

VIETNAM VETERANS OF AMERICA

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ORFEO E. "Gus" AGOSTINI - Savannah, Georgia. One of the Greatest Generation, Orfeo E.

(Gus) Agostini, age 84, formerly of Hinesville, Ga. died March 7, 2009 at Savannah Square, Savannah, following a brief illness. He was born in Renovo, Pa. on April 13, 1924, a son of the late Luigi Agostini and Mary Muffie Agostini. Orfeo was a 1942 graduate of Strong Vincent High School. He entered the United States Army in 1942 and defended our country in World War II, where he saw action at The Battle of the Bulge. He served in the Korean Conflict and Vietnam. He was a highly decorated veteran and retired in 1976 having served for 34 years. A few of his decorations include The Bronze Star, Purple Heart, Republic of Vietnam Cross of Gallantry and two Oak Leaf Clusters. He was very proud of his military service. He then worked for the Corps of Engineers and the Civil Service at Fort Stewart, Ga. until his retirement in 1993. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Hinesville Chapter #789**. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife, Yvette, who died in October 2008, and a brother, J. J. (Rusty) Agostini, who died in July 2008. Survivors include his daughter, Mary Agostini Harrell and her husband, Chris; grandsons, Jack and Clay Harrell; brother, Louis Agostini and his wife, Marilee; sister-in-law, Theresa Agostini and many nieces, nephews and cousins. There will be no visitation hours. A burial service is scheduled for Arlington National Cemetery on March 19, 2009, at 2:00 p.m.



JIMMY WOODARD ANDERSON – Swansboro, North Carolina. Our Hero, Jimmy Woodard Anderson, 63, passed away on Sept. 11, 2008, (Hero's Day) at Carteret General Hospital in Morehead City surrounded by his family. The cause of death was cancer. Jimmy was born in Wayne County on April 29, 1945 to the late Woodard Anderson and Martha Strickland Anderson. He retired as a First Sergeant from the United States Army having served two tours during the Vietnam War. While serving his country with honor, he was awarded the National Defense Service Medal, the Meritorious Service Medal, the Good Conduct Medal (6th AWD), the Non-Commissioned Officer Professional Development Rib-bon with 1 DEV, the Army

Service Ribbon, the Army Commendation Medal with 2 Oak Leaf Clusters, the Bronze Star Medal, the Overseas Service Ribbon (1st AWD), the Drill Sergeant Identification Badge, the Air Medal, the Army Achievement Medal with 1 Oak Leaf Cluster, the Vietnam Service Medal with 4 Bronze Service Stars, the Vietnam Campaign Medal with 60 DVC, the Vietnam Cross of Gallantry with Palm, the Combat Infantryman Badge, and the Army Achievement Medal with 2 Oak Leaf Clusters. After retiring from the Army, Jimmy had worked with Banker Systems of America and most recently with Ragsdale Car Dealer-ship. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Morehead City**

Chapter #749. A service to celebrate Jimmy's life will be held Sunday at 6:00 p.m. in the chapel of Seymour Funeral Home with Rev. Bill Rose officiating. Interment will be Monday at 11 a.m. at Wayne Memorial Park with full military honors. Jimmy is survived by his wife, Karon Garris Anderson; his daughters, Michelle Dial, Melissa Shackelford and husband, Jonathan, and Debbie Mitchum and husband Sonny; his brother, Billy Anderson and wife, Susie; his step-sons, Burney Shirley and wife, Maile, and William B. Shirley; his grandchildren, Hunter Edmundson, Kaden Shirley and Addie Shirley; and several nieces and nephews including, Bill Anderson and wife, Jeane, Marti Jones and husband, Stevie, Daniel Smith and wife, Amanda, and Amy Gambill and husband, Philip. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his half-brother, Howard L. Sasser. Flowers are welcome or memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society, 930B Wellness Drive, Greenville, N.C. 27834. The family will receive friends Sunday following the service and other times at the home of Billy and Susie Anderson, 164B Old Kenly Road, Pikeville, NC.

RONALD G. ANDRE – Died Sunday, August 4, 2002 in Roxborough, Pennsylvania at the age of 70. The cause of death is unknown. He was born July 11, 1932. He is survived by his wife, Barbara T. (née Heiser); his children, Stephen C., Lauren S. Cook, Kenneth A., Marlene and Michael; his five grandchildren; his great-granddaughter, and; his sister Eunice Pfeiffer. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Philadelphia Chapter #430**. Funeral services and interment were private at the convenience of the family. Memorial donations may be made to the charity of the donor's choice. TURNER FUNERAL HOME

BARRY A. BALTRUNAS, SR. - 58, - of Cape May Court House, New Jersey, formerly of Drexel Hill, Pennsylvania, died Tuesday August 26, 2008. Barry was born in Darby Pennsylvania. He proudly served his country in the United States Army 82nd Airborne Division during the Vietnam War. Barry was formerly employed as a postal clerk for US Postal Service in Lansdowne, Pennsylvania. He was a member of the VFW and the American Legion in Cape May and Havertown Pennsylvania. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Wildwood Chapter #955**. Barry is survived by his son Barry A. Baltrunas, Jr. (Denise) and his grandson Barry David Baltrunas. Relatives and friends are invited to attend Barry's Life Celebration and Memorial Service Tuesday Sept 2, at 11AM at the Keates-Plum Funeral Home, 3112 Brigantine Ave Brigantine. Inurnment was in the Cape May County Veterans Cemetery, Cape May Court House, New Jersey.

JACK J. BATTAGLIA – Died Sunday, February 18, 2007 in Las Vegas, Nevada. The cause of death is unknown. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Rochester (New York) Chapter #20**.

MARJORIE MILLER BERGEY - Died Thursday, October 2, 2008 in Perkasio, Pennsylvania at the age of 60. She was born October 6, 1947. She is survived by her husband, Dennis R. Bergey, of Perkasio. She was a *Life Member* of **Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America – Richlandtown Chapter #468**. Funeral services were conducted at 11:00 AM on Wednesday, October 8, 2008 at the Trinity Lutheran Church, 19 S. Fifth Street in Perkasio. Call 6-9 p.m.

Tuesday, Suess Funeral Home, 606 Arch St., Perkasio, with Order of the Eastern Star service at 8 p.m. Tuesday, or 9-10:30 a.m. Wednesday in the church.

ANNIE DOLORES CULLISON BLANK - 67, of Cuero, Texas, passed away Tuesday, March 31, 2009. She was born July 18, 1941, in Alvin, Texas to the late Roy and Lucille Daniels Cullison. She married Wayne C. Blank on December 16, 1977 in Alvin. She was a homemaker and member of St. Mark's Lutheran Church, Sons of Herman, Lodge 318 - Ladies Auxiliary, auxiliary member of the Military Order of the Purple Heart - Chapter 3077, and an **Associate Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Victoria Chapter #898**. She is survived by her loving husband of 31 years; son, Edwin Owen Hopson and wife, Wendy, of High Island; brothers, Bob Cullison of Eden and Edwin Cullison and wife, Joellen, of Pasadena; two grandchildren; and many loving relatives and friends. She was preceded in death by her parents. Visitation will be from 10-11 a.m. Saturday, April 11, 2009 at Freund Funeral Home Chapel. The memorial service will follow at 11 a.m., at Freund Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. Ryan Ritzmann officiating. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to St. Mark's Lutheran Church, American Cancer Society, or American Heart Association.

MACK OSBA BRUCE – Died Tuesday, December 16, 2008 in Cumberland Furnace, Tennessee at the age of 60. The cause of death was coronary heart disease. He was born in Campbell County, Tennessee on February 17, 1948 to the late Milford and Cleo D. (née Lay) Bruce. He is survived by his wife, Barbara Fiser Bruce, of the home; two sons and one daughter-in-law, Kelly Owen, of Dickson and Matthew and Stacy Bruce, of Cumberland Furnace; three grandchildren, Brandan Owen, John Mason Bruce and Andrew Bruce; three brothers, James Bruce and Gene Bruce, of LaFollette, Tennessee and Ken Bruce, of Detroit, Michigan, and; two sisters, Kila Wright, of North Carolina and Azalea Werzer, of New York. In addition to his parents, he was predeceased by two brothers, Milford Bruce, Jr. and Jerry Bruce and his sister, Marie Uhlick. He served in the United States Army with a tour of duty in Vietnam from 1966 to 1967. He actually served four tours in Vietnam, one tour in Europe, one tour at Fort Polk and one tour at Fort Hood. He retired after twenty years of service at the rank of Sergeant First Class (E-7). He was a member of the Water Street Church of Christ in Charlotte, Tennessee. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Dickson Chapter #950**. Funeral services were conducted in the Chapel of the Taylor Funeral Home with Brother Robert Cullom, officiating. Interment with full military honors was in the Cumberland Furnace Cemetery.

JOHN BUESCHER – Died Friday, February 13, 2009 in Newburgh, New York at the age of 66. The cause of death is unknown. He was born April 13, 1942 in Missoula, Montana. He served in the United States Army with a tour of duty in Vietnam from February 1966 to January 1967. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Newburgh Chapter #537**.

RONALD LEROY CLEVELAND – Died Friday, December 7, 2007 in Saint Paul, Minnesota at the age of 61. He was a resident of Spring Valley, Wisconsin. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Montecello, Minnesota on September 18, 1946 to the late Bernard and Patricia (Nokk) Cleveland. He married Nancy Plum on November 13, 1970 at the Methodist Church in Deer Park, Wisconsin. In addition to his wife, Nancy, of the home, he is survived by his son and

daughter-in-law, Adam and Kamsey Cleveland, of Menomonie, Wisconsin; his daughter, Amber Cleveland; three brothers and sisters-in-law, Bernard Cleveland, of Saint Paul, Minnesota, Michael and Robin Cleveland, of River Falls, Wisconsin and Patrick and Alicia Cleveland, of Woodbury, Minnesota; one sister and brother-in-law, Carol and Steve Ryland, of Bayport, Wisconsin, and; three sisters-in-law and their husbands, Debbie and Mike Smith, of Cottage Grove, Wisconsin, Janice and Larry Haywood, of Tacoma, Washington and Patty and Greg Maciaszek, of Sammamish, Washington. He served in the United States Navy for six years, two of which were in Vietnam. He was a member of the Navy Seal Team 1. He was a *Co-Founder* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – River Falls Chapter #331**. He was a former member of VVA Chapters #62 and #5. He was a member of the Disabled American Veterans, Veterans of Foreign Wars and The American Legion. He worked for Catholic Charities, the State of Wisconsin Homeless Project and the Wisconsin Veterans Administration. Funeral services were conducted in the Saint John's Lutheran Church in Spring Valley with the Reverend Christine Schneewind, officiating.

LAURA M. CRAIG – Died Thursday, February 12, 2009 in Kerrville, Texas. The cause of death is unknown. She was a *Life Member* of **Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America – Ingram Chapter #863**.

EARNEST CROOK, JR. – Died in February 2009 in Cedar Grove, West Virginia at the age of 62. The cause of death was complications from Agent Orange and Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder. He was born July 1, 1948. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Beckley Chapter #860**.

ROBERT B. CULVER – Died in March 2009 in Gardner, Massachusetts at the age of 81. The cause of death is unknown. He was born September 5, 1927 in Waltham, Massachusetts. He is survived by his wife, Sylvia. He served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Gardner Chapter #907**.

CARL E. DANES – Died Thursday, March 19, 2009 in Hudson, Florida at the age of 75. The cause of death was heart disease. He was born in Spokane, Washington on August 18, 2008. He is survived by his wife, Marlys. He served in the United States Army from 1953 to 1973 having served in Germany, Korea and Vietnam in 1965. He retired at the rank of Staff Sergeant (E-6). He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Hudson Chapter #1003**.

ALBERT KENNETH “Kenny” DEAL - 54, of Woodbridge, New Jersey, died Friday February 27, 2009 at Raritan Bay Medical Center in Perth Amboy, New Jersey. The cause of death was pancreatic cancer. Mr. Deal was born in October 17, 1954 in Greenville, Mississippi and lived in Rahway 12 years before moving to Woodbridge 15 years ago. He was a Veteran of the Vietnam War and was the founder of **Vietnam Veterans of America - Elizabeth Chapter #770**. He was a lifetime member of the American Legion Post 180 in Vienna VA. He was an avid hunter and belonged to many hunting organizations. He was predeceased by his father, Edward M. Deal. Surviving are his wife of 28 years, Susan Wisniewski Deal of Woodbridge; his parents, Martha and Robert Hatter of Vienna, VA; two daughters, Jennifer and April Deal both of Woodbridge;

two grandchildren, Courtney Hernke and Jacob Deal; a sister, Vicki Rosado of Florida and a brother, Edward Michael Deal of New Hampshire. A funeral service will be held at 8 p.m. Tuesday evening at the Leon J. Gerity Funeral Home, 411 Amboy Avenue, (Route 35) Woodbridge. Visiting will be Monday and Tuesday 2-4 & 7-9 p.m. at the funeral home. V.V.A. Chapter 779 of Elizabeth will conduct a service Monday evening. In lieu of flowers, in his memory may be made to the Pancreatic Cancer Action Network, 2141 Rosecrans Avenue, Suite 7000, El Segundo, CA 90245.

ADOLF BRYAN DEYNZER – Died Sunday, March 22, 2009 in Ashville, New York at the age of 26. The cause of death was the result of an automobile accident. He was born February 5, 1983 in Waynesburg, Pennsylvania to Patricia Jane Bryan Deynzer Varner and Adolf Peter Deynzer, both of Waynesburg. In addition to his parents, he is survived by his stepmother, Kathy Kersey Deynzer, of Waynesburg; two brothers and sisters-in-law, Elliot and Melissa Lawver, of Canonsburg, Pennsylvania and Joel C. and Andi Lawver, of Waynesburg; his sister, Stephanie Deynzer, of Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania; his grandparents, Adolf (Al) and Barbara Jarvis Deynzer, of Center Township, Pennsylvania, and several nieces and nephews. He served in the United States Army during Operation Desert Shield/Desert Storm. He was a member of **Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America – Jamestown Chapter #865**. Funeral services were conducted in Saint George's Anglican Church in Waynesburg with the Reverend Peter Ostrander, officiating. Interment was in Bethany Cemetery in Jackson Township, Greene County, Pennsylvania.

ANTHONY C. "Tony" DIRETTE – Died Sunday, April 9, 2006 in Walled Lake, Michigan at the age of 53. The cause of death was Agent Orange-related Diabetes Mellitus Type II and acute myocardial infarction. He was born June 5, 1952 in Detroit, Michigan to the late Oscar and Jannie (Hawk) Dirette. He married Edy Brouillette on July 15, 1972 in Walled Lake. In addition to his wife, Edy Dirette of Newaygo, Michigan, he is survived by his daughter and son-in-law, Stephanie and Robert Brown, of Newaygo; two sons and daughters-in-law, Derek and Kelley Dirette, of Newaygo and Aaron and Katie Dirette, of Newaygo; eight grandchildren, Andrea, Madison, A.J., Zach, Jordan, Cole, Brice and Kaylee; three sisters and brothers-in-law, Norma and Jerry Suchner, of White Cloud, Michigan, Anita and Roger Ostergren, of Howell, Michigan and Ronda and Arnold Maddy, of Howell; Several nieces and nephews; his mother-in-law, Joyce Brouillette, of Walled Lake, and; his sisters-in-law and brothers-in-law, Denise, Jeanne and Pete, Bill and Roxanne, George and Terry and Nomi and Harry. He served in the United States Marine Corps during the Vietnam War. He was a member of the Fremont United Methodist Church. He was an *At-Large Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Michigan**. Funeral services were conducted in the Fremont United Methodist Church with the Reverend Larry Wood, officiating.

JACK A. ELDRIDGE - 65, of Long Pond, Pennsylvania, passed away on Wednesday, December 10, 2008 at the Pocono Medical Center, East Stroudsburg, Pennsylvania. The cause of death was pancreatitis. Born: On April 15, 1943 in Easton, Pennsylvania, he was a son of Susie Stone Eldridge of Phillipsburg, New Jersey, and the late Jacob Eldridge. Personal: He and his wife, the former Cameron E. Shelhart, observed their 18th wedding anniversary on July 7, 2008. Jack had been a welder at the Atlantic States Cast Iron Pipe Company in Phillipsburg, New Jersey. Lastly,

he worked at Jacks Pocono Polish and Wax in Blakeslee, Pa. He retired in 2005. He graduated from Easton High School, Class of 1961. Jack was an Army veteran, having served in Vietnam. He was an antique and classic car buff. He was pursuing the hobby of photography. He enjoyed flea markets and outdoor fairs. He was an avid fisherman. His greatest pleasure was spending precious time with his family, especially his grandchildren. Memberships: He was a *Life Member* of the **Vietnam Veterans of America – Stroudsburg Chapter #678**. Survivors: In addition to his wife, Cameron, he is survived by a son, Jason Eldridge of Scotrom, Pa; a daughter, Carolyn Hennion and her fiancé, Scott Chant of Long Pond; two step-daughters, Dorothy I. Rhodes and her husband, James of Pocono Lake, Pa, and Charlene Ayers of Blakeslee, Pa, and six grandchildren, Seth Hennion, Kylie Hennion, Ashley Rhodes, Koty Rhodes, Frederick Huyck, and Andrea Ayers. His first wife, Carolyn Noel Eldridge; a daughter, Connie Eldridge, and a brother, Thomas D. Eldridge, all died earlier. Services: Funeral services will be held on Saturday at 11 a.m. at the Rupell Funeral Home LLC, 465 Memorial Parkway, Phillipsburg, NJ. A calling hour will be held on Saturday from 10 a.m. until service time at the funeral home. Interment will be in the Indiantown Gap National Cemetery, Annville, Pa. Online condolences may be submitted at www.rupellfuneralhome.com. Memorials: Memorials may be made to the Vietnam Veterans of America, Chapter 678, P.O. Box 103, Stroudsburg, PA 18360.

WILLIAM G. FAIRCHILD – Died Friday, October 3, 2008 in Dillsburg, Pennsylvania at the age of 68. The cause of death was Agent Orange-related Diabetes Mellitus Type II and renal failure. He was born in Wakita, Oklahoma on November 13, 1939 to the late Orville Fairchild and the late Areatha Shirman Fairchild. He is survived by his wife, Donna, of the home. He served in the United States Army from March 22, 1960 to June 13, 1971 and attained the rank of Sergeant. He served a tour of duty in Vietnam from October 5, 1970 to June 12, 1971 with 535th Signal Company, 39th Signal Battalion. He was an *At-Large Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Maryland**.

LARRY DON FRIEND – Died Sunday, February 8, 2009 at his home in Centralia, Illinois at the age of 67. The cause of death was cancer. He was born October 2, 1941 in Centralia to the late Lloyd Edgar and the late Thelma Louise (Caruthers) Friend. He married Carolyn McClanahan on September 24, 1966 at Trinity Lutheran Church in Centralia. She died on August 1, 1990. He is survived by his daughter and son-in-law, Melissa and Mark Davis, of Centralia; two brothers and one sister-in-law, David and Sally Friend and Roger Friend, all of Centralia; two sisters-in-law and husband, Sandy and William Adams and Joann McClanahan, all of Centralia; three grandchildren, Blaide Davis, Ridge Davis and Raquel Davis, and; several nieces and nephews. In addition to his wife and his parents, he was predeceased by his infant sister, Wilma Louise Friend. He was a member of the Lutheran Church. He served in the United States Army from March 30, 1966 to March 29, 1968 with a tour of duty in Vietnam. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Centralia Chapter #176**. Funeral services were conducted in the Boggs Chapel of the Styninger-Pacey Funeral Home in Centralia with the Reverend Quinton Runyon, officiating. Interment was at the Hillcrest Memorial Park in Centralia with full military honors.

JAMES M. "Lil Jim" GALBRAITH – Died in Jamestown, New York on Monday, March 23, 2009 at the age of 66. The cause of death is unknown. He was born July 8, 1942 in Jamestown to the late Robert Galbraith and Jane Hillyard Smith Galbraith. In addition to his parents, he was predeceased by his stepmother, Gladys Galbraith, stepsister, Linda Beightol, his daughter, Cassie M. Galbraith and stepdaughter, Lisa M. Heath. He is survived by two daughters and one son-in-law, Amy and John Himes, of Kennedy, New York and Jamie Sue Galbraith, of Tulsa, Oklahoma; one son, Michael Marshall, of Tulsa, Oklahoma; four grandchildren, Krista and Kyle Himes, Darrel Murphy and Nathan Ernewein; three brothers and two sisters-in-law, Edward and Judy Galbraith, of Longview, Texas, Mathieu and Charlotte Galbraith, of Plymouth, Michigan and Steven Galbraith, of Ripley, New York; a sister and brother-in-law, Sherri and Donny Hurlbut, of Remsen, New York, and; three stepbrothers, Robert (Mae) LaRoy, of Alloway, New Jersey, Richard LaRoy, of Remsen and Timothy (Sue) LaRoy, of Constableville, New York. He served in the United States Army in Germany from 1965 to 1967. He was a member of **Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America – Jamestown Chapter #865**. Funeral services were private.

MARIE D. (née VOLPE) GARDNER - Died on Friday, March 13, 2009 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. The cause of death is unknown. Her loving husband, Dennis Gardner, her son, Frederick Miller III and her sister, Betty Powlus, all predeceased her. She is survived by her son, Robert Gardner; one grandchild, and; her brothers and sisters, Diane Volpe, Susan Ott, Ernest Volpe, Loretta, Daniel, Jimmy and William Volpe. She was a member of **Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America – Liberty Bell (Philadelphia) Chapter #266**. Family and friends are invited to her Viewing Wed. 7-9 P.M. and Thursday 8:30 A.M. at the FITZPATRICK FUNERAL HOME, 425 Lyceum Ave., Roxbury and to participate in her Funeral Mass 10 A.M. at St. John the Baptist Church. Interment was in the Westminster Cemetery. Donations in Marie's name to the Veterans Multiservice Center, 213-217 N. 4th St., Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19106 would be appreciated by her family.

ALBERTHA ROSE GEHL - 81, Clarksville, died Thursday, February 26, 2009, at Gateway Medical Center. The cause of death is unknown. The funeral will be held at 11 a.m. Monday at McReynolds-Nave & Larson Chapel with Father officiating. Burial will be in Kentucky Veterans Cemetery West, Hopkinsville. Visitation will be from 4-7 p.m. Sunday and from 10 a.m. until the hour of service Monday at the funeral home. A Rosary will be held 7 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home. McReynolds-Nave & Larson Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. She was born August 26, 1927 in East St. Louis, Illinois and was the daughter of Albert and Elsie Roy Davitz. Mrs. Gehl was a homemaker, a Catholic, a member of the VFW Post 4895 Auxiliary and the DAV Chapter Hardy Shelby Auxiliary. She was a member of **Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America – Clarksville Chapter #396**. She is survived by her husband, Richard A Gehl, Clarksville; sons, Richard Andrew (Sharon) Gehl, Clarksville, Robert Alan (Betty) Gehl, Evansville, IND; daughters, Pamela Rae Coppel, Cupertino, CA, Patricia Ann (Michael) Doyle, Clarksville; grandchildren, Crystal Coppel, Cody Coppel, Angela Moore; great-grandson, Nathaniel Moore. Memorials may be made to the American Lung Association National Headquarters 1301 Pennsylvania Ave., NW, Suite 800. Washington, DC 20004. Arrangements in the care of McReynolds-Nave & Larson Funeral Home, (931)647-3371.

CARL ROY GULLANS, SR. - of Wantagh, New York, passed away peacefully after a long battle with illness on Friday, March 6, 2009 in his 62nd year. The cause of death was malignant neoplasm, head and neck. He was born in Worcester, Massachusetts on March 26, 1946. Beloved husband of Roseanne. Loving father of Clifford, Carl Jr., Edward, and Karyn. Dear brother of Eva, Paul, Roger, and the late Karen. Proud United States Army Veteran, 187th Infantry, 101st Airborne Division, in the Vietnam War from 2 January 1971 to 28 October 1971, where he was promoted to First Lieutenant, awarded the Combat Infantry Badge, and recipient of many other awards and decorations. Dedicated employee of the NY Health and Hospitals Corporation since 1974. Most recently he was a principal research scientist serving as the microbiology supervisor at Kings County Hospital in Brooklyn. Carl started his life-long community involvement when he became the first Eagle Scout in Troop 149 in Oxford, MA on December 28, 1960. Carl's involvement with scouting has been significant with both Pack 341, Troop 341, and at the District Level where he received positions and awards too numerous to mention. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Hicksville Chapter #63**. He was involved in the Forest City Community Association, Lindberg Lodge-VASA Order of America, Wantagh American Legion Post 1273, Veterans of Foreign Wars, St. Frances de Chantal Knights of Columbus Council, Swedish-Finn Historical Society, and a Master Mason of Wantagh-Morton Lodge #63. Reposing tomorrow, after 2pm, at The Charles J. O'Shea Funeral Home: 603 Wantagh Ave. (Exit 28N SS Pkwy) Wantagh, New York. Mass of Christian Burial will be held Wednesday, 11:45am, at Maria Regina Roman Catholic Church Seaford, New York. Interment was in the Saint Charles Cemetery. In lieu of flowers please make donations in his memory to the Boy Scouts of America Theodore Roosevelt Council Tribute Fund: 544 Broadway Massapequa, New York 11758. Donations will be added to the Council's Endowment Fund. Family will receive friends Monday and Tuesday, 2-5 and 7-9pm.

ADOLPH J. HALVERSON, JR. – Died on Good Friday morning, March 21, 2008 at Regions Hospital in Saint Paul, Minnesota at the age of 81. He was a resident of River Falls, Wisconsin. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Red Wing, Minnesota on February 9, 1927 to the late Adolph J. “Shorty” Halverson, Sr. and the late Evelyn Halverson. In addition to his parents, he was predeceased by his brother, Gene and his eldest son, Gary. He is survived by his loving wife of 60 years, Marilyn; two brothers and one sister-in-law, Jerry and Alma Halverson and David Halverson; one son and daughter-in-law, Kurt and Linda Halverson, of Utila, Bay Islands, Honduras; two daughters and one son-in-law, Kim Halverson, of River Falls and Adria and Abdel Al-Amami, of High Ridge, Missouri; sixteen grandchildren, and; five great-grandchildren. He served in the United States Merchant Marines on riverboats in Canada and Alaska prior to entering into the United States Navy in 1945 and served as a radio operator on minesweeper and a troop transport ship in the Pacific Theater and witnessed some of the first atomic tests on the Marshall Islands. After World War II, he returned to the military and enlisted in the United States Air Force in 1950 and earned his pilot wings, during his 20-plus years, he was a decorated veteran of the Korean and Vietnam Wars. He was a 60-year member of the Pierce County Council American Legion, Past Commander of American Legion Post #121; Past 10th District Commander of The American Legion, Department of Wisconsin; Past Department Commander of The American Legion – Department of Wisconsin (1993-1994);

member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars; Korean War Veterans Association; lifetime charter member of World War II Memorial; member of the commemorative Air Force dedicated to the preservation of World War II aircraft; founding member of the American Air Museum of Britain, and; member of the Disabled American Veterans. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – River Falls Chapter #331**. He was a 50-year member of the Free and Accepted Masons of Wisconsin #109; Lions Club; Moose Lodge and a member of the Ezekiel Lutheran Church and a Lay Minister of the Northwest Synod of Wisconsin.

ROBERT MARLYN HENDERSON – Died Thursday, January 15, 2009 in Marion, Iowa at the age of 59. The cause of death was acute myocardial infarction, atherosclerotic heart disease and diabetes mellitus. He was born June 14, 1949 in Prairie-du-Chien, Wisconsin to the late Maryln Henderson and Catherine (White) Henderson. He was divorced and there was no next of kin. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He served in law enforcement as a deputy. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Cedar Rapids Chapter #568**. He was cremated at the Murdoch Funeral Home and Cremation of Marion, Iowa.

JAMES “Jim” MICHAEL HILL - of Biloxi, Mississippi, passed away unexpectedly on Sunday, April 5, 2009 while conducting business in Austin, Texas. Jim was Vice President, Tidal Basin Government Consulting of Alexandria, VA, and was active in recovery programs associated with recent hurricanes along the Gulf Coast. He was born in Tupelo on October 14, 1945. He spent his youth in Tupelo, Mississippi, and was a 1963 graduate of Tupelo High School. Jim graduated from the University of Mississippi, Bachelor of Business Administration, 1972 and a Master of Urban and Regional Planning, 1974. In addition to activities on the Gulf Coast, he held positions as Commissioner/Director of Planning and Development for West Haven, Connecticut, Montclair, New Jersey, Allendale, New Jersey, Meridian, Mississippi, Tupelo, Mississippi, and Russell County, Alabama. A recent assignment was Senior Consultant with Dewberry-Goodkind, Inc. as FEMA Group Lead for Orleans Parish and the City of New Orleans supervising numerous post-Katrina recovery projects. He proudly served his country in the United States Army from January 1966-September 1969 as a Military Policeman and as Combat Officer in Vietnam as 1st Lieutenant in the First Cavalry. After his service he remained a Life Member of the First Cavalry Association and was a **Past President** of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Chapter #647**. He was preceded in death by his parents, Janelle (Patey) McComb and Roy McComb of Tupelo, MS. Jim is survived by his wife Mary Alice (Carlton) of Biloxi, MS; son, Michael Blair Hill of Tupelo, MS; and daughters, Ashley Hill of Oxford, MS, and Morgan Hill of West Haven, CT. A memorial service will be held on Thursday, April 16, 2009 at 11:30 am at the Pass Road Chapel of Bradford-O'Keefe Funeral Home, West Biloxi. Friends may visit one hour prior to service. Burial will follow in the Biloxi National Cemetery with Military Honors.

ROBERT J. HOLLOWAY – Died Monday, December 22, 2008 in Enterprise, Alabama at the age of 57. The cause of death was heart failure. He was born in Fairhope, Alabama on August 5, 1951. He is survived by his wife, Mary Holloway, of the home. He served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Daleville Chapter #373**.

DALE M. HUMPHREY – Died in July 2008 in Oconomowoc, Wisconsin at the age of 59. The cause of death is unknown. He was born July 31, 1949. He is survived by his wife, Cathy, of the home. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Oconomowoc Chapter #635**.

RICHARD L. HUNT – Died Thursday, February 5, 2009 in Las Vegas, Nevada at the age of 64. The cause of death was a massive heart attack. He was born July 26, 1944 in Alhambra, California. He is survived by his wife, Sonja, of the home; his daughter, Angela R., of North Las Vegas, and; his son, Robert Gimple, of Las Vegas. He served in both the United States Marine Corps and the United States Air Force during the Vietnam War totaling eight years and eight months of service – four each in each branch. He was honorably discharged at the rank of Staff Sergeant at Lackland AFB in San Antonio, Texas on 24 July 1970. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Las Vegas Chapter #17**. Graveside services with full military honors was in Southern Nevada Veterans Memorial Cemetery.

VERNON CORNELIUS HUNT – Died Wednesday, September 17, 2008 in Jackson, Tennessee at the age of 63. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Jackson on June 1, 1945 to the late James E. and Idalia Queen Esther Hunt. In addition to his parents, he was predeceased by three brothers, Lawrence Hunt, James Hunt and Jimmy Hunt. He is survived by his wife of 34 years, Joyce F. Hunt, of the home; two daughters and sons-in-law, Audrey and Gerry Campbell and Michelle and Willie Reid; his son and daughter-in-law, Juan X. and Matice Hunt; two sisters and one brother-in-law, Lila Mae and Walter Bonds and Ora Jean Short; six grandchildren, Jarmell Reid, Kiara Hunt, Deshundra Hunt, William Reid, Mason Hunt and Mackenzie Hunt, and; several nieces and nephews. He served in the United States Army with a tour of duty in Vietnam. He was a member of Salem Baptist Church. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Jackson Chapter #995**. Funeral services were conducted in the Macedonia Baptist Church. Interment was in the Highland Memorial Gardens.

JAMES R. “Butch” “Two Dog” KELSEY II -

Age 62, of Elmira, New York, died Monday, March 2, 2009 at the Bath VA. The cause of death was Lung Cancer. Butch was born in Elmira, New York on July 23, 1946, a son of Marie Costley Kelsey and the late James R. Kelsey. In addition to his mother Butch is survived by his son David A. Kelsey of Winter Haven, FL; step-granddaughter Kerystine Asselta of Orlando, FL; brother Billy Joe Kelsey of Corning, NY; uncle Bob Costley of Wellsburg; niece Amy Kelsey of Elmira, nephew Mikey Kelsey of Breesport; along with many great-nieces and great-nephews. Butch was a U.S. Army veteran serving his country for 3 years, including 1 tour of duty in Vietnam from October 9, 1968 to August 29, 1969. He also served with the Navy Seabees for 11 years and was stationed in different spots throughout the Pacific. In his younger years Butch was an avid basketball and baseball player. Very active with veterans organizations he was a member of the following...VFW Post #901, Catholic War Vets, American Legion Bentley Post #443, **Vietnam Veterans of America – Elmira Chapter #803**, Cooties Pup Tent #35, D.A.D. @ VFW Post #901, and member and past commander of VFW Post #6083. Butch's greatest honor was being part of the local Military Honor Guard, being able to give fellow vets their special

recognition for serving their country. Friends are invited to McInerney Funeral Home, corner of Water and Walnut Sts., on Friday, March 6, 2009 from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m. A funeral service will follow at 7:15 p.m. Interment, with full military honors accorded, will take place on Saturday, March 7, 2009 at Forest Lawn Memorial Park.

DONEL CLIFFORD KINNARD – Died in Hurricane, West Virginia at the age of 72. The cause of death is unknown. He was born April 5, 1935 in Logan, West Virginia to the late Clifford Kinnard and the late Emalene Chapman Kinnard. In addition to his parents, he was also predeceased by his second wife, Hannalore Kinnard and two sisters, Kay and Patricia Kinnard. He is survived by his wife, Rebecca McCann Kinnard; six children and their spouses, Theresa Johnson, of Austin, Texas, Donel and Tammy Kinnard, of Milford, Ohio, Mike and Lina Kinnard, of Milton, West Virginia, Melissa Kay and Tim Cliver, of San Antonio, Texas, Petra and Bob Kresse, of Virginia Beach, Virginia and Kimberly and Ted Tapia, of Longmont, Colorado; four stepchildren and their spouses; one brother, Ben Kinnard, of Woodriver, Illinois; two sisters and one brother-in-law, Emma Robison, of Palm Bay, Florida and Lona and Pete Hayes, of Milton, West Virginia; 8 grandchildren; 2 great-grandchildren, and; several nieces and nephews. He served in the United States Marine Corps and also the United States Navy and retired after 22 years of service. He served with the U.D.T. and S.E.A.L.S. teams and was the recipient of the Navy Cross – the Navy’s highest award, 7 Purple Hearts and the Bronze Star and many other awards. He was a Past Department Commander, Past District Commander and Past Post Commander of the Veterans of Foreign Wars. He was also a member of the Military Order of the Purple Heart, The American Legion, the Disabled American Veterans, the Legion of Valor, UDT-SEAL Association, Fleet Reserve Association and the Marine Corps League. He was serving as the Chairman of West Virginia Veterans Council and Chairman of the West Virginia Veterans Cemetery and a member of the West Virginia Veterans Nursing Home Committee. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Huntington Chapter #949**. Funeral services were conducted at the Wallace Funeral Home in Milton, West Virginia.

WILLIAM J. KREFT - Died Sunday, November 9, 2008 in Wyandotte, Michigan at the age of 60. The cause of death is unknown. He was born August 18, 1948. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Carleton Chapter #142**.

GREGORY W. KRITZ - age 60, on December 17, 2008 at Lourdes Hospital, Willingboro New Jersey. The cause of death is unknown. He was born May 13, 1948 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. He served in the United States Marine Corps during the Vietnam War. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Bordentown Chapter #899**. He is survived by his beloved wife of 31 years, Jeanne (nee Reeves); one daughter, Patti Anne Kritz; his dog, Angel; 2 brothers, Steven and David Kritz; 2 sisters, Jackie Gappa and Cheryl Kritz, and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends. Funeral Services will be held Sunday evening 8 P.M. at THE GOES-SCOLIERI FUNERAL HOME, 212 Levitt Pkwy, Willingboro NJ (609) 871-1000. Relatives and friends may call Sunday eve after 7 P.M. at the Funeral Home. Interment will be private and at the convenience of the Kritz Family.

THOMAS W. LANE – Died Thursday, February 26, 2009 at his home in Breese, Illinois at the age of 63. The cause of death was complications from Agent Orange-related Diabetes Mellitus Type II; Congestive Heart Failure; Kidney disease; high blood pressure; foot ulcers; two amputations; carotid artery, and; sleep apnea having been on oxygen for the last five years. He was born November 24, 1945 in East Saint Louis, Missouri to the late Lester and Norma (Childers) Lane. He married Doris Olliges on April 4, 1970 at Saint Mary Catholic Church in Trenton, New Jersey. In addition to his wife, of the home, he is survived by two sons and one daughter-in-law, Michael Lane, of Carlyle, Illinois and Robert and Darla Lane, of Highland, Illinois; his daughter and son-in-law, Tammy and Brian Czerniewski, of Breese; his sister and brother-in-law, Margo and Mike Kohlbauer, of Janesville, Wisconsin; his stepbrother and wife, Ronnie and Sharon Martindale, of Swansea, Illinois; two brothers-in-law and their wives, Fred and Ann Olliges, of Breese and Alphonse, Jr. and Mary Ann Olliges; three sisters-in-law and husband, Mary and Arnold Schmeink, of Carlyle, Rosie Olliges, of Germantown, Illinois and Karen Lane; six grandchildren, Keith, Kelsey, Kyle, Brooke, Dalton and Brianna, and; several nieces and nephews. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Carlyle Chapter #269**. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated in Saint Dominic Catholic Church in Breese with Reverend Father Ben Stern, as main celebrant. Interment with full military honors was in the Saint Dominic-Saint Augustine Cemetery in Breese.

JAMES M. LARSON - 67, of Geneva, Illinois, faithful servant of his Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ of Nazareth, passed on to Glory Monday, January 26, 2009. The cause of death is unknown. He was born September 18, 1942 in Frankfort, Illinois. Jim served in the United States Navy and was a devoted member of the Geneva American Legion and VietNow. He was a *Life Member* and the current *Vice-President* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Geneva Chapter #693**. He retired from the Illinois Drivers License Bureau in Elgin. He is survived by his beloved daughter, Dawn, of Independence, Mo.; his sister, Judi (Ron) Carlton of Florida; four nephews and three nieces; and four cousins. Jim was preceded in death by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Bert Larson of Frankfort, Ill. A memorial celebration of his life, officiated by the Rev. Rebecca Clancy, will be at 2 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 28 at First Congregational Church of Geneva, 321 Hamilton St., Geneva. His family rejoices with Jim as "God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain for the former things are passed away!"

ROY LASKEY - Died Friday, September 5, 2008 at his residence in Covington, Georgia at the age of 65. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on June 16, 1943 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, the son of the late Emesey J. Laskey and Teresa Murphy Laskey. He was retired from the United States Navy where he served in the military law enforcement unit, was a former Commander of the VFW, and was a Mason. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Macon Chapter #443**. Survivors include his son Matthew Brian Laskey of Conyers; daughter Heather Cheek of Conyers; brother Emesey J. Laskey Jr. of Theodore, Alabama; sister Teresa Race of Covington; 3 grandchildren. The family will hold a private service at a later date. Wheeler Funeral Home and Crematory, Covington, Georgia.

DAVID MICHAEL LEE – Died Wednesday, September 24, 2008 in Marcus, Iowa at the age of 62. The cause of death was cancer. He was born November 20, 1947 in Kissimmee, Florida. He is survived by his wife, Karen Teré Lee. He served in the United States Air Force during the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Aurelia Chapter #888*.

EUGENE PAUL LESSMAN, JR. – Died Wednesday, February 4, 2009 in Homestead, Florida at the age of 62. The cause of death was a heart attack. He was born September 14, 1946. He is survived by his wife, Victoria, of the home. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was an *At-Large Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Florida*.

SIMON PETER MARBLEY, SR. - Departed this life suddenly on Thursday, February 2, 2006 at Holy Cross Hospital in Silver Spring, Maryland. The cause of death is unknown. Beloved father of Angela N. Harris, Brian C. Hudson and Simon P. Marbley, Jr. Also surviving are three sisters, Hazel J., Rhoda E. and Joyce M. Marbley; three brothers, Lucky Dewitt, James E. and Larry J. Marbley; his god-mother, Lucille Barry; three aunts, Mary, Jean and Ann; one daughter-in-law, one son-in-law, three sisters-in-law, one brother-in-law, nieces, nephews, great-nieces and nephews, other relatives and friends. He was a *Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Silver Spring Chapter #641*. Family will receive friends at the Peoples Community Baptist Church, 31 Norwood Rd., Silver Spring, MD, on Thursday, February 9, from 9:30 a.m. until funeral services at 11 a.m., Dr. Haywood A. Robinson II, Pastor. Interment George Washington Cemetery. Arrangements by SNOWDEN FUNERAL HOME.

HAROLD EDWARD MAYNARD – Died Friday, February 20, 2009 at the Emogene Dolin Jones Hospice House in West Virginia at the age of 66. He was a resident of Fort Gay, West Virginia. The cause of death was Agent Orange-related Prostate Cancer and Metastases to the spinal cord. He was born January 4, 1943 in Clifford, Kentucky, the son of the late Roy and Nelcie (Hammonds) Maynard. In addition to his parents, he was also predeceased by two brothers, Glen Maynard and Jack Maynard. He is survived by his wife, Sheila Audine Maynard; two daughters and sons-in-law, Janet and Terry Wellman and Melissa and Button Meredith, all of Fort Gay; three grandchildren, Aaron Wellman, Justin Meredith and Kendra Meredith, all of Fort Gay; one sister, Goldie Taylor, of Rising Sun, Indiana; one brother-in-law and sister-in-law, Gene and Sandy Campbell, of Fort Gay, and; many nieces and nephews. He was a member of Saltpetre Christian Baptist Church in Fort Gay. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a member and President of ***Vietnam Veterans of America – Huntington Chapter #949***. Funeral services were conducted at the Saltpetre Christian Baptist Church with the Reverend Richard Maynard, officiating. Interment was in Fort Gay Cemetery.

DONALD JOHN “Jerry” McGRADY (Hugh Eagle “Maaishu-Maaquu”) – Died Tuesday, December 16, 2008 in New Town, North Dakota at the age of 64. He was born September 21, 1944 in Elbowoods, North Dakota to the late Donald George and Emma Jane (Baker) McGrady. In addition to his parents, he was predeceased by his stepmother, Eva McGrady, his sister, Sharon Bowman and his brother, Harry James Green. He married Claudia Cari on December 20, 1969 in Bremerton, Washington. In addition to his wife, he is survived by two sons and one daughter-in-law, Shawn and Karron McGrady and Lawrence McGrady, all of Kingston, Washington; his

daughter and son-in-law, Adria and Cliff Martin, of New Town; three grandchildren, Nicko and Victoria Martin, of New Town and Kaynoni McGrady, of Suquamish, Washington; three sisters, Doris McGrady, of New Town, June Wilcox, of Long Valley, South Dakota and Georgia Green, of Rapid City, South Dakota, and; several nieces and nephews. He served in the United States Navy from 1965 to 1968. He was stationed on the USS Ranger where he served on the Naval Air rescue team. He served three tours of duty in Vietnam. He was a member of Veterans of Foreign Wars - Fort Berthold Post #9061 in Mandaree, North Dakota. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – New Town Chapter #487**. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated in Saint Anthony Roman Catholic Church in New Town. Interment was in the Saint Anthony Catholic Cemetery in Mandaree, North Dakota.

GREGORY FRANCIS McNEAL – Died Thursday, February 12, 2009 in Collegeville, Pennsylvania at the age of 61. The cause of death is unknown. He was born January 13, 1948. He served in the United States Army from 1967 to 1969 with a tour in Vietnam. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Graterford Chapter #466**.

RONALD J. MILLER – Died Tuesday, March 31, 2009 in Defiance, Ohio at the age of 62. The cause of death was cancer. He was born in Devils Lake, North Dakota on November 14, 1946. He served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Defiance Chapter #954**.

RAYMOND RICHARD “Dick” MOHRMAN – Died peacefully in El Paso, Texas on February 19, 2009 at the age of 74 with his family and friends at his side. He was fortified with the Sacrament of the Sick. He was born April 20, 1934 in St. Louis, Missouri to the late Raymond and Anne Mohrman. He is survived by his dear brother and brother-in-law of David and Lorene Mohrman; Judy (Mohrman) and the late Ken Jones, Jane (Mohrman) and the late Bobby Hannah of Atlanta Georgia, Daniel and Pat Mohrman and Mary (Mohrman) and Bill Duda of Bradenton, Florida; loving father of the late Christopher Mohrman; grandfather to Melissa Mohrman; godfather to Theresa (Mohrman) Gray; uncle, great uncle, great-great uncle and best friend and love of Otilia Gonzalez; friend to many in El Paso, Texas especially Moe and Virgie Molina; and Joe and Elvia Sanchez; friend to all Veterans. Dick was most kind and generous to those in need, and a strong supporter of those trying to better themselves through education. We are proud of him. He will be missed and remembered by his family and all who knew him. Dick was proud to be a Veteran of the Vietnam War serving greater than 12 years defending his country. He was proud of all service men and women who served and made the many sacrifices he knew too well. He was active in and a supporter of his local **Vietnam Veterans of America – El Paso Chapter #844**. President of the Chapter, Moe Molina said 'When Raymond (Dick) came to El Paso, Texas, he was always among friends, and he was never left behind.' Our special thanks to the kind and loving staff and physicians at the Del Sol Medical Center of El Paso, Texas for their care of Dick and his family and friends. Services: The family will receive friends Wednesday, February 25 in the Great Hall of AMBRUSTER DONNELLY Mortuary, 6633 Clayton Rd. (Clayton) from 4:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. A Committal Service will be 2:30 p.m., Thursday, February 26 at J.B. National Cemetery with full Military Honors. In lieu of

flowers memorials can be made to Vietnam Veterans of America, Inc., Wieland C. Norris Chapter 844, 2200 Yarbrough, Ste. BPMB #173, El Paso, Texas. www.vva844.org

PATRICK JAMES MOORE – Died Friday, February 6, 2009 in Akron, Ohio at the age of 60. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Akron on January 14, 1949 to Grace (née Grafhorst) Moore and the late John Moore. In addition to his mother, he is survived by his former wife, Eileen Moore; three sons and daughters-in-law, Shawn and Jennifer Moore, Tugg and Laurie Massa and Casey and Holly Moore; four grandchildren, Olivia Rowan Moore, Marissa Massa, Austin Butcher and Courtney Chwojko, and; his sister and brother-in-law, Patricia and Clyde Bates. He served in the United States Marine Corps with two tours of duty in Vietnam. He was awarded three Purple Hearts. He served as a VA Service Representative Officer for the Ohio Bureau of Employment. He was a *Life Member* and *Past President* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Cuyahoga Falls Chapter #34**. Funeral services were conducted in the Dunn-Quigley Funeral Home – Akron Chapel with Pastor Scott James, officiating. Interment with full military honors was in the Ohio Western Reserve National Cemetery.

THOMAS IVAN MOORE – Died Tuesday, February 26, 2009 in Cincinnati, Ohio at the age of 61. The cause of death was cardiovascular disease. He was born May 18, 1947 in Fond-du-Lac, Wisconsin. He is survived by his daughter, Karrie Lynn Mushaben; his son, Kevin Thomas Moore; two brothers, Jackie Lynn Moore and Steven Moore, and; his sister and brother-in-law, Sandra and Don Henson. He served in the United States Navy from January 20, 1965 to May 17, 1968 during the Vietnam War. He attained the rank of PC-3 (E-4). He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Reading Chapter #10**. Funeral services were conducted in the Frederick Funeral Home in Reading.

LUCIO G. MORENO - 58, passed away Monday, February 23, 2009. He was a lifelong resident of El Paso and was a member of the Catholic Church. He was born in El Paso on May 17, 1950. The cause of death was heart attack secondary to Agent Orange exposure and diabetes type II. Mr. Moreno was a veteran of the United States Marine Corps having served during the Vietnam Conflict. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – El Paso Chapter #574**. He was preceded in death by his parents Porfirio and Luz and sister Antonia Moreno. Mr. Moreno is survived by his wife Guadalupe M. Moreno; son Lucio Moreno, Jr. (Stephanie); daughter Susana Moreno; grandchildren Angel, Valeria, Samantha, and Rebecca Moreno. He is also survived by his siblings Leonor Armstrong, Porfirio (Yolanda) Moreno, Jr., Ramon (Lupe) Moreno, Carmen (Merrill) Williams, Lucy Moreno, Adelaida Chavez, Mike (Maria) Moreno, Terry (Mike) Cortez, and Jerry Moreno. Visitation will be Thursday from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church with Vigil Service at 7 p.m. Funeral Mass will be Friday at 11:30 a.m. at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church. Pallbearers will be Victor Flores, Porfirio Moreno, Jr., Ramon Moreno, Tony Chavira, Mike Moreno, and Jerry Moreno. Farewell Lucio-It's been a "slice of heaven". Committal Service will be at Fort Bliss National Cemetery. ARRANGEMENTS BY HILLCREST FUNERAL HOME 1060 Carolina Drive 598-3332

DAVID C. NABER – Died Wednesday, March 4, 2009 in Beaver, Pennsylvania at the age of 62. The cause of death is unknown. He was born March 21, 1946. He is survived by his wife, Mary

Naber, of the home. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Beaver County Chapter #862*.

THOMAS J. NAPIORSKI – Brockport, New York: On Tuesday, February 10, 2009 after a courageous battle with Agent Orange-related non-Hodgkins lymphoma cancer. He was born October 10, 1943 in Niskayuna, New York. He was predeceased by his parents and best friend, Ed Spath. He is survived by his wife Ellen; sister, Marilyn (David) Coutant, many nephews, nieces, great nieces, Ava and Maxine, and many dear family and friends. He served in the United States Army with a tour in Vietnam from 1968 to 1969. He was an *At-Large Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – New York*. Friends may call Friday, 1-3 and 5-7 PM at the Fowler Funeral Home Inc. 340 West Ave. Brockport, where a Funeral Service will be held at 7 following calling. In lieu of flowers, those wishing may contribute to the J.P. Wilmot Cancer Center c/o Advancement Center, 300 East River Rd., P.O. Box 278996, Rochester, NY 14627-8996, Gilda's Club of Rochester, 255 Alexander St., Rochester, NY 14607 or a charity of your choice.

HERMAN A. NAUTA – Died Wednesday, January 14, 2009 in Harker Heights, Texas at the age of 68. The cause of death is unknown. He was born May 12, 1940. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Harker Heights Chapter #1000*.

DARRELL EUGENE NELSON – Died Friday, February 22, 2008 in Hudson, Wisconsin at the age of 84. The cause of death was a stroke. He was born June 5, 1923 in Hibbing, Minnesota. He is survived by his wife of 25 years, Borgie Nelson, of the home. He served in the United States Navy for 32 years during the Vietnam War and retired at the rank of Master Chief Gunners Mate. He enlisted in 1942 and served during World War II and the Korean War. He was a *Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – River Falls Chapter #331*. Funeral services were conducted in the Bethel Lutheran Church in Hudson. Burial at Sea was provided by the United States Navy.

JOSEPH F. "Joe" O'BRIEN – Died Monday, February 16, 2009 in Ashville, New York at the age of 70. The cause of death was cancer. He was born August 28, 1938 in Salamanca, New York to the late William Joseph and Ella Knorr O'Brien. He is survived by his wife the former, Marcia Jane Wells whom he married on December 22, 1993; a daughter and son-in-law, Patricia and Charles Smith of Great Valley, New York; four sons and daughters-in-law, Chris and Monica O'Brien, of Great Valley, Daniel O'Brien, of Kentucky, Perry and Michelle O'Brien, of Mount Holly, New Jersey and Brian O'Brien, of Fort Myers, Florida; four grandchildren, Shanna (Justin) Schey, Christine O'Brien, Tracy O'Brien and Christopher O'Brien, all of Salamanca; two stepchildren; five grand stepchildren; four great-grandchildren; three sisters; three brothers, and; several nieces and nephews. In addition to his parents, he was predeceased by his brother, Bernard O'Brien. He was a member of **Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America – Jamestown Chapter #865**. Memorial services were conducted by the Lind Funeral Home.

WILLIAM J. O'CONNOR - 68, of Dartmouth, Massachusetts on Friday, January 30, 2009 after a courageous battle with lung cancer. He is survived by his loving wife of 43 years, Marcella (Pease) O'Connor, his sons Kevin J. O'Connor of Kissimmee, FL, and Matthew J. O'Connor of New Bedford; his sisters, Joan Reicherter and her husband Charles of Tinton Falls, NJ, and Dorothy Mullen and her husband Edward of Wading River, NY; along with many nieces and nephews.

Born in the Bronx, NY, the son of the late Joseph V. and Katherine (Walpole) O'Connor, he graduated from St. John's University with a Bachelor of Business Administration degree. He also pursued graduate studies at George Washington University. Mr. O'Connor worked for many years in the metallurgical industry. He and his family moved to Dartmouth in 1982 while he was employed at Teledyne Rodney Metals. For the past 10 years prior to his retirement in 2007, he was employed as a loan officer at Compass Bank and Sovereign Bank, and also a senior loan officer at First Horizon Home Loans. William joined the United States Marine Corps in 1961 as a 2nd Lieutenant, serving in Vietnam as an Aerial Observer with the 12th Marines in Northern I Corps, and as the Commanding Officer of Charlie Battery, 1st Battalion 13th Marines during the historic siege of Khe Sanh. He left active duty in 1969 and was honorably discharged as a U.S. Marine Corps Major. He received many military commendations for his distinguished service, including the Distinguished Flying Cross, the Air Medal with 3 Gold Stars, the Navy Commendation Medal with Combat "V", the Presidential Unit Citation with 1 Star, the Meritorious Unit Commendation Ribbon, the Combat Action Ribbon, the Vietnam Service Medal with 4 Stars, the National Defense Service Medal, the Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross with Palm, the Republic of Vietnam Meritorious Unit Citation with Palm, and the Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal. He enjoyed giving back to his community through various volunteer works, including Treasurer of the Friendly Sons of St. Patrick, Past Vice President of the Country Club of New Bedford, Commissioner of the Dartmouth Housing Authority, member of the Dartmouth Veterans Advisory Committee, and member of the Dartmouth Community Preservation Committee. He also participated in many charitable fundraising organizations, including the Easter Seals. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – New Bedford Chapter #499**. In his spare time, Mr. O'Connor was an avid golfer. He also enjoyed spending time with family and friends and was a loving husband and devoted father. His Funeral Mass will be celebrated on Tuesday at 11 AM at St. Julie Billiart Church, Dartmouth. Burial with Military Honors will follow in the Massachusetts National Cemetery, Bourne. Visiting hours will be on Monday from 3-8 PM at the Saunders-Dwyer Home for Funerals, 495 Park St., New Bedford. In lieu of flowers, remembrances may be made to the Devin Laubi Foundation, 504 Main Rd., Westport, MA 02790.

GERALD R. O'DELL – Died in 2002 in Naoma, West Virginia at the age of 53. The cause of death was suicide resulting from Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder. He was born October 23, 1949. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Beckley Chapter #860**.

ROBERT WILLIAM ORCUTT – Died Monday, March 23, 2009 in Lawton, Oklahoma at the age of 71. The cause of death is unknown. He was born August 7, 1937 in Saint Cloud, Minnesota to the late George Orcutt, Sr. and the late Julia Catherine Lommel Orcutt. In addition to his

parents, he was predeceased by his brothers, Jerome, Henry, Donald, Arthur, Kennedy and George, Jr. and his sisters, Evelyn Stein and Delores Kotchvar. He married Heo Keum Soon on December 31, 1963 in Seoul, Korea. She died in 2003. He is survived by two daughters, Donna Bowman and Julie Winslett; one son and daughter-in-law, Richard and Holly Orcutt; four grandchildren, Meaghan and husband Eugene Baca, of Fort Bragg, North Carolina, Christopher Bowman, Caitlin Hill and Ali Hill, all of Lawton; four sisters and three brothers-in-law, Shirley and Ambrose Gerads and Marjorie Orcutt, all of Saint Cloud, Minnesota, Mary Lou and Curtis Baumgart, of Sauk Rapids, Minnesota and Audrey and Birgir Hardee, of Minneapolis, Minnesota; a sister-in-law, Delores Orcutt, and; a brother-in-law, Albert Stein, of Waite Park, Minnesota. He served In the United States Army from 1955 and retired with 22 years of service in 1977 which included five overseas tours of duty. Among his military awards was the Bronze Star, the Air Medal with the Oak Leaf Cluster and "V" device. He was a member of the Western Hills Church of Christ. He was a *Permanently Hospitalized Veteran Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Lawton Chapter #751*. Funeral services were conducted at the Fort Sill Veterans Center Chapel with Chaplains Harley Davidson and Carl Hogue, co-officiating. Interment with full military honors was in the Fort Sill Post Cemetery.

THOMAS J. PELTIN – Died Sunday, May 9, 2004 in Madison, Wisconsin at the age of 57. The cause of death was Pancreatic Cancer. He was born in Madison on July 3, 1946 to Florence G. Peltin and the late Max J. Peltin. In addition to his mother, he is survived by his wife, Diane Obey Peltin, of the home. He served in the United States Navy from 1964 until 1968 with Vietnam service aboard the USS Epperson (DD-719). He was a *Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Madison Chapter #220*. Funeral services were conducted at the Cress Funeral Home in Madison, Wisconsin.

DOMINICK A. "Donnie" PILEGGI – was a life-long resident of Haverstraw, New York, died Wednesday, April 8, 2009 at Good Samaritan Hospital. He was 69. Dominick was born October 3, 1939 to Frank and Corrine (Vinci) Pileggi. Dominick served his country proudly during the Vietnam era in the Army. Donnie worked until his retirement from Lederle Labs and was currently working for T.J. McGowan Sons Funeral Home. Dominick was a long time skating guard at Low Tor Ice Rink and also was a former owner of Dominick Pileggi Studios. Donnie, being very community minded, was a 38 year member of Lady Warren Hose Company #5, member of the Haverstraw Council #581 Knights of Columbus, Leo Laders American Legion Post #130, Italian American Club, life- long member of St. Peter's Church. He was a *Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – New City Chapter #333*. Donnie was also an avid bowler, bowling in many leagues. Most recently, he bowled with the Rockland's Bravest Fireman's League at Hi-Tor Lanes. He was always up for a good game of horseshoes. Donnie also was a big fan of the New York Rangers. Dominick is survived by his loving wife Mary Ann, his children, Dominick (Missy), Marie (Chris) Tooher, Katherine (Tony) Capparelli, Melissa (Anthony) Rinaldi, Michael, Matthew (Marie), 14 grandchildren, and one great grandchild. Dominick is also survived by his loving mother Corrine "Katie", brothers Sisto, Frank (Eileen), Billy (Maria), Jerry, many nieces, nephews and cousins. He is predeceased by his father Frank and his sister-in-law Carol Pileggi. Friends and family may call Thursday and Friday 2-4 and 7-9pm at the T.J. McGowan Sons Funeral, HAVERSTRAW. Saturday a blessing will be held at the funeral home at

10am followed by burial and military honors at the F.W. Loescher's Veteran Cemetery. On Monday, April 13th a mass of Christian burial will be celebrated at 10am at St. Peter's Church. In lieu of flowers memorial donations are being requested to Lady Warren Hose Company #5. T.J. MCGOWAN SONS FUNERAL HOME 133 Broadway Haverstraw, NY 10927 (845)429-2130

JAMES JOSEPH PURZYCKI – Died Friday, January 16, 2009 in Dunkirk, New York at the age of 62. The cause of death was septic shock and myeloproliferative disorder. He was born July 20, 1946 in Dunkirk to the late Stanley and Victoria (née Dudek) Purzycki. In addition to his parents, he was also predeceased by an infant sister, Patricia Purzycki. He is survived by his brother and sister-in-law, Daniel S. and Delores Purzycki; his niece and her husband, Patricia and Keith Worthy, and; a grand-niece, Lauren Marie. He served in the United States Army from November 16, 1965 to November 7, 1968 with a one year tour of duty in Vietnam during the war. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Cassadaga Chapter #459**. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at the Roman Catholic Church of Saint Hyacinth in Dunkirk. Interment with full military honors was in the Saint Hyacinth Cemetery.

RICHARD V. RACKARD - Died Tuesday, February 24, 2009 in Victoria, Texas at the age of 60. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, on August 27, 1948, to the late L.D. Rackard and Joyce Sommerall Rackard. He is survived by his wife, Rebecca Rackard; his daughters, Theresa Morrison, Patricia Rackard and Tiffany Edwards; sons, Richard V. Rackard Jr. and Joe Eric Rackard; sisters, Carolyn Miller, Kathleen Lopez Sanes, and Mary Katherine Henchel; brothers, Louis Dawson and Wesley Sanchez; and eight grandchildren. He served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Victoria Chapter #898**. A gathering of friends, along with full military honors under the auspices of the Victoria County Veterans Council, AL, CWV, VFW, DAV, MCL, MOWW, EX-POW, MOPH and KWV will take place at 11:30 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 28, 2009 at Grace Funeral Home. Grace Funeral Home, 361-573-4341, Victoria in charge of arrangements.

CHARLES H. RADZIEWICZ – Died recently in 2009 in Concord, New Hampshire. The cause of death is unknown. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Concord Chapter #161**.



GERALD D. RATAJCZAK - Flushing, Michigan - Age 61 years, died Tuesday, March 17, 2009 at his residence. Gerald was born in Bay City, MI on February 28, 1948, the son of John and Helen (Rezler) Ratajczak. He married Ranae LaBean on September 29, 1973 in Pinconning, MI. Gerald worked at General Motors for 37 .5 years as a Tool and Die Maker. He was a life member of the V.F.W. Post #4087 in Davison. Gerald was also a member of the Flushing Knights of Columbus, Loyal Order of the Moose, Flushing Lodge, Military Order of the Purple Heart, St. Robert Catholic Church, and the Hockaday Hunt Club. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Flint Chapter #175**. He was a decorated Vietnam Veteran who held the rank of Sergeant. Gerald was awarded the Purple Heart and Vietnam Service Medal. He was an avid hunter, outdoorsman, and golfer. Gerald enjoyed

spending time with his grandsons. He is survived by his loving and devoted wife, Ranae; children: Rachelle and husband Aaron Gibbs, Ryan and wife Tonya Ratajczak, Rhonda and husband Kevin Greene; grandsons: Gavin, Walker, and Logan; mother, Helen Ratajczak; siblings, Dorothy (Jim) Davis, Daniel (Karen) Ratajczak, Terrence (Kathy) Ratajczak; sisters-in-law, Christine (James) Zanotti, Yvonne (Paul) Zadonia, Cheryl (Ronald) Offenbecker; many other loving family and friends. Gerald was preceded in death by his father, John; mother and father-in-law, Marie and Elton LaBean; brother-in-law, John LaBean. Funeral Mass will be 11 a.m. Saturday, March 21, 2009 at St. Robert Catholic Church. Fr. Roy Horning will officiate. Burial will follow at Bendle Cemetery. Visitation will be 5-8 p.m. Thursday and 12-8 p.m. Friday at Rossell Funeral Home and 10 a.m. until the time of Mass Saturday at the church. A Rosary will be prayed 6 p.m. Friday at the funeral home followed by a Knights of Columbus service under the Auspices of Council #8489 at 6:30 p.m. If desired, memorial contributions may be made to the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation or St. Robert Elementary School.

DENNIS E. RINDONE – Died Sunday, March 1, 2009 in Erving, Massachusetts at the age of 63. The cause of death was a heart attack. He was born in Winchendon, Massachusetts on March 14, 1945 to the late Domenic and Lydia (Roussell) Rindone. He married Sandra Moore on October 9, 1971 in the Erving Congregational Church. In addition to his parents, he was predeceased by his father-in-law, Dana Moore, Sr.; brother-in-law, Rodney Moore, and; sister-in-law, Cindy Rindone. In addition to his wife of 38 years, Sandra, he is survived by his daughter, Amanda Rindone, of Shelburne, Massachusetts; his son, Nathaniel “Nuni” D. Rindone, of Erving; a grandson, Austin C. Blair, of Shelburne; two brothers and one sister-in-law, Richard and Pauline Rindone, of Santa Fe, New Mexico and Douglas Rindone, of East Longmeadow, Massachusetts; his mother-in-law, Virginia Moore; brothers-in-law, Craig (Judy) Moore and Dana Moore, Jr., all of Erving, and; aunts, uncles and cousins. He served in the United States Navy from August 31, 1964 to August 28, 1968 during the Vietnam War. He attained the rank of Petty Officer Third Class serving in Washington, DC and Guam.

LEONARD D. ROBY – Died Wednesday, April 1, 2009 in Nevada, Missouri at the age of 60. The cause of death is unknown. He was born August 27, 1948 in Humansville, Missouri. He served in the United States Army with a tour in Vietnam from January 1970 to December 1970. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Nevada (Missouri) Chapter #918**.

MICHAEL PHILIP RODRIGUE - Died Wednesday, February 25, 2009 in Tallahassee, Florida at the age of 62. The cause of death was a heart attack. The service will be at 11 a.m. EST Saturday, Feb. 28, at Immanuel Baptist Church. The visitation will be from 5 to 7 p.m. Friday, Feb. 27, at Beggs Funeral Home, Apalachee Chapel (850-942-2929). Michael Philip Rodrigue was born March 1, 1946 in Lynn, Massachusetts to the late Louis J. Rodrigue and Marie Bourque Rodrigue, grandson of Celina Lombard D'Entremont and Albienon D'Entremont and Louis and Rose Trahan Rodrigue. He is survived by his dearly loved wife, Charlene Quinlan Rodrigue, his daughter, Naomi Carrillo and husband Ray; son, Marc Rodrigue; and grandchildren, Cynthia, Joshua, Stephen, Jonathan, Ray, Santos, Tianna and great -granddaughter Isabella. Children, Nancy and her husband Dennis Latow, Laurie and her husband David Horner, grandchildren, Nicholas and Alex Latow, Cobe and Jonah Horner. Brothers, Theodore C. Rodrigue and his wife

Sara of Tallahassee, Fla., Louis J. Rodrigue and his wife Carol of Lynn, Ma.; nephews, Mark and Mike Rodrigue of Tallahassee, Craig Rodrigue of Orlando, Fla., John Rodrigue of Yuma, Ariz. and Washington, DC and the late William J. Rodrigue USAF; cousin Charles (Chuck) Rodrigue of Lynn. Michael was a graduate of St. Jean d'Baptiste Grammar School, Corbett Jr. HS and Lynn Classical High School, Lynn, MA Class of 1965. He showed leadership and versatility during his high school years playing football, basketball and baseball. As Captain, he led the basketball team to the State Championship. With his friends, Donnie, Eddie, Denny, Leo, and Ray, during high school, he was part of the Emeralds Rock and Roll band, playing rhythm guitar on one of the first left-handed Fenders. The Emeralds played many events in New England and New York and advanced to the National Championship of the Battle of the Bands in Chicago. Mike was proud to have served his country in the U.S. Marine Corp where he enlisted right after graduation, serving in Viet Nam from 1966 to 1967. As a team leader for the First Force Recon, Mike saw extensive action behind enemy lines and was given a battlefield commendation and promotion to the rank of Sgt. He was awarded three purple hearts, the Navy commendation w/combat above and beyond the call of duty (A.B.C.D.). Bronze Star, (A.B.C.D.) Good Conduct National Defense Service, Vietnam Service w/3 Bronze Stars, Gallantry Cross (A.B.C.D.) Civil Action Honor (A.B.C.D.) Viet-Nam Campaign, Presidential Unit Citation, Combat Action Ribbon, Sharpshooters Badge M14, Pistol .45. Mike was a true American hero. He was a Marine's Marine and always proud to be a Marine. After his discharge from the Marine Corps, Mike worked as a carpenter and contractor, sometimes constructing handicapped ramps for fellow veterans. He often recalled fond memories of living in the mountains of Torreon, New Mexico, where he took great pleasure in earth's beauty, sharing stories of the amazing watermelon sunsets. He was a member of Franco American War Veterans, Lynn, MA; AM Vets, Post 161, Lynn, MA; **Vietnam Veterans of America – Tallahassee Chapter #96**; Marine Corps League, Fla.; Disabled American Veterans Service Officer; Life member DAV Chapter 5, Fla.; VFW, FI-Post 3308; American League, Lake Ella; Franco War Veterans-Post 12, Lynn, MA; Am Vets, Post 161, Lynn, MA. Memorial contributions may be made to Disabled American Veterans, Chapter No. 5, P.O. Box 12005, Tallahassee, FL 32311. In addition to being a generous, loving, committed and nonjudgmental family man, Mike made lifelong friends along his many adventures and befriended everyone he encountered, in jail, homeless shelters, high-ranking government officials, church youth groups, fellow veterans, as well as doctors and nurses who provided him with care. After a long, hard-fought and finally successful battle for sobriety, Mike married his greatly loved wife, Charlene, in front of family, friends and fellow Marines in October 1996. We witnessed a miracle. There wasn't a dry eye in the church. Mike was a wild and tender man. He will be greatly missed.

IRVING "Rosie" ROSENTHAL – Died Tuesday, February 10, 2009 in North Las Vegas, Nevada at the age of 82. The cause of death is unknown. He was born October 31, 1926 in Bridgeport, Connecticut. He is survived by his wife of eight years, Phyllis, several children and stepchildren. He served in the United States Army Air Corps and the United States Navy aboard a carrier as an aviation mechanic on loan to the Australian Air Force and became a crew chief in New Guinea with over 9,000 flying hours in C-46, C-47 and C-54 helicopters and the B-29. After World War II, he served in the newly formed United States Air Force in Pusan, Korea from 1951 to 1953 as an air rescueman. From 1962 to 1964, he served in Da Nang, Nha Trang, Vietnam

and in Korat, Thailand in air operations and intelligence until he retired in 1968 with 25 years of military service. Later he worked as a nurse in a VA Medical Center in California for five years. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Las Vegas Chapter #17**. Graveside services with full military honors in Boulder City Veterans Cemetery on February 10, 2009.

CARL MARVIN ROSS – Died Tuesday, May 1, 2007 in Baldwin, Wisconsin at the age of 83. The cause of death was cancer. He was born June 6, 1923 in Hammond, Wisconsin. He served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – River Falls Chapter #331**. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated in the Church of the Immaculate Conception in Hammond. Interment with full military honors was in the Hammond Cemetery.

PERRY G. RUDD – Died in 2004 in Oak Hill, West Virginia at the age of 69. The cause of death is from complications from Agent Orange. He was born April 10, 1935. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Beckley Chapter #860**.

MORRIS BERT “Buster” SABBA – Died Sunday, January 11, 2009 in Farmingville, New York at the age of 62. The cause of death was Aortic Dissection and Multi-Organ Failure. He was born April 15, 1947 in Brooklyn, New York to the late Joseph Sabba and Sylvia Sabba. In addition to his mother, he is survived by his wife, Marlene (Rubin) Sabba; two sons and daughters-in-law, Gregory and Nancy Sabba and Mark and Chrissy Sabba; his daughter and son-in-law, Sherilyn and Rob, and; his sister, Evelyn Sabba. He served in the United States Army from September 27, 1967 to July 3, 1969 with a tour of duty in Vietnam. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – New York City Chapter #126**. Funeral arrangements were provided by Sinai Chapels in Fresh Meadows, New York and interment was in Wellwood Cemetery in Pinelawn, New York.

RALPH JOHN SAVARESE – Died in April 2008 in Metuchen, New Jersey at the age of 59. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Brooklyn, New York on June 20, 1948. He is survived by his mother, Mrs. R. Savarese of the home. He served in the United States Army with a tour of duty in Vietnam from September 16, 1968 to September 5, 1969. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of American – Bordentown Chapter #899**.

DAVID G. SCHARF - 69, of Milpitas, California, formerly of New Ulm, Minnesota, died Friday, August 8, 2008 at his home in Milpitas. He is survived by his brother, Robert A. Scharf, of Bloomington, Minnesota. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – San Carlos Chapter #464**. Funeral service will be 10:30 a.m. Monday, August 18 at St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church in New Ulm. Burial with full military honors conducted by the New Ulm Area Comrades of Valor Honor Guard will follow in the church cemetery. Visitation will be one hour prior to the service at the church. Schmucker Funeral Service of New Ulm is handling the arrangements. Memorials are preferred to the donor's choice. A memorial service will be held at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, August 20 at Apostles Lutheran Church, 5828 Santa Teresa Blvd., San Jose, CA.

THOMAS A. SCHEEL – Died in February 2009 in Coatesville, Pennsylvania at the age of 73. The cause of death is unknown. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was born February 10, 1936. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Phoenixville Chapter #436**.

MICHAEL JOSEPH “Mike” SEMBORSKI – Died Friday, December 22, 2006 in Hudson, Wisconsin at the age of 60 after a long, hard battle with many illnesses. He was born in Chicago, Illinois on June 7, 1946 to the late Edward and Fay Semborski. He was a proud member of IBEW #110. He was preceded in death by his wife, Rita; second wife, Suzanne; mother, Fay; and father, Edward. Survivors include his three children, Michelle Semborski, Jeff Dwyer and Michael Sovell; beloved grandson, Austin William; sister, Mary Beth Collins; and faithful companion Curly. Visitation 4-8 PM Wednesday, 12/27 MUELLER MEMORIAL PARKWAY CHAPEL, 835 Johnson Pkwy at E 7th St. and one hour before mass at church. Mass of Christian Burial will be THURSDAY, Dec. 28 at 10:30 AM at St. John's Catholic Church on 5th and Forest St. Inurnment will follow at Fort Snelling National Cemetery. Michael will be sorely missed, as will his sense of humor and passion for his life-long commitment to the US Military. He was a former Commander of the Chapter 2 D.A.V., a Vietnam Veteran with the United States Marine Corps - 3rd Marine Division and was dedicated to helping disabled vets secure deserved benefits. He was also a life member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and the American Legion. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – River Falls Chapter #331**. Memorials are preferred.

GREGORY JOHN SMITH - 60, of Rochester, New York, died Sunday, January 25, 2009, at his home. The cause of death is unknown. He was born July 14, 1948, in Rochester, a son of the late Albert L. and Eleanor (Swartzlander) Smith. He was a 1967 graduate of Mifflinburg Area High School, a 1975 graduate of Embry-Riddle Aeronautical Studies, and a 1989 graduate of Indiana University with a master in health and safety. He worked as a health and safety consultant for the United States Navy and Veterans Administration. He was a proud Vietnam veteran, where he was a highly decorated Cobra helicopter pilot in the United States Army. He attained the rank of captain before leaving the military. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Rochester Chapter #20**. He was deeply loved by his family and many friends. Greg had a heart of gold and donated to many children's charities. He is survived by two brothers and one sister-in-law, Larry K. Smith of Rochester, and Christopher R. and Kathy Smith of Milton, Pennsylvania.; and one sister and brother-in-law, Jacqueline A. and Michael Kaiser of Surprise, Arizona. He was the loving uncle of Christopher, Timothy, and Eric Smith and Amy Kaiser; and also his four great-nieces. He was preceded in death by two brothers, Albert L. and Lewis A. Smith. A memorial service and celebration of Greg's life will be held at 7 p.m. Monday at the Waring Baptist Church, Waring and Norton Streets, Rochester, New York.

ROBERT LAWRENCE SWANSON – Died Saturday, November 4, 2006 in the VA Medical Center in Minneapolis, Minnesota at the age of 72. He was a resident of River Falls, Wisconsin. The cause of death was pulmonary fibrosis and respiratory failure. He was born January 8, 1934 to the late Lawrence and Eva Swanson. In addition to his parents, he was predeceased by his brother, Donald Swanson. He is survived by his wife, Allegra (Bullis) Swanson, of the home; three sons, Greg Swanson, of Coon Rapids, Minnesota, Gary Swanson, Georgia and Bruce Swanson, of Jacksonville, Florida; David Sonja Alseike, of Wichita, Kansas; his sister-in-law,

Marcia Swanson, of Orange Park, Florida; twenty grandchildren; six great-grandchildren, and; fourteen nieces and nephews. He served in the United States Navy during the Vietnam War from February 14, 1963 to May 31, 1973 with prior service totaling 20 years of military service. He retired at the rank of CW02. He was a member the American Legion. He was a *Life Member, Past President, Past Vice-President and Past Treasurer* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – River Falls Chapter #331**. A Service of Christian Burial was celebrated in the Ezekiel Lutheran Church in River Falls, Wisconsin with the Reverend Dr. David Hagstrom and John Henning, co-officiating. Interment with full military honors was in Fairview Cemetery in Stillwater, Minnesota.

THEODORE JOHN THOMAS - Age 66, Franklin. Thursday, February 28, 2008. Retired from United States Marine Corps, lifelong square dancer, member of Practical Shooters and member of SASS "Cowboy Shooters". Survived by wife, Elizabeth Gaye Thomas; sons, Brian and David Thomas; daughters, Teresa Dellow and Amanda Thomas; and four grandchildren. Memorial service will be 4 p.m. Wednesday, March 5, 2008 at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, The Rev. Bob Cowperthwaite officiating. Memorials may be made to Jeans Endowed Scholarship at Belmont University, 1900 Belmont Blvd., Attn: Vicky Tarelton, Nashville, TN 37212-3757. Visitation will be one hour prior to service at the church. WILLIAMSON MEMORIAL FUNERAL HOME, (615) 794-2289. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Prairieville (Louisiana) Chapter #725**.

RUSSELL DAVID TRAGO, JR. - Died Monday, February 25, 2008 in North Fort Myers, Florida at the age of 60. The cause of death is unknown. He was born November 22, 1947. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Wilmington (Delaware) Chapter #83**. Arrangements by National Cremation Society and Funeral Home.

ROBERT J. "Bob" TUM-SUDEN – Died Monday, March 9, 2009 in Parlin, New Jersey at the age of 64. The cause of death was lung cancer. He was born May 14, 1944 in Brooklyn, New York. He is survived by his wife of 32 years, Jean DeMartino Tum-Suden, of the home; one son and daughter-in-law, Joseph and Mirella Tum-Suden, of Parlin; two daughters and sons-in-law, Danielle and Ronnie Doria and Aimée and Scott Lambiase, all of Staten Island, New York; six grandchildren, Julia, Ryan, Ella, Riley, Emmy and Lily; his sister, Patricia Pohevitz; his sister-in-law, Marie Steffey, and; his nieces and nephews, Kirsten, Lara, Sue, Chris, Matt and Danny. He served in the United States Navy on the USS Forrestal during the Vietnam War. He was an active member and volunteer with LZ Hope in East Orange. He was also active with the New Jersey Vietnam Veteran War Memorial in Holmdel, New Jersey. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Elizabeth Chapter #779**. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated in Our Lady of Victories Roman Catholic Church in Sayreville, New Jersey. Interment was in New Calvary Cemetery in Parlin.

ROBERT I. WALRATH - 72, of High St., Lisle, New York, passed away Wednesday, March 18, 2009, at the NYS Veterans' Home in Oxford. He was born February 26, 1937. He was predeceased by his son, SSGT Thomas Walrath. He is survived by his wife, Carrie Walrath; two sons and one daughter-in-law, Jerry and Glenda Walrath and John Walrath; daughter and son-

in-law, Debbie and Ernie Schlafer; eight grandchildren, six great-grandchildren; one sister, Lois Lashway of Florida. He was a Veteran of the United States Army with service in the Vietnam War. He was a past Broome County Commander. He was a member of and past commander of American Legion Post 1194. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Endicott Chapter #896**. Funeral services will be held Monday at 5 p.m. at the Wm. R. Chase & Son Funeral Home, 737 Chenango St., Port Dickinson with the Rev. Russell Ward, Pastor of the Christian Fellowship Church in Lisle, officiating. Friends may call at the funeral home Monday from 2 to 5 p.m. Those wishing may make memorial contributions to the Broome County Veterans Memorial Association, 76 Main St., Binghamton, NY 13905.

WILLIAM H. "Bill Gunny" WIND - 76 - of Villas, for the last 30 years. Formerly of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, passed away on Monday at Cape Regional Medical Center. He served in the United States Marine Corps for 28 years, retiring as a gunnery sergeant and received the Purple Heart. After his military service, he worked as a bartender for the Villas V.F.W., where he was a member and also a member of the D.A.V., the Villas Fishing Club and the Moose Lodge of Erma. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Wildwood Chapter #955**. Surviving are his wife of 39 years, Akiko; a son, Kenji and wife Kelli Wind of Aiea, Hawaii; a granddaughter, Summer Wind; a sister Betty Bickley of Villas and nieces and nephews. Funeral services will be held on Saturday 12 noon at the Evoy Funeral Home, 3218 Bayshore Rd., N. Cape May, where friends may call after 10:00 AM. Burial will be in Cape May Co. Veterans Cemetery. Contributions in his memory may be sent to: Toys for Tots Foundations, c/o David Burton, 29 Beaver Dam Rd., Cape May Court House, New Jersey

DONALD HENRY YOUNG – Died Friday, February 13, 2009 in Moores Hill, Indiana at the age of 66. The cause of death was COPD and Emphysema. He was born February 10, 1943 in Cincinnati, Ohio. He is survived by his wife, Carol, of the home; two sons, Anthony Wayne Young, Paint Lick, Kentucky and Donald H. Young, of Williamstown, Kentucky; a daughter Susanne Anderson, of Moores Hill; a sister, Joyce Sprecker, of Cincinnati, and; eight grandchildren. He served in the United States Army with a tour of duty in Vietnam from 1968 to 1969. He was a life member of Veterans of Foreign Wars. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Aurora Chapter #71**. Funeral services were conducted in the Filter-DeVries Funeral Home in Dillsboro, Indiana. Interment was in the New Craven Cemetery.

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

FATHER PHIL SALOIS, M.S.