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MARY ANN (*née Frazier*) ASH - Died Thursday afternoon, November 14, 2013 at UPAC – Savannah, Georgia at the age of 79. The cause of death is unknown. She was born January 1, 1934 in Savannah. She was a *Life Member* of **Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America – Lawton (Oklahoma) Chapter #751**.

JAMES R. BARNEKOW, SR. - Died Friday, April 26, 2013 at the Howard Young Medical Center in Woodruff, Wisconsin at the age of 70. He was a resident of Conover, Wisconsin. The cause of death was Diabetes Mellitus Type II, heart disease and end stage renal failure. He was born January 9, 1943 in Goldendale, Wisconsin to the late Maynard and Antoinette Barnekow. He attended Amy Belle Grade School and Germantown High School, playing football, and held numerous records in shot put and discus. In 1963, he enlisted in the United States Marine Corps, stationed at Camp Pendleton, California, overseas duty Argentina, Newfoundland, Canada, where he was commissioned to top-secret post. In addition, Jim played semi-pro football for the Marine Corps in San Diego, Calif. He was honorably discharged in 1967. On November 4, 1967, he married Diane at Saint Columba Catholic Church in Lake Five, Wisconsin. He worked for IBEW, installing high line cross country in southern Wisconsin. Self-employed J&B Trucking 1973 to 2001. The family moved to Eagle River area in 1981, and he did gravel trucking for Pitlik & Wick Inc., Eagle River, 1983 to 2001, and three winters in Florida, taking the family along trucking at Epcot Center, Disney World and around Orlando. Jim loved the Green Bay Packers, fishing, hunting, motorcycle riding, golf, bowling, especially loved his heavy-equipment operating. He was an *At-Large Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Wisconsin** and truly loved the Marine Corps. He is survived by his wife of 45 years, Diane; sons, Jimmy (Pattie), Jeffrey (Sara), John (Kristie); his precious grandchildren, Megan Barnekow, Brook Barnekow, Hunter Schwaiger, Haylee Schwaiger, Shannon Clark and Brandon Clark; his sister, Nancy (Donald) Liesener; sister-in-law, Paulette Roth; brother-in-law, Robert Dettmann; sister-in-law/brother-in-law, James and Susie Schlink; nieces, nephews, cousins, Aunt Lorraine Bauer and many, many friends. His brother, Richard Barnekow, preceded him in death January 11, 2013. He will be sadly missed by all who loved and knew him. There was a military memorial service in the summer of 2013, at Hildegard Cemetery, Conover, Wisconsin.

RICHARD J. BEARD – Died in December 2012 in the Lawton-Fort Sill Veterans Center in Lawton, Oklahoma at the age of 80. The cause of death is unknown. He was born June 13, 1932. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Permanently Hospitalized Veteran* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Lawton Chapter #751**.



DAVID P. BEAUREGARD - Died Saturday, March 15, 2014 in UMass Memorial Healthcare Center, University Campus, Worcester, Massachusetts at the age of 66. He was a resident of Clinton, Massachusetts. He was born December 11, 1947 in Lowell, Massachusetts to the late Wilfred and Marie (née Poiré) Beauregard, and raised in Hudson, Massachusetts. He was a graduate of Hudson High School, Class of 1966. He leaves his wife of 43 years, Patricia R. (Slattery) Beauregard; a daughter, Rebecca A. Beauregard of Hudson; a brother, Richard Beauregard of Stratham, NH; two sisters: Gail Defreitas of Darien, CT and June Behrmann of Newmarket, NH; two grandchildren: Ashley Wall and Jonathan Beauregard, both of Hudson; several nieces and nephews. For many years, David worked in shipping & receiving at Honeywell Corporation in Northboro and later at Candela Corporation in Wayland. David was a Veteran of the United States Army 101st Airborne Division and also a longtime *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Leominster Chapter #116**. He enjoyed classic cars, watching various sporting events, vacationing in Maine, and visiting a casino on occasion. Above all, David most enjoyed spending time with his family. David's funeral was held on Wednesday, March 19, 2014 from the McNally & Watson Funeral Home, 304 Church Street with a Mass at 10:00 AM in Saint John the Evangelist Church, 80 Union St. Burial will follow in St. John's Cemetery, Lancaster. Relatives and friends were invited to attend a calling hour at the funeral home on Wednesday morning from 8:30 to 9:30 AM, prior to the funeral Mass. In lieu of flowers, those who wish may send memorial contributions to the American Heart Association, 300 5th Ave, Suite 6, Waltham, MA 02451-8750 or at www.heart.org, or to the Vietnam Veterans of America, VVA Chapter #116, P.O. Box 294, Leominster, MA 01453-0294 or visit www.vva.org.

DONALD RAY BENJAMIN – Died recently in 2014 in Carterville, Illinois at the age of 64. The cause of death is unknown. He was born June 21, 1949. He is survived by his wife, Brenda. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was an *At-Large Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Illinois**.



MICHAEL ALLEN "Mike" BERRY – Died Monday, March 3, 2014 in Katy, Texas at the age of 69. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on February 21, 1945 in Lafayette, Indiana to Louise Lawless, and raised by the late Jason Elmer and the late Stella Berry. Mike proudly served our country in the United States Navy during the Vietnam War, and participated with the Katy V.F.W. Post 9182. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Houston Chapter #343**. He is survived by his wife, Ellie Berry; son, Michael Berry and his wife April; daughter, Jessica Berry and her fiancé James Walsh; a grandson, Kaleb Christian Berry; niece Delores Forrest; two half-sisters; and one half-brother. He was preceded in death by his grandparents, Jason Elmer and Stella Berry. Visitation was held from 4:00 PM to 7:00 PM on Sunday, March 9, 2014 at the Schmidt Funeral Home Chapel in Katy, where a rosary was recited at 7:00 PM with Deacon Don Kish reciting. Funeral services were held at 10:30 AM on Monday, March 10, 2014 at Epiphany of the Lord Catholic Church in Katy with Deacon Don Kish officiating. A graveside service was held at 1:15 PM on Monday at Houston National Cemetery. Those wishing to make memorial gifts may do so to the Wounded Warrior Project, 4899 Belford Road, Suite 300, Jacksonville, FL 32256, www.woundedwarriorproject.org.

PETER C. "Pop" "Pete" BESSIGANO - Died peacefully on Wednesday, March 26, 2014 in Lowell, Indiana at the age of 76. The cause of death was multiple organ failure. He is survived by his wife of 28 years, Pat Bessigano; five sons; one daughter; 14 grandchildren; two great grandchildren; sister, Nancy (Lester) Wesley; sister-in-law, Dori Bessigano; many nieces, nephews, and many dear friends. He was preceded in death by his parents, Leonard and Grace; and brother, Bob. Pete was a 1955 Hobart High School graduate. He was a Budd Company and U.S. Steel Gary Works retiree. Pete proudly served our country in the United States Army and was an Army retiree. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Lowell Chapter #285**, American Legion Post 261, VFW, and the Disabled American Veterans. Pete was a Veteran Service Officer for the past 10 years. He dedicated his life in making sure that veterans received the benefits that they deserve. Pete was a loving husband, father, and grandfather and will be truly missed by all whose lives he touched. Funeral services were held on Monday, March 31, 2014 at 10:00 AM at Calumet Park Funeral Chapel, 7535 Taft Street, Merrillville, IN with Chaplain Marty Glennon officiating. Interment was in the Calumet Park Cemetery, Merrillville. Friends were invited to meet with the family on Sunday, March 30, 2014 from 2:00-6:00 PM at the funeral chapel. In lieu of flowers, donations to the family would be appreciated.



JAMES STEWART BESTPITCH - Died Saturday, January 11, 2014, at the Western Maryland Regional Medical Center at the age of 62. He was a resident of Cumberland, Maryland. The cause of death is unknown. He was born February 10, 1951 in Baltimore, Maryland to late William S. Bestpitch and Ruth Ellen (née Stewart) Bestpitch, and was the last surviving member of his immediate family. A United States Marine Corps veteran of the Vietnam-era, Jim was previously employed by the Anne Arundel County Waste Water Division. He was a member of the Local 582 for 22 years where he was also past President and for the last 15 years was the union representative for Council 67 AFSCME. Jim attended the Second Baptist Church. He was a member of Peoples; the AFSCME Retirees Local 1834; a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Cumberland Chapter #172**; and the American Legion 0297, Baltimore. Jim loved to go backpacking, fish, play the guitar, and going to the ocean. He enjoyed spending time with his kids and grandchildren. Jim was very involved in politics and being a part of the labor union. He always wanted to make a difference with the laborers. Jim was instrumental in starting the first workers memorial in Cumberland. Jim is survived by his wife of 45 years, Phyllis Bestpitch; his daughter, Noell Bestpitch-Matrey and husband, James, Glen Burnie; and his son, Samuel Bestpitch and wife, Stacey, Pasadena. He also leaves behind his grandchildren, Nicole Turner, Cole Bestpitch, and Hailey Bestpitch; and a great-granddaughter, Andrea Witt. Friends were received at the Adams Family Funeral Home, P.A., 404 Decatur Street, Cumberland, (www.AdamsFamilyFuneralHome.com) on Thursday, January 16, 2014, from 2:00 to 4:00 PM and 6:00 to 7:00 PM. A funeral service was conducted at the funeral home on Thursday, January 16, 2014 at 7:00 PM, with the Reverend Sherrill Dillon officiating. Military honors were accorded at the funeral home on Thursday, January 16, 2014 at 2:00 PM by the Post #13 Veterans Honor Guard. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorial contributions be made to the Wounded Warrior Project, Post Office Box 758517, Topeka, KS 66675.



HENRY RUSSELL BOIES, JR. - Died Tuesday, June 12, 2012 in Barberton, Ohio at the age of 64. The cause of death is unknown. He was born February 28, 1948. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Cuyahoga Falls Chapter #717**. Per the wishes of the family, funeral services and burial will be private. Arrangements were made by Eckhard Baldwin Funeral Home.



CURTIS D. BORNEMANN - Died Thursday, January 2, 2014 at the Manitowoc Health & Rehabilitation Center in Manitowoc, Wisconsin at the age of 63. He was a resident of Manitowoc. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on July 17, 1950 in Manitowoc to the late Reiny and Ruth (née Kempfert) Bornemann. He was a 1968 graduate of Manitowoc Lutheran High School. Curt was a United States Army Veteran, serving in Vietnam from September of 1970 until November of 1971. On September 16, 1972 Curt was married to the former Barbara Johnson at St. Boniface Catholic Church in Manitowoc. Barbara preceded Curt in death on April 23, 2011. Curt worked for the Manitowoc Grey Iron Foundry retiring in 1995. He was a member of Bethany Evangelical Lutheran Church and a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Manitowoc Chapter #731**. Curt enjoyed western movies and puzzle books. Survivors include three sisters and brothers-in-law: Barbara (Jim) Engelbrecht, Manitowoc; Anne (David) Fogeltanz, Kellnersville; Brenda (Roger) Niemisto, De Pere; one brother and sister-in-law: Charles (Julie) Bornemann, Whitelaw; six nephews: David Engelbrecht, Jesse (Jean) Engelbrecht, Billy Fogeltanz, Erik Fogeltanz, Charles "CJ" Bornemann and Alexander Bornemann; a special aunt: Gertrude Woodcock, Chilton; other relatives and friends also survive. Curt was preceded in death by his parents: Reiny and Ruth Bornemann; his wife: Barbara Bornemann. Funeral services were held at 11:00 AM on Monday, January 6, 2014 at Bethany Evangelical Lutheran Church, 3209 Meadow Lane, Manitowoc. The Reverends Robert Kujawski and Stephen Melso co-officiated with cremation to follow and burial of his cremated remains at the Knollwood Memorial Gardens. Military Honors were accorded by the Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter #731 of Manitowoc following the funeral service at the church. Relatives and friends called at the church on Monday, January 6, 2014 from 9:00 AM until the time of service at 11:00 AM. The Jens Family Funeral Home & Crematory of Manitowoc served the Bornemann family.



GOMER PAUL BOWEN - Died Monday, March 3, 2014 at Baystate Medical Center at the age of 65. He was a resident of Springfield, Massachusetts. The cause of death was a heart attack. He was born on February 5, 1949 in Niagara Falls, New York to the late Gomer E. and Pauline L. (née Mease) Bowen. He was also predeceased by his daughter Jennifer Lynn. Gomer lived in Springfield and was a veteran of the Vietnam War, serving with the United States Marine Corps where he earned several medals. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Springfield Chapter #111**. He was a recent retiree after working 33 years for Connecticut Business Systems. Gomer is survived by his wife Sally (Burbank). His Sister LaRue, and brother John, of Ludlow; his sons, Shawn of Wilbraham, and Patrick of Feeding Hills; as well as his Grandchildren, Austin, Stephen, Kyle, Hayley and Seamus, and; several nieces and nephews. The calling hours were on Thursday from 4:00-7:00 PM at Curran-Jones Funeral Home, 745 Cooper Street, Agawam. Committal services were on Friday at the Massachusetts State Veterans Memorial Cemetery in Agawam at 10:00 AM.

LEWIS CASS BOWMAN - Died at his home in Brunswick, New York on Friday, January 24th, 2014 at the age of 62. The cause of death is unknown. He was born May 30, 1951 to the late Lewis Garnett Bowman and Katherine (née MacDaniel) Bowman. He was raised in Chattanooga, Tennessee. Upon graduating from high school in 1969 Lewis enlisted in the United States Air Force where he served with honor in the Vietnam War. Seriously wounded, Lewis was a Purple Heart recipient. During his combat tour Lewis was temporarily assigned to the United States Marine Corps and he remained a Marine at heart for the rest of his life. Following his discharge Lewis attended the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga majoring in political science. His first career was in food service and he worked at many locations from California to Tennessee. He was overseeing the food service program at Senior Neighbors in Chattanooga when he met his wife Deedra Neitzel. They married in February, 1985 and relocated to the Upstate New York/Vermont area where Lewis worked in hospitals and nursing homes. In 2003 they returned to Brunswick NY where Lewis, following his passion, took a position as a Veteran's Service Officer at the Vermont Veteran's Home in Bennington Vermont. In this position Lewis naturally reached out to Veterans with the most difficult life challenges. He was particularly interested in helping Veterans who were homeless and/or living with Post Traumatic Stress. Upon his retirement in December, 2012 Lewis was honored by the United States Senate for his work with Veterans. He was dearly loved and will be missed by his wife Deedra, his sister Sharon (Jim) Smith, his sister Joanie (Alan) Kerr, sister Barbara Hooper, his nephews Jimmy (Faye) Smith, Jr., Steve (Kim) Smith, John (Tracy) Kerr, and Adam (Brittany) Kerr along with many great-great nieces and nephews. In-laws who will feel his loss include Owen (Tracy) Neitzel, Ina Neitzel, Oakley (Mary) Neitzel and his much loved nieces Sara, Jessica and Janna Neitzel. Lewis was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Bennington Chapter #601** and was active in the prayer ministry at his church. A memorial service was held on Saturday, February 1st at 2:00 PM at Hope United Methodist Church, 566 Brunswick Road, Eagle Mills with Pastor David Martin officiating. Contributions in memory of Lewis to the Pastor's Discretionary Fund at Hope Church to help with Veterans and others in need would be appreciated by the family.



THOMAS DEAN "Tom" BRANDT- Died Wednesday, October 2, 2013 in Munising, Michigan at Munising Memorial Hospital at the age of 70. He was a resident of Aloha, Michigan and formerly of Dearborn, Michigan. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on April 20, 1943 in Ann Arbor, Michigan to the late Philip and Helen (née Reed) Brandt. Tom graduated from Dearborn High in 1961. In 1962 he entered into the United States Marine Corps, and proudly served in Vietnam. He began working for the Dearborn Fire Dept. and was transferred to the Police Dept. where he served for 27 1/2 years before retirement. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Cheboygan Chapter #274**. On October 12, 1978, Tom married Loni Stefanick and they were married nearly thirty-five years. Tom was a loving father, and loved his animals. He is survived by his wife, Loni of Aloha, MI; children, Philip Brandt of Washington, D.C., Shelly Brandt of Dearborn, and Eric (Shannon) Brandt of Dearborn Heights; and adopted family, Gina (Ron) Cruz and their daughter, Heather; grandchildren, Kate, Patrick, Christopher, and Kelsey; and sister, Margaret (Paul) Pattison. A Memorial Service was held at a later date.

GEORGE H. BRENNER - Died Thursday, February 20, 2014 in Fall River, Massachusetts at the age of 78. The cause of death is unknown. He was born August 25, 1935 in Cambridge, Massachusetts to the late Ernest and Elinor (née Schwartz) Brenner and step-son of the late Marsha Brenner. He was the husband of Diane M. (née Daigle) Brenner. A graduate of Somerville High School and the U.S. Naval Academy, Annapolis, MD, Class of 1958, Mr. Brenner served in both the United States Marine Corps and the United States Navy during the Korean and Vietnam Wars. He was the owner of Brenner Realtors in Westport, Massachusetts and Newport, Rhode Island, and formerly employed by Larry Nunes Real Estate in Middletown, Rhode Island. Mr. Brenner was a member of the Jewish War Veterans, the VFW, the American Legion and **Vietnam Veterans of America – Westport Chapter #207**. He was a trustee of the Fall River Five Cents Savings Bank, a director of the USS Massachusetts Battleship Memorial Committee, former director of the Greater Fall River United Way, former board member of the Moby Dick Council of the Boy Scouts, member of the Westport Lions Club, past president of the Fall River Lions Club, and a member of the Fall River Lodge of Elks for 43 years. Mr. Brenner was past president of the Massachusetts Association of Realtors and the Greater Fall River Association of Realtors, and past vice president of the New England Region of the National Association of Realtors. He was a former member of the US Small Business Administration Advisory Board of Greater Boston Council, and the Single Family Advisory Board, MA Housing Finance Agency. Mr. Brenner was the former tax assessor for the Town of Portsmouth, RI and was a past chairman of the Westport Master Plan Updating Committee. Along with his beloved wife, he is survived by his children, Linda Alexson and her husband Andrew of Ipswich, MA, Karen Brenner Leslie and her husband Matthew of Westwood, MA, Robert Brenner and his wife Dara of Atlanta, GA, Judith Uphold of Salt Lake City, UT, and Jeffrey Brenner and his wife Melissa of Wakefield, MA; his sisters Nancy DeAngelo and her husband Floyd of Greenwood Lake, NY, Barbara Brenner-Morris and her husband Edward of Bellingham, WA, Patricia Mostert and her husband Christopher of Malibu, CA, and Susan Brenner of Manhattan Beach, CA; and his grandchildren William, Holly, Jeffrey, Kyle, Jared, Noah, Samuel, Jaron, Grace and Abbey. He was also the father of the late Eric Brenner. Funeral services were held Monday, February 24th at 10:00 AM at Temple Beth El, 385 High Street, Fall River with burial in the Rhode Island Veterans Cemetery, Exeter, Rhode Island. The family requested no flowers, but donations in his memory to be made to United Way of Rhode Island, 50 Valley Street, Providence, RI 02909 or Make A Wish Foundation, 20 Hemingway Drive, East Providence, RI 02915. Shiva was observed at his late residence on Tuesday and Wednesday, 2:00-4:00 PM and 7:00-9:00 PM.



DANNY BREWER - Died Tuesday, December 24, 2013 at St. Louis University Hospital in St. Louis, Missouri at the age of 58. He was a resident of Centralia, Illinois. The cause of death was a heart attack. He was born September 2, 1955 in Centralia to the late F. E. "Gene" Brewer and Shirley (née Buettner) Brewer. In addition to his mother, he is survived by many aunts, uncles and cousins and a special friend, Gary Carter. He was preceded in death by his father and grandparents. Danny worked for Valley Steel as a truck driver for many years and then worked for YRC. He enjoyed going to the range with his friend Gary. Also, he enjoyed helping the American Legion Post 446 in Centralia with Bingo and other activities. He was a *Life Member* of **Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America – Centralia Chapter #176** and a member of the SAL. Danny was a very caring and

generous person. Funeral Services for Danny Brewer were held Friday, December 27, 2013 at 2:00 PM at Sutherland-Garnier Funeral Home in Centralia with Pastor Jim White officiating. Burial was at Hillcrest Memorial Park in Centralia. Visitation was held from 11:00 AM – 2:00 PM on Friday at the funeral home. Memorial donations may be made to the American Legion Post 446 and will be accepted at the Sutherland-Garnier Funeral Home in Centralia, which was in charge of arrangements. Online condolences may be made to the family by visiting www.sutherlandfuneralhome.com



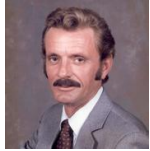
EVA MAE “Eve” BROCK - Died Monday, November 4, 2013 at Community Hospice in Fort Worth, Texas at the age of 69. She was a resident of Corsicana, Texas. The cause of death was cancer. She was born January 13, 1944 in Crossville, Tennessee. She had a full and wonderful life, and her desire was always to be with her family. She married the love of her life and soul mate, Starling Brock; they spent 23 years in the United States Air Force and were married 53 years. Eve is survived by her husband, her sons; Starling II and his wife Melissa, Keith and his wife Lorraine, six grandchildren; Starling III, Heather and her husband Joshua, Garin and his wife Jessica, Caleb, Corby and Grayson, and three great-grandchildren; Sophie, Kaley and Baby Gonzales. She also leaves behind her surviving brothers and sisters and family of the heart, James and Maryann Kea. She is dearly loved and her daily presence will be missed until the soon return of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. She was a member of **Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America – Corsicana Chapter #1009**. Visitation with the family began at 9:00 AM on Saturday, November 9, 2013 followed by the funeral service in the Corley Funeral Home Chapel at 10:00 AM with the Reverend Dale Morrison officiating. The funeral procession was at 11:30 AM to Dallas-Fort Worth National Cemetery.

MARK B. BRONSON – Died Tuesday, February 25, 2014 in Swainsboro, Georgia at the age of 63. The cause of death was a heart attack. He was born in Los Angeles, California on September 18, 1950. He served in the United States Air Force during the Vietnam War. He was an *At-Large Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Arizona**. He is survived by his son.

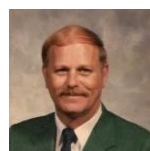


CURTIS LEE BROOKS - Died Sunday, March 2, 2014 at Albemarle Hospital at the age of 65. He was a resident of Elizabeth City, North Carolina. The cause of death was Agent Orange-related cancer. He was born in Pasquotank County, North Carolina on September 9, 1948 to late Carthel Brooks and Norma (née Creekmore) Stanley and was the husband of Darlene (née Ivey) Brooks. Mr. Brooks was retired from the United States Army as a SFC. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Elizabeth City Chapter #631**. In addition to his loving wife and best friend of forty-three years, Mr. Brooks is survived by two sisters, Dianne Upton of South Mills and Melissa Anderson of Elizabeth City; a step-sister, Peggy Bray of Elizabeth City; two step-brothers, George Stanley and James Stanley of Elizabeth City; a special brother, Don Worthley of Anchorage, Alaska; nieces and nephews, Mike Ivey, Michelle Baker, Kim Ivey-Bourne, Michael Ivey, Peyton Anderson, Lynn Weeks, Michael Upton, Devin Worthley, Nolan Worthley and Riley Worthley; and his special cat, Willee. A graveside funeral service with military honors took place Saturday, March 8, 2014 at 1:00 PM at Memory Gardens Cemetery, Northside Road. The family received friend's Friday

evening from 5:00 PM until 7:00 PM at Twiford Memorial Chapel and at all other times at the residence. Flowers are welcomed or memorial donations may be made to your local animal shelter. Twiford Funeral Homes, Memorial Chapel, 405 East Church Street, Elizabeth City assisted the Brooks family. Condolences may be expressed to the family at www.twifordfh.com.



JAMES ALLEN "Jimmy" BROWN, JR. – Died Saturday, January 18, 2014 at his residence in Priceville, Alabama at the age of 68. The cause of death was an enlarged heart, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease and lung cancer. He was born February 16, 1945 in Decatur, Alabama to the late James Newman "*Sprout*" Brown and Elvie Gerome (née Long) Brown. In addition to his parents, he was also predeceased by his son, James Ashley Brown, his brother, Ronald Brown and his brother-in-law, John Weems. He is survived by his wife, Tracy Brown, of Priceville, Alabama; daughter, Sonya Troxtel, of Gadsden, Alabama; step-daughters, Dara Carnes of Douglas, Alabama and Michelle Couey, of Hartselle, Alabama; his step-son, John Neal, of Trinity, Alabama; grandchildren, Jessica Bailey, Justin Carnes, Tate Neal, Talon Neal, Andrey Couey, Brooke Couey, Kyle Troxel, Kaley Troxel, and Alexis Brown; 4 Great-Grandchildren; his siblings, Patricia Brown Weems, of Oneonta, Alabama, Susan Blankenship, of Oneonta, Alabama, and sister-in-law, Debra Brown, of Douglas, Alabama, and; a host of nieces and nephews. Mr. Brown was a 1963 graduate of Douglas High School. He served his country in the United States Air Force and was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Decatur Chapter #1067**. Mr. Brown worked for Brown and Root, Inc. and was a member of Somerville Baptist Church. He was a longtime resident of Morgan County, Alabama. David Lewis, Josh Grubbs, and Moses Clark, the music minister of First Baptist Church of Oneonta conducted the 1:00 PM funeral service Wednesday, January 22, 2014 at The Chapel of Snead Funeral Home. Interment was at Zion Hill Cemetery. Visitation was at Snead Funeral Home on Wednesday from 11:00 AM until funeral time. Pallbearers were Jimmy Register, Dusty Register, Jason Brown, Russell Brown, Justin Carnes, and Mike Graben.



WILLIAM WESLEY "Bill" BROWN - Died Thursday, January 23, 2014 at Wellstar Tranquility Hospice at the age of 70. He was a resident of Douglasville, Georgia. The cause of death was cancer. He was born December 28, 1943 in Columbus, Georgia to the late William Edward Brown, Jr. and the late Jean Marie (née McCarley) Brown. He was a decorated veteran of the United States Army having served during the Vietnam War. He was decorated with the Purple Heart, the National Defense Service Medal, Vietnam Service Medal with Campaign Stars, Vietnam Campaign Medal with Device 60, Bronze Star Medal, Army Commendation Medal with 1st Oak Leaf Cluster, Vietnam Cross of Gallantry with Palm, Good Conduct Medal, Sharpshooter badge with Rifle Bar M-16, Civil Actions Honor Medal, and Expert Badge with Rifle Bar M-14. He enjoyed spending time with other veterans and their families. He worked as a salesman for Farmer's Furniture. He was an avid fisherman and hunter and had a great love of history. He was a member of the Frank P. Dorris American Legion Post 145, AmVets Post 118, and the 40/8 Voiture 216. He was a member of the Masonic Lodge 371, the Flint Hill Yaarab Temple, and the N.E. Shriners Club. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Douglasville Chapter #935**. He is survived by his wife, Bernice "Bonnie" Brown of Douglasville; sons and daughters-in-law, Dennis and

Jennifer Brown, Jonathan and Heidi Shirey, Frank and Tena Phillips, and Gerald and Marilyn Phillips; daughter and son-in-law, Pamela and Sammy Rowe; grandchildren, Jessica Delong, Jackson Brown, Chance Emanuel, Raley Shirey, Jonny Shirey, Tandra Phillips, Brandon Corder, Salvatore "Sam" Phillips, Robbie Phillips, and Victoria Phillips; one great-grandchild, Payton Phillips; sister and brother-in-law, Dianne and Al Cross; nephew, Joseph Ganakos. The family received friends at Jones-Wynn Funeral Home of Douglasville, Saturday, January 25, 2014 from 11:00 AM until 1:00 PM. Funeral Services were conducted Saturday, January 25, 2014 at 1:00 PM at the Chapel of Jones-Wynn Funeral Home with Pastor Joshua Smith officiating. According to his wishes, his body was cremated following the service. Jones-Wynn Funeral Home & Crematory of Douglasville was in charge of arrangements.

LEON BRYANT, SR. – Died Wednesday, December 18, 2013 in Engelhard, North Carolina at the age of 70. The cause of death was adenocarcinoma of the lung. He was born May 12, 1943 in Englewood. He served in the United States Army with two back-to-back tours in Vietnam from 1965 to 1966. He also served in the United States National Guard and retired with 20 years of service. He was Life Member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Engelhard Chapter #561**. He is survived by his wife, Marzella (née Addison) Bryant; daughter, Dr. Mary Chatman (Slade), of Savannah, Georgia; two sons, Deon Marcellus Bryant, of Spring Lake, North Carolina and Leon Bryant, Jr., of Greenville, North Carolina, and; four grandchildren. Funeral arrangements were made by Whitfield and Whitley Funeral Home in Washington, North Carolina.

DAVID C. BUETTNER – Died Friday, November 15, 2013 in Oldfield, Missouri at the age of 71. The cause of death was Agent Orange-related Diffuse Large B Cell Lymphoma. He was born on December 23, 1942 Saint Louis, Missouri. He served in the United States Army with a one-year tour of duty in Vietnam from February 20, 1969 to February 19, 2014. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Branson Chapter #913**. He is survived by his wife, Kathie Buettner.



ROBERT MAURICE BUGG - Died Monday, February 24, 2014 in Louisville, Kentucky at the age of 78. The cause of death is unknown. He was born October 24, 1935 to the late Henry and Sallie Bugg. In addition to his parents, he was also predeceased by his siblings, Katherine, Elizabeth, Bill, Jr. Edward, Ermon, John and Stuart. He is survived by his niece, Helen Stephens as well as numerous other nieces, nephews, other family and friends. He was a United States Army veteran of the Korean and Vietnam wars. After his military service, he worked for the Fort Knox Transportation Division, was a former Member of the METRO React KY Rescue and **Vietnam Veterans of America – Louisville Chapter #454**. A memorial service to celebrate Robert's life was conducted at 2:00 PM on Friday, February 28, 2014 in the Chapel of Arch L. Heady at Resthaven, 4400 Bardstown Road, with inurnment at Resthaven Memorial Park.



ROGER PHILIP CANTLEY - Died Monday, February 10, 2014 at his home in Altus, Oklahoma at the age of 72. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on May 23, 1941 in Columbus, Ohio to Homer Humbert, of LaPorte, Indiana and the late Lucille (née Collette) Cantley. He received his Bachelor's Degree from Indiana State

University and was commissioned as a 2nd Lieutenant in the United States Air Force. He married Nicki Virginia Shacklette on Oct. 23, 1976 in Woodbridge, Va. He was an instructor pilot at Craig Air Force Base in Alabama for six years and then served in Vietnam as a combat pilot. Roger also served as a C-5 Galaxy Transport pilot at Travis Air Force Base in California. Roger retired as a Major on Dec. 1, 1984. Roger then went to work for Flight Safety at Altus Air Force Base for the C-5, C-141 and KC-135 aircraft before retiring after many years. He was a *Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Lawton Chapter #751*. Roger enjoyed golf and reading. He loved taking care of his dogs and was a very generous guy who went the extra mile for people. Roger was preceded in death by his wife in 1997; and his mother. Survivors include three sons, Steven Cantley of Altus, Robert Cantley and wife Heather of Virginia, and Glenn Cantley of Huntsville, Ala.; a daughter, Marye Whitla of Australia; four grandchildren, Stephanie, Sean, Stephen and Brian; his father, Homer Cantley and wife Ruth of LaPorte, Ind.; a sister, Barbara Hartman and husband Wallace of Indianapolis, Ind.; and a brother, Jim Antrim and wife, Julie, of LaPorte. Memorial services were held at 2:00 PM on Sunday, February 23rd at the Kincannon Memorial Chapel with Steve Harbour officiating. Inurnment was in the Veterans Section at the Altus City Cemetery. Services were under the care of the Kincannon Funeral Home. Family and friends unable to attend may log on to kincannonfuneralhome.com 30 minutes prior to the service, click on the "Live Services" tab, to view the live webcast of the funeral.

JAMES DOUGLAS CARROLL – Died recently in 2014 in Moncks Corner, South Carolina at the age of 67. The cause of death is unknown. He was born August 19, 1946. He is survived by his wife. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was an *At-Large Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – South Carolina*.



ROBERT VANCE "Chip" CARTER, SR. - Died Saturday, November 23, 2013 at UPMC-Hamot Hospital following a brief illness at the age of 66. He was a resident of Erie, Pennsylvania. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Tarentum, Pennsylvania on October 14, 1947, a son of Margaret (née Steber) Carter and the late Vance Carter. Robert proudly served his country during the Vietnam War in the United States Army, where he was a member of the Army Security Agency (MACV). He retired from the State of Pennsylvania as an Unemployment Insurance Referee (Administrative Judge). He was a member of Holy Family Catholic Church, and also held memberships in many local clubs including, Siebenbuerger Club, American Legion Carl Neff POST 0571, Moose Lodge East, Lawrence Park Coin Club, Erie Stamp Club, **Vietnam Veterans of America – Erie Chapter #435**, Military Order of the Purple Heart and the DANK German Club. In addition to his mother, he is survived by his wife of 43 years, Lottie Turowski Carter, one son, Robert Carter Jr. and his wife Sue of Holly Springs, N.C.; one daughter, Patricia Mazzaresse and her husband Frank of Erie; five grandchildren, Andrew and Allison Carter and Jillian, Jennifer and Frankie Mazzaresse Jr. and two sisters, Linda Tatara and her husband Martin and Tammy Wolfram. Friends were invited to call at the Russell C. Schmidt & Son Funeral Home Inc., 5000 Wattsburg Road, Erie, PA 16504 on Tuesday from 2:00 to 4:00 PM and 6:00 to 8:00 PM, and were invited to a prayer service there on Wednesday morning at 9:15 AM, followed by a Funeral Mass at 10:00 AM at Holy Family Catholic Church. Interment with full military honors was in Mary Queen of Peace Cemetery.

RAIMUNDO J. "Ray" CASTELLANOS, JR. - Died with his family by his side in Miami, Florida on Tuesday, November 5, 2013 at the age of 69. The cause of death was Agent Orange-related cancer. He was born in Holguin, Cuba on March 30, 1944 to the late Raimundo and Berta Castellanos. He immigrated to Miami in 1958. He was a United States Army Vietnam War veteran and was awarded the Bronze Star. Upon returning to Miami, he married Ana Gloria Padron and had three children, Elsie, Ray Jr, and Alex. Ray was passionate about his family and helping people. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Miami Chapter #620**. He gave of his time to many non-profit organizations. A devout Catholic, he was involved with numerous churches and spent 10 years as Scout Master of Troop 575 where he touched the lives of many kids. Ray is survived by his wife, his children, their spouses; and his six grandchildren. The funeral service was held on Friday at 5:30 PM at 7355 SW 117 Avenue, Miami, Florida.



CHARLES O. CHAFFINS (USA, SFC-Ret.) - Died Friday, March 14, 2014 in Lawton, Oklahoma at the age of 76. The cause of death is unknown. He was born December 27, 1937, in Garrett, Kentucky to the late Mark and Maude (née Duff) Chaffins. He married Linda Lee McGlasson on June 27, 1966, in Belton, Texas. She died December 28, 1989. Sgt. Chaffins served two tours in Vietnam and retired from the United States Army after 20 years of service. His awards and decorations include the Good Conduct Medal with two Oak Leaf Clusters, the Bronze Star Medal, Meritorious Service Medal, Army Commendation Medal with two Oak Leaf Clusters, Vietnam Service Medal and the Korean Service Medal. Following his retirement, he was a certified building and electrical inspector for the City of Lawton for 15 years and was also a certified appraiser through the State of Oklahoma Tax Commission. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Lawton Chapter #751**. Survivors include two daughters: Leah Chaffins, Lawton, and Leanna Chaffins, Houston, Texas; a granddaughter, Andrea Nauman, Lawton; three brothers: Gordon Chaffins and Robert Chaffins, both of Kentucky, and David Chaffins, Virginia; and a sister, Barbara Chaffins, Kentucky. He was preceded in death by his wife; his parents; three brothers: James Chaffins, Lionel Chaffins and Avery Chaffins; and two sisters: Patricia Franklin and Mary Dehler. The funeral was at 10:00 AM on Tuesday at Becker-Rabon Funeral Home Chapel. The burial with full military honors was at the Post Cemetery, Fort Sill.



GEORGE JUNIOR CHAMPION - Died Tuesday, March 11, 2014 at SECU Hospice Care Center at the age of 66. He was a resident of Bolivia, North Carolina. The cause of death was pancreatic cancer. He was born in Wendell, North Carolina on February 8, 1948. He served in the United States Marine Corps during the Vietnam War. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Wilmington Chapter #885**. Funeral services were held at 3:00 PM on Saturday, March 15, 2014 at St. John Missionary Baptist Church, 2586 Old Ocean Highway, Bolivia, NC. Burial was in the Mitchell-Evans Family Cemetery. Visitation was held from 6:00 – 8:00 PM Friday, March 14, 2014 at St. John MBC, Bolivia.



JONATHAN E. CHORPENNING (USA, CPT-Ret.) - Died Saturday, June 9, 2012 at his residence in Felicity, Ohio at the age of 67. The cause of death is unknown. He was born March 13, 1945 in Washington, DC to the late Dr. Frank

Chorpenning, Lieutenant Colonel - retired U.S. Army and Annie (née Kay) Chorpenning. Captain Chorpenning was a graduate of Marietta High School class of 1963, The Ohio State University in 1969 with a B.S. in Chemistry, a Master in Physics in 1977 with a post grad certification in Public Administration. He entered the military in the United States Army on April 20, 1969 and served with 3/77th Armor Battalion, 5th Infantry Div., 2/34th Armor, 4th Infantry Div. and 4/7th Cavalry, 2nd Infantry Division (OCONUS) for thirty-six years and spent twenty-seven of those years with the U.S. Army Special Forces. He also served as a police officer in the Powell, Ohio and Obetz, Ohio police departments and as a Brown County, Ohio Deputy Sheriff. Captain Chorpenning was a retired teacher in the Columbus, Ohio Public School District, retired from the state of Ohio, Department of Veteran Affairs and eventually became the Police Chief at the Ohio Veterans Home in Sandusky, Ohio. He was then Project Manager for design and construction of the Ohio Veterans Home in Georgetown, Ohio, from which he retired in 2010. He was a life member of the Ohio Gun Collectors Association for over forty-five years, and served as Director and as Trustee for of the OGCA Civil Defense Fund. With so many continuous and successful years of service to the OGCA it was fitting that the title of Director Emeritus was bestowed upon him. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Sandusky Chapter #774**. Captain Chorpenning is survived by his wife, Laura (Andres) Chorpenning; five daughters, Julie (Hank) Arens of Union, Kentucky, Jennifer Irwin and husband, David of Bexley, Ohio, Megan Chorpenning of Columbus, Ohio, Kelly Adam of Milford, Ohio and Amy Adam of Georgetown, Ohio; one adopted son, Kevin Harlan of Atlanta, Georgia; three grandchildren, Matthew and Andrew Irwin and Jonathan Arens; three sisters, Anne Kay Coffey and husband, Ralph of St. Augustine, Florida, Kathleen Row and husband, David of New York, New York and Janie Aziz of Cairo, Egypt; and many nieces, nephews extended family, friends and beloved pets. Funeral service was held at 10:00 AM on Thursday, June 14, 2012 at the Cahall Funeral Home in Georgetown, Ohio. Visitation was from 4:00-8:00 PM on Wednesday, June 13, 2012 at the funeral home. Interment was at 2:00 PM on Thursday in the Kentucky Veterans Cemetery North in Williamstown, Kentucky. If desired, memorial contributions may be made to the University of Michigan Office of Development Fund for Discovery - 367830, 3003 South State Street, Suite 9000, Ann Arbor, Michigan 48109-1288.



KEVIN GERARD CLEARY - Died peacefully Sunday, January 26, 2014 at a Bangor health care facility with family by his side. He was 63 years of age and a resident of Milford, Maine. The cause of death was metastatic head and neck cancer. He was born December 7, 1950 in Boston, Massachusetts to the late John Francis and Dorothy Agnes (née Smith) Cleary, of Massachusetts. Kevin proudly served his country with the United States Marine Corps during the Vietnam War. He was an *At-Large Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Maine**. He was an avid outdoorsman and enjoyed fishing, hunting, and duck hunting. He took great pride in crafting custom fly rods, fly tying, creating duck calls, as well as other woodworking projects. His family was central to his life and he enjoyed supporting and coaching his sons in hockey and martial arts. He is survived by his wife, Susanne Cleary; two sons, Balak Cleary and his wife, Amanda, of Sarasota, Fla., and Kyle Cleary and his girlfriend, Michelle Manning, of Hampden; his mother, Dorothy Cleary of Massachusetts; five siblings, Maryellen Butare and her husband, Paul, of South Carolina, Janice

Giovannucci and her husband, Vinnie, Jack Cleary and his wife, Terry, Dorothy "DeeDee" Diblasi and her companion, Ray Phillips, and Brian Cleary all of Massachusetts; aunt, Theresa Cleary of Florida; close friends, Mike Clark, Gayland Hachey, and Aubrey Bryant; as well as many extended brothers; many nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his father John; a brother, Mark Cleary; and aunts, Mary and Alice Cleary. Friends called from 6:00-8:00 PM on Friday, at Birmingham Funeral Home, 438 Main Street, Old Town, where a funeral service was conducted at 10:00 AM on Saturday. Burial with military honors was at Mount Hope Cemetery, Bangor, Maine. Immediately following the graveside services, all are invited to return to the funeral home for a light luncheon and continued fellowship. Memorial contributions may be made to the Maine Veterans Home Activity Fund, 44 Hogan Road, Bangor, ME 04401 Notes of condolences may be left at www.birminghamfuneralhome.com.

JOHN B. CRABB - Died Monday afternoon, December 30, 2013 in Tucson, Arizona at the age of 67 after a 2-year battle with Agent Orange-related cancer. He was formerly of Manitowoc, Wisconsin. He was born on November 11, 1946 in Green Bay, Wisconsin to the late Bernard and Margaret (née Edwards) Crabb. He graduated from Premontre High School in Green Bay with the class of 1965. He served in the United States Army from 1966 until 1968 which included a tour in Vietnam with the 56th Army Postal Unit from 1967 until 1968. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Manitowoc Chapter #731**. In 1969 John graduated from The Brown Institute of Radio Technology in Minneapolis, Minnesota. Following school he was the news director, known as "John Collins", at WOMT before joining the Manitowoc City Police Department in 1977 where he served as a patrol officer for 23, twice earning to honor of police officer of the year. After retiring from the police force, John provided security services for the Manitowoc YMCA, Rharr West Museum and Holy Family Memorial Hospital. Survivors include his wife of 39 years: Barb "Bobbie" Crabb; his children: Jason (Gretchen) Crabb, Verona, WI., and Michelle Crabb, Tucson, AZ.; three grandchildren: Emerson, Elliot and Emmett; one sister: Jean (Ron) Manteufel, Appleton, WI.; and two sisters-in-law: Janet Young, Ciobolo, TX., and Irene (Steve) LaPolice, Carlsbad, CA. Nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends also survive. Funeral Services were held at 11:00 AM on Tuesday, January 7, 2014 at the Pfeffer Funeral Home, Manitowoc. The family greeted relatives and friends on Monday, January 6, 2014 at the Pfeffer Funeral Home, Manitowoc, from 3:00 PM until 7:00 PM. The visitation continued on Tuesday, January 7, 2014 at the Pfeffer Funeral Home from 9:30 AM until 10:45 AM. The Pfeffer Funeral Home, Manitowoc assisted the family with funeral arrangements.

EDWARD DARRELL CRANFIELD – Died recently in 2014 in Heavener, Oklahoma at the age of 70. The cause of death is unknown. He was born February 10, 1944. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Heavener Chapter #784**.



FRED NELSON CREED, JR. - Died at Pleasant View Center in Concord, New Hampshire on Monday, February 3, 2014, at the age of 89. He was a resident of Warner, New Hampshire. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Beverly Farms, Massachusetts in 1924 to the late Fred and Dorothy Creed. He spent most of his youth and young adult life on the ocean. He graduated from Beverly High

School and UMass Amherst. He attended Bridgewater State and Salem State College as well as Brown University. As a true New England Renaissance Man, his professional achievements include: bowling pin setter, stoker for the B&M Railroad, tobacco and apple Picker, United States Army - World War II ambulance driver (in India), fish monger, yacht delivery Captain, caterer, English teacher, American Red Cross Disaster Relief Agent, American Red Cross Assistant Field Director embedded with the Marines (Da Nang Vietnam), real estate salesman, Wadleigh State Park attendant, sailboat navigator, boat captain for Outward Bound, purveyor of cheese, hawker of spiced cider (AKA sock soup) and doughnuts, Christmas tree grower and seller, maple syrup producer, Assistant Chief of Programs in the Department of Elderly and Adult Services for the State of NH. In addition, Fred held a United States Merchant Marine Master's Small Vessel License for 35 years. As an active community member, he served on the boards of the Kearsarge Visiting Nurses, Kearsarge Regional School District, Kearsarge Elderly Housing, NH Food Bank, National Association of Nutrition and Aging Service Providers, Merrimack County Extension Service Advisory Disaster Committee, Library Trustee, and Chairman of the Pillsbury Free Library in Warner. He was also a member of the Unitarian Universalist Church of Concord, where he served on various committees. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Bow Chapter #41**. In his free time he played bagpipes, baked bread in an outdoor oven, wove baskets, caned chairs, read voraciously, kept bees, was a master gardener, and dominated both the cribbage and scrabble boards. He will be remembered for his tall tales, biting humor, correcting grammar (both professionally and conversationally), and his ability to love all of humanity, even though he was convinced we were going to hell in a hand basket. He was predeceased by his parents; and his three brothers, William, Edward, and Laurence Creed. He is survived by his wife of 41 years, Catherine; their daughter, Fiona Creed Chevalier and her husband, Jeffrey; as well as many nieces and nephews and countless friends. A memorial was held Saturday, February 22nd, at 2:00 PM at the Warner Town Hall.



LeROY M. "Lee" CUNHA - Died Thursday, June 6, 2013 at Massachusetts General Hospital in Boston, Massachusetts at the age of 66. He was a resident of North Dartmouth, Massachusetts. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in New Bedford, Massachusetts to Zazemira (née Souza) Cunha and the late Gabriel M. Cunha. He had resided in Dartmouth for the past 40 years. He was a graduate of New Bedford High School. He was the husband of Arlene F. (née Mello) Cunha with whom he shared 45 years of marriage. He was a United States Army Veteran having served during the Vietnam Era. Mr. Cunha had worked for Commonwealth Gas and Electric then NSTAR for many years until his retirement. He enjoyed collecting coins, puzzles, riding his Harley Davidson Motorcycle and the company of his grandson, Jack. He was also a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – New Bedford Chapter #499**. Surviving in addition to his wife and mother is a son, Jeffrey Cunha and his wife Deborah of Dartmouth; a grandson, Jack Xander Cunha; a sister, Sandra L. Feno and her husband Bruce of New Bedford; a nephew, Quinn Feno of New Bedford; and a niece, Pamela Mitchell of Houston, Texas. Visiting hours were held on Wednesday, June 12, 2013 from 4:00-7:00 PM with words of remembrance at 6:30 PM in the Waring-Sullivan Home of Memorial Tribute at Dartmouth, 230 Russells Mills Road, Dartmouth. In lieu of flowers, donations in LeRoy's memory may be made to Vietnam

Veterans of America Chapter 499, PO Box 51083, New Bedford, MA 02745 where a scholarship fund will be created in his name.



SHARON PEIGE DAKKEN - Died Saturday, January 19, 2013 at her home in Mayville, North Dakota under the care of Hospice of the Red River Valley. She was 66 years of age. The cause of death was respiratory failure and squamous cell lung cancer. She was born January 13, 1947 in Mayville to the late Klarius and Joyce (née Larson) Balstad. She attended grade school in Portland, North Dakota and graduated from Mayville High School. She attended Mayville State College for 2 years. In 1964 Sharon married David Cuthbertson in Portland, together they had 3 daughters. On August 2, 1985 she married Larry Dakken; along with his son and daughter, the family made their home in Mayville. Sharon retired as department head of housekeeping at Luther Memorial Home and has worked there since 1988. She also had worked at Soholt Bakery and Brauhaus. She was active in many organizations including, **Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America – Mayville Chapter #374**, President, state liaison for North Dakota Vietnam Veterans of America, VFW Auxiliary, Bruflat Lutheran Church and WELCA. She enjoyed reading, crocheting, being with her grandkids, gardening, spending time with family and cuddling with her cats, Mokie, Scrapper and Boots. Sharon loved people, her family, her animals, SunCenter and Luther Memorial Home residents who were like her second family. Sharon is survived by her husband, Larry of Mayville; son, Derrek (Jenny) Dakken of Thief River Falls, MN; 4 daughters, Beth (Bill) Varty of Mayville, Cristi (Cory) Sorenson of Roseburg, OR; DeAnn Wika of Fargo; and Heather (Matt) Satrom of Portland; 17 grandchildren, Samantha (Jeremy), Forest, Brandon, Jenna, Zachary, Aaron, Skylar, Taylor, Tanner, TJ, Natasha, Madaline, Isaac, Alicia, Caitlyn, Harley, and Evie; 4 brothers, Tom (Arllys) Balstad of East Grand Forks, MN, Dean (Diana) Balstad of Kennedy, MN, Robert (Elsa) Balstad of Mesa, AZ, and Billy (Mimi) Balstad of Portland; 3 sisters, Mary (Greg) Dronen of Hutchinson, MN, Barbara (Dave) Hammerstein of Sun City, AZ, and Nancy (Brian) Idso of Portland; mother-in-law, Phyllis Dakken of Mayville; sister-in-law, Rita Balstad of Portland; special cousin/sister, JoAnn Studlien (Dave McMullen) of Portland; uncle and aunt, Allan and Kay Larson of Crookston, MN; brother-in-law, Terry (Laurie) Dakken of Hebron, ND; sisters-in-law, Penny (Jim) Leland of Portland, Diane (Rod) Schnebli of Grand Forks, ND, and Cheryl (Dan) Conway of OR; and many nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents; brother, Bradly; father-in-law, Orville Dakken; brother-in-law, Ronnie Dakken; nephews, Andy Dakken, Jacob and Sam Leland. Visitation was from 5:00-7:00 PM with a prayer service at 7:00 PM on Friday, January 25, 2013 at Baker Funeral Home, Mayville, ND and will resume one hour prior to the memorial service, at the church. A Memorial Service was at 11:00 AM on Saturday, January 26, 2013 at Bruflat Lutheran Church, Portland, ND. Burial was in Mayville Cemetery, Mayville, ND.

JAMES R. DAVIS - Died Wednesday, September 18, 2013 at the Community Medical Center, Toms River, New Jersey surrounded by loved ones. He was 66 years of age and a resident of Bayville, New Jersey. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Lakewood, New Jersey on March 30, 1947. Except for eight years in Florida, he resided in Bayville. He served four years in the United States Marine Corps during the Vietnam War, where he was awarded the Purple Heart. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Brick Chapter #200**.



MARY THERESA DeWAN - Died peacefully at home in Ann Arbor, Michigan on Saturday, February 22, 2014 at the age of 85. The cause of death is unknown. She was born on January 20, 1929 in Towanda, Pennsylvania to the late James and Ellen "Nellie" (née Rutty) DeWan. Mary received her initial nursing training at the Robert Packer Hospital in Sayre, Pennsylvania. She also earned a bachelor's degree and master's degree in Public Health Nursing from the University of Michigan. Mary began her career in public health nursing in Wayne County, Michigan, working with young single mothers. She then joined the United States Army Nurse Corps and served her country for twenty years as a nurse with postings throughout the United States, Germany and Korea. In 1975, Mary tended to the medical needs of Vietnamese refugees from a mobile health clinic (tran te tuu dong) performing what she called "tailgate medicine", seeing over 700 patients per day. A decorated officer, Mary received several medals for Meritorious and Humanitarian Service. The honors Mary won cite her leadership, professionalism, and devotion to duty and her patients. Known for her pragmatic decisiveness, Mary earned the nickname "Get It Done" DeWan. Colonel DeWan retired from the army in 1986. She was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Ann Arbor Chapter #310**. Mary enjoyed travel, skiing and photography. She was an avid gardener with a particular fondness for roses. A passionate Wolverine, Mary avidly followed Michigan sports and was especially fond of football, basketball and hockey. Mary is survived by her beloved cat, Lucky Punkin; brother, John Edward (Kathleen) DeWan; nieces Charlotte (Matthew) Adams and Jennifer (Julian) Velasco; and grandnieces, Meredith and Caroline Adams and Graciela Velasco. She is preceded in death by her parents and infant brother, James. At Mary's request, there was no visitation or funeral service. She was interred in the nurses' section at Arlington National Cemetery with military honors. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be sent to St. Mary's Student Parish, Ann Arbor, Synergy Animal Hospital, Saline, MI or Camp Kitty, Brighton, MI.

ROBERT W. DOOLEY, SR. - Died Thursday, February 13, 2014 in El Paso, Texas at the age of 82. The cause of death was cancer. He was born in Marcos Hook, Pennsylvania on May 10, 1931. He served in the United States Army from 1969 to 1974 with two tours in Vietnam from 1965 to 1966 and 1970 to 1971. He was preceded in death by his wife Ann and is survived by his five children, Phyllis Favila (Ricardo); Pat Entsminger (Don), Bob Dooley, Jr. (Donna); Carl Dooley; Kim Stephenson (Jerry); thirteen grandchildren, and; twelve great-grandchildren. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – El Paso Chapter #574**. He was a member of the American Legion, VFW and DAV. Services were on Tuesday, February 25, 2014 at 10:00 AM at the West Pavilion, Fort Bliss, Texas.



KENNETH ALVA DUNSTAN - Died Monday, February 24, 2014 in Flushing, Michigan at the age of 72. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on February 18, 1942 in Flint, Michigan to the late Richard and Louise Dunstan. He was a member of the VFW, **Vietnam Veterans of America – Hale Chapter #882**, and the Coast Guard Auxiliary where he served as Division Captain. He was honorably discharged from the United States Army after eight years of service as a Specialist 5th Class in the

Vietnam War. He was also stationed in Korea twice, and Germany. After his service, Kenneth was employed by General Motors where he worked as a Press Operator, Member of Medical Team, and served as a Sign Language interpreter for hearing impaired employees. He is survived by his loving wife of 47 years, Janet Dunstan; son, Chuck (Kristi) Dustan; grandchildren, Chelsea, Bryce, and Cole; sisters, Mary Money and Thelma Walker; and loyal friends, Bill Harris and Al Vaughn. He was preceded in death by his parents and brother, Richard Dunstan. Funeral Services were held at 8:30 AM on Friday, February 28, 2014 at Reigle Funeral Home, 5501 W. Pierson Road, Flushing. Visitation was on Thursday, February 27, 2014 from 11:00 AM to 3:00 PM and 5:00 PM to 8:00 PM. Kenneth was laid to rest at Great Lakes National Cemetery. Donations may be made to the Wounded Warrior Project or the Salvation Army.



JOHN MICHAEL DELLA COSTA, SR. - Died Sunday, April 7, 2013 in Kissimmee, Florida at the age of 69. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Kendall, New York on May 4, 1943 to Frank Della Costa of Lakeland, Florida. He moved to Kissimmee from Fort Salonga, New York in 1981. John retired as a computer facilities manager for Walt Disney World and Osceola County. Mr. Della Costa was a member of Holy Redeemer Catholic Church in Kissimmee where he was an active volunteer. He was a member of the St. Cloud - Kissimmee Council #6624 and Father William Holmes Assembly # 1951 of the Knights of Columbus. John was also a volunteer at the Osceola Council on Aging and the Museum of Military History in Kissimmee. John was a Veteran of the Army National Guard serving his country during Vietnam. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Kissimmee Chapter #755**. He is survived by his wife, Diana E. Della Costa; sons: John Della Costa of Saint Petersburg, Florida and Marc (Jennifer) Della Costa of Knoxville, Tennessee; brothers: Frank (Gwen) Della Costa, Jr. of Kalamazoo, Michigan and Richard (Eileen) Della Costa Kendall, New York; father: Frank Della Costa of Lakeland, Florida and 5 grandchildren. Funeral Services for Mr. Della Costa were held Tuesday, April 9, 2013 at 2:00 PM in the Chapel of the Conrad & Thompson Funeral Home with the Reverend Timothy P. LaBo, pastor of Holy Redeemer Catholic Church officiating. Inurnment was in the Holy Cross Cemetery in Holley, New York. Memorials may be made in John's memory to the Museum of Military History, 5210 West Irlo Bronson Memorial Highway; Kissimmee, Florida 34746. The Della Costa Family was cared for by Conrad and Thompson Funeral Home and Cremation Services, 511 Emmett Street; Kissimmee, Florida 34741.

HENRY MARTIN DENMARK - Died Sunday, February 16, 2014, at his residence in Rebecca (Irwin County), Georgia at the age of 72. The cause of death was a heart attack. He was born May 20, 1941 in Homerville, Georgia to the late Norman Martin and Christine (née Darley) Denmark. He attended school in Clinch County and served his country honorably in the United States Army. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Fitzgerald Chapter #1082**. He was a retired USDA inspector for the Federal-State Inspection Service specializing in fresh fruits and vegetables. Mr. Denmark enjoyed being a part of the Burger King coffee club. He was a member of Big Creek Baptist Church and also attended Irwinville United Methodist Church. In addition to his parents, Norman Martin and Christine Darley

Denmark, he was also predeceased by a sister, Faye Holton and a brother, Larry Denmark. He is survived by his wife, Julia R. Denmark of Irwin County with whom he celebrated 42 years of marriage Saturday; two daughters, Barbara and Robert Baldree of Byron and Teresa Denmark of Canton; three granddaughters, Colleen Baldree, Rhianna Baldree and Sarah Baldree, all of Byron; and one sister, Nancy and Timothy Gillette of Dawsonville. Funeral services were held at 11:00 AM in the chapel of Paulk Funeral Home in Fitzgerald with the Reverend Wayne McCrimmon and the Reverend Jay Roberson co-officiating. Interment was at Abba Cemetery.



BRUCE GUSTAV EGENOLF – Died Thursday, June 27, 2013 at home in Brighton, New Jersey with his wife at his side. He was 69 years of age. The cause of death is unknown. He was born to the late Mary and Gus Egenolf on April 24, 1944 and raised in Laurelton, Queens, New York and lived in Lynnbrook and Elmont, New York before moving to Freehold, New Jersey in 1975. Bruce worked as an electrician as a member of IBEW Local #3 for 39 years before retiring in 2002. He was a Veteran of the United States Army having served in Vietnam. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Somers Point Chapter #228**. Bruce loved his family very much. Handy with any tool, he was generous with his time and talents to the Grace and Hope Lutheran Churches, the local Habitat for Humanity chapter, and anyone who needed a little help or guidance. Bruce was also a strong but humble leader, and quick with humorous wit and easy laughter. He enjoyed RV camping with his family and in his later years, quiet time with his wife, playing cards and completing crossword puzzles. He is survived by his wife of 44 years, Joyce Egenolf; two sons, Robert Egenolf and his wife, Shannon of Brighton, Michigan and Eric Egenolf and his wife, Margaret of Salt Lake City, Utah; two grandchildren, Lucy and Isaac; and several nieces, nephews, and cousins. Bruce will be missed by all who knew and loved him. Visitation was held at the Clayton & McGirr Funeral Home, 100 Elton-Adelphia Road (Route 524), Freehold Township on Tuesday, July 2, 2013 from 2:00 to 3:30 PM and 7:00 to 9:00 PM. Relatives and friends were invited to attend his 3:30 PM funeral service at the funeral home on Tuesday, July 2, 2013 with the Reverend Dr. Patricia Medley officiating. In lieu of flowers, contributions in Bruce's memory may be made to the Freehold First Aid Squad, 18 Spring Street, Freehold, NJ 07728. For information, directions or condolence messages to the family, visit www.claytonfuneralhome.com.

ERVIN ELLMAN - Died Tuesday, February 18, 2014 in Rising Sun, Indiana at the age of 65. He was a resident of Aurora, Indiana. The cause of death is unknown. He was born July 24, 1948. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Aurora Chapter #71**. He was the beloved husband of Elizabeth Ellman; loving father of Bobbie Hernandez, George Semple, Spring (Luis) Navarro, Justin Semple, Shannon Blair, Danielle (Joe) Quaranta and Elizabeth Ellman; proud grandfather of 22 and great-grandfather of 3. Visitation was held at Paul R. Young Funeral Home, 7345 Hamilton Avenue, Mount Healthy on Saturday, February 22, 2014 from 10:00 AM until the time of the funeral service at 12:00 PM.



CHARLES EDWARD ESTEP, JR. - Died Thursday, January 16, 2014 at the Karmanos Cancer Center in Detroit, Michigan at the age of 67. He was a resident of Macomb Township, Michigan. The cause of death was cancer. He was born on December 15, 1946 in Ashland, Kentucky to the late Charles and the late Leola (née Craft) Estep. With thanks & praise from a grateful nation, we pay homage to Charles for his service to our country during the Vietnam War era. From January 1965 to January 1968, this brave 19 year old boy took the brave and unselfish plunge of enlisting in the military and answering the call to serve during a most difficult time in our nation's history. A decorated veteran and expert marksman, Charles took great pride in wearing the uniform of our United States Army. His prominent duty assignment was that of a Heavy Equipment Specialist & Driver, an important responsibility which spanned his entire 3 years of service. We honor his patriotism and the sacrifices made in helping to affect the cause of freedom to our common friends across the sea. Obviously, all that wartime training and hours spent behind the wheel of the many, mammoth vehicles he handled, it made perfect sense that the career path Charles chose was that of a long-distance car hauler. It's not a job for most people, but he owned the massive responsibility with immense fortitude from the experiences and knowledge he attained in the Army. Charles traveled countless miles in carrying out his work over the road, and boasted that he knew the west coast as familiarly as his own backyard. He was quite proud of his career, a dedication he extended throughout over 30 years of service. When he wasn't ridin' in the Big Rig, Charles' favorite ride was on a hog! Not the pink, curly-tailed kind,...but the manly, motorcycle versions. He didn't simply like his Harley-Davidson's, he had an immense passion for the finest ride on 2 wheels. Together with his fellow biker's, nothing spelled fun greater than the open road and the sound of a Harley breakin' the wind. It was truly "Hog Heaven" for Charles! Friendship and brotherhood meant a great deal to Charles. Not only amongst his biker family, but also through the special military associations he shared within the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW Menge Post), the American Legion, and with his Vietnam brothers, he was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Roseville Chapter #154**. These fraternal relationships provided a strength and support network that only those who served can understand,...and for which Charles respected and earned. For those who were lucky enough to share his company,...or life, the most constant memory of Charles will forever be that "fun-loving spirit" that poured out of him. Always joking,...always laughing, he had his own unique and genuine way of turning a frown upside down. If it was a lift you were looking for, the best medicine was simply hangin' out with Charles. He brought considerable joy into the hearts and lives of so many along the way, but none-so-much as the exuberance he instilled unto his precious grandchildren, nieces and nephews. He took great pride in these treasured gifts from God, loved them unselfishly and unconditionally, especially the little ones who could get anything they wanted from "Uncle Chuck." Charles leaves a unique and special legacy of love behind that will be a warm and welcomed embrace with each reflection shared. That love touched a multitude of lives and spoke volumes to the kind of man he strove to be,...a man who truly made a difference. He will be missed immensely and loved eternally. Amongst those who have served our country and honor those as they return, a common phrase we've come to hear is "Welcome Home." And now,...Charles goes on to join his Lord in Heaven as those familiar words are echoed, "Welcome Home, my son." Go Rest High, Soldier. Charles was the beloved husband of Mary Jo. Dear father of Sonia DeMeyer and Charles (Jennie) Estep; loving

grandfather of Danielle, Victoria, Billy, and Andrew. Brother of Charlotte "Jo" (Ted) Menke, June (Ronnie) Lewicki, the late Colleen, and the late Deanna. Visitation for Charles was held on Sunday, January 19th from 3:00-9:00 PM at the D.S. Temrowski & Sons Funeral Home, 30009 Hoover Road at Common (12 ½ Mile Road) in Warren. His Funeral Service was conducted at 12:00 Noon on Monday at the funeral home. Charles was laid to rest at Great Lakes National Cemetery in Holly, Michigan. A Committal Service, followed by military honors, took place at 10:00 AM on Tuesday at the cemetery. Memorial donations are welcome to the Vietnam Veterans of America, Chapter 154, 16945 12 Mile Road, Roseville, MI 48066.



ROBERT E. "Bob" EVANS - Died Monday, February 17, 2014 at Ovid Healthcare Center at the age of 79. He was a resident of Perry, Michigan. The cause of death is unknown. He was born February 9, 1935 in Lansing, Michigan to the late Hubert and Ruth (née Pawson) Evans. He married Patricia A. Green on July 16, 1977 in East Lansing. He was a graduate of Lansing Eastern High School in 1954, a United States Army Veteran he served as a tank commander with the rank of Sgt. He was in the German occupation, cold war, and Vietnam. He was an *At-Large Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America - Michigan**, life member of the VFW Corunna Post #4005, life member of American Legion Post #248 in Laingsburg, member of the Knights of Columbus Council #8735 & Assembly #0511 Owosso. Bob was a member of St. Marys Catholic Church in Morrice. He worked for General Motors for 35 years & was a member of UAW 652, retiring in 1997. Bob is survived by his loving wife of 36 years, Patricia Ann Evans, granddaughter Zoe Ruth Gerish, son-in-law Zac Gerish, special cousins Richard & Dorothy Evans of Duarte, CA, Al & Carol Fries of Grand Rapids, Dawn Babcock of Grand Rapids, James Hooper of Laingsburg. He was preceded in death by his son Paul H. Evans in 1965, daughter April Gerish, and his parents. A funeral mass was celebrated on Friday February 21, 2014 at 11:00 AM at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Morrice. The Rev. Fr. John Bosco officiated with burial at Deepdale Memorial Gardens in Lansing. The family received friends at Watkins Brothers Funeral Home in Perry on Thursday from 2:00-4:00 PM and from 6:00-8:00 PM. A rosary will be prayed Thursday at 7:30 PM.

WILLIAM J. "Bill" FARRELL, JR. – Died Tuesday, February 18, 2014 in Ambler, Pennsylvania at the age of 66. The cause of death was heart failure. He was born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania on April 15, 1947. He was the beloved husband of Barbara (née Jeffries); beloved father of Kerry Lynne, William III and the late Daniel; also survived by his mother; his brothers and sister. Bill was a decorated Vietnam Veteran having served in the United States Army from August 31, 1967 to August 22, 1970. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Liberty Bell (Philadelphia) Chapter #266**. He was a retired Philadelphia Police Officer. Relatives and friends were invited to his Funeral Mass on Tuesday, February 25th, at 11:00 AM at Saint Christopher Church, 13301 Proctor Road, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Visitation at the Church began at 9:30 AM. Interment was in the Washington Crossing National Cemetery.



JAMES EDMUND "Jim" FLANAGAN - Died Sunday, December 1, 2013 in Clearfield, Pennsylvania at the age of 85. The cause of death is unknown. He was born July

31, 1928 in Clearfield to the late James L. (Slim) and Levina M. (née Kennedy) Flanagan. He is survived by a brother, John Richard and his wife, Carolyn of Clearfield, four sisters: Margaret V. Bell, Patricia L. Rumfola and her husband, Jack of Clearfield, Carol A. Anderson and husband Joel, of Bainbridge Island, WA and Joan E. Domico and husband, Patrick of Curwensville and many wonderful nieces, nephews and cousins. He was preceded in death by three brothers; Leon, Sheridan (Bud) and Terrill Lee (Terry) Flanagan, and one sister, Rosemary Hoy. Jim was a graduate of St. Francis High School, Clearfield. He proudly served his country as a member of the United States Navy for twenty years and faithfully served from January 14, 1948 to August 23, 1967. He served in the Korean War combat cruise (he received 2 combat stars), the Cuban Missile Crisis and Vietnam. Jim was a radio operator, radar man second class, chauffeur for upper staff members such as colonels. He was on the first assault aircraft carrier, Thetis Bay, after which he was shipped over to Korea to help retrieve (undetonated) bombs from the bottom of the ocean floor. He served on the USS Gardiners bay 9Air recovery outside Hong Kong), W.A.S.P., USS Shangri-La, USS Malloy, USS Boston (he received 3 combat stars) and the Kearsarge. He had been stationed in many places such as Korea, Pago-Pago, Hawaii, China & Hong Kong. During this time he received various medals: Korean Service medal, China Service medal and the Good Conduct medal among others. Jim even had a small part in the making of the movie "Caine Mutiny" in which the production company used the ship, and crew in the movie. In his retirement he held a variety of jobs; working for the Post Office in New Jersey, Curwensville High School custodial work and bar tender at the former Hyde Hotel. He was a member of a number of organizations; Clearfield American Legion, John Lewis Shade Post #6, Clearfield VFW #1785 and Clearfield Eagles Club. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Clearfield Chapter #974**. Jim was an avid walker and reader, a soft spoken guy who was a friend to all who came in contact with him. A celebration of life memorial service was held at Saint Francis Catholic Church, Clearfield Thursday, December 12, 2013 at 10:00 A.M. Interment was at Indiantown Gap National Cemetery. The family requested memorial contributions be made to Bennett and Houser Funeral Home Inc., 312 East Locust Street, Clearfield, Pa 16830. Bennett and Houser Funeral Home, Inc. were in charge of the arrangements.



GRANVILLE “Randy” FLATER – Died Monday, April 1, 2013 in Santa Rosa, California after a decade-long battle with cancer. He was 67 years of age. He was known to most as simply "Randy," having been nicknamed by a nurse who attended his birth on June 7, 1946 in Davenport, Iowa. Randy was the eldest child of Eldon and Eileen Flater. The family later relocated to Northern California and Randy graduated from Cappucino High School in Millbrae, California in 1964. Randy served in the United States Army from 1966-1970, including his service in the First Infantry Division in Vietnam from 1967-1968. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Santa Rosa Chapter #223**. Following his return to the U.S., Randy dated and then married Judy Donohue, and the couple, along with their eldest child, moved to Santa Rosa in the early 70s when Randy was offered a transfer by his employer, Hewlett-Packard. Randy continued working at Hewlett-Packard (and later Agilent) for almost three decades, during which time he also attended Santa Rosa Junior College and later Sonoma State University. He was also very active in the lives of his five children; he became very involved in their athletic and

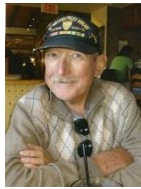
academic endeavors and supported each of them with fervor. Randy continued to be very involved in the lives of his seven grandchildren as well, and was known affectionately as "Papa" to all of them. After retirement, he immersed himself in the activities of his grandchildren, supporting one grandchild's love of ice skating by eventually becoming a board member of the Santa Rosa Figure Skating Club. In recent years Randy volunteered at Vet Connect, a non-profit organization that helps Veterans in need obtain assistance in areas such as housing, medical care, mental health care, and employment. Randy was proud of his connection to Vet Connect, specifically that he was helping others as well as making a contribution to the community that supported him. Randy is survived by his wife Judy Flater; his children, Julie Williams of Pleasant Hill, Scott Flater of Santa Rosa, Mark Flater of Santa Rosa, Lindsay Flater of Santa Rosa and Michael Flater of Berkeley; his grandchildren, Makayla, Alayna, Ashton, Jossana, Ginger, Layla and Carter; his brother, Jay Flater of St. Ignatius, Montana; his sister, Karen Flater of Great Falls, Montana; his parents, Eldon and Eileen Flater of Great Falls, Montana. A memorial service honoring Randy's life was held on Friday, April 12, 2013 at Noon at the Veteran's Memorial Building in Santa Rosa, CA. A reception followed. Randy's family asks that in lieu of flowers, donations be made to Vietnam Veterans of America (VVA), P.O. Box 1583, Santa Rosa, CA 95402, 707-526-4218, www.VVA223.org. Randy's family wishes to thank all of his friends for their dedication and support of Randy and his family. It will not be forgotten. Randy's strength and dedication will be remembered by all.

JOSEPH W. FLINT - Died Sunday, March 2, 2014 at Abington Memorial Hospital at the age of 68. He was a resident of Glenside, Pennsylvania. The cause of death is unknown. He was born April 15, 1945 in Auburn, New York to the late John Flint and Margaret (née Weber) Flint. He served in the United States Army Special Forces in Vietnam as an Airborne Demolition Expert. He was the recipient of the Purple Heart. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Philadelphia Chapter #590**. He was the husband of Annette (née Taylor) Flint. The Funeral Mass was on Thursday at 11:00 AM at the Church of Saint Luke the Evangelist, 2316 Fairhill Avenue (at Easton Road), Glenside, PA 19038. Relatives and friends were invited to his viewing on Wednesday evening from 7:00 to 9:00 PM at the William R. May Funeral Home, 354 North Easton Road (at Keswick Avenue), Glenside PA 19038 and to the Church on Thursday after 10:00 AM. Interment was in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery. Donations in Mr. Flint's name may be made to Bishop McDevitt High School, Office of Institutional Advancement, 125 Royal Avenue, Wyncote, PA 19095 or to Disabled American Veterans Scholarship Fund DAV Auxiliary National Headquarters, 3725 Alexandria Pike, Cold Spring, KY 40176 would be appreciated.



WALTER G. "AJ" FOOTE - Died Tuesday, February 18, 2014 in Lonaconing, Maryland at the age of 65. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on July 13, 1948 in Lonaconing to the late James Foote and Blanche (née Wilson) Foote. He was preceded in death by four brothers, Jim, Elden "Bud", John and Charlie and one sister, Patty Kyle. He was a Valley High School class of 1966 graduate. A veteran of the United States Air Force serving in the Vietnam War, Walter was a Master Sergeant and served his country for 21 years. He was a Lifetime Member of the Barton American Legion

Post 189, a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Cumberland Chapter #172**, V.F.W. Post 6605, Warner Robins, GA, Midland Sportsman's Club and the Lonaconing Republican Club. He is survived by one brother, Warren "Whiz" Foote of Lonaconing; a sister-in-law, Christine Foote of Lonaconing, and numerous nieces and nephews. Family and friends were received at the Wilhelm-Eakin Funeral Home, P.A., Lonaconing on Sunday, February 23, 2014 from 2:00 to 4:00 PM and 7:00 to 9:00 PM. A memorial service was held by Barton American Legion Post 189 at 7:00 PM. A funeral service was held on Monday, February 24, 2014 at 1:00 PM at the funeral home with the Reverend George Loar officiating. Interment was held at the Maryland State Veterans Cemetery at Rocky Gap, Flintstone. Military Rites were accorded by Combined Honor Guard Post 13, Cumberland.



BRUCE VINCENT FORMAGGIO - Died Tuesday, February 11, 2014 at the John R. Williamson Hospice House in El Dorado, Arkansas at the age of 65. He was a resident of Stephens, Arkansas. The cause of death was colon and lung cancer. He was born October 19, 1948 in Oak Park, Illinois to Janette L. Formaggio, of Harwood Heights, Illinois and the late Vincent S. Formaggio. He worked at the Chicago Sun Times Newspaper and the Dallas Times Herald and was a U. S. Postal Carrier. Bruce was in the United States Army and served a tour in Vietnam in 1970. As a Military Policeman in the 18th Military Police Brigade, he initially was stationed at Pershing Field in Saigon with the 92nd MP Battalion, 300th MP Company. Bruce was transferred to the 557th MP Company and promoted to Specialist Fourth Class. Bruce was awarded a position in the Elite Combined Police Patrol unit. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Magnolia Chapter #808**. In addition to his mother, he is survived by his wife, Ludie Margaret Primm Formaggio of Stephens; brothers, Steven Formaggio and wife, Pamela of Affton, MO and Scott Formaggio of Harwood Heights, IL; sister, Barbara Ann Formaggio-Rajkovich and husband, Sergio of Chicago, IL; nephews, Francisco Formaggio of Alvarado, TX, and Vincenzo Rajkovich of Chicago, IL; nieces, Larissa Formaggio of San Antonio, TX and Elisabetta Rajkovich of Chicago, IL; great nephews, Samuel Moreno and Mark Leal, Jr. both of San Antonio, TX; and great niece, Corinne Formaggio of San Antonio, TX. Funeral services were at 11:00 AM Friday at the Proctor Funeral Home with burial in Stephens Cemetery. The family received friends from 6:00-8:00 PM Thursday at the funeral home. Memorials may be made to the Vietnam Veterans of America, Arkansas State Council, P. O. Box 1709, Magnolia, AR 71754-1709.



RICHARD M. GELSOMINO - Died Wednesday, December 4, 2013 in Aurora, Illinois at the age of 66. The cause of death was metastatic pancreatic cancer. He was born in Chicago, Illinois on November 7, 1947. He served in the United States Army from February 18, 1970 to January 10, 1972. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Des Plaines Chapter #311**. He was the devoted husband of Patricia M. (née Dziubanek) Gelsomino; loved father of Shelly (Sonny) Scardamaglia and Andrea (Sudeb) Chattopadhyay; dear grandfather to Anthony, Sabrina and Parker; loving brother of Victor V. (Kathryn) Gelsomino, Jr. and the late Jack (Sue) Gelsomino, and; many nieces and nephews. Visitation was Sunday, from 3:00 PM until 8:00 PM at Beideleman-Kunsch Funeral Home & Crematory, 24021 Royal Worlington Drive, Naperville,

Illinois. The funeral service was on Monday at 10:30 AM at the funeral home. Interment was in the Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery, Elwood, Illinois. He was a retired forensic chemist for the DEA, Department of Justice after 42 years of service. Memorials to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.



PAUL E. GERRITS - Died unexpectedly Wednesday, March 12, 2014 in Green Bay, Wisconsin at the age of 63. The cause of death was a heart attack. He was born May 24, 1950, in Green Bay to the late Harold and Audrey Gerrits. Paul graduated from Preble High School, Class of 1968. He proudly served in the United States Army as a Combat Medic in Vietnam where he received two Bronze Stars. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – DePere**

Chapter #224. In 1971, he married Donna Rentmeester and they had two beautiful children of whom he was so proud. Paul worked in the auto body shop industry for many years. Paul loved being a Dad, Grandpa, Uncle and a friend. He loved spending time with everyone close in his life. He could always be found working on projects, junk picking on the road, cooking a great meal, traveling, and hunting on the land he loved in Neillsville. Paul will always be known as 'Buppa' to grandsons, Flynn and Sawyer and shared a birthday with his dear granddaughter, Quinn. Paul is survived by his two children, Joy (Tim) Vertz, Milwaukee; and Tyler (Danyel Rallof) Gerrits, Green Bay; three grandchildren, Flynn and Sawyer Vertz, and Quinn Gerrits; Paul's special friend, Terry DeGrave; his brothers and sisters, Mike (Barb) Gerrits, Tom (Cheryl) Gerrits, Andy (Lynda) Gerrits, Cathy (Jerry) Pinchart, Laurie (Mike O'Reilly) Larcheid, Jenny (Mike) Konyon, Patti ("Shorty") Leiterman, Wally (Debbie Rohloff) Gerrits; many special nieces and nephews; Super Bowl Weekend buddies, Kurt Johansen, Dave Burkart and Tom Rentmeester and his card playing buddies, Steve De Ruyter, Bill Zelazoski, and Don Brungraber. He was preceded in death by his parents, Harold and Audrey; and a sister-in-law, Debbie Gerrits. Friends came calling at the Blaney Funeral Home, 1521 Shawano Avenue, from 1:00 to 4:00 PM on Saturday. The Funeral Service, including full military honors accorded by the Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter #224 were held at 4:00 PM on Saturday at the funeral home.



NORMAN R. "Bud" GILL – Died peacefully in his sleep on Wednesday, January 15, 2014 at his home in Montgomery, Alabama at the age of 79 after a lengthy and valiant fight with Parkinson's Disease. He was born December 9, 1934, in Lansing, Michigan to the late William A. and Vernice (née Otto) Gill. He attended Sexton High School in Lansing where he

excelled both academically and athletically and was a State of Michigan High School wrestling champion. He graduated from Michigan State University in 1957, where he majored in electrical engineering and competed in Big Ten wrestling. He then received his commission as an officer in the United States Army where he pursued a career in Army Aviation. He served his country as a medevac officer in the early 1960's in Germany during the Berlin Crisis, served two tours in Vietnam including his first tour as an air assault pilot with the 229th Assault Helicopter Battalion of the First Cavalry Division (Air Mobile) in 1965-66 where he was involved in numerous battles including Ia Drang, LZ Xray and LZ Albany in addition to many other campaigns in the Central Highlands fought by The Cav in 1965-66. In 1969-70 he

served with AVEL Far North at Red Beach, Da Nang. He was awarded many commendations and medals for gallantry in action including the Bronze Star, Army Commendation Medal, numerous Air Medals with numerous Oak Leaf Clusters and the Vietnam Cross of Gallantry. When not in Vietnam, he served as an instructor pilot at Fort Rucker, Alabama, training helicopter pilots in advanced air assault tactics. He retired as a Lt. Col. in 1976 in Enterprise, Alabama. He spent nearly 25 additional years on the civilian side of Army Aviation at Fort Rucker before retiring in 2000 to Montgomery, Alabama. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Wetumpka Chapter #607**. He and his wife Sue consider Enterprise, Alabama, their home where they were members of Christ the King Lutheran Church since 1960. Gill is survived by his beloved wife of 53 years, Susan H. (Miller) Gill of Montgomery, Alabama (originally from Lansing, Michigan); his son, Jeffrey L. Gill (wife Cheryl) of Lakewood, Washington; son Gregory William Gill of Montgomery, Alabama; son Brian P. Gill (wife Michelle) of Pemberton, New Jersey, and daughter Jennifer K. (Gill) Arey (husband Col. (Ret) Scott Arey) of Harker Heights, Texas. He is also survived by many wonderful grandchildren: Amanda Gill, Monica Gill, Jessica Gill, Kaitlin Arey, Julia Arey, Hannah Faith Gill, Sara Grace Gill, Jeremiah B. Gill, and Isaiah M. Gill. Gill is also survived by his two brothers, James Gill (wife Beverly) and Ronald Gill (wife April) of Lansing, Michigan. The family received friends at the Alabama Heritage Funeral Home, 10505 Atlanta Highway, Montgomery, Alabama from 2:00 PM until 4:00 PM on Sunday, January 19, 2014. Funeral services were on Monday, January 20, 2014 at 11:00 AM at Saint Paul Lutheran Church, 4475 Atlanta Highway, Montgomery, Alabama. Interment with Full Military Honors was in Alabama Heritage Cemetery.



PHILIP B. GONYAW – Died early Saturday morning, February 8, 2014, at the Bel-Aire Nursing Home in Newport, Vermont at the age of 68. He was formerly a resident for more than 30 years of Westfield, Vermont. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Newport on August 18, 1945 to the late Maynard and Erdine Gonyaw. He is survived by his wife, Alice.

He attended school in Albany and graduated from Orleans High School in 1963. He was married to Alice (née St. Jacques) Vezina on July 6, 1974, in Albany, New York. They would have celebrated their fortieth wedding anniversary later this year. Mr. Gonyaw worked at the Ethan Allen plant in Orleans early in his career, farmed for a number of years in Westfield, worked at Jay Peak, was a salesman for Vermont Country Campers and later for DelaBruere Auto, and he owned and operated North Hill Self Storage with his wife. He was a proud United States Army veteran having served in Vietnam, and was a longtime member of the Vermont National Guard, retiring with the rank of first sergeant in 2005. He always made a special effort to reach out to returning soldiers from Iraq and Afghanistan to thank them for their service and to let them know how appreciated they were. Mr. Gonyaw unselfishly gave of his time and talents to many local groups. He was a charter member of the Troy Area Lions Club and served as president of that organization three times. As part of the Lions outreach, he volunteered each Thursday to help prepare and serve meals at the senior meal site in Westfield. He also helped run weekly Lions bingo events with proceeds of these activities being used to financially support eye programs for youngsters, programs to test and assist hearing impaired individuals, and scholarships for college bound students. He was a 30-year life member of Post #28 of the

American Legion and served as its treasurer at one time. He was a member of the American Legion Riders, a group that enjoyed motorcycling together. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Saint Albans Chapter #753**. He was a member of the Knights of Columbus Council #7943 and was a fourth degree Knight and served as trustee. He was a longtime and highly faithful member of the Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish of Troy, and he served on the church's finance committee. He was also serving as co-chairman of the town of Westfield's Emergency Management Committee. He enjoyed traveling, camping, motorcycling, the annual trek to the Fryeburg Fair, and good-natured bantering — activities all to be done with his many friends. He also enjoyed his daily walks with his faithful dog, Zelda. Apart from his humor, his smile and warm demeanor, he will most likely be remembered for being an extremely kind, caring, and compassionate person who would do whatever he could to help a friend or a family member in need. He took time to listen and give counsel and guidance to those who might seek his advice. He is survived by his wife, Alice; and by his stepchildren: Marie Breault of Glens Fall, New York, John Vezina of Belleview, Florida, Debbie Vezina of Irasburg, and Douglas Vezina of Newport. In addition, he is survived by 14 step grandchildren and 11 step great-grandchildren. He is also survived by his sister Phyllis Bottamini and her husband, Bruce, of Adamant; his brother Ronald and his wife, Edith, of West Charleston; his sister-in-law Rose Blais of North Troy; his special friends: Roland "Butch" and Jessie Barney of Island Pond; and by numerous nieces, nephews, and cousins. Calling hours were on Sunday, February 16, from 2:00 to 4:00 PM and from 6 to 8 PM, at the Curtis-Britch-Converse-Rushford Funeral Home, at 4670 Darling Hill Road in Newport. Funeral services were at Sacred Heart of Jesus Parish in Troy, New York on Monday, February 17th, at 11:00 AM, where a Mass of Christian burial was celebrated. In lieu of flowers, contributions in memory of Mr. Gonyaw may be made to the Troy Area Lions Club, P.O. Box 175, Westfield, Vermont 05874; or to Sacred Heart Church, for the Stained Glass Restoration Fund, P.O. Box 109, Troy, Vermont 05868. Online condolences may be sent to the family through the funeral home website at www.curtis-britch.com.

NICHOLAS JAMES GRYCOCK - Died Friday July 31, 2009 in West Palm Beach, Florida at the age of 60. The cause of death is unknown. He was born May 13, 1949 in Elizabeth, New Jersey to the late Nicholas A. and Margaret (née Moran) Grycock and lived in Brick, New Jersey, Kissimmee/Saint Cloud Florida, and West Palm Beach, Florida. He worked with the U.S. Postal Service before his retirement. He served in the United States Army during Vietnam in the 4th Infantry from 1968 to 1971. He was assigned to Military Police in Pleiku, Vietnam and Kaiserlautern, Germany. He earned the following Military Honors; Vietnam Campaign Medal, Purple Heart Medal, Bronze Star, Vietnam Service Medal, Good Conduct Medal, Army Commendation Medal, National Defense Service Medal. Nicholas belonged to V.F.W. Post 3227 in Kissimmee, FL and was the Commander of the American Legion Post 0080, Saint Cloud, FL. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Kissimmee Chapter #755**. Nicholas was the proud father of Nicholas and his wife Meredith, James and Michelle Grycock. He is survived by two sisters; Margaret Leslie and her husband George of New Providence, Dolores Caruso and her husband Thomas of West Palm Beach, FL. He is also survived by two grandchildren: Nicholas A. Grycock II of Fort Lee, NJ, Evelyn Ziropoulos of Northvale, NJ, two nieces and three nephews. In addition to his parents he was also

predeceased by his daughter Eileen Grycock. Visitation was on Thursday, August 6, 2009 from 2:00-4:00 PM and 7:00-9:00 PM at the Dangler Funeral Home, 309 Springfield Avenue, Summit, New Jersey. A Mass of Christian Burial was on Friday, August 7, 2009 at 10:00 AM at Our Lady of Peace Catholic Church, 111 South Street, New Providence, New Jersey. Interment was at Saint Gertrude's Cemetery in Colonia, New Jersey.

DENVER R. GUNNOE - Died Wednesday, March 19, 2014 in Fairdale, West Virginia at the age of 61. The cause of death was Agent Orange-related cancer. He was born on November 28, 1952 to the late Fred Gunnoe and Zella (née Osborne) Gunnoe. He was a United States Army veteran of the Vietnam War. He worked as a coal miner for many years. Then he worked 15 years as a State Coal Mine Inspector of West Virginia. He was a lifetime member of the Disabled American Veterans, Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 4326 of Midway and a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Beckley Chapter #860**. He was a member of Beckley Masonic Lodge No. 95, the Beni Kedem Shriners of Charleston, the Scottish Rite of Charleston, Beckley Moose Lodge, Montgomery Eagles Club, NAACP, Southern Poverty Law Group and American Civil Liberties Union. He loved life and he loved people. He had an appreciation for all coal miners. He loved animals and loved the outdoors. He was a sports fan, especially football. He was from a large family. He was preceded in death by brothers, Arlen, Kenner, Clarence, Erman and Cecil, and by sisters, Nadine Toler, Waveline Lusk, Joyce Todd, and special friend Joe Comer. Survivors include his sisters, Coetta Toler of Glen Daniel, Retha Armstrong of Pineville, Lilly Cook of Beckley, Joselene Stewart of Oceana and Geraldine Aliff of Georgia; brothers, Arvil of Ohio, Dale of Fairdale, Danny of Midway, Hearldine of Naoma, Ricky of Fairdale and Ronnie of California. And he is survived by special friends, Roger Shelton of Sophia, Charlie Randall Canterbury of Lester, Randall Dillon of Glen Daniel, Roger “Snorkel” Clay of Pettry Bottom, and special friends and neighbors, James and Loretta Bragg of Fairdale; and special godson, Ethan Comer of Mt. Hope. He wishes to thank all the good people he has met in his lifetime. And to leave this: “Remember any act of kindness and love, however small, never goes away. It lasts for all eternity.” He believed greatly in the spiritually and salvation of our Christ the Lord. In keeping with his wishes, his body has been donated to the Human Gift Registry of West Virginia University, School of Medicine. Also in keeping with his wishes, no services will be held. Any donations of sympathy should be made to Hospice of Southern West Virginia, P.O. Box 1472, Beckley, WV 25802-1472.

RICKIE ALLWN HACKER – Died November 2012 at the Lawton/Fort Sill Veterans Center in Lawton, Oklahoma. The cause of death is unknown. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Permanently Hospitalized Veteran Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Lawton Chapter #751**.



RICHARD HENRY “Dick” HACKMANN - Died Monday, July 29, 2013 in Hazlet, New Jersey at the age of 82. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on May 5, 1931 in Rahway, New Jersey to the late Henry and Grace Hackmann. He has remained a lifelong resident of New Jersey, but, had lived in Maryland and Florida before returning to New Jersey in 2012. Before Dick's retirement, he worked for DuPont, Parlin, NJ. Post retirement he served with the Maryland Department of Transportation as a bus driver. He was also a retired self-employed plumber

and had a NJ Master Plumber License. He proudly served his country in the United States Navy during both the Korean and Vietnam Wars and he received two Bronze Stars in Vietnam. He was a Seabee and remained actively involved with them attending annual reunions. He was a 50 year member of the Matawan Masonic Lodge #192 and also a member of the Midway Hose Company in Matawan. He was a member of **Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America – Brick Chapter #200**. He was an active member of the Gethsemane Lutheran Church, Keyport. In addition to his parents, he was also predeceased by two brothers, Ronald and Henry Hackmann, a sister Marjorie Longstreet, his first wife Nancy of 27 years, his second wife Anna of 32 years and his son Rich Hackmann. He leaves behind 2 daughters and sons in law, Barbara Hoffman and Phil Dodge, and Linda and Michael Quigley, 1 daughter-in-law, Sue Hackmann, 2 stepchildren Jay Ash and JoAnne Lloyd, 5 grandchildren, 6 step-grandchildren and 3 step-great-grandchildren. Visitation was held on August 1, 2013 from 2:00-4:00 PM and 7:00-9:00 PM at the Waitt Funeral Home and Cremation Service, 501 Highway 79, Morganville, New Jersey. A Masonic Service and funeral service was held during the evening viewing at 8:00 PM and private cremation followed.

JAMES W. "Jim" HAHN - Died Wednesday, February 19, 2014 in Somerset, Pennsylvania at the age of 73. The cause of death is unknown. He was born October 11, 1940 in Meyersdale, Pennsylvania to the late Allen and Viola (née Fuller) Hahn. He is also preceded in death by his brother Charles Hahn; and sisters Ruth Bassett and Betty Lowstetler. Jim is survived by his sons Steven Hahn and Jeffrey Hahn and wife Gwendolyn (Long); their mother Mary Katherine Hahn; grandson Kurt Hahn and fiancée Meaghan; sister Margaret Dietle and husband Ralph, all of Meyersdale; and special friend Pat Maust of Stoystown. Upon graduation from Meyersdale High School, Jim worked at Shipley Hardware before joining the United States Army, where he served with the Military Police until his discharge in 1965. He remained in the National Guard until 1981. He became a police officer in Meyersdale Borough in 1966 before joining the Somerset Borough Police Department in 1970 where he remained until his retirement in 2005. Jim then joined the staff at Miller Funeral Home and Crematory in Somerset and also was a deputy coroner for Somerset County until his passing. He was a former president, vice president, and current secretary of the Sheridan Caton Memorial Lodge of the Fraternal Order of Police, Lodge #98, where he specialized in labor negotiations and traveled across the country to labor seminars. He was a former Meyersdale Volunteer Fireman and a member of the Meyersdale American Legion. Jim was an avid bowler and motorcycle rider and was a member of the Blue Knights Police Motorcycle Club. He was also a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Cumberland Chapter #172** in Cumberland, MD. Friends were received from 2:00-8:00 PM Saturday at Miller Funeral Home and Crematory, Somerset. A funeral service was held at 2:00 PM Sunday at Milford United Methodist Church, with one hour of visitation prior to the service, Pastor John Phipps officiating. Interment was at Somerset County Memorial Park with military honors accorded by the Somerset County Honor Guard. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be sent to Camp Cadet at 142 Sagamore Street, Somerset, PA 15501 or Milford United Methodist Church at 368 Bando Road, Somerset, PA 15501.

ROGER JOHN HAHN - Died Thursday, February 20, 2014, at the VA Medical Center in Buffalo at the age of 70. He was a resident of North Tonawanda, New York and formerly from Tonawanda, New York. The cause of death was cancer. He was born in North Tonawanda to the late Harold W. and Elizabeth (née Hartman) Hahn. He was a lifelong resident of the Tonawandas. Roger was a United States Navy veteran of the Vietnam War and was a member of the Knights of Columbus Council #413. He was an avid golfer and bowler. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Tonawanda Chapter #77**. He is survived by his wife of 43 years, Diane L. (née Sentz) Hahn; three children, Christopher (Kathy) Hahn of Niagara Falls, NY, Deanna (Vince) Kalota and Lindsay Hahn, both of North Tonawanda; three grandchildren, baby Lucas Hahn, Scott and Noah Botsford; his beloved dog, London; his mother-in-law, Barbara Cartwright; a sister, Barbara (Fred) Hammond of Cleveland, OH; two cousins, Alan and Art Hahn; niece and nephews, John F. (Kate) Hammond, Jane (Chris) Peer and Jeffrey (Jessica) Hammond; and great-nieces and nephews, David, Andrew, John J. and Mackenzie Hammond, Sydney and Sarah Peer. Family was present on Monday from 2:00-4:00 and 6:00-8:00 PM at the John O. Roth Funeral Home, Inc., 25 William Street (between Morgan & Broad Streets), City of Tonawanda. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on Tuesday, February 25, at 9:30 AM at Our Lady of Czestochowa Roman Catholic Church, 64 Center and Oliver Streets, in North Tonawanda. Reverend Father Gary Szczepankiewicz officiated. Burial was private. Memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society, 101 John James Audubon Parkway, Amherst, NY 14228.

ROBERT W. "Bob" HARRELL - Died Thursday, January 16, 2014 at the Dubuis Hospital of Texarkana - North in Texarkana, Texas at the age of 65. He was a resident of Magnolia, Arkansas. The cause of death was lung cancer. He was born January 6, 1949 in Bastrop, Louisiana to Jean Harrell Tilbury, of Collinston, Louisiana and the late Roy Leon Harrell. He served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War. He was a longtime member of the Pentecostals of Magnolia Church. He retired from Albemarle Corporation as a LIMS system administrator and was a former EMT/paramedic for Columbia County Ambulance Service. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Magnolia Chapter #808**. In addition to his father, he was also predeceased by stepfather, Elton Tilbury and his granddaughter, Aubrey Joy Harrell. Bob is survived by his wife of 41 years, Linda Harrell of Magnolia; sons Blake Harrell and wife LaDonna of Magnolia, Kelsey Harrell and wife Abby of Magnolia; mother Jean Tilbury of Collinston, LA; stepmother Glenna Harrell of Arkadelphia; brother Lloyd Tilbury of West Monroe, LA; sisters Pam Audirsch and husband Keith of Collinston, LA, Kim Usery and husband Rowdy of Arkadelphia; grandchildren Donavan and Declan Harrell of Magnolia; honorary grandchildren Haden and Jaleigh Wylie of Magnolia; and a host of friends. Funeral services were held at 10:00 AM on Saturday, January 18, 2014 at the Pentecostals of Magnolia Church with Pastor Jason Wylie officiating. Burial was at the Waldo Cemetery under the direction of Lewis Funeral Home, Inc. Visitation was from 6:00-8:00 PM on Friday at the funeral home. The pallbearers were Dennis Elledge, Jim Ford, Anthony Brown, Vance Dycus, Charles Owen, David Faulk, Chad Hudson, and Bobby Beard. Honorary pallbearers will be Kevin Hudson and Drewy McMullan.

HERBERT GLENN HARRIS - Died peacefully on Saturday, December 31, 2011 at his residence in Gainesville Georgia at the age of 66. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in in Gainesville on April 6, 1945 to the late Hubert and Lucy Harris. In addition to his parents, he was also predeceased by his brother, Jewell Harris and sister, Joyce H. Cheatham. Survivors include his daughter, Helen Harris of Sandersville, GA; brother, Forrest Harris of Gainesville; numerous nieces and nephews. Herb was a native of Gainesville, growing up in New Holland Village. He was a United States Army veteran of the Korean War and returned to Gainesville to begin a multitude of entrepreneurial adventures. Herb owned a sandwich shop, bartended at the American Legion, owned AAA Pizza, was a founding partner of Credit Depot, which was publicly traded. He owned two mortgage companies, Tornado Homes in Commerce, co-owned Gulf States Mortgage Company and had many rental income properties. Herb was an early pioneer in the revitalization of downtown Gainesville, buying the old Georgia Theatre and extensively renovating it. Herb did an upscale residence in the upper floor with an office downstairs. Herb opened this beautiful showplace and allowed several charitable organizations to use it as their venue. Herb was a member of the Elks Club and the American Legion and a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Gainesville Chapter #772**. Herb enjoyed various coffee clubs at Longstreet's Café and McDonald's. His sense of humor was legendary around Hall County and his many friends will miss his wry wit. Funeral services were at 11:00 AM on Tuesday, January 03, 2011 at Little and Davenport Funeral Home in Gainesville. Family received friends on Tuesday from 10:00 AM until service time. Those wishing to send online condolences may do so at www.littledavenport.com Little and Davenport Funeral Home, 355 Dawsonville Hwy. Gainesville, GA 30501.



DENNIS DALE HENNEMAN – Died Sunday, September 15, 2013 in Sidney, Iowa at the age of 66. The cause of death was cancer. He was born in Clarinda, Iowa on February 10, 1947 to the late Lee and Violette (née Jensen) Henneman. Dennis grew up in Clarinda, Iowa and graduated from Clarinda High School in 1965. Dennis was a member of the Lutheran church. He enlisted in the United States Army after graduation (1968) and became Staff Sargent before being deployed to Vietnam. While in Vietnam he was wounded, taking shrapnel through his right leg, this earned him a Purple Heart and Bronze Star. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Council Bluffs Chapter #798**. Dennis was united in marriage on November 10, 1972 to Nancy Engstrand. Dennis and Nancy made their home in Sidney, Iowa in 1972 to raise their family. To this marriage were 3 children: Scott, Kimberly, and Kris. Once in Sidney, Dennis worked for the local phone company, was an EMT, Firefighter, and Reserve Deputy. He also taught classes for the fire and emergency personnel. Dennis has owned and operated Henneman Auto Parts in Sidney for the past 34 years. In 1979, Dennis and Nancy purchased Mr. Automotive in the Northridge Shopping Center in Sidney. In 1982, Dennis moved his business to the square in Sidney where it is currently located and became a Napa Auto Parts Dealer. Dennis enjoyed spending time with his family, loved watching NASCAR (spending many years building/racing his own car in Corning), riding/racing motorcycles, and taking pictures of barns/bridges/the freedom rock/grandchildren. He was very active in the Veterans Affairs, keeping up with the local weather through his weather station, as well as being a local business owner in Sidney. Dennis' greatest passion over the last nine years has been his grandchildren: Ashley, Kaden, Dacey,

Kolt, and Makensey. Dennis loved to play with the grandkids and spending time with them was one of his favorite things to do. Dennis was preceded in death by his father, Lee Henneman, an infant brother, Allan Henneman, father-in-law, Wendell Engstrand, and nephews Chad Martin and Korey Marriott. Dennis is survived by his wife, Nancy, three children and families (Scott and Shannon Henneman, Ashley, Dacey, and Makensey of Blanchard, IA; Kiley and Kimberly Payne, Kaden and Kolt of Sidney, IA; Kris Henneman of Randolph, IA), mother, Violette Henneman of Clarinda, IA; brother and sister-in-law, Brian and Debbie Henneman of Shell Knob, MO; sister and brother-in-law, Cheryle and Rodney Martin of Grimes, IA; mother-in-law, Lois Engstrand of Braddyville, IA; sister-in-law and brother-in-law, Donna and Randy Marriott of Braddyville, IA; nieces/nephews, Lisa Overgaard, Lori Barnett, Kyle Marriott, and Kolby Marriott and many other relatives and friends.



MICHAEL CHARLES "Mike" HERNDON – Died Friday, February 7, 2014 at his home in Hamilton, Montana at the age of 68. The cause of death was Diabetes Mellitus Type II and Coronary Artery Disease. He was born June 11, 1945 in Salmon, Idaho the second of three children born to the late Joseph W. Herndon and Marjorie A. (née Brower) Herndon. Mike grew up and attended schools in Salmon, participated in football and basketball, and graduated with the class of 1963. He attended the University of Idaho and Idaho State University. In October of 1965, he enlisted in the United States Navy and served on the USS Forrestal and the USS Intrepid until his discharge in 1969. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Hamilton Chapter #938**. Mike married Marg Gohmes Schofield, on June 25, 1971 in Las Vegas, Nevada. During the early years in Las Vegas, Mike loved activities such spending time in the mountains and waterskiing, and he became (and remained) an avid UNLV fan. Their twin daughters, Jody and Jenny, were born in 1976. Mike was employed by various construction companies and retired as a master carpenter in 1997. His work assignments allowed him to travel to many locations, from the Nevada Test Site, to South Carolina, to Antarctica. Mike and Marg were divorced in 1985 but remained good friends until his death. Mike loved sports, particularly football, and spent many hours watching his favorite college team, the Montana Grizzlies, and his favorite pro teams, the Los Angeles Lakers and the Denver Broncos. He enjoyed gardening, reading, fishing, historical dramas, and spending time with family and friends. He was especially fond of his many pets. He looked forward to the summertime visits from his granddaughters which included many hours of wagon rides and horse feedings. Mike is survived by his two daughters, Jody Michelle Khouri (Michel), Durham, North Carolina, and Jenny Dyann Herndon, Monrovia, California; his ex-wife, Marg Herndon, Corvallis, Montana; stepson Lewis Clifford Schofield, Las Vegas, Nevada; granddaughters, Lorelei Glavin, twins Audrey and Raquel Khouri, and Shelby Schofield; grandsons Scott and Sean Schofield; sisters Deborah Riggan (Jim), Salmon, and Lynda Carey (Matt), Pullman, Washington; niece, Ashley Carey Goss (Andy), Walla Walla, Washington; cousins, James and John Herndon, Karl vonAlmen, Ron Brower, and Judi Brower Billey. Mike was preceded in death by his parents, Joseph and Marjorie Herndon, grandparents Albert and Ivy Brower, and Millicent A. Herndon. The family suggested memorials be made in Mike's name to the Salmon High School Booster Club c/o Fred Snook at 44 Cemetery Lane, Salmon, Idaho 83467 or the Retired Veterans Affairs Association c/o American Legion Lloyd Shaw Post #67 212 South Andrews Street, Salmon, Idaho 83467. Funeral services were on Wednesday, February

12, 2014 at 11:00 AM at the Jones and Casey Funeral Home in Salmon with burial in the Salmon Cemetery with Military Honors by the American Legion Lloyd Shaw Post #67 and the Idaho Honor Guard.



FERNANDO J. HIJAR, JR. - Died Wednesday, March 12, 2014 in El Paso, Texas at the age of 71. The cause of death was cancer. He was born May 23, 1942 in El Paso, Texas to the late Fernando and Maria Luisa Hajar. He is survived by his wife Josefina Hajar; son: Fernando Hajar (Barbara Licht); daughters: JoAnn Hajar and Yvette Davis (Ricky Davis); grandchildren: Adrian and Christopher Hajar, Brandon Mathews, and Ryan and Jacob Davis; brother: Richard Hajar; sisters: Yolanda Zepeda, Margarita Hajar, Isela Sterling, and Norma Muro and lots of loving nieces and nephews. Mr. Hajar was a long-haul driver for Safeway and JB Weber receiving numerous safe driving awards. He served in the United States Navy and was a proud *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – El Paso Chapter #574** and the VFW. After retirement, he enjoyed golfing and casino activities and was an avid Oakland Raider fan. He is remembered for his sense of humor, loyalty to friends and the love for his family and not to forget the love for his dog Pelusa. Visitation was from 6:00 to 9:00 PM on Monday, March 17, 2014 at Hillcrest Funeral Home-Carolina with a Vigil Service at 7:00 PM. Services were under the direction of Hillcrest Funeral Home.

CHARLES T. “Chuck” HOGAN – Died Saturday, April 20, 2013 in North Port, Florida at the age of 64. The cause of death was Agent Orange-related lung cancer. He was born December 1, 1949 Alamo City, Georgia. He served in the United States Army with a tour of duty in Vietnam from January 1968 to September 1969. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Brick (New Jersey) Chapter #200**. He is survived by his wife, Beverly, of North Port, Florida.



MICHAEL L. HUNTER - Died Saturday, March 15, 2014 at the Pickering House with loved ones by his side. He was a resident of Lancaster, Ohio and was 69 years of age. The cause of death was Agent Orange-related leukemia. He was born on January 2, 1945 to the late William J. and Irene O. (née Bentley) Hunter. Michael was a Vietnam Veteran who served his country in the United States Army. He was a member of the American Legion and the Pine Lake Estates. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Worthington Chapter #670**. Michael is survived by wife, Sharon (Peck-Jacobs) Hunter; daughter, Teresa (Jeff) Senig; son, Michael (Tracy) Jacobs; grandchildren, Cori Beatty, Gage Whitmoyer (Kate Frazier), Chloe Jacobs, and Keaton Jacobs; sister, Bonnie (Tom) Strassell; brothers, William (Pat) Hunter and David (Kathy) Hunter; granddogs; several nieces, nephews, and special friends. In addition to his parent, Michael was preceded in death by his sisters, Linda Lou Hunter and Carol (Hunter) Ullmer; brothers-in-law, Jim and Jerry Peck; mother-in-law, Alma J. King. A funeral service was held on Tuesday, March 18 at 11:00 AM at Sheridan Funeral Home. Burial was at the Maple Grove Cemetery where a military graveside service was conducted by the Lancaster Ohio Veterans Burial Detail. Family received friends on Monday, March 17th from 4:00-8:00 PM at the funeral home. Family and friends were welcomed for a gathering after the graveside service at Michael and Tracy's house.

Memorial contributions may be made to the American Heart Association, FairHoPe Hospice, or to the James Cancer Hospital Leukemia Division.



WILLIAM E. JACO, JR. - Died unexpectedly on Tuesday, February 18, 2014 at LGH at the age of 66. He was a resident of Elizabethtown, Pennsylvania and formerly of Columbia, Pennsylvania. The cause of death is unknown. He was born July 14, 1947 in Columbia. He was married to Linda L. (née Manley) Jaco. He served in the United States Air Force during the Vietnam War. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Lancaster Chapter #1008**. Memorial Services were held at the Andrew T. Scheid Funeral Home, 320 Blue Rock Road, Route 999, Millersville, PA 17551 on Saturday, February 22, 2014 at 11:00 AM (Visitation 10-11 AM). Private Interment was in the Indiantown Gap National Cemetery, Annville, PA.



JOHN C. JACOBS - Died Sunday, January 19, 2014 at his home in Morristown, Tennessee at the age of 71. The cause of death is unknown. He was born November 29, 1942 in Morristown. He was a member of Panther Springs United Methodist Church; a veteran of the United States Army 3rd Inf., retired from General Motors, and a member of the Hamblen County Car Club. He was a member of **Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America – Morristown Chapter #1073**. John was preceded in death by his wife, Katherine E. Jacobs and brother, Fred Jacobs. Survivors include his sons, James (Christa) Jacobs and Jeffery (fiancé Kelly) Jacobs; daughter, Allison (Bob) Carmichael; grandchildren, Raechel, Kaetlyn, Shaeleigh, Patrick, Gabrielle, Gavin, and Andrew; brothers, Bob, Dale, and Jerry Jacobs; sisters, Delores Moulton and Beverly Schaeffer. Visitation was from 3:00 PM – 5:00 PM on Saturday, January 25, 2014 at Panther Springs United Methodist Church and funeral service followed at 5:00 PM with Reverend Danny Hensley officiating. In lieu of flower donations can be made to Panther Springs United Methodist Church Building Fund, 4555 West Andrew Johnson Highway, Morristown, TN 37814. Arrangements were made by Mayes Family Services of Morristown, West Chapel.

TIMOTHY JAMES JENKINS - Died Saturday, December 21, 2013 at the Medstar Georgetown University Hospital in Washington DC at the age of 67. He was a resident of Morgantown, West Virginia. The cause of death was liver disease. He was born November 20, 1946 in Morgantown to Lillie Grace Jenkins, of Morgantown and the late George Thomas Jenkins. Tim was a retired coal miner with CONSOL, having worked at the Arkwright and Robinson Run Mines He served his country in the United States Marine Corps during the Vietnam-era where he earned the rank of Sgt., and received numerous medals such the Vietnam Service Medal, Purple Heart, Combat Action Medal and the Vietnam Campaign Medal .He was a life member of VFW Post 9916, the D.A.V., former fire chief of the Cool Springs VFD, a Boy Scout Leader, a Mecca 911 operator, a volunteer for Hospice and the original owner of Cool Springs Grocery. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Morgantown Chapter #306**. In addition to his mother, Lillie,, he is survived by his wife Janet Jenkins, a son and his wife Michael and Kimberly Lynch, a daughter Candy Cooley, brothers Joe Jenkins and wife Marlene, Ken Jenkins and life companion Jeanne Parker and Dan Jenkins, a sister in law Sharon Jenkins, 4 grandchildren Ashton Lynch, Justin Cooley, Colton Watring and Garrett Watring, 16 nieces and

9 nephews. Tim and Janet were also caregivers to Jim and Royal. In addition to his father, Tim was preceded in death by a brother Keith Jenkins, father in law Bruce Lipscomb and a very close and best friend Doug Dalton. Friends called at the Fred L. Jenkins Funeral Home on Friday, December 27, 2013 from 3:00-5:00 and 7:00-9:00 PM and again on Saturday from 10:00 AM until the time of services at 11:00 AM with the Reverends Ray Frankhouser and Francis Nicholson co-officiating. Burial was in the Mount Pleasant Cemetery with military honors by Marine Corp Detachment # 342 and members of the United States Marine Corps.



FREDERICK CHARLES "Fred" JOHNSON - Died Monday, December 20, 2010 at the Geisinger Medical Center in Danville, Pennsylvania at the age of 67. He was a resident of Clearfield, Pennsylvania. The cause of death is unknown. He was born April 3, 1943 in Clearfield to the late John D. Shifter and Esther O. (née Beauseigneur) Johnson. Mr. Johnson was a coal miner and heavy equipment operator for the Grenage Collories Coal Co. in Barnesboro (Northern Cambria), PA. He was a member of the United Mine Workers Union Local #1609, and a member of **Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America – Clearfield Chapter #974**, a member of the Cross Flag Corvette Club, the Grice Community Museum, and the Old Town Sportsman Club. On September 2, 1976, he wed the former Ethel E. McCombs who survives along with 2 stepsons Walter P. Wilsoncroft of Clearfield and Jeffrey A. Wilsoncroft of O'Shanter. Also surviving are 3 step-grandchildren Ashley, Kristin, and Casey; 3 step-great grandchildren Jaden Cole Albert, Dakota Grace Rubly, and Trace Patrick McDermott; 2 brothers and 2 sisters, Van Johnson and wife Joyce of Curwensville, Barry Johnson of Hawaii, Cynthia Johnson of Uniontown, and Nancy Johnson of New York City. In addition to his parents, he was also predeceased by a step-daughter Susan Lucas, a step-granddaughter Jenna Malone, 2 brothers Chris and Leonard, a sister Patricia, and a half-brother William Maldau. Funeral Services for Mr. Johnson were held at the Chester C. Chidboy Funeral Home, Inc. of Curwensville on Friday December 24, 2010 at 10:00 AM, with the Reverend Samuel Mains officiating. Interment was in the Bloomington Cemetery, RD Curwensville, Pennsylvania. Friends were received at the funeral home on Thursday December 23rd from 2:00 to 4:00 PM and 6:00 to 8:00 PM and on Friday from 9:00 AM until time of services.



DARRELL LEE JOLLY - Died at 10:15 PM, Sunday, December 22, 2013 at Richard L. Roudebush VA Medical Center in Indianapolis at the age of 67. He was a resident of Wabash, Indiana. The cause of death was arrhythmia. He was born November 17, 1946 in Wabash, Indiana to the late George W. and Marjorie (née Jenkins) Jolly. Darrell was a 1965 graduate of Wabash High School. He was a United States Army veteran serving in Vietnam, where he received the Purple Heart. He worked at the Honeywell Center in Wabash more than 30 years, retiring in 2010, and also worked at the Old Kettle Saloon and managed the Elks Lodge Bar, both in Wabash. Darrell was a member of the American Legion Post 15, the VFW Post 286, the Eagles Lodge and the Elks Lodge, all of Wabash. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Bluffton Chapter #698**. He is survived by 2 brothers, Keith Jolly and George Kevin (Helen M.) Jolly, both of Wabash. Funeral services were at 10:30 AM on Friday, December 27, 2013 at Grandstaff-Hentgen Funeral Service, 1241 Manchester Avenue, Wabash, with Pastor J.P. Freeman officiating.

Burial was in Falls Cemetery, Wabash. Friends called 9:00-10:30 AM on Friday at the funeral home.

GARY A. JURKOWSKI - Died Saturday January 25, 2014 in Perry, New York while surrounded by family at Buffalo General Hospital. He was 69 years of age. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Warsaw, New York on May 31, 1944 to the late John Jurkowski and Helen (née Szymanski) Jurkowski. Gary was working as a patrolman with the Perry Police Department when he answered the call to serve his country and enlisted in the United States Air Force in 1966. He completed basic training at Lackland AFB in San Antonio, Texas, and then completed Advanced Individual Training in Biloxi, Miss. Gary became qualified as an Air Traffic Controller and Weather Observer at the Laredo AFB in Texas. He was a 1962 graduate of Perry High School. Following his service to his country, he returned to Perry in 1970 and went to work for the Wyoming County Sheriff's Department as a patrolman. A year later, he returned to his former job as a patrolman with the Perry Police Department and worked his way through the ranks to become sergeant. In 1977 he became the police chief. Gary enjoyed working closely with children in the village and instituted the "Officer Bill" program at Perry Central Schools, before the more current D.A.R.E program was established. He was involved with the Bicycle Rodeo in the interest of bicycle safety offering locally sponsored savings bonds and trophies in the 1970s. During his career in law enforcement, he also worked part-time for the Wyoming County Sheriff's Department for 13 years on Marine Lake Patrol on Silver Lake. He continued to work as the police chief of Perry until his retirement in 2000. Gary continued his career in law enforcement and became the municipal court justice for the Village of Perry until retiring in 2012. He was a member of the Saint Isidore's Catholic Parish (Saint Joseph's Church) in Perry, the Constellation Lodge 404 of the Free and Accepted Masons in Perry. A member of the Magistrates Association, Knights of Columbus Council 10983, Perry Firemen Benevolent Organization, lifetime member of the New York Chiefs of Police Organization. Gary was also a member of the McKelton Post 350 American Legion and **Vietnam Veterans of America – Warsaw Chapter #193** and past member of the Perry Ambulance Corps. He belonged to the Patriot Guard Association honoring the transporting of the deceased veterans' ashes to Bath, NY. Gary was recognized in 2012 for 15 years of service, as the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration observer where he compiled statistics for the National Weather Service based in Buffalo and hometown papers and news stations in Rochester. Among other activities, he drove a tractor trailer with Diagnostic Cat Scanners and MRI equipment to various hospitals and drove freight runs to Ohio for Kaustine Furnace and Tank. He also enjoyed driving truck for local farms. Gary enjoyed railroading and loved showing his Army 2 1/2-ton truck at various local events and parades. He was known for his compassion, respected for his wisdom and insight and a mentor to many. He is survived by two daughters: Tamara (James) Quilty of Dallas, Texas, and Kathy Narowski of Pavilion; two brothers, John (Ginni) Jurkowski of Rochester and Edward (John Harris) Jurkowski of Perry; a sister, Marie (Jack) Beachel of Castile; three grandchildren, Konner Narowski, Lexi and Avery Quilty along with many nieces, nephews and long-time friend, Judy Bryant. The family would like to extend much gratitude to Carolyn Grieve for her loving care during his illness. Gary's memory was honored with calling hours on Friday, June 13th and a memorial service on Saturday, June 14th, at the Eaton-Watson Funeral Home in Perry. Burial was in Saint Stanislaus Kostka Cemetery in Perry. In lieu of flowers, his family

requests memorials in Gary's name to be made to the American Juvenile Diabetes Association or the charity of your choice. Arrangements were by Eaton-Watson Funeral Home, 98 North Main Street, Perry.

WILLIAM H. KELLER - Died Tuesday, April 23, 2013 in Louisville, Kentucky at the age of 65. The cause of death was cancer. He was born on May 4, 1947 in Louisville. He served in the United States Marine Corps with two tours of duty in Vietnam. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Louisville Chapter #454**. He is survived by his wife, Harriet; his fraternal twin, Robert; his brothers, Ronald, David and Daniel; his sisters, Nellie Borders and Barbara Marsh; his stepmother, Mary McFarland, and; a host of nieces and nephews. A graveside memorial service was held at 11:00 AM on Saturday, July 20, 2013 in Evergreen Cemetery where his remains were interred.



HARRY F. KELLY III – Died Sunday, March 9, 2014 in Ayden, North Carolina at the age of 71. The cause of death was a massive heart attack. He was born August 30, 1943. He had a distinguished life as a member of the United States Air Force where he rose to the rank of Staff Sergeant and later as a lieutenant in the reserves. Harry was also very dedicated to the youth and veterans of Pitt County. Countless hours were devoted to teaching and coaching little league baseball, and teaching children what it takes to become successful in the world of work. He was one of the strongest advocates for local veterans, helping them receive government benefits that they richly deserved. Mr. Kelly received many awards including the Distinguished Service Officer of Pitt County, the Outstanding Service Award by the Veterans Administration and numerous other awards for his service. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Greenville Chapter #272**. He was a member of Central Baptist Church in Brighton, Tennessee. He leaves behind his wife, Ellen Marie Kelly; two sons, Michael and John Kelly; two daughters, Monica and Shirley Kelly; five grandsons, Paul Hargis, Justin Hancock, Gregory, Brian and Dylan Kelly; five granddaughters, Teena Carter, Tesha Pittman, Ashley, Megan and Shelby Kelly; and three great grandsons, Logan and Cameron Carter and W. Shane Campbell. The family received friends Thursday from 6:00 to 8:00 PM at Wilkerson Funeral Home. A graveside service was conducted Friday at 2:00 PM in Pinewood Memorial Park.

REVEREND ALTON CLARENCE KING - Died Sunday, October 13, 2013 at Dorchester General Hospital, Cambridge, Maryland at the age of 65. He was a resident of Laurel, Delaware. The cause of death was Diabetes Mellitus Type II and Ischemic Heart Disease. He was born on Friday, July 16, 1948 to the late of Alton "Ollie" King and Annie King in Milford, Delaware and was the oldest of 8 children. He obtained a Master's Degree in Theology and he served in the United States Army from May 1967 to May 1970 with a tour of duty in Vietnam from December 1967 to December 1968. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Ellendale Chapter #546**. Rev. King most recently served as the Pastor of the Eastern Shore Community Church of God in Georgetown, DE. He also served as Pastor in communities throughout Delaware, Maryland and Maine during his ministry career. He was an Ordained Bishop in the Church of God, Cleveland, TN and began serving in credentialed ministry in 1980. He also served as a Chaplain for the Ellendale Georgetown V.F.W Post #2931 and was a lifetime

Member of the Vietnam Veterans of America. Rev. King was also a credentialed counselor with the American Association of Christian Counselors. He sang with a local gospel singing group, the King Ambassadors. He was an avid sports fan, and enjoyed NASCAR , Football, Baseball ,with his Red Sox being his favorite team. He also enjoyed spending time with his grandchildren and spoiling them. He loved playing and coaching the men's softball for many years and coaching little league baseball. He leaves behind his loving wife of 42 years Debbie King, his mother Annie B. King, two daughters: Deana Morris and husband Pastor Darrel Morris, Jennifer Stevens and Pastor Andy Stevens, and 7 siblings: Linda Ashley, J. Edward King, Dwight King, Barry King, Michael King, Beverly Wong and Brenda Whittington. Also, 4 grandchildren: PFC, Colin Morris, Reece and Layne Morris and Micah Stevens, and a multitude of nieces and nephews. Funeral services were on Thursday, October 17, 2013 at the Milford Church of God, 500 North Walnut Street, Milford, DE at Noon, where friends called from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM for visitation. Interment was private. Arrangements were handled by Berry Short Funeral Home.

KEITH E. KING – Died Monday, October 1, 2012 in Chaparral, New Mexico at the age of 73. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on June 6, 1940. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – El Paso Chapter #844**.

JOHN M. KIRK – Died recently in 2014 in Port Deposit, Maryland at the age of 63. The cause of death is unknown. He was born March 8, 1950. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Port Deposit Chapter #722**.

GARY ALBERT KLEIN – Died Tuesday, December 10, 2013 in Yacolt, Washington at the age of 64. The cause of death was Bladder cancer. He was born in Evansville, Indiana on August 16, 1949 to the late Albert Klein and Laura Klein who survives. In addition to his mother, he is survived by his wife of 44 years, Carla J. Klein; two sons and daughters-in-law, Todd and Renée Klein and Troy and Jennie Klein, and; six grandchildren, Maddy, Megan, Mason, Bryan, Sierra and Aiden. He served in the United States Army from 12 June 1967 to 11 June 1970 with a tour of duty in Vietnam with the 4th Aircraft Maintenance Battalion, 3rd US Army from September 1968 to September 1969. He was also a Crew Chief on helicopters while in Vietnam. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Vancouver Chapter #512**.



DONALD M. LAFFOON (USA, LTC-Ret.) - Died at 12:47 PM on Friday, February 28, 2014 at Baptist Health Madisonville, Kentucky at the age of 88. He was a resident of Madisonville. The cause of death was heart failure. He was born on September 7, 1925 in Daniel Boone, Kentucky in Hopkins County to the late George Herbert Laffoon and Mary E. (née Lanier) Laffoon. Donald was drafted into the United States Army in 1943 during his senior year at Nortonville High School. He spent close to twenty-eight years in the Army and was a Combat Veteran of World War II, Korea and Vietnam. Lieutenant Colonel Laffoon's awards include: Combat Infantry Badge 2nd Award, Glider Badge, Expert Marksman Rifle, Bronze Star with Oak Leaf Cluster, Purple Heart, Meritorious Service Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster, Joint Service Commendation Medal, Good Conduct Medal, American Campaign Medal, Asiatic Pacific Campaign Medal, Europe, Africa and Middle East Campaign Medal with one Bronze Campaign Star, World War II Victory Medal, World War II Occupation

Medal, National Defense Service Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster, Korean Service Medal with five Campaign Stars, Vietnam Service Medal with three Campaign Stars, Korean Defense Medal, United National Korean Service, Republic of Korea War Service Medal, Vietnam Campaign Medal, Korean Presidential Unit Citation and six Overseas Service Bars. Between World War II and the Korean War Donald met his future wife in 1946 on a bus trip to Chicago. Delois and Donald dated for two years and were married Christmas Eve in 1948. Donald used his G.I. Bill and graduated from the University of Kentucky in 1950 with a degree in agriculture. During his military career Donald raised two sons, George H. and Donald W. Laffoon. He was supportive in their scouting activities and served as a cub master, scout master and several troop committee positions. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Madisonville Chapter #1060**. After retirement from the military Donald returned to Madisonville to take care of his mother and step-father. Donald began a second career with the Kentucky Employment Office and worked twenty years on job placement for Veterans. In his spare time Donald enjoyed boating and raising a garden. Along with his wife he took care of his wife's parents at his home. Growing up in the depression and not having much Donald made sure his grandchildren were not deprived. In addition to his parents, he was also predeceased by his sisters, Lottie Cozart Hammonds, Ellen Lantrip and Wanda Mudd; and his wife, Delois (née Westerfield) Laffoon just short of their sixty-fifth wedding anniversary. He is survived by his sons, George H. Laffoon of Palatine, IL and Donald W. (Barbara) Laffoon of Madisonville; his grandchildren, Rachel Williams and Alex Laffoon; his great-grandchildren, Amber Williams, Max Williams and Nikolas Perez. Funeral services were held at 11:00 AM on Wednesday, March 5, 2014 in the chapel of Harris Funeral Home in Madisonville with Dr. Bob Morrison officiating. Burial was in the Lanier Cemetery in Crofton, Kentucky. Full Military Honors were conducted graveside by 101st Airborne Division Fort Campbell, Kentucky. Visitation was from 4:00 to 7:00 PM on Tuesday and from 9:00 AM until the funeral hour Wednesday at Harris Funeral Home. Memorial contributions may be made in Donald's memory to the Activity Dept. at the Eddie Ballard Western Kentucky Veterans Center in Hanson, KY or to any Veteran Association of the donor's choice. Envelopes will be available at the funeral home.

JAMES "Smokey" LEWIS – Died Wednesday, February 5, 2014 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania at the age of 68. The cause of death was cancer. He was born in Philadelphia on October 8, 1945. He served in the United States Army from February 29, 1964 to February 13, 1967. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Liberty Bell (Philadelphia) Chapter #266**. He is survived by his daughter Dawn, siblings Eileen Brown, Martin Bohley, Joseph Bohley, Grace Walker, David Bohley, and his ex-wife Mandy. He is also survived by many nieces and nephews. Relatives and friends were invited to his Viewing on Friday at 11:00 AM at the McCafferty-Sweeney Funeral Home, 6126 Torresdale Avenue. Funeral Service was at 12:00 Noon. Burial was precisely at 2:00 PM in Washington Crossing National Cemetery.

LARRY BLAINE LITZ - Died Monday, January 21, 2013 at the Harry S. Truman Memorial Veterans Hospital in Columbia, Missouri at the age of 65. He was a resident of Browning, Missouri. The cause of death is unknown. Larry, known by most as PA, was born November 21, 1947 in Clearfield, Pennsylvania to the late William F. and Alice "Red" (née Smeal) Litz. On March 30, 2006 in Las Vegas, Nevada he married Ethel Adniskey and she survives. Also surviving are two

daughters, Stacy and husband Brian Soltys of Clearfield, PA and Billie and husband Paul Richards of North Salem, MO, one son, Billy and wife Coleen Dunsmore of Phoenix AZ, one step-daughter, Sissy and husband Ted Horner of Dubois, PA, One step-son, Johnny and wife Kayla Adniskey of Queen City, MO, one brother, Mouny and wife Pat Litz of State College, PA, one sister, Pat and husband Jerry Albert of Clearfield, PA, eight grandchildren, Kara Soltys, Dane Soltys, Billy Richards, Colton Adniskey, Emalee Horner and Gabby Horner, Billy Dunsmore and Doug Dunsmore, and several nieces and nephews. In addition to his parents, he is also predeceased by one brother Bill Litz, and one daughter, Lori Litz. PA lived in Clearfield, PA for most of his life. He served in the United States Air Force in Viet Nam. After of which he served in the United States Army. He later was employed as a mechanic for Cummins Diesel. In 1984 he moved to Browning, MO, where he owned and operated the Dew Drop Inn for several years. He was a member of the American Legion, the VFW, the SOI, and the Eagles Lodge. He was also a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Clearfield (Pennsylvania) Chapter #974**. He liked to fish and hunt, enjoying the outdoors. He loved the time spent with his wife and family. He will be greatly missed. His cremains were buried at the Missouri Veterans Cemetery at Jacksonville, Missouri.



ANTHONY D. "Tony" LOPEZ – Died Wednesday, January 22, 2014 in Westminster, Colorado at the age of 64. The cause of death was Agent Orange-related leukemia. He was born October 8, 1949 in Denver, Colorado. He served in the United States Army from September 2, 1969 to September 1, 1972 with a tour of duty in Vietnam from June 16, 1970 to June 15, 1971. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Denver Chapter #1071**. He was the husband of JoAnn; father of Vicki and Chris (Angela); grandfather of Alex and Aliya; brother of Terrie (Randy) Swank; brother-in-law of Juanita (Martin) McKain; uncle of Teresa, Joe, Adelle, Brett, Josh and Scott. Visitation was on Monday January 27, 2014 from 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM at Archdiocese of Denver Mortuary Chapel. A Rosary was recited on Monday January 27, 2014 at 7:00 PM at Archdiocese of Denver Mortuary Chapel. The Funeral Mass was on Tuesday January 28, 2014 at 10:00 AM at Saint Mark Catholic Church. Interment was on Tuesday January 28, 2014 at 12:00 PM at Mount Olivet Cemetery.

LEIGH THOMAS LUDDEN - Died Sunday, February 9, 2014 in Lexington, Oklahoma at the age of 69. The cause of death was chronic obstructive pulmonary disease. He was born in Akron, Ohio on September 12, 1944 to the late Joseph Earnest Ludden and Dorothy Ruth (née Frevold) Ludden. He served in the United States Army during the Vietnam-Era. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Tulsa Chapter #216**. His civilian career was as a computer repair technician. The family held a memorial service at 2:00 PM on Friday, February 14, 2014 at Fort Gibson National Cemetery. Reverend Forrest Kirk, VAMC Chaplain will officiate. Military Honors were provided by American Legion Post #56, Haskell, Oklahoma.



MICHAEL G. LYNCH - Died Tuesday, August 27, 2013 in the Lyons VA Hospital, Lyons, New Jersey at the age of 65. He was a resident of Iselin, New Jersey. The cause of death was ALS (Lou Gehrig's Disease). He was born June 23, 1948 in Boston, Massachusetts to the late Walter and Mary Lynch. He had lived in Brooklyn before

residing in Iselin for the past 41 years. He served his country in the United States Marine Corps during the Vietnam War. Michael was a professional Firefighter in the Jersey City Fire Department for 25 years, ultimately serving as Captain, before retiring in 2005. His most recent employment was as Fire Safety Director at JP Morgan Chase Bank in Jersey City. He was also the Captain of the Iselin Volunteer Fire Company #1. Michael was a member of the Essex County Emerald Society Police & Fire Pipe & Drum Band, and also a member of the Leatherneck Pipes and Drum Band. He belonged to the VFW in Avenel and **Vietnam Veterans of America New Brunswick Chapter #233**. He was an avid collector of unique Marine and Firefighter memorabilia. Michael is predeceased by his brother, Mark Lynch. He is survived by his wife, Joyce (née Liska) Lynch; his two sons, Ryan P. Lynch and his wife Deepa Kairen of South Orange and Timothy M. Lynch and his wife Sara of North Brunswick; 4 grandchildren, Zachary, Sahana, Aryana and Devina. The funeral was held on Saturday, August 31st at 9:15 AM at the Costello-Runyon Funeral Home, 1225 Green Street & Cooper Avenue, Iselin followed by a 10:30 AM Mass in Saint Andrew Roman Catholic Church, Avenel. Visitation was on Friday from 2:00-4:00 and 7:00-9:00 PM. All services will end at the church. Cremation was private. At the request of the family, donations to the ALS Association (www.alsa.org) in his memory would be much appreciated. To send condolences visit www.costello-runyon.com Mike was a unique and passionate individual. He had a great deal of pride and affection for his family and service. He is loved by his family and friends.



FRED LYONS - Died peacefully in his home in Saint Bernard, Louisiana at 5:30PM on Wednesday, March 5, 2014, following a lengthy battle with cancer. He was 68 years of age. He was born on January 5, 1946 at Touro Infirmary in New Orleans, Louisiana to the late Herman Matthew Lyons and Amelia B. Lyons. He resided in Ohio for 45 years after he completed his tour in Vietnam. He served with the United States Navy aboard the aircraft carrier, the USS Enterprise, as a jet mechanic. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Newark (Ohio) Chapter #55** and a former member of the American Legion #85, out of Newark, Ohio. He was a Production Technician at Ampacet in Heath, Ohio for 41 years. He is survived by his wife, Laurie C. Lyons; his two sons, Randall Scott Lyons and Jonathan Ross Lyons, both of Massillon, Ohio; a step-daughter, Gayle Raye Climer (Mickie) of Ohio; a step-son, Joshua Tyler Smith (Nicky) of Rossford, Ohio; 2 grandchildren, Jayde Mackenzie Bobb and Mikki Roslyn Climer; 2 step-grandchildren, Emma and Joseph Climer; along with several nieces, nephews, cousins and close friends from Ohio, Alabama and Louisiana. In addition to his parents he was also predeceased by three brothers, Herman Matthew Lyons Jr., Marshall Lyons and Leslie Francis Lyons who died shortly after his birth. Relatives and friends were invited to attend a memorial gathering which was held at the Chalmette National Battlefield, 8606 West St. Bernard Hwy, Chalmette, LA on March 22, 2014 from 1:00 PM - 2:00 PM, followed by military honors. Burial was private.

MALCOLM E. MacLEOD – Died Saturday, September 14, 2013 in Dededo, Guam at the age of 82. The cause of death is unknown. He was born January 30, 1931 in Newton, Massachusetts. He is survived by his wife, Victoria MacLeod, of the home. He retired from the United States Navy with service in the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Hagatna Chapter #668**.

RONALD D. MARTIN – Died Tuesday, July 9, 2013 in Rensselaer, Indiana at the age of 67. The cause of death was lung cancer. He was born in Rensselaer on March 11, 1946. He served four years in the United States Air Force during the Vietnam War. He spent some time in England transcribing Morse code. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Lowell Chapter #285**.

WILLIAM C. MASON – Died Monday, December 2, 2013 in Franklin, North Carolina at the age of 79. The cause of death was ALS – Lou Gehrig’s disease. He was born on January 16, 1934 in Franklin. He served in the United States Navy from 1952 to 1974 with a tour of duty in Vietnam from 1965 to 1966. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Franklin Chapter #994**.



LEE (née Miller) McDONALD - Died Friday, September 7, 2012 in Lanesville, Indiana at the age of 86. The cause of death is unknown. She was born February 26, 1925 in New Albany, Indiana to the late Virgil E. and Laura A. (née Minshall) Miller. She worked 22 years for the United States Department of Agriculture as a statistician and was a former member of Central Christian Church in New Albany. Lee was a life member of American Legion Ladies Auxiliary Unit #193, Ladies Auxiliary of the VFW Post #2950 in Corydon, IN, a *Life Member* of **Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America – Chapter #454**, Non-Commissioned Officers Association of America Auxiliary, Association of the United States Army, 40&8 La Société de Femme, National Association of Boxcar Hobos, Good Sams Club and past member of the Ladies of the Moose. Lee also attended many meetings of the Lincoln Income Retirees Assn., Western Union Retirees Assn., Kentucky Public Retirees North Central Chapter and KIPCUG with her husband. Survivors include her husband of 38 years, David N. McDonald; sister, Geraldine May; brother, Robert J. Miller Sr.; caregiver, Linda Clark; three great-nephews and several great-great nieces and nephews. Visitation was from 3:00-7:00 PM on Monday with a Ladies Auxiliary Service at 7:00 PM on Monday at Kraft Funeral Service, 2776 Charlestown Road, New Albany, IN. Her funeral service was at 11:00 AM on Tuesday in the Kraft Charlestown Road Chapel with private burial at the Kraft-Graceland Memorial Park in New Albany. The family requests expressions of sympathy in Lee's memory be made to the charity of donor's choice.



DEBRA SUE “Deb” McKIE - Died Saturday, February 15, 2014 of Walnut Creek in Golden Valley, Arizona at the age of 61. The cause of death is unknown. She was born July 11, 1952 in Akron, Ohio to Robert and Mary Jo McEuen who survive her. Deb graduated from Northglenn High School in Northglenn, Colorado in 1970 and married the love of her life, Ralph McKie. Ralph and Deb have three children: Dean (Renée) McKie of Kingman, Shawn (Tammi) McKie of Midland, Texas, and Erica (Reggie) Sayles of Goodyear, Ariz. In addition to her parents, Robert and Mary Jo McEuen of Kingman, she is also survived by her husband, Ralph McKie; her children; and 12 grandchildren. She is also survived by her sisters and brothers, Wendy (Dave) Unger of Kingman, Dave (Chris) McEuen of Northglenn, Robin (Don) Wilder of Littleton, Colo., Trish McEuen of Kremmling, Colo., Kelly (Lee) Ahrens of Boulder City, Nev., and Rob (Maria) McEuen of Kingman; an aunt and uncle; and many nieces, nephews and cousins. Deb was employed at the Kingman Unified School District No. 20 for 14 years and

then at Arizona State Prison in Kingman as an administrative assistant for 10 years. She was a member of **Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America – Kingman Chapter #975**. She was loved by anyone who knew her and will be missed by all who had the privilege and honor to be called her friend. Per Deb's request, there will not be a memorial service. There was a family celebration of life on July 5th. Thoughts and condolences can be sent to Stephen's family at www.lietz-frazefuneralhome. Arrangements were placed under the care of Lietz-Fraze Funeral Home and Crematory.

ROBERT ALLEN MILLER, JR. - Died Monday, March 10, 2014, from injuries sustained in an automobile accident. He was a resident of Chattanooga, Tennessee and 71 years of age. The cause of death is unknown. He was born August 1, 1942 to the late Robert Allen Miller, Sr. and Lillian McNeese, of Pulaski, Tennessee. Robert graduated from Middle Tennessee State University. He served as a United States Army officer in Vietnam with the 2nd of the 32nd Artillery "Proud Americans". After active duty, he remained in the U.S. Army Reserve retiring at the rank of Major. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Chattanooga Chapter #203**. He was a member of Bayside Baptist Church. In addition to his father, Robert A. Miller Sr., he was also predeceased by his sister, Mary Ann Miller. Robert is survived by his wife of 53 years, Martha; two children, Michael Miller and Teresa Pettross; three grandchildren, Alisha, Brenna and Jaden Miller; one great-grandson, Michah Emery, of Chattanooga; mother, Lillian McNeese, of Pulaski, Tenn.; three brothers, Dan Miller, of Montgomery, Ala., Doug Miller, of Pulaski, Randy Miller, of Columbia, Tenn.; three sisters, Elaine Hutton, of Pulaski, Janice Dunavant, of Pulaski, and Nancy Williams, of Smyrna, Tenn. The family received friends from 9:00 until 11:00 AM on Thursday March 13th, at the North Chapel Chattanooga Funeral Home. Graveside service was held at 11:30 AM on Thursday March 13th, at the Chattanooga National Cemetery with Brother Grady Cooper officiating. Burial was in the Chattanooga National Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial may be made to the Wounded Warrior Project or to World Missions at Bayside Baptist Church.



EDWIN J. MILLIGAN – Died Saturday, March 22, 2014 in Dilworth, Minnesota at the age of 76. The cause of death is unknown. He was born July 31, 1937 to the late Clifford and Marion Milligan in Barnesville, Minnesota. He is also reunited with his beloved wife, Lou, who more than likely has asked him: What took you so long? Ed was raised and educated in the Fargo area within the Catholic School System and at the young age of seventeen enlisted in the United States Army on January 31, 1955 and retired July 31, 1979 with 24 ½ years of military service. Some of the highlights of his many travels were that he went to Vietnam in 1962 as an Advisor in the Mekong Delta area in the southern part of the country, and went back again to Vietnam in 1970 to the Central highland where he spent a year. During that year he was wounded by a mortar round but survived his wounds. Ed served in Korea for a year and three years on Okinawa. He also spent seven years in Germany and has been all over the States and had a tour of duty at North Dakota State University ROTC detachment in Fargo for 2 years and was a senior advisor with a Readiness Group at Fort Snelling, MN for 3 years before him and his wife returned to Fargo, ND to start their tour of duty as civilians. Ed was united in marriage to Luella Mae Wolf December 18, 1964 in Columbus, GA and they toured the world together within their military family until Ed retired in

1979. Ed went to work for Nabisco for 15 years and during that time he also served as Trustee for the Teamster Union for 7 years. Ed retired from Nabisco in 1992 due to medical problems but that only started Ed on another career and that was being a veteran advocate and he was still fighting for the veterans, right up to the end. Ed knew the most important thing this country had as a commodity was its veterans, so he got KFGO to let the veterans have a program and he called it "The Veterans Hour" which aired once a month. He wanted to tell their stories because it is the history of our country. The professional soldier and the citizen soldier, who when called upon, faced our nation's enemies knowing that failure could mean the destruction of our nation, our heritage and the American way. The veterans have successfully defended this great nation without fail throughout our proud history. To all who served and who are serving we should be forever thankful for their service and never forget their sacrifices. Ed and his wife both have left behind legacies within the veteran community. He really loved doing what he did for the veterans. Ed was a Life Member of the Disabled American Veterans along with being a life member of the VFW, and a member of the American Legion, Order of the Purple Heart, and the Uniform Service of Disabled Veterans. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Fargo (North Dakota) Chapter #941**. Ed is survived by his sisters, Mary Milligan, Waterford, MI; Sue Valdivia, West Fargo; his aunt, Marion; many cousins; numerous nieces and nephews; and his beloved dog, Harvey.



T. G. "Gunny" MOORE - Died Saturday, February 15, 2014 at the Northeast Georgia Medical Center following a period of declining health. He was 71 years of age and a resident of Dawsonville, Georgia. The cause of death was heart failure. He was born December 2, 1942 in Knoxville, Tennessee to the late Tom and Polly Moore. He lived in Dawson County for the past 14 years having moved from Norcross, Georgia. Mr. Moore retired from the DeKalb County Police Department after 23 years of service after which he was employed by the Dawson County Sheriff's Office for 6 years. Gunny served 21 years in the United States Armed Forces with the United States Marine Corps and the United States Air Force. He served three tours in Vietnam. He was a member of Grace Presbyterian Church, was an avid gun collector, was a *Charter Member, Life Member and Past President* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Dawsonville Chapter #970**, and was a member of Etowah Lodge # 222 F & AM. Surviving are his wife of 26 years, Linda Moore, Dawsonville; son, Patrick (Ashley) Moore, Watkinsville; daughter, Kelly Peterson, Decatur; three grandchildren; and cousin/brother, Kyle M. (Carol) Webb, Canton. Memorial services were held Saturday February 22, 2014 at 2:00 PM at Bearden Funeral Home Chapel. Donna Weaver officiated. The family received friends on Saturday from 12:00 Noon until 2:00 PM at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to VVA Chapter 970, P. O. Box 1205, Dawsonville, GA 30534. Condolences may be expressed at www.beardenfuneralhome.com. Bearden Funeral Home, Dawsonville, GA was in charge of the arrangements.

HAROLD LEROY MORANVILLE (USA, SFC, Ret.) - Died Tuesday, March 25, 2014 at his home in Lawton, Oklahoma at the age of 75. The cause of death is unknown. He was born April 16, 1938, in Perryville, Missouri to the late Arvie and Thekla (née Hart) Moranville. He married Elsie Seyschab on August 13, 1959 in Nuremberg, Germany. He later married Billie J. Sallee on June 29, 1999, in Wichita Falls, Texas. She died March 24, 2014. He joined the United States Army in

June 1956, and retired March 31, 1977. He served in Vietnam, Korea and Saudi Arabia, and earned the following awards: Bronze Star Medal, 2 Overseas Service bars, Army Commendation Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Good Conduct Medal with 5th award, Vietnam Service Medal and the Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal with 60 device, Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross Unit Citation with palm and the Mechanic Badge. After his retirement from the Army, he worked for the Lawton Constitution and MWR Outdoor Recreation from 1991-2001. He was a member of Antioch Baptist Church, Life Member of VFW No. 5643, Life Member of DAV Chapter #751 and the American Legion. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Lawton Chapter #751**. He is survived by his daughters: Mary Roloff, Debbie Crosier, Shirley Robert and Carol Moranville; two sisters: Mary Lou Fiehler and Nelda Lukefahr; nine grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren. His funeral was at 9:30 AM on Friday in the Becker-Rabon Funeral Home Chapel with the Reverend Vivian Garza, pastor, Antioch Baptist Church, south of Lawton, officiating. Burial with full military honors was in the Fort Sill National Cemetery, Elgin, Oklahoma. Memorial contributions may be made to Antioch Baptist Church, PO Box 142, Chattanooga 73528. The family greeted friends from 6:00 to 8:00 PM on Thursday at the funeral home.

RAMON MORENO - Died Saturday, February 1, 2014 in Horizon City, Texas at the age of 64. The cause of death was kidney cancer. He was born August 31, 1949 in El Paso, Texas. He was a former United States Marine and an avid golfer. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – El Paso Chapter #574**. He is survived by his mother: Herlinda Moreno; Brothers: Rick Moreno, Marcelo Moreno, Tomas Moreno, Frank Moreno; Sisters: Lydia Soto, Vickie Torres; Children: Monica Medina, Ramon Moreno (Trini), Eric Moreno, Jess Moreno and Jessica Klein; Grandchildren: Eric Moreno, Michael Medina, Mark Medina, Matthew Medina, and Ethan Klein. A Rosary was held on Thursday, February 6th at the Martin Funeral Home East at 7:00 PM located on George Dieter. Interment was held on Friday, February 7th, 2014 at 2:30 PM at Fort Bliss National Cemetery.

ROBERT V. “Bob” MORGAN - Died Tuesday, October 08, 2013 at the Cottingham Hospice House at the age of 71. He was a resident of Toccoa, Georgia. The cause of death is unknown. He was born March 25, 1942 in Oconee County, South Carolina to the late Martin Luther and Bessie (née Edgar) Morgan. He was a retired Insurance Agent. He served in the United States Navy during the Vietnam War. He was a member of the American Legion, **Vietnam Veterans of America – West Union (South Carolina) Chapter #1017**, Fleet Reserve, and Wolf Stake Baptist Church. In addition to his wife, he is survived by two sons: Robert Keith Orr (Courtney) of Toccoa, GA, Jeffrey Scott Orr of Seneca, SC; a brother: Gary Clint Morgan of Seneca, SC; two sisters: Betty Sue Morgan Compton and Jean Morgan Jennings both of Seneca, SC; and five grandchildren. In addition to his parents, he was predeceased by two brothers: Ralph Martin Morgan and Billy Ray Morgan. Graveside services were held at 2:00 PM, Thursday, October 10, 2013 at Fairview Church of God Cemetery in Seneca, SC. The family received friends from 12:00 – 130 PM prior to the service on Thursday, October 10, 2013, at Davenport Funeral Home.



STEPHEN O. NANKERVIS - Died Friday, March 21, 2014 at 1:15 PM in Cape Coral, Florida at the age of 63. The cause of death is unknown. He was born August 26,

1950 and originally from Queens, New York to the late Howard and Helen Nankervis. Stephen moved to Florida in his teenage years where he attended North Fort Myers High School. Soon after graduating, he enlisted in the United States Marine Corps, where he served his country for 4 years with time spent in Vietnam. During his service years, he met first wife Donna and had Stephen Jr. After his military service, Stephen went on to become a master plumber and all around tradesman. His past 25+ years were spent as a maintenance supervisor at Sanibel Beach Club. Stephen was an active *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Cape Coral Chapter #594**, where he has served as president for the past 15 years. He was also an active member of Rolling Thunder, VFW, American Legion, and The Last Patrol. As a car enthusiast he raced stock cars in the early 70's and was a member of the SW Florida Corvette Club. Stephen also obtained his Captains license from the US Coast Guard. As a husband, father, grandfather, brother, uncle, and friend his love for family and friends is immeasurable, especially for "baby girl" and "the boy". Stephen is survived by his beloved wife of 19 years Lana; dear son Stephen (Rebecca) Jr., cherished grandchildren Ava and Owen; brothers Robert and Denis (Marilyn); sisters Francine (Al) DiGiacomo and Gabrielle (John) Toman; mother-in-law Doris (Roger) Watkins; brothers-in-law Todd (Gina) Pate, Doug Christiansen, and Randy (Vicky) Burgess as well as many nephews, nieces, great nephews, and great nieces. In addition to his parents he was also predeceased by his brothers Howard, Jr., George, Michael and Gary; step mother Virginia; sister in-laws Betty and Linda Christensen. A visitation was held on Wednesday, March 26th at Coral Ridge Funeral Home between the hours of 4:00 – 7:00 PM. A funeral mass was held on Thursday, March 27th at Saint Andrew Catholic Church at 11:00 AM with burial with military honors at Coral Ridge Cemetery. Stephen's passion for his country and fellow veterans is unmistakable. "Semper Fi" Online condolences can be made at www.coralridgefuneralhome.com.



RICHARD DAVID NEWELL – Died peacefully at home on Tuesday, July 9, 2013 in Merced, California surrounded by family and friends. He was 76 years of age. He was born on May 14, 1937 in Munson, Michigan in the home of his parents, the late Donald Wayne Newell and Pauline Gertrude (née James) Newell. He spent his formative years in Adrian, Michigan and in the spring of 1955 he graduated from Adrian High school. He met the love of his life, Jennie V. Rupell on a blind date on December 23rd, 1955. They fell in love were married exactly one year later on December 23rd, 1956 at The First Church of the Brethren in Adrian, Michigan. During his United States Air Force career, he worked as a Reciprocal Mechanical Engineer, C-130 Flight Engineer and retired at Castle Air Force Base on October 1, 1978 as Safety Superintendent. Richard achieved the rank of Master Sergeant. During the course of his C-130 service, Richard flew several years of combat missions in Vietnam. He was an *At-Large Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – California**. After he retired they remained in Merced and Richard began driving "The Bus." for the Merced Transportation Service. Richard spent sixteen years refereeing and coaching Merced Youth soccer. Throughout his life he always delighted in helping others and meeting people. He and Jennie traveled the US in their RV and enjoyed exploring together. He had an inquisitive mind and patient spirit and looked for the good in people and in life. He enjoyed golfing and a good conversation. He is survived by his beloved wife Jennie, his son David Newell his grandchildren Hayden and Isabel Newell, his sister Arlene (Newell) Hanson and brother-in-law Alan Hanson

Sr., his niece, Alana (Hanson) West and his nephew Alan Hanson Jr. His grandnieces and nephew are Grace and Miles West and Jasmine and Isabella Hanson. He was preceded in death by his parents and sister Delores Kay, and twin brothers James and John Newell. The family would like to thank the entire staff of Comfort Keepers for their loving support and care. The family would also like to thank the staff of Bristol Hospice for their loving care and VerusCare for their help. The family requested that Memorials be made to the Bristol Hospice at 374 East Yosemite Ave, Suite 200, Merced, CA 95340. Funeral arrangements were made by the Wilson Family Funeral Chapel of Merced with full Military Services held on Wednesday, July 17th at 12:30 PM at San Joaquin Valley National Cemetery, located at 32053 West Macabe Road, Santa Nella, CA 95322.

REINOLD BAKER ODEN – Died Friday, January 10, 2014 Riverside, California at the age of 75. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on November 28, 1938. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Riverside Chapter #47**.



JAMES ALVAN O'NEAL - Died Saturday, January 25, 2014 in Detroit, Michigan at the age of 82. He was born October 20, 1931 in Lima, Ohio. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Detroit Chapter #9**. Services began at 11:00 AM on Monday at the Tabernacle Missionary Baptist Church in Detroit. Local arrangements were by Jones-Clark Funeral Home.



MILLARD LEE "Ozzy" OSBORNE - Died Monday, February 17, 2014 at his home in Lawton, Oklahoma at the age of 83. The cause of death is unknown. He was born May 22, 1930 in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma to the late Lawrence and Minnie Marie (née Vanover) Osborne. He married Estalene Carroll on April 17, 1951 in Waurika, Oklahoma. She died February 26, 2004. He served in the United States Air Force for 24 years before retiring in 1972. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Lawton Chapter #751**. He is survived by his children, Johnnie Lee Osborne and his wife Sabina, Colorado, Janet Hilton and her husband Noel, Alabama, Kathy Osborne and Doris Osborne, both of Lawton; honorary daughter, Mary Haragan of Wilson, Oklahoma; four grandchildren, Christine and Adam Osborne and Ross and Byron Hilton; a brother and his wife, John Osborne and Freda; a sister and her husband, Margie and Pete Dobbs, all of Texas; special friends, Freckles and Shadow; and numerous nieces and nephews.. He was preceded in death by his wife of 43 years, parents, a son, Charles Earl Osborne and a sister, Louise. Lawton Memorial service was held at 2:00 PM on Friday, February 28, 2014 at the Fort Sill National Cemetery, Elgin with Chaplain (MAJ) Charles Leggett, Fort Sill, officiating. Service with full military honors was under the direction of the Becker-Rabon Funeral Home.



TODD OSENBAGH - Died Friday, August 9, 2013 in Amarillo, Texas at the age of 67. The cause of death is unknown. He was born August 10, 1945 in Gainesville, Texas to the late Virginia and Floyd "Dutch" Osenbaugh. He was an industrious young man. Todd started sweeping stores and delivering papers at a very young age. He was tall for his age and lied to potential employers about his age so he could support himself early on in life. He was also a bit of a rebel so he quit high school with only three months 'til graduation

because of the bureaucracy. Todd then received permission from his mother to enlist in the United States Navy at the tender age of 17. In the Navy, he worked in the boiler room on the naval ship Ashtabula off the Vietnam coast. In the boiler room he watched the beautiful white flakes flutter to the floor as the guns blazed. Little did Todd know this would change his life forever as the flakes were asbestos. This resulted in a double lung transplant for Todd in April 1996. He was expected to live three to five years, but once again, surprised everybody and lived 17 and a half full years. He was employed by Owens Corning for 12 years as a machinist. His passion was music, and Todd enjoyed playing the bass guitar. He played bass with Andy Chase and was the opening act for Chicago in Amarillo; they liked them so much they asked them to open in Lubbock also. Todd was very proud of this. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Amarillo Chapter #297**. Todd loved his babies, Mister, Pattie, Lou, Hombre and Twooie, but most of all he loved his daughter, Erin Rae Osenbaugh. He filled the role of father for Jennifer Vanessa Martin and Charles Antorrey Martin. Todd's heart was filled with love, and he gave willingly to many. He found his soul mate in his wife, Vickie Clay Osenbaugh. They had been married 18 years. Survivors include his wife, Vickie; a daughter, Erin Osenbaugh; two grandchildren, Charles Jayden Martin and Jayla Amber Martin; a cousin-in-law, Janie Henderson; two nieces, Virginia Kraochvil and Jill Whitiker; a sister-in-law, Loretta Osenbaugh; and last but not least, his brother, Ted Osenbaugh. Entombment was at 10:30 AM on Saturday in Llano Cemetery Mausoleum. Memorial services were at 2:30 PM on Sunday in Clean Air, 2906 Duniven Circle. Arrangements were by Griggs-Schooler-Gordon Funeral Directors, 5400 South Bell Street, Amarillo.



RONALD LEE PARAMORE (USA, MAJ – Ret.) - Died on Friday, November 22, 2013 in Arlington, Texas at the age of 73. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Duncan, Oklahoma on June 12, 1940. He was commissioned in the United States Army in October 31, 1965 and retired February 28, 1987 and served two tours in Vietnam from 1967 to 1969. He received a Silver Star, two Bronze Stars and two Purple Hearts. Ronald was highly active in the veterans' communities in the Dallas/Fort Worth area. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Grand Prairie Chapter #1013**. He is survived by his loving wife of 49 years, Judy Paramore; son, Scott Paramore; grandchildren, Christianna, Samuel and Jacob; numerous aunts, uncles and cousins. The funeral was at 12:00 Noon on Tuesday at Bean-Massey-Burge Funeral Home Chapel in Grand Prairie with burial to follow at 2:00 PM in Dallas-Fort Worth National Cemetery in Dallas. Visitation hours were from 10:30 AM to 12:00 Noon on Tuesday at the funeral home chapel.



DONALD R. PAYNE - Died Wednesday, September 4, 2013 in WCA Hospital at the age of 77. He was a resident of Kennedy, New York. The cause of death is unknown. He was born December 29, 1935 in Jamestown, New York to the late Raymond and Viola (née Barrus) Payne. Don was a veteran of the United States Army serving from 1953-55. He was employed by MRC-SKF for 41 years retiring in 1998. He was a member of the Randolph Post 181, American Legion, Randolph Moose, Ellington Rod & Gun Club and was a member of **Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America – Jamestown Chapter #865**. He enjoyed watching his grandsons play baseball and football, and was a Chicago Cubs and NASCAR fan. Surviving are his wife Shirley A. Little Payne, whom he

married Dec. 15, 1954, in Conewango Valley; a daughter, Dawn (Dana) Shelters of Randolph; a son, Douglas Payne of Conewango Valley; 10 grandchildren: Brenin (Shelly) Payne, Jeremy (Amy) Engquist, Dara (Ja-son) Brown, DeAnn Shelters, Danelle Shelters, Kristi Payne, Devon (Nancy) Payne, Derek Payne, Sean Payne and Breann Payne; and 13 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by a son, Robert Payne, and a daughter, Leslie Payne. The funeral was at 11:00 AM on Friday in the Falconer Funeral Home. The Reverend Donald E. Ray officiated. Burial was in Valley View Cemetery, Ellington, New York. Friends were received by the family from 2:00-4:00 PM and 7:00-9:00 PM on Thursday in the funeral home.



RALPH H. PEARSON – Died Thursday, December 19, 2013 at home in Mount Vernon, Washington surrounded by close friends and family at the age of 83. The cause of death is unknown. He was born December 28, 1929 in Neenah, Wisconsin to the late Harold and Mable Pearson. Ralph attended Delavan High School and tried to sneak into the United States Navy at 16 years of age but was caught and finally allowed to join at the age of 17. Ralph's service to his country was always a source of pride and he served his country well. His final rank at retirement was Chief Petty Officer with tours of duty in Europe, Korea ('50-'55) and Vietnam ('64-'65). Ralph served on various ships throughout his career but primarily spent his time on the USS Salem, USS Ranger, USS Fletcher and the USS Robinson. Ralph was decorated by the Navy numerous times and in his retirement enjoyed traveling to various Naval reunions around the country for the many ships he served on. After his 20 year military career Ralph enjoyed a management position at Doc Freemans in Seattle until his eventual retirement there in 1992. He was an *At-Large Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Washington**. Ralph's interests in his later years were many and varied. He enjoyed spending summers in Canada fishing with his best friend Mac McKinley and working on his 1929 Model A Ford pick-up. In 2003 Ralph met the love of his life Peggy Vrem. Together he and Peggy enjoyed traveling to Cancun and Hawaii, playing cards with special friends Mac and Amy McKinley, going to car shows, the casino, and taking Sunday drives in his Hummer and Chevrolet SSR. Ralph was preceded in death by his sister Betty Jane Silagy and his oldest son and daughter-in-law Rodney and Sarah Pearson, and two precious granddaughters, Rachel and Grace, who were tragically lost in 2000 aboard Alaska Airlines Flt. #261. Ralph is survived by his brother Ronald Pearson of Necedah, WI, sister Shirley Sawalliseh of Belvidere, IL, sister Mary Brooks of Leesburg, FL, son and daughter-in-law Mark and Angel Pearson of Everett, WA, son Chris Pearson of Mount Vernon, WA, granddaughter Tara Pearson and great grandson Hunter Pearson, along with step-grandchildren and numerous nieces and nephews. Ralph will always be remembered for his kind ways, enthusiasm for life, his big heart and his bright smile. Memorial services were on Sunday, January 12, 2014 at 11:00 AM at Purdy and Walters Funeral Home at Floral Hills Funeral Home, 409 Filbert Road, Lynnwood, Washington.



CLAUDE L. PETTY - Died Thursday, January 9, 2014 in Rossville, Georgia at the age of 65. He was formerly of Soddy-Daisy, Tennessee. The cause of death was cancer. He was born in Soddy-Daisy on May 6, 1948 to the late Claude W. and Betty Petty. He was of the Baptist faith and served his country in the United States Air Force. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Soddy-Daisy Chapter #942**. Claude graduated from the Chattanooga Police Academy in 1976 and was a

former police officer with the Soddy-Daisy Police Department. He retired from TVA where he was an information specialist. Claude was an avid Tennessee Volunteers fan. He was preceded in death by his first wife, Barbara Petty; parents, Claude W. and Betty Petty and sister, Pamela Harvey. Survivors include his wife, Judy Petty; son, Billy (April) Petty; daughter, Angela (Don) Johnson; step-children, Scott Adair, Eugenia Brownfield, Charles Burnette and Martin Burnette; grandchildren, Will, Kaleb, Katie and Stephanie; sisters, Joyce (Harold) Johnson, Carla (Randy) Cooley and Janet Stephens. Services were held on Sunday, January 12, 2014 at 2:00 PM in the funeral home chapel with Reverend Casey Westra officiating. Visitation was on Saturday from 12:00 Noon to 8:00 PM and Sunday from 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM at the funeral home. Burial was held on Monday, January 13, 2014 at 10:30 AM at the National Cemetery with military honors.

RONALD LOUIS PIECZYNSKI – Died Tuesday, December 3, 2013 Hale, Michigan at the age of 62. The cause of death was Agent Orange-related kidney and liver cancer. He was born on March 1, 1951 in Alpena, Michigan. He served in the United States Army from April 2, 1968 to November 23, 1970 with a tour of duty in Vietnam from July 24, 1969 to November 23, 1970. He was a *Charter Member and a Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Hale Chapter #882**. His wife Rose who was an AVVA Life Member preceded him in death.



WILLIAM ALFRED "Mr. Bill" PINAULT II - Died Sunday, February 16, 2014 at his home in Davenport, Iowa at the age of 66. The cause of death was Agent Orange-related heart attack. He was born October 20, 1947 in Pawtucket, Rhode Island to the late William N. Pinault, M.D. and Dorothy (née Muldrew) Pinault. Bill was proud to serve four years in the United States Army as a medic in Vietnam. He was united in marriage to Faith M. Ricketts on September 28, 1984 in Davenport. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Bettendorf Chapter #776**. Bill worked at the Rock Island Arsenal for many years prior to retiring in 2011. He had a passion for cooking and photography, loved to go fishing, and was proud to be a veteran. Bill was a devout Catholic, a member of Holy Family parish, and a Fourth Degree member of the Knights of Columbus Dr. C.F. Barrett Assembly of Holy Family. Bill is survived by his loving wife, Faith of Davenport; and their three children, Heather (Jason) Phelps, Orion, Ill., Tobious (Mary) Huebbe, Davenport, and Abbey (Josh) Cahill, Davenport; nine grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren; and his eight siblings, Stephanie, Michelle, Vincent, Josette, Antoinette, Thomas, John and Daniel. Bill will be missed greatly. He was preceded in death by his parents; and a brother, Francis Pinault. May Bill's soul and all the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace. Funeral services and a Mass of Christian Burial for Bill was at 10:00 AM on Friday, February 21st, at Holy Family Catholic Church, 1923 Fillmore Street, Davenport. Burial was in the Rock Island National Cemetery, Arsenal Island, with military honors conducted by VVA Chapter #776. Bill's family greeted friends from 5:00-8:00 PM on Thursday at the Halligan-McCabe-DeVries Funeral home, 614 Main Street, downtown Davenport, where a rosary was recited at 6:30 PM followed by a time of sharing. Memorials may be made to Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter #776, Knights of Columbus at Holy Family Catholic Church. Online remembrance and condolences may be expressed to the family by visiting Bill's obituary at www.hmdfuneralhome.com.

STEPHEN J. "Steve" POLITO - Died Wednesday, March 12, 2014 after a lengthy battle with cancer in his sister's home in Phoenix, Arizona at the age of 63. He was formerly from Moline, Illinois. He was born in Moline on July 8, 1950 to the late Andrew J. "Hank" and Alice M. (née Leemans) Polito. He was educated at Sacred Heart School and Alleman High School, where he became the very first Pioneer mascot. He continued his studies at Iowa State University, where he received a Bachelor of Science Degree in Urban Planning. Steve also conducted graduate studies at Iowa State. While at Iowa State, Steve was affiliated with Phi Kappa Theta Fraternity, and was a member of the freshman football team, the track team and a cheerleader for the Cyclones. He also was involved in numerous campus organizations while in college. After completing his education, Steve spent 37 years serving the transportation industry. This primarily included planning and project development for public transportation systems. Two local transportation projects of significance in which Steve played major roles were the I-74 and 53rd Street interchange in Davenport, and Centre Station in Moline. While in the Quad Cities, Steve was active in the local area Chambers of Commerce, particularly their Transportation Committees. Steve was very involved with athletics throughout his life, having played, coached, and officiated football, baseball, softball, and basketball. This includes 23 years as a high school and college football official in Iowa and Illinois. He also played two seasons as a defensive back with the former Quad City Mohawks semi-pro football team. He served in the United States Navy during the Vietnam War. He was an active member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Rock Island Chapter #299**, a life member of the Catholic Order of Foresters Court #1691 of Moline, Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #3388, Estherville, IA, and a member of the Svithiod Club of Moline. Steve dearly loved his immediate and extended family. He organized numerous family functions to bring family members together. Steve is survived by his children and their spouses: Stephanie (Greg) Steinwolf, Phoenix, AZ; Vincent (Kara) Polito, Greensburg, IN; Peter Polito, Moline; and Mary Kate Polito, Bettendorf. He also is survived by sisters Christine Parker, Phoenix, and Constance Polito, Charlotte, NC, and a brother and his spouse Gerald (Lisa) Polito, Rock Island. Grandchildren include Ella and Mason Steinwolf, Phoenix, and Gia and James "J.J." Polito, Greensburg. Steve also had three stepchildren: Anthony "A.J." (Jaynie) Orendorff, Moline, Andrew Orendorff, Davenport, and Amy Orendorff, Davenport. Steve was preceded in death by his parents, his maternal and paternal grandparents, and his brother, Gregory, who died in June, 2013. Also, Steve's family wishes to extend their gratitude to the doctors and nurses at the Department of Veterans Affairs facilities in Bettendorf, Iowa City, and Phoenix, who provided quality and compassionate care to Steve during his illness. We also want to extend our appreciation to Mike and Connie Maloney, Larry and Jean Paprocki, and Bill and Diane Polk for their assistance to Steve during his lengthy illness. A Mass of Christian Burial for Mr. Polito was celebrated at 10:00 AM on Monday, March 17, 2014 at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, Moline. The Reverend Monsignor Dale L. Wellman officiated. On Sunday, March 16, 2014 a rosary was recited at 1:00 PM, followed by visitation until 6:00 PM at the Rafferty Funeral Home, 2111 First Street A, Moline. Interment was at the National Cemetery, Rock Island with military honors conducted by the VFW and VVA Chapter #299.

DENNIS WAYNE POOSCH – Died Saturday, January 18, 2014 in Warren, Michigan at the age of 71. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Seattle, Washington on March 14, 1942.

He served in the United States Navy from October 7, 1960 to October 6, 1964. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Roseville Chapter #154**.

ROBERT B. “Bob” POWELL, JR. – Died Thursday, February 20, 2014 in Baltimore, Maryland at the age of 77. The cause of death is unknown. He was born May 23, 1936. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Edgemere Chapter #965**. He was the beloved husband of Josephine Powell (née Taylor); devoted father of Robin Powell and Jason Powell and his wife Rebecca; loving Grandfather of Taylor and Kayli, and; brother of Joseph and Thomas Powell. Family received friends at the family owned and operated Connelly Funeral Home of Dundalk, 7110 Sollers Point Road on Sunday from 1:00-5:00 PM. A funeral service for Bob was held at 5:00 PM. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to St. Jude Tribute Program, PO Box 1000 Dept. 142, Memphis, TN. 38101.



KENNETH A. PRATT – Died Friday, February 14, 2014 in Buffalo, New York at the age of 79. The cause of death is unknown. He was born January 22, 1935 in Niagara Falls, New York. He served in the United States Army retiring after 20 years of service with service in the Vietnam War. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Tonawanda Chapter #77**. He was the beloved husband of Janet M. (née Campbell) Pratt; loving father of Christina Marie and Sebastian N.B. (Noel) Pratt; cherished grandfather of Nina Nicole Pratt; caring brother of Clifford J. (Elissia) Pratt and predeceased by siblings Charles, Daisy, Helen, Mildred, Ross Jr., Dorothy, Clemon and George; also survived by nieces and nephews. There were visitation hours. A Celebration of Life was held on Saturday from the (Delaware Chapel) of the Amigone Funeral Home, Inc., 1132 Delaware Avenue (near West Ferry) at 12:30 PM. Friends were invited.



LANCE C. RECONNU - Died peacefully at St. Luke's Hospital in Milwaukee, Wisconsin on Sunday, February 2, 2014 at the age of 65. He was a resident of Bristol, Wisconsin. He was born in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania on March 28, 1948 to Betty and the late Albert Reconnu. He married his wife Ginger on February 20, 1982. He was a graduate of St. John's Military Academy and Robert Morris College, and he served two tours of duty during the Vietnam Conflict with the United States Army. Lance was also a passionate horseman and barrel racer. He was a member of the NBHA and the AQHA, both horsemen's associations. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Watertown (South Dakota) Chapter #1054**. He is survived by his wife of 31 years Ginger Reconnu, mother Betty, brothers Don Reconnu of South Dakota and David Reconnu of Florida, and many other friends and family members. A celebration of Lance's life began with a remembrance service beginning promptly at Noon on Saturday, February 8, 2014 at the VFW Post #1865, 6618 39th Avenue, Kenosha, WI 53142. A reception followed the service and lasted until 2:00 PM at the VFW. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation in Lance's memory to VFW Post #1865.

JAMES E. RICE, JR. – Died Wednesday, February 26, 2014 in Humble, Texas at the age of 69. The cause of death was Agent Orange-related acute respiratory failure and chronic obstructive pulmonary disease. He was born June 10, 1944 in Warren, Ohio. He served in the United

States Army during the Vietnam War. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Dickinson Texas Chapter #685**.

STANLEY E. “Stan” RIDER - Died Saturday, January 25, 2014 at the Three Rivers Hospital at the age of 63. He was a resident of Marcellus, Michigan. The cause of death is unknown. He was born December 16, 1950 in Pontiac, Michigan. He was a United States Army Veteran of Vietnam. He was an *At-Large Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Michigan**. He married Christine Morrow who survives. Also surviving are two daughters from a previous marriage, his dog Red and close family and friends. Stanley was an avid outdoorsman who enjoyed spending time on his property. There will be Celebration of Life. Burial of cremains took place in Schoolcraft Cemetery.



JOHN THOMAS ROLFES – Died after a lengthy illness on Wednesday, September 4, 2013 at the age of 68. The cause of death is unknown. He was born January 14, 1945 in Cincinnati, Ohio to the late Katherine (née Hinnigar) Rolfes and John Herman Rolfes who resided in Cincinnati, Ohio. He was also predeceased by two sisters, Dorothy Fothergill and Loretta Cain. He is survived by his loving and devoted wife, Nancy Denise Rolfes, of Dunlap, Tenn.; and three sons, John Jr (Connie), Steven James (Laura), and Christopher Mark (Brittany). His grandchildren are John Thomas Rolfes III, Thomas Ryan Parton, Steven James Rolfes, Abigail Rose Rolfes and Kylee Rolfes. He is also survived by several nieces and nephews. John had two canine pals that he dearly loved and both Scruffy and MooMoo will miss him terribly. John served his country in the United States Army during the Vietnam War in 1965-66. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Chattanooga Chapter #203**. He was employed by Consolidated Freightways, a trucking company for 38 years (he jokingly would say the T in his name stood for Trucking). He worked in various capacities but mostly as Linehaul Manager or Assistant Manager which consisted of overseeing the over-the-road truck drivers). He worked in Cincinnati, Ohio and was sent to Nashville to set up the department and oversaw the transfer when the company moved most of their drivers to Nashville in February, 1983. John worked closely with all the other departments of the company and helped train numerous supervisors. The family received friends from 6:00-8:00 PM and 12:30-2:30 PM on Saturday at Chattanooga Funeral Home, North Chapel. Funeral service was conducted at 2:30 p.m. on Saturday in the funeral home chapel with Ron Cray officiating. Interment was in Hamilton Memorial Gardens. Honorary pallbearers were the Linehaul Staff of Consolidated Freightways. Please share your thoughts and memories at www.ChattanoogaNorthChapel.com. Arrangements are by the Chattanooga Funeral Home Crematory & Florist, North Chapel, Highway 153, Hixson, TN 37343.

JOSEPH G. RUSSELL – Died Thursday, March 6, 2014 in Industry, Pennsylvania at the age of 68. The cause of death is unknown. He was born July 22, 1945 in East Liverpool, Ohio. He served in the United States Marine Corps from 1965 to 1969 with service in Vietnam in 1966, 1967 and 1968. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Freedom Chapter #862**.

STEWART ELDEN RUSSELL – Died Wednesday, February 27, 2002 in Westport, Massachusetts at the age of 55. The cause of death is unknown. He was born October 29, 1947 in Inglewood,

California. He served in the United States Army from January 30, 1968 to January 29, 1971. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Westport Chapter #207**.

CLIFFORD EUGENE SANSPREE - Died early Saturday November 16, 2013 at his home in Franklinton, Louisiana at the age of 79. The cause of death was Agent Orange-related Diabetes Mellitus Type II, heart disease, kidney failure, PTSD, and neuropathy. He was born December 13, 1933 in Uriah, Alabama to the late Rufus Sanspree and Beatrice (née Hammac) Sanspree. He was a deacon at Hillcrest Baptist Church. Cliff was a proud veteran of the United States Marine Corps with 22 years of service where he served 3 tours-of-duty during the Vietnam War and several more overseas assignments. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Gallatin (Tennessee) Chapter #240**. He was active in the American Legion and had retired from Exxon-Mobil. Cliff enjoyed hunting and fishing and had a special friend, his pet dog Dusty. He is survived by his wife of 25 years, Reba Lynn Sanspree of Franklinton; six children and their spouses, Eugenia Biancucci of Medford, OR, Renee' and Floyd Pitzer of Franklinton, Clifford Eugene Sanspree, Jr. and Tammy Sanspree of Portland, TN, Donna and Steve Best, Kevin Sanspree, Marinena and Jim Gay all of Rochester, NY; his stepdaughter and her spouse: Annette and Jackie Pruett of Abernath, AL; two sisters and brothers-in-law, Christine and Lafayette Sewell of Atmore, AL, Patricia and Horace Hobbs of Lillian, AL; thirteen grandchildren; three step-grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandchild, and; two nieces and three nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents Rufus Sanspree and Beatrice Hammac Sanspree and a step-daughter Tammy Denice Curren. Visitation was at the Crain Funeral Home on Monday November 18th from 5:00 PM until 9:00 PM. Visitation continued on Tuesday at Hillcrest Baptist Church from 9:00 AM until the funeral service at 11:00 AM with Reverend Andrew Voss and Dr. Gene Richards co-officiating. Burial was in the Veteran's section of Ponemah Cemetery.

THOMAS JOSEPH "Tom" SCHEPERS - Died Monday, January 6, 2014 in South Saint Paul, Minnesota at the age of 67. The cause of death is unknown. He was born March 2, 1944. He served in the United States Marine Corps with a tour of duty in Vietnam. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Anoka Chapter #470**. He is survived by his wife, Linda; children Melissa (Troy) Pilger, Jennifer Schepers & Matthew (Linsey) Schepers; grandchildren Layla, Lydia & Briella; brothers James (Mary) & Joseph (Harriet) and sister Margaret (Scott) Bjerkness. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at 11:30 AM on Friday at Saint Joseph Catholic Church, 1154 Seminole Avenue West St. Paul, Minnesota. Visitation was from 4:00 to 8:00 PM Thursday at the Kandt and Tetrick Funeral Home, 140 8th Avenue North, South Saint Paul and at the church one hour before the service on Friday. VFW Post 295 Ritual was at 6:00 PM on Thursday. Interment was at 1:30 PM on Monday at Fort Snelling National Cemetery.



NICHOLAS F. "Nick" SEBASTIAN (MSG-USAF – Ret.) – Died Monday, February 3, 2014 following a brief illness at the age of 83. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Locust Gap, Pennsylvania to the late Nicholas Sebastian and Winifred (née Gorman) Sebastian. He attended Mt. Carmel Township High School and entered the United States Air Force in 1948, retiring from active duty in 1970. Mr. Sebastian was a veteran of both the Korean Conflict and Vietnam War, receiving the

Air Force Commendation Medal as Kennel Master of the Sentry Dog Program at Da Nang Air Base and Tuy Hoa Air Base in Vietnam. Prior to Korea and Vietnam service, he was stationed at Chanute Field, Ill. and Itazuke Air Base, Japan. In Korea, he was stationed with the 8th Fighter Bomber Wing at Kimpo Air Base and Suwon before returning to Gunther Air Field in Montgomery, Ala. Nick then returned to Japan and was stationed at Tsuiki Air Base. In 1954, Tsuiki was the training base for the Japanese Air Defense Air Force in F-86 jet aircraft maintenance. After returning to the States, he served at Forbes Air Force Base in Kan., Harmon Air Base in Newfoundland, New Castle County Air Base in Del., Montauk Air Station Radar Site in N.Y. and then Benton Air Station Radar Site (north of Bloomsburg, Pa.). It was there that he met his wife, Anne H. Czepukaitis. Following their wedding on Dec. 26, 1960, Nick and Anne transferred to Otis Air Force Base in Mass. where he provided security for the newly-elected President John F. Kennedy. While at Otis, Nick served a temporary duty assignment overseas at Thule Air Base in Greenland. Their assignments then included Hahn Air Base in Germany, Olmsted Air Force Base at Middletown, Pa., Vietnam, and McGuire Air Force Base, N.J., where he retired as Operations Sergeant in charge of base law enforcement and security. During his 22 years of military service, MSgt Sebastian's decorations also included the Air Force Commendation Medal with an Oak Leaf Cluster, Occupation of Japan, National Defense Medal, Korean Service with Three Battle Stars, United Nations Medal, Korean President Unit Citation, Army and Air Force Good Conduct Medal with Five Oak Leaf Clusters, Vietnam Service Medal, Air Force Longevity Service Award Ribbon with Three Oak Leaf Clusters, and an American Defense Service Medal. After retiring from the military and moving to Del., Nick was employed by Lemmon Pharmaceutical Company, first as a sales representative and then as the Mid-Atlantic Division Manager. Mr. Sebastian was also employed by the Delaware Department of Correction as a Correctional Officer/Trades Instructor with Prison Industries. Mr. Sebastian was a member of Holy Cross Catholic Church in Dover. He was also a member of Walter L. Fox American Legion Post 2, the Forty and Eight, Veteran of Foreign Wars Post 3238, and the **Vietnam Veterans of America – Dover Chapter #850**. Mr. Sebastian is survived by his loving wife of 53 years, Anne (Czepukaitis) Sebastian of Dover and his sister, Theresa Wieger of Harrisburg, Pa. In addition, Nick was the proud father of four children, Nicholas V. Sebastian and wife, Patricia, Suzanne E. Sebastian and husband, Perry Rash, Karen E. Sebastian, John M. Sebastian and wife, Lori. He will also be remembered by his grandchildren, Stephanie Correa, Cody Rash, Crystal Rash, Emily Sebastian, Tori Sebastian, Glen Chilcote, and Josh Chilcote; as well as five great-grandchildren and numerous nieces, nephews and life-long friends. A visitation was held from 6:00 PM until 8:00 PM on Thursday, February 6, 2014 and 11:00 AM to 11:45 AM on Friday, February 7, 2014 at the Funeral Home of Michael J. Ambruso, 1175 South State Street, Dover. A Mass of Christian Burial was held at Holy Cross Catholic Church, 631 South State Street, Dover at 12:00 PM on February 7, 2014. Interment was at Holy Cross Cemetery in Dover.

HERBERT C. SEELYE, JR. - Died Monday, December 23, 2013 at South Georgia Medical Center at the age of 64. He was a resident of Hahira, Georgia. The cause of death was cardio-pulmonary arrest. He was born March 30, 1949 to the late Herbert & Helen (née Thompson) Seelye, Sr. He served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Sparks Chapter #1090**. He was a truck driver with the City of Adel and

he attended Fellowship Baptist Church. Survivors include his wife, Lucille Seelye of Cecil; two sons, Matthew Seelye of FL, and Clermon Seelye of FL.; one daughter, Melinda Henderson of FL.; two step sons, David Wells (Karla) of CA., and Michael Wells (Heather) of N.C.; one stepdaughter, Christina Wells; two brothers, Louis B. Seelye of FL., and James Seelye of FL.; one sister, Betty Bennett of Sparks; 6 grandchildren and 4 step grandchildren; nephew, Kenny Ray Meritt of Sparks. Mr. Seelye was preceded in death by two brothers, Gene Seelye and Carl Seelye; one sister, Hazel Bennett. Funeral services were held Saturday, December 28, 2013 at 11:00 AM at Purvis Funeral Home with Reverend Harris Whitman and Reverend Ike Jefferson co-officiating. Interment was at Fellowship Baptist Church Cemetery. The family received friends Friday evening from 6:00-8:00 PM at the Purvis Funeral Home.

HAROLD E. SELF – Died recently in 2014 in Ambrosio Guillen Texas State Veterans Home in El Paso, Texas at the age of 76. The cause of death is unknown. He was born March 2, 1937. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – El Paso Chapter #844**.



SAMUEL STANLEY "Stan" SILVERSTEIN - Died Sunday, January 12, 2014, 11 Shevat 5774 (Jewish Calendar) in Henderson, Nevada at the age of 68. The cause of death is unknown. He was born March 29, 1945. Stan served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War. He was an *At-Large Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – California**. He will be greatly missed by his family and friends. Services were held Sunday, January 19, 2014 at 11:00 AM at Groman Eden Mortuary in the Groman Eden Chapel. Burial was at Eden Memorial Park. Arrangements were under the direction of Groman Eden Mortuary, Mission Hills, CA.



MICHAEL L. SKAGGS - Died Sunday, February 2, 2014 at McLaren Northern Michigan Hospital in Petoskey, Michigan at the age of 67. He was a resident of Cheboygan, Michigan. The cause of death was Agent Orange-related chronic obstructive pulmonary disease. He was born November 10, 1946 in Alma, Michigan to the late Norman and Greta (née Hanes) Skaggs. On July 19, 1969 in Flint, Mike married Susan J. Sheathelm who survives. Mike had worked for General Motors in Lansing and retired in 2001 after 30 years of service. He served his country honorably with the United States Army during the Vietnam War and was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Cheboygan Chapter #274**, a lifetime member of the Veterans of Foreign War, Post #701 in Lansing and the Cheboygan Moose Lodge. Mike enjoyed traveling and raising German Shepherds. His favorite quote was "When I die, I'll go to Heaven because I've spent my time in hell." Besides his wife Susan, Mike is survived by one brother, Gary (Susan M.) Skaggs of FL; his special friend, of ten years, Maryjane Passeno; and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents and his brother and sister-in-law, Richard (Judy) Skaggs. Visitation was on Thursday, February 6, 2014 from 2:00-4:00 PM and 6:00-8:00 PM at the Nordman-Christian Funeral Home. The funeral service was held on Friday, February 7, 2014 at 11:00 AM also at the funeral home with the family greeting friends one hour prior to the service. Chaplain John Wallace officiated and burial took place within Oak Hill Cemetery.

THOMAS ANDREW SNEYERS – Died Sunday, January 6, 2011 in Warren, Ohio at the age of 61. The cause of death was cardiac arrhythmia, ischemic cardiomyopathy and coronary artery disease. He was born November 7, 1949 to the late Joseph L. Sneyers and Eugenia (née Monaghan) Sneyers who survives him. In addition to his mother, he is survived by his wife, JoAnne Sneyers; his son, Thomas J. Sneyers, of Warren; his daughter, Christine, of New Jersey; two brothers, Joseph E. and Clifford L. Sneyers, both of New Jersey; his sister Linda A. Sneyers, of New Jersey, and; a grandchild. He served in the United States Navy from June 24, 1968 to June 22, 1970 and in the United States Coast Guard from September 29, 1975 to September 28, 1979. He was an *At-Large Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – New Jersey**. He was a member of Queen of the Holy Rosary Roman Catholic Church in Vienna, Ohio. A funeral mass was celebrated in Queen of the Holy Rosary Church on Thursday at 10:30 AM. Visitation was one hour prior to the Mass. Burial with full Military Honors was in Western Reserve National Cemetery in Rittman, Ohio. Arrangements were entrusted to Stanton-Borowski Funeral Home in Warren.



JOHN ANTHONY SPAGNOLA - Died Thursday, March 27, 2014 at his residence in Louisville, Kentucky at the age of 71. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in 1943 in Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania to the late John J. and Alice (née Hughes) Spagnola. In addition to his parents he was also predeceased by his brother, Robert Spagnola and his sisters, Virginia and Regina Spagnola. He is survived by his wife, the former Brenda Durbin; children, Alice Spagnola, Carol (Tom) Johnson, and Anthony (Emily) Spagnola; sisters, Mary Alice Drahus and Joan Pastorelli; grandchildren, Kayla and Sarah Johnson and Dominic Spagnola; and also survived by numerous nieces and nephews. He was a retired US Postal Service employee, a United States Army veteran of the Vietnam War where he was a member of the 19th Combat Engineers, and was a member of Saint Edward Catholic Church, G.I. Joe Post 244, VFW 1170, DAV Charter 89 and **Vietnam Veterans of America – Louisville Chapter #454**. Funeral Service was held at 10:00 AM on Monday at Owen Funeral Home – Jeffersontown, 9318 Taylorsville Road. Visitation was from 2:00-8:00 PM on Sunday. Burial with full military honors was at Noon on Monday at the Kentucky Veterans Cemetery Central, Radcliff, KY.

CHARLES JOSEPH STANCAVAGE - Died Tuesday, July 23, 2013 in Anaheim, California at the age of 74. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Minersville, California on May 25, 1939 to the late Albert and Grace Stancavage. Charles graduated from Nativity High School, Class of 1957, the University of Maryland and Stanford University. He served in the United States Army in Germany. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Irvine Chapter #785**. He was happily married to Helen Smolinsky, formerly of Llewellyn, for 52 years. Surviving, in addition to his wife, are a son, Edward; grandson, Samuel; sister, Joan Stancavage Kellett; and aunts, Jenny Stancavage and Maggie Brennan, both of Minersville. Services were held in California.

ANTHONY N. STANFA – Died Thursday, November 15, 2012 in New Lenox, Illinois at the age of 65. The cause of death was PTSD-related suicide. He was born in Chicago, Illinois on June 4, 1947. He served in the United States Army from 1966 to 1968 in Vietnam and attained the rank

of Sergeant E-5. He is survived by his wife, Gerri. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Illinois**. Services were private by the Brady Gill Funeral Home in Tinley, Illinois.



WILLIAM H. TALLERDY – Died Monday, July 1, 2013 in Cheyenne, Wyoming at the age of 65. The cause of death was sudden onset cardiac event, atherosclerotic cardiovascular disease and hypertension. He was born in Bridgeport, Connecticut on December 25, 1947 to the late William Henry Tallerdy, Sr. and Rose Marie (née Mandeville) Tallerdy. He is survived by his wife, Cindy Jo (née Olson) Tallerdy. He served in the United States Army from January 17, 1966 to October 18, 1968 with a tour in Vietnam that earned him the Silver Star for valor. He subsequently served 16 years in the Army National Guard of Texas. He was an *At-Large Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Wyoming**.

DANIEL C. TOMAKA - Died Friday, February 14, 2014 in Hamburg, New York at the age of 74. The cause of death is unknown. He was born November 7, 1939 to the late Bronislaus and Agnes (née Michalewski) Tomaka. He was the beloved husband of Joyce (née George) Tomaka; dearest father of Daniel, John and David (Laura) Tomaka; loving grandfather of six grandchildren; brother of Mary Ann, Agnes and the late Thomas. Private funeral services were held at the convenience of the family. He retired from the United States Air Force after serving our country for 23 years, served at Pleiku Air Base in Vietnam from 1969 to 1970 and was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Tonawanda Chapter #77**. Arrangements were made by the John J. Kaczor Funeral Home, Inc.

RONALD TOMASZEWSKI – Died Wednesday, January 8, 2014 in Warren, Michigan at the age of 67. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Hamtramck, Michigan on August 1, 1946. He served in the United States Army from October 21, 1968 to December 10, 1969 in the Vietnam War. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Roseville Chapter #154**.



ALBERT G. "AL" TOTTE (USA, MSG, Ret.) - Died Tuesday, March 25, 2014 in Lawton, Oklahoma at the age of 78. The cause of death is unknown. He was born February 25, 1936 in Boston, Massachusetts to the late Charles and Marion Totte. He married Barbara Heffernan on May 12, 1956 in Randolph, Massachusetts. He served in the United States Army for over 20 years, retiring a Master Sergeant in May 1974. He received many awards during his service including the Bronze Star Medal, Meritorious Service Medal, Army Commendation Medal with two oak leaf clusters, Good Conduct Medal with four oak leaf clusters, National Defense Service Medal, Korean Service Medal, Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, Vietnam Service Medal, United Nations Service Medal, Republic of Vietnam Campaign Ribbon with Device (1960), Republic of Korea Presidential Unit Citation Badge, The Republic of Vietnam Cross with Palm Unit Citation, The Republic of Vietnam Civil Actions Honors Medal, and The First Class Unit Citation Badge. He loved his country deeply and his patriotism was seen by all who knew him. Following his military service, he was employed by Reynolds Army Community Hospital for nine years and after retiring, continued to serve there as an American Red Cross volunteer up until the time of his death. He was also a life member of the VFW Post 5263, and Lawton DAV. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans**

of America – Lawton Chapter #751. He was inducted into the Fort Sill Retiree Volunteer Hall of Fame in 2004. Al was a true servant, a compassionate man who never met a stranger and we will all miss his joyful singing and humming! He was a very devoted husband, father, grandfather and great grandfather who loved to host those traditional family gatherings that will be cherished forever, especially Christmas Eve, the Easter Egg Hunt for the grandchildren, and the infamous VERY competitive "washer tournament". He enjoyed woodworking, crafting, fishing, shopping, actually anything to keep busy, and was an avid Boston Red Sox fan! He is survived by his wife Barbara of 57 years, two sons, Dennis Totte (Melinda), Joe Totte (Michelle), three daughters, Denise Duffy (Jim), Diana Wells (Calvin), Donna Totte, grandchildren, Dennis Totte (Sarah), Chris Totte (Anna), Ryan Totte (Danielle), Courtney Totte, Erin Duffy-Coleman (Aron), Andrew Duffy (Kate), Ashley Chavez, Madison Wells, Kacy Totte, Logan Wells, Sierra Totte, and great-grandchildren Kylee Totte, Reece Totte, Amberly Totte, Luke Totte, Taylor Totte, Ostyn Totte, Hailey Chavez, Mason Coleman, and Presley Chavez, sister Beverly Serriello of Randolph, Massachusetts, brother-in-law Russell Heffernan (Fran) of Las Vegas, Nevada, sister-in-law Dottie Nickles of California, special friend Linda Little and many extended family members and close friends. He was preceded in death by his parents, his brothers Robert and Charles, sister Marie, and great granddaughter Rylan Coleman. His funeral was at 1:00 PM on Monday, March 31, 2014 at First Assembly of God with Reverend Gary Pratt, associate pastor officiating. Burial with full military honors was at the Post Cemetery, Fort Sill under the direction of Becker-Rabon Funeral Home. The family greeted friends from 6:00 PM until 8:00 PM on Sunday, March 30, 2014 at the funeral home.



WAYNE ALLEN TUNSETH - Died peacefully at home, Monday, September 16, 2013 in Mayville, North Dakota at the age of 64. The cause of death was a heart attack. He was born on July 8, 1949 in Mayville to Caroline (née Eken) Tunseth, of Mayville and the late Lester Tunseth. He grew up and attended school in Mayville, receiving his Bachelor of Science degree from Mayville State University in May of 1975. In January of 1974, he met Louise Klocke at a Super Bowl Party. They were married on March 1, 1975. Wayne served active duty in the United States Army at Fort Hood, Texas from 1972 to 1974. When he returned to Mayville to finish college in 1974, he joined the Mayville Army National Guard Unit where he served until his retirement as Sergeant First Class in 1993. He was highly respected by those who served under him as well as by his superiors. His civilian job was in the field of water treatment. He started in Mayville in 1977. In 1986, he moved his family to Harvey, ND where he worked at the water treatment plant. In 1988 he took a position with the City of Grand Forks water treatment plant, where he worked until his untimely passing. Wayne was also very involved in his community. He served as a volunteer fireman for 35 years. His professional associations include the North Dakota Firemen's Association, where he served as president in 1987, and the North Dakota Fire Prevention Association. He was also a member of the American Legion and was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Mayville Chapter #374**. When he wasn't working or serving his community, he enjoyed hunting, fishing, attending UND sporting events, and spending time with his family and friends. He is survived by his wife, Louise (née Klocke), Mayville, ND; daughters Christine (Lamar Noriega) and Kathryn, Maple Grove, MN; son Daniel (Michele Cornwell), Springville, UT; mother, Caroline Tunseth, Mayville, ND; sister, Shirley (Mike) Mullally, Hayward, WI; brothers: Larry Tunseth, Kenai, AK;

Mike (Twyla) Tunseth and Darryl (Julie) Tunseth, Grand Forks, ND. He was preceded in death by his father, Lester Tunseth. Memorials may be given to the North Dakota Fireman's Museum at 52 N Main St in Garrison, ND 58540. Visitation was from 5:00-7:00 PM on Friday, September 20, 2013 at the Baker Funeral Home Chapel and will resumed one hour prior to the service at the church. Funeral Service was at 1:00 PM Saturday, September 21, 2013 at the Mayville Lutheran Church, Mayville, ND. Burial was in the Mayville Cemetery, Mayville, ND.



GRADY C. USREY - Died Monday, April 7, 2014 at his home in Cambridge, Illinois at the age of 67. The cause of death was fibrous growth on both lungs. He was born on April 7, 1947 in Gadsden, Alabama to the late Cecil and Mildred (née Rakestraw) Usrey. He attended school in Bushnell Prairie City, Illinois. He was united in marriage to Beverly Barker on July 3, 1974 in Bushnell, Illinois. Grady enlisted in the United States Marine Corps in 1965 and served 20 months in Vietnam before his honorable discharge in 1975. He worked for the Rock Island Arsenal retiring in 1999. Grady served on the Cambridge Village Board for over 14 years. He also served as a Cambridge Fire Department radio operator for 20 years and kept watch at the Cambridge Car Corner for several years. Grady was instrumental in starting the Veteran's Park. He was a longtime *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Quad Cities (Rock Island) Chapter #299**, American Legion, Disabled American Veterans, Arthritis Foundation, and VFW. He is survived by his wife Beverly; daughter: Sara (Curt) Dykstra, Geneseo; son: Neil (Kristin) Jordan, Bloomington; grandchildren: Lexi Jordan, Austin Jordan, Addison Dykstra, and Brenna Dykstra; brother: John (Colleen) Usrey; and his faithful dog Trooper. He was preceded in death by his parents and two sisters. A funeral service celebrating his life was held at 6:00 PM on Thursday, April 10 at Vandemore Funeral Homes, Ltd., Geneseo, Illinois with the Reverend Mark Graham officiating. As per his wishes Cremation Rites were accorded and inurnment was at a later date at the Rock Island National Cemetery. A visitation for Grady was held from 3:00-6:00 PM (prior to the funeral service) at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to the Grady Usrey Memorial Fund, to be distributed among several local charities.



LUIS OMEGAR VELEZ - Died Wednesday, January 1, 2014 at his home in Ringgold, Georgia at the age of 61. The cause of death is unknown. He was born December 27, 1952 in Arecibo, Puerto Rico to Julia Hernandez of Camuy, Puerto Rico and the late Omezar Velez. He was also predeceased by his grandmother, Monserrate Crespo. He was member of Collegedale Spanish-American Seventh-Day Adventist Church. He was a United States Army Veteran of the Vietnam War and was a member of the Disabled American Veterans and a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Chattanooga Chapter #203**. He was a graduate of the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga. Survivors include his wife, Nieves Velez; mother, Julia Hernandez of Camuy, Puerto Rico; children, Yesenia (Joaquin) Velez of Puerto Rico; Orlando (Jeanenne) Montoya of Washington, DC; Zenia (Robert) Cabrera of Cleveland; Charles Velez of Ringgold; Luis Velez, Jr. of Bridgeport, Ct.; brother, Hilberto Santiago of Camuy, Puerto Rico; and grandchildren, Adriana Rivera, Miguel Rivera; Caragan Cabrera, and Lilly Cabrera. Graveside memorial services with full military honors were held on Monday, January 6th, at 3:00 PM at the Chattanooga National Cemetery with Pastor Joel Barrios officiating. The family received friends on Saturday, January 5th, from 4:00-8:00 PM at the

Valley View Chapel. Memorial contributions may be made to Hospice of Chattanooga. Arrangements were by the Valley View Chapel of Chattanooga Funeral Home, Crematory & Florist, 7414 Old Lee Highway, Chattanooga, TN 37421.



MICHAEL THOMAS VOLPERT - Died Saturday, March 8, 2014, at his home in Cadiz, Kentucky at the age of 63. The cause of death was cancer. He was born February 3, 1951 in Chicago, Illinois to John Edward Volpert, of Apple Valley, Illinois and Joan (née Pemberton) Volpert-Pauls, of Carpenter, Illinois. He and his wife, Marge had owned and operated Land-Between-the-Lakes Log Homes in Eddyville, Kentucky. He was a United States Army Vietnam War veteran having received the Bronze Star and the Army Commendation Medal. He was a lifetime member of the VFW and was a *Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Paducah Chapter #337*. He is survived by his wife of 42 years, Marge Volpert, of Cadiz, KY; his father and his stepmother, John Edward and Pat Volpert, of Apple River, IL; his mother, Joan Pemberton Pauls, of Carpenter, IL; two daughters and sons-in-law, Dawn and Leo Hondros, of Darien, IL, Tracy and Chris Winbun, of Joliet, IL; six grandchildren, Jennifer Hondros, Dana Hondros, Tiffany Book, Elaini Hondros, Austin Winbun and Hailey Winbun; one great- grandchild, Adam Bryson; three brothers, John Volpert, Jr., Ross Volpert and Rusty Volpert, and; three sisters, Vicki Gleason-Ring, Mickey McKee and Julie Augello. arrangements were handled by Goodwin Funeral Home, Inc., 138 Main Street, Cadiz, KY in Cadiz, KY. A Memorial Service was held at a later date in Chicago, IL.



MERRITT PHILLIP "Bud" WALLS (USA, LTC-Ret.) - Died Monday, February 10, 2014 at his residence in Mount Crawford, Virginia at the age of 76. The cause of death was Cardio-respiratory arrest and Chronic Heart Failure. He was born August 15, 1937 in Huntsville, Alabama to the late Merritt Lihugh Walls and Myrtle Louise (née Fears) Walls. He was also preceded in death by two sisters, Doris Charlene Hughes and Peggy Jean Brattensborg. He was retired from the United States Army. Bud graduated from Van Nuys High School, Van Nuys, CA and entered the United States Army at age 17. He served as an enlisted soldier for 5 ½ years and then received his officers commission from Officer's Candidate School, Fort Sill, OK. He spent a total of 24 years on active duty in the Army as well as 2 years of service with the Alabama and California National Guard. During this time he graduated from the University of Nebraska at Omaha, the Naval War College in Newport, R.I. and numerous other military courses of instruction. Subsequent to his military duties, Bud obtained his Master of Arts Degree in Vocational Education from James Madison University. Bud held numerous positions of leadership while on active duty which included platoon leader, personnel officer, aide-de-camp, training officer, systems analyst, and general staff officer at the Pentagon. Bud's military career consisted of serving in the ranks of Infantry as an enlisted man and in the Field Artillery and Air Defense Artillery missile systems as an officer. He also commanded a 105 Howitzer Battery in Vietnam. He was awarded the Army's Legion of Merit, the Meritorious Service Medal, two Bronze Stars for Vietnam Combat operations, three Army Commendations Medals, and a number of other medals for service recognition. In Vietnam, Bud was injured in a Viet Cong mortar attack and was offered the Purple Heart. Bud declined acceptance of the award indicating that our Army was losing too many soldiers who were getting killed daily to even consider this award. Bud is a life member of the Military Officers'

Association of America. Bud retired from the army in July, 1979 and became the Senior Army Instructor at Augusta Military Academy in Fort Defiance, VA where he supervised the military training for all academy cadets. After two years, Bud entered into public education, with Rockingham County Public Schools, where he was the Industrial Cooperative Training Coordinator at Broadway High School for five years. Subsequently, he became the Career Education, Job Placement and Dropout Prevention Coordinator on the RCPS staff. He initiated the YES program (Youth Experiencing Success) for Rockingham County's middle schools and started the Alternative Education Program at Dayton Learning Center for high school students. After 17 years with RCPS, Bud retired in July, 1998 as a General Supervisor. Bud has served on the Mount Crawford Town Council for the past 33 years and has been the Town's Vice Mayor for most of those years up until his death. Representing the Town of Mount Crawford, Bud served on the Board of Directors for the Harrisonburg/Rockingham Regional Sewer Authority, a position he held for 14 years. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Harrisonburg Chapter #1061**. LTC Walls is survived by his loving and devoted wife of 58 years, Susan Louise (née Eberly Walls; five children, Merritt Phillip Walls, Jr. and his wife Judi, of Salem, VA; Jeanna Lynn Harris and her husband, Peter of Harrisonburg, VA; MSG John David Walls and his wife, Betsy of Weisbaden, Germany; Clayton Eberly Walls and his wife, Dawn of Mt. Crawford, VA; Katherine Louise Cabana and her husband, Donald of Bridgewater, VA; a sister, Babbette Nadine Richardson of Oak Grove, MO; a brother-in-law, Robert Brattensborg of Fargo, ND; and 8 grandchildren, Audrey Reagan Walls Taylor and her husband, Joshua of Richmond, VA; Joshua Alen Harris and his wife, Nikki of Grottoes, VA; Keaton Taylor, Avery Vianden, and Julia Grace Walls, of Mt. Crawford, VA; Grayson Eberly Walls, of Weisbaden, Germany; Lauren Elizabeth and Austin Thomas Cabana of Bridgewater, VA; 2 great grandsons, Liam Merritt and Sawyer McCoy Harris of Grottoes, VA. The family received friends from 6:00 until 8:00 PM on Saturday, February 15, 2014 at Johnson Funeral Service, Bridgewater, Virginia. A Celebration of Life was held at New Beginnings Church on Pike Church Road, Harrisonburg, VA by the Reverend Timothy McAvoy, Reverend Reuben Horst, Chaplain Jeff Clemens, Reverend Angie Williams, and Reverend Gerald Martin at 3:00 PM on Sunday, February 16, 2014. Burial was at Arlington National Cemetery.

GARY D. WATSON – Died recently in 201 in Branson, Missouri at the age of 61. The cause of death is unknown. He was born April 3, 1952. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Branson Chapter #913**.

JOHN JAMES WHIFFEN – Died Friday, February 14, 2014 in Breinigsville, Pennsylvania at the age of 67. The cause of death is unknown. He was born August 30, 1946 in Liberty, New York to the late James Augustus and Patricia Whiffen. He attended Saint Peters Elementary School and graduated from Liberty Central High School in 1964. After graduation, he enlisted in the United States Air Force and became a military police officer. When he returned to Liberty after four years in the Air Force, he worked for the Sullivan County Sheriff's Department, married Mary Borden and they moved to Spring Valley, NY in the fall of 1969. John began college at Rockland County Community College in 1969 and received his bachelor's degree from William Paterson University several years later. He went to work for the Village of Spring Valley Police Department in 1970 and helped establish the department's Juvenile Aid Bureau. John retired

from Spring Valley as an Administrative Sergeant in 1990. John was always active in the Rockland County Police Athletic League (PAL), and served as its executive director after his retirement until 1993. In 1993, John became the Police Chief for the Town of Highlands, serving the community he lived in for 37 years. John then fully retired in October of 2007. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – New City Chapter #333**. He and his wife spent their winters in Sedona, Arizona from 2009 - 2013. There, they enjoyed exploring the Southwest and hosting visitors from New York. When traveling back and forth to Arizona, their two West Highland White Terriers, Daisy and Gatsby, were always along. John's commitment to his dogs was trumped only by his devotion to his wife and children. He was stoic and strong when he needed to be, but his family and those who had the pleasure of knowing him well will remember him most for his kind nature and generosity. The Whiffens relocated to Breinigsville, PA, in April of 2013. John passed away quietly at home, surrounded by his immediate family. John is survived by his wife, Mary; his son and daughter-in-law, Christopher and Sara Whiffen of Charlottesville, Virginia; and his daughter, Abigail Whiffen, currently residing in Budapest, Hungary. A memorial service was held in New York. In lieu of any flowers, gifts may be made in his memory to Wounded Warrior Project (P.O. Box 758517, Topeka, KS 66675) or to Lehigh Valley Hospice (Development Department, Lehigh Valley Health Network, 2100 Mack Blvd., 6th Floor, Allentown, PA 18105 - simply noting that gifts are in memory of John Whiffen will earmark gifts for Hospice).



EDWARD RANDOLPH WHITFIELD – Died Friday, February 28, 2014 at Saint Joseph's Hospital in Savannah, Georgia at the age of 72. He was a resident of Hinesville, Georgia. The cause of death is unknown. He was born November 12, 1941 in Suffolk, Virginia to the late George Edward Whitfield and Rosa Lee Whitfield. The second of eight children, Edward married Barbara R. Hicks on August 17, 1963, and became a dedicated husband and father of four. He was a career soldier in the United States Army and after two tours of Vietnam and 28 years, he retired in Hinesville. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Hinesville Chapter #789**. He enjoyed fishing and absolutely loved working on cars and engines. Edward was a caring man with a humble spirit, comforted by the sound of rain, sitting along the side of a lake and his wife's voice. He supported his family in any and all endeavors and was a backbone and constant supporter of his wife's ministry. As a deacon in the church, Edward helped groom and develop many young men in the Lord. He was a man of sound judgment, integrity and always had a smile on his face. Edward enjoyed spending time with his entire family and absolutely loved his four grandchildren. Edward is praising and rejoicing with those he was preceded by, his beloved wife, Barbara R. Whitfield of Suffolk; his son, Edward R. Whitfield Jr. of Suffolk; his brother, Sydney E. Whitfield of Suffolk; his father, George E. Whitfield of Suffolk; and his mother Rosa Lee Whitfield of Suffolk. His life will continue to be celebrated by his dedicated children, daughter, Renata D. Trout, son, Sheldon Whitfield, daughter, Letitea Whitfield; and four loving grandchildren, Chelsea Whitfield, Logan Trout, Xavier Whitfield and Ashton Whitfield; siblings; Capotria Barrett of Suffolk, Robert L. Whitfield of Suffolk, Melvin E. Whitfield of Suffolk, Curtis E. Whitfield of Suffolk, Mary Alice Hall of Gates, N.C., and George Whitfield of Washington, D.C.; and a large extended family of nieces and nephews and friends in the Lord. Remembering that he always put God first, he was a soldier always, and he kept family above all. Edward R.

Whitfield will be deeply missed, but his light will shine brightly in the words and deeds of those who loved and respected him. Visitation was from 1:00-5:00 PM on Friday, March 7th, at Dorchester Funeral Home, 7842 East Oglethorpe Highway in Midway, Georgia. Funeral services were at 11:00 AM on Saturday, March 8th, at Powerhouse of Deliverance Church, 218 Airport Road, Hinesville. His body will rest at the church for viewing from 10:00 AM until the service. Interment with full military honors was in Oglethorpe Memorial Park, Main Street Extension in Hinesville. Dorchester Funeral Home was in charge of the arrangements.

DELBERT RAY WHITT - Died of natural causes Thursday, October 31, 2013 in Lester, West Virginia at the age of 65. The cause of death was Agent Orange-related heart disease. He was born December 8, 1947, to late Wirt and Belva (née McDaniel) Whitt. He served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War. Delbert was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Hico Chapter #860**. He retired from U.S. Steel in Pennsylvania after 35 years. In addition to his parents, Delbert is preceded in death by his brothers, James Whitt, Freddie Whitt, David Wayne Whitt and Charles Whitt; sisters, Bonnie Whitt Moore, Betty Whitt Mills. Those left to cherish his memory include his brother, Billy J. Whitt and wife Linda of Sophia, Ronnie E. Whitt and wife Vickie of Gap Mills. In keeping with Delbert's wishes, there will be no services. Delbert was cremated and was buried in the Hot Coal Cemetery, Sophia, West Virginia. The family asks that donations of sympathy be made to the Vietnam Veterans of America, 1000 Johnstown Road, Beckley, WV 25801. Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.blueridgefuneralhome.com Arrangements were by the Blue Ridge Funeral Home, 5251 Robert C. Byrd Drive, Beckley, WV.



THOMAS M. WONDERGEM - Died in Jacksonville, Florida on Wednesday, March 12, 2014 at the age of 73. He was a resident of Bradenton, Florida. He was formerly of Battle Creek, Michigan. The cause of death is unknown. He was born October 5, 1940, in Battle Creek, Michigan to the late Marvin and Marilyn Wondergem. He attended Ann J. Kellogg, WK Kellogg and graduated from Battle Creek Central High School in 1958. He attended one year at Kellogg Community College and then attended and graduated from Michigan State University in March 1963. He played on many little, intermediate, and senior baseball teams in his early years and won numerous titles and championships. Two standout teams were the Battle Creek Elks #131 and the Battle Creek American Legion Teams. Tom was hired by Grand Trunk Railroad as a Brakeman, and worked until September, 1963, enlisting in the United States Navy's Officer Candidate School at Newport, Rhode Island. On receiving his commission he was ordered to Pensacola, Florida for Flight Training. He received his "Wings of Gold" in June 1965 in Kingsville, Texas, and was assigned for further advanced combat training at Lemoore, California, flying the Douglas A-4 Skyhawk. In December of 1965, he deployed on the Nuclear Aircraft Carrier, U.S.S. Enterprise, which had the distinction of being the first nuclear ship in any combat situation. He returned home to his home base at Lemoore, in late July and again redeployed in late December on board the U.S.S. Hancock. He flew a combined 193 combat missions and was awarded numerous Air Medals, Combat Medals and other awards. He had over 400 Carrier landings. On returning from that deployment in late July he was assigned orders to be carrier landing instructor at Pensacola, Fl. He left the Navy in December of 1968 and was hired at Northwest

Airlines, in January 1969. He had 32 years' experience with Northwest and retired in October 2000 as a B-747 Captain flying the Pacific. He flew the B-707 and its three variants, the B-727, B-757, DC-10 and the B-747. He had type ratings on every plane except the B-707. His final accumulation of flight hours exceeded 22,000 hours. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Battle Creek Chapter #313**. He was a charter member of the Skyhawk Association and a Board Member for over 5 years. His other affiliations were the Red River Valley Fighter Pilots, (A closed membership now as you had to fly a combat mission in the Red River country which is north of Hanoi up to the Chinese border) and The Tailhook Association. He was a member of the American Legion, Veterans Association and the Elks. He is survived by his most beautiful wife of 32 years, Kathleen; her three children, Brendan Meeker (Sulynn), Heather, and Farrel Meeker; his two children, Eric Wondergem (Connie), Casey Magnum (Bill), and four grandchildren, Caitlyn Wondergem, Courtney Williams, McKenzie Mangum, and Maewyn Meeker. He was preceded in death by his son, Michael Scott, his father, Marvin Wondergem, his mother, Marilyn Gunning, step-father, Alfred Wayne Gunning, grandparents, Ralph and Marion Shulters, and Irene Wondergem, uncle, Charles Shulters (Delores), and aunt, LouAnn Shulters and sister, Cindy (Medford). He is also survived by his beloved sister, Sue Barney (Gary), brothers, Jeff and Marvin Jr. (Skip) Wondergem, and uncle, Ralph Shulters, and uncle, Jack Palmer. A Mass of the Christian Burial was scheduled for 10:30 AM at Saint Philip Roman Catholic Church, 112 Capital Avenue, NE, Battle Creek, MI and a 9:00 AM visitation (the same day) at Farley-Estes and Dowdle Funeral Home, Battle Creek, MI. Interment with full Military Honors was at Fort Custer National Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, the family requested donations be made to the National Hemophilia Foundation, 116 West 32nd Street, 11th Floor, New York, NY in care of Michael Scott Wondergem or the Wounded Warrior Project, P.O. Box 758517, Topeka, Kansas 66675.



THEODORE J. "Ted" ZELLER – Died Saturday, February 8, 2014 in Loveland, Ohio at the age of 69. The cause of death was metastatic lung cancer. He was born January 20, 1945 in Cincinnati, Ohio to Herta and the late Theodore Zeller. He served in the United States Army with a tour of duty in Vietnam from 1968 to 1969. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Cincinnati Chapter #10**. He was the beloved husband and best-friend of Sally J. (née Megrue) Zeller, cherished son of Herta and the late Theodore Zeller, cherished grandson of the late Anton and Berta Gangl, devoted father of Sara (Daniel) Chernick, loving grandpa of Casey and Lukas Chernick, dear sibling of Dorothy (Jim) Hess and the late John Zeller. A Memorial Service was held Saturday, February 15, 2014 at 4:00 PM at Mueller Funeral Home, 6791 Tylersville Road, Mason, OH 45040

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

FATHER PHILIP G. SALOIS, M.S.

National Chaplain