (near Harlem) Friday from 4:00 – 7:00 PM.



**TEDDY ROY REYNOLDS** – Died at the Grove Nursing Center in Grove, Oklahoma on Wednesday, April 10, 2013 at the age of 68. The cause of death is unknown. He was born April 30, 1944 in Dalhart, Texas to the late Theodore Roosevelt Reynolds and Ora Lou (née White) Reynolds. Teddy grew up in Stratford, Texas where he attended school until he joined the United States Army serving for 4 years. After he was honorably discharged from the Army, Teddy rejoined but into the United States Navy this time. He served 3 tours in the Vietnam War and then made a career in the Navy serving overseas until 1983. After Teddy was honorably discharged from the military, he went to work as a mechanic in Stratford, Texas and also drove a propane truck. On May 15, 1993 in Stratford, Texas, Teddy married Lela Chamberlain. The couple moved to the Grove area in 1997 and Teddy went to work for AutoZone. He retired from AutoZone in 2001. Teddy was also a member and *Past President* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Chapter #878**. He enjoyed

working with cars and wood. He will be greatly missed by all. He was preceded in death by his parents; two brother Bobby Reynolds and Lynn R. Reynolds; and one sister Glenna Robertson. He is survived by his wife Lela Reynolds of the home; two sons: Tony Reynolds, and Lynn E. Reynolds; three daughters: Jennifer Drumm, Amber Reynolds, and Aleisha Reynolds; six grandchildren; and a host of other relatives and friends. Graveside services were held at the Fort Gibson National Cemetery on Monday, April 15, 2013 at 1:00 PM with Mr. Charles Woltze, presiding. The family greeted friends from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM at the Ellis Funeral Home in Grove, Oklahoma on Sunday, April 14, 2013. Arrangements were under the direction of Ellis Funeral Home, Grove, Oklahoma. Friends and family may leave notes of encouragement by viewing Teddy's Book of Memories at [www.ellisfuneralhome.com](http://www.ellisfuneralhome.com).



**JERRY B. RIVERS** - Died on Thursday, March 21, 2013 at Skyline Medical Center at the age of 60. He was a resident of Woodlawn, Tennessee. The cause of death was a stroke. He was born on May 3, 1952 in Birmingham, Alabama to the late Oscar Rivers and Leila (née Beck) Rivers. He was also preceded in death by two sisters, Marie Rivers and Sandra Rivers, and three brothers, Oscar Rivers, Jr., Herman Rivers and Larry Rivers. Jerry was the Director of the Veterans Administration in Montgomery County. He was a Retired United States Army Veteran. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Clarksville Chapter #396**. He was a member of Triple Nickel and the American Legion. He is survived by his wife, Joyce Rivers of Woodlawn, TN; son, Jermaine Rivers of Savannah, GA; two daughters, Traci (Lloyd) Montgomery and Kenisha (Donald) Krull of Clarksville, TN; two brothers, Theodore Rivers and Willie Rivers; two sisters, Dollie Whatlie and Theordosia Young; ten grandchildren; great aunt, Annie (Napolean) Brazier; and host of nieces, nephews, extended family, and friends. Funeral service was held on Thursday, March 28, 2013 at 12:00 PM, at Neal-Tarpley-Parchman Chapel, with Reverend Eddie Dean Sumbler officiating. Burial was in the Kentucky Veterans Cemetery-West in Hopkinsville, Kentucky with full military honors. Visitation was held on Wednesday, March 27, 2013 from 3:00-7:00 PM and Thursday, March 28, 2013 from 10:00 AM until the hour of service at the funeral home. Arrangements were entrusted to the Neal-Tarpley-Parchman Funeral Home, 1510 Madison Street, Clarksville, Tennessee.

**BEN H. ROBERTS** – Died recently in 2013 in Goleta, California at the age of 69. The cause of death is unknown. He was born February 28, 1943. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Santa Barbara Chapter #218**.

**PAUL ROLLINGS** - age 81, Died Sunday, December 2, 2012 in Trenton, Georgia at the age of 81. He died from complications after heart surgery. He was born in Altamont, Tennessee on December 23, 1930. He was retired from the United States Army with 42 years of service. He was a veteran of the Korean and Vietnam Wars. He earned two Bronze Stars for his military service. He served as Mayor of Trenton for two terms. He was a member of American Legion Post 106, a Mason and a member of Trenton United Methodist Church. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Chattanooga Chapter #203**. He was preceded in death by his two wives, Dimple Bouldin Rollings and Laura Sue Rollings; two sons, Terry Lee Rollings and Michael Bouldin Rollings. He is survived by two daughters, Paula Rollings, Trenton, Donna

(Phillip) Pugliese, of Chattanooga; son, David Rollings, Roswell, Mexico; two sisters, Willie Mae Dishroon of Michigan, Rachael Johnson, Altamont, Tenn.; brothers , Thomas Rollins and John Rollins, both of Altamont, Tenn.; seven grandchildren, Shannon Rollings, Julian Rollings, Taylor Ann Morgan, Joshua Drue Morgan, Sunny Brianne Rollings, Seth Blake Rollings, Madison Simone Rollings; great-grandson, Tristan Drue Morgan. Funeral services were held at 1:00 PM EDT Wednesday, December 5, 2012, in the chapel of Moore Funeral Home with Brother Reece Fauscett officiating. Interment, with full military honors, was in Lake Hills Memorial Gardens. Visitation was held 4:00-8:00 PM on Tuesday and Noon-1:00 PM Wednesday. Please leave your memories and prayers at [www.moorefuneralhometrenton.com](http://www.moorefuneralhometrenton.com). In lieu of flowers memorial contributions can be made to Wounded Warrior Project, 223 Rosa L Parks Avenue, Suite 301, Nashville, Tennessee 37203. Arrangements were by the Moore Funeral Home, Trenton.

**CLYDE MICHAEL ROOT** – Died Saturday, March 9, 2013 in Hurricane, Utah at the age of 66. The cause of death was pancreatic cancer. He was born November 15, 1946 in Cleveland, Ohio to the late Clifford Charles Root and Bonita Mart (née Elliott) Root. He is survived by his wife, Jean Ann (née Kertz) Root. He served in the United States Army from July 19, 1966 to July 18, 1968 with 532 Military Police Company. He served a tour of duty in Vietnam. He also served in the United States National Guard from December 22, 1982 to July 28, 1992 and attained the rank of Sergeant (E-5). He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Saint George Chapter #961**. Funeral arrangements were made by SereniCare Funeral Home in Saint George, Utah. Burial was in the Utah Veterans Memorial Park in Bluffdale, Utah.



**CARROL ALLEN "Pee Wee" ROTTMAN** - Died Monday, March 4, 2013 at Trinity Rock Island at the age of 64. He was a resident of Moline, Illinois. He was born on September 27, 1948 in Moline to the late Richard R. and Vera H. (née Muller) Rottman. He worked for 38 years for the Iowa American Water Company, retiring in July 2009. In his free time, he enjoyed working on cars, playing pool, and target shooting. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a member of Friends Circle Club, VFW Post 1303, and **Vietnam Veterans of America – Moline Chapter #669**. Survivors (and spouses) include his children, Phillip, Curtis, and William Rottman, all of Moline, Lance Rottman, Burlington, IA, Angela Rottman, Davenport, and Brenna McCain, Bettendorf; 6 grandchildren; and brothers, Errol (Marlene) Rottman, Highland, IL, Darrel (Patricia) Rottman, Rock Island, Jerrol Rottman, Pleasant Hill, IA, and Merrol (Elaine) Rottman, Viola, IL. His parents and a brother, Garrel Rottman, preceded Mr. Rottman in death. Visitation was from 4:00 to 7:00 PM on Thursday, March 7, at Hodgson Funeral Home, Rock Island. Funeral services were at 11:00 AM on Friday, March 8 at the funeral home. Interment was at the Rock Island National Cemetery on Arsenal Island, with military honors bestowed by the Vietnam Veterans of America.

**STEPHEN J. RULEAU** – Died recently in Milwaukee, Michigan. The cause of death is unknown. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Milwaukee Chapter #224**.



**HELENE HENRIETTE SALOIS** - Died Friday, March 22, 2013 at the Philip Hultar Home & Hospice Care of Rhode Island in Providence. She was 84 years of age. The cause of death was a massive stroke followed by a severe cerebral hemorrhage. She was a resident of North Smithfield, Rhode Island and formerly a 26-year resident of Covina, California. She was the wife of the late Walter Ernest Joseph Salois who died March 17, 1979, a World War II Army Veteran of the European Theater. She was born in Bagnolet, Seine-Saint Denis, Ile-de-France, (Paris) France on October 5, 1928. She was the daughter of the late Gaston Léopold Quainon and Henriette Hélène Podevin. She was raised in Paris and went to work at an early age. She lived through the German occupation of France and was witness to the historic liberation of France by Allied Forces in 1944. It was during WWII that Helene was courted by Walter Salois, an American soldier of French-Canadian ancestry from Woonsocket, Rhode Island. Following the war Walter and Helene were married and as a war bride Helene began her new life in Woonsocket. Hélène resided in Woonsocket from 1946 to 1956 when she moved with her family to California. They lived in California from 1956 until 1982 when she returned Rhode Island. Hélène made her home in North Smithfield for the past 30 years. Hélène was employed at the former Finklesteins on Singleton Street in Woonsocket and later at Woonsocket Coat and then Needlecraft until her retirement. She was a communicant of Our Lady Queen of Martyrs Church in Woonsocket and a member of the International Ladies Garment Workers Union. She was a member of **Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America – James Michael Memorial (North Smithfield) Chapter #818**. Hélène is survived by her son Reverend Father Philip G. Salois, MS (Missionaries of Our Lady of La Salette, Chief of Chaplain Service of VA Boston Healthcare System and National Chaplain of Vietnam Veterans of America) of Newtonville, Massachusetts. She was the sister of the late Raymond and Maurice Quainon and is also survived by host of nieces and nephews in France. Her Mass of Christian Burial was on Wednesday, March 27, 2013 at 11:00 in Our Lady Queen of Martyrs Church, 1409 Park Avenue, Woonsocket. Hélène was buried with her husband at the Riverside National Cemetery in Riverside California on Tuesday, April 2, 2013. Visiting hours were Monday, March 25 from 6:00-8:00 PM and Tuesday, March 26 from 2:00-4:00 PM and 6:00-8:00 PM in the Menard-LaCouture Funeral Home, 127 Carrington Avenue, Woonsocket. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the James Michael Ray Memorial Chapter #818 Vietnam Veterans of America, 333 Victory Highway, North Smithfield, Rhode Island, 02896.



**MICHAEL R. SAN FELICE** – Died suddenly Monday, October 22, 2012 from injuries he sustained from a turnpike accident at the age of 66. He was a resident of Jeffersonville, Pennsylvania. He was born in Norristown, Pennsylvania on August 5, 1946 to the late Michael and Ann (née Petaccio) San Felice. He is survived by his wife of 43 years Kathleen (née Wlock) San Felice; two daughters, Joyce Ronan and husband Jerry of East Norriton and Monica Spataccino and husband John of Collegeville; three grandchildren, Katelyn, Jonathan and Isabella. Mr. SanFelice of Jeffersonville was employed with the highway division for the Pennsylvania Turnpike. He also previously worked for Case Power Equipment Company. He served in the United States Army for two years, where he completed a one-year tour in Vietnam in 1966 and earned a variety of metals including Army Good Conduct medal, National Defense, Vietnam Service and Vietnam Campaign. He was a

member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Blue Bell Chapter #349**. Michael was a member of the Visitation BVM Church, Jeffersonville Firehouse, the West Norristown Civil Service Commission and Optimus Club, the Montgomery County Fraternal Order of Police Lodge #14, Frank C. Parker Jr. & son American Legion Post 901, 282nd ASLT.HEL Company "Blackcats" and United Racing Club (URC). Michael enjoyed sprint car racing and loved going to his grandchildren sporting events. He also enjoyed vacationing in Wildwood, New Jersey, riding sprint cars and go carts on the Wildwood boardwalk, country music and was very patriotic to his country. He graduated from Bishop Kenrick High School in 1964. Relatives and friends were invited to attend his funeral mass on Saturday, October 27 at 10:00 AM at Visitation Church. Burial was in St. Patrick Cemetery. Friends visited Friday evening after 6:00 PM and on Saturday after 8:00 AM at the Volpe Funeral Home, 707 W. Germantown Pike at Whitehall Road, East Norriton. Family requests memorial contributions can be made in Michael's memory to your local Vietnam Veterans Chapter.

**JACKIE "Jack" SCARBROUGH** - Died Tuesday February 26, 2013 at his home in Jacksonville, North Carolina at the age of 78. The cause of death was cancer. He was born October 19, 1934 in High Point, North Carolina. He retired after 22 years of service in the United States Navy as a Chief Petty Officer. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Jacksonville Chapter #654**. He is survived by his daughter, Tina Scarbrough Gast of Jacksonville, grandson, Joshua Kyle Gast of Jacksonville; granddaughter, Abigail "Snowdom" Rose Gast of Jacksonville; sister, Billie Maxine Reid of High Point. The family received friends from 6:00 to 8:00 PM Sunday at Jones Funeral Home of Jacksonville and other times at the family's home. A funeral service was held at 1:00 PM Monday at Jones Funeral Home. Burial was at the Coastal Carolina State Veterans Cemetery with military honors.

**VERNON L. SCHULTZ** – Died Monday, February 25, 2013 at Mountain Home, Arkansas, at the age of 66. The cause of death was a heart attack. He was born October 15, 1946, at Pine City, Minnesota, the son of Bernard and Margaret (née Anderson) Schultz. He was a United States Army veteran of the Vietnam War and worked as a gunsmith. He lived in Flippin, Arkansas for eight years, moving from Hinckley, Minnesota. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Mora Chapter #684**. Vernon is survived by his two sons, John and Steven Schultz and his sister, Beverly Nowling. His services were private. Arrangements were by Kirby and Family Funeral and Cremation Services.

**ROCCO J. SGRO** - Died Sunday, December 18, 2011 at Riddle Memorial Hospital at the age of 63. He was a resident of Glen Mills, Pennsylvania. He was born March 23, 1948 in Marcus Hook, Pennsylvania to Philomena (née Iacono) Shar and the late Rocco R. Sgro who died Friday, March 1, 2013. Rocco was Lead Accountant for the Army Corps of Engineers for 25 years and was a Vietnam War veteran, serving with the United States Army Special Forces. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Media Chapter #687**. In addition to his Mother, he is survived by his siblings; Donna (Bob), Carmen, Anna (Tim) and Diane (Glynn), his uncle; Anthony Sgro (Josephine) and his aunt Doris Sgro and many cousins, nieces and nephews. The Funeral Service was at 11:00 AM on Wednesday, December 28, 2011 at Mount Hope United Methodist Church, 4020 Concord Road, Aston where friends came from 10:00 to 10:45 AM.



The burial was in Mount Hope Cemetery. Memorial gifts may be made to the American Heart Association, Southeastern Pennsylvania Region, 777 Penn Center Boulevard, Suite 200, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15235-5327



**DAVID R. SHENK** - Died at his residence in Lancaster, Pennsylvania on Saturday, November 24, 2012 at the age of 67. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Atlantic City, New Jersey to Grace H. (née Rock) Shenk, of Lititz, Pennsylvania and the late Paul D. Shenk. He was married to Jan Cutaia Shenk. Surviving in addition to his wife and mother are his children, Christopher (Amy Allison) Shenk, Pottsville, PA, Bryan Shenk, Lititz, Adrienne (Francesco) Caporusso, Lititz; stepchildren, James (Jenifer Cole) Stewart, Fredericksburg, VA, Robert (Wendy Fralich) Stewart, Landisville, Jacques Decaire, Ft. Walton Beach, FL; 8 grandchildren, Daniel, Rebecca, Caleb, Gia, Catherine (Belle), Alex, Julia, Sylvia; a brother, Dale P. (Pennelope) Shenk, Albuquerque, NM and a sister, Mary Grace (Ronald P.) Youtz, Palmyra. David was a graduate of Ephrata High School and Alvernia College with a degree in business management. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War serving in the United States Air Force. He was a postal clerk with the US Postal Service, retiring in 2009 and a substitute teacher for I.U. 13. Dave was an avid outdoorsman. He loved hunting, but his passion was fly-fishing. He designed and tied flies for fishing, demonstrating them in the U.S., Canada and Italy. His innovative flies won him a master's award in England. He was passionate about sharing and teaching the sport of fly tying and fishing. Another passion was art. Dave was a talented painter and helped many others in that field. He enjoyed gardening and was skilled at raising flowers. Dave was an excellent chef and everyone wanted his secret recipe for cakes he made. He was a member of Trout Unlimited, Canada, Trout Unlimited, Donegal Chapter, where he was a board member, the AMVETS, American Legion, and an associate member of the Canadian Royal Legion. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Lancaster Chapter #1008**. Dave attended Grace Baptist Church of Lancaster. Dave's Life Celebration Service was held at the Grace Baptist Church of Lancaster, 1899 Marietta Avenue, Lancaster on Monday, December 3rd at 11:30 AM. Interment was in Indiantown Gap National Cemetery, East Hanover Township, Pennsylvania. Friends called at the church on Monday from 10:00-11:30 AM. Spacht Funeral Home, Lititz, was entrusted with the arrangements.

**JOHN WALTER SHEPHERD III** - Died Wednesday, February 16, 2013 at a local hospital in Summerville, South Carolina at the age of 69. He was a resident of Summerville. The cause of death was cancer. He was born July 15, 1943 in Cumberland, Maryland to the late John Walter Shepherd, Jr. and the late Norma E. Shepherd. He served in Vietnam (65-66) with the 1st Infantry Division (Big Red One), 1st Engineer Combat Battalion. His active and active reserve service spanned 23 years in both the United States Army and United States Navy. Besides being a police officer at the Charleston Naval Weapons Station for 20 years, he owned his own business-J. Wesley & Associates. In his spare time, he did residential and commercial design for contractors and individuals. There are many homes in Charleston, James Island, Kiawah, and Seabrook that stand in testimony to his talent. He was a pro-active police officer and loved his work in law enforcement. Because of his son, Shawn, he became involved in the Boy Scouts of

America from 1983 to 1985 as the Scout Master of Troop 456. He enjoyed the program and the activities especially watching his son become an Eagle Scout on December 14, 1985. Mr. Shepherd was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – South Carolina** and a member of Veterans of The First Engineer Combat Battalion who recently (2009) honored him at a reunion in Myrtle Beach where LTC Bob Whittle of the 1st Engineer Combat Battalion flew in from Fort Riley, Kansas to present him with an Army Commendation (ARCOM) that he had been awarded in Vietnam and never received before he and the Battalion deployed to Afghanistan. Rep. Henry Brown also presented a flag which had been flown over the Capitol that morning in honor of John as well as a Certificate of Special Recognition. Survivors include his wife, Ruth E. Shepherd of Summerville; one daughter, Dawn S. Scott (Jimmy) of Ladson; two sons, Shawn Wesley Shepherd (Tina) of AL, Alan M. Roberts (Catherine) of Woodstock, GA; one brother, Donnie Irons (Tina) of Oldtown, MD; eleven grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. Memorial services were held Wednesday afternoon, February 27, 2013 at Parks Funeral Home Chapel at 3:00 o'clock. Burial was private. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to American Cancer Society, 5900 Core Road, Suite 504, North Charleston, South Carolina 29406, or to Wounded Warrior Project, Post Office Box 758517, Topeka, Kansas 66675. Arrangements were by Parks Funeral Home, 130 West 1st North Street, Summerville, South Carolina 29483.



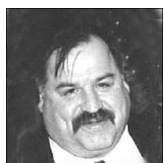
**MICHAEL SHRIPSA, JR.** - Died Friday March 9, 2012 in Gardendale, Alabama at the age of 65. The cause of death is Agent Orange-related Diabetes Mellitus Type II. He was born in Acushnet, Massachusetts on October 26, 1946 to the late Lena and Michael Shripsa, Sr. He enlisted in the United States Army on October 31, 1964 and served in Vietnam as a door gunner and was discharged on February 20, 1968. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Pleasant Grove Chapter #416**. He worked in the construction industry until his death. In addition to his parents, he was predeceased by his sisters, Natalie Fuller of New Hampshire & Carol Chabot of Florida; and great niece Candace Lupien of Massachusetts. He is survived by his wife, Darlene Shripsa of Gardendale, AL; son, 1st Sergeant A J Towle USMC (Rhonda) of South Carolina; step daughter Darla (Jimmy) Cornelius of Cleveland, AL; grandchildren Julia & Jayden Towle of South Carolina; step grandchildren Tiffany, Tyler & Chas Cornelius of Cleveland, AL; many cousins, nephews, nieces & friends.

**WILLIAM LEE SHY** – Died away Saturday, December 22, 2012 in Phelps County Regional Medical Center, of Rolla, Missouri having attained the age of 80 years. He was a resident of Dixon, Missouri. The cause of death was metastatic lung cancer. He was the son of the late William Earl and Opal M. (née Sheridan) Shy and was born April 23, 1932 in Ollie, Iowa where he grew up and attended school. As a young man, William entered the United States Army and served his country faithfully for 20 years, 3 months and 11 days. He had attained the rank of Specialist 6. For his faithful service he earned several awards and commendations; some of which include: the Purple Heart, Vietnam Service Medal, Vietnam Campaign Medal w/device, 6 Overseas Service Bars, Occupation Medal (Japan) Combat Infantry Badge, Korean Service Medal w/3 Bronze Service Stars w/Oak Leaf Cluster, National Defense Service Medal, and Good Conduct Medal w/3 Bronze Loops. William was honored to be named Retiree of the Year at Fort



Leonard Wood where he spent his entire military career. After retiring from the military, William was able to spend time volunteering for different organizations, which he loved to do. In his spare time, he enjoyed being outdoors, whether it was mushroom hunting or taking care of his yard. He loved spending time with his fellow veterans and was a member of the Disabled American Veterans, Korean War Association and Veterans of Foreign Wars. He was also a 50 year member of the Masonic Lodge in Iowa. He was an *At-Large Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Missouri**. On June 4, 1953, William was united in marriage to the love of his life, Edna Arlene Conger in Matha, Kansas. They shared over 59 years of marriage together and many wonderful memories. They were blessed with three children: Randy, Diana and Larry. William was truly a family man and loved spending time with his family. He was a wonderful husband, father and grandfather. His family will miss him dearly, but will hold him in their hearts forever. William leaves to cherish his memory, his loving wife, Arlene of the home; a son, Randy Shy of St. Robert, MO; a daughter, Diana Brownfield and husband, William, of St. Robert, MO; 4 grandchildren: SrA Kyle Shy (Air Force), William Angela and Jennifer; 5 great-grandchildren: Alexis, Abbigale, Rebecca, Mariah and Brayden; a brother, Donald Keith Shy of the State of Iowa; a number of nieces and nephews; as well as a host of other relatives and friends. In addition to his parents, William was preceded in death by his son: Larry Lee Shy and one sister: Betty Lou Wonderlick. Funeral services with military honors were held at 1:00 p.m. Thursday, December 27, 2012 in the Memorial Chapels and Crematory of Waynesville / St. Robert with Chaplain Mark Mortensen officiating. The song "The Old Rugged Cross" was played. Military honors were provided by the United States Army of Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri. Memorial contributions may be made in memory of William Shy and may be left at the funeral home.

**JOHN R. SIMS** – Died Saturday, January 21, 2012 in Moberly, Missouri at the age of 57. The cause of death is unknown. He was born April 10, 1954. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Moberly Chapter #70**.



**CARL W. STEINER** - Of Woburn, Died Saturday, March 30, 2013 in Woburn, Massachusetts at the age of 66. The cause of death is unknown. He was born November 10, 1946. He was the beloved husband of Susan (née Hayes) Steiner; devoted father of James W. Steiner, Allyson M. Steiner, Shannon Bell, all of Woburn, and the late Jon C. and Amy Steiner; dear brother of Herbert Steiner and his wife Sandra of Wilmington, Carol Steiner of Alaska, and the late Robert "Bobby" Steiner, and; the cherished Papa of 10 grandchildren. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Stoneham Chapter #837**. A Celebration of Carl's Life was held in the Lynch-Cantillon Funeral Home, 263 Main Street, Woburn, on Thursday, April 4th, at 3:00 PM. Relatives and friends were invited to call at the Funeral Home from 3:00 to 7:00 PM following the Service. Interment was private.

**GENE STEWART** – Died recently in 2013 in Hines, Illinois at the age of 61. The cause of death is unknown. He was born February 7, 1951. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Permanently Hospitalized Veteran* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Geneva Chapter #693**.



**JOSEPH W. "Joe" STIER** - Died Friday, January 4, 2013 at Pinecrest

Medical Care Facility in Powers, Michigan at the age of 73. He was a resident of Escanaba, Michigan. He was born on February 1, 1939, in Milwaukee, Wisconsin to the late Joseph and Luella (née Kositzky) Stier. On December 27, 1962, he married the former Helga Kuhn in Gladstone, Michigan. Joe was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Escanaba Chapter #345**, Paralyzed Veterans of America, and was very active in the community. He served his country in the United States Army retiring after 20 years. He served in Korea for one year and Vietnam for two years and also received a Bronze Star. Joe enjoyed hunting, fishing, riding 4-wheelers and belonged to the SORVA 4-Wheeler Club. He is survived by his wife; two children, Tina (Sam) Steen and Bill (Debbie) Stier; two brothers, Richard Stier and Phil (Pam) Johnson; four grandchildren, Danielle, Nick, Mandie and Ben; as well as many nieces and nephews. Friends visited from 1:00 to 3:00 PM on Tuesday, January 8, at Salem Evangelical Lutheran Church in Escanaba. A funeral service was celebrated at 3:00 PM on Tuesday at church with Pastor Paul Doletzky officiating. The Delta County Veterans Council delivered prayers following the funeral in the chapel at Gardens of Rest Cemetery. A luncheon was held in the church fellowship hall. The Allo Coolman Funeral Homes assisted the Stier family. Please visit [www.allofh.com](http://www.allofh.com) to send online condolences to his family.



**MARGRET L. STUMP** - Died Saturday, April 6, 2013 at home in Mesquite, Nevada

after a valiant struggle with cancer. She was 78 years of age. She was born December 8, 1934 in Anderson, South Carolina a granddaughter to a Southern Baptist Preacher. Margret served with the Red Cross in Germany and as an entertainer with the USO prior to marrying her husband Larry Stump. Margret is a graduate of Chef's Training and ran her own catering business. In her recent years she has extended her hand to assist disabled veterans, transporting them to doctors' appointments and working at the Mesquite Veterans Center in the Veterans Service Office. Her smiling face will be missed. She was the President and State representative of **Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America – Mesquite Chapter #993**. Memorial Services were held at the Mesquite Veterans Center on Wednesday April 17 at 1:00 PM. The family requested that donations be made to the Mesquite Veterans Center or Mesquite Cancer Help Society in lieu of sending flowers. A reception was held following the memorial service.



**RONALD L. "Ron" SUTTON** – Died unexpectedly, Saturday, February 9, 2013, in

Albany, Oregon at the age of 67. The cause of death was a heart attack. He was born July 8, 1945, in Modesto, California to the late Milton and Lodessa Sutton. Ron grew up and attended school in Modesto, Vallejo and Santa Cruz, all in California. Ron proudly served in the United States Army from 1962 to 1967. He

served in Vietnam from May, 1965 to May, 1966 as a combat engineer. Ron married Sandra Duncan in June, 1966, in Reno, Nevada. Ron worked in the trucking business in Reno, where he and Sandra raised their family for 30 years. Volunteering and helping his fellow veterans were extremely important to him. Ron was a member of Veterans of Foreign Wars, Disabled American Veterans, AMVETS, and **Vietnam Veterans of America - Brookings Chapter #757**. He volunteered at the VA Clinic in Brookings several days a week. Ron always greeted friends with a big bear hug. He was a kind, generous and loving man. He had a way of making a stranger feel like a lifelong friend. He loved his family, fishing, traveling and coaching baseball. Ron is survived by Sandra, his wife of 46 years, of Harbor; daughter Ronda Sutton Kindrick (Ed); son Cameron; his adored grandchildren Taylor Sutton, Amanda Sutton, Brandon Sutton, Rhyann Kindrick, Connor Kindrick, E.J. Kindrick, PFC Bryant Kindrick — currently serving in Afghanistan. Everyone was invited to a celebration of Ron's life at Noon Saturday, March 2, at Elk's Lodge 1934, 800 Elk Drive, in Brookings. A potluck luncheon followed. In lieu of flowers the family requests remembrances be made to the Sandra Sutton donation account, at U.S. Bank, 326 Fifth Street, in Brookings.



**GERALD R. SZYMANSKI** - Died Tuesday, March 19, 2013 in Port Huron Hospital, unexpectedly of a massive heart attack at the age of 64. He was a resident of Port Huron, Michigan. He was born on April 21, 1948 in Port Huron to the late Robert and Edith McLaughlin. Gerry served in the United States Marine Corps and received a Purple Heart. He was a member of the St. Clair County Allied Veterans Honor Guard, a member of various Veterans groups. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Marine City Chapter #284**. He enjoyed his computer, reading, gardening, watching old movies and sporting events, including U of M, Detroit Tigers and Detroit Lions. He is survived by a son, Robert of Port Huron, sisters; Yvonne (Harry) Atherton of Port Huron, Jan (Ernie) Noland of Nokomis, Florida, brothers; Robert (Mike Wolfe) McLaughlin of Benton Harbor, Randy (Allen Malloy) McLaughlin of Lake Arrowhead, CA, sister; Michelle (David) Nolan of Port Huron, along with several nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles and cousins. Funeral services were Monday, March 25, 2013 at 11:00 AM in the Jowett Funeral Home – 1634 Lapeer Avenue at 17th Street, Port Huron. Pastor Dan Bakay officiated. Burial was in the Allied Veterans Cemetery. Visiting hours were on Sunday, March 24, 2013 from 2:00 PM – 4:00 PM and 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM in the funeral home and again on Monday, from 10:00 AM until time of service at 11:00 AM. Pallbearers were members of the St. Clair County Allied Veterans. St. Clair County Allied Veterans conducted military honors. Memorial tributes can be made to St. Clair County Allied Veterans Council.

**JAMES "Teg" TEGYI** - Lost his battle with cancer on Saturday, January 26, 2013, surrounded by his daughters at Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital, New Brunswick, New Jersey. He was a resident of Edison, New Jersey and 64 years of age. He was born in New Brunswick on March 5, 1948 but resided in Edison for 40 years. He was a United States Marine Corps Veteran, serving in the Vietnam War. James was a computer operator for JM Huber Corp. in Edison. He was a parishioner of Saint Matthew's Roman Catholic Church, Edison, member of the Marine Corps League Central Jersey Leathernecks #868, a *Life Member* of **Vietnam**

**Veterans of America – New Brunswick Chapter #233**, VFW Post 3117 in Edison and the American Legion Fugel Humer Post 65 in Metuchen. He is predeceased by his wife Grace Tegyi (d.1987). Surviving are his daughter's Jennifer Hearne and her husband Jack of Edison and Jill Aravena and her husband Victor of Edison; his mother Elsie DeAngelis of Edison; 6 grandchildren Scott, Meagan, Taylor, Jennalyn, Kayden, Jake and one sister Alexandra Weyl and her husband Bert of Thousand Oaks, CA. Funeral Services took place Thursday January 31, 2013 at 8:45 AM at the Costello-Runyon Funeral Home, 568 Middlesex Avenue (Rt.27) Metuchen (costello-runyon.com) followed by a 9:30 AM Funeral Mass at St. Matthew's RC Church, Edison. Entombment was in Franklin Memorial Park, North Brunswick. Visitation was Wednesday 2:00-4:00 PM and 7:00-9:00 PM. In lieu of flowers, donation can be made to the Marine Corps League Central Jersey Leathernecks #868, Post Office Box 667, Westfield, New Jersey 07090.

**JOHN A. THOMAS** – Died recently in Conesville, Ohio at the age of 68. The cause of death is unknown. He was born June 28, 1944. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Newcomerstown Chapter #532**.

**WALTER ALFRED TITUS** – Died Sunday, September 16, 2012 in Warren, Michigan at the age of 63. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in 1949. He is survived by his wife, Nancy. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Roseville Chapter #154**.

**ARNOLD EUGENE TOWNSEND** – Died Tuesday, February 26, 2013 in Cross Lanes, West Virginia at the age of 66. The cause of death was Atherosclerotic Coronary Artery Disease, Hypertension and Diabetes Mellitus. He was born in Charleston, West Virginia on October 8, 1946 to the late Marvin A. Townsend and the late Audrey (née Bishop) Townsend. He is survived by his son, Scott Alan Townsend, of Ball Ground, Georgia. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Huntington Chapter #949**. He was a Police Officer for many years. The funeral arrangements were by Gatens-Harding Funeral Home in Poca, West Virginia. He was interred in the Elk Hills Cemetery in Elkview, West Virginia.



**GENE S. TRENT** - 85 Of Yeadon, PA Gene Trent, 85, Died peacefully on Tuesday December 11, 2012 at the St. Francis Country House at the age of 85. He was a resident of Yeadon, Pennsylvania. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Suffolk, Virginia on January 3, 1927 to the late Frederick and Irene Trent. He lived most of his life in the Upper Darby area. He was in the United States Army for 27 years before retiring. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Media Chapter #67**. He then went on to work at Taylor Hospital for many years before volunteering there for 20 years. Gene was a very kind and generous person and was well known throughout the community. Gene was predeceased by his wife of 55 years, Yosuye. He is survived by his son Thomas Trent and wife Diana of Tacoma, WA; his brothers, Frances and Raymond; his sister-in-law Kosue Apker. Services were on Tuesday December 18, 2012 at McCalla Funeral Home, 1019

Ridge Avenue, Darby, Pennsylvania. Visitation hours were from 6:00 to 8:00 PM and funeral services were at 8:00 PM.



**WILLIAM ARLAND "Bill" USHER** - Died Saturday, December 29, 2012, at New Hanover Regional Medical Center at the age of 67. He was a resident of Wilmington, North Carolina. The cause of death was cancer. He was born July 21, 1945, in Boston, Massachusetts to the late John J. Usher and Ellen Lee Usher. Bill was a veteran of the United States Army and proudly served two tours in Vietnam. A graduate of the University of Massachusetts in Boston, he went to work for the Dept. of Labor in Boston, and was promoted to Hearing Officer in Washington, DC.

After retiring, he and his wife relocated to Wilmington. Bill was involved in local short wave radio clubs and worked to restore radios on the USS North Carolina. He was a driver for the Disabled American Veterans. In addition to his local activities, he was an avid Red Sox fan. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Wilmington Chapter #885**. His survivors include his wife, of more than 30 years, Diane Sorensen Usher; children, Patrick Usher of San Diego, CA, Jennifer Sicinski of Breingsville, PA and Jonathan Sorensen of Centerville, VA; grandchildren, Adam, Courtney and Megan Sicinski; siblings, Karen Ferri (Mario) of Walpole, MA, Janet Grant (Mike) of Marshfield, WI, Beth Plaskus of Marston Mills, MA, John Usher (Paula) of Gonic, NH, Christine Starratt of Middletown, DE, Paul Usher (Anne) of Candia, NH and Tracy Kight ( Michael ) of Rock Hill, SC and numerous cousins, nieces and nephews. A memorial service was held at 11:00 AM, Saturday, January 5, 2013, at Andrews Mortuary Valley Chapel, 4108 South College Road, Wilmington, North Carolina 28412. The family received visitors one hour prior the service. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Lower Cape Fear Hospice, 1414 Physicians Drive, Wilmington, North Carolina 28401.

**IVERSON GEORGE "I.G." VANDERFORD** - Died at 5:30 AM on Wednesday, December 26, 2012 at the Spartanburg Regional Restorative Care at the age of 84. He was a resident of Union, South Carolina. The cause of death was a heart attack. He was born on May 13, 1928 in Lockhart, South Carolina to the late John Posey and Georgia (née Sealy) Vanderford. He is survived by his wife, Beth Smith Vanderford; son, Freddie Vanderford; grandson Derik Vanderford; step-son: Charlie H. Smith of Maryland; a step-granddaughter: Amanda Nadeau of Virginia; a special friend, Gwen Price of Buffalo; and a number of nieces and nephews. Vanderford was predeceased by his wife, Virginia Inman Vanderford; daughter, Janet Vanderford Sanders; brothers Albert Vanderford and Marvin Vanderford; and sisters Pearl Crocker, Julia Williams and Mae Lemons. He was a 1945 graduate of Lockhart High School and grew up in Lockhart Free Will Baptist Church. He sang in a quartet with his brother Marvin and Herman and Roy Taylor. He was drafted into the United States Army in 1950 and served two tours of duty in Korea, one in Europe, one in Japan, and one in Vietnam. Mr. Vanderford served 26 years of active duty in the U.S. Army receiving among his distinguished military honors the Bronze Star, the United Nations Service Medal, the Korean Service Medal, the National Defense Service Medal, the Vietnamese Cross for Gallantry, the Army Commendation Medal, the Vietnam Campaign Medal and the Meritorious Unit Citation Award. He retired with the rank of Command Sergeant Major. He was awarded the Army Commendation Medal four times and the

Good Conduct Medal seven times. Following his military career, Vanderford was employed by the Veterans Administration Hospital in Augusta, Ga. as a disabled veterans outreach representative. After moving back to Union County, Vanderford served as Veterans Affairs Service Officer for six years. Union County lost a member of the community who dedicated his entire life to serving others – family, friends, community and strangers. In 1994, Mr. Vanderford was recognized by the South Carolina State Senate in recognition of dedicated and outstanding service as Union County Veterans Affairs Service Officer, as well as his loyal military service during 1950-1976. The senate also thanked him for significant contributions to Union County, the State of South Carolina and the U.S. Mr. Vanderford was known throughout the community for his willingness to serve others. He was a former member of Union County Council. He also served as Commander of the Buffalo Post 87 of the American Legion for more than 20 years and was a lifetime member of Veterans of Foreign Wars. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Union Chapter #644**. Mr. Vanderford was a 64-year member of the Lockhart Masonic Lodge, a 32nd degree Mason, and a Shriner. He was a past commander of the Legion of Honor and was a former member of both the Union County Council on Aging and Salvation Army boards of directors. He started a medication program for veterans in Union County by driving to Ft. Jackson to pick up medications for veterans who were unable to travel, and he would then hand deliver them. At the time of his death, Mr. Vanderford served as a member of the Union Hospital District Board of Directors, the Veterans Day Parade committee and as an adviser for the Catawba Area Council on Aging. On Nov. 10, 2010, the building in Buffalo formerly known as the Drug Store Building and later the Buffalo Senior Citizen Building was renamed and dedicated as the I.G. Vanderford Building in honor of Vanderford's tireless efforts for the citizens of Buffalo and veterans of Union County. Mr. Vanderford still managed to find time to host parties for family and friends, at which he enjoyed cooking barbecue and various gourmet desserts. He also enjoyed catering events, making his signature dishes and edible arrangements. While playing host to family, friends and members of the community, he enjoyed giving tours of the massive miniature village he created with Dept. 56 pieces as well as landscape scenery he built to compliment them. He also created stories to tell as he showed each scene in the village. Funeral services were held 11:00 AM Saturday, December 29, 2012 at Buffalo United Methodist Church conducted by the Reverends Kevin Dalton, Jerry McKee and Steve Lemons. Burial was at the Rosemont Cemetery with full Military Honors and Masonic Rites. Visitation hours were from 6:00 PM until 8:00 PM Friday evening at the S.R. Holcombe Funeral Home. Active pallbearers will be Phillip Lemons, Robert Crocker, Stanley Vanderford, Keith Vanderford, Buddy Vanderford, Forrest Vanderford, Craig Price and Wilbur Smith. Honorary escort will be Earl Black, Ronnie Yount, Jimmy Kingsmore, Allen Cabiness, Steve Greer, Bobby Hall, Joe Plemons, Dan Burnett, Henry Maness, Jim Maness, Jimmy Johnson, Sam Elliot, and members of the American Legion, Buffalo Post 87. Memorials may be made to Buffalo United Methodist Church, P.O. Box 176, Buffalo, South Carolina.



**RICHARD L. "Dick" VEDNER** - Died Friday, November 23, 2012 in Rib Mountain, Wisconsin at the age of 76. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on September 30,



1936 in LaCrosse, Wisconsin to the late Joseph and Isabella (née Rourke) Vedner. Dick proudly served his country, serving two terms during the Vietnam War. He began his service in the United States Marine Corps from 1956 to 1959, the United States Navy from 1961 to 1969, and the United States Army from 1969 to 1981. He was the recipient of two Bronze Stars in 1972, a Meritorious Service Medal in 1980, two Air Medals in 1972 and an Army Commendation Medal in Vietnam in 1970. On January 17, 1992 he married Carol Krebsbach in Wausau, Wisconsin. Dick was an avid reader who loved the outdoors and hunting. Most of all, he enjoyed spending time with family, friends and his pets. He was a member of the VFW Burns Post #388 and the American Legion Montgomery Plant Post #10. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Wausau Chapter #479**. Survivors include his wife, Carol Vedner of Rib Mountain; his children, Jeni (Carl) Crider, TX, Chris Vedner and Leslie Vedner both of Austin, TX; his step-children, Chris (Jenny) Socha, Chas (Oriana) Layman, and Kelly (Brett) Mumford, all of Wausau; two sisters, Sue-Claire (Douglass) Seeber of Chippewa Falls, and Patricia (William) Dernbach of Rib Mountain; four grandchildren, Ronnie and Katie Crider, and Kirra and Jacob Socha; and many nieces and nephews. Memorial visitation was held on Thursday, November 29, 2012 from 4:00 PM until 6:00 PM at the Brainard Funeral Home, 522 Adams Street in Wausau. Military Honors were conducted at 6:00 PM followed by a time to share memories. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be given to the Disabled Veterans of America, Attention: Gift Processing, Post Office Box 14301, Cincinnati, Ohio 45250-0301 or the Wounded Warrior Project, Post Office Box 758517, Topeka, Kansas 66675.

**FRANKLIN ACFALLE “Ankie” VILLAGOMEZ** - Died Sunday, August 12, 2012, in Temple, Texas at the age of 63. He was a resident of Killeen, Texas. The cause of death is unknown. He was born October 15, 1949, in Guam to the late Juan and Maria Villagomez. He served three tours in Vietnam and received the Bronze Star. After retiring from the United States Army at the rank of Chief Warrant Officer 3, he owned and operated Ankie Automotive Repairs of Killeen. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Harker Heights Chapter #1000**. Mr. Villagomez was also preceded in death by his in-laws, Joaquin and Celistina Taijto Reyes; and his daughter, BibiAnna Rose Reyes Villagomez. Survivors include his wife, Marie Reyes Villagomez; daughters, Tina Cruz and her husband, Carlos, Sherrylee Wilder and her husband, Jason; grandchildren, BiAnaLyn, Jadon, Searena, Shelldon, Alexander, Christian, Jovelena, John Robert, Selena, Lance, Analisa and Brad; godsons, Kenny Camacho and his wife, Priscilla, Bobby and John Cruz, “close relatives.” The Services were at 2:00 PM Saturday at St. Joseph Catholic Church in Killeen. Visitation was from 6:00 to 8:00 PM Friday with a Rosary at 7:00 PM at the Crawford-Bowers Funeral Home in Killeen.

**WILLIAM L. “Muddy” WATERS** (USMC, LTC-Ret.) - Died Sunday, December 9, 2012 in Cañon City, Colorado at the age of 76. The cause of death is unknown. He was born November 28, 1936 in Cañon City to the late Virgil Gordon and Mabel (née Pretty) Waters. Bill graduated from Cañon City High School in 1955 and entered Adams State College in Alamosa, Colorado in the fall of 1955. Bill played varsity basketball and baseball for three years at Adams State, and graduated in May 1959 with a BA Degree, with majors in Health and Physical Education and Secondary School Education and minors in History and Political Science. In September 1959, Bill entered the United States Marine Corps (USMC) via the 25th Officer Candidate School at

Marine Corps Base (MCB), Quantico, Virginia. He was commissioned a 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant in December 1959, he went on to NAS Pensacola, Florida for flight training to become a Marine Aviator in January 1960. He received his Wings of Gold as a Naval Aviator on May 23, 1961, and designation as a Marine Helicopter Pilot. He was transferred to the Third Marine Aircraft Wing (3rdMAW) at MCAS El Toro, California in July 1962 with Marine Medium Helicopter Squadron-One Six Three (HMM-163) upon arrival overseas at MCAS Futenma, Okinawa Japan, HMM-163, RVN. In August 1966, Bill checked into AWS at Quantico and graduated in January 1976. He was then assigned to Marine Helicopter Squadron One (HMX-1) at MCAF Quantico, Va. in February 1967. He was promoted to the rank of major in November 1967 and provided Helicopter Transportation for the Executive Branch of the U.S. Government and in August 1968 was designated a Marine Presidential Helicopter Pilot, one of five so designated at any one time. During his tour at HMX-1, he flew President Johnson (6 times) and President Nixon (33 times). In December 1969, Bill completed his tour at HMX-1 and was reassigned back to RVN for a third tour. On Sept. 1, 1983, Lt. Col. Waters retired from the USMC. He then moved to Virginia and worked as a consultant to Naval Air Systems Command. In his career, Lt. Col. Waters was awarded the Silver Star, two Bronze Stars, Single Mission Air Medal, 54 Strike Flight Awards, Navy Commendation Medal and many RVN awards for his three tours of duty in RVN. He also was awarded the Presidential Helicopter Service Badge for his tour in HMX-1 and the Meritorious Service Medal for his tour at COMNAVAIRPAC. Bill deployed with HMM-163 to Republic of Vietnam from 1962-1963; with HMM-362 "Ugly Angels" 1965-1966; and to RVN and assigned to HMM-364. During the time while serving as Command Pilot, Bill was honored to fly the Apollo 11 crew when they went for the ticker-tape parade in New York City, astronauts' Neil A. Armstrong, Michael Collins, and Buzz Aldrin. In 1977 Bill earned his Master's degree in Education and Management from Pepperdine University in Malibu, Calif. He retired from the work force in January 2002 and returned to Cañon City on March 13, 2005, where he resided until his death. On January 17, 2009, Bill was united in marriage to Beth Raber Fischer in Cañon City. Bill was a member of the Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church, the Royal Gorge Detachment Marine Corps League, Pikes Peak Detachment Marine Corps League; V.F.W. Post 4061, American Legion, MOAA, Marine Ugly Angels Foundation, Marine Combat Helicopter Assoc., 1st MAW Vietnam Assoc., and V.H.P Assoc. He was an *At-Large Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Colorado**. William is survived by his wife, Beth; children, Cindy Jonelle Waters of Kapolei, Hawaii, Sue Ann (Rob) Sporl of Carlsbad, Calif., and Gregory Gordon Waters of San Diego, Calif.; and grandchildren, Jaime Marie Sporl, Morgan Ann Sporl, and Shawn Robert Sporl all of Carlsbad, Calif. He is also survived by sister, Marnelle Jurrens of Pottsboro, Tex.; and ex-wife and mother of his children, Ruth Roland of San Diego, Calif. Visitation was December 14, 2012 at Holt Family Funeral Home in Cañon City. Funeral Services were held December 15, 2012 at Shepherd of the Hills Lutheran Church in Cañon City with Pastor Robert Kippley officiating. Interment was at Arlington National Cemetery in Arlington, Virginia with full military honors. Bill and Beth Waters have established an academic scholarship at Adams State University primarily for Cañon City and Salida High School graduates. Those wishing to make memorial donations may make them to Adams State University Baseball Program, or to the Wounded Warriors Project through the funeral home. Arrangements were handled through Holt Family Funeral Home.

**MICHAEL A. "Mike" WATKINS** – Died Tuesday, December 18, 2012 in Henry, Illinois at the age of 65. The cause of death was pancreatic cancer. He was born December 11, 1947. He is survived by his wife, Jean, of the home. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was an *At-Large Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Illinois**.

**JIM DABNEY WEAVER** - Died Saturday, February 16, 2013 in Cumming, Georgia at the age of 68. The cause of death was heart failure. He was born in Rome, Georgia on August 17, 1944. Mr. Weaver is survived by his loving wife, Rebecca Weaver of Cumming, Georgia. He served in the United States Army from 1966 to 1969 with a tour of duty in Vietnam in 1968. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Cumming Chapter #1030**. The memorial service was held at 2:00 PM Thursday, 28th, at Peachtree Corners Baptist Church. The family received friends Thursday from 1:00 PM until the time of the service at the church. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter #1030 or the Music Ministry of Peachtree Corners Baptist Church. Online condolences may be expressed at [crowellbrothers.com](http://crowellbrothers.com). Arrangements were by Crowell Brothers Peachtree Chapel Funeral Home, 5051 Peachtree Ind. Boulevard, Norcross, Georgia 30092.

**DAVID S. WEIR** – Died recently in 2013 in Parlin, New Jersey at the age of 63. The cause of death is unknown. He was born July 15, 1949. He is survived by his wife, Susan Weir, of the home. He was a veteran of the **Vietnam War**. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Keyport Chapter #721**.



**ROBERT E. "Swampy" WHITMORE** - Died unexpectedly Monday, February 4, 2013, in his home in Jamestown, New York at the age of 57. The cause of death was a heart attack. A lifelong Jamestown resident, he was born July 5, 1955 to the late James and Lucille (née VanEvery) Whitmore. Besides his parents, he was preceded in death by a son, Brian Whitmore on March 4, 2004; two sisters: Norma Dalrymple and Rosemarie Whitmore; and a brother Jim Whitmore. Surviving are his wife, the former Roberta Troutman; two sons: Bradley Whitmore of Sarasota, Fla., and Brandon (Tabitha) Whitmore of Jamestown; a granddaughter, Sierra Whitmore of Arizona; a brother, William Whitmore of Kennedy; and three sisters: Cindy Whitmore of California, Chris Whitmore of Kansas and Sharon Whitmore of Frewsburg. He was employed by SKF in Falconer as a machine operator. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. Swampy was a very social person and was a member of Cassadaga American Legion, Falconer Moose, Eagles Lodge, Ellington, Carroll and Falconer Rod and Gun Clubs and was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Jamestown Chapter #865**. He enjoyed taking his '63 Nova SS out and going to car shows during the summer with his wife and family. The funeral was held at 11:00 AM on Friday, February 8, 2013 in the Lind Funeral Home. Friends were received from 2:00-4:00 PM and from 7:00-9:00 PM on Thursday, February 7, 2013 in the funeral home. Memorials may be made to the American Diabetes Association, 315 Alberta Drive, Suite 102, Amherst, New York 14226 or American Heart Association, Post Office Box 417005, Boston, Massachusetts 02241-7005.

**PETER EDWARD WIELUNSKI** – Died Sunday, May 20, 2012 when the 63-year-old Vietnam veteran hanged himself with a cord from a window shade in front of the doors of the

psychology department of the VA New York Harbor Healthcare System's St. Albans Community Living Center in Queens, New York. The cause of death is Post Traumatic Stress Disorder. He was a resident of Dingmans Ferry, Pennsylvania. He was born in Brooklyn, New York on January 14, 1949. He served in the United States Army with a tour of duty in Vietnam in 1969. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Dingmans Ferry Chapter #623**.

**KENNETH WILLIAM WILKE** - Died Saturday, June 2, 2012 at Aurora Sheboygan Memorial Medical Center in Sheboygan, Wisconsin at the age of 68. He was a resident of Sheboygan. The cause of death is unknown. He was born October 19, 1943 in Sheboygan to the late George and Gladys (née Huhn) Wilke. After graduation from North High School, Ken served his country in the United States Navy from 1962 until 1966, serving two tours in Vietnam. On October 7, 1967, he married the former Sharon Vergowe at St. Paul's Lutheran Church, Sheboygan. Ken worked as a printer for 30 years, retiring from Rotary Graphics in 2006. He was a member of VFW Post 9156 and **Vietnam Veterans of America – Sheboygan Chapter #618**. He enjoyed deer and goose hunting, the outdoors and spending time with his grandchildren and family. Since his retirement, his favorite pastime was cutting his son's grass. In addition to his wife, Sharon, Ken is survived by two sons, Scott (Tracy) Wilke, Sheboygan Falls; Michael Wilke, Union Grove; two grandchildren, Matthew and Rachel Wilke and one brother, Darrell (Emily) Wilke, Sheboygan. He is further survived by nieces and nephews. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his sister, LaVonne Dassler, two brothers-in-law, James Dassler and William Vergowe, mother and father-in-law, LaVerne and Milton Vergowe. A memorial service was held for Ken on Tuesday, June 5, 2012 at 6:00 PM, at Zimmer's Westview Funeral and Cremation Care Center (Hwy 42 & JJ, Howards Grove) with the Reverend Kathryn Kuhn, officiating. Friends called on Tuesday, at the funeral home, from 4:00 PM until the time of the service. In lieu of flowers, a memorial fund has been established in Ken's name.



**WALTER WOLF** – Died Wednesday, October 31, 2012 at the age of 66 in Wilmington, North Carolina. The cause of death is unknown. He was born April 3, 1946 in Hamburg, Germany to the Ruth Wolf. His father survived the Auschwitz Concentration Camp and his Mother and older brother, Danny survived the Theresienstadt Concentration Camp. They were freed by the Allied Forces. When they reconnected, Walter was their first child after the war. He came to America when he was a small child in 1950. On his 18<sup>th</sup> birthday, he joined the United States Army. Of all places he was assigned to Germany. He served from 1964 to 1967. He was very active in Veterans organizations and volunteered more than 1,500 hours at the Zablocki VA Medical Center in Milwaukee. He was very involved in the Jewish War Veterans. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Milwaukee Chapter #324**. He was the beloved husband and best friend of Jo Reitman Wolf; loving brother of Dan (Mitch Kaufman) Wolf and the late Barbara Wolf; cherished son of the late Edward and the late Ruth Wolf, nee Golenzer; fond son-in-law of Alicia (the late Robert) Reitman and dear brother-in-law of Robert (Nancy) Reitman II and William (Theresa Reagan) Reitman; further survived by loving nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews and many dear friends. A graveside service was held on Friday, November 2, at 1:00 PM at the Spring Hill Cemetery, 166 South Hawley Court, Milwaukee. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions

made to the charity of your choice appreciated. Walter proudly served his country as a member of the United States Army.

**PAUL EDWARD “Duffy” WOLFE, JR.** - Died Friday, January 11, 2013 at his home in Stewartstown, Pennsylvania at the age of 65. He was formerly from Oakland, Pennsylvania. The cause of death was cancer. He was born March 28, 1947, in Oakland to the late Paul Edward Wolfe, Sr., and Emmalee (née Liller) Kerns. He was also preceded in death by his ex-wife and friend: Susan E. Wolfe. A United States Marine Corps Veteran during Vietnam, Paul was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Cumberland Chapter #172**; the VFW #10077 Deer Park; and the American Legion Post #71, Oakland. Paul is survived by his stepmother, Betty D. Vance, Windsor, Pa.; his sons, David A. Wolfe, Fawn Grove, Pa., and Paul A. Wolfe; his granddaughter, Samantha Wolfe; his sisters, Susan Royal and husband, Steven, Roanoke, Va., and Barbara Givler, Stewartstown, Pa.; his half-sister, Janice E. Judy and husband, Jim, Eglon, WV; and a step-sister, Elizabeth J. Anderson, Red Lion, Pa. A graveside service was conducted at the Garrett County Memorial Gardens Chapel on Tuesday, January 15, 2013, at 11:00 AM. Military honors were accorded at the cemetery by the American Legion Post #71, Oakland, and the VFW #10077, Deer Park. The family requests that memorial contributions be made in Paul’s name to: Make-A-Wish Foundation Mid-Atlantic, Inc., 5272 River Road, Suite #700, Bethesda, Maryland 20816. The Adams Family Funeral Home, P.A., 404 Decatur St., Cumberland, MD, ([www.AdamsFamilyFuneralHome.com](http://www.AdamsFamilyFuneralHome.com)) is in charge of the arrangements.

**WALLACE W. WRIGHT** - Died Sunday, July 31, 2011 in Saint Helen, Michigan at the age of 84. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on February 16, 1924. He is survived by his daughter, Cynthia Gilbert. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Roscommon Chapter #264**.

**ROBERT E. “Bob” ZEANAH** - Died on Friday, August 21, 2009 in Hayden, Alabama at the age of 62. The cause of death was Agent Orange-related cancer. He was on February 26, 1947 in Gordo, Alabama. He served in the United States Marine Corps from October 1, 1965 to September 30, 1969 with a tour of duty in Vietnam from 1966 to 1967. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Pleasant Grove Chapter #416**.

**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.