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ROLLAND J. ANDERSON – Died recently in 2012 in Livonia, Michigan at the age of 63. The cause of death is unknown. He was born November 3, 1948. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Plymouth Chapter #528**.



DAVID EARL ATHEY - Died Sunday, March 18, 2012, at his residence in Cumberland, Maryland at the age of 63. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on February 20, 1949, in Cumberland, to the late Earl David Athey and Virginia Josephine (née Parrish) Athey. Mr. Athey graduated from Allegany High School in 1967. He graduated from Allegany College of Maryland in 1984 with Summa Cum Laude honors, with a degree in Media Technology. He also graduated from Frostburg State University in 1987 with Cum Laude honors with a Bachelor's Degree in Art. David served in the United States Force during the Vietnam War from 1968-1972. David worked at Kelly Springfield Tire Company from 1972-1982 and Gallaudet University from 1988 to 2007, where he retired on Aug. 1, 2007. He was a member of the Livingstone Church of the Brethren, American Legion Post 13, **Vietnam Veterans of America – Cumberland Chapter #172**, AARP, ASPCA, Amnesty International, Allegany Arts Council, The Nature Conservancy, and World Wildlife Fund. Surviving are his three sisters, Diane Morgan and husband George, of Pinto, Sharon Athey, of Cumberland, and Joan Tovirac, of Ridgeley, W.Va.; two brothers, Charles Athey and wife Kelly, of Potomac and Michael Athey, of Lancaster, Pa.; nieces and nephews, Stephanie Wiseman, Ryan Morgan, Mik Tovirac, Brandi Tovirac, Hayden Athey and Lauren Athey; and one special great-nephew, Landen Sweitzer. Friends were received at the Scarpelli Funeral Home, P.A., Cresaptown, Maryland (<http://www.scarpellifh.com>) on Friday from 10:00 to 11:00 AM. Funeral services were conducted in the funeral home on Friday at 11:00 AM with the Reverend Rodney Morgan officiating. Interment was in the Sunset Memorial Park. Military honors were accorded by the Vietnam Veterans of American Chapter #172.



PAUL G. BEBEAU - Died unexpectedly on Friday, February 10, 2012 of a sudden acute myocardial infarction. He was a resident of Kohler, Wisconsin and 67 years of age. He was born in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, on July 24, 1944, to Irene (née Auger) Bebeau and Leon Bebeau. He attended St. Michael's Grade School in Milwaukee, graduating in 1959. He graduated from Waukesha High School in 1963. He enlisted in the United States Marine Corps and served from 1964 to 1968, including a tour of duty in Vietnam. Following his honorable discharge, he continued his education at

UW-Oshkosh graduating with a bachelors of Science degree in Business Administration in December of 1973. On August 19, 1972, Paul and Charlene Cole were married at St. Peter Claver Catholic Church in Sheboygan. Paul began his business career at J.I. Case Company in Racine, Wisconsin, in January of 1974. In 1984, Paul started work at the Kohler Co. in the Engine Division retiring as a Senior Buyer in 2006 with 22 years of service. In retirement, Paul enjoyed spending time with his wife traveling to visit his children and grandchildren, bike riding, swimming daily at the Sports Core, going out to lunch with former co-workers and friends. He especially enjoyed his Saturday and Sunday breakfast meetings at McDonald's in Sheboygan Falls where he and his friends had ready solutions to any and all problems presented. He enjoyed working on projects around the house and was always coming up with new ideas. Paul was a member of St. John the Evangelist Parish in Kohler, Wis. He was also a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Sheboygan Chapter #618** and a member of the First Marine Aircraft Wing Association, Vietnam Service. Paul leaves behind to cherish his memory his wife, Char; his son, Ryan (Minh), and grandson, Henry, as well as an unborn granddaughter due in March of Raleigh, N.C.; his daughter, Angela (Nathan) Moore, and grandsons, Noah, Cameron and Simon of Hatboro, Penn. He is further survived by his mother, Irene Bebeau, Sheboygan; his brother, James (Cindy) Bebeau, Waukesha, Wis.; his brother, Michael Bebeau, Tucson, Ariz.; sister-in-law, Christine Anongos, Sheboygan; sister-in-law and brother-in-law, Linda and Russell Graskamp, Hales Corners, Wis.; brother-in-law, Thomas Ibach, Brookfield, Wis.; nieces, nephews, cousins, aunts and uncles, other relatives and many friends. Paul was preceded in death by his father, Leon; his sister, Jeanne Ibach; his maternal and paternal grandparents, his wife's parents as well as other relatives. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 12 Noon on Saturday, Feb. 18, at St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church, Kohler, with his cousin, the Rev. David Lewis, as celebrant. Family and friends may gather at the church, 600 Green Tree Road, on Saturday from 10 a.m. until the time of Mass at Noon. Paul will live on in the recipients of his corneas, eyes, bone and tissues as a donor. The family wishes to extend their appreciation to Officer Sass of the Kohler Police Department, the Kohler First Responders, Dr. Kumar, and the ambulance personnel for their assistance. In lieu of flowers, a memorial has been established in the name of Paul Bebeau. The Novak-Ramm-Ziegler Funeral Home is serving the family. Online condolences may be expressed at www.novakrammziegler.com.

JIMMY W. BENNETT – Died Sunday, February 6, 2006 in Lyons, Illinois at the age of 62. The cause of death was a heart attack. He was born in Bogota, Tennessee on September 26, 1943. He is survived by his mother. He served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Des Plaines Chapter #311**.



RICHARD D. BEVILLE - Died Saturday, May 26, 2012, in a local hospital in Cleveland, Tennessee at the age of 67. He was a resident of Cleveland, Tennessee. He was born March 7, 1945. He served as a manager of manufacturing at Dr. Scholl's for 14 years. Serving as a captain in the United States Army, he was a platoon leader in Vietnam. He was a member of the American Legion Post 81 where he was a volunteer of the color guard and a member of the 40 and 8. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Cleveland**

Chapter #596. He received a Bachelor of Arts degree from Cornell College in Mt. Vernon, IA and a Master of Science degree from the University of Illinois. He also was an avid fisherman. Survivors include his wife, Judy Beville; children, Steven “Chip” Beville and wife Kristi of Cleveland, TN, and Amy E. Beville and companion Jason Lang of Los Angeles, CA; grandchildren, Blake Beville, Richard Lupo, and Alicia Lupo; brother Bill Panje of Chicago, IL; nephew, Steve Brinegar of Missouri; and good friend Mike Dickey of Cleveland, TN. Graveside services were at 2:30 PM on Thursday, May 31, 2012 at the Chattanooga National Cemetery with his comrades from the American Legion Post 81 conducting military honors. The family received friends from 12:30 – 1:30 PM on Thursday at Ralph Buckner Funeral Home. The family suggests that memorials be made to the Bradley County Veterans Home, Bradley County Veterans Service Office, attn. Joe Davis 155 Ocoee Street, Room 105, Cleveland, TN 37311 or you can also visit www.bradleyco.net and click on the Veterans link. We invite you to send a message of condolence and view the Beville family guestbook at www.ralphbuckner.com.



ZENOLA BENJAMIN “Z” BLANDING - M.A. Psy.D, CCS, FPPR, ABMPP, AAPTA, DCFM; Board Certified Clinical Psychologist and Assoc. Professor of Psychology; Director of Health, Counseling & Psychological Services and the Asst. Vice President of Student Development – Division of Student Affairs at Rowan University of NJ; and Lieutenant Colonel, U.S. Army (Ret.). Blanding died Friday, April 20, 2012 in Williamstown, New Jersey at the age of 62. The cause of death was heart failure. He was born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania on December 15, 1949 to the late Jessie and Willie (née Lewis) Blanding, Sr. At an early age, he moved to Camden, South Carolina where he resided until entering the United States Army. He was raised by his beloved grandmother the late Mattie Blanding, who instilled in him that he could do anything he put his mind to; and his life achievements confirmed her words of encouragement to be true. Along with his grandmother, Z was raised by his aunt and uncle the late Esau and Helen McLeod. Z accepted the Lord Jesus Christ as his personal savior at an early age and rededicated his life in 2008 and attended the Evangelical Fellowship Church in Pleasantville under the leadership of his father-in-law Bishop Dr. Fred Jerkins Jr. In 1971 “Z” graduated from South Carolina State University in the upper 10% of his class, earning a Bachelor of Science in Professional Psychology. He was also honored as a Distinguished Military Graduate ranking 2nd in his class. In 1980, he graduated from Rider University with a Masters Degree in Professional Counseling, and Graduated with Distinction as First in his Class. In 1984 Zenola graduated from Florida Institute of Technology with a Doctorate Degree in Psychology. His many Honors and Awards include numerous Fellows in Clinical Psychology; including International Academy of Eclectic Psychotherapists, American Board of Medical Psychotherapists, The National Prescribing Psychologist Register, and The American Academy of Psychologists Treating Addiction. “Z” was also awarded the Martin Luther King Freedom Medal of New Jersey in 2003. There are extensive Professional Affiliations of which “Z” was a member – including The American Psychological Association, the American Society of Group Psychotherapy, The New York Academy of Sciences, the Omega Psi Phi Fraternity, The International & The American Society of Clinical Hypnosis, and so many more to mention. Some of his Professional experiences include: Attending Clinical Psychologist for the Psychiatric Outpatient Services for Beth Israel Medical Center of NY, Consultant and Teaching

Faculty member for The Underwood Memorial Hospital in Woodbury, NJ, an Instructor for The Rutgers School of Alcohol & Addiction Studies, Adjunct Professor of Psychology at Seton Hall University and The Jersey State University. "Z" spent the last 17 years of his career at Rowan University of NJ as a Tenured Professor of Psychology; he was The Director of the Health Counseling and Psychological Services, The Assistant Vice President of Student Development, and was the Director of The Institute of Alcohol and Drug Studies. There are countless Publications, Books, Technical Reports, Conference Papers, Course Designs, and Grants that were written; as well as several television, radio and newspapers interviews regarding his expertise in psychology. "Z" spent over 21 years in the United States Army. He retired as an Honorable Lt. Colonel. His Military Honors include: The Good Conduct and The National Defense Medals, several Certificates of Outstanding Service and Duty Dedication, the Overseas Command Award, The Army Commendation for Meritorious Service Medal, the Master Lecturer Award, Master Group Facilitator, the Army and Department of Defense Meritorious Service Medals for Superior Performance and Dedication, Joint Service of Desert Shield/Storm, Joint Service Achievement Medal for Superior Performance during Desert Storm, and the Highest Honor given to "Z" was The Legion of Merit for Exceptional Meritorious Service. His Military Education includes Infantry Officer, Basic & Advance, and he was an Airborne Ranger. In Alexandria VA, at the Army Research Institute for the Behavioral and Social Sciences, "Z" was a Research Psychologist and Coordinator, the Military Assistant to the Director & Consultant Psychologist of the Manpower & Personnel Research laboratory; and an EAP Coordinator and Staff Counselor. At the Dept. of Defense, "Z" was the Director of Professional Development Counseling & Remediation and Adjunct Faculty Instructional Team at the Patrick Air Force Base in Florida. He was the Director/Chief of Alcohol & Drug Abuse Control branch and the US Army New Directions Counseling Center in Fort Dix, NJ. "Z" was the Director of the Counseling Community Clinic and was The Brigade Alcohol/Control Officer; as well as The Psychological Alcohol and Drug Unit Counselor and Education Officer for the First Battalion, 6th Infantry, 1st Armored Division in West Germany. He was also a Master Parachutist and Expert Infantryman. He served 9 years in Infantry and 12 years in Personnel Management, as his primarily specialty within the Armed Forces. In 1989-1992, "Z" was Director of Personnel Administration and Health Services for the Military Traffic Management Command in Bayonne, NJ. He served in the Gulf War, Desert Storm, and actively served throughout the Vietnam Era. He was a member of The Naomi Chapter of Disabled American Veterans (DAV15), and The American Legion Post 738 ADVA and **Vietnam Veterans of America – Liberty Bell (Philadelphia) Chapter #266**. "Z" was predeceased by his brother Larry Blanding. His many survivors include, his loving, devoted wife, Sybil Jerkins-Blanding, one daughter Zaukema Blanding, one son, Zachary Blanding, two stepchildren Morgan Jerkins and Trenair Royal along with her husband, Dr. Marvin Royal, II. Z and Sybil have one grand-daughter, Brooke Royal who was just born on April 6th. There are two brothers, Willie Blanding, J., (Madeline Blanding), Ronald Blanding (Darlene Blanding), and one sister, Dr. Renee Blanding Wright (Dr. Benjamin Wright). He also leaves to mourn his dear mother-in-law, Sylvia (MiMi) Jerkins and father-in-law, Bishop Fred Jerkins (known to "Z" as "Dad"), his sister-in-law, Sharene Jerkins-Kirkland, two brothers in-law, Fred Jerkins III (Shannon Jerkins), and Rodney Jerkins (Joy Jerkins); and a host of aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces and nephews. In special recognition, is his dear friend who was like a brother to him, (Pop) Leonard Johnson. Also, holding "Z" in fond memory, is Terriana (Riana) Milne, MA, LPC, LCADC,

SAC; known as "his Star Student," and Sybil Jerkins-Blanding's dear friend, who introduced them in 2001. Dr. Z. Benjamin Blanding was known for his outstanding service to mankind, his warm, generous laugh, his dedication to his wife and family, and his love of teaching and inspiring others. Home-Going Services will be 11am Friday, April 27, 2012 at the Morning Star Dome 2816 Fire Road, Egg Harbor Township New Jersey 08234. Private viewing for family was only from 10:00 AM to 11:00 AM. Burial immediately following service was at the Atlantic County Veterans Cemetery 109 State Hwy 50 Estell Manor, NJ 08319. Arrangements were made by the Adams Perfect Funeral Home, Northfield, NJ. Anyone wishing to make a Donation to Dr. Z. Benjamin Blanding's memory may send a Donation to The Dr. Z. Benjamin Blanding Scholarship Fund for Outstanding Psychology Students. For details, email: Dr.ZBlandingScholarshipFund@gmail.com. Arrangements entrusted to and condolences may be left for the family at adams-perfect.com.



JAMES ROBERT BOLES - Died on Friday night, May 11, 2012 at his home in Soddy-Daisy, Tennessee surrounded by his family. He was 68 years of age. The cause of death is unknown. James was born in Miami, Florida on April 27, 1944 a son of the late James Corbitt and Wilma Boles. James was a veteran of the United States Navy during the Vietnam War. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Chattanooga Chapter #203**. James leaves here to cherish his memory one son and his family Jason Boles and wife Brittney Denise of Soddy-Daisy, TN, two brothers Kenneth Corbitt Boles of Jackson County, AL, and Ricky Stoudenmire of Miami, FL, two grandchildren Kimber Boles, and Kirk Vickery and a host of other extended family members and friends. There was a private graveside service and interment at Chattanooga National Cemetery with full Military Honors. You are encouraged to share a memory of James and/or your personal condolences with his family by visiting his memorial web page and guest book at www.companionfunerals.com Companion Funeral & Cremation Service of Cleveland, TN was honored to assist the Boles family with these arrangements.

DAVID MICHAEL BRIGGS - Died peacefully on Friday, April 13, 2012 in Green Hill, Rhode Island at the age of 66. The cause of death was Agent Orange-related cancer. David was born in South Kingstown, Rhode Island on November 28, 1945 to the late John Sr. and Nellie (née Dow) Briggs. By his side until the very end were his best friend, Cheryl, proud son, Michael, cherished daughter, Michelle and loving daughter-in-law, Tammy. His five grandchildren, Danielle, Alex, Gailyn, Brendan and Kylie Mae were the light of his life and his faithful dog Rusty watched over him to the end. He honorably served his country during the Vietnam War as a member of the United States Air Force, and later went on to become an active *Life Member* in the **Vietnam Veterans of America – Wakefield Chapter #325**. David also leaves behind his brothers, John Jr. and Doug and his sisters, Barbara and Sarah and also many loving family members and friends. He was predeceased by his beautiful sister, Priscilla. The funeral was held Wednesday at 9:00 AM in the Avery-Storti Funeral Home, 88 Columbia Street, Wakefield. Burial with military honors was in the Rhode Island State Veterans Cemetery in Exeter, Rhode Island. Visiting hours were Tuesday 5:00-8:00 PM. In memory of David please make donations to an

organization that was near and dear to his heart, Vietnam Veterans of America or Odyssey Hospice of Rhode Island.



SHIRLEY JOSEPH BROUSSARD – Died at 5:40 pm on Wednesday March 21, 2012 at Saint Martinville Nursing Center at the age of 80. He was a native and resident of St. Martinville, Louisiana. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in St. Martinville on October 13, 1931 to the late Casimere and Edna Broussard. Mr. Broussard was a member of the Army National Guard who served his country honorably during the Vietnam-Era and was honorably discharged after 27 years of service. He was a *Life Member* of **Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America – Lafayette Chapter #141** and a dedicated member of the American Legion, Post 0387 which he was so proud of. Shirley could be heard and recognized

blocks away by his contagious laughter from sun up to sun down. He enjoyed spending time in his "Jam Room" playing his guitar and harmonica, singing and recording music. He is survived by his sons, Shirley "Bernie" Broussard and wife Belinda of Catahoula and Toby Broussard and wife Lisa of Milton; daughters, Michele LeBlanc and husband Benny of Cypress Island, Rachele Broussard, Celia Dexter, and Shelia Champagne and husband Leonard all of Parks; grandchildren, Shirley "B. J." Broussard, Quintin Broussard, Telecia Broussard, Mason Broussard, and Griffin Broussard, Kala Zaunbrecher, Chelsea Poirier, Bailey Ledet, Cortnee Champagne, Anissa Champagne, Colt Champagne, and Kara Broussard; and brothers, J. C. Broussard and wife Alice of New Iberia and Carol Broussard and wife Deanna of Cade. In addition to his parents, he was also preceded in death by his loving wife of 45 years, Celia Lasseigne Broussard; brothers, Bobby and Elridge Broussard; sister, Jeanette Guidry; and son-in-law, Michael Zaunbrecher. Funeral Services were conducted for him at 1:00 PM on Saturday March 24, 2012 at Evangeline Funeral Home with Fr. Rusty P. Richard officiating. Interment was held at St. Michael's Cemetery with military honors by the St. Martin Honor Guard. Visitation hours were held from 11:00 AM until 10:00 PM on Friday with a Rosary at 7:00 PM. The funeral home reopened at 8:00 AM on Saturday until service time. Pallbearers were Shirley "B. J." Broussard, Quintin Broussard, Mason Broussard, Griffin Broussard, Colt Champagne, and Clayton Latiolais. Honorary pallbearers were Benny LeBlanc and Leonard Champagne. To view on-line obituary, video tribute and sign the guest register, please visit www.evangelinefuneralhome.com. Evangeline Funeral Homes, Inc. of St. Martinville is in charge of arrangements.

JAMES H. "Jimmy" BUFFALOE III - Died Tuesday, April 24, 2012 at Duke University Hospital in North Carolina at the age of 66. He was a resident of Marston, North Carolina. The cause of death was a heart attack. He was born January 18, 1946 in Richmond County, North Carolina to the late James Henry Buffaloe II and Flossie (née Dunn) Buffaloe. He served his country in the United States Army and was a veteran of the Vietnam War. Jimmy was a member of Jones Springs United Methodist Church. He retired from Unimin Silica Corporation after 20 years of service. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Rockingham Chapter #1022**. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a brother, William "Billy" Buffaloe; and a sister, Frances Buffaloe. Surviving are his wife, Sue Buffaloe of the home; a son, Jamie

Buffaloe and his wife, Jenny of Laurel Hill; a daughter, Amanda McKenzie of Marston; five grandchildren, Austin Buffaloe, Jackson McKenzie, Bryson McKenzie, Grace Buffaloe, and Caleb Buffaloe; and two sisters, Martha Sumner and her husband, Mark of Raleigh and Peggy Buffaloe of Marston. Funeral services were conducted Saturday, April 28, 2012 at 2:00 PM in the chapel of Watson-King Funeral Home in Hamlet with Reverends Dena White and Robert Carpenter, co-officiating. Burial was in the Richmond County Memorial Park. The family received friends Friday, April 27, 2012 from 6:00 PM until 8:00 PM at the Watson-King Funeral Home in Hamlet. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Hoffman Fire and Rescue, Post Office Box 122, Hoffman, North Carolina 28347 or to Jones Springs United Methodist Church, c/o Anne Lomax, 816 Sycamore Lane, Jackson Springs, North Carolina 27281.

JAMES RUSSELL CALKINS - Died at his home in Wyoming, New York on Sunday March 4, 2012 at the age of 64. The cause of death was Agent Orange-relates lymphoma – lung cancer. He was born in Warsaw on June 30, 1947 to Marion Fitzsimmons, who survives him. Jim was a 1965 graduate of Le Roy High School. He was a United States Army, Big Red One veteran, having served two tours in Vietnam. He was a board member of the Genesee County Park, Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund, member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – LeRoy Chapter #193**, lifetime member of the Big Red One Artillery Division, Glenn Loomis American Legion Post 332, Le Roy Serviceman's Club, Perry Vets Club, Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund, and member of Society of First Infantry Division. Jim enjoyed going to the casino, and will be remembered for "telling it like it was." He will be missed by all of us who loved him. He will be with his buddies KIA Nov. 3, 1968, FBR and Marcus and other family and friends and Boomer. He is survived by his wife of 39 years, Linda Jo (Perry); dog, Daisy; sister, Vicki (Joe) of Ohio, their children, April, Brandy, Adam, BJ; brother, Alan (Christine) of Groveland, his children, Alan and Emily; mother and father-in-law, Jo and Bill Perry; sister-in-law, Marcy Rice (late Alvin), their children, Shannon and Linda; grandma Hooker, several aunts, uncles, cousins, great nieces and nephews, and dear friend Kurt McCowan. Family and friends called from 4:00 to 7:00 PM on Thursday at the Cameron Brady & Steuber Funeral Home, 111 Wolcott St. (Route 19 South), Le Roy, where services will be held at 11 AM Friday. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Genesee County Park Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund, P.ost Office Box 91, Wyoming, New York 14591; or to Home Care and Hospice, 550 East Main Street, Batavia, New York 14020.

ALLEN E. COATES, SR. – Died Friday, May 25, 2012 in Mount Carmel Hospital in San Fernando, Philippines at the age of 56. The cause of death is unknown. He was born October 1, 1955. He served in the United States Army during the Vietnam-era. He was a member of VFW Post #2485 and DAV Chapter#3 and was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Philippines Chapter #887**.

ALFRED VINCENT "Al" COLABELLA III - Died Saturday, March 24, 2012, at the Compassionate Care Hospice at St. Francis Medical Center in Trenton with his loving family by his side. He was a resident of Bordentown, New Jersey and 65 years of age. The cause of death was cardiomyopathy, liver cirrhosis and multi-organ failure. He was born November 15, 1946 in East Orange, New Jersey but was a lifelong resident of Bordentown City. He was a graduate of William McFarland High School - class of 1964. Al enlisted in the United States Army serving in

the 4th Infantry Division as a recon armor crewman. He was honorably discharged in 1972. Al was employed by Anchor Thread, of Groveville; Circle F Industries of Trenton; Yates Industries/Circuit Foil of Bordentown; and DeLaval Turbine Inc. of Florence. In the year 2000, Al was awarded with the New Jersey Distinguished Service Medal, the state's highest military award. Al was very passionate about his time in service; he was the founder, *Life Member* and served as past president, scholarship chair and as a member of the board of directors of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Bordentown Chapter #899**. He was also a member of The New Jersey Vietnam Veterans' Memorial Fund. Al was an avid sports fan and deep sea fisherman, but his main purpose in life was helping his brother and sister veterans. He will be greatly missed. The son of the late Alfred V. Colabella Jr. and Betty M. Colabella, he is survived by his sister and brother-in-law, Edith A. Colabella-Kolodziej and Ron Kolodziej of Ewing; his brothers and sister-in-law, Robert C. and Mary Colabella of Murphy, N.C., Scott M. Colabella of Barnegat Light; and many nieces, nephews and friends. Calling hours will be Thursday, Mar. 29, from 9 to 11 a.m. at the Bordentown Home for Funerals, 40 Crosswicks St., Bordentown, followed by a funeral service with Deacon Thomas Shea officiating. Interment with military honors will follow at Bordentown Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Al's name to the Vietnam Veterans' of America New Jersey Chapter 899, PO Box 263, Bordentown, NJ 08505; Compassionate Care Hospice at St. Francis Medical Center, Hamilton Ave., Trenton, NJ 08629, or the charity of your choice. Arrangements are under the direct care and supervision of Robert L. Pecht, Bordentown Home for Funerals, 40 Crosswicks St. Bordentown, NJ 08505. Please go to Al's book of memories page at www.Bordentownhomeforfunerals.com to light a candle, make a donation or offer condolences to the Colabella family.

HENRY A. COLTON – Died Thursday, February 14, 2008 in Kerrville, Texas at the age of 70. The cause of death was Agent Orange-related Diabetes Mellitus Type II and a heart attack. He was born November 10, 1937. He served in the United States Navy during the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Kerrville Chapter #863**.



LARRY EARL CORNETT - Died Wednesday, February 16, 2011, in Kerrville, Texas at the age of 67. The cause of death is unknown. He was born August 27, 1944, in Tifton, Georgia, to Earl and Audrey (née Justice) Cornett. He was a member of the United States Marines, Army and Army National Guard. He served three tours in Vietnam and was awarded three Purple Hearts, two Bronze Stars and a Silver Star. He moved to Kerrville in 2003 and was a life member of the American Legion Post 208, VFW Post, Military Order of the Purple Heart, **Vietnam Veterans of America - Kerrville Chapter #863** and Big Brothers Big Sisters. He is survived by his wife, Pam; three sons, Michael of Colorado, Larry W. Of Kerrville and David of

Plainview; a stepson, Steve Gullett of Rockport; two brothers, Dick Ruddick of Tucson, Ariz., and David Cornett of Chico, Calif.; and 10 grandchildren. Funeral services with military honors for Larry Earl Cornett, 66, of Kerrville will be at 2 p.m. Saturday at Grimes Funeral Chapels with Alan Hill officiating. Arrangements are by Grimes Funeral Chapels of Kerrville. Condolences may be made at www.grimesfuneralchapels.com.

NELSON “Red Bird” COUCH - Died Wednesday, February 22, 2012 at the Hospice Care Center at the age of 62. He was a life-long resident of Buckhorn, Kentucky. The cause of death was metastatic carcinoid tumors of the liver. He was born on October 25, 1949 in Oneida, Kentucky to the late Pete Couch and the late Maude (née Barger) Couch. He was by occupation a truck driver. Nelson served honorably in the United States Army during the Vietnam War. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Manchester Chapter #868**. In addition to his parents Nelson is preceded in death by his three brothers: John, Lovel and Glen Couch; one sister: Nora Barger and one grandchild: Jaydon Calvert. He leaves the following relatives surviving: Two sons: Nelson Lee Couch of London, KY and Jonathan Gibson of Hyden, KY; Three daughters: Joyce Ann Couch of Big Creek, KY, Angela Kay Couch of Hyden, KY and Tiffany Gilbert Estep of London, KY; One brother: Russell Couch of Buckhorn, KY; Two sisters: Marie Gibson of Paris Crossing, IN and Edith Baker of Buckhorn, KY. Five grandchildren: Ryan Calvert, Leland Calvert, Trinity Estep, Dakota Shepherd and Nelson Couch, Jr. A host of other family and friends also survive his passing. Calling hours were 6:00 - 9:00 P.M. - Friday, February 24, 2012 at Wolfe & Sons Funeral Home. The Memorial Service was at 1:00 P.M. - Saturday, February 25, 2012 at Wolfe & Sons Funeral Home with Tom Burns officiating. He was interred in the Clara Barger Cemetery in Buckhorn, Kentucky.




VERNON LEE “Sonny” DEATON, SR. - Died Monday, April 18, 2011 in Galatin, Tennessee at the age of 69. The cause of death was cancer. He was born in Gallatin on October 4, 1941 to the late Lilburn and Elizabeth Deaton. He served in the United States Air Force during the Vietnam War. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Gallatin Chapter #240**. He was also predeceased by his grandson, Jacob Deaton. He is survived by his wife of 47 years, Euna Deaton; son, Vernon "Sonny" Deaton, Jr. (Janet); daughter, Valerie Deaton Cushen (Shawn); son, Victor Deaton (Sharida); sisters, Ruth, Pearl and Jean; grandchildren, Jimmy Deaton, Jesse Deaton, Mary-Molly Storey, Annie Elizabeth Storey, Josie Deaton, and great-grandchild, Jaiden Deaton. The family received friends on Wednesday, April 20th from 5:00-8:00 PM and on Thursday, April 21st from 10:00-11:00 AM at Crestview Funeral Home. A life celebration service was conducted on Thursday, April 21st at 11:00 AM at Crestview Funeral Home with David Filson officiating. The arrangements were entrusted to: Crestview Funeral Home and Memory Gardens, (615)452-1943 A Life Celebration home.

JOHN A. DELORME - Died Thursday, February 2, 2012, at his home in Henderson Harbor, New York at the age of 78. The cause of death is unknown. Mr. Delorme was a charter boat captain, operating Jon Boy Charters, out of Henderson Harbor for over 28 years. He was born in Burlington, Vermont a son of Wilfred M. and Laura Delorme. He was educated at Burlington High School. He served with the United States Air Force for two years. Mr. Delorme joined the United States Army, serving one tour in Korea and two tours in Vietnam. He retired after 22 years of service at the rank of Captain (O-3). He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Bennington Chapter #601**. Following his military career, Mr. Delorme returned to Vermont where he owned and operated the Alpine Taxi Co. in Waterbury for 20 years. John was a founding member of the Lake Champlain Fishing Derby. John married Margaret "Peg" Rashaw in 1955. She predeceased him in 1992. He is survived by his sister, Margaret (Paul)

Casey; children, Donna (Shane) Benoit, Debra (Rod) Munn, Judy (Rick) Gola, Janette Denton, and John (Kerri) Delorme; grandchildren, Caro, Lingsha, Sheana Bobby, Jessica, Richard, and Charles; several great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews. In addition to his wife, he was predeceased by his brother, Milford Delorme. A memorial Mass was celebrated at 11:00 AM on Friday, February 10, 2012, at Saint John Vianney Catholic Church, 160 Hinesburg Road, South Burlington, with the Rev. Bernard Gaudreau officiating. Burial, with military honors, was in the Resurrection Park Cemetery. Arrangements were with the Reed & Benoit Funeral Home, 632 State St., Watertown, NY 13601.



 **THOMAS K. DERRY** - 70, Died Monday, November 7, 2011 in Shawboro, North Carolina at the age of 70. The cause of death is unknown. He was born January 14, 1941. He is survived by his wife Carolyn and his daughters, Roxanne Smith, Belinda Bruce, and Linda Derry. Thomas has three step-daughters; Georgia Barbosa, Terri Morelen, and Danita Hanbury; eight grandchildren, and one great-grandchild. He was an active member of the American Legion as the Historian in Moyock, North Carolina, Plymouth Rock Association, a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Elizabeth City Chapter #631**, and the American Vets. He was a dedicated veteran and retired as a Quarter Master Chief for the United States Navy. He was most proud of his career in the navy and his devoted and loving family. .

Graveside services were conducted at 11:00 AM on Thursday, November 17, 2011 in Woodlawn Memorial Gardens with full honors provided by the U. S. Navy. Donations may be made to the Wounded Warriors Project, 4899 Belfort Road, Jacksonville, Florida 32256. The family received friends at 103 Myrtle Drive, Moyock, North Carolina 27958. Condolences may be offered to the family online at www.woodlawngroup.com.



THOMAS EDWARD DeYOUNG - Died Wednesday, May 9, 2012, after a short battle with pancreatic cancer. He was a resident of Grandville, Michigan and 64 years of age. He was born in Grand Rapids, Michigan to Ida DeYoung and the late, Ed DeYoung. Tom was a Vietnam Veteran who served in the United States Army. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Grand Rapids Chapter #18**. In addition to his father, he was also predeceased by his brother, Phil DeYoung; his sister-in-law, Cindy DeYoung. In addition to his mother, he is survived by his wife, Betty; his children,

Shelly (Dennis) Jones, and Michael (Delila) DeYoung, their children, Michael, Felicia, Carlos, Felix; his mother, Ida DeYoung; step-children, Wayne (Lisa) Franken; their children, Jeremy, Mirissa, Mark, Kevin (Miriam) Franken, their son, Tyler; Keith (Kelly) Franken, their children, Kennedy, Ethan, Jill (Jason) Myers. He was also predeceased by his stepdaughter, Sherry Lynn Franken. He is survived by brothers and sisters, Dave (Kathy) DeYoung, Bonnie Hofmann, Mary (John) Adams, Cheryl (Paul) Cline, Ken (Sylvia) DeYoung, and all of their children; sisters-in-law and brothers-in-law, Arlene DeHaan, Clarence and Jean DeYoung, Anna Mae DeYoung, Joan VanSolkema, Glen and Esther DeVries. Three brothers-in-law preceded Tom in death, Ted DeHaan, Glenn VanSolkema, Harold DeYoung. The Funeral Service was held 11:00 AM Saturday,

May 12, at Providence Christian Reformed Church, 7730 Eastern Ave. SE, with Pastor Bob Boersma and Pastor J. Barrett Wernlund co-officiating. Interment was in Jamestown Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be given to the family to help with funeral expenses. The family will greet friends on Friday from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 pm at: Stroo Funeral Home 1095 68th SE www.stroofuneralhome.com.

DOUGLAS E. DRAKE – Died in May 2011 in Carson City, Nevada at the age of 62. The cause of death is unknown. He was born September 12, 1948. He served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War with a tour of duty from October 10, 1966 to October 10, 1967. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Carson City Chapter #719**.

CHARLES RAYMOND ENGELBRACHT – Died Friday, March 9, 2012 in Corsicana, Texas at the age of 65. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Yonkers, New York on April 30, 1946. He served in the United States Army from November 15, 1965 to November 14, 1967 with a tour of duty in Vietnam from July 21, 1966 to June 21, 1967 earning for himself a Bronze Star and the Combat Infantryman's Badge. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Corsicana Chapter #1009**.



JOSEPH JACOB FARULLA - Died on Tuesday, February 21, 2012, at his residence in Niagara Falls, New York at the age of 64. The cause of death was a heart attack. He was born in Niagara Falls on August 1, 1947 to late Gaetano and Vincenza (née Spallino) Farulla. Joseph was a lifelong resident of Niagara Falls. He attended local schools and graduated from Niagara Falls High School in 1966. During the Vietnam War he served in the United States Army from 1968, until his honorable discharge in 1970. On June 1, 1968, he married Janet (née Tomasine) Farulla at the former Our Lady of the Rosary Church in Niagara Falls. He was the proprietor of the Waldorf Niagara Hotel in Niagara Falls, NY. Joseph was a member of the VFW (Veterans of Foreign Wars) Post 917 in Niagara Falls, NY, and the American Legion Post 1451, John P. Bobo Chapter 264 in Sanborn, NY. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Niagara Falls Chapter #681**. In his leisure time he enjoyed his 1927 Model T car, but his greatest pleasure was spending time with his grandchildren. In addition to his wife of 43 years, Mr. Farulla is survived by two children, Jason J. (Heidi) Farulla and Jeanine A. (Michael Williams) Schultz; two grandchildren, James Edward Schultz III and Jenna Isabella Schultz; one brother, Russell (Wennie) Farulla of Richmond, VA; and several nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by one brother, Antonio Farulla; one sister, Tanya Sterns and his uncle, Anthony Spallino. Visitation was on Friday, February 24th from 3:00-7:00 PM at the M. J. Colucci & Son Niagara Funeral Chapel, 2730 Military Road, Niagara Falls, NY, where funeral services followed at 7:00 PM, with the Reverend Robert Stolinski officiating, concluding with military honors. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the VFW Post 917, 2435 Seneca Avenue, Niagara Falls, NY 14305.

DOMINICK S. "Dom" FLORIO - Died Friday, May 15, 2012 on Staten Island, New York at the age of 67. The cause of death was kidney cancer. He was born in Brooklyn, New York on April 15, 1942. He lived there with his mother, brother and two sisters. In 1967, he was drafted into the

United States Army and was sent to Vietnam. He was a Redcatcher (199th Light Infantry Brigade) that served from 1967- 1968 in Vietnam. He was honorably discharged as a sergeant and was awarded the Purple Heart for shrapnel wounds he received during the Tet Offensive of 1968. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Staten Island Chapter #421**. He married in September 1970 to Carol Del Gatto and they moved to Staten Island in 1972. They had two children, Janine and Michael, who he loved dearly. He worked for the Department of Sanitation for twenty four years and retired in 1994. In December 1980, Dom was working for the Department of Sanitation when a fire broke out in a four-story building. He charged into the building and carried an elderly woman out of the building to safety. He was coughing violently and feeling weak because of the heavy smoke conditions and was treated in the emergency room at Methodist Hospital. He received an award from the New York Police Department and the Department of Sanitation for his heroic act of bravery. Dom dedicated much of his time to honoring fellow Vietnam Veterans. He was a founding member of the Father Vincent Capodanno Chapter of the Military Order of the Purple Heart. He also worked toward the establishment of a Vietnam Veterans Memorial at Camp Pouch in Seaview. He donated a lot of time collecting money for the Wounded Warrior Project along with visiting and supporting the young wounded veterans. Dom was a parishioner of Holy Family Roman Catholic Church in Westerleigh where he served as an usher. He also had two grandsons that he adored. He loved playing with them and teaching them how to fish. In his spare time, Dom enjoyed building from scratch ten to twelve foot model warships and his annual Christmas village. On May 15, 2009, after a hard year and seven months of fighting a battle with advanced kidney cancer, he died in the Brooklyn Veterans Affairs Hospital. His family and friends were devastated. Dom had a passion for helping others. He always put others before himself. This is why he was loved by so many people. This is why he was so special.

PERRY FLYNN – Died Friday, May 4, 2012 in Chattanooga, Tennessee. The cause of death is unknown. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Chattanooga Chapter #203**.

ELFORD JOSEPH “Big Al” FONTENOT - Died at 11:55 a.m., Monday, August 8, 2011, at Mercy Regional Medical Center in Ville Platte. He was 67 and a resident of Ville Platte, Louisiana. He was born August 28, 1943. He was a member of **Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America – Ville Platte Chapter 632** and a past member of the Ville Platte Lions Club. Survivors include two daughters, Midori Johnson of Leonville and Angela Fontenot of Lawtell; one brother, Michael W. Fontenot Sr. of Eunice; two sisters, Mona Baine of Baton Rouge and Linda Fontenot of Ville Platte; and six grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents, Martius Jr. and Bernice Fisher Fontenot; and one sister, Anna Belle Deville. Funeral services were held at Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Ville Platte at 3 p.m., Tuesday, August 9. Burial followed in the M.B. Fontenot Cemetery. Father McIntyre officiated. The guest book can be signed online at www.lavillefuneralhome.net. LaVille Funeral Home of Ville Platte was in charge of arrangements.



THEODORE "Ted" FULLER, JR. - Died Sunday, March 4, 2012 in Prairie View, Texas at the age of 74. The cause of death is unknown. Ted was born on November 4, 1937 in Hempstead, Texas to the late Theodore and Bernice Fuller. Ted was a well known photographer and columnist, having served as a member of the Houston Forward Times and the Hempstead News Citizen. He took photos that captured life in our community and we will always remember Ted through his photos that remain on our shelves and in our hearts. He grew up a Christian, as a member of Second Corinth Baptist Church. He graduated from Sam Schwarz High School and attended Prairie View A&M College on a football scholarship. He was a member of the Prairie View football teams that were National Champs in the 1950s' under legendary Coach Billy Nicks. After obtaining a bachelors degree in Agriculture in 1959, Ted became a Teacher in the public school system in Richards, Texas and taught there until being drafted into military service in the United States Army serving a tour of duty in Vietnam. After completion of his military service he returned to teaching in the Houston Independent School District, where he taught until his retirement. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Houston Chapter #343**. In addition to his parents, Ted was preceded in death by his brother Maultie Fuller. He leaves to cherish his sister Redessa (Alvin) Coleman, brother John (Sherylle) Fuller and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends.

ALFRED C. GAINES – Died recently in 2012 in Fresno, California. The cause of death is unknown. He served in the United States Air Force during the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veteran of America – Fresno Chapter #933**.

CHARLES C. "Chuck" GREISHAW - Died Thursday, February 23, 2012 at his residence in Penfield, Pennsylvania at the age of 69. The cause of death was cancer. He was born September 11, 1942, in Union City, Pennsylvania to the late Clarence and Edna (née Gibeaut) Greishaw. He owned an auto repair shop in Penfield for many years. He was a graduate of Union City High School. He was a veteran, having served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War. He enjoyed hunting, riding motorcycles and snowmobiles. He was a member of the Penfield Volunteer Fire Department, the Weedville American Legion Post 978, and **Vietnam Veterans of America – Saint Marys Chapter #720** of Dagus Mines. He is survived by two sons, Hans Greishaw of Gettysburg and Michael "Mike" Greishaw of Penfield; one brother, Edward (Kimberly) Greishaw of Erie; a sister, Linda McKowan of Buffalo; and three grandchildren: Blake, Andrew James "AJ" and Jesse Greishaw. Funeral services were held Monday, February 27, 2011, at 1:00 PM at the Mt. Zion Cemetery with Military Honors accorded by American Legion Post 978. Burial was in the Mt. Zion Cemetery. Funeral arrangements are under the direction of the Ralph M. Geer Funeral Home in Penfield.

RONALD GUILYARD - Died Wednesday, February 29, 2012 at Shadyside Hospital in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania after a short illness at the age of 65. He was a resident of Saint Marys, Pennsylvania. The cause of death is unknown. He was born January 16, 1947, in DuBois, Pennsylvania to the late Gene Sr. and Eloise (née Enty) Guilyard. On September 19, 1970, he married Bonita (née Jeter) Guilyard of St. Marys. Ronald lived for most of his life in St. Marys. He attended Bennetts Valley schools and worked at Pure Carbon in St. Marys. He was a Staff

Sergeant in the United States Marine Corps during Vietnam, including during the Battle of Khe Sanh, and served with A Company 5th Tanks. He was the *President* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Bucktail (Saint Marys) Chapter #720** of Dagus Mines; and a member of the American Legion #978 of Weedville, the Mt. Zion Historical Society, Penfield Firemen's Club, and the Horton Twp. Sportsmen's Club. He enjoyed golfing and the casino in Salamanca. Besides his wife, he is survived by a son, Ronald G. Guilyard and his wife Jennifer of St. Marys; and a brother, Gene Guilyard and his wife Karen of Byrnedale. He was predeceased by his parents. There will be no public visitation for Ronald Guilyard. Arrangements are under the direction of the Ralph M. Geer Funeral Home in Penfield.



MICHAEL S. HABENSTREIT - Died Friday, March 23, 2012 in Providence, Rhode Island after a courageous battle with cancer. He was a resident of Millbury, Massachusetts and 57 years of age. He was born June 6, 1954. Michael leaves his daughter, Nicole M. Smith and her two children, Evelyn and Alex of Worcester and his mother, Anita (Durand) Habenstreit of Millbury. He is predeceased by his father, William R. Habenstreit who died in 1973 and a grandson, Edwin who passed in 2005. He especially enjoyed spending time with friends, family and riding his Harley Davidson

Motorcycle. He also volunteered at the VA Hospital of Providence and helped many people through various organizations in Rhode Island and Massachusetts. Michael served in the United States Navy during the Vietnam War. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Greenfield Chapter #232**. Michael's funeral was held on Saturday, March 31st from Mulhane Home for Funerals, 45 Main Street in Millbury with a Funeral Mass at 11:00 AM at Our Lady of Lourdes Church, 1290 Grafton Street, in Worcester. Calling hours were the morning of the funeral Saturday, March 31st from 9:00 to 10:00 AM in the funeral home. Burial was in Saint Brigid Cemetery in Millbury. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Disabled American Veterans c/o Gift Processing, Post Office Box 14301, Cincinnati, Ohio, 45250. To leave a special message or memory for the family in Michael's online condolence book please visit: www.mulhane.com.

WILLIAM JAMES "Bill" HALL, JR. – Died Friday, October 29, 2010 at home in Richmond Township, Michigan at the age of 65. The cause of death was chronic obstructive pulmonary disorder. He was born in Detroit, Monday, April 9, 1945, the son of the late William James and Frances Elizabeth (née Yost) Hall. His marriage to Mary Diane Semos was February 1, 1983 at Knox Presbyterian Church, Harrison Township. Bill served his country from 1964 to 1970 through two tours in Vietnam with the United States Marine Corps. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Port Huron Chapter #284**. He was a member of VFW Post #2107 of Algonac, American Legion Post #566 of Memphis, and a lifetime member of National Rifle Association. Bill worked as a foreman with road excavation and sewer pipe construction for M&B Construction and Sugdon Construction from 1970 to the mid-1970's. He continued work as a tool and die maker until his retirement in 2001. Surviving in addition to Mary, his wife of 27 years, are three daughters, Denise (Doug McMillan) Hall of Memphis, Marion (Rob Juszczuk) Hall of Warren, and Becky (Jeff Johnston) Asselin of Sterling Heights; eight grandchildren, Ed, Angelian, Justin, Samantha, Kyle, Jessica, Garrett, and Alexandra; five

siblings, Pat (Lynn) Hall, Dennis (Margaret) Hall, Debbie (Larry) Shaw, Marsha (James) Jenkins, and Marylynn Fitore; as well as numerous nieces, nephews and friends. His family honors the memory of Bill and invites you to visit and share memories Sunday 2:00 to 8:00 p.m. at Kaatz Funeral Directors, Richmond. A Poppy service by Merrick-Potter Post #566, American Legion, Memphis will be at 6:00 p.m. Rite of Christian Burial will be 11:00 a.m. Monday, in the funeral home, with 10:00 a.m. visiting. Fr. Robert Schuster, pastor of Our Lady on the River, Marine City, will officiate. With United States Marine honors to follow. Burial of cremains will be in Memphis Cemetery, Memphis. Memorials are suggested to "Wishes of the Family".

JAMES RICHARD HAYES - Died Saturday, December 3, 2011 at the Veterans Administration Medical Center, University Drive, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania at the age of 78. He was a resident of Mannington, West Virginia. The cause of death was multi-organ failure two days after coronary artery surgery. He was born January 21, 1933 in Mannington, to the late James Nicholas and Mary C. (née Hostutler) Hayes. He is survived by his wife of 53 years, Leila Glover Hayes; daughter, Debra K. Hartzell of Rachel; a son, James Edwin Hayes and wife Kim of Mannington; five grandchildren, Roger Frye of Fairmont, Faith and Bobby Hartzell of Rachel, and Tyler and Aiden Hayes of Mannington; one great-grandchild, Rainne Frye of Fairmont; two sisters, Mary Jo Arnett of Fairmont and Jeanie Murtaugh of Florida; and several nieces and nephews. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by four sisters, Dolly McCullough, Edith Pacilio, Ethel Matheny and Helen Welch; and one brother, Johnny Hayes. Jim was a 20-year veteran of the United States Air Force, having served during the Korean War and Vietnam War. He retired from North American Phillips in Fairmont. He was a member of the American Legion Post No. 40 in Mannington, Benevolent Order of the Elks Lodge No. 388 in Mannington and the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post No. 7048 in Fairmont. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Mannington Chapter #1055**. He enjoyed hunting, camping and spending time with his grandchildren. He was a Protestant by faith. Per Jim's wishes, his method of final disposition will be cremation with no funeral home visitation. Private inurnment will be held at the convenience of the family at the West Virginia National Cemetery at Grafton, where full military honors will be conducted by the U.S. Air Force and the Marion County Military Council honor guards. Memorial contributions may be made in Jim's honor to the Louis H. Johnson VA Medical Center. Arrangements by Masters Funeral Home in Mannington.

JAMES STRONG "Jim" HEREFORD, JR. - Died Sunday, January 8, 2012 in Fayetteville, Tennessee at the age of 65. The cause of death is unknown. He was born October 29, 1946 in Lincoln County, Tennessee to the late James S. Hereford, Sr. and Nell (née Cowley) Hereford. A longtime Fayetteville attorney, he had served as City Attorney since 2008. He was also a former Fayetteville alderman and former Lincoln County commissioner. He is survived by his wife, Bonnie Carter Hereford; brother, Rufus (Margaret) Hereford; mother-in-law, Margaret Carter; sister-in-law, Julia Carter (Butch) West; and several nieces and nephews. He was a Distinguished Military Graduate from the University of Tennessee, Knoxville, a veteran of the United States Army, and a graduate of Vanderbilt University School of Law. He was a member of the First Presbyterian Church, American Legion Post 42, **Vietnam Veterans of America – Fayetteville Chapter #580**, Fayetteville Rotary Club, Benevolent and Protective Order of the Elks,

Fayetteville/Lincoln County Bar Association, Tennessee Bar Association, and Joseph Greer Chapter SAR. Funeral services will be Tuesday at 2:00 PM, at Higgins Funeral Home. Memorials may be made to the Fayetteville-Lincoln County Humane Society, Fayetteville-Lincoln County Library or Fayetteville First Presbyterian Church.



PATRICK MICHAEL "Mike" HUCKE - Died Sunday, January 8, 2012 in King, Wisconsin at the age of 65. The cause of death is unknown. He was born January 11, 1946 in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Survivors include his five children, Samantha (Jamie) Stovall of Freeport, Gretchen (Chris) Drangeid of Shorewood, MN, Leslie (Jamie) Guttenberg of Taylor, WI, Eric (Theresa) Huckle of Hartland, Pauline (Robert) Janssen of Hartland, WI; eleven grandchildren, Micah, Caleb, and Gwen Stovall, Nigel and Preston Guttenberg, Caydee George, Jacob and Alyssa Huckle, and Brooke, Courtney, and Levi Janssen; two brothers, Tim (Lynn) Huckle of Vancouver, BC and James II (Jeni) Huckle of East Troy, WI; numerous aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews and cousins; his previous wife of 27 years Diane (née Kraft) Huckle of Pewaukee, WI; and his close friend Jeanette. He served in the United States Marine Corps during the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Oconomowoc Chapter 635**. There was Committal Service at the Main Chapel of the Wisconsin Veterans Home in King, with full Military Honors on Thursday, January 12, 2012, at 1:30 PM. There will be a Memorial Service on Saturday, January 14, 2012, at 1:00 PM, at St. Charles Parish in Hartland, Wisconsin. Maple Crest Funeral Home Waupaca, Wisconsin 715-942-0544 www.maplecrestfh.com.



JAMES R. "Jim" HUDSON (MSG-Ret.) - Died Sunday, April 22, 2012 in Honolulu, Hawaii at the age of 70. He was a resident of Lawton, Oklahoma. The cause of death was a heart attack. He was born March 30, 1942 in Shreveport, Louisiana to the late Jess Weaver and Gertrude Mary (née Lockwood) Hudson. He grew up in Henderson, Texas and attended and graduated from St. Edwards High School in Austin, Texas. Then, he went to Kilgore Junior College in Kilgore, Texas. He graduated with an Associates Degree in Education and Business Administration. Upon graduation from college he enlisted in the United States Army. He married Dorothy E. Jackson on February 22, 1963 at Fort Sill where Sgt. Hudson continued serving the military. Soon after they were married he served his first overseas tour in Korea. He returned to Fort Sill, followed by tours in Vietnam, Fort Carson Colorado, Munich, Germany, Augsburg, Germany and Hanau, Germany and returned to Fort Sill where he retired in 1984. Sgt. Hudson received the following decorations and medals; National Defense Service Medal, Vietnam Service Medal with Three Service Stars, Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal, Two Overseas Service Bars, Humanitarian Service Medal, Army Commendation Medal, Meritorious Service Medal, Noncommissioned Officer Professional Development Ribbon-2, Army Service Ribbon, Good Conduct Medal-5, Overseas Service Ribbon-3 and the Sharpshooter (rifle M-16). Upon

retirement he enjoyed bass fishing. He did several jobs at Fort Sill until he began his work at the Lawton Post Office. It was at the Post Office that he acquired the nick name "yellow hat." He retired there to enjoy his kids, grandchildren and travel with his wife. He loved people and never knew a stranger. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Lawton Chapter #751** and was a member of the Korean War Veterans Association. Survivors include his wife, of the home, daughter and son-in-law, Kathy and Terry Traughber, Lawton, son, Michael Hudson, Lawton, three grandchildren, Brook Traughber and Trey Traughber, both of Lawton and Brianna Jacobs, Florida, sister, Jessica Noble and her husband Jay Mack, Longview, Texas, nephew, Jim Noble and his wife Jennifer, Tyler, Texas and a niece Catherine Miller and her husband Todd, Rowlett, Texas. Funeral services were conducted at 1:00 PM Tuesday at the Becker Funeral Home Memorial Chapel with Chaplain (CPT) Bernard Cornell officiating. Burial with full military honors was at Fort Sill National Cemetery, Elgin under the direction of Becker Funeral Home & Cremation Service. The family greeted friends from 5:00 PM until 7:00 PM Monday at the funeral home.

ALVIN C. IMMELL - Died at 11:57 PM on Sunday, August 21, 2011 at Riverside Methodist Hospital, Columbus, Ohio at the age of 72. He was a resident of Chillicothe, Ohio. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on December 28, 1938 in Chillicothe, to the late Clough F. and Muriel (née Glandon) Immell. On April 14, 1979 he married the former Janet K. Morris, who survives. Also surviving are one daughter, Patti Immell; two sons, Ernest (Kim) Large Jr., and Robert (Lisa) Large, all of Chillicothe; son-in-law, Gerald (Carolyn Sue Shaw) Allen, of Springfield, OH; eight grandchildren; four great grandchildren; several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by one sister, Mary Morgan; and one brother, William Immell. Alvin was a veteran of the United States Air Force during the Vietnam War. He was a Deputy Sheriff for Ross County for 25 years, having retired in 1993. He was a member of the Logan Elm Lodge 624, Free and Accepted Masons, the Ross County Shrine Club, he was a life member of AmVets Post 4, American Legion Post 62, VFW Post 108, Eagles Aerie 600, FOP-Chillicothe, the Buckeye Sheriffs Association, and the United Commercial Travelers. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Chillicothe Chapter #810**. Funeral service was held at 11:00 AM, Friday, August 26, 2011 at the Ebright Funeral Home, Frankfort with Harry Hudson, Jr. officiating. Burial was in Greenlawn Cemetery, Frankfort where military honors were accorded by the Ross County Veterans Honor Guard. In lieu of flowers, Al wishes that memorial contributions be given to Veterans in Transit, Inc., 263 Rozelle Creek Rd, Chillicothe, Ohio. Those wishing to sign his online register may do so at www.ebrightfuneralhome.com.

JEANNE A. JACKSON - Died Saturday, September 10, 2011 in Bayville, New Jersey at the age of 72. The cause of death is unknown. She was born in Geneva, New York on October 30, 1938. She lived most of her life in Bayville. Captain Jackson had retired from the United States Army in 1970 after serving as a Registered Nurse during the Vietnam War. She was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Brick Chapter #200**. Jeanne had earned her Master's Degree in teaching from Monmouth University and taught children with learning disabilities. She also worked as school nurse for various schools in Ocean County. Surviving are her siblings, Margaret Mary Henk and Thomas M. Higgins and his wife Caroline. Also surviving are her nieces and nephews, Leslie Henk and his wife Jackie, Michael Henk, Elizabeth Henk-Mikolaichik and

husband Paul, and Robert Peter Henk and his wife Barbara. Visiting hours were on Thursday, September 15, from 2:00-4:00 and 7:00-9:00 PM at the Mastapeter Funeral Home, 270 Atlantic City Boulevard, Bayville. A Funeral Mass was celebrated Friday at 11:00 AM in St. Barnabas Church, Bayville. Interment was in the New Jersey Veterans Memorial Cemetery in Wrightstown, New Jersey.

JESSE JAMES - Died Saturday, December 3, 2011, at White County Community Hospital at the age of 69. He was a resident of Sparta, Tennessee. The cause of death is unknown. He was born June 14, 1942 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania to the late Harry Edward James and the late Delma (née Lovett) Kasper. He was a veteran and had served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War. He was a retired blacksmith and farrier. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Crossville Chapter #1015**. Mr. James was preceded in death by his father, Harry Edward James, and mother, Delma Lovett Kasper. He is survived by his wife, Lynn James, of Sparta. Memorial service was at 6:00 PM on December 6, 2011, at the Hunter Funeral Home. The family received friends from 5:00-6:00 PM at the funeral home. Hunter Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

ROBERT JAMES JANOSKI – Died Thursday, April 26, 2012 in Newport, Michigan at the age of 63. The cause of death is unknown. He was born December 8, 1948 in Detroit, Michigan. He served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Monroe Chapter #142**.



HAROLD ANDREW JOHNSON - Died Thursday, March 15, 2012 at his home in Grand Junction, Michigan at the age of 78. The cause of death was a heart attack. He was born in Detroit, Michigan on February 24, 1934 to the late Harold and Emeline (née Hageman) Johnson. Harold married Alyce on June 6, 1953 at the St. Paul Episcopal Church in Elk Rapids, Michigan. Harold served his country in the United States Army and United States Navy for over 23 years. Harold retired as a Chief Petty Officer from the Navy. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Grand Rapids Chapter #18**. Harold and Alyce owned and operated the Harold A. Johnson Insurance Agency for many years in Coloma and Paw Paw. He served as a Van Buren County Commissioner during the years of 2005 and 2006. Harold enjoyed music and was a member of the South Haven's men's Chorus. He was also a member of the Congregational Church of Grand Junction. Harold will be remembered as being a very giving person. He is preceded in death by his parents. He is survived by his wife – Alyce Johnson of Grand Junction. His children – Harold (Karen) Johnson Jr., of Lawrence, MI, Kathy (Terrie) Sands of Killeen, TX, Sheri (Gregory) Kuzma of Hartford, MI, and 8 grandchildren and 8 great-grandchildren. His sister – Mary Ellen Burke and one niece – Cora Burke, both of Orange County, CA. Visitation was on Monday, March 19, from 4:00 to 6:30 PM at the Filbrandt Family Funeral Home. The funeral service was at 6:30 PM at the funeral home with Pastor Gary Fisher officiating. Burial was at Fort Custer National Cemetery in Augusta, Michigan. In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to the Salvation Army, 1251 Fulton Street East, Grand Rapids, Michigan 49503. Kindly share your thoughts and memories on the family's online guest book at www.FilbrandtFFH.com. The family

is being helped by the Filbrandt Family Funeral Home of South Haven, 637-0333.



JAMES "J.P." JOHNSON - Died Friday, April 6, 2012, in Des Plaines, Illinois at the age of 67. The cause of death was cancer. He was born November 25, 1944, in Chicago, Illinois. From 1990 to 2011, James was a quality control inspector for Juno Lighting in Des Plaines. He was a Vietnam United States Navy veteran, and loved golf and Hawaii. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Des Plaines Chapter #311**. He was the husband of Juliana (née Buza); father of Joanne G.M. Tuiaana; and grandfather of Jakob, Christian and Spencer. Visitation was from 3:00 to 9:00 PM Thursday, April 12, at Oehler Funeral Home, 2099 Miner St. (Northwest Highway/Route 14 at Rand Road), Des Plaines. A prayer service was on Friday, at the funeral home at 9:00 AM, followed by a 10:00 AM Mass at Saint Zachary Church, 567 West Algonquin Road, Des Plaines. Interment was private. In lieu of flowers, memorials to the American Cancer Society are appreciated.

JAMES M. "Jim" JUEN - Died peacefully Wednesday, February 29, 2012 in Saint Louis Park, Minnesota after a short battle with leukemia at the age of 73. Jim was born December 17, 1938 in Melrose, Minnesota to the late Joseph and Augusta Juen. James attended St. John's University and graduated from St Cloud State University. After college, Jim was recruited by the United States Army Intelligence Corps, lived in Munich, Germany for five years and then served his country for one tour in Vietnam (1966-67). Upon returning from Vietnam, Jim joined State Farm Insurance where he enjoyed a very successful and rewarding 32 year career. Retiring in 2002, Jim enjoyed ten years of fun, frolic and frivolity in the 'hood' at Amhurst Townhomes. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Hopkins Chapter #62**. Jim is survived by his sole daughter, Jodell. Jim enjoyed his many friends and closest to his heart were Connie & Tom, Judy, Darla, John D. & Jeanni. He was a special, one-of-a-kind man who will be sorely missed. A celebration of life was held Saturday, March 10th, 4:00-8:00 PM at the VFW, 100 Shady Oak Road, Hopkins, Minnesota 55343. Jim was be interred at Fort Snelling National Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society.

ARTHUR EDWARD "Eddie" KELLEY - Died Sunday, December 18, 2011 in his home in Clyde Township, Michigan surrounded by his loving family at the age of 75. The cause of death is unknown. He was born October 4, 1936 in Port Huron, Michigan to the late Irving and Nellie Kelley. He married Lu Dimon June 15, 1985 in Port Huron and with their union blended their families together. Arthur graduated from Cros Lex High School in 1955 and joined the United States Navy in July of that year. He served for 10 years, six years on the East coast, two years on shore duty at Great Lakes Naval Training Center and two years stationed in San Diego on two troop carriers. After the service he worked as a pipefitter at San Diego National Steel Ship Building Company. In Port Huron he worked for Mueller Brass Company for over 28 years as a pipefitter retiring in 1998. He was a member of the American Legion Charles Hammond Post #8, DAV, and **Vietnam Veterans of America – Port Huron Chapter #284**. He enjoyed golf, snowmobiling and woodworking. He is survived by his wife, Lu; six children, Marshella Romine,

Sean (Tammi) Slusser, Jim (Kim) Gould, Mike (Jamie) Weigle, Rhonda Labadie, and Amy Workman; 16 grandchildren, Amanda, Racheal, Stacey, Bruce, David, Kristina, Shawnie, Kristi-Rae, Mike, Scott, Allisyn, Jimmy, Taylor, Buddy, Brian and Bristol; eleven great grandchildren, Jesse, Janessa, Mattisyn, Colten, Matthew, Emalyn, Avery, Monroe, Joshua, Haydon and Audrina; one sister, Addie May Green; three sisters in law, Bonnie Jones, Becky and Norine Dimon; and several nieces and nephews. He is preceded in death by four brothers; four sisters; and one brother in law. Visiting hours were 2:00-4:00 PM and 6:00-8:00 PM Tuesday in Smith Family Funeral Home-South. Funeral services were held at 1:00 PM Wednesday, December 21, 2011 in Smith Family Funeral Home-South, 1230 7th Street, Port Huron. His nephew, Reverend Mark Berlinger officiated. Burial will be in Mount Pleasant Cemetery. Military Honors were conducted under the auspices of the Saint Clair County Allied Veterans. Memorials may be made in Arthur's memory to the Shriners.

JOSEPH J. KIEFER - Died Monday, October 26, 2009 in Manorville, New York at the age of 63. The cause of death was esophageal cancer. He was born on November 28, 1945 in Elmhurst, New York. He served in the United States Army with a tour in Vietnam from June 30, 1966 to October 30, 1967. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Farmingville Chapter #11**.



CLEMENT W. "Clem" LaBINE, JR. - Died Monday, May 21, 2012 in Landmark Medical Center, Woonsocket, Rhode Island surrounded by family. He was a resident of Woonsocket and 64 years of age. The cause of death was esophageal cancer. He was the husband of Pauline (née Peloquin) LaBine whom he married April 12, 1969. He was born in Newport News, Virginia on July 7, 1947 to the of the late major league baseball player, Clement "Clem" W., Sr. and the late L. Barbara (née Degnan) LaBine. Mr. LaBine was a decorated United States Marine Corps Veteran serving in Vietnam in the 1st Marine Division 1st Battalion, receiving a Purple Heart for his service. He was an avid skier since youth. He continued to ski even as an amputee and was an inspiration to many. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – James Michael Ray Memorial (Lincoln) Chapter #818**. Spending time with his granddaughters, also gave him great joy. Besides his wife, he is survived by a daughter, Natalie Bendele of Westminster, Colorado, three sisters, Gail Ponanski of North Smithfield, Rhode Island, Barbara Grubbs of Reno, Nevada and Kim Archambault of Smithfield, Rhode Island two granddaughters, Alyssa and Mikayla Bendele, and several nieces and a nephew. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated, Saturday, May 26, 2012 at 10:00 AM in Our Lady, Queen of Martyrs Church, 1409 Park Avenue, Woonsocket. Burial was private. Calling hours are Friday from 4:00-7:00 PM at Curtis J. Holt's Sons Funeral Home, 510 South Main Street, Woonsocket. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society, 30 Speen Street, Framingham, Massachusetts 01701 or to the Wounded Warriors Project, Attn: Advanced Guard, Post Office Box 758517, Topeka, Kansas 66675.



RICHARD JOSEPH LANGER - Died Thursday, May 17, 2012, at the Fort Meade VA Medical Center after an extended illness at the age of 79. He was a resident of Rapid City, South Dakota. The cause of death is unknown. He was born July 6, 1932, in Spalding, Nebraska, to the late Joseph E and Amelia K. (née Glaser) Langer. He graduated from Spalding Academy and joined the United States Air Force. He served for 32 years, retiring as Chief Master Sergeant, serving in the Korean and Vietnam Wars, specializing in missiles and aircraft mechanics at Ellsworth Air Force Base. He received the bronze medal from the Vietnam War. A very intelligent and dedicated soldier, he served his country well. He was a member of the Retired Enlisted Association, Disabled American Veterans, Veterans of Foreign Wars, The American Legion, Air Force Sergeants Association, a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Rapid City Chapter #463** and the Non-Commissioned Officers Association. He is survived by his wife, Elinor, Rapid City; her children, Rosilee St. Nicholas, Marilee (Jake) Folstrom and Richard Stahl Jr., all of Rapid City; his children, Katherine (Brian) Fischer, Larkspur, CO, and Cindy Fornash, Felicity, OH, Larry Cross, Riverton, WY, and Jerry, Bobby, Bill, Cathy and Ron Cross; his brothers, Vincent Langer, Spalding, NE, and Victor Langer, Arvada, CO. He was preceded in death by his first wife of 32 years, Katherine Cross Langer; sons, Dicky and Tommy Langer; and granddaughter, Melissa Johnson. Visitation hours were from 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM Sunday, May 20, at Behrens-Wilson Funeral Home. Funeral services were at 10:00 AM Monday, May 21, at the funeral home with the Rev. Julie Norwood officiating. Interment was at Black Hills National Cemetery near Sturgis with military honors provided by the Ellsworth AFB 28th Bomb Wing Honor Guard.

FRANCIS "Frank" LENIHAN - Died Monday, February 12, 2007 at Hartford Hospital in Hartford, Connecticut. He was a resident of South Hadley, Massachusetts and 60 years of age. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Holyoke, Massachusetts on March 6, 1946 to the late Richard and Esther (née Flahive) Lenihan, and was a graduate of Holyoke High School. Frank was a Veteran of the Vietnam War, serving as a Sgt. with the United States Air Force from 1964 to 1968. He has been the owner of Sports Cars Unlimited in South Hadley for more than thirty years. An avid hunter and fisherman, Frank was a member and former Treasurer of the Western Mass Bird Dog Club, the National Rifle Association, and the Gun Owner's Action League. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Springfield Chapter #111**. He was predeceased by his wife Ellen E. (Landers) Lenihan on May 29, 1999. He is survived by a son, Francis M. Lenihan of South Hadley; a sister, Mary "Pat" Murphy of Holyoke; his twin brother, Richard Lenihan of Florida; several nieces and nephews and his dog, Bridget McDuff. The funeral was held Saturday morning at 10:00 AM from the Barry J. Farrell Funeral Home, 2049 Northampton Street, Holyoke followed by a Mass in Holy Cross Church, Holyoke at 11:00 AM. Burial will be at a later date in the Massachusetts Veteran's Memorial Cemetery, Agawam. Calling hours were on Friday from 4:00 to 7:00 PM.



RONALD MEVRIC LINDSEY - Died Sunday, April 1, 2012 in Amarillo, Texas at the age of 68. The cause of death was renal failure. Ronald was born August 4, 1943, in Rome, Georgia, to the late Mevric and

Hazel (née Lawrence) Lindsey. He served in the United States Air Force in 1965 during the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Amarillo Chapter #297**. He was a Christian, a member of the First Baptist Church Amarillo, a lifetime truck driver, a husband, stepfather and Paw Paw. Survivors include his wife, Ja Net; a stepson, Dave and wife Cherie Chechourka; a grandson and the light of his life, Nathan Chechourka; and a sister, Carol Di Ruzza of New York. Memorial services were at 11:00 AM on April 4, 2012 in Holley Funeral Home with the Rev. Corky Holland, minister of adults at First Baptist Church Amarillo, officiating. Arrangements are by Holley Funeral Home of Canyon. The family suggests memorials be to Saviors Tear Ministry, Post Office Box 50711, Amarillo, Texas 79159-0711.



ROBERT W. LIVINGSTONE – Died Friday, September 3, 2010 in Rochester, New York at the age of 61. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in 1948 to Dorothy Livingstone and the late George Livingstone. He is also predeceased by his brother, David Livingstone. He is survived by his daughter, Lisa (Troy) McKissock; grandson, David Livingstone Baxter; sisters, Connie (Gary) Nowakowski, Joni (Andy) Kubit, Karen Warner; several nieces and nephews and special friend, Sheryl Livingstone. Robert was a United States Army veteran who served during the Vietnam War. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Rochester Chapter #20**. A celebration of his life was held Saturday, September 11th at 2:00 PM. Memorial contributions may be directed to the Vietnam Veterans of America, Chapter 20, Post Office Box 12580, Rochester, New York 14612.

FRANK MALKIEWICZ - Died on Tuesday, May 22, 2012 at the Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital in New Brunswick. He was 65 years old and a resident of Somerset, New Jersey. The cause of death was cancer. He was born in Danville, Pennsylvania and had lived in Edison, New Jersey for many years before moving to Somerset in 1999. He served our country in the United States Navy during the Vietnam War. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – New Brunswick Chapter #233**. He was employed by Bristol Myers Squibb in New Brunswick, New Jersey for over 40 year as a Research Analyst. He enjoyed skiing and fishing but the thrills he and his wife Kathleen would experience from roller coasters at various amusement parks was his definition of fun. Mr. Malkiewicz graduated from Rutgers University with a Masters Degree in Labor Relations. He is survived by his spouse of 20 years, Kathleen Malkiewicz of Somerset along with his cousins, nieces and nephews. Funeral services were at 8:30 AM on Monday at the Gleason Funeral Home, 1360 Hamilton Street in Somerset followed by a 9:00 AM funeral mass at St. Matthias Church in Somerset. Interment took place on Tuesday, May 29 at 10:30 AM at Brig. Gen. William C. Doyle Veterans Cemetery in Arneytown. Friends and family received visits from 2:00-4:00 and 7:00-9:00 on Sunday at the Gleason Funeral Home, 1360 Hamilton Street in Somerset. In lieu of flowers, please consider a contribution to the American Cancer Society (www.cancer.org) or to Disabled American Veterans (www.dav.org).

JAMES DANIEL MATHEWS, SR. - Died Wednesday, April 18, 2012 in Middleburg, Florida at the age of 62. The cause of death was chronic obstructive pulmonary disorder. He was born June 19, 1949 in Columbus, Georgia. He is survived by 4 children; Kathy Swafford (Donny), James Jr. (Missy), Amanda and Allen; 4 sisters, Peggy Driggers (Tim), Dianne Walker, Kathy Everetts (Mike), and Martha Mathews; 3 brothers, Charles (Wannell), Buddy, and Andy (Gisella); 8

grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; 2 aunts, Ethel Patterson, and Margie Joyner; many nieces, nephews, cousins and friends. He served in the United States Air Force and was a Vietnam Veteran. He was a member of the VFW Middleburg, FL., American Legion Middleburg, FL, **Vietnam Veterans of America – Orange Park Chapter #1059** and Loyal Order of the Moose Macclenny, FL. The family visitation to greet friends was held on Friday, April 20, 2012 from 6:00 PM until 8:00 PM at the Hardage-Giddens Town & Country Funeral Home, 7242 Normandy Boulevard, Jacksonville, Florida 32205. Funeral Service was held on Saturday, April 21, 2012 at 11:00 AM in the Chapel of the Hardage-Giddens Town & Country Funeral Home. Burial was in the Gethsemane Memorial Gardens, 800 Hammond Boulevard, Jacksonville, Florida. 32221.



FRANCIS XAVIER McDONOUGH, SR. - Died Sunday morning, April 22, 2012 at Brooks Memorial Hospital in Dunkirk, New York at the age of 82. He was a resident of Fredonia, New York. The cause of death was cardiac arrest due to laryngeal cancer. Son of the late Patrick J. and Margaret (née King) McDonough, he was born on January 24, 1930 in Boston, Massachusetts. Mr. McDonough retired from the United States Army in 1977 in the grade of Sergeant Major; having completed 30 years of service, serving in two wars, the Korean and Vietnam Wars, and numerous other assignments abroad and within the continental U. S. Subsequently, he retired from the New York State Department of Labor in 1992 as a Disabled Veterans Outreach Counselor. Survivors include one daughter; Patricia (Palmer) Mays; one son, Francis X. (Voula) McDonough, Jr.; two grandsons: Sean (Amanda) Mays and Christopher McDonough; one great-grandson, Collin Mays; one great grand-daughter, Caroline Mays; and two brothers Patrick J. McDonough of Braintree, Massachusetts; and John (Dorothy) McDonough of Sagamore Beach, Massachusetts. Besides his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife Laura (née Bonasera) McDonough, whom he married on February 16, 1952 at the Post Chapel, Edgewood Arsenal, Edgewood Maryland, and who passed away October, 25, 2008; one daughter Mary Ann McDonough, who passed away June 29, 2005; and his sister, Mary P. McDonough. Mr. McDonough held memberships in many national fraternal and military organizations. Locally, he was a member of Post 1017, VFW; Charles Tinley Memorial Post 142, DAV; **Vietnam Veterans of America – Dunkirk Chapter #459**; Council 7921, Knights of Columbus; Retired Public Employees Association; and the NYS Public Employees Federation. Calling hours were held Tuesday from 4:00-7:00 PM at the McGraw-Kowal Funeral Home. Interment was at the convenience of the family in Arlington National Cemetery, in Arlington, Virginia. In lieu of flowers, donations in his memory may be made to the Army Emergency Relief Society, 200 Stovall Street, Room 5-N-13, Alexandria, Virginia. 22332-0600.



TOMMIE EARLINE McKINNEY - Died Thursday, March 15, 2012 in Hixson, Tennessee at the age of 75. The cause of death is unknown. She was born June 16, 1936 in Chattanooga, Tennessee. Mrs. McKinney was a lifelong resident of the Chattanooga area and a graduate of Howard High School Class of 1954. She was a devoted Christian wife, mother, grandmother and great-grandmother who was

a member of New Emmanuel Baptist Church for over 60 years. She was employed by Cutters Laboratory and also worked as a Licensed Practical Nurse at Erlanger Hospital, Life Care Center and Parkwood Nursing Home. Throughout her life, Mrs. McKinney dedicated her service in her church and numerous organizations in different capacities. Some of her positions included: Past Sunday School Secretary and Usher Board Treasurer (New Emmanuel Baptist Church); Past Worthy Matron/ Ruth Chapter #44, Order Eastern Star; Past Most Ancient Matron/LaPrade Ct. #4, Heroines of Jericho; Past Royal Perfect Matron, LOCOP, Alton W. Patton Ct. #3; Past Loyal Lady Ruler, Alfrieda Assembly #65, Order Golden Circle; Past Illustrious Commandress, Hyksos Ct. #12, DOI; Princess Captain, Bessie Peak Guild # 11, Heroines of Templar Crusade; Past Royal Grand Perfect Matron of Bernice H. Stevens Grand Court, Ladies of the Circle of Perfection, Tennessee Jurisdiction, Prince Hall Affiliation; State Grand Loyal Lady Ruler, R T Butler Tennessee, Council of Assemblies, 2011 – 2012; Royal Grand Asst. Lecturer, LOCOP 2011 – 2012; Past President/Military Order of Purple Heart Auxiliary; Life Member, Disable American Veterans Auxiliary Robert Loveday #6; Member, American Legion Auxiliary Sam McConnell Past 159, Hixson, TN; Life member, a *Life Member* of **Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America – Chattanooga Chapter #203**; and member, District OES Chapter. She was preceded in death by her parents, Robert and Ida Benford; son, Morris McKinney, Jr.; brother, Walter Benford, Sr.; two sisters, Pauline and Olivia Benford. Mrs. McKinney leaves to cherish her memory, her devoted and loving husband of 57 years, Morris McKinney, Sr.; a beloved daughter, Sharon (Melvin) McKinney-Williams of Nashville, TN; two granddaughters, Edrika (Kevin) Miskell of Birmingham, AL; Dr. Tiffany L Cox of Little Rock, AR.; one grandson, Eddie(LaQuala) Cox, Jr. of Birmingham, AL; two great-grandchildren, Jada and Tyson Cox of Birmingham, AL; a loving brother, "Baby" James (Betty) Benford of Chattanooga, TN; one god-daughter, Patricia (Herbert) Gray of Chattanooga, TN; two brothers-in-law, five sisters-in-law, uncles, aunts, host of nieces, nephews, cousins and friends; dear friends, Roberta Battle, Lois Scott, Buel Walker, Sara Jones, Shirley Powers, Cora Corbin, Bernice Malone, Virginia Robinson and a very dear healthcare friend, Debbie Hall of Chattanooga, TN. Funeral services were on Wednesday, March 21, at 1:00 PM at New Emmanuel Baptist Church, located at 139 East 25 Street, Chattanooga, Tennessee 37408 with Reverend Terna Jordan officiating. Interment will be in National Cemetery, located at 1200 Bailey Avenue, Chattanooga, Tennessee 37404. The family received friends from 6:00 PM on Tuesday, March 20, at John P. Franklin Funeral Home, 1101 Dodds Avenue.



WAYNE F. "Big Grumpy" McVEIGH - Died Wednesday, April 25, 2012 in Anaheim, California. The cause of death is unknown. He was born June 30, 1949. He served in the United States Army with the 25th Infantry Division in Vietnam. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Fullerton Chapter #1024**. "Big Grumpy" was a Veterans Advocate and did much for the veteran community and their families in need. He "walked the talk" and spoke his piece when it came to taking care of our own. He was a big man with a big heart who will be missed by so many. "Big Grumpy" led the PGR Escort for the three years that Snowball Express was in California. He was

instrumental in having a commemorative Snowball Express patch designed and made for the families of Snowball Express and the riders who escorted them. He will be missed but his legacy will live on with all those that he reached out and touched. "Fair winds and following sea's my brother".....A visitation took place on Monday, April 30, 2012 from 5:00 to 8:00 PM at Westminster Memorial Park Main Chapel. A Funeral Service was held on Tuesday May 1, 2012 at 9:30 AM in Westminster Memorial Park's Main Chapel with a Graveside Service to follow at 11:30 AM at Memory Garden Memorial Park in Brea. Following the Graveside Service a Reception was held at the VFW (Veterans of Foreign Wars) Post 3173. 805 E Sycamore St., Anaheim, California 92805. Arrangements were under the direction of Westminster Memorial Park, 14801 Beach Boulevard. Westminster, CA 92683. (714) 893-2421.

JOSEPH R. MECCA – Died Monday, April 18, 2011 in Floral Park, New York at the age of 68. The cause of death is unknown. He was born July 2, 1942. He was the beloved husband of Laurie McDonald-Mecca; loving father of Matthew, Joseph (Kay), Cari-Ann (Keith) Wade, and James (Amanda); devoted son of Emma and the late Joseph Mecca; dear brother of Robert Mecca and Elena Wallin cherished grandfather of six. He is also survived by his first wife, Barbara Ann. He served in the United States Navy during the Vietnam War. He was an active member of Navy SEABEE MCB 11 Association. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Hicksville Chapter #89**. Calling hours were Wednesday 2:00-5:00 and 7:00-9:30 PM at the Thomas F. Dalton Funeral Home, 29 Atlantic Avenue, Floral Park. A Mass of Christian Burial was Thursday 10:30 AM St. Anne's Roman Catholic Church. Cremation was at the Saint Michael's Crematory.



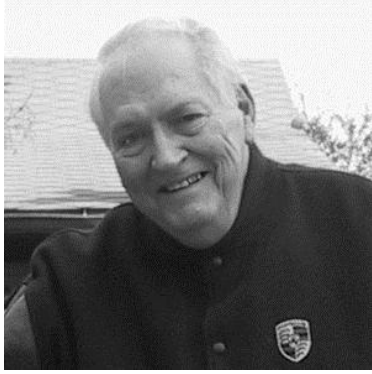
LILBURN RAYMOND "Bud" MIZER - Died Wednesday, November 23, 2011, at his home, near Phillipsburg, Missouri, at the age of 62. The cause of death is unknown. He was born April 1, 1949 in Lebanon, Missouri to the late Ira "Dock" and Alma (née Rogers) Mizer. In addition to his parents, he was predeceased by a brother, Virgil Mizer, of Phoenix, Arizona; and a beloved brother-in-law, Bob Barber. "Bud", as he was known to his family and church friends, is survived by a daughter, Amanda Rena, of the State of Texas; a sister, Audrey Gregory, and her husband, Tom, of Lebanon, Missouri; a niece, Linda Teubner, and her husband, Brandon, of Lebanon, Missouri, who were both very special to their uncle and helped care for him tenderly during his illness, and Bud was always an older brother to Linda all of her life; three great-nephews, Doug Smith, Scott Smith, both of Lebanon, Missouri, and Scott Reed, currently serving in the U.S. Marine Corps and stationed in Japan; two great-nieces, Allissa Neff, and her husband, Danny, and Jennifer Smith, all of Lebanon, Missouri; a great-great-niece, Bailey Neff; two great-great-nephews, Carson and Cameron Neff; as well as several cousins, and many friends. Lilburn enlisted in the United States Army at the age of seventeen, and served most of his duty in Korea. He always loved his country, the United States of America. He proudly saluted the flag on all occasions. He respected the military men and women who served our country and came home, and the brave ones that paid the ultimate price for the Freedom we are still able to enjoy. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Lebanon Chapter #1014**. Lilburn was an Honorable Sheepdog, and very proud of it. He was at the parade in honor of the late Specialist James M.

Finley, and wrote a song in honor of him that will be played at his funeral service. Lilburn was a member of Liberty Freewill Baptist Church and enjoyed attending church, and helping with the work and activities with his Christian brothers and sisters. He enjoyed singing specials with several of the church members. He has been too sick to attend church, but was so happy when his pastor, Craig Perry, and a large group of his church family brought church services to him. He enjoyed the song and prayer service, and words can't express how much. He was always a country boy at heart, appreciating all of God's beautiful creations. He was co-owner of B & L Diesel Service with his late brother-in-law, Bob Barber, for several years. Truckers would come from everywhere to have them build their diesel engine and repair their trucks. Before he retired, he co-owned Scent From Above Candle Company with his niece, Linda Teubner, and they crafted many beautiful candles together. Lilburn was a handyman that could do everything and seemed to always have the correct answer to all the questions from the family, always knowing just what and how to do every task. The most important thing in Lilburn's life was that he knew the Lord Jesus Christ as his personal Savior and loved Him with all his heart. He told his family he was ready for Jesus to take him home. He was the best son, father, brother, uncle, friend, and neighbor and will be fondly missed by his family and everyone that knew him.

THOMAS JAMES MOORE - Died Sunday, July 17, 2011 in the Evangelical Nursing Home of Port Huron, Fort Gratiot, Michigan at the age of 61. The cause of death is unknown. He was born October 29, 1949. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Permanently Hospitalized Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Port Huron Chapter #284**. He is survived by his son, Charles. Services will be held at a later date. Arrangements are by Pollock-Randall Funeral Home.

DONALD R. MORELL – Died Friday, November 25, 2011 in Fort Myers, Florida at the age of 67. The cause of death is unknown. He was born March 14, 1944. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Cape Coral Chapter #594**. Arrangements were provided by the Fuller Metz Cremation & Funeral Services.

THOMAS D. MORRISSEY, JR. - Died Sunday, November 7, 2010 in Lincoln, Nebraska at the age of 71. The cause of death was a stroke. He was born July 1, 1939. He served In the United States Army during the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Lincoln Chapter #727**. Retired Master Plumber, past President of Nebraska Jaycee Member Jaycee International, Disabled American Veterans, Nebraska Plumbing and Heating Association, 82nd Airborne Association, 101 Airborne Division Special Ops, Vietnam Veteran, Awarded the purple Heart, Masonic Lodge 300 and 94, Scottish Rite, York Rite, Sesostri Shrine. Survived by: son, Shawn C. Morrissey, Leavenworth, Kan.; daughter, Monica (Morrissey) Wunderlich, Lincoln; brother, Charles Campbell, Virginia; brother, Matt Morrissey, Lincoln; sister, Lyn Barnett, Lincoln; grandchildren, Corbin T. Miller, Grace Wunderlich, Ella and Maria Morrissey. He was predeceased by: father, Thomas "Bud" Morrissey; mother, Mary Stuart. Services were at 10:00 AM on Thursday, at the Butherus, Maser & Love Funeral Home, 4040 A Street. Visitation was on Tuesday from 2:00 PM to 9:00 PM and Wednesday 9:00 AM to 9:00 PM. Burial was in Wyuka.



JOHN C. MUSGROVE – (LTC-U.S. Army, Retired) Died Friday, September 9, 2011, in Austin, Texas at the age of 81. The cause of death was pancreatic cancer. He was born October 17, 1929, in Mount Pleasant, Texas, to the late John Hamilton Musgrove and Mary Enna (née Conner) Musgrove. LTC Musgrove served proudly in the United States Army on active duty from 1952-72 in Texas, Virginia, Georgia, Arizona, Utah, and overseas in Korea, Germany, Okinawa, and Vietnam. In 1950, he married Edie (Frieda Ann) Pursch; in 2010, they celebrated 60 years of marriage at a special reception. John was preceded in death by

his parents, John and Enna Musgrove, and by his younger brother, William A. Musgrove, a U.S. Navy pilot who was lost at sea in 1958. He is survived by his wife Edie, children Ann Louise Vinores and husband Stanley, John Allen Musgrove and wife Margaret, James Lewis Musgrove, and Jeffrey Stephen Musgrove and wife Judy; grandchildren Melissa, Tammi, Charles, Marla, Morgan, Elaine, Eric, Madeline, April, Rebecca, Rachel and Jason and great-grandchildren Tyler and Evan. One of the first Key Computer Specialists in the U.S. Army, Lt. Col. Musgrove was assigned to the Computer Systems Command in various locations. During his career, he was awarded the Legion of Merit (OLC), the Meritorious Service Medal, and the Army Commendation Medal (OLC). Following retirement, he was proud to receive Korea and Vietnam honors from the Daughters of the Confederacy. He was an active member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, the American Legion, Military Officers Association of America and an *At-Large Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America - Texas**. Following his military retirement, he was hired to manage a major computer operation for the State of Texas Department of Welfare/Human Services. He was elected national president of the American Association of Public Welfare Information Systems Management and president of DPMA Data Processing Management Association. Moving to the private sector as the Texas state government director for Clay Desta Communications, he was instrumental in expanding an innovative high-speed digital communications network to state agencies and universities. He was then recruited by MCI, and later WorldCom, to extend this network to provide voice and data services for Tex-AN, now the centralized telecommunications system for the State of Texas. He retired in July 1996. He was listed as a computer scientist in Who's Who in the South and Southwest, and was honored as an Admiral in the Texas Navy (1986) and as Alcalde, Ciudad de La Villita (1980). Having become fond of Austin as a boy, John chose to live there from his military retirement in 1972 until his death. He and Edie enjoyed boating and skiing on Lake Austin and were longtime members of sports car clubs. John served as President of the Texas Spokes Sports Car Club and in various capacities with the Hill Country Region, Porsche Club of America. He and Edie owned a total of six Porsches over the years and in 2008 were selected Porsche Family of the Year, a national award that was presented by Mr. Peter Porsche of Germany. In July 2011, John and Edie traveled to Savannah, GA, for another Porsche Parade. In August 2010, John was diagnosed with pancreatic cancer and underwent treatment at M.D. Anderson Cancer Center in Houston where as a child he helped his father bail water from the original labs decades ago. He fought hard and enjoyed his life until the end. A lifelong Longhorn fan, John was able to attend a Texas football game the weekend before his death. This announcement would not be complete without recognizing the Musgroves' faithful and loving pet dog, Bonnie, an Australian

Cattle Dog/Blue Heeler, who was seldom out of sight of LTC Musgrove, even on lengthy driving trips, usually in one of the Porsches. A memorial service was held at 2:00 PM on Sunday, September 25, 2011 at Camp Mabry Chapel, Austin. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests making a donation to the charity of your choice.



THOMAS SCHILLER MYERCHIN - Family man, scholar, soldier, hero...Died Tuesday, May 15, 2012 in Goodlettsville, Tennessee at the age of 75. The cause of death was a heart attack. He was born February 5, 1937 in Grand Forks, North Dakota to the late Joe and Laura Myerchin. This gracious, caring and generous man was guided throughout his life by a strong and abiding faith. Col. Myerchin, United States Army retired, served his country courageously for thirty-one years in the Special Forces; and continued to serve his fellow soldiers through at least five different volunteer groups in Middle Tennessee. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Madison Chapter #953**. He is survived by his devoted wife, Barbara LaFollette Myerchin; son and daughter-in-law, Thomas Schiller Myerchin, Jr. and Cinthya Blanchard of Port St. Lucie, FL; brothers, John and William Myerchin; sister, Catherine Erickson; and numerous nieces and nephews who loved and admired him. Visitation was from 3:00-7:00 PM, Sunday, May 20th, at the Madison Funeral Home. Funeral Mass was at 10:00 AM the following morning at Our Lady of the Lake Catholic Church, Hendersonville, Tennessee. Interment was at 1:00 PM at the Middle Tennessee Veteran's Cemetery, Pegram, Tennessee. The family encourages donations to Operation Stand Down, 1125 12th Avenue South, Nashville, Tennessee 37203, a non-profit organization assisting Middle Tennessee veterans, especially homeless vets.

JOHN ARTHUR NICOLET – Died Wednesday, May 2, 2012 in Twain Harte, California at the age of 77. The cause of death was cardiopulmonary arrest, retroperitoneal abscess and duodenal perforation caused by a surgical procedure. He was born July 30, 1934 in Cleveland, Ohio. He is survived by his wife, Barbara, of the home. He served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Sonora Chapter #391**.

GEORGE F. O'BRIEN – Died recently in 2012 in Quakertown, Pennsylvania at the age of 79. The cause of death is unknown. He was born March 26, 1933. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Richlandtown Chapter #468**.



SAMUEL LYNN "Sam" PAGE - Died Friday, January 27, 2012, at St. John's Hospital, Springfield, Missouri at the age of 65. The cause of death was Agent Orange-related heart disease. He was born October 29, 1946 in Springfield, Missouri to the late Lynn William and Doris Mae (née Donham) Page. He grew up in the Boaz area and graduated from the Clever High School. Sam was united in marriage to Sue Pope on December 31, 1965, in Republic, Missouri. They have lived and raised their children in the Republic and Christian county area. Sam served his country in the United States

Army, 1967 - 1968, during the Vietnam War-era and was a *Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Branson Chapter #913*. He was employed at Foremost Dairies until the business closed and later he retired from the Springfield Underground. He was a member of the Crane Bible Baptist Church. Sam's parents preceded him in death. He is survived by his wife, Sue, of the home; two sons, Jeff Page and wife, Cristy, Nixa, MO, and Dan Page and wife, Linda, Mt. Vernon, MO; one daughter, Karen Ezell and husband Ronny, Mt. Vernon; 11 grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; a sister, Ella Jane Sanders and husband, Joe, Nixa; nieces, nephews, and a host of family and friends. Visitation was from 2:00-4:00 PM on Sunday, January 29, 2012, in Meadors Funeral Home, Clever, Missouri The funeral service was at 2:00 PM Monday, in the funeral home. Interment, with military honors was in Delaware cemetery.



AUGUST R. "Gus" PALLONE, JR. – Died Sunday, May 13, 2012 at St. Peter's Hospital, with his family at his side. He was a resident of Watervliet, New York at 65 years of age. The cause of death was cancer. He was born November 15, 1946 to the late August and Genevieve Pallone. He was the beloved husband of Catherine (née Della Rocca) Pallone. He worked for various Albany trucking firms, the Watervliet Arsenal, and various departments with New York State, retiring from the NYS Office of Mental Health as a Reimbursement Agent in February 2012. Gus is the father of Craig (Sophia) and Scott Pallone and the proud grandfather of Thomas and Matthew Pallone, who brought much love and happiness into their poppa's life, and on whom he doted. Gus is survived by his dear sister, Stephanie Charney (Bernard); his nephews, Keith and Brett Charney (Cynthia) and grandnephew Blake Charney. He is also survived by his aunt, Veronica Madlin; uncle, Thomas Krajewski; cousins, and his very special aunt and caregiver, Theresa Pallone; as well as his life-long friend, Thomas Rourke. Gus spent 20+ years as an assistant football coach with South Colonie's Pop Warner Raiders and Knights teams and Bishop Maginn HS Junior Varsity, as well as head coach for Watervliet's Pop Warner Midget Division and Catholic Central HS Varsity. He willingly ended his summers in July to teach boys and a few girls the art of the game. Coach Gus was a mentor to many of his young charges. Leading his helmeted warriors through gridiron battles brought him great joy. Gus enlisted in the United States Navy. He took pride in completing "Hell Week" and not ringing the bell at Coronado. His UDT training well served him in Vietnam. Gus completed his tour of duty and safely returned home, but never forgot his brothers in arms. He completed his service at Helicopter Squadron 4 in Lakehurst, New Jersey. He was a *Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Cohoes Chapter #8*. The family would like to extend their gratitude to Drs. Weissmann and Spektor of NYOH, as well as their caring nurses and staff, and Drs. Ben, Choma and Samuels of Albany GI Consultants. They would especially like to extend their sincere thanks to the Watervliet Fire Department/EMS, St. Peter's Hospital's physicians nursing staff and techs for the excellent care and compassion extended to both Gus and his family, while fighting tirelessly to extend his life. Funeral services Friday, May 18, 2012 at 8:15 AM from the McVeigh Funeral Home, 208 North Allen Street, Albany thence to Blessed Sacrament Church, Albany at 9:00 AM where a Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated. Relatives and friends are invited and may call Thursday, May 17, 2012 4:00-7:00 PM in the funeral home. Interment was in Our Lady of Angels Cemetery. Those wishing to remember Gus in a special way may send a contribution to the Paralyzed Veterans of America, Donation Processing Center, Post Office Box 758532, Topeka, Kansas

66675-8532. To leave the family a special message on their guest book, obtain a prayer card or directions, or share a photo with them, visit www.McveighFuneralHome.com



MELVIN T. PERKS - Died Friday, April 13, 2012 at his home in Falconer, New York at the age of 64, with his daughters by his side. The cause of death was cancer. He was born September 20, 1947, in Philipsburg, Pennsylvania, to the late Enoch and Mary (née Fullington) Perks. Mel had been employed at the former Jamestown Sterlingworth for 20 years, where he retired as plant manager. Later he owned the Frewsburg News Room and Mel's Place in Falconer. He was a United States Army

veteran serving in Vietnam. He loved and enjoyed his grandchildren, golfing, riding his motorcycle, and spending time with his veteran and motorcycle buddies. He was a Steelers fan and was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Jamestown Chapter #865**, Jamestown Elks, and the American Legion. Mel is survived by two daughters: Tracey (Bruce Johnson) Kotch of Frewsburg and Wanda (Christopher) Allen of Hamburg; two grandchildren: Kyle and Tyler Kotch; two brothers: Charles and Russell Perks of Philipsburg, Pa.; and a sister Sandra Thomas of Frewsburg. Besides his parents, he was predeceased by two brothers, Paul Coretti and Larry Perks. A memorial service was held on Tuesday at 12:00 PM in the Peterson Funeral Home, Frewsburg. The Rev. Ronald Lemon, pastor of the Koinonia Christian Fellowship, Frewsburg, will officiate. The family received friends two hours prior to the service in the funeral home.

DENNIS LEE PETERS – Died Friday, December 10, 2010 in Kerrville, Texas at the age of 58. The cause of death is unknown. He was born October 1, 1953. He served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War. He was a *Permanently Hospitalized Veteran* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Kerrville Chapter #863**.



THOMAS R. POWELL - Died Tuesday, May 8, 2012, at the Western Maryland Regional Medical Center at the age of 65. He was a resident of Frostburg, Maryland. The cause of death is unknown. He was born July 17, 1946, in Frostburg to the late Huey W. Powell, Sr. and Lola V. (née Frost) Powell. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his son, Keith Powell, and one brother, Charles Powell. Tom was United States Army veteran of the Vietnam War and recipient of the Purple Heart. He was retired from P.T.I Transportation as a driver, but also held employment with B&O Railroad, FSU Maintenance, and American Legion Farrady Post 24, where he tended bar. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Cumberland Chapter #172**. Surviving are his two

brothers, Huey W. (Buck) Powell Jr. and wife Cheryl, of West Virginia, Joseph W. Powell and

wife Gloria, of Mount Savage; aunt, Hazel Miller, of Cumberland; uncle, James Powell, of Cumberland; loving friend and companion, Nellie Bittner, of Frostburg; cousin, Donnie Gentry; and numerous nieces and nephews. Family and friends were received at the Durst Funeral Home P.A., 57 Frost Avenue, Frostburg, on Saturday, May 12, 2012, from 9:00 to 11:00 AM. Funeral services were conducted in the funeral home on Saturday following the viewing at 11:00 AM with the Reverend George Harpold officiating. Military honors were presented by American Legion Farrady Post 24, Frostburg. Tom was cremated in accordance with his wishes and will be buried at Rocky Gap Veterans Cemetery, Flintstone, at a later date.

MAXEY HILL PRIEST III - Died at 5:21 PM on Monday, April 30, 2012, at Regional Medical Center, Madisonville at the age of 67. He was a resident of Madisonville. The cause of death is unknown. He was born February 3, 1945, in Hopkins County to the late Maxey Hill Priest, Jr. and Lulu Irene Demoss. He worked as a cable splicer for BellSouth for 33 years and served in the United States Army and Army National Guard for 23 years. He was a Vietnam War veteran, a Kentucky Colonel, member of Madisonville VFW, American Legion Post 6, **Vietnam Veterans of America – Madisonville Chapter #1060**, Kentucky Telephone Pioneers, lifetime NRA member, 2nd Army and Combat Pistol Team. Survivors include his wife, Debra Priest; one daughter Amy Lee Ayer and husband Brad of Henderson; two sons, Ron Priest and wife Jane of Hanson and Rusty Priest and wife Kim of Lancaster, Pa.; and eight grandchildren. Services were at 1:00 PM Friday at Earlington Methodist Church, Earlington, with the Reverend Marty Martinez officiating. Burial was in Oakwood Cemetery, Earlington. Visitation was from 4:00 – 8:00 PM Thursday at Reid-Walters Funeral Home, Earlington, and after noon Friday at the church. Condolences may be made at www.Reidwaltersfuneralhome.com.



HARRY CHARLES PRUTSMAN - Died peacefully at Glens Falls Hospital, Glens Falls, New York on Friday, June 1, 2012, after fighting the good fight against brain cancer. He was a resident of South Glens Falls and 69 years of age. His loving family surrounded him throughout his journey. Harry was born on October 10, 1942 in Hollywood, California. He was the son of the late Velma Matzner and Joseph Prutsman. After graduating from Bishop Amat High School in 1961, Harry enlisted in the United States Army where he served his country with distinction in Vietnam, conducting two combat tours. After his honorable discharge in 1969, he decided to head east to visit his good friend Bill Thomson. This is where he met the love of his life, Patricia (Thomson). They married in 1970, spending a magical 42 years together. Throughout his life, Harry dedicated himself to the service of others. Harry's professional life was dedicated to the service of veterans. He was employed as a Disabled Veteran Outreach Person (DVOP) through the NYS Department of Labor. His dedication to helping veterans was recognized in 1995 when he was awarded the DVOP of the Year Award for meritorious service. He was also instrumental in the opening of the Warren County Vet House, which serves as a temporary shelter for veterans. He was a founding member of the "Stand Down" which provided veterans with free medical, financial and legal services. He was also *Past President* and *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Fort Ann Chapter #79**, and instrumental in the creation of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial at SUNY Adirondack. Harry's personal passion, besides spending time with his

beloved family, was his dogs. His upbeat spirit was an inspiration to the dog agility community. Harry loved teaching beginner agility, helping handlers and their dogs become true partners. His dedication to teaching earned him a spot in the Glens Falls Kennel Club Hall of Fame in 2009. He and his dog Baxter earned many accolades in agility, including competing and winning events at four national competitions. Harry and Patricia, along with their dogs, volunteered at many elementary schools working with children who had reading and behavioral challenges. He also loved taking his dogs into nursing homes as a part of Therapy Dog International. Harry was an avid golfer who also enjoyed camping, gardening and spending time with his family and friends. His grandchildren were a bright spot in his life and a great source of joy. Harry was an inspiration to everyone he met, and all who were lucky enough to have known him will truly miss him. In addition to his beloved wife of 42 years, Patricia, Harry leaves behind his son Jim Prutsman and his wife Cathy and their children Trenton, Eliza Jane, Frances, Nickolas and Gabriel of Wrentham, MA; his daughter Melanie Trudo of Essex Junction, VT and her sons Jeffrey and Joshua; son Mike Prutsman and his wife Katilyn and their children Violet, Kolton and Camden of South Glens Falls; brother Joe Prutsman of Fullerton, CA; Patricia Cook of Ontario, CA; brothers John and Frank Matzner of CA; and his dogs Madie Lou, Baxter and Chance. Several nieces and nephews also survive him. In addition to his parents, his sister, Loretta Prutsman, predeceased him. Friends are invited to call Sunday, June 10th from 4-8 pm at Singleton Sullivan Potter Funeral Home, 407 Bay Road in Queensbury. A celebration of Harry's life will be held at 10 am on Monday, June 11th at the Church of the Messiah in Glens Falls. The family would like to thank Dr. Robert Sponzo and Jean VanAuken, the staff of Tower 2 Second Floor and the C.R. Wood Cancer Center at Glens Falls Hospital, and the staff of The Pines for the outstanding care and support they provided Harry and his family throughout this journey. Please feel free to make donations in lieu of flowers to the C.R. Wood Cancer Center, The Church of the Messiah, or the Glens Falls Kennel Club. Those who wish may make online condolences at www.sbfuneralhome.com.

DAVID W. PYLES - Died Sunday, March 18, 2012 at his residence in Eastaboga, Florida at the age of 62. The cause of death is unknown. He was born September 8, 1949 to John E. and Ruby Pyles who survive him. Survivors include his daughter, Michelle Pyles O'Dell (DJ); sister, Betty Pyles Matthews (Phil); grandchildren, Kelsey O'Dell, Emma O'Dell, Chloe O'Dell and Hailey O'Dell; care givers, Tommy Hale, Kelsey Hale, Brittany Hale, and Asher Hollingsworth; special friends, Gary Ballenger, Dot Hunt and Don Hudson. Pallbearers will be Jimmy Hale, Doug Reaves, Danny McCartey, Randy Curvin, Mackie Reaves and Gary Ledbetter. Honorary pallbearers will be Chapter #502 Vietnam Veterans of America. Mr. Pyles was a graduate of Wellborn High School class of 1967. He was also a very avid Wellborn Football Fan and also a very avid Alabama Crimson Tide Fan. Mr. Pyle was a veteran of the Vietnam War and was a received several medals including a Purple Heart. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Anniston Chapter #502**. The Funeral was held on Wednesday, March 21, 2012, at 2:00 PM in the chapel of Miller Funeral Home. The Reverend Virgil Bohn, Ken Rollins and Tommy Hale will be officiating. Music will be provided by Jimmy Buckalew. Burial will follow in the Anniston Memorial Gardens. The family received friends this evening from 6:00 until 8:00 PM at the Miller Funeral Home.



RICHARD ALFRED RAINEY - Died Wednesday, April 4, 2012, at his residence in Atlanta, Texas surrounded by friends and family. He was 66 years of age. The cause of death was Agent Orange-related cancer. He was born May 27, 1945, in Tulsa, Oklahoma to the late Alfred and Barbara Rainey. He was the retired owner of Auto Glass to Go in Jamestown, California and was a member of the VFW Post # 5870 and American Legion Post #258. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Texarkana Chapter #278**. He also served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War. He is survived by his son, Ridgley Rainey and wife Christine of Chico, Calif.; daughter, Corina DeAnda and husband Mark of Tuolumne, Calif.; six grandchildren, Samantha, Brianna, Katrina, Max, Adam and Clara; and a number of other relatives. Funeral services were at 2:00 PM Saturday, April 6, at the Hanner Funeral Chapel with Brother James Wallace officiating. Interment was in Floyd Hill Cemetery in Marietta.

DANIEL "Danny" RAMIREZ - Died Tuesday, March 27, 2012 in Beeville, Texas at the age of 63. The cause of death was a heart attack. He was born in Beeville on October 23, 1948. He served in the United States Marine Corps during the Vietnam War. He was a faithful member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Beeville Chapter #929**, VFW Post #9170, American Legion Post #274, and was Local Coordinator for the Bee County Veterans Honor Guard. He was a retired postal worker. He is survived by 1 daughter; 2 brothers; 1 sister; 2 grandsons; and several nieces and nephews. He is preceded in death by his wife, Yolanda Ortiz Ramirez, who he married on Oct. 25, 1969. Visitation was from 11:00 AM – 9:00 PM with Rosary at 7:00 PM at Angelus Funeral Home on Thursday, March 29. Funeral Mass 11:00 AM on Friday, March 30 at St. Joseph Catholic Church. Burial was at Beeville Memorial Park. Angelus Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

RONALD A. "Ron" RAUB - Died Saturday, March 17, 2012 in a local hospital at the age of 59. He was a resident of New Boston, Texas. The cause of death was a motorcycle accident, death resulting. He was born March 3, 1953 in Gary, Indiana. He was a United States Army Veteran and a member of American Legion Post 488, V.F.W. in New Boston, Texas and a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Texarkana Chapter #278**. Survivors include his brothers, John Raub of Jacksonville, AR and Warren Raub of Morro Bay, CA; and 3 nieces and a nephew. A memorial service was hosted by American Legion Post 488, 1950 Highway 82 W, New Boston, Texas, Friday, March 23, 2012 at 7:00 PM.

NATHAN BRUCE "Rocky" RAY - Died Thursday, February 16, 2012, at a local hospital at the age of 60. He was a resident of Fort Smith, Arkansas. The cause of death was a heart attack. He was born in Fort Smith on April 27, 1951. He was a Vietnam War United States Navy veteran, a truck driver and a member of the Vietnam Veterans of Foreign War. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Fort Smith Chapter #467**. He was the widower of Ramona Ray. The funeral was at 10:00 AM Wednesday at the Ocker-Putman Funeral Home Chapel in Fort Smith with burial at the U.S. National Cemetery in Fort Smith. He is survived by two sisters,

Welna Bynum of Hackett and Barbara Sellers of Lake Worth, Florida. Pallbearers will be the Vietnam Veterans of Foreign War.

DALE N. RICHARDSON, JR. - Died Tuesday, July 10, 2008, in a local hospital at the age of 61. He was a resident of Kerrville, Texas. The cause of death is unknown. He was born August 23, 1946, in Hollywood, California, to Dale Newton Richardson, Sr. and Winnie (née Cadell) Richardson. On March 23, 1970, he married Maiko Sei Richardson in Tokyo, Japan who survives him. Dale served in the United States Navy from 1964-1988. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Kerrville Chapter #863**, Sons of Confederate Veterans, former Grand Master of the Masonic Lodge in Junction, Kerrville Masonic Lodge, Hill Country Amateur Radio Club, Harley Owners' Group and Christian Motorcycle Association.

KENNETH CHARLES RISLEY - Died Tuesday, April 24, 2012 at his home in Overland Park, Kansas at the age of 66. He was born on October 7, 1945 near Black Oak, Arkansas to the late William Finton Risley and Edna Angeline (née Croney) Risley of Ozark County, Missouri. As a very young boy the family moved to Kansas City, Kansas, living near the area of 20th Street. Ken's father later returned to Ozark County while his mother and siblings remained in-Kansas City., Kansas. In 1962, when Ken was 16, he and his boyhood friend, William Pemberton participated in a misadventure involving a palomino Shetland pony that belonged to a judge and a car belonging to Ken's sister-in-law. It was decided that the boys needed discipline so 'they were sent to join the Army National Guard, Battalion 137th Infantry. Thus began Ken's life in the-military. In October 1963 both boys left the National Guard and joined the Regular Army. After spending some time at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri, Ken was sent to Fort Benning, Georgia in the 2nd Infantry Division, 2nd Battalion, 38th Infantry. There he became part of the 11th Air Assault (Test), an extensive testing and training program which took place in Georgia and the Carolinas to perfect a new concept of tactical mobility-the helicopter. June 1965 marked the transfer of the colors at Fort Benning and Ken was now in Company D, 2nd Battalion, 5th Cavalry, 1st Cavalry Division (Airmobile). While training at Fort Benning, Ken became very proficient as a mortar gunner and also began playing ball on the company team. In July 1965 President Lyndon Johnson announced that he was sending the Airmobile Division to Vietnam and on August 16, Ken was on the USNS Buckner, leaving Charleston Harbor heading for Vietnam by way of the Panama Canal. In September 1965 he landed on a beach near the city of Qui Nhon, then to base camp at An Khe. Ken received his- sergeant's stripes in October 1965 - the same month, that he turned 20 years old. The first major test of the airmobile concept was in November 1965 during the Pleiku Campaign-- Ia Drang. This action was depicted in the movie "We Were Soldiers"" and was known as Landing Zone (LZ) X-ray. On the second days of action the 7th Cavalry was in danger of being overrun and called for "Broken Arrow". The 5th Cavalry was marching out from LZ Victor when Ken and the rest of the Company D Mortar crews received orders to "Saddle Up". They were flown by helicopters to LZ X-ray where Ken and the others of his platoon found themselves jumping into a "hot" landing zone (under heavy fire) carrying their mortars and other equipment. Before this battle was over, Ken found himself in a situation where his mortar crew was the only one with firing capability. As hundreds of the enemy were coming at them, Ken, with the help of his assistant gunner, Joe Lenz, were able to fire off over 50 mortar rounds in such , rapid succession that the tube turned red and had to be

cooled with water from their canteens. Meanwhile others in the platoon were braving enemy fire to keep them supplied with ammunition for the mortar. One of the ammo bearers in Ken's mortar crew was his old boyhood friend, William Pemberton. After LZ X-ray, Ken became a Forward Observer (FO), going out in the field for other units of the 5th Cavalry in order to call for and to direct mortar fire. And his radio man who accompanied him in the field was--William Pemberton. In June 1966 Ken developed a particularly virulent form of malaria and was transferred to Camp Zama, Japan for treatment where he remained until he was sent back to the States for discharge in August 1966. In 1972, Ken married Mary Elizabeth Teague and in 1973 their son, Kenneth Crittenden (K C) was born. Ken continued to play ball for various teams in the Kansas City area until his late 30's; his pitching was often requested for tournament play. For almost 20 years he worked as a machinist for the Santa Fe Railroad where he rebuilt diesel engines on locomotives. He was forced to retire under disability following an accident with necessitated surgery which fused several vertebrae in his neck. Then in 1993 Ken lost his beloved Liz to breast cancer. In those years following Vietnam, Ken had refused to speak about his experiences there, not even to his son, K C. In 1996, Ken married Martha Irwin Ala and made his home in Overland Park, KS. They both became interested in genealogy and Ken began researching his family history. He learned that he was in a direct line back to a founder of Hartford, Connecticut in 1633. More importantly, he learned that a Risley has fought in every war that has taken place in this country from the Pequot War in 1634 to his own service in Vietnam 1965-66. This knowledge was a catalyst that enabled him to begin to open up about Vietnam and to search out his Brothers-in-Arms. Through the efforts of Ken and his good friend, Mel Gunderson, Company D, 2/5 Cavalry, began meeting annually in South Dakota and soon were welcoming comrades from other units to join their group. These reunions have provided hours of conversation with memories -of events hard to fathom by anyone who hasn't shared their experiences. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Ottawa Chapter #912**. Ken was always interested in racing and loved to work with engines. His expertise was recognized as he built engines for stock cars which K C raced and later worked on 5 HP engines for the go-carts that his step-granddaughter Allie raced. Ken and Martha loved to travel, especially when doing genealogy research or to visit his Vietnam veteran friends. Ken was looking forward to a planned trip to Angel Fire, New Mexico on Memorial Day to meet friends and to attend the annual Vietnam Veteran Commemoration. Ken loved to spend hours on the telephone talking with his "Brothers" from all over the country. A few days before his death, so many of his friends began phoning him--as many as three calls in one night--that he commented to his wife, " What's going on? Why is everyone calling?" Sadly, we now know the reason. Kenneth was preceded in death by his wife, Mary Elizabeth; his father, Finton Risley; his mother, Edna Minton; his sister, Janice Clark; his brother C G "Kelly" Risley; and his grandson, Tyler Crittendon Risley. He is survived by his wife Martha; his son K C Risley and wife Denise; his brother Wilburn Risley; and the light of his life, granddaughter, Rachel Risley; his extended family which included his stepchildren, Terry Ala and wife Tracy; Cindy Kruh; Toni Miller and husband Mark; Julie Ranjbar; his step-grandchildren, Allie Mulich; Tara and Mallory Ala; Taylor and Riley Kruh; Kelsey Ranjbar; and Colten Miller; nieces; nephews; other family members; his Brothers-in-Arms; and friends. Sgt. Kenneth C. Risley was a member of the 1st Cavalry Association, the 5th US Cavalry Association, Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 912, and VFW Post 4197.



EDWARD GROSS ROBERSON - Died Saturday afternoon, April 14, 2012, at Memorial Health Care Center at the age of 83. He was a resident of Pikeville, Tennessee. The cause of death was heart failure. He was born October 30, 1928. He was of the Christian Faith. Gross was retired from the United States Air Force, was a member of St. Elmo Lodge #437 F.&A.M., and a life-time member of Disabled American Veterans Chapter 110. He also served on the eighth district national executive committee and served as distinct commander for Disabled American Veterans. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Chattanooga Chapter #203**. Gross was preceded in death by his brothers J. B., Roy C., Jack, and Lewis Roberson and sister Linda Case. Survivors include his wife Mary Florence Roberson; daughters Yvonne Overton, Chattanooga; Linda Roberson, Pikeville; son Billy S. Roberson, Oak Ridge; grandson Joel Overton; brothers Blake (Mary Jean), Frank, Tommy (Suzy) Roberson, all of Pikeville; several nieces and nephews. Services were on Monday at 11:00 AM CDT in the funeral home chapel with burial following in Collier Cemetery with full military honors.



ESTEVAN F. RODRIGUEZ - Died Wednesday, February 8, 2012 in Kerrville, Texas, at the age of 63. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in San Antonio, Texas on February 25, 1948. He served in the United States Army from June 1968 to June 1970 with a tour of duty from 1968 to 1969 in Vietnam. He was a *Permanently Hospitalized Veteran* in **Vietnam Veterans of America – Kerrville Chapter #863**. He is survived by his wife, Josefa of Bandina, Texas. He is preceded in death by his brother, Manuel Rodriguez; brother-in-law, Jesse Gonzales; as well as numerous other brothers and sisters.



BARBARA LOU ROWE - Died Sunday, February 5, 2012 at a Chattanooga hospital at the age of 81. She was a resident of Ringgold, Georgia. The cause of death is unknown. She was born May 7, 1930. She was a parishioner at St. Therese of Lisieux Catholic Church. She was a Gold Star Mother, an accomplished pianist and a devoted mother. She was a *Life Member* of **Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America – Chattanooga Chapter #203**. She was preceded in death by her husband, Robert H. Rowe; parents, Leonard Alex Milne and Winona Everett Milne; sister, Isabell Otter and brothers, Robert Milne and Earl Milne. Family includes her 10 children: daughter, Linda Capek and Milan Capek of Cleveland; grandchildren, Barbara Sue Rhyne and husband, Dru, Donnie Arkle and Suzette Heflin; great-grandchildren, Jennifer and William Bontekoe; great-great grandchildren, Dylan, Cecilia, Eleanor and Gavin Bontekoe; son, Russell Hevern, who was killed in action in Vietnam in 1969 daughter, Robyn Chrane and husband, Chuck of Big Spring TX; grandchildren, Jimmy and Ferrol Voight; great-grandchildren, Taylor, Sydney and Carson Voight and Ashton, Jordan and Breanne Voight; daughter, Raleen Carr and husband, Doug of Ringgold, GA, grandchildren, DenniRae Thomas and husband, Joe, Steven Carr, Bobby Carr and wife, Carrie, and Kevin Carr; great-grandchildren, Rachel and Benjamin Thomas, Austin and Kelsey Carr, and Aiden Carr; son, Jack Ahern of Dillion, MT daughter, Susan Viola (deceased) and husband, Carl; grandchildren, Frank Viola and wife, Elena and Russell Viola and wife, Katie; great grandchildren, Isaak Viola

and Kierstyn Viola; son, Harry Rowe and wife Jessa of Seymour, TN; grandchildren, David and Austin Rowe; daughter, Laverne Lee and Robert Sr. of Cleveland; grandchildren, Robert Jr. and Violet Lee; daughter, Gladys Rice and husband, Raymond of Pullman, WA; grandchildren, Valerie, Camina, Suellen and Huber Rice; son, Charles Rowe of Seymour, TN brother, Leonard Milne of Spokane, WA. Mass of Christian Burial will be at 11:00 a.m. Friday, February 10, 2012 at St. Therese of Lisieux Catholic Church with Father Albert Sescon officiating. Interment will follow in Lee Cemetery in McDonald with a white dove release ceremony concluding the service. Kevin Carr, Joe Thomas, Russell Viola, Frank Viola, Harry Rowe, David Rowe, Drew Rhyne and William Bontekoe will serve as pallbearers. The family will receive friends from 5:00 - 8:00 on Thursday, February 9, 2012 at Ralph Buckner Funeral Home. We invite you to send a message of condolence and view the Rowe family guestbook at www.ralphbuckner.com.

KIRK W. RUSCH – Died Friday, March 23, 2012 in Milwaukee, Wisconsin at the age of 65. The cause of death is unknown. He was born December 22, 1946 in Kansas City, Missouri. He served in the United States Army with a tour of duty in Vietnam in 1971. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Milwaukee Chapter #324**.

DENNIS LIVINGSTON SAYLOR - Lost his battle with primary lateral sclerosis at 3:45 p.m., on February 24, 2012, and slipped into his Savior's arms with a quiet sigh while surrounded by members of his loving family. He was born March 5, 1944, to Victor and Audrey Saylor, Denny graduated from Conemaugh Township High School in Johnstown, Pa., in 1962. He joined the United States Army in 1966. He earned his bachelor's degree in education from Methodist College while in the service, and then continued on to Officer's Candidate School. He worked in logistics, military intelligence, was a company commander in Korea, and was a senior instructor for the Officer Advanced Course at Fort Eustis in Virginia. He was chief of ULCC in Rome, Italy. Denny was a Vietnam veteran and was awarded the Bronze Star for his service in-country and many other awards for his outstanding service. After retiring from the Army, in 1990, with the rank of lieutenant colonel, Denny worked as a defense contractor for several years, while earning his master's degree in education and human resource development. Denny briefly taught middle school in Newport News, Va. In 1993, Denny, LaDawna and several other dedicated veterans, who cared so much for their own broken warriors, developed and opened a homeless veterans shelter, VET'S, Inc. He worked tirelessly for three years, taking a year off to manage the shelter. Denny brought LaDawna back to Rogue Valley in October 1999, where they ultimately settled on a hilltop in Ashland, Ore. This is where he spent his final days. He was quadriplegic and had the best of care. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Hampton (Virginia) Chapter #433**. Denny leaves his wife of 28 years LaDawna; daughter, Sharyn (Russ) Young; sons, Scott Allen (Kathie), Steve (Lindsey), Scott Geoffrey (Gloria), and Michael (Rachel) Sinks; sisters, Ruby (Lynn) Poole, and Malinda (Dick) Lloyd; brother-in-law, Jerry Kucera; 23 grandchildren, six great-grandchildren, and four faithful companions. He was preceded in death by his mother, Audrey; father, Victor; brother, Victor; and sister-in-law, Cheryl Kucera. We will miss you sweetheart, father, grampa, friend and mentor. Funeral services were held at 3:30 p.m. Friday, March 2, 2012, at Litwiller-Simonsen Funeral Home in Ashland, Ore. Inurnment, with full honors, will be in Arlington National Cemetery at 3 p.m.,

June 6, 2012. For more information, call (541) 482-6176. View and post condolences on our online guestbook at dailypress.com/guestbooks.

KENNETH CLIFFORD "Ken" SAYNE - Died Monday, March 5, 2012 at Centennial Medical Center in Nashville, Tennessee at the age of 73. He was a resident of Hendersonville, Tennessee. The cause of death was a heart attack. He was born June 12, 1938 in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, the son of Lonnie and Irene Sayne. He was a member of the Methodist church, a *Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Gallatin Chapter #240* and VFW Post 9851. He served in the United States Army and retired after 21 years of service including time in Vietnam, Korea and Lebanon. He is survived by his wife of 43 years, Louetta Sayne; son, Kenneth Sayne, Jr.; daughters, Deborah Sheehan and Bonnie Blaylock; and five grandchildren. Ken was outgoing and "never met a stranger". He was a man who kept his family laughing, loved the outdoors, cooking and just being around other people. He is dearly loved and will be greatly missed, but never forgotten. A celebration of Ken's life was conducted at 2:00 PM, Thursday, March 8, 2012 from the Chapel of Spring Hill Funeral Home. Interment with military honors was in the Spring Hill Cemetery. The family received friends from 4:00 – 8:00 PM on Wednesday, March 7 at Spring Hill Funeral Home. Memorial contributions should be made to the Wounded Warrior Project or to VFW Post 9851.

TIMOTHY J. SCHNEIDER – Died Friday, March 2, 2012 in Phoenix, Arizona at the age of 65. He was a resident of Peoria, Arizona. The cause of death is unknown. Timothy was born on October 20, 1950 in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. He is survived by his wife Ingrid Schneider of 32 years and son Brian (Kimberly) Schneider, brother Todd (Eva) Schneider, Sister Linda (Joseph) Valen, his best friend Lucky and many other loving family members and friends. Timothy was a resident of Peoria, Arizona formerly of Milwaukee, Wisconsin, a proud Veteran of the United States Army. He was a *Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Milwaukee Chapter #324*. He was a dedicated husband, father, and friend who will be missed greatly. A visitation was held on Friday March 9th at 10:00 AM with a chapel service to begin at 11:00 AM at Menke Funeral Home, 12420 North 103rd Avenue, Sun City, Arizona 85351, followed by graveside service at the National Memorial Cemetery of Arizona. Donations are welcomed in lieu of flowers to the Mayo Clinic, 5777 East Mayo Boulevard, Phoenix, Arizona 85054 or any Veterans organization of choice.



JERRY RAY SCRUGGS - Died Friday, February 24, 2012 in Gallatin, Tennessee at the age of 65. The cause of death was complications from Agent Orange-related Diabetes Mellitus Type II. Jerry was born November 27, 1946 in Sumner County, Tennessee, son of the late Jesse H. and Mary (née Hale) Scruggs. In addition to his parents he is preceded in death by wife, Frances Dale Scruggs and brothers, David Scruggs and Ricky Scruggs. He is survived by daughter, Staci McKeegan (Brian) of Nashville; brothers, Gene M. Scruggs (Michelle) and Patrick Scruggs; sister, Rosemary Hunter (Jimmy); sister-in-law, Joyce Scruggs all of Gallatin. Jerry served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War as a Military Policeman, was a member of American Legion Post #17, retired as an iron worker and was a member of Union Local 455. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of**

America – Gallatin Chapter #240. Funeral Service was on Monday, February 27th at 2:00 PM from the chapel of Family Heritage Funeral Home with Brother Joe Porter officiating. Interment was in Crestview Memorial Park with Nick Hunter, Jimmy Hunter, Brian McKeegan, Casey Scruggs, Kerry Williams and John Griffin serving as pallbearers. Visitation was on Sunday, February 26th from 2:00-8:00 PM and Monday, February 27th from 12:00 PM until time of service. Memorials may be made to American Legion Post 17, 1140 South Water Avenue Gallatin, Tennessee 37066. Online condolences may be submitted at familyheritagefh.com. Family Heritage Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

GERALD W. "Jerry" SEGERSIN - Died early Monday morning, April 23, 2012 after a courageous 8 year battle with prostate cancer, at his home in Black Creek, Wisconsin at the age of 62. He was born June 6, 1949 son of the late Albert and Bernadine (née Lewis) Segersin. Jerry was a 1968 graduate of West High School. On February 5, 1972 he was united in marriage to Sandy Lemerond, they have spent 40 years of marriage together. Jerry was a volunteer Vietnam Army Veteran and a member of Seymour American Legion and *Life Member* of both **Vietnam Veterans of America – Appleton Chapter #351** and the Appleton Disabled Veterans Chapter 18 where he was Adjutant and Junior Vice Commander. Jerry was a truck driver with Hotline Freight until his illness. He enjoyed fishing, watching eagles, reading and time spent with his family. Jerry was known as Willy Wonka and the Candy Man, offering candy to everyone at the hospitals where he was treated. In June 2011 he went on the Old Glory Honor Flight to Washington D.C. Survivors include his wife, Sandy; children: Lisa Segersin (boyfriend Christopher); Molly (Scott) Kubichek; Christopher (Kristen) Dewane; Tammy (Ricky) Paplham; nine grandchildren: Ava, Hayden and Kaitlyn Kubichek, T.J., Holly, Abby and Sam Dewane, Justin and Jenna Paplham; a brother, Edward (Linda) Segersin, Oneida; two sisters, Judy Wendt and Mary Schwake, both of Green Bay; sisters-in-law and brothers-in-law: Sherry Lemerond, Shelley (Don) Bauldry, Shirley (Dave) Koepke; nieces and nephews. Preceded in death by his parents; nieces: Shelby Haffeman and Julie Kinney. Calling hours were at Muehl-Boettcher Funeral Home, Seymour on Friday, April 27, 2012 from 4:00-8:00 PM with a prayer service at 7:30 PM and Saturday, April 28, 2012 at from 9:00 AM until services at 10:30 AM with Fr. Bob Kabat officiating, with military rites by the Seymour Legion and Honor Guard to follow. A special thank you to Dr. Goggins and Dr. Grenier, all the staff and nurses at Fox Valley Hematology, Oncology, Dr. Mitchell at the Appleton VA Clinic, the nurses and doctors at the Milwaukee VA Hospital for all their care and compassion. A special Thanks to the Unity Hospice nurses especially Pam, Cheryl, Heidi and the CNA's.

ERIC P. SEHLMAYER – Died recently in Mount Sinai, Long Island, New York at the age of 62. The cause of death is unknown. He was born March 19, 1949. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Farmingville Chapter #11**.

ROBERT B. SHANAHAN - Died Monday, February 13, 2012 in Medford, Long Island, New York at the age of 83. The cause of death was Prostate cancer, Alzheimer's and heart failure. He was born November 6, 1928 in Bridgehampton, Long Island, New York. He was the beloved husband of Peggy; loving father of Ken (Fred), John, Mike, Tom (Kelly) Lumley, Daniel (Lisa) Lumley and the late Robert, Jr.; proud grandfather of Tara, Kenneth, Katie, Amy, Marissa,

Nicole, Deanna, Emily, Daniel and the late Janie and Laura Joy. He served in the United States Navy during the Vietnam War. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Farmingville Chapter #11**. Visitation was on Thursday, 2:00-4:30 & 7:00-9:30 PM at Raynor & D'Andrea Funeral Home, 245 Main Street, West Sayville. The Funeral service was at 11:00 AM on Friday at Trinity Methodist Church, Coram. Interment was in Calverton National Cemetery.



GREGORY HENRY "Greg" SHANKLIN - Died Saturday afternoon, May 7, 2011 at the V.A. Medical Center in Iron Mountain, Michigan at the age of 61. He was a resident of Munising, Michigan. The cause of death was complications from Agent Orange-related Diabetes Mellitus Type II. He was born on July 5, 1949 in Detroit, Michigan. He graduated from Central High School in June 1966, and immediately enlisted in the United States Marine Corps in July 1966. He served two tours in Vietnam and was honorably discharged in April 1969. Greg returned home and worked for the Post Office in Detroit and as an officer for the State of Michigan. Greg had a love of music which led him to pursue a degree from the Electronic Institute of Technology where he majored in Broadcasting. After graduating, Greg began his career in radio and television under the stage name of Greg Jones with WJLB in Detroit and their sister stations. Greg worked for the Department of Corrections at Huron Valley, Jackson, Marquette and Munising prisons. He was a member of the American Legion and a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Munising Chapter #237**. Greg enjoyed bowling, helping with the Mustang basketball program, and he coached a women's softball team. He is survived by his longtime companion and best friend Hazel Armstead of Munising; daughters Coretta Shanklin of Warren, Sherilyn Shanklin of Westland and Nichole Shanklin of Detroit; grandchildren Raynard (20), Nakeyia (16), Roosevelt III (16), Briana (15), DeMoines Jr. (11), Meghan (9), Maryah (8), Ahmarri (6), Nickolas (4), Dorianna (21 months) and Kameron (9 months), brother Wallace Shanklin of Detroit; step-father James Taylor of Detroit; aunt Bessie Tate of Southfield; a host of nieces, nephews and cousins. Greg was preceded in death by his mother Lizzie Taylor. Visitation was held at the Bowerman Funeral Home on Thursday, May 12, 2011 from 2:00 PM until 4:00 PM Greg's service was held at 4:30 PM in the new Veterans Section of the Maple Grove Cemetery in Munising where the Alger County Veterans and American Legion Honor Guard will conduct military honors. A luncheon followed at Greg's Office (The Corktown.) His obituary and guestbook may be viewed and signed at www.bowermanfuneralhome.net. Papa was a Rolling Stone ...



RALPH C. SHARER, JR. - Died Wednesday, June 17, 2009 in Winter Park, Florida following a short illness at the age of 63. During Ralph's lifetime, he was a man of exemplary stature dedicated to his family, his country and God with a great love for his fellow man. His life embodied the true spirit of "Semper Fi," always faithful. Ralph retired in Florida after holding high level government positions and a long, outstanding career in the United States Marine Corps. He was born in Hagerstown, Maryland on August 24, 1945, he attended Catholic School. He was the beloved and eldest son of Rose and Ralph Sharer. From the moment a priest visited his mother, Rose, delivering the news that her young student son produced extraordinarily high I.Q. test results, in fact, at a

genius level, everyone knew to expect great accomplishments from Ralph throughout his life. And, he delivered. He was brilliant and charismatic. He was a devoted son, brother, husband, father and loyal friend with a quick wit, a keen sense of humor and a generous spirit. For years, Ralph was a dedicated and enthusiastic little league baseball manager. During his very early teen years, he developed a love for the greens, as a caddy at the Fountain Head Country Club in Maryland. He spent many leisure hours perfecting his game as an avid golfer. Ralph received his Bachelor of Science Degree from Hood College in Frederick, Maryland, graduating magnum cum laude in just three years. Following his graduation, Ralph attended Post Graduate Intel School with the Department of Defense graduating as a National Senior Intelligence Officer. During a time of war, Ralph was honored and loved for the outstanding courage he demonstrated in saving and protecting the lives of fellow soldiers at the risk of losing his own life. For three years, during combat in Vietnam, he risked death in saving and protecting citizens of a country; men, women and children, whose lives were tortured with a war mercilessly thrust upon them. Ralph attended Officer's Candidate School and during his outstanding career in the United States Marine Corp, he served as Airwing Crew Chief, he was a member of Fighter Squadron 321, Marine Aircraft Group 42, Marine Airwing - Andrews Air Force Base; he was assigned to the Marine 1st, 2nd and 3rd Battalions and was a member of the UNIVAC 1500 Marine Implementation Team/Europe. Ralph was awarded many citations and a Purple Heart for his valor and heroic actions in Vietnam. He was an *At-Large Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Florida*. Besides his loving wife, Holly, he is survived by two sons, Ian and Nicholas and two daughters, Anne Christine and Natasha. He is also survived by a sister, Dana, and a brother, Ronald. The family will receive friends at the Collison Family Funeral Home, 3806 Howell Branch Road, Winter Park, Florida on Tuesday, June 23 with viewing at 9:30 am followed by services at 11:30 am. He will lovingly be laid to rest with full military honors on the most hallowed ground for American Heroes at Arlington National Cemetery (Virginia), at a later date. Online condolences may be expressed to the family at www.rsmemoriam@yahoo.com. In lieu of flowers memorial donations may be made to the Vietnam Veterans of America, 8506 Cameron Street, Silver Spring, Maryland, 20910.

DALLAN BLAIRE SMITH – Died Monday, September 27, 2010 in Algonac, Michigan at the age of 64. The cause of death is unknown. He was born November 5, 1945. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Port Huron Chapter #284**.



KENNETH A. SMITH, USAF (COL-Ret.) – Died Saturday, October 29, 2011 at Spring Hill Manor with his wife Winonah at his side. He was 94 years of age and a resident of Nevada City, California. The cause of death was natural causes. He was laid to rest in Missoula, Montana, with full military honors. Ken was born in Hooper, Utah March 18, 1917. His family moved to Idaho where he graduated from Preston High School in 1935. Because the depression years were difficult for Ken and his family, he started college in 1935 at Utah State Agriculture College in Logan, Utah, but had to quit to earn some money. To earn money during those lean years, Ken worked at the Franklin County Sugar Company and then transferred to Brigham Young University (where,

in 1947, he would later earn a degree in civil engineering and geology). In 1940, with war clouds rising in Europe, Ken quit college and enlisted in the Army Air Corps. He was sent to Flying Cadet School and later to Kelly Field in San Antonio, Texas, for bombardier and navigator training where he met his future wife, Winonah Spannagel. After the U.S. entered World War II, Ken was sent to North Africa where he joined the 12th Bomb Group. He flew numerous missions over North Africa, Sicily and Italy. He decided to accept a regular Army commission in 1944 and went on to a distinguished military career with assignments as varied as Guam, Japan, Korea, Vietnam and many stateside posts. Ken retired from the Air Force in 1970 while in North Dakota. His Air Force awards and decorations include the Legion of Merit, Purple Heart, the Distinguished Flying Cross and many others. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Grass Valley Chapter #535**. After retirement, Ken and Winonah moved to Nevada City in the mid-1970s, where Ken established himself as a distinguished member of the community. He was a member of the Nevada County Planning Commission until 1996 on which he served for 14 years. He was the chairman of the commission three times and became well known throughout the community as someone who knew the “ins and outs” of the local political scene. Ken also became well-known within the Realtor community as their liaison to the political hierarchy of Nevada County. As such, he was well-known as an ardent defender of the private property rights of individuals and businesses. As a veteran, Ken was active in the American Legion, Disabled Veterans of America and the Vietnam Veterans of America, and in 1999, he was the president of the Vietnam Veterans of Nevada County. As a distinguished veteran, Ken served as the moderator and organizer of many local veteran oriented events, including Memorial Day activities. Ken had many hobbies, but most of all he loved to be with his family as much as possible. His voluntary work with the local amateur radio group provided communications support during community emergencies and to many overseas locations. He also liked to work with stain glass art. His stained glass art is on display throughout the community and is highlighted by his beautiful rendition of the American flag which can be seen at Paulette's Country Kitchen and in the Veterans building in Grass Valley. Ken is survived by his wife, Winonah; two children, Kenneth Allen and Sylvia; five grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren. His patriotism, warmth, knowledge and generosity will be missed by his family and his many friends.



MARK ALAN “Smitty” SMITH - Died Friday, May 11, 2012 in Oildale, California at the age of 61. He was formerly from St. Johns, Michigan. The cause of death was caused by an off-road accident. He was born in St. Johns, Michigan on January 19, 1951. He served in the United States Navy and was a proud Vietnam Veteran. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Long Beach Chapter #756**. Mark loved family, friends and motorcycles. He lived life on his own terms and had a great sense of humor. Raised in St. Johns, Mark spent his adult life in California. Mark was preceded in death by his parents, Wayne and Beatrice Smith; biological parents, Chuck McMann and Mary Ellen Meddaugh; sisters, Marjorie Simmon and Betty Lou Elliott; and brothers, Michael McMann and Dan (Sam) Moelter. Surviving are his wife, Michelle; daughter, Tisha; son, Wayne; granddaughter, Cassandra and soon to be 1st great-granddaughter, Lilianna; sisters, Linda (Larry) Stiffler, Nancy Payne, Marjorie (Larry)

Niceswander, Mary (Chet) Anderson, Eileen (Steve) Delaney; and brother, Chuck (Debra) Wells. The family will welcome friends and relatives to celebrate Mark's life at a graveside service at 11:00 A.M. on Saturday, June 9th, 2012 at South Bingham Cemetery in St. John's Michigan.



HAYES W. "Sonny" SOSEBEE, JR. - Died Thursday, April 12, 2012 at Tampa General from heart failure at the age of 64. He was a resident of Plant City, Florida. He was born in Akron, Ohio, on August 31, 1947 to the parents of Hayes Wilson Sosebee and Rose Opal (née Nolan). He was retired from the United States Navy after 20 years. Sonny was a member of the VFW 8002 Lakeland, Military Order of the "Cootie", and AMVETS and an *At-Large Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America - Florida**. He is survived by four daughters, Heather, Melanie, and Michelle Sosebee, and Melissa Alred (husband-Ken), three brothers, Sidney Sosebee (Mary Ann), Matt Sosebee (Selena), and Mark Sosebee (Linda), eight grandchildren, Caleb, Linzie, Kagen, Steven, Morgan, Ryan, Briana, Tyler, and three great grandchildren, Nathan, Madison, Layla. A memorial service for Sonny was held on Monday April 16, 2012 at 1:00 PM at Wells Memorial in Plant City, Florida. Friends can come one hour prior to services.



NEAL FRANCIS SPARKS (MSG-Ret.) – Died in Arlington, Texas on Saturday, May 12, 2012, at the age of 81. He was a resident of Corsicana, Texas. The cause of death was cancer. He was born on June 5, 1930, to the late Webster Francis and Marjorie (née Wilburn) Sparks in Patroon, Texas. Survivors include his wife of 59 1/2 years, Lolly Frances Sparks of Corsicana; their five children, Michael Sparks and wife BachCuc of Houston, Denise Reed and husband Fred of Killeen, Wayne Sparks and wife Janet of Arlington, Kevin Sparks and wife Jeanette of Corsicana, and Kenneth Sparks and wife Julie of Missouri City, Texas; eleven grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren. He is also survived by his brother, Webster Ivan Sparks of North Carolina. Neal had many interests and inexhaustible energy. Neal's careers included a 20 year career in the service of his country in the United States Air Force, followed by a full career at Guardian Industries. After retiring from Guardian Industries, Neal and Lolly started Video Personalities and Lolly's Embroideries, a successful small business. Neal was also an active member of **Vietnam Veterans of America Corsicana Chapter #1009** organization and an amateur (HAM) radio operator. Visitation with the family will be held at 6 to 8 p.m. on Tuesday, May 15, 2012, at Corley Funeral Home in Corsicana. Services will be held at 7 p.m. on Wednesday, May 16, 2012, at Corley Funeral Home. Interment with full military honors will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday, May 17, 2012, at Dallas/Fort Worth National Cemetery. Neal was deeply committed to family and will be missed by his wife, his family, and his many friends. They will always cherish the memory of his wit, his sense of humor, and his way with words. Memorials may be made to The American Cancer society at 1000 W. 2nd Ave., Corsicana, Texas 75110. An online guest book is available at www.corleyfuneralhome.com by selecting the Neal Sparks obituary. Arrangements were by Corley Funeral Home, Corsicana.



HERBERT LYNN "Glynn" SPRINGER - Died Saturday, March 31, 2012, at his residence in China Spring, Texas at the age of 77. The cause of death was adenocarcinoma of the lung. He was born April 10, 1934, in Lawrence County, Tennessee, to the late Mary Magdalene White and the late Henry Lee Springer. He married the love of his life, Bettye Lee Jordan, on June 18, 1955. Herbert was stationed at James Connally Air Force Base in Waco at

that time. Soon thereafter, together, they started an adventurous life of travel that would take them overseas. They lived in England and Greece and travelled all over Europe. Shortly following their return to the States, he received his orders to defend our country by going to DaNang, Vietnam, in 1967. During that time, Bettye and four of the children lived in Waco while he was gone. Upon his joyful return, the family moved to Charleston, South Carolina. Herbert served from April 18, 1953, to May 31, 1973, with the United States Air Force, retiring as a Tech Sergeant. After military retirement in Charleston, South Carolina, they moved back to Texas and made China Spring their home in 1973. Herbert then worked for the U.S. Postal Service as a letter carrier for 35 years, retiring in October of 2008. He received special recognition from the U.S. government for having served 55 years of service with the federal government. He attended MCC where he received his Associate of Applied Science degree in Business Management. He was a member of Saint Louis Catholic Church, and a member of the Cedar Bake Trail Ride for many years. He was also a member of China Spring Lions Club and a *Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Waco Chapter #1012*. In addition to his parents, Herbert was preceded in death by his wife, Bettye Lee Springer on Feb. 18, 2012; and step-mother, Maybelle; two sisters, Christine Bruton and Pauline Springer; and infant son, H. L. Springer. Survivors include daughters, Carla Cockrell, Carolyn Uecker and husband, Bruce, Cindy Winn and husband, George, and Cristy "Pookie" Mitchell and husband, Tim; son, Herbert L. "Duce" Springer; 11 grandchildren; eight great-grandchildren; brother, Lloyd Springer and wife, Joyce; sister-in-law, Linda Moore Strahan; brother-in-law, James Glenn Jordan; and friends, the Kaizer family, postal friends, and all of his "Breakfast Gang" at Griffs in China Spring. Services were at 2:00 PM Friday, April 6, at the Lake Shore Funeral Home Chapel, 5201 Steinbeck Bend, in Waco. Burial with full military honors conducted by the United States Air Force was at the China Spring Cemetery. Visitation was one hour prior to the service. Pallbearers were Ian Cockrell, Tony Marmino, Harper Flores, Scott Springer, Tim Mitchell, George Winn, Aaron Crawford, LaRoc Cockrell, and Arley Harris. Special thanks to Dr. Harris of Waco Oncology and a special thanks to Providence Hospice and their staff. Thoughts and memories may be shared in the online Guest Book at www.LakeShoreFuneralHome.com.

GARY WILLIAM STAHLBERG, SR. (LTC-Ret.) - Died Wednesday, January 10, 2007 at Heartland Hospice in Macon, Georgia. The cause of death is unknown. The funeral Mass will be celebrated at 11A.M., Tuesday, January 16, 2007 at Holy Spirit Catholic Church, 4074 Chambers Road, Macon, GA. Burial will follow in Glen Haven Memorial Gardens, 7070 Houston Road, Macon, GA. Father Mike Ingram will officiate. A Rosary will be said at 6:00 P.M., Monday, January 15, 2007 in the chapel of Macon Memorial Park Funeral Home, 3969 Mercer University Drive, Macon, GA, followed by a time of visitation until 8:00 P.M. -Gary Stahlberg was a career

military officer with the United States Army Corps of Engineers. He began his service as a draftee on October 20, 1965. On July 31, 1990, Gary was honorably discharged at the rank of Lieutenant Colonel following a distinguished career that spanned nearly twenty-five years. During his tenure, Gary was awarded numerous commendations, of which the most prominent include the Legion of Merit, the Bronze Star, and multiple awards of the Meritorious Service Medal and Army Commendation Medal. His favorite and most rewarding tours included being company commander of a combat engineer company in Vietnam; platoon leader of an earth moving platoon in an engineer construction battalion in Thailand; Assistant Division Engineer in the 25th Infantry Division, Schofield Barracks, HI; and Director of Resources for the facility Engineer Activity in Yongsan, South Korea. Being an engineer, Gary was especially proud of his successful completion of the U.S. Army Ranger School, Airborne School, Pathfinder School, and Airborne Jumpmaster School. -Gary is survived by his beautiful and loving wife and best friend, Linda (Venable) Stahlberg of Macon, GA. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Macon Chapter #443**. He has always considered the most fortunate event of his life to be meeting Linda in Dahlonega, GA, where she was attending North Georgia College while he was serving as an instructor at the nearby Mountain Ranger camp. Gary is survived by his children, whom he loved very much: Gary W. Stahlberg, Jr. of Alameda, CA, and Amy Lynn (Stahlberg) Tinkler and son-in-law Kenneth Tinkler of Temple Terrace, FL. Gary is also survived by his humorous brother, Richard Stahlberg of Martinez, CA; nephews Jason and Scott Stahlberg; and his ever-bubbly sister Barbara (Stahlberg) Wolfrom, together with brother-in-law Fred; and nieces Tina and Angie Wolfrom. A listing of Gary's surviving in-laws and family through his wife Linda would be quite extensive and unfortunately must be limited here to siblings and spouses. These include James O. Jr. and Helen Venable (Lizella, GA); Irene Venable (Macon, GA); Linda Henry Venable (Las Cruces, NM); Anne Tucker (Macon, GA); Charles and Lou Merle Venable (Warner Robins, GA); and Glenn and Barbara Venable (Milledgeville, GA). -A devout Catholic, Gary most recently served as a member of the parish council of Holy Spirit Catholic Church of Macon, GA. Gary greatly appreciated the love, prayers, and support of his family and many friends. -In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Holy Spirit Catholic Church Building Fund, 4074 Chambers Road, Macon, GA 31206. -Monroe County Memorial Chapel has charge of arrangements.

NAPOLEON J. “Stan” “Junior” STANHOPE, JR. - Died Friday, March 30, 2012, unexpectedly at his home in Saint Albans Bay, Vermont at the age of 64. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in St. Albans to the late Napoleon J and Effie (née Buzzel) Stanhope, Sr. on April 4, 1947. He served his country in the United States Air Force during the Vietnam-era. He worked at Davison Rubber in quality control. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Saint Albans Chapter #753**. He was a member of the American Legion Post #1, the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund, and the DAV Orleans County Chapter #22. Napoleon is survived by



his 2 daughters, Alice Weiss of Yalaha, FL, and Michelle Aris of Palm Bay, FL, 5 grandchildren, brothers Leonard and Thomas Stanhope, and sisters, Beverly Cook, Dorothy Sprague, and Susan Stanhope, with several nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his parents, his wife

Honorata in 2011, and a son Robert Stanhope in 1990. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated Wednesday, April 4, 2012, his birthday, at 10:00 AM. in Holy Angels Church. The family will receive friends at the church from 9:00 AM until the time of the Mass. Interment with full military honors will follow in the Stanhope lot in St. Albans Bay Cemetery. In keeping with his wishes, those wishing to make memorials are asked to consider the college fund for his grandchildren. Online condolences may be sent to his family at the funeral home website: www.bradylevesque.com. Arrangements are entrusted to the Brady & Levesque Funeral Home and Commemorative Services.

EDWARD ALLEN "Ed" STEFFEY - Died Friday morning, February 25, 2011 at Integris Northwest Specialty Hospital in Enid, Oklahoma at the age of 80. He was a resident of Enid. The cause of death was a heart attack. He was born on June 6, 1930 in Carmen, Oklahoma, to the late Vern and Wenona (née Andrews) Stallings. He enlisted in the United States Air Force in February of 1954, serving in the Vietnam War for three years and retiring in March of 1974. Ed married Evelyn Larson at Fort Dodge, Iowa on September 27, 1975. He was a life member of the VFW, Moose Lodge, American Legion, Vietnam Veterans of America, Department of Veterans Affairs, Retired Enlisted Association, Senior Bowling League, and a member of Davis Park Christian Church. Ed served the community through the VFW, Local #2270, providing military graveside services for many veterans in the Enid area. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Enid Chapter #940**. Ed is survived by his wife Evelyn of the residence; children, Marilyn Dundas and Michael Dundas, both of Wichita, Kansas, Allen Steffey of Minneapolis, Minnesota, Clara (Nonie) Canon and husband Kerry of Mobile, Alabama, Susan Burch of Mobile, Alabama; stepchildren, David Steffey of Enid and Debbie White and Husband Bruce, of Enid; grandchildren, Christina and husband Quinton Jessup, Larissa and husband Brian Stegeman, Jennifer and husband Brandon Neely, Heather Jones, Vin Seale, Marcus Baygents, Nicole Rose Massaro, Joshua Burch, Jessica Burch; sister-in-law, Dorothy Steffey of Enid; Aunt, Ivon Milacek of Waukomis; and his twin great-granddaughters, Avelyn Marie and Alivia Mae Stegeman. Ed enjoyed his granddaughter Larissa and her twin babies. He was known to her as her Getty. Ed enjoyed dancing with his wife for many years, bowling with the senior citizens, playing pool, planting flowers and vegetable gardens, building bird houses, feeders and musical chimes. Later in his years, Ed enjoyed spending time on the computer and e-mailing friends. Ed was preceded in death by his parents, his brother Paul, and daughter, Gloria Rose. Funeral services were held on Tuesday, March 1, 2011 at 2:00 PM in Willow Road Christian Church with Pastor Carrell Still officiating. Committal prayers and interment followed in Waukomis Cemetery under the Kind Guidance of the Amy Stittsworth Funeral Service. Full Military graveside rites were conducted by the Silver Talon Honor Guard stationed at Vance Air Force Base. Visitation with the family was Monday, February 28, 2011 from 6:00-8:00 PM in the Memory Chapel of the Amy Stittsworth Funeral Residence. Memorial contributions may be made in Ed's memory to the VFW Local #2270, with Amy Stittsworth Funeral Service coordinating.

TIMOTHY JOHN STEM - Died Friday, January 27, 2012 at his home in Ingram, Texas at the age of 65. The cause of death was Agent Orange-related chronic obstructive pulmonary disorder. He was born on October 13, 1946 in Cleveland, Ohio to Florence (née Konicki) and John Stem. Timothy served his country in the United States Army from 1965-1968 during the Vietnam War and has many medals of valor. He married Karen Fuchs on Feb. 15, 1969 in Cleveland, OH. He retired from the Kmart Corp in the security department. He was an active *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Hill Country (Kerrville) Chapter #863** and a life member of the VFW and DAV. Timothy was a member of the Notre Dame Catholic Church. He loved to play practical jokes on people and a collector of ducks and knives. He is preceded in death by his parents Florence and John and daughter Tricia Stem. Timothy is survived by his loving wife, Karen Stem of Ingram; daughters Tiffany Stem of Parma, Ohio, Tara Strbo and husband Bruce of Brunswick, Ohio, Tressa Jukes and husband Lester of Ballston Spa, New York; sister, Connie Sutter and husband Chuck of Parma, Ohio; 6 grandchildren and 1 great grandson; dog Daisy. He will be missed and loved by many dear friends and family members. A Memorial Service was held 10:00 AM Saturday, February 04, 2012 at the VA Hospital Chapel, Kerrville and a reception will follow service. Interment was conducted at 10:30 AM, on Saturday, April 28, 2012 at the Holy Cross Cemetery, (14609 Brookpark Rd.) Cleveland, OH. In lieu of flowers a donation can be made to Odyssey Hospice of Kerrville and/or VA volunteer services. Arrangements are under the care of Wright's Funeral Parlor of Kerrville.



SHERRY KAY FAY (ABBOTT) STEPHEN – Died Saturday, June 18, 2011 in Cumberland, Maryland at the age of 63. The cause of death is unknown. She was born February 26, 1948 in Coldwater, Michigan to the late Glenwood B. Abbott and Evelyn (née Rumsey) Abbott. She enlisted in the United States Marine Corps right after graduating from High School. She was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Cumberland Chapter #172**. She married Tray Stephen on May 14, 1988. In addition to her mother and her husband, she is survived by her daughter, Tanja Wunkle, of Minooka, Illinois; her son, David Stephen, of Plainfield, Illinois; five brothers; two sisters, and; five grandchildren, nieces and nephews. She was cremated and memorial services were private.

WILLIS A. STEWART - Died Sunday, April 16, 2012 in Four Oaks, North Carolina at the age of 65. The cause of death was a heart attack. He was born in Johnson County, North Carolina on December 13, 1946 to Lester Stewart, of Four Oaks and the late Hortense B. Stewart. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War having served in the United States Army from July 1968 to July 1970 with a tour in Vietnam from July 1969 to July 1970. He was a *Founding Member* a *Life Member* and *First President* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Four Oaks Chapter #990**. In addition to his father, he is survived by his wife Kathy G. Stewart, daughter Dee S. Morgan

(Sammy) of Benson, granddaughter Danielle Morgan of Benson, grandson Stewart Morgan of Benson, sisters Pat Thompson (Vernon) of Four Oaks, Elaine Creech (Jerry) of Four Oaks, his brother Dennis Stewart (Teresa) of Manteo. The family received friends at the funeral home, from 6:00 to 8:00 PM on Wednesday, April 18, 2012. The funeral service was held at the Antioch United Methodist Church, Four Oaks on Thursday, April 19 at 2:00 PM, with the Reverend Walter Gaskins & Reverend Marshall Stewart co-officiating. Interment was in the Antioch United Methodist Church Cemetery. Memorials may be made to VVA Chapter 990 or Antioch United Methodist Church c/o Eva Massengill, Post Office Box 835, Benson, North Carolina 27504. Arrangements were made by West & Dunn Funeral Home of Newton Grove, North Carolina.

CHARLIE JOE STRANGE, JR. - Died Thursday, April 15, 2010 in Kerrville, Texas at the age of 80. The cause of death was a heart attack. He was born in 1930. He was a veteran of the Korean Conflict, having served in the United States Army, and was a recipient of the Purple Heart medal. He was a *Life Member* of **Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America – Kerrville Chapter #863**. Mr. Strange was a member of the Lutheran Church in Kerrville, Texas. He was a past Master of Anchor Lodge No. 424, past President of Hermann Sons Lodge of Kerrville and a past Commander of the VFW in Fredericksburg.



RICHARD R. STRASSER - Died Sunday, April 22, 2012, at his home in Boiling Springs, South Carolina at the age of 67. The cause of death is unknown. He was born September 8, 1944, in Atlanta, Georgia to the late Karl Lenard and Hazel Arden (née McEachern) Strasser. Mr. Strasser was a United States Army veteran of the Vietnam War. He retired as Director of Corporate Communication from Milliken & Company after 30 years of service, was formerly employed with Belue Trucking and presently employed by Swift Trucking as an instructor. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Lyman Chapter #1049**, American Legion, and lifetime member of Harley Owners Group. Surviving are his wife, Dawn G. Strasser; sons, Wayne Strasser and wife Michelle, Heath Strasser, and Tarl Strasser; grandchildren, Tyler Strasser, Alex Strasser, Brittany Dalton, and Kayla Dalton; and brother, Stephen Strasser. He was predeceased by a son, Levy Dalton; and a brother, Joseph Strasser. Visitation was from 1:00-2:45 PM Wednesday, April 25, 2012, at Floyd's Boiling Springs Chapel. Funeral services followed at 3:00 PM, in the Chapel. Burial was in Good Shepherd Memorial Park. The family will be at the home of his son, Tarl Strasser, 208 Kenneth Drive, Boiling Springs, South Carolina 29316.

JOSEPH EDWARD STRICKLAND – Died Monday, April 30, 2012 in Benson, North Carolina at the age of 67. The cause of death is lung cancer. He was born in Erwin, North Carolina on July 26, 1944. He is survived by his wife, Joyce Strickland of the home. He served in the United States Army August 1965 to May 1967 with two tours of duty in Vietnam from February 1967 to April 1967. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Four Oaks Chapter #990**.

CARL J. TANNER, JR. - Died Thursday, December 13, 2001, at Munson Medical Center in Traverse City, Michigan at the age of 78. He was a resident of Traverse City. The cause of death

is unknown. Carl was born on March 12, 1923, in Traverse City, to the late Carl J. and Hazel E. (née Powers) Tanner, Sr. Carl married the former Elsie M. Smith in Traverse City on June 16, 1946. Carl retired from the United States Air Force in 1968, after having served in World War II, and both the Korean and Vietnam Wars. He worked as office manager and treasurer for Cherryl and Asphalt for 11 years, retiring in 1980, and then worked as a self-employed accountant for 15 years. Carl was a member of Bayview Wesleyan Church. He was a life member of VFW Post #2780, a *Charter Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Traverse City Chapter #211**, an *At-Large Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America - Michigan** and a member of the Air Force Sergeants Association. Carl also served as a scoutmaster, cubmaster and commissioner for many years, and ran the D.N.R. camp #4 on Arbutus Lake for 15 years. Carl was an avid sports fan, hunter, fisherman and bowler. He really enjoyed working on jigsaw puzzles as well. Carl is survived by his wife of 55 years, Elsie, of Traverse City; his four daughters, Ruth Ann (Al) Steffen of Loudenville, Ohio, Mary Ellen (Frank) Howald of Grand Rapids, Betty F. Jewell of Traverse City and Jacqueline Tanner of Adelanto, Calif.; his two sons, Sherman C. Tanner of Traverse City and Matthew (Michol) Tanner of Interlochen; his 14 grandchildren; and his 10 great-grandchildren. Carl is also survived by his sister, Dorthey Syndergaard of Port Hueneme, Calif.; his sister-in-law, Florence Tanner of Traverse City; and his brother-in-law, Ray Gallivan of Traverse City. Carl was preceded in death by his parents; his infant son, Phillip Tanner in 1949; one brother, Floyd Tanner; two sisters, Audrey Tanner and Ella Mae Gallivan; and one brother-in-law, Neil Syndergaard. Visitation was held from 6:00 to 8:00 PM on Saturday, December 15th and from 2:00 to 4:00 PM and 6:00 to 8:00 PM on Sunday, December 16, at the Traverse City Chapel of Covell Funeral Homes. Funeral services were conducted at 1:00 PM on Monday, December 17, at Bayview Wesleyan Church in Traverse City, with Pastors Jack Steenbergh and Brian Jones officiating. Interment was in Greenbrier Cemetery in Almira Township where full military honors under the auspices of VFW Cherryland Post #2780 will be presented. Memorial contributions may be made to Bayview Wesleyan Church. Arrangements have been entrusted to the Traverse City Chapel of Covell Funeral Homes.

TOMMY JOE TEASLEY - Died on Wednesday, February 23, 2011 at his home in Bluefield, West Virginia at the age of 70. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on May 19, 1940 to late Bernard and Mabel (née Hal) Teasley. He had lived in Bluefield for the past 10 years and had retired from the United States Army. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a son, David K. Teasley; three brothers, Fred David Teasley, James D. Teasley, and William Billy Teasley; and an infant sister. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Bluefield Chapter #628**. Survivors: Sons, Thomas Joseph Teasley of Antioch, Ill.; daughter, Tonya Michelle Teasley of Sanford, N.C.; former wife and mother of his children, Patricia Teasley of Pikeville, Ky.; brother, John Teasley and wife Toni of Cyprus, Calif.; sisters, Patricia Frazer and husband Tom of Sturgis, Ky., Zella Martin and husband Bob of Alexandria, Va., Betty Sue Roth of Myrtle Beach, S.C., Nancy Facello and husband Ernest of Hedgesville, W.Va.; five grandchildren, Erica, Jason, Adam, Amanda and Ashley; three great-grandchildren, Austin, Jordan, and Emma; special friend, Grace Eller of Bluefield, W.Va. In accordance with his wishes, he was cremated, and private family services were held. The family is accepting online condolences at www.cravens-shires.com. The Cravens-Shires Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

MELVIN M. "Bud-Quick Draw" TEMPLE – Died Monday, May 14, 2012 in Beaver, Pennsylvania at the age of 63. The cause of death was cancer. He was born October 16, 1948 in Rochester, Pennsylvania. He was a United States Army veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Beaver Falls Chapter #862** and was a member of the Highland Post 5945. He was preceded in death by a brother, Frank Temple. Melvin is survived by his wife, Karen Temple; a daughter, Tammi and her husband, Eric Meyers; two sons, David R. Young and his wife, Jill and Chad R. Young and his wife, Jeanne; his mother, Mary Ellen Temple, and a sister, Karen Salyers. Also surviving are nine grandchildren, Jonathan R. Meyers, Samantha K. Meyers and Cody T. Meyers; Ryan A. Young, Jaylen R. Young, Sloan F. Young, Emily K. Young, Brady A. Young and Rudy A. Young and two great-grandchildren, MacKenzie M. Meyers and Madison N. Meyers. Friends will be received at the Todd Funeral Home, 340 Third St., Beaver, today from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Services will be Friday at noon at the funeral home with Jeffrey Bauer, Pastor, officiating. Interment with full military honors will follow at Beaver Cemetery. The family wishes contributions be made to the Hillman Cancer Society, Baum Blvd, Pittsburgh, PA.

TERRY LEE THOMSEN - Died Thursday, February 16, 2012, at an Omaha, Nebraska hospital at the age of 64. He was a resident of Fremont, Nebraska. The cause of death is unknown. He was born March 8, 1947, in Fremont and was raised here, graduating from Fremont High School in 1965. He attended Midland Lutheran College then entered the United States Navy in 1967. He served in San Diego and aboard the USS Sutherland in Vietnam. In 1969, he returned to Fremont and married Nancy K. Austin on Aug. 1, 1970. He lived in Omaha and Champaigne, Ill., before returning to Fremont in 1975 where he worked for the Fremont Department of Utilities and Central States Co-op. He was secretary-treasurer of the Disabled American Veterans Chapter 18 and a member of React. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Fremont Chapter #397**. Survivors include: two daughters, Mary K. Handling (husband Wade) and Karry Thomsen, all of Ottumwa, Iowa; two sons, Todd Thomsen and Tommy Thomsen, both of Ottumwa; three grandsons, Trey Thomsen, Charlie Handling and Tyler Thomsen; and a granddaughter, Alex Handling. The memorial service was 11:30 AM Tuesday at Dugan Funeral Chapel in Fremont with the Rev. Scott Jensen officiating. The family was at the funeral chapel one hour prior to the service on Tuesday. Military honors were conducted by the Fremont American Legion and Veterans of Foreign Wars Honor Guard. Memorials have been established to the Disabled American Veterans and the Avenue of Flags. Condolences may be left at www.duganchapel.com.

GRADY E. TILLET - Died Monday morning, December 19, 2011 at his temporary home on Freedom Lane, Building 210, one of the newly remodeled buildings at the Chillicothe VA Medical Center, Chillicothe, Ohio at the age of 64. It was a brief stay for Grady, who was being lovingly cared for by his family and the hospital staff. The cause of death is cancer. Grady was born December 21, 1946 at Fort Gulick, Panama Canal Zone to the late US Army Major Scott E. and Mary Jane (née Raines) Tillett. He is survived by his wife Barbara (BJ) and his brother Steve; daughters, Stephanie (Greg) McDowell, of Piketon, Guyanna (Scott) Erkelens, of St. Augustine, FL, Melissa (Greg) Hutton, of Chillicothe; son, Mitch (Jill) Hall, of St. Augustine, FL; grandchildren, Brittany and Craig McDowell, Cassandra Helton, Samantha and Amber Jacobs,

Jordon and Rustin Hall, Christian and Nick Erkelens, Chad Hutton, Colin and Hartley Atwood; and of course, his little zippy puppy Ryleigh. Grady was the owner and manager of Buckeye Homes located on Charleston Pike in Chillicothe. He was not born in Chillicothe, yet he thought of it as his hometown. Although he and his wife BJ traveled extensively in the US and abroad, to Grady there was no place like home. As the years passed, he never wanted to leave and only traveled the familiar streets of Chillicothe. Grady proudly served his country in the United States Army from 1966-1970; serving two tours in Vietnam. He considered his comrades as extended family and cherished their friendship. He was a member of the AMVETS Post 4, American Legion Post 62, and the VFW Post 108, where he was serving as a trustee. He will be greatly missed by his family and others who knew and loved him. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Chillicothe Chapter #810**. Funeral services were held 11:00 AM Thursday, December 22, 2011 at the Haller Funeral Home, with Rev. Mark Clendaniel officiating, followed by a military tribute by the Ross Co. Veterans Honor Guard. Interment in St. Margaret Cemetery was held at the convenience of the family. Friends may call 4:00-8:00 PM Wednesday at Haller's.

HENRY DAMON TILLMAN - Died Saturday, April 14, 2012 in Surrency, Georgia at the age of 72. The cause of death is unknown. Tillman was born March 9, 1940 to the late Reverend Henry Curtis and Runell (née Kimbrel) Tillman. He was a member of Bethel United Methodist Church. Tillman proudly served his country as a member of the United States Army and the United States Marines from 1957 to 1986. He was a Sergeant Major E9 82nd Air Borne, SERE, Delta Force and two tours in Vietnam. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Baxley Chapter #981**. Tillman was a member of the National Rifle Association and an avid outdoorsman. Survivors include three daughters, Damona QuyNhon Horner (David Allen) of Summerville, S.C., Shanta Runell Salzer (Christopher Nicholas) Summerville, S.C. and Curtiss Jade Tillman of Macon; three sisters, Joyce Glenn of Johns Island, S.C., Rhonda Hadley of LaGrange and Diane Bennett of Surrency; one brother, Wayne Tillman of Smyrna and one granddaughter, Gabriella Elisabeth Salzer of Summerville, S.C. also survives. Memorial services were held at 2:00 p.m. Monday, April 16 at Bethel United Methodist Church with the Rev. David Whitman officiating. Memorials may be made to Green Beret Foundation, 18756 Stone Oak Pkwy Suite 200, San Antonio, Texas 78258 or greenberetfoundation.org/donations.html. Arrangements were under the direction of Swain Funeral Home.



THOMAS ALLEN "Big Tom" VEIGH - Died Tuesday, May 22, 2012 in Outagamie County as a result of an automobile accident. He was a resident of Shawano, Wisconsin and 65 years of age. He was born on September 26, 1946 in Milwaukee, Wisconsin to the late Joseph Veigh and Clara (née Zabinski) Schmidt. After graduating from high school, Tom enlisted with the United States Marine Corps to serve his country during the Vietnam War. On May 8, 1971 he was united in marriage to Donna Paske at the Zion Lutheran Church in Hartland. The couple made their home in Oconomowoc where Tom worked for Harley Davidson. After retiring, the couple moved to the Marion area and then to Shawano. They were members of the Divine Savior Lutheran Church and enjoyed

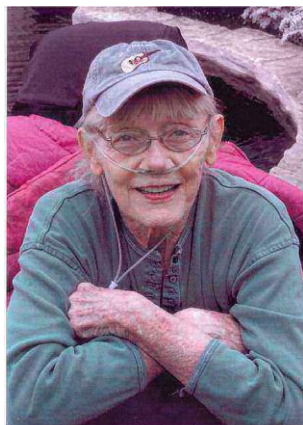
volunteering with the Catechism Class. Tom was also a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Shawano Chapter #206**, and the Shawano D.A.V. (Disabled American Veterans) and enjoyed working at the Food Pantry. He was a God loving man who enjoyed nature, watching the birds, deer hunting and riding his Harley. He was a devoted husband, father, grandfather, brother, son-in-law and uncle and will be sadly missed by all who knew him. Tom is survived by: his wife of 41 years; Donna; a daughter, Michelle (Justin) Haese of Ixonia and their 2 sons, Blake and Mason Haese; a son, Thomas Allen (Candi) Veigh II of Oconomowoc and their twin boys due in August; a brother, David (Marge) Schmidt of Little Falls; Donna's parents, Alvin and Phyllis Paske of Shawano; a brother-in-law, Brian Johnson of Milwaukee; a sister-in-law, Sandy Milivojac of Shawano; a niece, Jesse Schmidt and her son; and 2 nephews, Jimmy Johnson and Jason (Nora) Schmidt and their son. Thomas was preceded in death by: his father, Joseph Veigh; his mother and step-father, Clara and Clifford Schmidt; and a sister, Janice Johnson. A memorial service will be held at 11:00am on Wednesday, May 30, 2012 at the Divine Savior Lutheran Church in Shawano with the Rev. James Naumann officiating. Military Rites will be conducted by the Shawano American Legion Post #117 at the church following the service. Visitation will be held at the church on Wednesday after 9:30am until the time of the service. Swedberg Funeral Home in Shawano is assisting the family with the arrangements.

JOSEPH “Joe” VIGIL – Died Thursday, July 7, 2011 in Hendersonville, Tennessee at the age of 70. The cause of death was a ruptured aneurysm. He was born in Miami, Florida on October 24, 1939. He served in the United States Army with a tour of duty in Vietnam from 1966 to 1967. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Gallatin Chapter #240**.



DONALD J. VOGT - Died unexpectedly at his home in St. Marys, Pennsylvania on Thursday, April 26, 2012 at the age of 63. The cause of death is unknown. He was born September 9, 1948 in St. Marys, to the late James Vogt and Emma (née Petrucelli) Vogt of St. Marys. Donny was a lifelong resident of the area and attended St. Marys Area Schools. He was a Vietnam veteran, having served in the United States Army 82nd Signal Battalion Airborne Division. He enjoyed hunting, fishing and riding his motorcycle. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – St. Marys Chapter #948**. Family/Survivors: Sister: Jane, Mrs. Thomas Doran, Colorado Sister: Janet Rote, Franklin, OH Sister: Sharon Santos, Baltimore, MD Niece: Chivonne Haberberger and her fiance Cory Lupro; 2 Nephews: Kyle and Jesse Rote. Great Nephew: Shane Haberberger. There will be No Visitation. A Memorial Mass is being scheduled and will be announced at a later date. Memorial Contributions may be made to Silver Creek Terrace Activity Fund, 791 Johnsonburg Road, St. Marys, PA 15857. Lynch-Green Funeral Home is handling the arrangements and online condolences may be placed at

www.LynchGreen.com



CINDY JEANETTE WAGNER – Died Friday, May 11, 2012 in Omaha, Nebraska at the age of 67. The cause of death is unknown. She was born June 15, 1944 in Pittsburg, Pennsylvania. She served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War. She was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of**

America – Omaha Chapter #146. She was preceded in death by her parents and a daughter. She is survived by her loving partner, Patty and her family; special friend, Cheryl; a daughter; 3 grandchildren; 3 brothers; and 1 sister. Cindy also leaves behind those whose lives she touched with her kind words, her smile, and irreverent humor. The Committal Service was Friday, June 15, 10:00 AM at Fort Snelling National Cemetery, Lane 4. Birthday celebration later that day, 5:00-7:00 P.M., at Bradshaw, 1078 Rice at Magnolia. Casual Dress. Please bring a helium balloon to be released at 6:30 P.M. Memorials preferred. 1078 Rice Street St. Paul, MN 55117 651-489-1349.

GEORGE T. WARD – Died recently in 2012 in Marine City, Michigan at the age of 75. The cause of death is unknown. He was born August 22, 1936. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Port Huron Chapter #284.**



ALBERTA L. "Bertie" WARNER - Died Friday, March 30, 2012 in Fort Worth, Texas at the age of 71. She had been a resident of Lawton, Oklahoma. She was born July 9, 1940, in El Paso, Texas, to the late Albert Arthur and Edith Evangeline (née Shaw) Schale. She grew up in El Paso and was a graduate of Austin High School. She was a homemaker and at one time worked for the El Paso Sun Times as a telephone operator from 1956 until 1963. She married retired CDR Andrew "Bob" Warner on Jan. 31, 1963, in El Paso. He preceded her in death on May 1, 2007. She was a member of Olivet Baptist Church and the LaSill Optimist Club. She was a *Life Member* of **Associates of Vietnam Veterans of**

America – Lawton Chapter #751. She enjoyed volunteering. She is survived by two daughters: Andrea Warner and Adrienne Gribble, both of Fort Worth, Texas; two granddaughters: Morgan Paige Gribble and Molly Elizabeth Gribble; a brother and sister-in-law, Bill and Ruth Schale; a brother-in-law, Sonny Wilson; and a niece and three nephews. In addition to her parents she was preceded in death by her sister, Nancy Wilson. The funeral service was conducted at 11:30 AM Friday in the Becker Funeral Home Memorial Chapel with the Reverend Floyd Allen, officiating. Burial was in Fort Sill National Cemetery, Elgin, under direction of Becker Funeral Home & Cremation Service. Memorial contributions may be made to the Alzheimer's Association, 6465 South Yale, Suite 206, Tulsa, Oklahoma.

ROGANNE WEGERMANN - Died Sunday, December 18, 2011 in Fresno, California at the age of 61. The cause of death was cancer. She was born March 9, 1950. She was a math teacher for Fresno Unified School District. She was a *Life Member* of **Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America – Fresno Chapter #933.** A Memorial Service was celebrated at 1:30 PM on Thursday, December 22nd at North Fresno Church. The arrangements were made by Serenity Funeral Services.



MERRILL H. WERTS - Died peacefully Thursday, September 22, 2011, at Geary County Community Hospital at the age of 88. He was a resident of

Junction City Kansas. The cause of death is unknown. He was a resident of Sterling House assisted living community. He was born November 17, 1922, and was reared the son of Mack Allen and Ruth Badger Werts on a farm near Smith Center, Kansas. Numerous cousins still live in the Smith County area, where his ancestors homesteaded. He earned a bachelor's degree from Kansas State University in 1947, where he served as Senior Class President and was a member of the Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity. The G.I. Bill helped make it possible for him to attend Cornell University, where he earned a master's degree in agricultural economics in 1948. Mr. Werts' college career was interrupted by his service with the U.S. Army, from June 1943 to March 1946, with the 271st Inf., 69th Division. He received the Combat Infantry Badge, the Bronze Star, and a Purple Heart after losing a leg in Germany. He was inducted into the Army Infantry Officer Candidate Hall of Fame at Fort Benning and served as the Civilian Aide to the Secretary of the Army for Kansas, 1991-1995. He was a life member of the American Legion, the Veterans of Foreign Wars, and the Disabled American Veterans. He was a *Life Member* of **Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America – Junction City Chapter #344**. In 1946 he married Dorothy Wilson, the love of his life, who passed away in 2003. They are survived by their four sons, Stephen M. Werts, Prairie Village; Riley J. Werts, Merriam; Todd J. Werts, Kansas City, Missouri; and Kelly M. Werts, Fairway; 7 grandchildren, and 10 greatgrandchildren. His only sibling, Edith Jean Werts, lives in Columbus, Ohio. After graduation, he began his business career in Topeka, Kansas, finding a mentor in Lou Falley in retail and banking; this led to his appointment in 1958 as vice president of the Southwest State Bank, the first suburban bank in Topeka. He moved to Junction City in 1965 to become president of the First National Bank, and was later one of the principals in chartering a new affiliate bank, the Fort Riley National Bank. He left the First National Bank in 1977. After beginning a new business as a management consultant, he was elected to the Kansas State Senate, where he was assiduous in his service to the communities of Junction City, Fort Riley, and Manhattan for ten years. Mr. Werts was a member of Rotary, where he served as Governor of District 571 from 1973-74 and received the Paul Harris Fellow Special Honor. He was very active in civic affairs, including the Geary Community Health Care Foundation, the Kansas Commission of Veteran Affairs, the Geary County Public Building Commission, and the Chamber of Commerce. He and Dorothy were both enthusiastic supporters of the Junction City Little Theater, as actors and board members, and they enthusiastically supported the effort to restore the Colonial Theatre, now the C.L. Hoover Opera House. He was a member of the Presbyterian Church and was a Commissioner to the General Assembly in 1965 and a trustee of the Kansas Synod Westminster Foundation, 1965-1972. Mr. Werts' remains were cremated. A celebration of life gathering is scheduled at the C.L. Hoover Opera House in Junction City on Sunday, October 23 from 2 PM to 4 PM. He will be dearly missed by his many friends, associates, and especially his family. Coming from an era of strong families, he was a standard-bearer for strength and family. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Merrill and Dorothy Werts Scholarship Fund, c/o KSU Foundation, 2323 Anderson, Manhattan, Kansas 66503; or to the Merrill and Dorothy Werts Memorial Fund at the Junction City Little Theatre, P.O. Box 305, Junction City, Kansas 66441.

MARY P. WESTON - Died Saturday, April 7, 2012 at home in Ambler, Pennsylvania with her family. She was 87 years of age. She was born in 1925 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania to the late John and Anna (née Hartigan) Prior, and the step daughter of the late James Arthur Kirk. Mary

was also preceded in death by her brother John "Jack" Prior, her step sister Margaret Kirk and her grand-daughter Rosemary A. McAvoy. Mrs. Weston was employed by the Wissahickon School District as a Cafeteria Lady for over 20 years until she retired in 1988. Mary was a graduate of Little Flower High School Class of 1942. She was an avid reader. Mrs. Weston was a member of the Ladies Auxiliary for the Ambler Legion Post 125, and a member of **Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America – Philadelphia Chapter #590** of Fort Washington. Mary is survived by her beloved husband Raymond "Ray" Weston, and her devoted children Diane M. McAvoy and her husband Joseph of Quakertown, Mary A. Scherf and her husband Stephen of Bala Cynwyd, and Raymond F. Weston, Jr. and his wife Jennifer of Norristown. She is also survived by her grandchildren John Kirk and Patrick Joseph McAvoy, Jessica and Lily Rae Weston and Michael Scherf and her sister Kathleen Matusik of Collingdale, PA. Relatives and friends were invited to call after 9:00 AM on Saturday, April 14, 2012 at St. Joseph's Church, Main and Poplar Streets, Ambler. A Funeral Mass was celebrated at 10:00 AM with Rev. Eugene M. Tully. Interment was in the St. John Neumann Cemetery, Chalfont. Remembrances in her name to St. Joseph's Church, 16 S. Spring Garden Street, Ambler, Pennsylvania 19002 would be appreciated by the family. Tributes may be shared at www.UrbanFuneralHome.com.



GEORGE HENRY WHITE - Died Sunday morning, May 13, 2012 in Ponca City Medical Center, Ponca City, Oklahoma at the age of 65. He was a lifelong resident of Newkirk, Oklahoma. He was born July 10, 1946 in Eads, Colorado to the late Arthur Ancona "Buck" and Mary Ruth (née Conner) White. At a very early age, George moved with his family to Lamesa, Texas. In 1952 they moved to Salt Lake City, and the following year to New Mexico before returning to Lamesa. They moved to Ponca City in February 1963, and he graduated from Ponca City High School with the class of 1965. On January 10, 1968 George was inducted in the United States Army. He received the National Defense Service Medal, the Sharpshooter M-14, and the Marksman 45 Caliber Pistol. After serving honorably during his tour of duty in Vietnam, he was transferred to the United States Army Reserves. His obligation to the reserves ended January 9, 1974. Following his discharge George returned to Kay County and was employed as a pumper with Blubaugh in Tonkawa. Other employments through the years include the Blackwell Foundry; he owned and operated his own gas station in Arkansas City; and Portland Flour Mill, also in Arkansas City until 1988. He became a volunteer EMT, fire fighter and fire dispatcher for the Newkirk Fire Department and the Kay County Sheriff Reserves. He had worked security for Norm's, and in the late 80's he worked security for Kaw Bingo. In 1989 he joined the Sheriff's Department and was Transport 1 officer and dispatcher. While Twister was being filmed in the area, George was body guard for three of the stars, as well as for George Keating. He had served a total of 22 years with the Sheriff's Department when he retired in 2009 due to failing health. On July 22, 1996 George and Ginger Louise Yearlock were married in Miami, Okla. They established their home in Newkirk where they have since resided. George liked to call Christ Church his church. He held memberships in the

Oklahoma Peace Officers Association; the American Legion Huff-Minor Post #14; a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Ponca City Chapter #750**; the Disabled American Veterans Association; the 101 Ranch Association; the Old Timers Club; the NRA; the ORLA Board; the ASPCA; and the Humane Society. He was an avid fisherman, a gunsmith and avid firearm collector. He had a large collection of eagles, and he enjoyed collecting Indian artifacts. Having Cherokee and Chippewa blood lines, he was most proud of being an adopted son of the Kaw tribe. George is survived by his wife, Ginger; his children, Walter Tomas and Sherry White, and Bliss Anne and Fracas Smith, all of Ponca City; his step children, Jessica Louise Ward of Guthrie and Bobby Edward Smith of Enid; six siblings, Orville White of Wilmington, Del., Tomas White, Paul White, and John White, all of Ponca City, Rodney White of Blytheville, Ark., and Ollie Jane Cherry of Houston; Jeremy Tomas White, Kayla Justine White, Jessyca Rachel Schnack, Leila Marie McSmith, and Dale Curtis McSmith, all of Ponca City; great-grandchildren, Adyson Marie McSmith and Aubree Dawn Schnack; two step grandchildren, Kayla Gale of Oklahoma City and James Jeral Arkenburgh of Guthrie; and step great-grandchildren, James Edward, Donovan Sean and Aubryanna. He was preceded in death by his parents, and a grandson, Justin Leroy McSmith. Visiting hours were on Wednesday from 9:00 AM to 9:00 PM, and Thursday from 9:00 AM to Noon. Funeral services were held at 2:00 PM Thursday, May 17 in Christ's Church of Newkirk with the Rev. Kent Rubell officiating. Interment was in the Newkirk Cemetery. Military Honors were provided by the Vietnam Veterans of America - Ponca City Chapter #750. The Freedom Riders were the family escort. Family members serving as casket bearers were brothers, Orville White, Tomas White, Paul White, John White and Rodney White, and grandson, Jeremy White. The rest of the grandchildren are honorary bearers. A memorial fund has been established with the Disabled American Veterans. Contributions may be made in George White's name through Eastman National Bank, Box 468, Newkirk 74647-0468.



ROBERT ARTHUR WHITE (CSM-USA-Ret.) - Died Friday, May 4, 2012 in a Lawton Oklahoma hospital at the age of 87. He was a resident of Lawton, Oklahoma. The cause of death was cardiopulmonary arrest. He was born May 23, 1924 in Clarion, Iowa to Frank and Margaret (née Brown) White. He grew up in Iowa and at the age of thirteen moved to Moline, Illinois. He married Sybil Smith on March 15, 1946 in Atlanta, Georgia. He served in the United States Army from November 18, 1942 until his retirement on April 30, 1975. He was a veteran of World War II, Korea and Vietnam. His decorations and awards include the Silver Star, Legion of Merit, Bronze Star for valor with three Oak Leaf Clusters, Purple Heart with two bronze oak leaf clusters, Army Commendation for Valor with four bronze oak leaf clusters, Army Good Conduct Medal with one silver knot, American Campaign, Europe Africa Middle East Campaign Ribbon with three bronze stars, World War II Victory Medal, Army of Occupation Medal – Germany and Japan, National Defense Service

Medal with one bronze oak leaf cluster, Korean Service with one bronze star, Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, Vietnam Service Medal with one silver star and three bronze stars, Vietnam Gallantry Cross with bronze palm, Vietnam Staff Service Medal – second class, United Nations Medal, Vietnam Campaign Medal with 60 device, Republic of Korea War Service Commemorative Medal, Europe Africa Middle East Campaign Commemorative Medal, World War II Victory Commemorative Medal, Vietnam Service Commemorative Medal, Cold War Victory Commemorative Medal and the Combat Service Commemorative Medal. He received the following unit citations: Army Presidential Unit Citation, Army Meritorious Unit Citation, Korean Presidential Unit Citation and the Republic of Vietnam Gallantry with Palm. He was awarded the Honorable Discharge Pin and the United States Army Retired Pin as well as the Combat Infantry Badge 2nd Award, Combat Artillery Badge, Parachutist Badge, Expert Badge – Rifle M-1, M-14, Carbine, M-60 and Flame Thrower, the Sharpshooter Badge – Submachine Gun, Machine Gun, Automatic Rifle and Rifle Grenade as well as the Marksman Badge for Pistol, Bayonet, Grenade, Rocket Launcher and Mortar. He was a member of the First United Methodist Church and was also active in a number of veteran's organizations including a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Lawton Chapter #751**, the Purple Heart Association and was a life member of the VFW. He was particularly fond of fishing with his son. He is survived by his wife, of the home; a son and daughter in law, Daniel and Mary White, Lawton; a daughter, Bonnie White Burnett and former son in law, Glen, Grand Prairie, Texas; five grandchildren, Deborah, Priscilla and her husband Orlando, Kenny, Adrian and Tammie and her husband Brian; eight great grandchildren, Brooklyn, Lindsey, Morgan, Peyton, Dylan, Preston, Aiden and Alex; eight brothers and sisters, Helen Hubbell, Eileen Swanson, Ruby Potter, Jim White, John Monroe, Lee Monroe, Marilyn Hinton and Evelyn Monroe; many nieces and nephews. A sister, Margaret, and a brother, Clinton, preceded him in death. Funeral service was at 2:00 PM Tuesday in the First United Methodist Church with Reverend Al Potts, Pastor, officiating. Memorial contributions may be made to the Lawton Fort Sill Veterans Center, 501 SE Flower Mound Road, Lawton Oklahoma 73501. The family greeted friends from 6:00-8:00 PM Monday at the funeral home. Burial with full military honors was in Highland Cemetery under the direction of the Becker Funeral Home & Cremation Service.

STEVEN L. WHITE - Died Wednesday, February 15, 2012 at his home in Edgewater, Florida at the age of 71. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Mullens, West Virginia on January 18, 1941 and moved to the area in 1951 from his birthplace. He served in the United States Army and after 20 years retired at the rank of Major (O-4). In his 20 year Army career, he witnessed the construction of the Berlin Wall and served two tours in Vietnam as an infantryman and aviator with the 1st Infantry Division ("The Big Red 1") and the 1st Cavalry Regiment. He also served with the 101st Airborne Division. His awards and decorations include the Silver Star, Bronze Star, Distinguished Flying Cross, Air Medal, Army Commendation Medal with Valor device, Combat Infantry Badge, Senior Aviator Badge and Parachutist Badge. He was also the recipient of two Purple Hearts. Following his retirement from the Armed Forces, he began his second career managing various City Public Works departments including the City of

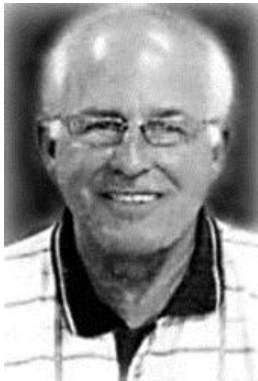
Port Orange. He was a member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church, New Smyrna Beach; Vietnam Helicopter Pilots Association and the American Association of Woodturners, St. Paul, MN. He was an *At-Large Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Florida**. His many activities with his children included Boy Scout troop leader, football coach, fishing and camping. He was an avid reader of history and politics and loved to cook and collect coins. Survivors include four sons, John of Arlington, VA, Steven L., Jr. of Castle Rock, CO, David of Edgewater and Monte of Minnetonka, MN; one brother, Jinkie of Ferrum, VA; two sisters, Mary Joe White of New Smyrna Beach and Patti Kerr of Ormond Beach; seven grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his wife of 52 years, Anne T. White in January, 2012; sister, Linette Brenner; and brother, Michael David White. Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at 9:30 AM Monday, February 20, 2012 at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, New Smyrna Beach. Burial followed in the Veterans Field of Honor at Sea Pines Memorial Gardens, Edgewater, with military honors being rendered by members of the American Legion Post #285, Edgewater. Visitation was from 4:00 PM until 6:00 PM with a Wake service at 5:30 PM on Sunday, February 19, 2012 at Dudley Funeral Home, New Smyrna Beach. Memorial donations may be made to Wounded Warrior Project, 4899 Belfort Road, Suite 300, Jacksonville, Florida 32256.

ANTHONY LEVON “Tony” WILSON – Died Tuesday, May 1, 2012 in Windsor Mill, Maryland at the age of 64. The cause of death is cancer. He was born May 2, 1947 in Baltimore, Maryland to the late James E. Wilson and Margaret E. Wilson-Frazier. In addition to his parents, he was also predeceased by his brother, Larry, his sister, Jacqueline and two nephews, Ronald and Allen. He is survived by his wife, Antonia Hunt-Wilson; his daughter, Tonia; his stepdaughter, Brittney; his granddaughters, Brittany and Taylor; his brother, Kenneth; sister-in-law, Addie Wilson; Matriarch, Rose Jones (Pete); uncle, Ronald “Cup” Woodfolk; nieces, and nephews, Evette (John) Savage, Kimberly Wilson, Kenneth Wilson, Larry Wilson, Jr., Sylvia (Ronnie) Chapman and Anisa Wilson; great-nieces, great-nephews and cousins;; godchildren, Sean, Jr. and Ganae Givens, and; may other friends and family members. He served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War and was discharged in 1971. He served with the 1st Cavalry Division. He was a member of the Zion Baptist Church in Baltimore. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Baltimore Chapter #451**. Funeral services were conducted in the Zion Baptist Church in Baltimore.



CHARLES EUGENE “Chuck” WILSON - Died Monday, March 12, 2012 in Leavenworth, Kansas after a four-year battle with cancer. He was 67 years of age. On March 14, 1944, in Salem, Ohio, Chuck was born the fourth of eight children of Edward M. and Sara E. (née Woodburn) Wilson. In 1962, Chuck graduated from West Branch High School in Damascus, Ohio where he was inducted into their Hall of Fame several years ago. On Sept. 25, 1963, he enlisted in the U.S. Army in

Richmond, Va. He spent four years in the United States Army with over one year of service in Vietnam and Korea for which he was proud. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Leavenworth Chapter #75**. In 1966, while stationed at Fort Leavenworth, Chuck met and married, Sandra Novotney who survives at the home. From the union four children were born who also survive, Wende (Britt) Butler of Lenexa, Kan., William (Kim) Wilson of Leavenworth, Jaime Wilson of Leavenworth and Shawn (Tracy) Wilson of Atlantic Highlands, N.J.; eight grandchildren, three brothers; one sister; and a large extended family. He was preceded in death by his parents and three brothers. Chuck worked as a journeyman Meat cutter for over 30 years. He retired in 2006, to enjoy golf and his family. He was a member of the First Christian Church Disciples of Christ in Leavenworth and was adopted by The Joy Sunday School Class. He was a lifetime member of the VFW and a member of the Vietnam Veterans of America. Throughout his life Chuck was a coach and mentor to many young adults and children. Visitation will be from 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday, March 15, 2012, at the R.L. Leintz Funeral Home. A funeral service will be at 11 a.m. Friday at the funeral home. Burial with military honors will follow at Leavenworth National Cemetery. Memorials are suggested to First Christian Church or St. Luke's Hospice of Leavenworth.



THEODORE J. "Ted" WOELFEL, - Died Monday, May 21, 2012, as a result of an injury suffered in February. He was 66 years of age. The cause of death was severe head trauma. He was born August 14, 1945, in New Brighton, Pennsylvania to the late Mary F. and Ralph Weiler of Center Township. He was a home improvement specialist by trade. Ted served honorably in the United States Army in Vietnam and was very proud of that service. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Beaver Falls Chapter #862**. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his cousins, David H. Folland, Thomas J. Billigen, Jack Brown and Lynn Brown; his uncles, Edward Billigen, Harold Folland and Jack Brown; and his aunts, Casma Billigen and Lilian Brown. Surviving are his brother and sister-in-law, Robert W. and Adriana Woelfel, Center Township; nephews, Rob Woelfel, Green Tree; and Eric and Alyssa Woelfel, West Grove, Pa.; an aunt, Alma Folland, Vienna, Va.; cousins, Carol Ann and Bob Frank, Center Township; Mark and Shelly Folland, Olean, N.Y.; Christine and Sean Dorhercy, Vienna, Va.; Greg and Diane Billigen, in California; Ross Brown, Monaca, and Lori Brown, Beaver. Ted is also survived by his friend and fiancée, Kathy DeAngelo, of Monaca, as well as many, many close friends. Ted's life had great value and worth. We will remember him with love and esteem and his memory will be cherished. Interment will be in the National Cemetery of the Alleghenies, 1158 Morgan Road, Bridgeville, where a memorial service will be conducted Friday, May 25, at 11 a.m. Rev. Stephen F. Vesolich, Pastor of Trinity Community Church, Center Township, will officiate. 'Though the mountains be shaken and the hills be removed, yet my unfailing love for you will not be shaken nor my covenant of peace be removed, says the LORD, who has compassion on you.' Isaiah 54:10

WILLIAM EDWARD "Bill" WRIGHT - Died Tuesday, March 27, 2012 at his home in Rochester Township, Pennsylvania at the age of 64. The cause of death is unknown. He was born

November 9, 1947 in Rochester to the late James R., Sr. and Mary Margaret 'Peggy' (née Elliott) Wright. He was an operating engineer with McElroy Paving Co. Mars, PA. He was a United States Marine Corps veteran serving in the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Beaver County Chapter #862** and he was a member and Commander of the Rochester Post 128 VFW. He was also District Commander with the VFW. He was a member of the Rochester BPOE, Lodge 283 and a member of the local 66 Operators Union, Monroeville. He is survived by his wife of 36 years, Sandra M. Straile Wright; two sons, Drew W. Wright, Rochester, Adam M. Wright and his fiancée Aszia Williams and a grandson, Timothy Vincent Wright, all of Lawrenceville, GA; three brothers and sisters-in-law, James R. Jr. and Nella Wright and Thomas G. and Laura Wright, all of Elk AL; Joseph P. and Ann Wright, CA; two sisters and a brother-in-law, Patricia Ann and Robert Secrest, Camden, NY and Susan DeSanzo, Patterson Twp. There were no visitation hours and no services. Arrangements were handled by the William Murphy Funeral Home Inc., 349 Adams Street, Rochester.



DON ARTHUR YOTHERS, SR. - Died Friday, October 7, 2011, at the Mercy Regional Health Center, while in the company of his family. He was a resident of Manhattan, Kansas and 77 years of age. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Hopewell, Pennsylvania on December 15, 1933, to the late Edith (née Helms) and Darius Yothers. He grew up in Monaca, Pennsylvania and graduated from Monaca High School. Don was married to Susan M. Graham on September 18, 1959 at Bemus Point, New York. She survives. Don served in the United States Army in the Korean Conflict and the Vietnam War. He was awarded the Korean Service Medal with 3 bronze service stars; United Nations Service Medal; National Defense Medal; Marksman; Good Conduct Medal; Presidential Unit Citation; Vietnam Service Medal

w/four bronze service stars; Meritorious Service Medal. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Beaver Falls (Pennsylvania) Chapter #862**. Mr. Yothers was a member of the American Legion Post No. 260 - Ogden. In July 2003, he was named Grand Chef de Gare of the 40& 8 in Kansas. He was also a member of VFW Post No. 1261 and the Disabled American Veterans. He was a Boy Scout leader and a member of Tuttle Creek Lake Association, where he helped with the annual fishing clinic. He was a T-ball coach. He delivered meals on wheels in Ogden. In 2011 he served as treasurer for his grandson, Matthew Pennell, for the school board election campaign. He volunteered to help drive people to the hospital or do whatever was needed. He loved to read and fish, and collect stamps. Don is survived by a daughter, Kathy Ann Pennell, of Manhattan, KS; two sons, Don Arthur Yothers, Jr. of Bright, IN and Daniel Roy Edward Yothers of McPherson, KS; five grandchildren, Rebekah Brandt (Levi), Deborah Propp (David), Matthew Pennell, Cory Yothers, Nathaniel Pennell; seven great-grandchildren, Thomas Brandt, Austin Brandt, Anna Propp, Emma Brandt, Owen Propp, Allyson Brandt, Edna Propp; a sister, Mary Ann Juilleratt (James), of East Rochester, PA, and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents; five brothers, Frank Yothers, Richard Yothers, Jim Yothers, Herb Yothers, and a sister, Georgia Dennis. A funeral service will be held at 2 p.m. on Wednesday, October 12, 2011 at the Irvin-Parkview Funeral Home, Manhattan, with Pastor Robert Flack officiating. Interment will follow at Valley View Cemetery with full military honors.

Visitation will be Tuesday from 9 a.m. until 8 p.m., with the family receiving friends from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. The family requests donations be made to the Sons of the American Legion Post No. 260 - Ogden, KS and left in care of the Irvin-Parkview Funeral Home. To leave a special message for the family visit www.Irvin-Parkview.com. Irvin Parkview Funeral Home is responsible for the arrangements.

JOHN D. ZAACH – Died Sunday, February 19, 2012 in Queens Village, New York at the age of 62. The cause of death is unknown. He was born August 7, 1949. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was an *At- Large Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – New York**. He was interred in Calverton National Cemetery in Calverton, Suffolk County, New York.

**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.