

# VIETNAM VETERANS OF AMERICA

Office of the National Chaplain

**JAMES MICHAEL ADKINS, SR.** - Died Friday April 16, 2010 at his residence in Huntington, West Virginia at the age of 61. The cause of death is unknown. He was born May 31, 1948 in Huntington, a son of the late Emery and Martha Goolsby Adkins. He was retired from the United States Air Force. He was a member of VFW Post # 1064, whose members will conduct Military Graveside Rites, and was a member of American Legion Post # 16 and the D.A.V. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Huntington Chapter #949**. He is survived by his wife Marsha Sites Adkins, a daughter, Tina Adkins of Huntington, a son James Michael Adkins, Jr., of Chicago, IL, grandson Austin Adkins of Huntington, sisters Sharon Tomlin and Linda Hoover of Huntington, and a brother, Marshall Adkins of Huntington. Friends may call from 6 pm until 8 pm Monday April 20, 2010 at Chapman's Mortuary. Funeral services will be conducted at 2:00 PM Tuesday April 20, 2010 at Chapman's Mortuary, with Pastor Randall Sites officiating. Burial will be in White Chapel Memorial Gardens.

**WILBUR EDWARD "Skip" ALFRED** - Died Monday, April 19, 2010 in Florissant, Missouri, at the age of 62. The cause of death is unknown. He was born September 2, 1947 to the late Wilbur and Cecelia Alfred. He was the dearest husband of the late Enid E. Scheppel Alfred; loving father of Denise (David) Hill; beloved grandfather of Kaitlyn Thurmon, Scott Thurmon, Lorelei Hill and Alexis Hill, and; the dear son-in-law of Mary and the late Harvey Scheppel. Skip was employed as a Rail Car Inspector with Metro East Industries for 30 years. He was a member of the Overland Occidental Masonic Lodge #623, St. Charles Moose Lodge - 2008 Fellowship Degree of Honor; **Vietnam Veterans of America – Florissant Chapter #794**; Scottish Rite of Freemasonry, S.J., USA and a longtime supporter of the Sugarettes Baton Corps. Memorials may be made to Sugarettes Baton Corps. Visitation was from 10-11AM with a Loyal Order of Moose and Masonic Services at 11AM. Interment was in St. Charles Memorial Gardens in St. Charles, Missouri.

**BERNARD ARNOLD** – Died June 21, 1997 in West Springfield, Massachusetts at the age of 58. The cause of death is unknown. He was born October 7, 1948. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was an *At-Large Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Massachusetts**.

**MARY ANN BARTUSIS, M.D.** - Died Thursday, December 10, 2009 in Las Vegas, Nevada at the age of 79. The cause of death is unknown. She was born April 16, 1930, in Palmer, Pennsylvania, and was a 13-year resident of Nevada. Dr. Bartusis graduated from the University of Pittsburgh and Women's Medical College of Pennsylvania. She was a psychiatrist in private practice in Trenton, N.J., and Bucks County, Pennsylvania, for 38 years. She was clinical associate professor of psychiatry at the Medical College of Pennsylvania. Mary Ann authored two books "Every Other Man" (Dutton, 1978), and "Off to a Good Start" (Donald I. Fine Inc., 1991). She was a Fellow of the American Psychiatric Association, and of the American College of Psychiatrists, and was a member of the Southern Nevada Psychiatric Physicians, and

of the American Women Psychiatrists. Mary Ann was preceded in death by her husband, of 45 years, Donald J. Bartusis; and sister, Francis Babinsky McCray. She is survived by her four children, Joseph Bartusis, Deborah Axelrod, Monica Anderson and Michele Carter, M.D.; sister, Rosaline Babinsky Levenson, R.N.; and companion of 10 years, Bob Brew. She was a member of **Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America – Las Vegas Chapter #17**. Service will be part of the p.m. Mass Sunday, December 20, at St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Catholic Church, 1811 Pueblo Vista Drive, in Las Vegas. Donations can be made to the charity of your choice.

**RUSSELL W. BILLMAN** - Died Tuesday, May 11, 2010, in the University of Pennsylvania Hospital, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania at the age of 60. He was a resident of Cumru Township, Pennsylvania. The cause of death was an infection as a result of bone marrow transplant. He was born March 13, 1950, in Reading, Pennsylvania to late Russell Wilbur and Martha Idela (Miller) Stauffer. Russell was a 1969 graduate of Exeter High School. He served in the United States Army with a tour in Vietnam from June 6, 1970 to May 7, 1971. He was employed as a dye mixer with Crompton & Knowles Chemical Company, Gibraltar, for 31 years, last working in 2002. Russell was a member of Alleghenyville Evangelical Lutheran Church. He was a life member of VFW, Adamstown, and a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Reading Chapter #131**. Surviving are four siblings: Dorothy M. (Billman) DeFazio, Leesport; Lawrence L., husband of Sandra M. (Mogel) Billman, Exeter Township; Helen I. Billman, Shillington; and Donald R. Billman, Cumru Township, with whom he last resided. In addition, there are several nieces and nephews surviving. Services will be Saturday at noon in Edward J. Kuhn Funeral Home Inc., 739 Penn Ave., West Reading. A viewing will be held one hour prior to services in the funeral home. Burial will be in Mohnton Cemetery, Mohnton, Pennsylvania.

**JAMES CARL BLACKBURN** - Died Thursday, January 21, 2010, at North Okaloosa Medical Center in Florida at the age of 69. He was a resident of Crestview, Florida. He was born in Tylertown, Mississippi on October 6, 1940. James moved to Crestview in May 1999 from Memphis, Tennessee. He proudly served his country for 20 years in the United States Air Force as a pilot. James was a Vietnam Veteran, a life member of the VFW and a member of the Military Officers Association of America. He was an *At-Large Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Florida**. He also retired from FedEx after 18 years. Survivors include his wife of 31 years, Janice Blackburn of Crestview, daughters Carla Onken and her children Jeffrey and Carrie, all of Houston, and Nicole Patton, husband Parker, and their children Katie and Wilson all of Danville, California. James also has one sister, Lucy Zirkelback. A memorial service for James will be held on Monday, January 25, 2010, at 2 p.m. at the Capps Funeral Home in Tylertown with full Military Honors. Arrangements are entrusted to Whitehurst Powell Funeral Home in Crestview.

**CARLE G. BLANCHARD** – Died in April 2005 in Napoleonville, Louisiana at the age of 52. The cause of death is unknown. He was born September 17, 1952. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Baton Rouge Chapter #488**.

**THOMAS CYRIL BLUTO** - 68, died peacefully Wednesday, April 7, 2010, at home following a short but courageous battle with cancer. The youngest child of Cyril and Eileen Bluto, Tom spent his earliest years in Grand Isle, Vt. The family moved to North Bennington in 1951, when

he was nine. After graduating from North Bennington High School in 1960, he enlisted in the United States Navy. Tom met Barbara Marden, his wife of 44 years, while stationed at Quonset Point in Rhode Island, where he served for four years as Petty Officer 3rd Class. In 1964, the couple moved back to Bennington. Together, they raised three sons while Tom was Resident Manager at The New Englander Motor Inn, where he was employed for eight years. He graduated from St. Joseph's College with an Associate's Degree in Business in 1966. Tom's long time dream of becoming an Innkeeper was realized in 1972, when he and Barbara purchased The Knotty Pine Motel. Their daughter was born two years later. While they ran the motel together, Tom was employed from 1979-1986 as the first Town of Bennington Community Development Director. He later worked as the Director for the Southern Vermont Development Council, and was instrumental in obtaining and administrating a grant for the renovation of the Holden Leonard Mill. All who knew Tom would attest to his commitment to community and his devotion to volunteerism. He was very active in civic affairs, both on the town and state level. He was a Life Member and Melvin Jones Award recipient of the International Organization of Lions, and served as President of the NorShaft Lions and then Governor of District 45 Vermont Lions. Tom volunteered for the Bennington Area Chamber of Commerce in many capacities, including President, long time Executive board member, chairman of many committees, and most recently Administrator of the Bennington Car Show. He was the recipient of the Chamber's D. Ed Moore Award and the President's Award. He served on the Bennington Selectboard from 1995 to 1998. Tom was instrumental in bringing the USS Bennington Ship's Bell back to its home where it now rests on the front lawn of the Town Offices. He proudly participated twice in the transporting of the Capital Christmas Tree from Bennington to Washington D.C., most recently in 2007. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Bennington Chapter #601**. He continued as a community volunteer until his death, and was an integral part of many events sponsored by area non-profits. As his business card states, Tom was a self proclaimed, "Jack of all trades, Master of none". His passing is not only a loss to the loved ones he leaves, but to the greater Bennington area as a whole. Although he was a Green Mountain boy at heart, Tom's true passion was boating and being on the open water. In 2005, after 33 years, he and Barb sold the motel and embarked on their 42ft. Chris Craft "Knotty Lady" for a year's journey navigating the waterways surrounding the eastern half of the United States, commonly called The Great Loop. Tom's hospitality was legendary. Some of his happiest moments were spent gathering with family and friends at the Bluto Camp in Wilmington. Besides Barbara, Tom is survived by his father, Cy; son, Christopher and his wife, Steph, of Westfield, Ind.; son, Michael and his wife, Marsha, of Stateline, Nev.; son, Timothy of New York, N.Y.; daughter, Elizabeth "Betsy" Bluto Woods and her husband, Ed, of Bennington; grandchildren, Larison, Cole, Marijke, Lily, Lucianna and Victoria; a brother, David and his wife, Barbara Jean, of Marsh Harbor, Bahamas and North Carolina; a sister, Nancy Jarrett and her husband, Michael, of Williston; a sister, Susan Moore of North Bennington; sister-in-law and brother-in-law, Marcia and Bill Rogers, of Bennington, as well as several aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews and cousins. FUNERAL NOTICE: Friends are invited to pay their respects to the Bluto family at the Mahar and Son Funeral Home in Bennington on Friday, Apr. 9, from 4-7 p.m. All members of the Norshaft Lions are asked to meet at the funeral home at 5:30 p.m. At Tom's request, funeral services will be private. A Celebration of Tom's life will be held at a later date to be announced. Memorial contributions in Thomas C. Bluto's memory may be made to the

Memorial Park Development Committee, to be used for the improvement of the Bennington Memorial Park, future home of the Bennington Graded School Fountain, or to the Norshaft Lions for use in the Norshaft Lions Memorial Park, through Mahar & Son Funeral Home, 628 Main Street, Bennington, Vermont 05201. Guest book condolences may be made at [www.maharandsonfuneralhome.net](http://www.maharandsonfuneralhome.net).



**WARREN ALLEN BRUMLEY** - Died Sunday, July 27, 2008 in Modesto, California at the age of 71. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Charleston, Missouri on October 19, 1936. Warren was very active in the community. He was on the Municipal Advisory Council for the city of Empire, Park Commission Board for Empire, worked as a teacher's aide for the Empire Schools, involved with the 4th of July Parades, in charge of the Legion Oratorical Scholarship Competition for American Legion Post 74, Sergeant of Arms in the Honor Guard of the American Legion, and a Vietnam veteran. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Modesto Chapter #880**. Warren is survived by wife,

Machiko Brumley, daughters, Shirley Smith, Karen Glassley; son, Hans Peter Brumley; sisters, Barbara Wilson, Mella Barnard, Mary Southern; brothers, W.A. Brumley, James Brumley; nephew, Marvin Wilson, numerous nieces and nephews; 9 grandchildren and 2 great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by daughter, Beverly Brumley, 2 brothers and 4 sisters. There will be a visitation, 4-8pm, Friday, August 1, 2008 followed by a chapel service, 2pm, Saturday, August 2, 2008, both at Lakewood Funeral Home. Private interment will follow at Lakewood Memorial Park.

**ROBERT W. BURKHARDT** – Died Sunday, November 16, 2003 in Little Egg Harbor Township, New Jersey. The cause of death is unknown. He is survived by his wife, Barbara. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Keyport Chapter #721**.

**ROGER A. BUTTERFUSS** – Died Friday, January 22, 2010 in Bensalem, Pennsylvania at the age of 69. The cause of death is unknown. He was born July 19, 1940. He is survived by his wife, Doris, of the home. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Philadelphia Chapter #590**.

**MICHAEL LONEWOLF CAGLE** - Died Thursday April 15, 2010 in Cabell Huntington Hospital in Huntington, West Virginia at the age of 62. He was a resident of Huntington. The cause of death is unknown. Michael was born May 25, 1947 in Huntington to the late William Esley and Billie Jo Taylor Cagle. He was a United States Army veteran, 82nd Air Borne Division serving in Vietnam, he was a Purple Heart recipient, a graduate of Marshall University, an American Indian, a member of V.F.W. Post 1064 whose members will render military honors, and the B.P.O.E. Lodge #313. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Huntington Chapter #949**. His grandparents, Audry and Percy Taylor, preceded him in death. Survivors

include 2 daughters, a very special daughter, Melissa Dawn Board, and Christina D. Vance both of Huntington, 3 sisters, Linda Curry of Huntington, Karen Davis and Teronda Hopkins both of Climax, GA, 1 brother Kenneth Curry of Havana, FL, 4 grandchildren, James Board II, Brent Board, Cody Shepherd and Zachary Vance all of Huntington, special friends, Charles Stover and Everet Darling and a very special friend JoAnn Cagle. Friends may call from 11:00 am to service time Thursday at the Apostolic Life Cathedral. Chapman's Mortuary Huntington is assisting the family. Memorial service will be conducted 12:00 noon, Thursday, April 22, 2010, at Apostolic Life Cathedral, with Pastor E. S. Harper officiating.

**SALVATORE M. CAMMALLERE** – Died recently in 2010 in Brooklyn, New York. The cause of death is unknown. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Brooklyn Chapter #72**.

**RAY B. CHEATWOOD** – Died recently in 2010 in Princeton, West Virginia. The cause of death is unknown. He was a *Life Member* of **Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America – Princeton Chapter #628**.

**PETER G. COATES** – Died in 2007 in West Springfield, Massachusetts. The cause of death is unknown. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Springfield Chapter #111**.

**LAURENCE GEORGE "Larry" DENGLER** - Died suddenly Sunday night, March 28, 2010 in Austin, Texas at the age of 66. He was a resident of Dobbs Ferry, New York. He was in Austin for a long weekend with his wife Allegra and daughter Anna to meet his first grandchild, Julian, son of his son Nicholas and his wife Katie. The cause of death was a heart attack. Laurence was born August 24, 1943 in New York City. Known as Larry to his friends and family, he was the youngest by eight years of 6 children. Larry attended Fordham Prep High School, Fordham College and Fordham Law School in the Bronx. At Fordham, he ran track and sang in the men's chorus. In law school, he wrote in support of a unicameral legislature in the Fordham Law Review, a brief which is still convincing today. From Fordham, he took to heart the Jesuit philosophy of *homines pro aliis*, men and women for others. This philosophy was the guiding principal of his life. Following Law School, Larry enlisted in the United States Army and served one year in Counter-Intelligence in Saigon during the Vietnam War from 1969 to 1970. He received the Bronze Star for meritorious service. He continued his service in the Army Reserves and retired with the rank of Lieutenant Colonel. While stationed in Saigon, he met his wife, Diane Allegra French. Shortly after their return to the US they were married on February 14, 1971 in Fordham Chapel on the "Rose Hill" university campus in the Bronx. Larry was a partner at the law firm Dengler, Dengler and Dengler in Manhattan, a firm started by his father and maintained with his two brothers, Norbert and Ted. Larry was very active in many organizations. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Pleasantville Chapter #49**. He was an active member of the Catholic Kolping Society all his life. He served as Chairman of the Board. In 2000, Larry helped negotiate the creation of a Conservation Easement at Kolping-on-Hudson. Fifty acres of important habitat on the banks of the Hudson River were protected from development. In 2001, he was named Kolping Person of the Year for this achievement in 2004,

he received the Kolping Distinguished Service Award at the National Convention in St. Louis, Missouri. Larry served as a Trustee to the Village of Dobbs Ferry from 2007 until his death. Among his many other activities, he was on the Board of the Old Guard of New York, the Board of the Dobbs Ferry Historical Society, and served as liaison to the Mayors Committee on the Environment. He is survived by his wife, Allegra, and their children, Matthew, Anna, Nicholas and wife, Katie, his grandchild, Julian, his brothers, Norbert and his wife Marilyn, Ted and his wife Erna and Bernard and his wife Bonnie. He greatly enjoyed his many nephews and nieces and their families, following their lives with great interest and pride. He was beloved by many friends, family and the community. He will be missed. He was predeceased by his parents Theobald and Hilda Dengler, by his sister Hilda McGlew, her husband Jack McGlew and his brother Fr. Ralph Dengler, SJ. A Mass of the Resurrection was celebrated at 9:30AM Tuesday at the Church of the Sacred Heart, Dobbs Ferry. Visiting hours were 5-7 PM Sunday and 2-4 and 7-9PM Monday Edwards-Dowdle Funeral Home. In lieu of flowers, please make donations to the Catholic Kolping Society of New York 165 E. 88th St. NY, NY 10128.

**WALTER F. DROZEWSKI** - Died Saturday, November 7, 2009, in Inverness, Florida at the age of 63. The cause of death is unknown. He was born April 13, 1946, in Jersey City, New Jersey, son of Dominick and Ruth (Bush) Drozewski. He was a United States Marine Corps veteran serving during the Vietnam War with the Marine Composite Reconnaissance Squadron 1, Aircraft Group 11, 1st Marine Aircraft Wing Fleet Force, Pacific; where he received the Purple Heart and held a "Secret Clearance" status. He was an Owner / Operator of a roofing company and a Catholic by faith. He moved to Inverness, Florida, from Pennsylvania. His hobbies included Harley Davidson Motorcycles. Mr. Drozewski was an *At-Large Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Florida**, the Vietnam Veterans Motorcycle Club of New Jersey. He was a life member of the Military Order of the Purple Heart, a member of the Marine Corp League of Pennsylvania; a life member of V.F.W. Post #335 of New Jersey; a life member of AMVETS #AZ770 and a member of American Legion Riders of Pennsylvania. He was an honorary member of the Florida Sheriffs Association; and a member of the New Jersey State Police Benevolent Association, Inc. Mr. Drozewski was preceded in death by father, Dominick Drozewski, mother, Ruth Drozewski. Survivors include wife, Joyce A. Drozewski of Inverness, FL, Three Daughters and Five grandchildren. Online condolences may be sent to the family at [www.HooperFuneralHome.com](http://www.HooperFuneralHome.com). Arrangements by the Inverness Chapel of Hooper Funeral Homes.

**RAYMOND L. DUPUIS** - Died Sunday, April 25, 2010 in Health Alliance/Leominster Hospital in Leominster, Massachusetts after an illness of cancer. He was 65 years of age. He was a resident of Fitchburg, Massachusetts. Raymond was born in Fitchburg on January 31, 1945 to the late Henry and Laura (Vienneau) Dupuis. Raymond retired from the Munksjo Paper Co of Fitchburg in 2008. He had previously worked for James River Paper Co. and Fitchburg Paper Co. He was a member of St. Joseph Church, the St. Joseph Club and the Fitchburg Rod and Gun Club. He was a Vietnam Veteran serving with the United States Army. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Leominster Chapter #116**. Ray enjoyed fishing, hunting and traveling. He loved spending time with his children and grandchildren. Ray leaves his wife of 38 years, Lucille (Goguen) Dupuis, two sons, Kevin T. Dupuis and his wife Shelley of Palm Harbor

Florida and Richard M. Dupuis and his wife Kelli of Stony Brook NY, one daughter Rebecca "Becky" L. Dupuis of Fitchburg, two brothers, Henry Dupuis of Fitchburg and Edward Dupuis of Winchendon, four grandchildren, Jake, Gavin, Madigan and Malcolm Dupuis, his aunt Clarisse Vienneau of Winchendon, nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by two brothers Donald and Joseph Dupuis and a sister Doris Gravel. A Funeral Mass will be held Friday, April 30th at 10:00 A.M. in St Joseph Church, 49 Woodland St. Fitchburg. Burial will be in the Massachusetts Veterans Memorial Cemetery, Winchendon. Calling hours will be held Thursday evening from 6 until 9 P.M. in the Aubuchon-Moorcroft Funeral Home 132 Woodland St. Fitchburg MA. Flowers may be sent or donations in Ray's memory may be sent to the Simonds-Sinon Regional Cancer Center, 275 Nichols Rd Fitchburg MA 01420.

**ANDREW RUBEN ENRIQUEZ** - Died at 6:44 A.M. on Tuesday, May 18, 2010 at Integris Baptist Medical Center in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma at the age of 66. He was a resident of Bartlesville, Oklahoma. The cause of death is unknown. Andrew Ruben Enriquez was born August 28, 1943 in Watts, CA to Andrew and Velia (Jimenez) Enriquez. Services will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday at the First Baptist Church with Rev. Paul Rummage and Rev. Terry Long officiating. Military honors will be conducted by the American Legion Post 105 Honor Guard. Arrangements are under the direction of Walker-Brown Funeral Home. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to: Integris Baptist Volunteer Auxiliary, FBO transplant services, 3300 NW Expressway, Oklahoma City, OK 73112. He received his Bachelors Degree from Loyola Marymount and began his career with Pacific Bell Telephone Co. in 1964 and retired in 1995 as a manager with 31 years of dedicated service. He came out of retirement and worked for SBC as a consultant until 2005. Andy's military service included two terms of duty in Vietnam as a riverboat and helicopter gunners mate and was honorably discharged with a rank of Internal Communication 3rd class. He was also a National Guard Staff Sergeant. Andy was active with the American Legion Post #105 and Honor Guard as well as being a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Tulsa Chapter #524** and the Telephone Pioneers of Bartlesville. Andy loved antique trains, cameras and radios. He was an avid music lover and collector. He liked woodworking, finding new recipes and was the friendliest man you'd ever want to meet. Andy was a member of the First Baptist Church and most importantly, he loved God and our Lord Jesus Christ above all . . . and he loved his family and friends as well. Andy is survived by his wife Nancy May of the home; two sons; Andrew R. Enriquez III of California and Brad May of Bartlesville; two daughters; LeAnn Lentz of California and Natalie May of Bartlesville; two grandsons; Christopher Grimm Enriquez, Steven Lunn and granddaughter; Accaira May. One sister; Catherine Montenegro, one brother; Dan Enriquez, aunt; Eva Sargent, three cousins; Marie Keenan, Angie Capela and Anna Escarrega; one sister-in-law; Peggy Mills of Des Moines, IA, numerous nieces, nephews and a host of friends.

**FRANCISCO FABIAN, SR.** - Died Wednesday, March 31, 2010 in Palmdale, California at the age of 78. The cause of death is unknown. He was born October 4, 1931 in San Antonio, Texas. He served 22 years in the United States Air Force and retired years ago as a Master Sergeant and proudly served in the Korean and Vietnam Wars. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Las Vegas (Nevada) Chapter #17**. He also retired from Rockwell now known as Boeing. He leaves behind the love of his life for 59 years, his wife, Rosa, eight children, Dolores

Waller, Dianna Hall, Dolly Wilkerson (Mark Preston), Frank, Jr.(DeAnn), Tony(Lisa), and Donna Andrews (Lester), Ida Somero, Danny(Yolanda)Lathrop. He also leaves 20 grandchildren, 22 great grandchildren and 1 great-great granddaughter. He was the monarch of this family and always will be. We grew up seeing the world and having the strongest proudest father there is to teach us pride and respect for our country and ourselves. There will be memorial services held on Saturday, April 10, 2010 at 1pm at the VFW Hall on 9th Street East in Palmdale.

**ANTHONY J. FABICH** – Died Thursday, June 28, 2001 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania at the age of 46. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Philadelphia on July 31, 1954. He served in the United States Army during the Vietnam-era. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Liberty Bell (Philadelphia) Chapter #266**.

**WILLIAM S. "Beef" FAUKE** - Died Friday, April 2, 2010 at St. Elizabeth Hospital in Belleville, Illinois at the age of 61. He was a resident of Germantown, Illinois. The cause of death was renal failure. He was born July 27, 1948 in Breese, Illinois to Sylvester "Bud" and Lorene (Strieker) Fauke; his parents survive in Germantown. Also surviving is a brother, Gerald (Kathleen) Fauke of Germantown; sisters, Joyce (Ha-Jo) Schwadtke of Barmstedt Germany and Mary Lou (Michael) Babb of Germantown. He was predeceased by a sister, Jane Fauke-Williams. "Beef" was retired from the United States Army Corps of Engineers as a Park Ranger and maintenance man. He was a member of St. Boniface Catholic Church in Germantown, American Legion Post 325, Germantown, Clinton County **Vietnam Veterans of America – Carlyle Chapter #269**. Funeral Mass was Wednesday April 7, 2010 at 11:00 at St. Boniface Catholic Church in Germantown with Fr. James Buerster, officiating. Interment was in Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery in St. Louis, Missouri. Visitation will be held on Tuesday April 6 from 4:00 to 8:00 PM and Wednesday April 7 from 9:00 to 10:45 am at the Moss Funeral Home in Germantown. Memorials can be made to Clinton County Vietnam Veterans and will be received at the funeral home. Germantown American Legion will hold services Tuesday April 6 at 7:00 PM followed by the Clinton County Vietnam Veterans service at the funeral home.

**JOHN F. FENTON** – Died Saturday, April 10, 2010 at Wingate of Wilbraham, Massachusetts at the age of 88. He was a resident of Monson, Massachusetts. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Springfield, Massachusetts on March 20, 1922 to the late John F. and Margaret V. (Crowley) Fenton, Sr. John served his country with the United States Marine Corps during WW II. He was a union negotiator for the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees, Council 93 and was the Western Massachusetts coordinator for AFSCME. John was a member of the Marine Corps League Detachment 140 in Ware, Marine Corps Aviation Association fighter squadron #324 "Devil Pack", the VFW and American Legion. He was a member of **Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America – Ware Chapter #405**. He was also a member of the NRA, Doberman Rescue League, and the National Association of Watch and Clock Collectors. John was predeceased by his wife Miriam E. (Dodge) Fenton in 2004. He leaves their daughters Ann L. Clough of Palmer, Mary J. Bauer and her husband Steve of San Diego, CA and Grace E. Fenton of Sacramento, CA; a sister, Sister Mary Paul, Sisters of the Presentation, of Watervliet, NY; and a granddaughter Hilary J. Clough of Monson. He was also predeceased by his sister Annabelle Fenton; son in-law Robert Clough, and his faithful companion "Bella". The



family would like to give special thanks to his family of CNA's, Nurses and staff on B1 at Wingate of Wilbraham for the care they all gave to John. Funeral services will be held Thursday April 15, 2010 at 9:15 from Lombard Funeral Home with Liturgy of Christian Burial at 10am in St. Patrick's Church in Monson. Burial will follow at Hillcrest Cemetery in Monson with Military Honors. Visiting hours will be Wednesday from 6-8pm at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Wingate Resident Council, 9 Maple Street, Wilbraham, MA 01095.

**KENNETH B. FLEIGER** – Died recently in 2010 in Bronxville, New York at the age of 72. The cause of death was cancer. He was born in New York City, New York on April 23, 1937. He served in the United States Marine Corps during the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Pleasantville Chapter #49*.

**CHARLES HOWARD "Chuck" FOREST, JR.** – Died Friday, March 26, 2010 in La Grange, Texas at the age of 65. The cause of death is unknown. He was born April 8, 1944 in Waynesville, Missouri to the late SMG-Ret. Charles Howard Forest, Sr. and Betty Maxine (née Curnutt) Forest. He married Karen Roie Van Bibber on January 20, 1968 in San Antonio, Texas. In addition to his wife of 42 years, he is survived by his sister, Annette Forest, of La Grange; his son, Bill Forest, of Seattle, Washington; four daughters and sons-in-law, Misti and Bradley von Minden, of Bastrop, Texas, April and Jason Lyda, of Dallas, Georgia, Amy and Dr. Andy Bowman, of Charlottesville, Virginia and Melody and Michael McKee, of Lubbock, Texas; his mother-in-law, Shirley Van Bibber, of San Antonio, Texas; three granddaughters, Jordyn von Minden, Rily Lyda and Harper McKee, and; two grandsons, Landon von Minden and Charlie Bowman. He served in the United States Army from July 2 1965 and reenlisted on March 6, 1967 with two tours of duty in Vietnam from February 25, 1969 to February 20, 1970 and February 22, 1971 to February 29, 1972. On his second tour, he served as an advisor to a South Vietnamese Boat Company up and down the Mekong Delta River. He was awarded the Bronze Star and the Vietnamese Medal of Honor and many other awards. He was honorably discharged on January 6, 1973 at the rank of Staff Sergeant (E-6). He was a member of the La Grange Church of Christ. He was a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars. He was a *Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Schulenburg Chapter #870*.

**KATHRYN ANN (née Deose) FRY** - Died Sunday, April 18, 2010, at the Reading Hospital in Reading, Pennsylvania at the age of 63. She was a resident of Birdsboro, Pennsylvania. The cause of death is unknown. She was born on June 26, 1946 in Quakertown, Pennsylvania to the late Daniel and Eva (Embras) Deose. She was the wife of John E. Fry. She was an active member of St. Peter's Lutheran Church, Pottstown, where she served as an usher. Kathryn participated in the Amity Crime Watch, the Youth Aid Panel of Berks County and the Siberian Husky Rescue League (MA-PAW). She enjoyed life, gardening, cooking and baking. She was a member of the NRA and a *Life Member of Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America – Pottstown Chapter #565*. She retired in 2001 from Wernersville State Hospital, where she worked as a psychiatric aide for over 20 years. Surviving, in addition to her husband, are one son, Willis V. Wheeler III, husband of Sandra D., of Mount Penn; one stepson, John E. Fry Jr. of Elba, N.Y.; two daughters, Dee A. Smith, wife of Michael Sr., of Upper Pottsgrove, and Janice K.

Airey, wife of Rusty, of Birdsboro; one brother, Daniel Deose, husband of Pat, of Wisconsin; and one sister, Gloria Beck of Sellersville. Also surviving are eight grandchildren: Tamra K. Strunk, Willis V. Wheeler IV, Cody R. Airey, Michael S. Smith Jr., Rachel L. Wheeler, Jacob R. Airey, Karie A. Smith and Nicole Lougheed. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her grandson, Jeffrey J. Strunk, and her sister, Grace Lipyanik. Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Friday, April 23, 2010, at the Houck & Gofus Funeral Home Inc., 955 N. Charlotte St., Pottstown. The Rev. John Smolik will officiate. Interment will be in St. Aloysius New Cemetery, Pottstown. A viewing will be held from 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday and from 10 to 11 a.m. Friday at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to St. Peter's Lutheran Church, 564 Glasgow St., Pottstown, PA 19464. Online condolences may be made to the family at [www.houckgofusfuneralhome.com](http://www.houckgofusfuneralhome.com).

**ROBERT W. GILL, JR.** – Died Monday March 29, 2010, at home in Egg Harbor Township, New Jersey surrounded by his family. He was 59 years of age. He fought a brave battle against lung cancer. Bobby was born April 23, 1950 and raised in Pleasantville, New Jersey. He graduated from Pleasantville High School in 1968. He went on to serve in the United States Navy from 1968 to 1972. He was a proud member of the VFW Post 2389 in Pleasantville. He was a *Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Somers Point Chapter #228*. Bobby worked hard throughout his life. He enjoyed bartending and was a successful salesman. Most recently he worked as a landscaper for his nephew. An avid fisherman, he loved to share the tales of the ones that got away. He had a love for the salt air on his face, fishing pole in his hand, and acting as first mate on Bobby Matthew's boat. As a member of the Pleasantville Yacht Club, he held many positions including Commodore. But most of all Bobby was a family man. He always had his door open to those who needed a bed to sleep in and a place to call home. No matter how busy life got, he felt the holidays were enjoyed best with family! He especially loved playing Santa Claus at various community events. Bobby is predeceased by his father, Robert W. Gill Sr. He is survived by his wife of 28 years Sally, his son Robert W. Gill III, his step-daughter Jamie Heritage, granddaughter Chase Heritage, mother and step-father Hannah and Ralph Matthews, sisters Barbara Gill and Michelle Counselor, brother Ron Gill, sister-in-law Susanne Reynolds and brother-in-law Norman Price, as well as many nieces and nephews. Also left to cherish his memory are his numerous dear friends. A viewing will be held at Adams-Perfect Funeral Home, Friday April 2, 2010 from 10am to 11am followed immediately by a memorial service. The family requests donations to Holy Redeemer Hospice in lieu of flowers for their dedicated and outstanding service, 6550 Delilah Road, Suite 501 Egg Harbor Township, NJ 08234. Interment will be private and at the convenience of the family.

**JERRY T. GRENNAN** – Died Monday, December 28, 2009 in Big Bay, Michigan at the age of 70. The cause of death is unknown. He was born June 22, 1939. He is survived by his wife, Caroline, of the home. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Negaunee Chapter #380*.



**TOD D. GRIMM** - Died Thursday, April 8, 2010, with his family by his side at St. Barnabas Hospice and Palliative Care Center at Monmouth Medical

Center, Long Branch, New Jersey. He was 61 years of age and a resident of Jackson Township, New Jersey, formerly of Long Branch. The cause of death was cancer. He was born on May 27, 1948 and raised in Long Branch, and was a 1966 graduate of Long Branch High School. After high school he worked for the Long Branch New York Railroad before being drafted in the United States Army where he was awarded the Purple Heart and the Combat Infantry Badge. He served his country honorably from 1968 to 1974 during Vietnam. Following his term in the Army, Mr. Grimm returned to the Railroad. In 1982, he became a firefighter at Earle Naval Weapons Station and Ft. Monmouth. He later became a Locomotive Engineer at Earle Naval Weapons Station. Mr. Grimm was a member of the Oceanic Fire Co. of the Long Branch Fire Department for many years. He also was a member of the Wanamassa Fire Co. of the Ocean Twp. Fire Department. He was a member of both fire departments softball teams. He was a *Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Allenhurst Chapter #12*. He was an avid fan of the NY Yankees and the Indianapolis Colts. He enjoyed golf and playing video games with his sons. Mr. Grimm was an amazing husband, father, grandfather and brother, always caring for his family even through his long battle with cancer. Surviving is his wife, Jane Grimm; a daughter and son-in-law, Stephanie & Michael Sharron, Inman, SC; three sons, Tod Jr. & and his wife Adrienne Grimm, Washington DC, Andrew Grimm, Jackson Twp. and Colin Grimm and his fiancée Ashley Ring, Jackson Twp.; five grandchildren, Christina, Zachary and Hunter Sharron, and Joseph and Brandan Grimm; three brother and sisters-in-law, Bucky & Lenore Grimm, Elberon, Bill Grimm, Colts Neck and Noah & Lori Grimm, Las Vegas, NV; and a sister, Beth Boyington, Tinton Falls. Visitation will be Monday, April 12th, 6-9 PM at the Woolley Funeral Home, 10 Morrell St. at Broadway, Long Branch. A mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated Tuesday, April 13th, 10:00 AM at Our Lady Star of the Sea Roman Catholic Church, Christ the King Parish Long Branch. Interment will follow at Glenwood Cemetery, West Long Branch. Contributions to the St. Barnabas Hospice and Palliative Care Center, 300 2nd Ave., Long Branch, NJ 07740 in his memory would be appreciated by his family. You may light a candle of condolence by visiting [www.woolleyfh.com](http://www.woolleyfh.com).



**KATHARINA (JAUD) GUY** - of Leavenworth, Kansas died on Saturday, February 6, 2010 at the Kansas City Hospice House in Kansas City, Mo. She was 78. The cause of death was cancer. Visitation was from 6 to 7 p.m. on Wednesday, February 10, 2010 at R.L. Leintz Funeral Home in Leavenworth, Kansas. A memorial service will follow the visitation at 7 p.m. at the funeral home with Rev. Joseph Hannon as celebrant. She was born in Bad Toelz, Germany on Sept. 4, 1931, the daughter of Josef and Maria Jaud of Ellbach, Germany. She married LeRoy Guy of Amberg, Wis. in Heilbronn, Germany in 1958 & came to the United States with her husband and daughter in 1959.

She was extremely proud of having become a citizen of the United States as soon as she was eligible. She was a staunch republican and was proud to have done her duty by voting in every presidential election since she was eligible. Although she lived in the United States for over 50 years and had an extremely good command of English, she never lost her delightful German accent. Her hobbies were reading & sewing and in later years she took up machine embroidery

which she greatly enjoyed. She loved to travel, both visiting and living in new places and seemed to really enjoy the constant relocating required by her husband's career in the U.S. Army. She was a member of Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 56 Ladies Auxiliary and **Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America – Leavenworth Chapter #75**. She was preceded in death by her parents and one sister, Maria. She is survived by her husband, LeRoy (Roy) Guy of Leavenworth, KS; brother, Josef Jaud of Ellbach, Germany; a daughter, Col. (Dr) Sonja Thompson of Fort Hood, TX; a granddaughter, Kerry Doke of McKinney, TX; a grandson, Jason Thompson of Fort Walton Beach, FL and a great-grandson, Carson Doke. She will be greatly missed by all who knew her. R. L. Leintz Funeral Home of Leavenworth, KS (913) 351-0200, is in charge of arrangements.

**RICHARD LEE HARGROVE** – Died Monday, March 8, 2010 in Hastings, Michigan at the age of 78. The cause of death was heart failure. He was born September 17, 1931 in Sydney, Ohio. He was predeceased by his wife, Joyce who died August 10, 2008. He is survived by two sons, David and Richard Hargrove; three stepsons, Steve, Pat and Mike Smith and his wife, Brenda Smith, and; eight grandchildren. He served in the United States Army and was a graduate of West Point Academy and rose to the rank of Lieutenant Colonel. He served two tours of duty in Vietnam, two in Germany and one in South Korea. Among his 20 military decorations, was the Soldiers Medal, Legion of Merit and three Bronze Stars. After his retirement from the Army, he served as Director of Army Instruction supervising the ROTC programs for the Grand Rapids Public Schools. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Grand Rapids Chapter #18**. A Memorial Service was celebrated in the First Presbyterian Church in Hastings. His remains along with the ashes of his late wife were laid to rest in the Fort Custer National Cemetery in Augusta, Michigan with full military honors.

**FLETCHER HARRIS** – Died Sunday, June 21, 2009 in Galveston, Texas at the age of 85. The cause of death is unknown. He was born July 27, 1923 in Galveston. He was being cared for in an assisted living center in Carrollton, Texas since September 2009 after he was injured as he rode out Hurricane Ike in his town home on Stewart Road. He served in the United States Army during World War II and was awarded the Purple Heart after losing part of his right arm to a grenade explosion. After the Army, he served in the United States Coast Guard aboard the cutter, Iris that helped the rescue effort following the 1947 ship explosion disaster in Texas City. He is survived by his son, David Harris. He was a *Life Member* of **Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America – Galveston Chapter #685**.

**JOHN F. HAYES** - Died Thursday, November 5, 2009 at the Redding Windsor Care Center in Redding, California at the age of 85. He was a resident of Cottonwood, California. The cause of death was metastatic non-small cell lung carcinoma and heart failure. He was born August 1, 1924 in Jamestown, New York to the late Francis J. Hayes and Mary Blanche (Driscoll) Hayes. He is survived by his wife, Kiyoko Ito Hayes and his son, David Hayes, of Cottonwood. He served in the United States Navy from 1942 to 1973 retiring after 32 years at the rank of Chief Warrant Officer. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Redding Chapter #357**. His remains were interred in Redding Memorial Park in Redding, California.

**JOHN A. HEFFLE** – Died Saturday, January 17, 2009 in London, England, United Kingdom at the age of 67. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Washington, DC on April 24, 1941. He served in the United States Marine Corps during the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – El Paso (Texas) Chapter #574**.

**DONALD SPENCER HORTON** - Died Saturday, April 19, 2008 in Rogersville, Alabama at the age of 69. The cause of death is unknown. He was born December 4, 1938. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Athens Chapter #511**. Visitation was held from noon until start of service at 2 p.m. Wednesday at the Spry Funeral Home in Athens. Burial was in Roselawn Cemetery with full military honors.

**WILLIAM TERRY HUGHES** – Died Wednesday, July 23, 2008 in Pulaski, Tennessee at the age of 60. The cause of death is unknown. He was born December 19, 1947. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Pulaski Chapter #262**. Services were conducted Sunday, July 27, 2008 at the Carr and Erwin Funeral Home in Pulaski



**CHARLES T. "Butch" JONES** - Died at home in Nora, Illinois on Tuesday, January 19, 2010, after a courageous battle with cancer. He was 69 years of age. His wife and son were by his side. Butch was a wonderful man, loved by all, who lived life to the fullest, and adored his family. He enjoyed playing golf, Jeopardy, building models, and playing with his dog, Lacey. He was born December 16, 1940, in Scranton, Pennsylvania to the late Dave "Deacon" Jones and Margaret Mattes Jones. He graduated from West Scranton High School in 1958, where he was outstanding in track and field. After high school, he attended Penn State University, where he earned a degree in agronomy. From 1965 to 1967, he served as a United States Army Staff Sergeant in Vietnam. He was superintendent at several golf courses throughout his career, including; The Creek Club, North Hempstead Country Club, (Long Island, N.Y.), and the Scranton Canoe Club, Lake Winola. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Elizabeth Chapter #928**. After retiring in 2000, Butch moved to Nora, Ill., where he met and married his love, Connie Steele-Jones. He is survived by his wife, Connie; two sons, (from his previous marriage to Eunice Preitz Jones): Charles T. Jones II and his wife Audra of Frankfort, S.Dak., and Jeffrey Jones and his wife, Lashaun of New York, N.Y.; two brothers: Barry R. Jones and wife Janet of Middlesex, N.Y., and David R. Jones and his wife Stephanie, Lake Winola; and one sister: Megan Jones O'Neil of Lake Winola; four grandchildren: Jennifer, Christopher, Justin, and Kayla; and seven nieces and nephews. Also surviving, three brothers-in-law: Tom Steele and his wife Judy of Chesapeake, Md., Tod Steele and his wife Donna of St. Charles, Ill., and John Steele of Vernon Hills, Ill.. Arrangements were completed by the Bartell Leamon funeral home, of Warren, Ill. No services were held at Butch's request. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be sent to Griffin Pond Animal Shelter, 967 Griffin Pond Rd., Clarks Summit, PA.

**IRVIN H. KELLEY** - Died Monday, May 10, 2010 at his home in Salisbury, Maryland at the age of 67. The cause of death was cancer and Parkinson's Disease. Irvin was born June 23, 1942 in Salisbury to the late Harry and Eunice (Hill) Kelley. He served in the United States Army from December 27, 1966 to December 11, 1972 with a tour of duty in Vietnam from 1970 to 1971. Mr. Kelley was a life member of DAV 134 in Salisbury, a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Salisbury Chapter #624**, Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #194 in Salisbury and the American Legion Post #64 in Salisbury and was also a member of the Cooties #6 Salisbury. Irvin worked for Sheridan Sign Company for many years and later worked for Salisbury Steel. He is survived by his loving wife; Jeanie Parsons Kelley of Salisbury, sons; Michael Irvin Kelley, Mark Irvin Kelley, Mathew Irvin Kelley and wife, Connie all of Delmar, Md, daughters; Gail E. Snyder of Georgetown, McKenzie Gail Ann Kelley of Delmar, Md, Amy Michelle Lowe of Salisbury, sisters; Betty Lewis and husband, Steve of Laurel, May Stevens and husband, John of Laurel and Lois Kelley Wallace and husband, Bob of Seaford, brothers; Ernest Snyder and wife, Donna of Laurel, Elwood Snyder and wife, Sandy of Seaford, Bob M. Kelley and wife, Bonnie of Salisbury, five grandchildren and one great grandson and several nieces and nephews. A graveside service will be held 11:00 AM on Thursday, May 13, 2010 at Maryland Veterans Cemetery in Hurlock.

**BILLY KENNEDY** – Died Thursday, May 13, 2010 in Nettleton, Mississippi at the age of 75. The cause of death is unknown. He was born April 1, 1935 in Amory, Mississippi. He served in the United States Marine Corps, the United States Army and the Mississippi National Guard during the Vietnam War. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Tupelo Chapter #842**.

**LYLE L. LAVIN, SR.** – Died some time ago in Greenfield, Massachusetts. The cause of death is unknown. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was an *At-Large Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Massachusetts**.

**SUZANNE P. (née Cadmus) LESKO** – Died Wednesday, February 17, 2010 in Marlton, New Jersey at the age of 62. The cause of death was lymphoma. She was born April 1, 1947 in New Brunswick, New Jersey. She was the beloved wife of 40 years to John Lesko; devoted mother of Robyn and Matthew Lesko; dear sister of Neil Cadmus and Sandra Wilcox. Susan will also be missed by her loving nieces, nephews, family and friends. Suzanne worked as a teacher's aide for both the Evesham and Mt. Laurel School Districts working with autistic children. She was an active member and past president of the Burlington County PTA, involved with the Art Goes to School Program and was a member of **Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America – Bordentown Chapter #899**. Relatives and friends are invited to her viewing on Sunday Feb. 21st from 2-4 and 7-9 and Monday Feb. 22nd from 9-10 AM at the Bradley Funeral Home, Rt. 73 and Evesham Rd., Marl-ton, NJ. A funeral service will be held Monday 10 AM at the funeral home. Interment was in Brigadier General William C. Doyle Veterans Cemetery, Wrightstown, New Jersey. In lieu of other expressions of sympathy memorial donations may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105 or a charity of your choice.

**THOMAS CHARLES LIBBIN** – Died Saturday, April 17, 2010 in Dothan, Alabama at the age of 61. The cause of death is unknown. He was born November 15, 1948. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Springfield (Illinois) Chapter #534**.



**JOSEPH EDWIN LONG** - Died Sunday, August 23, 2009 in Frisco, Texas at the age of 76. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on August 4, 1933, in San Antonio, Texas. On August 13, 1973, he married JoAnn Turner in Las Cruces, New Mexico. He proudly served his country for 21 years in the United States Army. He was a recipient of the Bronze Star. Mr. Long was a police officer for the UT-System in El Paso and Dallas, Texas. He also served as a deputy for the Dallas County Sheriff's Office. He was a member of the Masonic Lodge and the VFW Lodge. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Dallas Chapter #137**. He is survived by his children, Jeffrey Welch and his wife, Tammy of Plano, Texas, Lynn Simmons and her husband, Daniel of San Clemente, California, LeAnne Person and her husband, William of Frisco, Texas, and Gregory Welch and his wife, Naomi of Rockwall, Texas; 9 grandchildren and 2 great grandchildren. His wife, JoAnn preceded him in death in 2007. He was also preceded in death by his mother, Nellie Meade, and his son, Douglas Long. A graveside service will be held at 2:30 p.m., Friday, August 28, 2009, at Dallas-Ft. Worth National Cemetery. The family will receive friends for a visitation from 6:00-8:00 p.m., Thursday, at Turrentine-Jackson-Morrow Funeral Home. To convey condolences or to sign an online registry, please visit [www.tjmfuneral.com](http://www.tjmfuneral.com).

**JAMES W. "Jim" LONGSHORE** – Died Sunday, May 9, 2010 in Chattanooga, Tennessee at the age of 64. The cause of death was a massive heart attack. He was born October 15, 1945 in Chattanooga. He was a member of Lookout Valley Baptist Church. Jim graduated from Central High School and then entered the United States Marine Corps serving from 1963 to 1967. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Chattanooga Chapter #203**. For most of his life he was an electrician, most recently with Adman Electric and was a member of IBEW Local 175 where he was on the E-Board. Mr. Longshore was the owner of Marble Masters and had been a home builder with Longshore General Contracting. He was preceded in death by his parents, William Clyde and Virginia Lucille Bishop Longshore and his first wife, Gynn Longshore. Survivors include his wife, Donna Patrick Longshore; one son, Shea (Leslie) Longshore; one daughter, Lisa Longshore (Jeff) Link; two step-sons, Mike (Vonda) Patrick and Blair (Susan) Patrick; Sister, Wanda Clouse; seven grandchildren, Daniel, Shea, Madeleine, Lexi, Jack, Lili and Matt; brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law, several nieces and nephews and a host of friends. Funeral services will be held at 11:30 AM Wednesday at the East Chapel of Chattanooga Funeral Home, 404 South Moore Road. Burial will be in Lakewood Memory Gardens, West. The family will receive friends from 4-8 PM Tuesday at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be made to children's charities.

**KENNETH R. LOOMIS** – Died Friday, December 1, 2006 in Hawkinsville, Georgia at the age of 56. The cause of death is unknown. Funeral services for Kenneth R. Loomis were conducted Sunday, December 3, 2006 at 6 P.M. at Mathis Funeral Home in Cochran, Georgia. Memorial services were Wednesday, December 6, 2006 at 2P.M at Shirley Brothers Washington Memorial Chapel and burial in Washington Park East Cemetery in Indianapolis, Indiana. Mr. Loomis had lived in Hawkinsville and Cochran for eleven years. He was employed at Robins Air Force Base and at Naval Avionics from 1982 to 1995. He was a United States Army Veteran of Vietnam and member of the 282 Assault Helicopter Company "Black Cats". He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Apple Valley (Minnesota) Chapter #492**. He was a member of the Cochran Assembly of God. He is survived by his wife, Linda D. Loomis, Hawkinsville; children, Richard Loomis, Indianapolis, Indiana, Carolyn Loomis Neehan, Avilla, Indiana and Michael Loomis, Illinois; brother and sister, David Loomis and Barbara Loomis Isaacson, both Indianapolis, Indiana, and; four grandchildren. The family is at 6000 Highway 247 North and will greet friends from 5:00 until 6:00 P.M. Sunday at Mathis Funeral Home, Cochran.

**BETTY A. LUND** - Died early Wednesday morning, April 14, 2010 at her home in Escanaba, Michigan following an illness with cancer. She was 84 years of age. She was born on January 22, 1926 in Gladstone, Michigan the daughter of Alfred and Irene (Dupont) Lund. Betty was raised in Escanaba and graduated from Escanaba High School in 1945. Betty graduated in 1948 from nursing school in Bloomington, Illinois, earning her registered nurse license. Following her return from Illinois, Betty worked for St. Francis Hospital for two years. Betty enlisted in the United States Air Force on February 28, 1955 and served during Vietnam. She did two tours of duty in England and one in Germany. Major Betty Lund was honorably discharged on April 30, 1972. She was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Escanaba Chapter #345**. She enjoyed golfing and going to the casino. Betty was a member of St. Anne's Church. Among survivors include her siblings, Burton A. (Angie) Lund of San Antonio, TX, Mary A. (Rudy) Kozar of Escanaba and Harold P. (Carla) Lund of Escanaba; and numerous nieces and nephews. She was preceded in death by her parents and three sisters, Lillian Victerson, Arlene Olson and Patricia Dishno. Visitation will be on Friday, April 16<sup>th</sup> from 4 – 7 p.m. at the Crawford Funeral Home in Escanaba. The Delta County Veterans Council will have military rites at 5 p.m. and parish prayers will be at 7 p.m. The Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Saturday at 11 a.m. at St. Anne's Church with Rev. Francis DeGroot officiating. A luncheon will follow the Mass in the church fellowship hall. Burial will be in Holy Cross Catholic Cemetery in Escanaba. The Crawford Funeral Homes are assisting the Lund family.

**SAMMY KANE LUSK** – Died Saturday, May 1, 2010 in Rossville, Georgia at the age of 60. The cause of death is cancer. He was born in Chattanooga, Tennessee on November 3, 1949. He is survived by his wife, Vicki E. Lusk of the home. He served in the United States Army with two tours of duty in Vietnam from 1968 to 1969 and 1970 to 1971. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Chattanooga Chapter #203**.

**STEVE MADDUX** – Died recently in 2009 in Santa Fe, Tennessee at the age of 61. The cause of death is unknown. He was born February 2, 1949. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Columbia Chapter #128**.



**RAYMOND JAMES MAHL** – Died Sunday, February 21, 2010 in Ferndale, Michigan at the age of 60. The cause of death is unknown. He was born August 30, 1949. He is survived by his brother, Ed Mahl, of Harper Woods, Michigan. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Pontiac Chapter #133*.

**EDWARD J. MALONE, JR.** - Died Saturday, January 2, 2010, at his home in Port Sainte Lucie, Florida at the age of 62. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on Staten Island, New York on April 3, 1947, and lived in Port St. Lucie for 16 years, coming from Staten Island. During the Vietnam era, he served in the United States Army. Before retiring, he was an iron worker for the Iron Worker Union Local 46 in New York City for 30 years. He was a life member of the Armored Cavalry's Veterans of Vietnam and Cambodia, and an *At-Large Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Florida*, American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars and St. Lucie Mets Booster Club. Survivors include his wife of 40 years, Linda Malone of Port St. Lucie; sons, Edward J. Malone III of Staten Island and Patrick M. Malone of Port St. Lucie; brother, Thomas J. Malone of Douglasville, Ga.; sister, Anne LaDue of Port St. Lucie; and five grandchildren. Memorial contributions may be made to Juvenile Diabetes Foundation, South Florida Chapter, 3411 N.W. Ninth Ave., No. 701, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33309. Visitation will be from 2 to 4 p.m. and 6 to 8 p.m. Jan. 6 at Aycock Funeral Home, Port St. Lucie. A funeral service will be at 6 p.m. Jan. 6 at the funeral home. Burial with military honors will be at 11:30 a.m. Jan. 7 at South Florida National Cemetery, Lake Worth.

**RAUL ALLEN MARISCAL** – Died Wednesday, April 7, 2010 in Reno, Nevada at the age of 61. The cause of death is unknown. He was born May 4, 1948. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a member of ***Vietnam Veterans of America – Reno Chapter #989***.

**JOHN EDWARD “Eddie” MARLOVITS** - Died Thursday, May 7, 2009 in the Excelsa Health Westmoreland Hospital in Greensburg, Pennsylvania at the age of 77. He was a resident of North Huntingdon, Pennsylvania. The cause of death is unknown. He was born May 21, 1931 in Rillton, Pennsylvania to the late Gizella Marie Marlovits Corona. He was a retired receiving inspector for the United States Bureau of Mines. He was a veteran of the United States Army with 14 years of service, serving in the Vietnam and Korean Wars. John was a member of the St. Agnes Catholic Church of North Huntingdon, he was a lifetime member, Past Commander and Quartermaster of the VFW Post 781 of Irwin / North Huntingdon, American Legion # 364 of North Huntingdon, the Knights of Columbus St. Jude Council 9109, he was a founding member of the North Huntingdon Township Vietnam Veterans Association, and was a social member of the Fairmont - Hahntown VFD, a former member of the VFW Post 8518 of Rillton. He was an *At-Large Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Pennsylvania*. Loving brother to Frank Corona (and his fiancée Georgeann Kramer) of Greensburg, Sandra (Charlie) Hart of Camden, SC; uncle to Cindy Weaver, Felicia Peterson, Lisa Corona, Lori Pericy, Michelle Lamb, and Jeff Hart; great uncle to, Daniel, John, Forest, Dalton, Matthew, Charlie, Rachel, Megan, Isabella. Friends were received 6-8PM Sat and 2-4&6-8PM Sun at the J. F. Ott Funeral Home, Inc., 504 Oak Street, Irwin. Parting Prayers will be held 9:30 AM Monday in the funeral home followed by a 10 AM Mass of Christian Burial celebrated at the St. Agnes Catholic Church.

Interment was in the Irwin Union Cemetery in North Huntingdon. The VFW Post 781 will hold services 7:00PM Sat in the funeral home.

**BENIGNO I. MARRERO** – Died recently in 2010 in Perth Amboy, New Jersey at the age of 63. The cause of death is unknown. He was born February 14, 1946. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Elizabeth Chapter #779**.

**THOMAS R. MCKNIGHT** - Died Sunday, February 10, 2008 in Wewahitchka, Florida at the age of 60. The cause of death is unknown. Mr. McKnight was born in Panama City, Florida on September 20, 1947, and had lived in Wewahitchka for the past 29 years. He was a mill worker for St. Joe Paper Co. for 24 years. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Panama City Chapter #826**. Survivors include his wife, Linda of Wewahitchka; a son, Rusty McKnight of Wewahitchka; two brothers, Scotty McKnight of Marathon, Fla., and Dennis McKnight of Wewahitchka; a sister, Elaine Raffield of Panama City; and one grandson, Chase McKnight. Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. CST Friday, Feb. 15, 2008, at Lake Mystic Cemetery in Bristol, Fla., with the Rev. Robert Miller officiating. Interment will follow with full military honors. The family will receive friends from 5 to 7 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 14, 2008, at Adams Funeral Home in Blountstown, Florida.



**MICHAEL C. McLAUGHLIN** - Died Thursday, June 10, 2010 in Holy Spirit Hospital, Camp Hill, Pennsylvania after a long battle with cancer. He was a resident of Mechanicsburg, Pennsylvania and 62 years of age. He was born February 20, 1948 in Philadelphia to the late Joseph P. and Jeannette Colegrove McLaughlin. He was a self-employed lobbyist who served as press secretary to Pennsylvania Governor Milton J. Shapp from 1976 to 1979 and chief of staff to Senate Democratic leader Edward P. Zemprelli from 1979 to 1989, After serving as a Marine Corps Sergeant in Vietnam in 1967-68. Mr. McLaughlin worked for the Philadelphia Evening Bulletin and the Orlando Star Sentinel. In 1989 he began a long career as a lobbyist and in 1992 he joined S.R. Wojdak and Associates, where as a Vice President he managed the Philadelphia based firm's Harrisburg practice. In 2002, he formed his own firm and was providing his clients with lobbying, public relations, and business development services at the time of his death. In 1984, Mr. Laughlin and William Greenlee co-founded a charity golf event to support the family of Bob Burgess, a lobbyist who was killed in an automobile accident. Now known as the Bob Burgess-Thomas McCormac Memorial Golf Tournament, the annual event raised over the next 25 years hundreds of thousands of dollars for community causes, including college scholarships and the Ronald McDonald House. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Harrisburg Chapter #542**. In 2009, former Harrisburg Mayor Stephen Reed named Mr. McLaughlin, who was executive vice president of Capital Chapter 542 of the Vietnam Veterans of America, grand marshal of the City's 2009 Holiday Parade. Mr. McLaughlin is survived by his widow, Nicole and his daughters, Devyn and Grasyng;

a son, Ian, by a previous marriage; his brother, Joseph P. McLaughlin, Jr.; and his sister, Katherine D. Morse. Another brother, James, preceded him in death. Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Wednesday, June 16, 2010 at 10:00 am in Prince of Peace-Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Roman Catholic Church, 815 S. Second St., Steelton with Rev. Msgr. James M. Lyons as celebrant. Burial will be in Indiantown Gap National Cemetery with full military honors. A viewing will be held on Tuesday from 6:00 until 9:00 pm in Wiedeman Funeral Home, 357 South Second St., Steelton and on Wednesday from 9:00 until 10:00 am in the church. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Ron Waddell Education Fund, Vietnam Veterans of America, Capital Chapter 542, 8000 Derry St., Harrisburg, PA 17111, c/o Michael J. Novosel, M.O.H.

**TIMOTHY LEE "Tim" METZEL** – Died Saturday, May 1, 2010 in Elizabethtown, Pennsylvania at the age of 59. The cause of death was ALS. He was born May 23, 1950. Following graduation from Eastern High School, and with the looming possibility of being drafted, Tim decided to enlist in the United States Navy. He served on the USS Ticonderoga and was a navigator with the Air Anti-Submarine Squadron 35. After an honorable discharge from the Navy, Tim attended Penn State University, was a member of the Chi Gamma Iota Veterans Fraternity, and graduated in 1976 with a B.S. in Community Development and a minor in Transportation. He began working at RRTA after graduation, where he met his wife-to-be, Louise Rebman. They married in 1979 and were blessed with their son Matthew in 1984. Shortly after, Tim started working for PennDOT as a mass transit analyst. In 2006, he transferred to the PA Dept. of Welfare, where he worked as a fiscal manager until his disability retirement in 2008. From sitting around a campfire with their dog Maggie, to traveling to Disney World, to white water rafting, to marching behind the EAHS marching band as a band parent, Tim was always happiest when he was with Matt and his "Weezie". He took great joy and serenity from the small things in life and had an unpredictable sense of humor which always kept his friends and loved ones on their toes. Tim always cared deeply for his fellow veterans, whom he worked hard to support. He was a former Commander and Treasurer of VVNW Lancaster Post 30, a current member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Lancaster Chapter #1008**, belonged to the Paralyzed Veterans of America, and was a member of the Blue Water Navy Veterans. He was a founding board member and Treasurer of the United Veterans Beacon House, a transitional home for homeless veterans in Akron, PA. The devastating effects of his service connected ALS were counteracted by the immense love and support he received from his family and friends. Please omit flowers; anyone who so desires, can make a donation to the Humane League of Lancaster County at 2195 Lincoln Highway East. You can also honor Tim's memory by thanking a veteran, questioning authority, and celebrating our differences. A Graveside Service will be held Friday, July 16, 2010 at Arlington National Cemetery Arlington, Virginia 22211 at 2 p.m. Arrangements by Charles F. Snyder Jr. Funeral Home and Chapel 3110 Lititz Pike, Lititz 17543. To send an online condolence or for more information please visit [SnyderFuneralHome.com](http://SnyderFuneralHome.com).

**ROMAN P. NIEDZWEIDZ** – Died Saturday, March 6, 2010 in Marlton, New Jersey at the age of 62. The cause of death was a heart attack. He was born April 20, 1947. He was the beloved husband of Toni (née Montineri); loving father of Roman, II and Thea; dear brother of Helen Cadigan and Anita Feger. Roman was a combat Veteran of the United States Army during

Vietnam, receiving the Purple Heart, Bronze Star, Vietnam Service Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Good Conduct Medal and Vietnam Campaign Medal. He was a *Life Member* and First Vice-President of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Bordentown Chapter #899** and a member of their Honor Guard. He was also founder of New Jersey's Mission of Honor for the Remains of American Veterans and a member of the New Jersey State Veterans Cemetery Advisory Committee. Relatives and friends are invited to the viewing 6-9pm Thursday at the Bradley Funeral Home, Rt. 73 & Evesham Rd., Marlton. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at 10am Friday at St. Joan of Arc Church, 100 Willow Bend Rd., Marlton. Interment was in the Brigadier General William Doyle Veterans Memorial Cemetery, Arnetown, New Jersey. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to New Jersey's Mission of Honor, PO Box 263, Bordentown, New Jersey 08505.

**JAMES ELLISON “Jimmy” NORMAN (Ret. U.S. ARMY, 1SGT)** - Died Sunday, April 25, 2010 at his home in Spring Hill, Tennessee at the age of 73. The cause of death is unknown. He was born December 19, 1936 to the late Berry L. Norman and Hazel Hargrove Norman Brothers. He is survived by his wife of 56 years, Monique A. R. “Micky” Norman of Spring Hill; sons, David L. (Kay) Norman of Wetumpka, AL & Charles J. Norman of Georgia; daughter, Vickaline P. (Buster) Helms of Wetumpka, AL; grandchildren, 1st Lt Nicholas James Meyers of Summerville, SC, Charles Clayton Norman of Charleston, SC & Mathew Travis Norman of Richmond, VA; brothers, Mark (Beth) Brothers of Antioch, TN & David (Sherry) Brothers of Nunnely, TN; sisters, Barbara Anne (Armor) Thomas of Culleoka, TN, Linda Vetitoe of Nashville, TN, Lydia Svejoa of Kissimmee, FL & Janet (Glen) Marshall of Portland, OR; sister in law, (the biggest little woman), Margaret Norman of Hendersonville, TN; brother in law, Jaques (Janine) Piquepaille of France; aunt, Velma Trimble of Columbia, TN; several nieces, nephews, cousins and many special friends. Jim was a 23-year veteran of the United States Army having served in Vietnam and attaining the rank of 1st Sgt. He was a member of the Veteran’s of Foreign Wars and also Berea Church of Christ. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Madison Chapter #953**. Funeral services will be conducted 11:00 AM Thursday, April 29, 2010 at Spring Hill Memorial Funeral Home, Brother Carl May, Doug Brown & Darrell Trimble officiating. Burial with full military honors will follow in Hargrove Cemetery in Spring Hill. Serving as honorary pallbearers will be Greg Bearden, Sam Fuller, Dwain Bradley, Wilkes Dodson, Edward Harmon, Jimmy Lovell & Steve Baker. Special thanks goes to Dr. Ojo and his team, the staff at VA Hospital in Murfreesboro, and Willow Brook Hospice for their love and care. Memorials may be made to the Berea Church of Christ, 746 Bear Creek Pike, Columbia, TN 38401 or American Lung Association, One Vantage Way Suite B 130, Nashville, TN 37228. Visitation with the family will be 4-8 PM Wednesday and one hour prior to the service at Spring Hill Memorial Funeral Home, 5239 Main St., Spring Hill, Tennessee.

**ROBERT D. ODEGARD** – Died Thursday, March 25, 2010 in Bismarck, North Dakota at the age of 62. The cause of death is unknown. He was born July 14, 1947 in Fargo, North Dakota. He is survived by three children, Elizabeth and Matthew Odegard, both of Bismarck and Jessica Odegard, of Fargo. He served in the United States Army from 1967 to 1969 with a tour of duty in Vietnam. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Bismarck-Mandan Chapter #150**.

**RALPH ANDREW PEDDE, SR.** - Died Sunday, March 21, 2010 in Crossville, Tennessee at the age of 60. The cause of death is unknown. Mr. Pedde was born August 15, 1949, in Detroit, Michigan, the son of Reinold and Nancy (Hollingsworth) Pedde. He was retired from the United States Army and Tennessee National Guard. He served during the Vietnam War and Operation Iraqi Freedom. He was a member of Lighthouse Baptist Church, **Vietnam Veterans of America – Cumberland Plateau Chapter #1015**. Survivors include his wife, Donna Jean Marie Pedde of Crossville; sons, Ralph Andrew Pedde II (Tracy Watson), Reinold David Pedde, Reuben Shiloh Pedde (Kathy Green) and Ranusis Edwin Pedde (Deanna), all of Crossville; brothers, Daniel Pedde of Athens, Ward Pedde of Rochester, NY and Carey Pedde of Crossville; sisters, Nora Pedde of Crossville, Gloria Haynes of Chattanooga and Wendy Broyles of Jundiai, Brazil; and nine grandchildren. Funeral services were held March 23 at Lighthouse Baptist Church, with Bro. David Rowan officiating. Interment was in East Tennessee State Veterans Cemetery in Knoxville. Bilbrey Funeral Home, Inc. ([www.bilbreyfh.com](http://www.bilbreyfh.com)) was in charge of the arrangements.

**TERRY L. PETERSON** – Died Friday, March 19, 2010 at his residence in Two Rivers, Wisconsin at the age of 61. The cause of death was a self-inflicted gunshot wound to the head. He was born December 17, 1948 in Milwaukee, Wisconsin to Betty L. Peterson and the late Russell E. Peterson. He enlisted in the United States Marine Corps on March 23, 1967 and served in Vietnam from December 1967 as 0311 Infantry and was wounded three times. The last time he was wounded was during house-to-house fighting in Hue City during the 1968 TET Offensive. In addition to three Purple Hearts, he fought with Hotel Company, 2/5 First Squad, First Platoon, First Marine Division, he was also awarded eight other medals and attained the rank of Sergeant. He was a life member of Disabled American Veterans, the Military Order of the Purple Heart and a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Manitowoc Chapter #731**. He is survived by his wife of 40 years, Linda Lou Gottinger Peterson, of the home; his daughter and son-in-law, Christy and Tony Blonigen, of Fond-du-Lac, Wisconsin; his son and daughter-in-law, Jeremy and Tyne Peterson, of Valders, Wisconsin; two grandchildren, Hailey and Carter Blonigen; his mother, Betty Peterson, of Two Rivers; four sisters-in-law and brothers-in-law, Donna and Lee Hermann, of Manchester, Tennessee, Carol and John Zielke, of Sheboygan, Wisconsin, Gerry and Jim Kattreh, of Georgia, and Robert and Deanna Gottinger, of Two Rivers, and; many nieces, nephews and cousins. In addition to his father, he was predeceased by his father-in-law, Jacob J. Gottinger and special nephews, Jason Lee Hermann and Corey Gottinger. He was a member of the Grace United Church of Christ in Two Rivers. A memorial service was celebrated at the Grace United Church of Christ with the Reverend Kim Henning, officiating.

**MARK PIKINGTON** – Died recently in 2009 in Moorpark, California at the age of 60. The cause of death is unknown. He was born January 21, 1950. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Moorpark Chapter #982**.

**HENRY D. POTTER** – Died recently in 2010 in Roan Mountain, Tennessee at the age of 62. The cause of death is unknown. He was born February 14, 1948. He is survived by his wife, Judy, of the home. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was an *At-Large Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Tennessee**.

**BRIAN M. PRINDIVILLE** - Died Wednesday, July 29, 2009, at VA Boston Healthcare System, West Roxbury, Massachusetts at the age of 63. He was a resident of Manchester, New Hampshire. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Manchester, New Hampshire on July 16, 1946, to John and Winifred (Gott) Prindiville. He was raised in Manchester and resided in Weare, New Hampshire for twenty years before returning to the Queen City. He graduated from Bishop Bradley High School, class of 1964 and Saint Anselm College, class of 1968. During the Vietnam War he served with the United States Army. He worked as a sale representative with Bearings Incorporated for twenty-six years. He served on the board of directors of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 8214. He was a member of the Paralyzed American Veterans, an *At-Large Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – New Hampshire** and the Workmen's Club. He was also active the Animal Rescue League of New Hampshire. Mr. Prindiville was an avid Harley-Davidson Motorcycle enthusiast and enjoyed snow skiing. Family members include his sister, JoAnn Bouchard of Goffstown, NH; and many cousins. In his life: He leaves his two beloved nieces, Sharon Bouchard Sanbornton, NH, Michelle Bouchard of Goffstown, NH and his special cousin, Barbara LaPointe-Doherty of Hooksett, NH. End of in his life: Services: Calling hours were Monday from 4 to 7PM at the Connor-Healy Funeral Home and Cremation Center, 537 Union Street, corner of Concord Street, Manchester, NH. A funeral service will take place Monday evening at 7PM in the funeral home with the Rev. Douglas Rickard, officiating. Burial with military honors will take place in New Hampshire Veterans Cemetery, Boscawen, New Hampshire. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to VFW Post 8214, C/O Commander Jerry Syas, 352 Kelley Street, Manchester, NH, 03102.



**JUSTO RIVERA, JR.** – Died Saturday, April 24, 2010 at the age of 64 surrounded by his family in his home in El Paso, Texas. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in El Paso on April 24, 2010. He was a loving husband, father, grandfather, brother and friend. He was a lifelong resident of El Paso, and a graduate of Bowie High School, Class of '65. He joined the United States Army in 1965 and was a proud Vietnam Veteran. He retired from TX DOT. He was heavily involved in the community that earned him the "Striving For Justice Award" in 2009. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – El Paso Chapter #574**. He was preceded in death by his parents Justo Sr. and Regina; his sisters, Queta Salas, and Micaela Viera. He is survived by his loving wife of 42 years, Yolanda, and three sons, Anthony, Victor (Claudia) and Adrian Rivera; two grandchildren, Amanda and Santiago. Visitation will be Tuesday from 4 p.m. to 9 p.m. at Hillcrest Funeral Home-Carolina. Vigil Service will be Tuesday at 7 p.m. at Hillcrest Chapel. Mass of Christian Burial will be Wednesday at 9:45 a.m. at Sacred Heart Catholic Church. Rite of Committal will follow at Fort Bliss National Cemetery. Pallbearers will be Roberto Salas, Jr., Jim Portillo, Gabriel Rocha, Art Muela, Victor Rivera, Adrian Rivera, Raul Nunez, Jr., and Rick Salas. Honorary Pallbearers will be Anthony Rivera and Andy Rocha. Services under the direction of Hillcrest Funeral Home [www.hillcrestfuneralhome.org](http://www.hillcrestfuneralhome.org) 1060 Carolina Drive 598-3332

**CARMELLO GEORGE "Carmen" ROPPA** - Died Friday, January 15, 2010 in Santa Ana, California at the age of 66 with his wife, daughter, sister, two grandsons, best friend and dog at his bedside. The cause of death was right lung adenocarcinoma due to exposure to Agent Orange.

Carmen was born February 22, 1943 in Sewickley, Pennsylvania. His family moved to California when he was 12 years old. He graduated from Garden Grove High School. He was in the United States Army from December 13, 1966 to August 7, 1968 and served one tour of duty in the Vietnam War. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Fullerton Chapter #1024**. Carmen was a born salesman from the catering truck business to car sales and loved to be with his family. Carmen is survived by his wife, Wendy and their 3 children and spouses, Jamie and Greg Senecal, Richard and Linda Brown and Brad and Rhonda Burgin. He is also survived by 2 sisters, Carol Brich and Tina Skrukrud and husband Mark and 5 grandchildren, Jessica, Brandon, Chelsea, Sean and Aaron.

**BOBBY SANFORD ROWE** – Died Tuesday, January 2, 2008 in Shelbiana, Kentucky at the age of 58. The cause of death is unknown. He is survived by his wife, Jackie. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was an *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Kentucky**. Memorial services were conducted by Lucas and Son Funeral Home on Saturday, January 6, 2008.

**WILLIAM LEE RUMMEL** - Died Friday, October 2, 2009, at home in Bolivar, Pennsylvania at the age of 62. The cause of death was lung cancer, uncontrollable diabetes and heart disease. He was born May 29, 1947, in Johnstown, Pennsylvania to the late Harold C. Rummel and Helen L. (Heming) Rummel. He is survived by his mother, Helen L. Rummel, of New Florence, Pennsylvania; his wife, Darlene (Riffle) Rummel; daughters, Veronica Susan Buckles, and husband, Gary, New Florence; and Stephanie L. Rummel, Greensboro, North Carolina; grandsons, Keith Boring and Brian and Joseph Buckles; brothers, Ronald Rummel, and wife, Paige, New Florence; James Rummel, and wife, Deb, Clyde; and Harold Rummel, and wife, Mary Beth, Tacoma Park, Maryland; and several aunts, uncles and cousins. He was a member of the Christian and Missionary Alliance Church, Ligonier, and UMWA Local 1256 and a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Hollidaysburg Chapter #967**. He was a United States Army veteran of Vietnam, where he became an Agent Orange victim. Bill was an avid fisherman who enjoyed building and shooting guns. Friends received from 10 a.m. until time of service at 11 a.m. Saturday, Oct. 10, at Christian and Missionary Alliance Church, Route 711, Ligonier, the Rev. Larry C. McDonnell, officiating. Interment was in Bethel Cemetery. Military rites were conducted by a local veteran's organization. Family is being assisted by Kenneth A. Stuart Funeral Home in New Florence.

**JOHN RUSINEK** – Died recently in 2010 in Buffalo, New York at the age of 63. The cause of death is unknown. He was born October 29, 1946. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Buffalo Chapter #77**.

**MICHAEL A. RYDZEWSKI, SR.** – Died Thursday, April 29, 2010 in Angola, New York at the age of 60. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Niagara Falls, New York on February 10, 1949. He was the beloved husband of Carol Rydzewski (Szcepczenski); son of Robert and Theresa Rydzewski; dear father of Desiree (Andrew) Weppner, Michael (Stephen Oppenheimer), Robert Rydzewski, Theresa (John) Uliaszek, Richard (Scheris) Rydzewski, Andrea (Eli) Mayer and Anthony Rydzewski; grandfather of 11 grandchildren; brother of Claudia

(James) Gorska, Joseph (Sue) Rydzewski, Roberta (Brian) Stalteri, Timothy Rydzewski and Theresa (Mark) Revitzer; survived by many nieces and nephews. Mr. Rydzewski was a proud Lance Cpl. of the United States Marine Corps, First Air Wing and a Vietnam veteran. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Tonawanda Chapter #77**. Friends may call Sunday from 2-4 and 7-9 PM at the Latimore-Schiavone Funeral Home, 8434 North Main Street, Angola, where prayers will be said Monday at 9:15, followed by a Mass of Christian Burial at Most Precious Blood Church at 10 AM.

**LARRY D. SCHWENNEN** – Died recently in 2009 in Independence, Iowa at the age of 60. The cause of death is unknown. He was born September 9, 1949. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was an *At-Large Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Iowa**.

**PATRICK T. SHARKEY, SR.** - Died suddenly, Monday, February 1, 2010, peacefully in his sleep, at his home in Parsippany, New Jersey at the age of 65. The cause of death is unknown. He was born and raised in Newark, New Jersey on September 5, 1944 but had lived in Parsippany for 40 years. Mr. Sharkey was a proud veteran of the United States Army, having served during the Vietnam War. He was an operating engineer for NJ Transit, Local # 68 in Harrison for many years, retiring three years ago. Previously he worked in the same capacity with Abraham & Strauss Co. in Paramus. Mr. Sharkey was a longtime parishioner at St. Peter the Apostle in Parsippany where he was a dedicated usher at the 9am Mass. He was also a *Life Member* of the **Vietnam Veterans of America - Elizabeth Chapter #779**, the American Legion Post # 0342 of Chester, and HOG (the Harley Owners Group). He was preceded in death by his loving wife, Sylvia (Tulli) and his twin grandsons, Patrick T. III and Andrew John. Survivors include his children, Patrick T. Sharkey, Jr., of Denville, Maryann Sharkey-Braen, and her husband Edwin of Parsippany, and Mark Sharkey and his wife Natalie of Flanders; five brothers, Thomas, John, James, Michael, and Joseph; three sisters, Virginia Roman, Marion Curran, and Karen Mancuso; and six grandchildren, Mark Anthony, Brianna Sylvia, Dominick Ralph, Brendan Michael, Faith Elizabeth, and Kyle Steven. Relatives and friends are invited to call Friday, Feb. 5, 2-4 & 7-9pm at S.J. Priola Parsippany Funeral Service, 60 North Beverwyck Rd., Lake Hiawatha (973-335-4700). The Funeral Mass will be celebrated Saturday, Feb. 6, 9:30am at St. Peter the Apostle R.C. Church, Parsippany. Interment will follow at St. Cecelia's Cemetery, Rockaway. In lieu of flowers, donations to Dept. of Veteran Affairs, Health Care System, 385 Tremont Ave., East Orange, NJ 07108 would be most appreciated. For further info please see [parsippanyfuneral.com](http://parsippanyfuneral.com).

**STEPHEN W. SHELTON** – Died recently in 2009 in Blackfoot, Idaho at the age of 61. The cause of death is unknown. He was born February 18, 1949. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Billings (Montana) Chapter #334**.

**BERNARD FRANCIS “Buck” SHINKMAN III** – Died Monday, May 5, 2008 in Bethesda, Maryland at the age of 64. The cause of death was Muscular Dystrophy. He was born September 19, 1943. He was the beloved husband of Gillian Claire Shinkman; devoted father of Paul Daniel Shinkman and Claire Amelia Shinkman; brother of Christopher Joseph Shinkman and Paul Glanvill Shinkman. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was an *At-Large Life Member* of



**Vietnam Veterans of America – Virginia.** A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at the Church Of The Epiphany, 1317 G St. NW, Washington, DC on Saturday, May 10, 2008 at 11 a.m. The interment was private. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Muscular Dystrophy Association, PO Box 78960, Phoenix, Arizona, 85062-8960 or [www.mda.org](http://www.mda.org).

**AARON KEITH SHOPE** – Died Wednesday, April 14, 2010 in Franklin, North Carolina at the age of 61. The cause of death was lung cancer. He was born April 10, 1949 in Clayton, Georgia to Dorothy Holden Shope, of Franklin and the late Edwin Woodrow Shope. In addition to his mother, he was survived by his wife of 38 years, Gail Cabe Shope; two sisters and brothers-in-law, Ruth and Ronnie Dowdle, of Otto, North Carolina and Lynn and Tommy Nicholson, of Franklin; his brother and sister-in-law, Wade and Carolyn Shope, of Franklin, and; several nieces and nephews. In addition to his father, he was predeceased by his half-sister, Betty Jo Nichols. He served in the United States Army with a tour of duty in Vietnam from 1968 to 1969 and was awarded a Bronze Star and Purple Heart. He was a *Charter and Life Member and Vice-President* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Franklin Chapter #994**. He was awarded the Linwood Lang Veteran Service Award. He was also a member of Veterans of Foreign Wars – Franklin Post #7339 and The American Legion Post #108. He was a faithful member of Clarks Chapel United Methodist Church. Funeral services were conducted in Clarks Chapel with Reverends Al Beck and Dick Richards, co-officiating. Interment with full military honors was in the church cemetery.

**EDWARD MICHAEL “Ed” SLAVINSKI** – Died Friday, February 19, 2010 in Easton, Maryland at the age of 63. The cause of death was chronic obstructive pulmonary disease. He was born in Scranton, Pennsylvania on November 7, 1946. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Easton Chapter #648**. A trust fund was started for his 16-year-old daughter, Mari.

**PATRICK W. SMITH** – Died in 2010 in Billings, Montana at the age of 62. The cause of death is unknown. He was born December 31, 1947. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Billings Chapter #334**.

**PAUL R. SOLT, SR.** – Died recently in 2009 in Carteret, New Jersey at the age of 62. The cause of death is unknown. He was born December 18, 1947. He is survived by his wife, Jane, of the home. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Bayonne Chapter #151**.

**BERNARD J. “Bernie” STANAWAY, SR.** - Died Wednesday, March 17, 2010 at the Marquette General Hospital at the age of 65, while in the loving care of his family. He was a resident of Ishpeming, Michigan. The cause of death was cancer. Bernie was born February 4, 1945 in Negaunee, Michigan to the late Rose (Gravedoni) & Denzil Stanaway. Bernie graduated from Ishpeming High School in 1965, received his associate degree from Northern Michigan University in 1986 and a bachelors degree in criminal justice in 1987. Bernie was a corrections officer at the Marquette Branch Prison for 18 years, retiring in 2007. Bernie also had worked in his younger years as an Iron Worker, for Tri-State Motor Transit, at the Tracy Mine in

Negaunee, and for Globe Printing. He served in the United States Army during the Vietnam-era. Bernie was a member of the American Legion Post #114, a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Negaunee Chapter #380**, National Rifle Association, Negaunee Rod & Gun Club, Gun Owners of America and Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War. Bernie was a Civil War enthusiast, enjoyed hunting, woodworking and playing music with different bands. Bernie is survived by his wife Evelyn R. (Kennedy) Stanaway of Ishpeming, son Bernard J. (Jennifer) Stanaway Jr., of Marquette, son Joseph A. (fiancée Jennifer) Healey of Detroit, grandchildren: Chelsea, Cody, Destiny, Jack, Onika, Alana, Tianna and an expected grandson in May. Bernie is also survived by step-sons: Richard (Andrea) Wills of Negaunee, David (Debbie) Wills of Sheboygan Falls, WI, James (Diane) Wills of Manitowoc, WI, 6 step grandchildren, 2 step great grandchildren, a step-brother Fred Olander of Salt Lake City, his dog Nanook, and cats - Tuffy and Maggie along with numerous nieces and nephews and cousins. He was preceded in death by his mother Rose, father Denzil and step-father Arne Olander. A gathering of relatives and friends will be held from 4:00-6:00PM on Saturday, March 20, 2010 at the Bjork & Zhulkie Funeral Home with a Military Honors service conducted by the Vietnam Veterans of American Chapter 380 at 6:00pm.

**DENNIS LEE STEVENS** - Died Thursday, May 20, 2010 in his home in Centralia, Illinois at the age of 63. The cause of death was heart disease and diabetes mellitus type II. Mr. Stevens was born July 12, 1946, in Evansville, Indiana, the son of Roy L. and Rebekah Joyce Basham Stevens. He was a retired Prudential Insurance Co. agent. He served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Centralia Chapter #176**. He held memberships in the Yaw Yaw Boys and American Legion. He was of the Baptist faith. He loved his family and spending time with his grandchildren, along with his buddies Rambo, Chancey and grand-dog Rockey. He enjoyed riding his motorcycle. He married Karen Beachy on Sept. 20, 1969, in Bethany. She preceded him in death March 8, 2002. He then married Bonnie Sue Chavez on April 26, 2003, in Centralia. Surviving are his wife, Bonnie; sons, Derek (Candice) Stevens of North Carolina; Gordon (Heather) Chavez Jr. of Centralia; Dustin (Becca Smith) Chavez of Centralia; daughters, Amy and Beth Stevens, both of Illinois; Andrea Wesner and special friend Aaron Heckelbeck of Centralia; Brandie Cannova of Gulfport, Miss.; brother, Darrell (Beth) Stevens of Monticello; sisters, Darletta England of Champaign; Dawn (Mike) Warner and Donna (Roger) Walker, both of Lovington; grandchildren, Alexis, Jayla, Zion, Lilly, Raven, Serena, Hannah, Emily and Landon; several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his first wife, parents and sister, Diane Davis. Services will be 11 a.m. Tuesday in Rankin Funeral Home, Salem. Visitation will be 5 to 8 p.m. Monday. Burial will be in Hillcrest Cemetery, Centralia, with military rites.

**RICHARD S. SZPYRKA** – Died recently in 2010 in Bloomfield Hills, Michigan at the age of 63. The cause of death is unknown. He was born September 25, 1946. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Mount Clemens Chapter #154**.

**JOHN I. TAYLOR** - Died Saturday, July 15, 2006 at his home in Topeka, Kansas after a long battle with Agent Orange and PTSD at the age of 64. He was born in Kickapoo Land near Horton,

Kansas on April 25, 1942 to Steve A. Taylor and Sarah Gross Taylor. He was later adopted by his great aunt, Alice Kay Smart. John was retired from the United States Army and had worked in Topeka as a mechanic and a heavy equipment operator in Missouri and Kansas. He served in Korea, Japan, Okinawa and two tours of duty in Vietnam. John was a member of the Scottish Rite 32 degree Valley of Topeka, Golden Rule Lodge #90 and Eastern Star Chapter #210 in Topeka. He was a life member of the American Legion, Disabled American Veterans, Veterans of Foreign Wars, a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Topeka Chapter #604**, and the American Veterans of America. He was preceded in death by a sister, Mary Hester. Survivors include a daughter, Kathy Ann Brown of Topeka, a son, John I. Taylor Jr. of Topeka, seven brothers, Scott Taylor of Carbondale, Jay Smart of Topeka, Danny Smart of Carbondale, Keith DeBusk of Alaska, Larry DeBusk of Grand Junction, CO, Mark DeBusk of Wichita and Robert DeBusk of Eagle, NE, four sisters, Darlene Crooks of Topeka, Ruth Ann Jackson of Lincoln, NE and Sandy Taylor of Topeka, Lois Dornbrook of Kansas City, KS, an ex-wife, Suzanne Cornelius of Topeka, 8 grandchildren, 3 great grandchildren and many loving nieces and nephews. Memorial services will be Wednesday, July 19, 2006 at 10:30 a.m. at the Davidson Funeral Home. Memorial contributions may be made to the Shriners Children Hospital and Burn Center and sent in care of the Davidson Funeral Home in Topeka.

**MAJOR LOIS LORAIN TILLEY (USAF-Ret.)** - Died Tuesday, March 9, 2010, at the University of Michigan Hospital in Ann Arbor, Michigan at the age of 73. She was a resident of Hale, Michigan and formerly of Saginaw, Michigan. The cause of death is unknown. Lois was born June 23, 1936, in Hale, Michigan to the late Alfred and Mary (Pickett) Tilley. She attended Saginaw Public Schools and graduated from Arthur Hill High School in 1954. She spent three years in the United States Air Force 543rd Women's Air Force Band. She then spent 17 years serving in various administrative/management positions in the U.S. Air Force including service in the Vietnam War. Lois retired from military duty in 1980. She was a member of the Military Order of the World Wars in perpetuity; life member of the Disabled American Veterans; **Vietnam Veterans of America – Hale Chapter #882**; The American Legion; The V.F.W.; and the Air Force Musicians Association. In 1963 she graduated from Capital University in Columbus, Ohio with a Bachelor of Music Education Degree. She played in the Saginaw Eddie Band; University of Texas New Horizons Band; Mississippi Gulf Coast Community Band; and the Tawas Community Band. Lois also graduated from the American Academy of Art in Chicago, Illinois in 1984. She was a former member of the Austin Texas Palette Club and Tawas Bay Artists. She privately taught drawing and painting classes in Austin, Texas and in East Tawas, Michigan. Lois lived in Austin, Texas until her relocation to Hale in 2004. She is survived by her siblings: Gary (Janet Thoms) Tilley and Kay Tilley of Hale, Michigan; a niece Megan (Justin) Manni; and several cousins. She was predeceased by her siblings: Diane Dillon and Alfred Tilley Jr. Private family services and interment will be held at Forest Lawn Cemetery in Saginaw, Michigan with full veteran honors. In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to the Tawas Community Band Scholarship Fund. [www.casefuneralhome.com](http://www.casefuneralhome.com).

**JOHN EUGENE TUREGANO, JR.** - Died Tuesday, April 13, 2010 at 6:05 PM in Houma, Louisiana at the age of 64. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in New Orleans, Louisiana on April 30, 1945. Graveside services will be held Tuesday, April 20, 2010 at 12:30 PM at Biloxi

National Cemetery, 400 Veterans Boulevard, Biloxi, MS 39531-2410. He is survived by his daughters, Juliete Turegano Biondi and husband Ralph Biondi and Jeanne Turegano Miller and husband Shaun Miller; grandchildren, Ralph Biondi, II and Peyton Biondi, Shaun Michael Miller and Leah Miller; former wife, Patricia Deslatte Turegano. He is preceded in death by his parents, John Eugene Turegano, Sr. and Velma Walker Turegano and brother, Donald Turegano. He was a retired captain with the New Orleans Police Department. He enlisted into the United States Navy on April 30, 1962. He served in the Vietnam War and was assigned on the USS Forrestal. He received the National Defense Service Medal and was honorably discharged on April 29, 1968. He enjoyed photography, and was a member of the VFW, American Legion and a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Houma Chapter #630**. In Lieu of Flowers memorial donations may be made to the VFW; VFW National Headquarters, 406 West 34th Street, Kansas City, Missouri 64111.

**ROBERT WILFRED VANASSE** – Was found dead in his apartment in Woonsocket, Rhode Island on Monday, April 19, 2010 at the age of 59. He reportedly had been dead for approximately five day of alcohol poisoning and hardening of the arteries. He suffered immensely from Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder. He was born in Woonsocket on July 30, 1950. He is survived by his sister, Cecile Sauvageau, of North Smithfield, Rhode Island. He served in the United States Marine Corps in Vietnam as a Private First Class and was awarded the Bronze Star Medal. Services were private and cremains were inurned in the mausoleum section of the Rhode Island State Veterans Cemetery in Exeter, Rhode Island on April 26, 2010 with full military honors.

**THEODORE J. VONMERTA** – Died Tuesday, April 6, 2010 in Montara, California at the age of 63. The cause of death is unknown. He was born October 22, 1945. He is survived by his wife, Karen Vonmerta, of the home. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – San Carlos Chapter #464**.

**BRUCE E. WAGNER** - Died Wednesday morning, April 14, 2010, surrounded by his family at the Sheboygan Progressive Care Center after a courageous 2 ½ year battle with cancer as the result of his exposure to Agent Orange in Vietnam. He was 60 years of age, and a resident of 9530 Carstens Lake Road, Manitowoc, Wisconsin. Bruce was born February 23, 1950 in Sheboygan, Wisconsin, the son of the late Clarence and Marion (Polster) Wagner. He was a graduate of Valders High School with the class of 1969. Bruce served in the United States Army from 1969-1973 during the Vietnam War. On December 28, 2004, he married Judith Beggs in Valders after 25 years of acquaintance. Bruce grew up and worked on the family dairy farm for many years. He then worked for Manitowoc Engineering and was the owner and operator of the Opera House in St. Nazianz for six years. Bruce then was in charge of road maintenance for the town of Liberty before becoming an over the road truck driver for Chizek Transport. He was one of the founders of the Ant Hill Mob and a member for the past 35 years. Bruce also was a member of the Lakeshore Model Car Club, V.F.W. of Valders, the American Legion of St. Nazianz, and was a *Charter Member* of the **Manitowoc County Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter #731**. Survivors include his wife: Judith Beggs-Wagner, Newton; one brother: Keith Wagner, Valders; three sisters and one brother-in-law: Lynn Wimmer, Stevens Point, Tammy and James Gauger, Valders; Carrie Wagner and her special friend, Randall Bowman, Menasha; six nieces and

nephews: Lisa and Nathan Moore, Sarah Wimmer and her special friend Jon Steffen, Loni and Kevin Kleinhans, Ben Gauger and his special friend Dana Alfson, Ian Gauger, Mariah Gauger; one brother-in-law and sister-in-law: Dennis and Kathie Beggs, Naperville, IL. Aunts, uncles, cousins, other relatives and friends also survive. He was also preceded in death by one brother-in-law: Marvin Wimmer. A Memorial Service will be held at 12:00 Noon on Saturday, April 17, 2010 at St. Gregory Catholic Church, St. Nazianz. Officiating at the Memorial Service will be Rev. Michael Bigley. Military Honors will be accorded by the Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 731. Cremation has occurred at All-Care Cremation Center and Bruce will be laid to rest at St. Gregory Church Cemetery at a later date. The family will greet relatives and friends on Saturday, from 9:00 am until 11:45 am at St. Gregory Catholic Church. The Christianson & Deja Funeral Home and All-Care Cremation Center, Valders, is assisting the family with funeral arrangements. Bruce was a big hearted person and enjoyed motorcycles, music, photography and old classic cars. He had many friends and will be missed by all.

**WILLIAM W. "Bill" WATERS, SR.** - Wednesday May 12, 2010 in San Marcos, Texas at the age 76. The cause of death was Agent Orange-related heart disease and Parkinson's Disease. He was born December 1, 1933 in Charleston, South Carolina, the oldest child of deceased parents Isaac W. Waters and Edith Mae (Tarrance) Waters. Bill was also predeceased by his sister Frances Irene Waters and brother John S. Waters, both of Charleston, South Carolina; sister Margaret Ann James of Sparks, Nevada; and brother James Earl Waters of New York City, New York. He is survived by his loving wife of 51 years Juana Contreras Waters; son William W. Waters, Jr. and daughter Sarah M. Waters, both of San Marcos; and daughter Deborah A. Totten Emerson and husband Rusty of Fayetteville, Tennessee; four grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren. SFC Bill Waters honored his family and his country serving in the United States Army from September 1949 until June 1970. A veteran of the Korean and Vietnam wars, Bill retired in San Marcos, raised his family, and stayed active with the San Marcos chapter of the Veteran of Foreign Wars (V.F.W.). He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – San Marcos Chapter #923**. Visitation was from 2 to 7:30 p.m. on Monday, May 17 at Los Angeles Funeral Home in San Marcos. Recitation of Rosary will be at 7:30 p.m. Monday at Los Angeles Funeral Chapel. A Mass of Christian Burial will be at 10 a.m. Tuesday at St. John's Catholic Church. Reverend Father Larry Stehling was the main celebrant. Interment will follow in Memory Lawn Memorial Park in Martindale. Serving as pallbearers are members of the immediate family. Arrangements entrusted to the Villasenor family - Los Angeles Funeral Home, 300 Cheatham St., San Marcos. (512) 392-3676.



**CLIFFORD LEE WATSON** - Died Tuesday, March 16, 2010 in Savannah, Georgia at the age of 70. He was a resident of Hinesville, Georgia. The cause of death was heart disease. Mr. Watson was born in Independence, Kentucky on February 7, 1940. He had resided in Hinesville for over 30 years. Cliff was a proud veteran of the United States Army, serving two tours in Vietnam. He served as a Medevac Pilot during his first tour and was awarded the Silver Star and Bronze Star respectively for his heroic actions. He served as an Aerial

Reconnaissance Pilot during his second tour and ultimately earned the title of Master Aviator. After being honorably discharged from active duty Cliff continued as a Mobilization Readiness Group Coordinator with the Georgia Army National Guard where he retired after 25 years of dedicated service. Mr. Watson was a member and Past President of the Hinesville Lions Club. He was a member of Bradford Lodge, F.&A.M. and a Shriner. He was also a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Hinesville Chapter #789** and a member Vietnam Helicopter Pilots Association. Mr. Watson was preceded in death by his father, James Edward Watson. He is survived by his loving wife of 40 years, Merle Watson; son, Cliff R. Watson of Springfield, GA; mother, Virginia Watson of Crestview Hills, KY; sister, Donna Watson of Crestview Hills, KY; sister-in-law, Margaret R. Fruzzetti and husband Graziano of Jacksonville Beach, FL and nephew, Giancarlo Fruzzetti, also of Jacksonville Beach. Memorial Service: 1:00 p.m. Saturday, March 20, 2010 at Fox & Weeks Funeral Directors, Hodgson Chapel with full military honors. Remembrances: Liberty County Humane Shelter, 279 Briarwood Circle, Hinesville, GA 31313. Please sign our on-line guestbook at [www.foxandweeks.com](http://www.foxandweeks.com) Savannah Morning News March 18, 2010

**DONALD LEROY WEBB** – Died Monday, December 22, 2008 in Lakeville, Minnesota at the age of 74. The cause of death is unknown. He was born January 8, 1934 in Nelson, Nebraska. He served in the United States Navy during the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Apple Valley Chapter #492**.

**WILLIAM F. WHALEN** - 63, of East Stroudsburg, Died Saturday, January 5, 2008 in East Stroudsburg, Pennsylvania at the age of 63. The cause of death was Agent Orange-related diabetes, heart and lung disease. He was born in Woodside, Queens, New York on April 15, 1944 to Rita Heaney Whalen and the late William J. Whalen, FDNY. He graduated from Central High School, Valley Stream, Long Island, N.Y., in 1962. He served in Vietnam with the United States Air Force from 1963 to 1967. He retired from the FDNY, Engine 226, Brooklyn, and returned to the FDNY as a volunteer after the Sept. 11 attacks. He received a bachelor of arts degree at St. John's University and was a member of the VFW and numerous Irish organizations. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Stroudsburg Chapter #678**. A wake was held Saturday, Jan. 12, and Sunday, Jan. 13. A Requiem Mass was held at Holy Name of Mary in Valley Stream, Long Island, N.Y., at 9:30 a.m. Monday, Jan. 14. Pallbearers were active members, FDNY E 226. Burial was in Long Island National Cemetery, Farmingdale, New York, with full military honors. The family is especially grateful for the kind support of so many in the East Stroudsburg community.

**DENNIS R. WHITSON** – Died recently in 2009 in Denton, Texas at the age of 64. The cause of death is unknown. He was born March 27, 1946. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Denton Chapter #920**.

**ROBERT L. WILLIAMS** – Died Wednesday, July 1, 2009 in Tucson, Arizona at the age of 78. The cause of death is unknown. He was born January 5, 1931 in Ash Grove, Iowa. He served in the United States Navy during the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Long Beach (California) Chapter #756**.

**JOHN CARNEGIE WILLS IV** – Died Tuesday, May 4, 2010 in Reno, Nevada at the age of 65. The cause of death was cardiac arrest. John was born in Washington DC on September 4, 1944. He was survived by his daughters, Heather Wills of Studio City, California, Sara Polzine of Redding, California and Fantasia Stenslend of Sacramento, California; grandchildren, Courtney Mitchell and Justin Werner; his sister, Mary Wills of Jerome Arizona, and; his brothers, Mark Wills of Phoenix, Arizona and Dan Wills of Sedona, Arizona. John served in the United States Army, serving with the 173rd Airborne Brigade, 2nd battalion, B Company, 503rd Infantry. John was a life member with the Purple Heart Association; Veteran of Foreign Wars; AMVets and a member of E Clampus Vitus Monterey-Viejo chapter. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Reno Chapter #989**. Memorial services were held at Veterans Memorial Cemetery, 14 Veterans Way, Fernley, Nevada on Friday, May 14, 2010 @ 10:00 AM.

**PAUL E. WILSON** – Died Thursday, March 18, 2010 in Lewistown, Pennsylvania at the age of 63. The cause of death was Agent Orange-related cancer. He was born August 18, 1946. He served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War with the First Cavalry Division from 1966 to 1967. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Lewistown Chapter #791**.



**WILLIAM G. "Bill" WYNNE** - Died Tuesday, August 4, 2009 in John Day, Oregon at the age of 61. The cause of death was heart failure. He was born in Cleveland, Ohio on July 20, 1948 to William A. Wynne, of Mansfield, Ohio and the late Margaret (née Roberts) Wynne. He was the beloved husband of Antoinette "Toni" (nee Novak) Wynne (32 years); cherished brother of Joanne (Robert) Owczarzak, Susan (Daniel) Kovach, Marcia Deering, Robert (Sandra) Wynne, Donna (David) Tabar, Patrick (Marge) Wynne, Margaret (Mark) Stockmaster and James (Kathleen) Wynne, all of Cleveland, Ohio; loved by 27 nieces and nephews and 18 great-nieces and nephews, numerous cousins and many friends. In addition to his mother, he was also predeceased by his grandparents Margaret (nee Devine) and George H. Roberts and Beatrice (nee Caffrey) Wynne. Funeral services were held Aug. 8, at St. Elizabeth Catholic Church in John Day. Father Bartholomew Ifion officiated. Interment was at Canyon City Cemetery (Oregon) with full military honors rendered by the National Honor Guard, the American Legion and the John Day Police Department. A true American patriot, and a man of honor, integrity, intelligence and wit, he was a member of the Boy Scouts of America and graduated from St. Michael High School in 1966. He then proudly served 2 ½ years in the United States Marine Corps, including Vietnam, and 5 ½ years in the United States Army and National Guard Reserves as corporal. He worked as a communication technician for U.S. West and for CenturyTel, retiring in June 2009. He enjoyed reading, photography, hunting, fishing and working with leather and horses. He also enjoyed computers and technology. He was an active community volunteer. He was a member of the Elks Club for 31 years, a lifetime member of the American Legion, the Veterans of Foreign War, the National Rifle Association, the American Quarter Horse Association and the Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Roseburg (Oregon) Chapter #821**. He was a reserve officer with John Day Police for 29 years, a reserve deputy with the Grant County Sheriff's Department for 28 years and the Grant County veterans' service officer for 13 years. A

Memorial Mass will be celebrated on Saturday, August 29, 2009 at 11:00 a.m. at St. Anthony of Padua Catholic Church, 6750 State Rd., Parma, Ohio 44134.



**DANIEL P. ZORN, JR.** – Died Sunday, December 28, 2008 in Camas, Washington at the age of 58. The cause of death is unknown. He was born June 12, 1950. He is survived by his wife, of the home. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars. He was also a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Vancouver Chapter #512**. There was a Celebration of Daniel's life with full military honors on Saturday, January 3, 2009 at 1:00 PM at St. Matthew Lutheran Church in Washougal, Washington.

**OSCAR DAVID ZORNES** – Died in February 2010 in Bucyrus, Ohio at the age of 64. The cause of death is unknown. He was born August 5, 1945. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – South Shore (Kentucky) Chapter #1006**.

**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.