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STEPHEN PAUL ALLISON - Died unexpectedly Sunday, May 3, 2015 at his home in Princeton, Iowa at the age of 66. The cause of death was Agent Orange-related cancer. He was born July 25, 1948 in Moline, Illinois to the late Mike and Marian (née Ware) Allison. He was in the United States Army, serving in Company E of the 75th Infantry Airborne Ranger Regiment in Vietnam. He earned several honors, including

the Army Commendation Medal with Valor and three oak leaf clusters, Combat Infantry Badge, and Vietnam Service Medal with four bronze service stars. He later worked in manufacturing maintenance at the Rock Island Arsenal. He loved antique racing motorcycles. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Quad Cities (Rock Island) Chapter #299**. Steve is survived by four sons and their wives, Boone and Ruth Allison, Port Byron, Tobin and Michele Allison, Davenport, Carlin Allison, Davenport, and Whitney Allison, Colona; four grandchildren; and two brothers and a sister-in-law, Craig and Pat Allison, Green River, Ill., and Kevin Allison, Galva. Visitation was from 5:00 to 8:00 PM on Wednesday at the Trimble Funeral Home at Trimble Pointe, 701 12th Street, Moline, Illinois. Private graveside services and entombment were on Thursday at the Rock Island National Cemetery, Arsenal Island. Memorials may be made to Vietnam Veterans of America - Chapter #299.



<u>CHARLES WAYNE</u> "*Charlie*" **ASHWORTH** - Died with his family by his side on Friday, April 11, 2014 in Baytown, Texas at the age of 60. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on October 10, 1954 in Beaumont, Texas to the late Charles and Winona Ashworth. At the age of 17, he enlisted in the United States Navy as a Commissary Man and served on the USS Oklahoma City. He proudly served his

country with honor, courage, commitment to excellence, and the fair treatment of all. During his service he was awarded the National Defense Service Medal, Vietnam Service Medal with Bronze Star, Vietnam Campaign Medal, Combat Action Ribbon, and Navy Unit Commendation. In 2006, he was given the gift of life from an organ donor and was the blessed recipient of a double lung transplant after his 8 year battle with Alpha One Antitrypsin Deficiency. This generous gift enabled him to have a second chance at life which allowed him to make lifelong memories with his wife, two daughters, and his two beautiful grandchildren. Charlie always made the best of every situation, always had a smile on his face, and loved to joke around. From 2011-2014, Charlie served as the Commander of the American Legion, Baytown Post #323. Charlie's mission was to continue serving his country and community by leading veterans from all branches of service. His role in the American Legion truly gave him purpose and a reason to keep going, and the camaraderie among the Post truly touched his heart up until he passed away. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Baytown Chapter #922**. He leaves behind many great memories, so many good times and laughs, as well as family and friends who will miss him greatly Charlie is preceded in death by his parents, Charles and Winona Ashworth, and his brother, Clifton. He is survived by his devoted wife of 34 years, Louise, who was with him for every doctor visit, hospitalization, and procedure; daughter, Angela Spurlock and husband, Herschel; daughter, Cristina Harvell and husband, Jack; grandchildren, Gage and Grace Spurlock; and numerous nieces and nephews and other relatives. Special thanks to the Houston Methodist Transplant Team, and the countless medical staff he made friends with on the Dunn Floor. The family received friends at Crespo and Jirrels Funeral Home on Monday, April 14, 2014, from 6:00-8:00 PM. Funeral services were held on Tuesday, April 15, 2014 at 2:00 PM in the Chapel of Crespo and Jirrels. Interment was in the Sterling White Cemetery in Highlands, Texas, with military honors. Pallbearers were Herschel Spurlock, Jack Harvell, Don Messerschmidt, Michael Fullen, David Fullen, Joe Fullen, and honorary pallbearers were members of American Legion Post #323. In lieu of flowers, the family would greatly appreciate donations to the building fund for the American Legion Baytown Post #323, as this was Charlie's very important mission to find a location for the Legion members to call "home." Donations can be sent to The American Legion Post #323 PO Box 2452 Baytown, Texas 77522. Arrangements were entrusted to Crespo & Jirrels Funeral and Cremation Services, 6123 Garth Road, Baytown 77521.



TERRY DUANE BABLER - Died Tuesday, April 28, 2015 at the William S. Middleton Memorial VA Hospital in Madison, Wisconsin at the age of 65. He was a resident of New Glarus, Wisconsin. He fought an eight-year struggle with Alzheimer's disease. He was born on February 13, 1950 to the late Duane and Virginia (née Duerst) Babler in Monroe, Wisconsin. Terry graduated from New Glarus High School in 1968. He then served in the United States Army from 1969 to 1971 as a combat

medic in Vietnam. After serving his country, Terry was united in marriage to his soulmate Judy Bartels at Saint Victor Church in Monroe on October 7, 1972. He then worked for Rayovac in Madison and later the Carnes Company in Verona for several years. Terry enjoyed softball he played and coached with the Swiss Lanes team for many years. He was proud of his military service and was very active as member of many veterans' organizations including being a founding member of the Wisconsin Vietnam Vets Chapter III and the 1st Squadron 1st Calvary National Association. He was also a member of the Howard County, Indiana Vietnam Veterans, VietNow, VFW Post #10549, American Legion Post #245, and Kenosha Area Vietnam Vets. He was also a member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Quad Cities (Rock Island) Chapter #299. Terry was also instrumental in organizing the Annual New Glarus WinterFest Veteran's Rally R&R. Terry and Judy enjoyed making their annual trip to enjoy the warm Florida sunshine at Daytona every year. He loved his wife, children, grandchildren, dogs, New Glarus, and Country. Terry is survived by his wife Judy of New Glarus, WI, children Cindy (Eric) Deml of Evansville, WI and Tony (Amanda) Babler of New Glarus, WI, grandchildren Noah and Camden Deml, Anthony, Christopher, and Sada Babler. He is further survived by his siblings Vicki (Ken) Bavery of Madison, WI, Debi (Ken) Schickert of Waukesha, WI, Jeff (Carolyn) Babler of New Glarus, WI, brothers-in-law John (Pam) Bartels, Irv (Connie) Bartels, Bill (Joann Borchart) Bartels, and Bob (Pam) Bartels, and many nieces and nephews. In addition to his parents he was also predeceased by his special grandmother Lydia Duerst, father-in-law and mother-in-law John and Ann Bartels, and a brother-in-law Gary Bartels. Funeral services were held at 2:00 PM on Saturday, May 2, 2015 at the Swiss United Church of Christ, 18 Fifth Avenue, New Glarus, WI with the Reverend Bill Wineke officiating with burial in the Swiss Church Cemetery. Relatives and friends called from 4:00 PM to 7:00 PM on Friday, May 1, 2015 at the Zentner-Beal Funeral Home, 29 Sixth Avenue, New Glarus, WI. The family would like to thank the staffs of the VA CLC Hospice Unit and the New Glarus Home for their kind and compassionate care. In lieu of flowers a memorial fund has been established.



BRYON RICHARD BAER - Died Friday, January 16, 2015 in San Antonio, Texas at the age of 69. The cause of death is unknown. He was born January 27, 1945 to the late Lewis R. and Martha L. Baer. He is survived by his loving wife, Virginia T. Baer; children: Guadalupe, Ignacio, Louisa B. Ramos and Lewis R. II; brother, Lewis W. Baer; 15 grandchildren; 7 great-grandchildren. Richard was born in New

Windsor, Maryland and attended school at Taneytown High School and joined the United States Air Force. He also served in the United States Naval Reserves, retired from Kelly AFB and worked for South San Antonio ISD. Richard spent time as a Bexar County Sheriff and served as a Daytona Beach Police Office in Florida. He was a pillar in the community and proud supporter of veterans. He was a past Post Commander for the American Legion Post #399, past member of Post #579, and Post #300. Richard was affiliated with Catholic War Veterans, Knights of Columbus at St. Claire's Church, was a member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Alamo (San Antonio) Chapter #366. Most recently, Richard was a member of the San Antonio Liederkranz at Saint Joseph Catholic Church Beethoven Maennerchor Choir and Band, Shark Hunters International U-boat History (Hernando, Fl.), National Wood Carvers Association and Fraternal Order or Eagle. Richard proudly served in the Honor Guard Squad for MSD Ft. Sam Houston. He also volunteered his time with the San Antonio Police Department Safety Patrol, C.O.P., San Antonio Stock Show and Rodeo, B-25J Mitchell WWII Bomber The Yellow Rose and The Airman Heritage Museum at Lackland AFB. He was a true patriot who loved his country. He was an awesome individual that touched many lives in a positive way and will be greatly missed by his family and friends. The family received friends at 5:00 PM on Monday, February 2, 2015 at Funeraria Del Angel Roy Akers with a Rosary being recited at 6:30 PM with a "Celebration of Life" to follow. A funeral procession departed the funeral home at 8:30 AM on Tuesday, February 3, 2015 to celebrate a 9:00 AM Mass at Saint Joseph (Downtown) Catholic Church. Interment the Fort Houston National Cemetery. was in Sam Visit www.funerariadelangelroyakers.com for tributes.



DENNIS M. BARLOW - Died Saturday, January 31, 2015 in Nutley, New Jersey at the age of 67. The cause of death was septic shock. He was born on October 2, 1947 in Brooklyn, New York to the late Roy England Barlow and Dorothy F. (née Treczak) Barlow. He also lived in Bergenfield, New Jersey, Bayonne, New Jersey, and Jersey City, New Jersey before moving to Nutley 27 years ago. A graduate of Rutgers University and the New York Law School, Dennis was an attorney and,

prior to his retirement, operated a law practice in Nutley. He was a United States Navy veteran of the Vietnam War and was a life member of the Belleville Nutley DAV Chapter #22, VFW Post #493 in Nutley and a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Cedar Grove Chapter #510**. He is survived by his beloved wife, Dorothy F. (née Treczak) Barlow; three

children, Dennis M. Barlow Jr., Donna McMonagle and her husband, Kevin, and Donald Barlow and his wife, Beth, and his two granddaughters, Meghan and Erin McMonagle. Dennis also leaves behind three sisters, Kathleen Dupree, Eileen Barlow, and Patricia Martin, and three brothers, Kevin, Tim, and Terry. The funeral was on Wednesday, February 4th at 8:30 AM at the S.W. Brown & Son Funeral Home, 267 Centre Street, Nutley. The Funeral Mass was celebrated at Saint Mary Church at 9:30 AM, followed by entombment at Holy Cross Cemetery in North Arlington, New Jersey. Visitors were received at the funeral home on Tuesday, February 3th from 2:00 to 4:00 and 7:00 to 9:00 PM. For more information, please visit swbrownandson.com. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions to the Wounded Warrior Project., Post Office Box 758516, Topeka, KS 66675-8516, would be appreciated.



DANNY CHARLES BOSS - Died Wednesday, February 18, 2015 at home in Moody, Texas after a very long hard fought battle with cancer. He was 63 years of age. Danny was born May 7, 1951 in Waco, Texas to the late Jackie and Audrey Boss. He married his high school sweetheart, Norma Sue Spicer in 1969. He graduated from T.S.T.I. in 1970 in Diesel Mechanics. In 1971 Danny enlisted in the United States Army, where he served 13 years at home and abroad with three tours in Germany, then enlisted in the National Guard and served one year. Danny was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America**

– Waco Chapter #1012, the American Legion, and supported all veterans. He was employed by Foster Wheeler, Inc. in McGregor for 10 years as a hydraulics mechanic. Due to his illness, he retired early but always wanted to return to his work. He enjoyed hunting with his friends and especially camping and fishing with his family. Danny was preceded in death by his parents; sister, Juanita Joyce Freedman; brother, Alvin Lewis Boss; a baby brother; and grandson, Brandon Charles Boss. He is survived by his wife Sue; daughter, Lisa and husband, Michael Hollingsworth; son, James and his fiancée Nita Bueing; grandchildren, Anthony Boss, Christian and Halie Scott; great-grandchildren, Kinzley Michelle Vrabel, Madison Anne Lowrie, Castiel Luke Paul, and Parker Allen Boss; brother J.R. Boss and wife, Lena; sister, Wynell Vergauwen; brothers-in-law, Mike Spicer and Diana, Robert Spicer and wife, Jammie; mother-in-law and father-in-law, Thelma and Gilbert Cooper; many nieces and nephews; other friends and relatives; and last but not least, beloved pets, Jack, Mistic, Lacie, and Misty. Services were at 1:00 PM on Saturday, February 21, at Waco Memorial Park Mausoleum Chapel. Burial was in the Veterans section of the cemetery. Brother Alan Kougl of Temple presided. The family accepted visitors two hours prior to the service. Very special thanks to the wonderful doctors and nurses at Temple V.A Hospital Oncology Department and 3J Nursing Station. Also thanks to Providence Hospice for all their caring nurses and much needed support. In lieu of flowers, the family request that donations be made in Danny's honor to the Vietnam Veterans of America, Heart of Texas Chapter 1012. PO Box 93 Waco, TX.



TERRY BRUCE BURKETT (USN, SCPO-Ret.) - Died on Saturday, May 9, 2015 in Dublin, Texas at the age of 69. The cause of death is unknown. He was born April 26, 1946 in Le Mars, Iowa the last of eight children born to the late Edith Carolyn (née Gabel) Burkett and Lowell Bruce Burkett. In addition to his parents, he was also predeceased by five siblings. He is survived by his wife, Karen Ayn

Burkett; four children; Christopher Leigh Burkett, Kelly Ann Fanelli, Jeffrey Allen Burkett, and Lowell David Burkett; 4 step-children, Franklin James Barnard, Charles Michael Barnard, Douglas Gene Moore, and Samantha Kay Graham; 20 grandchildren and 3 great-grandchildren; his sister, Marge Barnhill of Abilene, Texas, and Linda Smith of Athens, Georgia, as well as many nieces and nephews. After graduation in 1964 from Cooper High School in Abilene Texas, Terry enlisted in the United States Navy and served his country proudly for 22 ½ years. As a US Naval Air crewman, Terry was deployed to Vietnam in 1966, 1969, and 1970, flying Yankee Station and Operation Market Time patrols with squadrons VP-9 and VP-17. He logged over 6000 flight hours in P-3 Orion Aircraft as a P-3 Air Crew Chief, including air operations searching for NVA troop movements and Antisubmarine Warfare. He was awarded the Air Medals with Strike Flight Number "1." Additionally, he received two Navy Achievement Awards Medals, two Navy Unit Commendations, two Navy Meritorious Unit Commendations, the battle "E" Award, and five Good Conduct Awards, among others. Terry is a life member of VFW Post #3377 in Manchaca, Texas, serving as Commander and Quartermaster in past years. He is also a member of the Texas Association of Vietnam Veterans Austin Chapter and a member of Vietnam Veterans of America - Bastrop Chapter #915 in Austin, Texas. Terry led by example in all he did, providing inspiration, honesty, and a sense of family to his wife, children, nieces and nephews, and fellow veterans. In his 60s, he served on the Texas Capitol Vietnam Veterans Monument Executive Committee for 8 years, including chairing the Veterans Outreach Committee. Terry drove his pickup truck around the state of Texas, traveling hundreds and hundreds of miles to numerous veteran organizations to build support for and awareness of the Monument. He played a critical role in monitoring the casting and production phases of the monument to ensure the Deep in the Heart Art Foundry in Bastrop, Texas, stayed on schedule during the critical design, sculpturing, and development of the monument. Terry also facilitated the critical relationship between the foundry and the State Preservation Board, making sure the Committee was always in compliance, staying on top of the incredible number of details that came with constructing a monument on the state Capitol grounds. On Dedication Day for the Monument, March 30, 2014, Terry addressed the crowd of 4500 attendees, "My name is Terry B. Burkett and I am a proud Texas Vietnam Veteran," before unveiling this monument. His family is forever grateful for his service to our country and for his efforts in honoring the service of others. But to us, he was a man who loved to be teased as much as he loved to tease. Terry was a great encourager of the dreams of his children and grand-children, and he was there in times of trouble as well as to congratulate us on our victories. A graveside service with US Navy Honors was held at 1:00 PM on Wednesday, May 13, 2015 at the Texas State Veterans Cemetery, 7457 West Lake Road, Abilene, Texas under the direction of Harrell Funeral Home, 4435 Frontier Trail, Austin, Texas. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorials be made in Terry's name to the Austin Dog Alliance, Hounds for Heroes: http://austindogalliance.org/ptsd-service-dogs/. A Memorial Service was held at the Texas Capitol Vietnam Veterans Monument on the northeast side of the Capitol grounds in Austin, Texas, on Saturday, May 16th. Family and friends were invited to gather at 6:30 PM with a short service held at 7:00 PM.

MARGARET CHISHOLM CAMP – Died Sunday, May 3, 2015 in Citrus Heights, California at the age of 88. She was a resident of Ahwahnee, California. The cause of death is unknown. She

was born in New Mexico on September 25, 1925. She was a Gold Star Mother. Her son Lance Corporal William Gordon Camp of the United States Marine Corps was killed in action in Tam Ky, Vietnam on November 6, 1968. She was a *Life Member* of **Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America – LCPL William Gordon Camp Memorial (Fresno) Chapter #933**. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at the Shrine of Saint Therese in Fresno with Reverend Father Michael Burchfield as the Main Celebrant. She was interred in Belmont Memorial Park in Fresno. The procession to the cemetery was led by four members of the Patriot Guard Riders. The pallbearers were Charles Berberian, John Sturdivant, Steve Hayhurst, Jim Doyle, Paul Kaser and Stan Shorey – all members of VVA Chapter #933.

ALAN R. CAMPBELL - Died Wednesday, April 8, 2015 in Morristown, Tennessee at the age of 71. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Lone Mountain, Tennessee on March 23, 1944 to the late Clay and Edith Campbell. He was a member and deacon of Cherokee Heights Baptist Church, and was a veteran of the United States Air Force having served from 1965 to 1971. He was a Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Morristown Chapter #1073. He was a loving husband, father, and grandfather, and will be sadly missed. In addition to his parents he was also predeceased by his brother, James Edward Campbell; and sister, Janet E. Campbell. He is survived by his loving wife of 44 years, Geraldine Campbell; sons, Anthony B. Campbell, Robert A. (Sarah) Campbell, and John (Christina) Campbell; grandchildren, Abby, Madelynne, Cameron, Isabella, Parker, and Quentin; sister, Marjorie Neubert; and several nieces and nephews. Funeral services were at 3:00 PM on Sunday, April 12th, at the Cherokee Heights Baptist Church with the Reverends Ken Cole and Craig Neubert co-officiating. Interment, with military honors, was at the Hamblen Memory Gardens. The family received friends from 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM on Sunday prior to the service at the church. Pallbearers were Jimmy Campbell, Ronnie Campbell, Craig Neubert, Christopher Neubert, Joel Campbell, and Larry Burchett. Honorary pallbearers were the members of his Sunday class, Sonny Jones, Ray Campbell, Eddie Epps, Clarence Moyers, Earl Cummings, Don Bunch, Johnny Long, Eddie Hubbard, and Don Sullivan. Arrangements were by the Westside Chapel Funeral Home in Morristown.

FRANK JOSEPH CARDILLO -- Died Sunday, May 3, 2015 in North Kingstown, Rhode Island at the age of 65. The cause of death was cancer. He was born in North Providence, Rhode Island on May 25, 1949. He is survived by his wife. He served in the United States Air Force from November 26, 1969 to August 18, 1973 with service in Vietnam. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – James Michael Ray Memorial Chapter (North Smithfield) Chapter #818**. He was a long time Veteran Service Officer for the Military Order of the Purple Heart. There were no calling hours. He was cremated. A Memorial Mass was celebrated on 9 May 2015 at Saint Bernard Church in North Kingstown. Inurnment with full military honors was in the Rhode Island State Veterans Cemetery in Exeter, Rhode Island.

HARDING JAMES CARRIER (USAF, MSG-Ret.) – Died Thursday, December 18, 2014 in North Dartmouth, Massachusetts at the age of 81. The cause of death was respiratory failure, pneumonia and advanced dementia. He was born in New Bedford, Massachusetts on April 22, 1933 to the late Joseph Carrier and Adrienne (née Vanvleanderen) Carrier. He was the husband of Ann (née King) Carrier. He served in the United States Air Force during the Vietnam War from

1968 to 1969 and retired at the rank of Master Sergeant. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – New Bedford Chapter #499**. The funeral was on Monday, December 22, 2014 at 9:00 AM from the Waring-Sullivan Home of Memorial Tribute at Dartmouth, 230 Russells Mills Road. The Funeral Mass was at 10:00 AM in Saint Julie Billiart Church, 494 Slocum Road, Dartmouth. Burial with full military honors was in the Massachusetts National Cemetery, Bourne.



JAMES MICHAEL COLLIER – Died Monday, April 20, 2015 in Fort McCoy, Florida at the age of 65. The cause of death was cancer. He was born in Tampa, Florida on September 2, 1949. He served in the United States Marine Corps from 1968 to 1971 with a tour of duty in Vietnam in 1969. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam**

Veterans of America – Jacksonville Chapter #1046. He was a *Charter Member* and *Treasurer* of Chapter #1046.



JOHN DOUGLAS "Doug" COMPTON – Died Thursday, February 21, 2013 in Ottawa, Kansas at the age of 70. The cause of death was chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, pneumonia, prostate and lung cancer and Parkinson's disease. He was born in Kansas City, Missouri December 23, 1942 to the late Henry Shelby and Marjorie (née Trennery) Compton. John graduated from Ruskin High School in 1960 and Kansas City Junior College in 1962. He also received extensive military training during his service in the Army. He served in the United States Army Security Agency with two tours in Vietnam, from May to August 1965 and again from February 1968 to February 1969. John was awarded the Bronze Star, National Defense

Service Medal, Vietnam Campaign Medal with 60 devices, Vietnam Service Medal, Good Conduct Medal, Army Commendation Medal, Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal and two Overseas Bars. John was a life member of the Disabled American Veterans, Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter #912 (Franklin County Chapter), National Rifle Association and the Kansas Rifle Association. He also was very active in a number of 4-H activities including the Outerbelt 4-H Club Drill Team, Franklin County 4-H, Junior Judgers, horse leader, sheep leader and tractor leader. He served as the president of the Kansas Sheep Association in 1994 and was manager of the KSA Spring Sale in 1994 and 1995. He was a member of the National Sheep Association American Royal in 1993. He married Roberta LaVelle Oct. 22, 1965, at the Hickman Mills Community Christian Church, also in Kansas City, Mo. They enjoyed more than 47 years of marriage before John's death. Survivors include his wife, Roberta, of the home; a son, James Compton, Olathe; a sister, Donna Davis and her husband, Donald, Raymore, Mo.; a brother, Richard Compton and his wife, Alice, Cibolo, Texas; a number of nieces and nephews; and great-nieces and nephews. During his civilian career, John held a number of sales and sales management roles with Columbian Hog and Cattle Powder Company, Moorman Manufacturing Company, J&R Compton Fencing, J&R Compton Suffolks and WHB Radio. He also worked as a bank courier with Peoples Bank before his retirement in 2004. John was a stockman and enjoyed raising hogs and backgrounding cattle, but his pride was his Suffolk sheep flock. Funeral services were at 2:00 PM on Wednesday, February 27, 2013 at the Centropolis Christian Church, 1104 Barnes Avenue, Centropolis. Burial was at the Union Cemetery. The family accepted visitors from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM on Tuesday at the church. Memorial contributions may be made to Disabled American Veterans or Centropolis Christian Church through Lamb-Roberts Funeral Home, P.O. Box 14, Ottawa KS 66067. Online condolences may be made at www.lamb-roberts.com and www.ottawaherald.com.

DAVID RICHARD COOPER - Died Sunday, September 7, 2014 in Dawsonville, Georgia at the age of 85. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Baxterville, Mississippi on May 25, 1929. He retired after a 23-year career in the United States Army where he served two tours of duty in Korea and one in Vietnam. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America** – **Dawsonville Chapter #970**. Following his retirement he settled in Slidell, Louisiana where he became a business owner. Survivors include his wife of 49½ years, Renate Cooper; two daughters, Brenda Cooper and Lynda Cooper-Ilse; 2 grandchildren, Joshua and Nadia and his grand-dog, Coal. Inurnment services with Military Honors were held on Friday, September 12th at 2:30 PM (CDT) at the Biloxi National Cemetery in Biloxi, Mississippi. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made, in Mr. Cooper's memory to the Salvation Army or Special Olympics. Ingram Funeral Home & Crematory, Cumming, Georgia was in charge of the arrangements. Condolences may be made at www.ingramfuneralhome.com.



PHILIP FRANK CORDOVA – Died Monday, June 30, 2014 in Albuquerque, New Mexico at the age of 70. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Albuquerque to the late Andrew R. Cordova and his mother Helen Ross who survives him in New Mexico. In addition to his father he was also predeceased by his son John Paul Cordova. In

addition to mother, he is survived by his son Andrew Cordova of Louisiana and his sister Andrea Dinovo of Ohio. Philip grew up in Albuquergue and first enlisted in the United States Marines and was a Recon acting team leader. Later, he joined the United States Army and was first a Medical Corpsman at William Beaumont Army Medical Center in El Paso, where he was to become versed in many medical procedures, having taken 28 courses. He was stationed in Korea where he was Ward master for the 121st Evacuation Hospital. He was also stationed at Bikini Atoll and Sandia Base Army Hospital before going to the Republic of Vietnam where he was responsible for health care of Advisory Team #37, and a general population of 70,000 villagers, and Chief Coordinator for Air Medevac during combat. He was in charge of written emergency disaster plans and Coordinator between hospital and General Staff College at Fort Leavenworth, Kansas. Philip enrolled in the Baylor Physician Assistant Program at Fort Sam Houston and interned at William Beaumont Army Medical Center. He was the Physician Assistant Officer in charge of the Medical Clinic at Fort Bliss for the air defense personnel and dependents, population 5,000. Returning to Korea, he was the 2nd Infantry Brigade surgeon at Camp Hovey, where he supervised 90 medics, and oversaw 2,800 troops. At Fort Carson, CO he was Officer-in-charge in Emergency room and outlying clinics serving 9,000 troops while in garrison. As Battalion Surgeon in six Air Defense units in Korea, he provided health care for 850 troops near the DMZ. In 1983 he was acting Brigade surgeon at Fort Carson Community Hospital, and outlying clinics with a 6,000 population. While completing the Emergency War Surgery course, he was the Medical Officer for NATO Planning Committee group. In 1989 he became the Disaster Preparedness Officer and Security Manager for the New Mexico State Government, responsible for emergency response, coordinating between federal, state and

local jurisdictions. There he developed and wrote the State All-Hazard Emergency Operations Plans. In 1991, he was stationed at Kirtland AFB in NM, where he served as PA in the Primary and Urgent Care Clinic, and the Flight Medicine Clinic. In 1994, he became PA in orthopedic surgery at Lovelace Medical Center in NM specializing in hand trauma surgery. He was sent to Fort Leonard Wood, MO in 1995 to provide urgent care for basic Combat Trainees in full brigade, at the FORSCOM Engineer Unit. In 1996 he was the lead PA for the Columbia Health Care System, involved in urgent and outpatient care of senior and disabled patients. From 1997 to 2007 he worked in the Primary Care Division and Emergency Room of the Wm. Beaumont Army Medical Center, as well as Family Practice for active Army soldiers, Marines, USN and USAF and foreign troops at Fort Bliss TX. He was Advisor to AIT Commanders and Drill Sergeants. He was a guest speaker at the Fort Bliss NCO Academy and Sergeant Majors Academy. He retired in 2007 and was then involved as medical advisor to the Anthony NM VFW Post 4384. He was decorated with the Bronze Star and many meritorious medals, badges and ribbons, numbering 20 awards. He was a Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America - El Paso Chapter #574. He will be sadly missed by his many friends. Graveside Services were held on Friday, August 1, 2014 at 2:30 PM at Fort Bliss National Cemetery, with Full Army Honors. Services were entrusted to Sunset Funeral Home-West, 480 North Resler Drive. Please visit our online guestbook at www.sunsetfuneralhomes.net.

THOMAS J. COSENTINO - Died Monday, March 23, 2015 in Westfield, New York at the age of 70. The cause of death was heart failure. He was born in Niagara Falls, New York on January 20, 1945 to the late Salvatore and Elisabeth (née Gasbarro) Cosentino. Thomas was a United States Army Veteran of the Vietnam War and had been employed as an engineer for Verizon for 35 years, retiring in 2000. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Tonawanda Chapter #77**. He was the beloved husband of 25 years of Sharon A. (née Hope) Cosentino; father of Cindy (Kirk) Parkes and Paul Cosentino; stepfather of Andrea (Joe) Bock, Brian (Pam) Rivers and Christopher Rivers; father-in-law of Rebecca (late Daniel) Rivers; grandfather of Caitlin and Isaiah Rivers, Tyler Cosentino and Chelsea and Hannah Parkes; brother of Mariellen (Thomas) Grandsaert, Patrick (Margaret) Cosentino and Anthony (Josephine) Cosentino. Family were present on Friday, March 27th from 5:00-7:00 PM at the John O. Roth Funeral Home, Inc., 25 William Street, (between Morgan and Broad Streets), City of Tonawanda, where a Memorial Service was held at 7:00 PM following visitation. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to American Heart Association, Heart Gifts Processing Center, PO Box 3049, Syracuse, NY 13220-3049.

PAUL H. COX - Died Thursday, May 8, 2008 in Okeechobee, Florida at the age of 60. He was formerly from Waldorf, Maryland. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Waldorf on January 8, 1948 to the late Isaac and Isabelle Cox. Mr. Cox proudly served our country during the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Frederick Chapter #304**. He was the beloved father of Tamara D. Cox of Waldorf, MD; loving father of Teena (William, Jr.) Holt, Cathryn Cox, Travis (Tracie) McDermott, Troy (Holly) McDermott; beloved brother of Kenneth L. Cox of Okeechobee, Gail L. Crosby of Maryland, and Richard F. Cox of South Carolina; five grandchildren; nieces, nephews and friends. Visitation was on Thursday from 2:00 to 4:00 PM and from 6:00 to 8:00 and funeral services were on Friday at 9:30 AM at

the Huntt Funeral Home in Waldorf, Maryland. All local arrangements were entrusted to the care of Bass Okeechobee Funeral Home and Crematory, 205 NE 2nd Street, Okeechobee, Florida.



WILLIAM M. "*Bill*" **DESKIN** - Died Saturday, September 21, 2013 at his home in Cove, Texas at the age of 65. The cause of death was cancer. He was born March 23, 1948 in Youngstown, Ohio to the late Bill and Lillian Deskin. He was a United States Navy Vietnam veteran, having served with the Seabees and was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Baytown Chapter #922** and Holy Trinity Catholic Church. He was a millwright by trade and worked at U. S. Steel

and various area petrochemical plants. He enjoyed coaching and umpiring little league baseball games. He was an avid motorcycle rider and took great pride in the fact that no matter how far the trip, he never trailered his bike...he rode it. He is survived by his wife of 40 years, Margaret "Meg" Morley Deskin of Cove; sons, William Travis Deskin of Austin, Brian Deskin of New Orleans, and Sean Deskin of Cove; daughter and son-in-law, Carrie and Chris Keesler of Dickinson; brothers and sister-in-law, Daniel and Kathy Deskin and James Deskin, all of Youngstown, OH; sister and brother-in-law, Joan E. Deskin and Bruce Balzer of Painesville, OH; nephews, Mike and Sam Deskin of Youngstown, OH; and grandson, William Maxwell Deskin. His family greeted friends at the Holy Trinity Catholic Church LeBlanc Community Room, 3515 Trinity Street, Mont Belvieu, TX 77580 on Thursday, September 26, 2013, beginning at 4:30 PM with a Rosary following at 5:30 PM and a Mass of Resurrection at 6:00 PM in the church with the Reverend Khanh Ho officiating. In lieu of usual remembrances, contributions may be made to the University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center, P. O. Box 4486, Houston, TX 77210-4486. To view the online obituary or to post a tribute for the family, go to www.navarrefuneralhome.com. Arrangements were under the direction and personal care of Navarre Funeral Home & Cremation Services, 2444 Rollingbrook Drive, Baytown, TX.



JOHN KEITH DURHAM - Died Saturday, February 26, 2011 at Meadow View Nursing Center at the age of 81. He was formerly of Oakley, Iowa. The cause of death is unknown. He was born October 13, 1929 in Oakley to the late Frank and Ruth (née Oxenreider) Durham. In addition to his parents, he was also

predeceased by his wife the former Roma Lenore Norris; and granddaughter, Emilee Ruth Durham. He is survived by his children, Andrea Sleek and husband Paul, Somerset, PA; John Bradley Durham, Chandler AZ; and Daniel Durham and wife LaDonna, Washington, TX; grandchildren, John Clayton Sleek, Andrew Paul Sleek, Heather Sleek Leleux and husband Scott, Shanae Berumen and husband Andrew, Ruth Durham and fiancé Mike Tehan, Daniel Durham and wife Melanie, and Mark Durham; great-grandchildren, Darla, Emily, and Vincent Berumen, Madelyn Tehan, and Kaitlyn Durham; step-great-grandchildren, Jayce and Jessica Leleux; his brother Jim Durham, Florissant, CO and sister-in-law Roberta Anderson, Humeston, IA. John was an American Baptist Clergyman with civilian pastorships in Kentucky, Iowa, and Colorado in addition to being a United States Army Chaplain with a total of 27 years of service, including one combat tour in Korea and two in Vietnam. John was wounded twice in Vietnam and was awarded a total of 16 different personal medals and service ribbons including two Purple Hearts, Meritorious Service Medal, Vietnam Cross of Gallantry, three Bronze Stars, Republic of Korea Presidential Citations, Korean Service Medal with five campaign stars, and one of which he was most proud, a US Army Parachute Badge. Having been the first person in his family to graduate from high school, John took full advantage of the opportunities presented by the military and received a BA in Speech from Oklahoma Baptist University, Masters of Divinity in Theology from Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, MA in Counseling from Long Island University, MA in Marriage and Family Counseling from California Family Counseling Center and a Doctor of Ministry from New York Theological Seminary. He retired as a full Colonel from the United States Army, having served in such units as the First Cavalry Division, First Infantry Division, 82nd Airborne Division, and many more. Along with his work as a civilian Pastor and Military Chaplain, John worked as a hospital chaplain at Memorial Hospital in Colorado Springs and worked with his wife Roma as a counselor at the state prison in Buena Vista, CO. He was an At-Large Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Colorado. A combined memorial service for John and Roma, celebrating lives well lived including 58 years of marriage was held on Monday March 14th at 10:00 AM at the First Christian Church, 16 East Platte Avenue, Colorado Springs, Colorado. The Reverend Jacque Franklin officiated. Inurnment was in Cambria, Iowa. Those wishing to make memorial donations are encouraged to support the Alzheimer's local Foundation. а college scholarship, or Military Ministry (http://militaryministry.org.) Arrangements were by the Deaner Funeral Home, Berlin.



GAYLIN E. EDWARDS - Died Wednesday, July 2, 2014 in Janesville, Wisconsin at the age of 63. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on June 21, 1951 in Marshfield, Wisconsin to the late George and Jean (née Hennlich) Edwards. He graduated from Medford High School in 1969. He served in the United States Army from November 12, 1970 to August 13, 1973 and was a member of **Vietnam Veterans**

of America - River Rock (Janesville) Chapter #236. Gaylin married his one true love, Catherine Anne Franklin on June 10, 1972 and together they raised a beautiful family and became active members in the church and community. Gaylin was a faithful Christian who ministered with a servant's heart. He strongly believed in extending a helping hand of kindness to anyone in need. Gaylin's signature smile and his fun and playful demeanor were always able to lift the spirits of everyone around him. Always good with his hands, Gaylin attended Black Hawk Technical College, where he studied airplane mechanics. Beneficiaries of his experience included companies such as Blackhawk Airways, Burdick Corporation, Sub Zero Wolf, and Swing-N-Slide, not to mention the countless friends, family, organizations and total strangers who just needed a hand getting something done. In his spare time, Gaylin enjoyed the great outdoors and maintained a life-long passion for fishing, hunting, and tending to his "honey do list" projects at home. Surviving are his wife, Cathy; his daughter, Amy (Rafael) Bonilla; two grandchildren, Rafael Alexander Gaylin Bonilla and Emily Maria Catherine Bonilla; his mother, Jean Romang; three sisters: Georgia (James) Horst, Judy (Randy) Boehm, Jill Pickreign; his mother-in-law, Bernice Brey; brothers-in-law, Michael Franklin and David (Laurie) Brey; along with numerous aunts, cousins, nieces and nephews. Gaylin was preceded in death by two sons, Anthony and Andrew Edwards; his father, George Edwards; step-father, Donald Romang; his father-in-law, Vernon Brey; and his sister-in-law, Jean Smith. Gaylin always put family and friends first, and the heroic efforts of Brandi, Brennan and Matt as well as Janesville EMS, Mercy Trauma and ICU staff gave those closest to him the gift and the blessing of being able to say goodbye. While he cannot personally express his gratitude, he does so through his family, who shares this same heartfelt sentiment. Funeral services were held at 10:30 AM on Wednesday, July 9, 2014 at the Roxbury Church of Christ, 2103 Roxbury Road, Janesville. Pastor Jon Grice officiated. Burial was in the Oak Hill Cemetery with military rites by Kienow-Hilt VFW Post #1621. Visitation times were from 4:00 until 7:00 PM on Tuesday, July 8th at the Henke-Clarson Funeral Home, 1010 North Wright Road, Janesville, and at the church on Wednesday from 9:30 AM until the time of services. In lieu of flowers, the family will be establishing a memorial fund in Gaylin's name, so that donations may be made to the numerous charitable organizations he desired.



<u>RICHARD GAIL FINDLEY</u> - Died Thursday, March 26, 2015 at the Bristol Regional Medical Center, Abingdon, Virginia at the age of 77. He was a resident of Abingdon. The cause of death was ischemic cardiomyopathy. He was born in Meadowview, Virginia on July 3, 1937 to the late Gail Vincent Findley and Regina Mae (née Blackwell) Findley. He was a Senior Master Sergeant United States Air

Force-Retired. He enlisted in the U.S. Air Force at the age of 18 and served in the Vietnam War before retiring after 21 years of service. He was a member of Vietnam Veterans of America -Abingdon Chapter #1042. Richard later became the production manager at Terry's Potato Chip plant. He was a man of strong faith and a very active member of St. John Lutheran Church. Mr. Findley enjoyed helping with Faith In Action and was instrumental in its formation. Richard will be remembered as a wonderful and loving husband, father, grandfather, and great grandfather. He was an avid outdoorsman and enjoyed gardening, hunting, raising fox hounds, shooting and reloading, all of which interests he shared with his grandchildren. He is survived by his wife of 57 years, Helen Findley; daughter, Ann Findley of Roanoke, VA; son, Larry Findley and wife Sandy of Radford, VA; brother, Tommy Findley and friend Caroline Keesee of Meadowview, VA; five sisters, Elizabeth Findley Tilson Gray and husband Eddie of Meadowview, VA, Elaine Counts and husband Claude, Jr. of Meadowview, VA, Judy Wilson and friend Preston Blackwell of Abingdon, VA, Billie Snyder and friend Mack Boyd of Meadowview, VA, and Betty Nickles and husband Jimmy of Bluefield, WV; four grandchildren, Heather Sheppard and fiancée Brandon McKee, Emily Claire Findley, 2LT U.S. Army Lukas Findley and fiancée Janelle Filbert, and Cadet Caleb Andrew Findley; one great grandson, Riley Jo Sheppard; two great aunts; and several nieces, nephews, and cousins. A memorial service was held at 1:00 PM on Monday, April 6, 2015 at Saint John Lutheran Church with Pastor G. Scott Homesley officiating. Military rites were conducted by the U.S. Air Force. Honorary pallbearers were the members of the James E. Peters Chapter #57 of Disabled American Veterans. Visitation with the family was held from 2:00-4:00 PM following the service at the church. A graveside committal service was held at 10:00 AM on Tuesday at Southwest Virginia Veterans Cemetery in Dublin, Virginia. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Saint John Lutheran Church, 807 East Main Street, Abingdon, VA 24210; James E. Peters Chapter #57 of the Disabled American Veterans, P.O. Box 646, Abingdon, VA 24212; or to the charity of your choice, in Mr. Findley's name. Those wishing to express sympathy online may do so by visiting www.farrisfuneralservice.com and signing the online guest register. The Findley family was cared for by Farris Funeral Service & Crematory, 427 East Main Street, Abingdon, VA 24210.



<u>KENNETH LEE FRIZELLE</u> - Died in Las Vegas, Nevada on Tuesday, April 21, 2015 surrounded by his loving family at the age of 68. He was a 15-year resident of Bullhead City, Arizona. The cause of death was a stroke. He was born in Wichita, Kansas on August 24, 1946 to the late Delmer and Mildred Frizelle. In 1964, at the age of 17, Ken enlisted in the United States Marine Corps and was honorably

discharged as a Sergeant in 1968. He spent over a year in Vietnam from 1966-1967. Upon return to civilian life, Ken started his law enforcement career in 1968 with the Wichita Police Department, transferring to the Kansas Highway Patrol before moving to California in 1973 and serving with the Monrovia Police Department. In 1975, he was hired by the Inglewood Police Department until he lateraled to the El Segundo Police Department in 1992, also working with the US Customs Task Force until his retirement in 1999. During the time he lived in California, he coached youth soccer and football in Santa Clarita and El Segundo. He and his wife Cindy moved to the Tri-State area to enjoy retirement in the desert in November of 1999. Ken worked part-time as a school bus driver in Mohave County, a volunteer for San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department and Park Service at Katherine Landing. He was the coordinator of the Emergency Food Assistance window at Riviera Baptist Church in Bullhead City for five years. Ken was a member of the Colorado River Chapter 1st Marine Division Association and a lifetime member of VFW Post #10005 and the NRA. He was a Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Kingman Chapter #975. Ken and his wife enjoyed traveling in their RV with their canine fur baby of 8 years, Taggs. Ken was also an avid collector of military memorabilia. IN addition to his parents he was predeceased by his son, David Frizelle, who followed in his footsteps as a United States Marine and Inglewood Police officer. He is survived by his loving and devoted wife of 39 years, Cynthia Frizelle; two daughters, Laura Singer of Dayton, NV, and her husband, Louis Singer and daughter, Kim Castruita of Canyon Country, Calif.; his sister, June Jaggars of Sun City, Calif.; four grandchildren, Alyssa and Zachary Singer, Lauren and Nicholas Castruita; his brother-in-law, Gregory Rewinski, and his wife, Judi, of Peabody, Mass.; nieces, Jill Cameron, Lauren Slaven, and Erica Rewinski; four nephews, Tyler and Cole Cameron, Elliot and Evan Slaven, all from Massachusetts. Friends and family were invited to attend services at Desert Lawn Funeral Home and Memorial Gardens at 9250 South Ranchero Lane, Mohave Valley, AZ at 10:00 AM on Friday, May 1, 2015 followed by a casual reception. Final interment will follow in June in Redondo Beach, Calif. alongside his beloved son, David.

ROBERT LEWIS GARRISON – Died Monday, December 14, 1998 in Craig, Moffat County, Colorado at the age of 66. The cause of death is unknown. He was born August 30, 1932. He served in the United States Air Force during the Korean and Vietnam Wars. He was an *At-Large Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Colorado**. He is interred in the Craig Cemetery.



DALLAS I. HANSON - Died Monday, May 4, 2015 following a courageous battle with cancer. He was a resident of Big Stone City, South Dakota and 69 years of age. He was born on March 26, 1946, in Minot, North Dakota to the late Irvin G. and Luella Theresa (née Larson) Hanson. He was baptized on May 18, 1946, in Heartland, North

Dakota at Zion Lutheran Church, where he was also later confirmed. He attended primary school in Heartland and graduated from high school in Carpio, North Dakota. While attending the North Dakota State School of Science in Wahpeton, ND, he spent several summers as a

custom combiner for Al and Betty Kaufman; they combined in North and South Dakota, Kansas, Oklahoma, and Texas. He graduated in 1967 with a degree in Architectural Drafting and Estimating Technology. On October 10, 1967, he enlisted as a Seabee in the United States Navy and served two tours in Vietnam. The Seabees built roads, bridges, and support facilities while fighting alongside Marines. They also built schools, hospitals, and utility systems in the Vietnamese villages for humanitarian support. He was extremely proud of his service and lived his life by the Seabee motto, "The difficult we do immediately, the impossible just takes a little longer ... Can Do!" During his service, he earned numerous medals including the Combat Action Ribbon. On December 18, 1969, after serving for two years, two months, and nine days, Dallas was honorably discharged. Dallas met Marilyn Mueller at the Ortonville Red Owl grocery store where she was employed. They later married on August 7, 1971, in Odessa, Minnesota. To this union, two sons were born; Mark and Brad. Dallas loved bringing his sons to job sites, taking road trips, and simply spending time together as a family. He enjoyed the outdoors and taking family camping trips; however, he would be the first to admit he preferred the comfort of a "camper." Dallas and Brad spent many hours on the road together traveling to job sites, discussing construction projects, and machinery. With Mark, Dallas shared a passion for flying which culminated in a flight together from Minnesota to California in a small airplane. Lastly, Dallas' most loyal business partner and confidant was Joe, his golden retriever. His faithful sidekick went everywhere, even to work, with him. From a very young age, Dallas had a true passion for building and knew that construction was his calling. He worked construction all his life and was proud to own and operate Dallas I. Hanson Construction, Inc. for the past 29 years. Dallas leaves a legacy in the area communities with the many buildings he built and always enjoyed the "challenge" of a job that people said could not be done. He also served as a current board member and past President of the South Dakota Associated General Contractors (AGC). Dallas was a member of First English Lutheran Church in Ortonville. He served on the Ortonville Fire Department for 41 years in various positions including Fire Chief. Dallas was also a part of the original EMT crew for the Ortonville Ambulance Service. He was a lifetime member of the VFW, American Legion, 40/8, Northeast SD, a Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Watertown Chapter #1054, Ducks Unlimited, Moose Lodge, Jaycees, and the past President and board member of the South Dakota Associated General Contractors. Cherishing Dallas' memory is his wife, Marilyn Hanson of Big Stone City; two sons, Mark (Alysia) Hanson of Arlington, VA, and Brad Hanson of St. Joseph, MN; grandchildren, William and Andrew; sister, Myrna Press of Mahtomedi, MN; niece and nephew, Kamille Haataja and Craig Perkins; and special cousins, Ken, Cindy, Bonnie, Becky, and Kathy. He was preceded in death by his parents; older brother, Dennis; infant brother Darwin; and his aunt and uncle, Lynn and Arlene Stockdill, who he considered his second family. Funeral services were held at 10:30 AM on Friday, May 8th, at First English Lutheran Church in Ortonville, Minnesota with the Reverend David Tonn officiating. Visitation was from 5:00-7:00 PM on Thursday, May 7th, at the First English Lutheran Church and will continue for one hour prior to the time of service at the church on Friday. Burial was at the Mound Cemetery in Ortonville with full military honors being conducted by the VFW Big Stone Lake Post #3964, the American Legion Gertje Van Lith Post #229, and the VVA Northeast SD Chapter #1054. Casket bearers were Mark Ronglien, Jeff Klages, Randy Mclain, Ryan Rademacher, Jim Aesoph and Gary Johnson. Honorary bearers included the Ortonville Fire Department and the employees of Dallas I. Hanson Construction, Inc. In lieu of flowers,

memorials to the Big Stone Health Care Foundation or AGC of South Dakota Building Chapter are appreciated.

EUGENE "Gene" HARDESTY – Died in 2014 in Sherman, Texas at the age of 66. The cause of death is unknown. He was born May 17, 1948. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Sherman Chapter #973**.



JOHN T. HORNE, SR. - Died Monday afternoon, January 5, 2015 at his residence in Muncie, Indiana surrounded by his loving family. He was 71 years of age. The cause of death is unknown. He was born May 29, 1943 in Bellwood, Pennsylvania to the late James W. and Marjorie R. (née Dibert) Horne, Sr. John attended Hollidaysburg High School in Pennsylvania. He served his country honorably in the United States

Navy with the Seabees and the United States Marine Corps during Vietnam. He married Beverly A. Hopkins on April 19, 1962 in Winchester, Virginia. John worked as a service technician within International Union of Elevator Constructors Local #34 for Otis Elevator Company, retiring in 2004. He was a member of East Jackson Church of God, Masonic Lodge #308, Farmland and the Seabee Association, New Castle. He was a Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America -Richmond Chapter #777. He loved to fish, hunt and fly aviation model airplanes. Most importantly, he dearly loved his family and his grandchildren. Survivors include his wife of over fifty-two years, Beverly A. Horne of Muncie; one son, John T. Horne, Jr. of Indianapolis; one daughter, Tammy Sue Lake (significant other, Larry Driscoll) of Anderson; four grandchildren, Andrea Cooper of Pendleton, Zachary Lake (wife, Amanda) of Anderson, Kelsey Davis (husband, Cody) and Emily Horne of Pendleton; three great-grandchildren, Talen Cooper, Brock Cooper and Cole Davis and one great-grandchild expected in July, 2015; one brother, James W. Horne, Jr. (wife, Barbara) of Hollidaysburg, PA; two sisters, Barbara Trenger of Coca, FL and Donna Sprow (husband, Clair) of Duncansville, PA. Funeral services were held at 11:00 AM on Friday, January 9, 2015 at East Jackson Church of God, 6113 East Jackson Street, Muncie with the Reverend Harold Goodpaster officiating. Burial was in the Glenn Cove Cemetery, Knightstown, with full military honors provided by the United States Navy and Veterans of Delaware County. Friends came calling from 4:00 PM until 8:00 PM on Thursday, January 8, 2015 at The Meeks Mortuary, Washington Street Chapel or from 10:00 AM until 11:00 AM on Friday at East Jackson Church of God. The family would like to extend a special thank you to the Doctors and Nurses at VA Roudebush in Indianapolis and Guardian Hospice in Kokomo for the wonderful care and compassionate treatment provided to John. Memorial contributions may be directed to The Wounded Warrior Project, P.O. Box 758517, Topeka, Kansas, 66675. Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.meeksmortuary.com.

VAUGHN R. HULL – Died Tuesday, April 14, 2015 in Westland, Michigan at the age of 64. The cause of death was heart failure. He was born in Flint, Michigan on August 2, 1950. He served in the United States Air Force during the Vietnam War from January 1970 to July 1971 with a tour of duty in Vietnam in 1971. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Plymouth-Canton Chapter #528**.

TIMOTHY O. *"Tim"* **KEEFE** - Died Monday, April 20, 2015 at the University of Iowa Hospitals and Clinics at the age of 68. He was a resident of Moline, Illinois. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in East Moline, Illinois on August 12, 1947. He served in the United States Navy with a tour in Vietnam from 1965 to 1966. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America** – **Quad Cities (***Rock Island***) Chapter #299**. Tim is survived by his daughter, Jennifer Morris, Missouri and two sisters, Bonnie (Larry) Thompson, Rock Island and Pat "Trish" (Bill) Gluba, Davenport. He was preceded in death by his parents and his brother, Charles "Cookie" Keefe. If you would like to share your thoughts and memories, we will deliver your message to the family. Private family services were held. Wheelan-Pressly Funeral Home, Rock Island assisted the family with the arrangements.



<u>CHARLES R. KENNISON</u> - Died Saturday April 19, 2015 at Borgess Medical Center o3f Kalamazoo, Michigan at the age of 69. He was a resident of Battle Creek, Michigan. The cause of death was cancer. He was born January 26, 1946 in Battle Creek to the late Richard and Barbara (née Roach) Kennison. Charles was a 1964 graduate of Springfield High School. Charles served in Vietnam with the United

States Army from 1966 to 1969. He had been employed by the Cello-Foil Co. and the City of Springfield as a firefighter and later in the public works department. Charles was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Battle Creek Chapter #313**. He enjoyed lawn work, drag racing, visiting Firekeepers Casino and giving his time to help with many youth activities, including, coaching football and track. Charles was known for his helpful, generous and friendly nature and enjoyed his daily visit to the "Corner Café" to visit with his friends and fellow veterans. Charles is survived by his aunt Elsie (James) Middleton of Mexico Beach, FL , cousins, Kathy Hutt, of Lewis Center, OH, Paula Green of Columbus, OH, Traci Gaddis of Mexico Beach, FL and Terri McFarland, of Port St. Joe, FL. and many loving friends. Charles is preceded in death by his parents and his brother, David Kennison. Memorial graveside services were held at 1:00 PM Saturday May 9, 2015 at Memorial Park Cemetery. Memorials may be given to the Vietnam Veterans of America or the American Cancer Society. Arrangements were by the Bachman Hebble Funeral Service.

<u>TIMOTHY WALTER KIDDIE</u> – Died Tuesday, September 25, 2007 in Colorado Springs, Colorado at the age of 59. The cause of death is unknown. He was born June 23, 1948 in Fort Hood, Texas. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was an *At-Large Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Colorado**.



RONALD COLMAN "Ron" KING - Died Monday, September 29, 2014 at his home in Cumberland, Maryland at the age of 76. The cause of death is unknown. He was born December 12, 1937 in Cumberland to the late Walter William King and Leona M. (née Kinton) King. He was also preceded in death by his brother, Duane King. A graduate of Allegany High School, Class of 1957, Ron was a United States Air Force

Veteran with 11 ½ years of service; and caretaker for the Kensington for 24 years. Ron was formerly employed by the Celanese Fibers Corporation of America for 16 ½ years. He was a lifemember of the Disabled Veterans of America Chapter 2 and a member of the Democrat Club. Ron was an avid bowler. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Cumberland Chapter #172**. Ron is survived by his wife of 42 years, Sharron Leslie (née Long) King; his sons, Ronald C. King, II, and wife, Tiffany, and Timothy Walter King, all of Cumberland. He also leaves behind his sisters, Delcie Drew and husband, Alvin, Cumberland, and Delores Moynihan, of New York. Ron is also survived by his grandchildren, Joey King, T.J. King, and Cooper King; his nephew, Bobby Drew and wife, Susan, Cumberland; and his nieces, Jodi Piotter and husband, Jerry; and Rachel O'Neil and husband, Jonathan, all of New York. A memorial service was conducted at the Adams Family Funeral Home, P.A., 404 Decatur Street, Cumberland on Wednesday, October 1, 2014 at 2:00 PM, with Pastor Sandy Cowan officiating. The family received friends one hour prior to the service. "The Broken Chain" We little knew that day, God was going to call your name. In life, we loved you dearly, in death, we do the same. It broke our hearts to lose you. You did not go alone. For part of us went with you, the day God called you home. You left us beautiful memories; your love is still our guide. And although we cannot see you, you are always at our side. Our family chain is broken, and nothing seems the same, but as God calls us one by one, the chain will link again.



FREDERICK JOHN "Fritz" KLINE - Died Saturday, April 18, 2015 in Hinckley, Ohio at the age of 81. The cause of death is cancer. He was born on January 3, 1934 in New Castle, Pennsylvania to the late John and Stella (née Cegelka) Kline. Fritz retired as a Major in the United States Air Force. He was a *Life Member* of many organizations:

Vietnam Veterans of America – Medina Chapter #385, American Legion Post 202, VFW Post 9520, Eagles Arie 2224, Medina Moose Lodge 647, U. S. Air Force National Pistol Team, Reserve Officer Association of America, N.R.A. of America, and Amateur Trap Shooting of America. Fritz was instrumental in building and dedicating the Medina County Vietnam Memorial. Over the years, Fritz was also involved in many community and church activities: volunteer firefighter, E.M.T., firehouse photographer, served on the Hinckley Board of Zoning Appeals, a member of the Hinckley Chamber of Commerce, and was active with Buzzard Day activities. He participated in the church golf league and was a member of the Holy Name Society. He was also a member of the 1953 West Tech High School Reunion Committee. Fritz was an avid reader who loved working outdoors; afterwards relaxing in his man-cave (garage) with a cold beer. He owned a specialty gunsmithing business and acquired a special "handloading" skill. He enjoyed traveling to gun and airplane shows. Fritz was a complex person with many sides. He was a dedicated son to his parents whom he steadfastly cared for dearly in their final years. Others knew him as a practical joker with a raunchy and blue sense of humor; or as a very detailed perfectionist; or an opinionated curmudgeon with an affinity for hugging well-endowed women. Fritz was indeed one of a kind. He will be missed by his children, Mary Beth (Ronald) Sands, Eric Kline; grandchildren, Joshua A. Perkins, Malea S. O'Connor; great-grandchildren, Jasmyn, Kaitlyn, and Shylyn; and his best friends, Phyllis Macaulay and Ray Hedges. A Memorial Service was held on Wednesday, April 29, 2015 at 11:00 AM at Our Lady of Grace Church, 1088 Ridge Road, Hinckley, OH 44233. Inurnment was at 1:30 PM at the Ohio Western Reserve National Cemetery in Rittman, Ohio. Arrangements were entrusted to the Carlson Funeral Homes and Cremation Services, 1642 Pearl Road, Brunswick, Ohio 44212. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Frederick's name to Diabetes Partnership of Cleveland, 3601 South Green Road, Suite 100, Beachwood, OH 44122 or American Heart Association, 1689 East 115 Street, Cleveland, OH 44106.

<u>KIMBERLY E. KRESS</u> – Died Wednesday, June 15, 2011 in Golden, Colorado at the age of 40. The cause of death is unknown. She was born on April 28, 1951. She served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War and attained the rank of Specialist Four. She was an *At*-*Large Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Colorado**. She is interred in Fort Logan National Cemetery in Denver, Colorado.



<u>GILBERT LEONARD KUTAC</u> – Died Tuesday, March 24, 2015 in Schulenburg, Texas at the age of 70. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Engle, Texas on October 27, 1944. He served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War. He was a member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Schulenburg Chapter #870. Survivors include wife, Janis Kutac, of Schulenburg; his daughter and son-in-law, Tina and Douglas Anders, of Schulenburg; his son, Todd Kutac and significant

other, Danielle Davis, of Schulenburg, and; two grandchildren. Funeral services were held Saturday, March 28, 2015 at 10:00 AM from the Saint Rose Catholic Church in Schulenburg, Texas. Visitation started after 5:00 PM on Friday with the Vietnam Veterans, American Legion and VFW memorial services were held at 6:30 PM and the Parish rosary followed at 7:00 PM. All services were from the Schwenke-Baumgarten Funeral Home in Schulenburg. Interment was in the Saint Rose Catholic Cemetery in Schulenburg. The family requested donations be made to the St. Rose Catholic School, 1010 Lyons, Schulenburg, TX 78956; Hospice of South Texas, 306 North Texana, Hallettsville, Texas 77964; or a charity of one's choice.



NEOCLIS J. "Nick" KYRIAZIS – Died Sunday, August 31, 2014 at his home in Bel Air, Maryland at the age of 75. The cause of death is unknown. He was born June 7, 1939. He immigrated to the United States and became an American citizen in the 1960's. Nick voluntarily served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War and was wounded, thereby earning a Purple Heart. After being honorably discharged, he worked as a civilian for the Army in Aberdeen, MD for

twenty years. In the last year of his life, it was Nick's proud and final accomplishment to serve, conscientiously, as the Commander of the Maryland Order of the Purple Heart. He was honored and praised by Purple Heart member for tirelessly working for wounded veterans, past and present. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Bel Air Chapter #588**. Nick was a kind, generous, loyal patriot, and devoted friend to our family. We will sorely miss him, his unconditional love and support. He is survived by life-long friends Jim and Pat Whittaker; daughters Kerri and (Michael) Santos and Mary Pat and (Joel) DeMott; grandchildren, Andrew and Sarah Nagy, Mary Kozikowski, and the entire Hendrickson family. A funeral service was held at the Delaware Veteran's Cemetery, 2465 Chesapeake City Road, Bear, Delaware, 19701 at 11:00 AM on September 17th.

W. SCOTT MANNING, JR. – Died recently in 2015 in Burleson, Texas at the age of 70. The cause of death is unknown. He was born March 3, 1945. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was an *At-Large Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Texas**.

LARRY WAYNE MARTIN, SR. - Died Monday, December 15, 2014 at his residence in Mannington, West Virginia at the age of 65. The cause of death was a heart attack. He was born December 31, 1948 in Rachel, West Virginia to the late Hobart F. Martin and Gladys B. (née Sharp) Martin. Larry was a veteran of the United States Air Force, serving during the Vietnam War as a firefighter for crash rescue. He was a retired coal miner from the Consolidated Coal Co. and a member of the UMWA. He was a member of the Loyal Order of the Moose Lodge No. 1344 in Mannington, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks Lodge No. 388 in Mannington and was a member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Mannington Chapter **#1055**. He also enjoyed fishing, antique cars, hanging out with his buddy at the garage, tinkering with his antique engine and his grandchildren. Survivors include his three children and their spouses, Larry W. and Teresa Martin, Jr. of Mannington, Joyce Ann and Dennis Dawson, of VA, and Timothy Lee and Amanda Martin, Joetown; a brother, Randall K. Martin of GA; five grandchildren, Aaron Taylor, Jeffery Alan Taylor, Jr., Austin Martin, Dylan Martin and Rosalyn Martin; four step-grandchildren, Hunter Dawson, Paige, Emily and Benji Snider; and his former wife, Sharon Martin of Mannington; and several nieces and nephews. In addition to his parents, he was also preceded in death by a brother, Hobart "Sonny" Martin. Friends came calling at the Hutson Funeral Home, 500 East Main Street, Mannington, on Wednesday from 2:00-4:00 and 6:00-9:00 PM where funeral services were held on Thursday at Noon with Pastor Mike Williams officiating. Interment was in the West Virginia National Cemetery at Pruntytown with Marion County Veterans Council rendering full military honors. Hutson Funeral Home was in charge of the arrangements in Mannington.



DOYCE CEE MASON - Died Monday, March 30, 2015 at his residence in Athens, Alabama at the age of 69. The cause of death was cardiopulmonary respiratory arrest and lung cancer with metastases. He was born December 17, 1945 in Anderson, Alabama to the late to A. E. Mason and Vera (née Walker) Mason. In addition to his parents, he was also predeceased by his twin brother, Boyce Mason. He is survived by his wife, Brenda Mason; three daughters, Brandi Meloon and husband, J R, Melissa Brown and fiancé, Steve and Lori Steelman

and fiancé, Larry; nine grandchildren, Chelsea Love, Madison Wilson, Lacey Steelman, Landon Mason, Brennon Hudson, Tanner Meloon, Greg Brown, Brandi Brown and Lindsey Flowers; four sisters, Jane Hartselle, Faye Nolen, Reba Hagood and husband, Billy and Ouida Conn. He served in the United States Army from 5 May 1966 to 3 May 1968 with a tour of duty in Vietnam. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Athens Chapter #511**. Services were held on Tuesday, March 31, 2015 at 2:00 PM at the Limestone Chapel Funeral Home with Dennis Ivy officiating. Visitation was on Tuesday from 12:00 PM until 1:45 PM prior to the service. Burial was in Roselawn Cemetery. Pallbearers were Ricky Hartselle, Steve Howard, Nick Wilson, Jack Russell, Brian Romine and Charles Pettie. Honorary pallbearers were Jason Russell and Greg Russell.



PAUL RAY MATHEWS - Died Friday, October 28, 2005 at his home in Greeley, Colorado with his family by his side. He was 55 years of age. The cause of death was Alzheimer's Disease. He was born June 14, 1950, in Longmont, Colorado to the late Willie Carl and Catherine (née Sanderson) Mathews. On August 24, 1976, he

married Alisa Marie Hubbard in Brighton, Colorado. Mr. Mathews lived in Greeley for most of his life and graduated from Greeley Central High School in 1968. He attended Gulf Coast Seminary and earned a bachelor's degree in theology in 1984. He later attended Southwestern Assemblies of God University and earned a bachelor's degree in Pastoral Ministries Counseling with an associate's degree in psychology in June of 1994. He was an ordained minister with the Foursquare Church. In 1987, Mr. Mathews founded and was president of Out of Bondage Ministries Inc., a prison ministry. He served in the United States Army during the Vietnam conflict in the Central Highlands at Pleiku. During his time in Vietnam, he served as a Chaplain's Assistant and conducted services and counseling for the men in Vietnam. He was an AmVets coordinator in Cheyenne at the VA Hospital and founder of the Greeley AmVets chapter. Mr. Mathews was a member and past commander of the Disabled American Veterans Greeley Chapter and coordinated the DAV homeless shelters. He also was a member of the Greeley American Legion Post #18, the Blind American Veterans and the Evans Veterans of Foreign Wars. He was an At-Large Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Colorado. Survivors are his wife, Alisa M. Mathews of Greeley; two sons and their wives, Jason and Kellie Mathews and James and Bonnie Mathews, all of Greeley; and five grandchildren. Also surviving are his mother, Cathy Roadifer of Greeley, and three brothers, James Mathews of Greeley, Steve Mathews of La Salle and Carl Horning, also of La Salle. He was preceded in death by his father and a brother, David Mathews. Memorial services to celebrate his life were at 10:00 AM on Tuesday at the Hope Centre Foursquare Church, 4754 31st Street, Greeley. Inurnment was at the Linn Grove Cemetery with military honors by the Greeley American Legion Post #18. Memorial gifts may be made to the Hospice and Palliative Care of Northern Colorado, the ALS Foundation or the DAV in care of Moser Funeral Service, 3501 South 11th Avenue. Evans. CO 80620.



<u>GLEN ALVIN MAYS, JR.</u> – Died Monday, December 15, 2014 in Saint Louis, Missouri at the age of 65. The cause of death is unknown. He was born March 2, 1949 to the late Alma (née Jewell) Baldwin. He served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Saint Louis Chapter #1028**. He was the beloved husband of 45 years of Mary A. (née Rich) Mays; the loving father of Kelley (Jeff) Gale and Shannon

(Jeff) Howard; dear PawPaw of Sydney, Devin and Aiden, and; dear brother of Chris (Al) Owens, Billie Vitale, Rose (Bill) Ross, Mary (Charlie) Cappel and the late Darrell (Debbie survives) Mays, the late Shirley Hooker and the late Fran (Don) Reckert. If desired, please make expressions of sympathy in Glen's memory to the American Lung Association. Funeral services from the Hoffmeister South County Chapel, 1515 Lemay Ferry Road on Thursday, December 18, 2014 at 9:15 AM to Saint Joan of Arc Catholic Church for a Mass of Christian Burial at 10:00 AM. Interment with full military honors was in Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery. Visitation at Hoffmeister South County Chapel was on Wednesday from 4:00-8:00 PM Please share memories and offer condolences at hoffmeistersouthcounty.com.



<u>CHARLES BLANCHARD "Chip" McQUOID</u> - Died Thursday, April 2, 2015 in Kirksville, Missouri at the age of 66. The cause of death was an aneurysm of the stomach. He was born on September 19, 1948 in Greenwich, Connecticut to the late Charles "Chuck" and Jane McQuoid. He spent his childhood in Cincinnati, Ohio. He was a 1967 graduate of Culver Military Academy, where he rowed crew. From 1969 to 1972, he

served in the United States Air Force as a Para-Rescue Specialist, where his main duty was as a medic for a helicopter rescue unit. He served tours in Korea and Vietnam achieving the rank of Sergeant. He was the recipient of two Silver Stars, two Air Medals, and a Distinguished Flying Cross. Chip was a 1967 graduate of Culver Military Academy, Company D, where he was a member of the crew team. From 1969 to 1972, Chip served in the United States Air Force as a ParaRescue Specialist. He was stationed in Korea for one year followed by two years in Vietnam. ParaRescuemen (also known as PJs) are Special Forces operatives tasked with r rescue and emergency medical treatment of personnel both in humanitarian and in com bat environments. They wear the maroon beret as a symbol of their elite status and to symbolize the blood that has been shed by past PJs, as well as the blood current PJs are willing to shed to save lives. The PJ motto is simply "That Others May Live." Chip was credited with fifty-two combat saves in Vietnam. He was a Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Topeka (Kansas) Chapter #604. In 1977, he obtained a BA (Cum Laude) from Marietta College, majoring in Accounting, Math and Economics. He was a member of Phi Beta Kappa, and had honoraries in Math and Economics. He was a member of Delta Upsilon Fraternity, where he later served on the Alumni Council. He rowed crew for Marietta College where his 1973 Men's Junior Varsity Heavyweight Eight was a Dad Vail Regatta winner (largest intercollegiate rowing event in the United States). He was a longtime financial contributor to both Culver and Marietta College. He was employed as a Certified Public Accountant by The Airolite Company in Marietta, Ohio, and was later the CFO of Taylor Woodcraft in Malta, Ohio. He is survived by his daughter, Summer McQuoid of Chicago, Ill.; son, Christopher McQuoid (Greydan) of Columbus, Ohio; granddaughter, Margot McQuoid; and first wife, Mary McQuoid, of Marietta, Ohio. Surviving siblings are Kyle Hughes of Denver, Colo., Kelly McQuoid of Chapel Hill, N.C., and Kim McQuoid of Ashland, Ore. His funeral including full military honors occurred at a later date. Said his fellow Airman upon learning of his death: "When I was with him in the early days, he had such a great and kind laugh. Many times his demeanor was that of a royal king, and I would remind him to get down here with the rest of mankind. He would help anyone in need and he was fearless in combat."

THOMAS ALAN MOEHLMAN – Died Wednesday, December 11, 2013 in Lakewood, Colorado at the age of 62. The cause of death is unknown. He was born April 17, 1951 in Nashville, Tennessee. He served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War and attained the rank of Specialist Four. He was an *At-Large Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America** – **Colorado**. He is survived by his sister Cynthia Finnerty of NC and brother Gerald of AZ. Services were on December 17, 2013 at 10:30 AM at Fort Logan National Cemetery.

DENNIS VICTOR MOST - Died Thursday, May 9, 2013 in the Port Huron Hospital at the age of 63. He was a resident of Algonac, Michigan. The cause of death is unknown. He was born January 14, 1950 in Detroit, Michigan. He married Mary Ann Campbell on September 17, 1971

in Detroit. He served with the United State Navy during the Vietnam Conflict. He was a life member of the Algonac VFW Post #3901 and a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America** – **Mount Clemens Chapter #154**. He is survived by his wife Mary Ann, children Michael (Jenelle) Most and Dennis C. Most, his grandchildren Cooper Most and Emilee Most, a brother Richard (Florette) Most, brother-in-law Paul (Cathy) Campbell, and many nieces and nephews. A memorial visitation was held from 1:00-5:00 PM on Saturday, August 17, 2013 in the Fred Quandt VFW Post #3901, 1005 Pointe Tremble Road, Algonac, MI. Burial of Cremains in Mt. Holly Cemetery. Arrangements were by the Gilbert Funeral Home, Algonac.

DAVID JAMES MUHL – Died Thursday, April 2, 2015 in Las Vegas, Nevada at the age of 65. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Syracuse, New York on June 20, 1949. He married Katherine Lunettie Napier on September 7, 1985. He served in the United States Marine Corps with a tour of duty in Vietnam. He attained the rank of E-4. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Las Vegas Chapter #17**.



<u>RICHARD G. "Dick" MURPHY</u> - Died at his home in Springfield, Pennsylvania on Thursday, February 19, 2015 at the age of 67. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania on November 7, 1947. Dick was the devoted husband of Patricia A. Murphy (née Piechoski). Dick was a Master Plumber and owner of Murphy's Plumbing & Heating, Inc. in Holmes. He was a proud veteran who served

in the United States Army, 101st Airborne during two tours of duty in the Vietnam War and was the recipient of the Bronze Star Medal. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America** – **Media Chapter #67**. Dick loved going to Wildwood with his family, spending time with his grandchildren, reading his Kindle, and was a Licensed Captain and an avid fisherman. He was a talented mechanic and was passionate about his company which he started on his own in 1976. Throughout his career, he mentored many mechanics. Dick loved animals, especially his Schnauzers, Printze, Prantzer, PJ, and Klaus. Survivors along with his wife Patsy, Richard is survived by his children, Brian (Holly), Rick (Christine), and Kelly (Jeff); loving grandfather of Brian, Brandon, Sadie, Hunter, Crista, Kelsie, Amber and Cole; dear brother of Dr. William (Denise) Murphy. Relatives and friends were invited to Dick's Life Celebration on Wednesday, February 25, 2015 at 10:30 AM–12:00 PM at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church, 2130 Franklin Avenue in Morton, PA 19070. The Funeral Mass was at 12:00 Noon. Interment was in the Saint Peter and Paul Cemetery, Springfield. Contributions in lieu of flowers, donations were asked to be made to Finding Shelter Animal Rescue, P.O. Box 723, Southeastern, PA 19399. The Life Celebration service was provided by James F. Knoetgen, of Morton, Pennsylvania.

<u>CHARLES O. O'LEARY</u> – Died in the last few years in San Antonio, Texas. The cause of death is unknown. He was born May 18, 1949. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was an *At*-*Large Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Colorado**.

JOHN C. PARKER – Died Sunday March 8, 2015 at home in Lockport, New York surrounded by his family. He was 69 years of age. The cause of death was adenocarcinoma of the esophagus. He was born in Buffalo, New York at Louise de Marillac Hospital on November 13, 1945 to the late Elva A. (née Prest) Parker and Vincent John Parker. He had two brothers and two sisters;

Phyllis Forest, Lawrence Earl and the late Bruce Parker and the late Kathleen Albrecht. He attended School 52 on Bird Ave; Junior High in Orchard Park and graduated from Grover Cleveland High. He married Deanna Brinkman in Huron, South Dakota on April 17, 1971. They have three children; John C. (Catherine) Parker, Rebecca (Scott) Kozlowski and MAJ Patrick Parker DO. He is also survived by his eldest daughter Beatrice (Chris) Mueller and six grandchildren. He served in the United States Navy as Seabee, serving a tour of duty in Da Nang and Cameron Bay, Vietnam. John was a member of the Moose, IOOB, VFW, DAV, a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Tonawanda Chapter #77**, Chairman's Club, Wilson Conservation Club and his most recent, the Studebaker Club to celebrate his birthday gift of a 1958 Golden Hawk from his children. He was interested in Genealogy and collected "Esso" products. Family and Friends called at the Rutland-Corwin Funeral Home, Inc. 2670 Main Street, Newfane, NY on Thursday, March 12th, from 4:00-7:00 PM. A Mass of Christian Burial was held at Saint Brendan on the Lake, Newfane site (Saint Bridget's) on Friday at 11:00 AM. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to be made to a charity of one's choice.



GARY HERMAN PENDLETON - 67, of Newport, TN formerly of Silvis Died Saturday, June 6, 2015 at the Newport Medical Center in Newport, Tennessee at the age of 67. He was a resident of Newport and formerly of Silvis, Illinois. The cause of death is unknown. He was born June 16, 1947 in Moline, Illinois to the late Ivan and Frances (née Degeeter) Pendleton. He served in the United States Marine Corps

during Vietnam. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Quad Cities (***Rock Island, Illinois***) Chapter #299. He married Pamela Brown on November 9, 1985 in Moline, Illinois. She died November 9, 2013. Gary retired as a contractor and enjoyed spending time with family and friends. He was also an avid member of the VFW and AMVETS. Survivors include his sister and brother-in-law, Donna and Ron DeMay, of Silvis, IL; his brother and sister-in-law, Ron and Teresa, of East Moline, IL and a special friend Wendy Hamil, of Newport, TN. Gary was preceded in death by his parents, Wife, and sister Yvonne. Visitation was from 10:00 AM to 12:00 Noon on Thursday at Schroder Mortuary in Silvis, Illinois followed by a graveside service at Rock Island National Cemetery. Memorials may be made to Vietnam Veterans of America.**

RAYMOND ANDREW PHELPS – Died in February, 2015 in Lester, Alabama at the age of 86. The cause of death was cancer. He was born in Athens, Alabama on July 24, 1928. He retired Staff Sergeant having served in both the United States Marine Corps and the United States Army during the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Athens Chapter #511**. The funeral was at 1:00 PM on Saturday, February 28th, at Peoples Funeral Home with Scott Peppers eulogizing and Peoples directing. Burial was in the Thatch-Mann Cemetery.



JOHN LYNN PODREBARAC – Died Friday, March 27, 2015 at Windber Hospice at the age of 72. He was a resident of Dunlo, Pennsylvania. The cause of death was chronic obstructive pulmonary disease and emphysema. He was born August 28, 1942, in Dunlo to the late John W. and Carolyn M. (née Koontz) Podrebarac. In addition to his parents, he was also predeceased by his sister, Carol Puto. He is survived by loving wife of 46 years, Alice A. (née DiMarino) Podrebarac, whom he

married January 4, 1969; children, Lynn Ann Sowerbrower, Latrobe; Joseph J., married to Courtney (Caputo), Johnstown; and Cynthia M., wife of Jeffrey Wicks, Salix; beloved grandchildren, Jacquelyn Sowerbrower; Sydney and Madison Podrebarac; Anthony Wicks, engaged to Elizabeth Toulantis; and David and Alyssa Wicks; brother, Robert, married to Anna (Brindak), Dunlo; and brother-in-law, Ronald Puto, Monroeville. He was a United States Navy veteran of the Vietnam War, having served aboard several submarines from 1961 to 1967. John worked for U.S. Steel and retired from the quality assurance department at Johnstown Corp. He was a member of Saint Michael Catholic Church, Saint Michael; Slovak Catholic SOKOL; American Legion Post #551, St. Michael; VFW Menoher Post #155, Richland; Adams Township Volunteer Fire Dept. No. 1, Station #82, Dunlo; Volunteer Firemen's Association of Cambria County; and Dunlo Rod & Gun Club. He was a Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Johnstown Chapter #364. Friends were received from 2:00 to 8:00 PM on Monday at the Charles O. Dimond Funeral Home, Inc., South Fork, where a vigil was held at 7:00 PM on Monday. The Funeral Mass was celebrated at 10:30 AM on Tuesday at Saint Michael Catholic Church with Father Charles F. Bodziak as the Main Celebrant. Committal services were in Corpus Christi Cemetery, Dunlo. Military graveside service was provided by St. Michael American Legion Post 551. As an expression of sympathy, the family suggests memorial donations may be made to Windber Hospice, 600 Somerset Avenue, Windber, PA 15963.



ROBERT WILSON "Bob" POWELL, JR. (USAF, COL-Ret.) - Died Tuesday, April 7, 2015 in Tulsa, Oklahoma at the age of 93. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on March 27, 1922 in Alfalfa County, Oklahoma to the late Mary Edith (née Harris) Powell and Robert Wilson Powell, Sr. He is survived by his wife Lela Powell of Tulsa, two daughters Karen Martin of Claremont, California and Kathe

Reh of Reno, Nevada and two granddaughters, two great grandsons, his brother James C. Powell of Tulsa of Tulsa. In addition to his parents, he was also predeceased by his brother (CPO) Jean Harris Powell, retired U.S. Navy Submarine Service. Bob graduated from Nowata High School and joined the United States Army Air Corps in 1940. He served his country for twenty-seven years in the United States Air Force. He served in WWII, Korea and Vietnam before his retirement in 1966. In WWII he served as a glider pilot in Operation Market Garden in 1944 where he was a Sergeant in the 82nd Airborne Division. In 2013 and 2014 Powell traveled to Holland to commemorate the 70th anniversary of Market Garden. A memorial service was held at the First Presbyterian Church, (121 West College Street) Broken Arrow, Oklahoma on Friday, April 10th at 10:00 AM. Bob's life is a legacy in leadership. He founded the Military History Museum at 112 North Main in Broken Arrow, Oklahoma, to honor our veterans and educate future generations about the importance of patriotism. Donations can be made to the Military History Museum.



LEON A. RAMIREZ – Died Wednesday, June 27, 2012 in Baytown, Harris County, Texas at the age of 67. The cause of death is unknown. He was born February 9, 1945 in Yoakum, DeWitt County, Texas to the late Mucio and Pauline (née Fonseca) Ramirez. He is predeceased by his wife of 43 years, Josephine (née Marron) Ramirez and his grandson, Angel Canizales. He served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War from January 24, 1967 to January 10, 1969 with a tour of duty in Vietnam from 1967 to 1968. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Baytown Chapter #922**. He is interred in Earthman Memory Gardens in Baytown, Texas.

ROBERT J. REITZ – Died recently in Golden Valley, Arizona at the age of 68. The cause of death is unknown. He was born September 21, 1946. He served in the United States Marine Corps during the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Kingman Chapter #975**.



ARNOLD EUGENE "*Gene*" **ROBERTS** – Died Saturday, March 28, 2015 in Ferndale, Michigan at the age of 66. The cause of death is cancer. He was born in Detroit, Michigan on August 19, 1948 to Lucy and the late Robert Lee Roberts. He was the loving partner of Eric Demetriade for 15 years. He is survived by his sisters, Sue,

Diane, Mary, Patricia; his brother, Steve; his son, Andrew. He was predeceased by his son Paul Roberts. He served in the United States Army from August 1967 to August 1970 with a tour of duty in Vietnam from 1969 to 1970. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Plymouth – Canton Chapter #528**. Family received friends on Saturday, April 11, 2015 from 10:00 AM until the Memorial service at 11:00 AM at the A.J. Desmond & Sons (Vasu, Rodgers & Connell Chapel).

REX MIGUEL SCOTT – Died Tuesday, November 18, 2014 in Spartanburg, South Carolina at the age of 68. The cause of death was self-inflicted gunshot wounds after killing his wife. He was born October 5, 1946. He served in the United States Marine Corps during the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Battle Creek (Michigan) Chapter #313.** He was a retired deputy from the Spartanburg County Sheriff's Office.

STEVEN JAY SERKEZ – Died Friday, August 29, 2008 in Aurora, Arapahoe County, Colorado at the age of 57. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on October 19, 1950. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was an *At-Large Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America** – **Colorado**.



<u>PHILIP ROGER SOUTHWICK</u> – Died Thursday, January 8, 2015 in Santa Maria, California at the age of 66. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on December 14, 1948 to the late George and Leona Southwick in Medford, Oregon, but grew up in Van Nuys, California. After high school, Philip joined the United States Air Force where he served 4 years, obtaining the rank of Sergeant (E-4), at

Laredo AFB, TX and Robins AFB, GA in addition to fighting for freedom in Vietnam and the Secret War in Laos. After returning home from the service, he moved to Santa Maria where he met his wife of 42 years, Linda. Philip worked in the grocery business for Williams Brothers and then started working on garage doors with his brother and eventually started his own garage door company, American Garage Doors and Openers. Together, Philip and Linda had 3 daughters, April, Kelli and Kristi and they were the delight of his life. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Santa Maria Chapter #982**. Philip had a great sense of humor and loved life. He looked at everything with a positive attitude and always had a wise crack or

joke for someone. You could often find him working on his old truck or building a bike with his friends or just sometimes having a bagel for breakfast with friends. Philip was involved in the local military veterans group and enjoyed his time with the wonderful people he met there. Philip is survived by his wife, Linda Southwick, daughters; April Sargeant and her husband Gregg, Kelli Widner, and Kristi Southwick; grandchildren, Sophia Dixon, Gibson Sargeant, Grady Sargeant, Reuben Dixon and Garrison Sargeant, sisters, Carol DeKorte and her husband Jim, Wanda Stouffer and her husband Steve, and brother, Paul Southwick. The family would like to thank the West Los Angeles Veterans Affairs Hospital, specifically Dr. Jaime Betancourt, for his unconditional and continuous outreach and support during the past year, the Critical Care Unit Doctors and Nurses at Marian Regional Medical Center for their wonderful care in the last week, specifically, close family friend and R.N. Denise Villarete for her immeasurable support to the family during this difficult time. A Celebration of Life service was held on Wednesday, January 14, 2015 at 10:30 AM at First Christian Church, 1550 South College Drive, Santa Maria, CA 93454. A reception followed immediately. In honor of Philip's love of comfortable clothes, please dress casually. Also, during the service "Fist Bump" greetings are highly encouraged. In lieu of flowers, please send donations in Philip's name to the Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter #982, 200 Battles Road, Santa Maria, CA 93454 or the First Christian Church, 1550 South College Drive, Santa Maria, CA 93455.

DAVID ROGER SPRY – Died Wednesday, April 1, 2015 in Omaha, Nebraska at the age of 67. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Mankato, Minnesota on March 16, 1948. He is survived by his children, Jason, Robin Spry; sister Donna; other family and friends. He served in the United States Marine Corps with a tour of duty in Vietnam in the Battle of Khe Sanh. He was an *At-Large Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Nebraska**. The visitation was on Friday from 6:00-8:00 PM at Crosby Colonial Chapel. Inurnment was at 10:00 AM on Saturday in the Calvary Cemetery. Crosby Burket Swanson Golden Colonial Chapel 11902 West Center Road was in charge of the arrangements.

HELMUT JOSEF STARKL – Died Friday, April 10, 2015 in Boise, Idaho at the age of 75. The cause of death was congestive heart failure. He was born in Austria on January 26, 1940. He served in the United States Army from 1961 to September 30, 1981. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Harker Heights Chapter #1000**.

<u>KIM RAY STAVIS</u> – Died recently in 2015 in Portsmouth, New Hampshire at the age of 69. The cause of death is unknown. He was born April 6, 1946. He married Gail Lamare on April 28, 1978 in Southington, Hartford County, Connecticut. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Concord Chapter #41**.

<u>SAM L. STEWART</u> - Died at his home in Fresno, California on Saturday, March 14, 2015 at the age of 73. The cause of death was Agent Orange-related cancer. He was born May 18, 1941 in Rock Island, Illinois to the late Jess and Loretta Stewart. He was raised in East Moline and graduated from Moline High School in 1959. He served eight years in the United States Navy, including three tours in Vietnam. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Quad Cities (Rock Island) Chapter #299.** Surviving are his daughter and son-in-law, Lori and Adam

Bailey; grandchildren, Jessica and Josh; and sister, Connie Anderson. In addition to his parents, he was also predeceased by his son, Scott. Memorials can be made to Vietnam Veterans of America.



BOBBY G. STONE - Died at Baptist South in Montgomery, Alabama on Thursday, May 24, 2012 at the age of 72. He was a resident of Montgomery. He is survived by his wife of 18 years, Diane C. Stone of Tallahassee, AL; 3 daughters, Anne Stone of Snellville, GA, Heather Barkhurst (Ragan) of Montgomery, Al, Kathy Pitarresi (John) of North Richland Hills, TX; 5 grandchildren, Stone & Knox Pitarresi of North

Richland Hills, TX, Emma, Luke, & Brady Barkhurst of Montgomery, AL; & brother Doug Stone (Carolyn) of Jacksonville, FL. He served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War and retired after a lengthy career. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America** – **Wetumpka Chapter #607**. There was a graveside service with full military honors rendered at the Greenwood Cemetery on Monday, May 28, 2012 at 1:00 PM.



GEORGE R. STROHL, JR. - Died of health issues due to an accident on Thursday, April 2, 2015 at the Church of God Home in Carlisle, Pennsylvania at the age of 69. He was a resident of East Waterford, Pennsylvania and formerly of Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. He was born in Northampton, Pennsylvania on February 7, 1944 to the late George R. Strohl, Sr. and Ethel Strohl. He was the husband of Carlotta (née

Scholl) Strohl for 49 years. He was a graduate of Gannon College, Erie. He earned a master's degree in counseling psychology from the University of Scranton and in hospital administration from Columbia University. He was a First Lieutenant in the United States Army, 5th Battalion, 27th Artillery Regiment and was in Vietnam from October 1967 to August 1968. He was in four major campaigns and received the Bronze Star for meritorious service. He was a hospital administrator at Scranton State General Hospital. He then became president and chief executive officer of Community General Osteopathic Hospital, Harrisburg, for 20 years. Following the merger with Pinnacle Health System, he retired in 1999 as the vice president for system planning and business development. He was a hospital administrator surveyor for the American Osteopathic Association. He was the chairman of the American Osteopathic Healthcare Association and a fellow of the American College of Healthcare Executives. He was a member of the Advisory Board of the Vietnam Veterans Center, Harrisburg; Rotary Club Colonial Park; Pennsylvania Osteopathic Hospital Association; Hospital Association of Pennsylvania; Hospital Council of Central Pennsylvania; Pennsylvania Osteopathic Medical Association and World Mission of Central Pennsylvania. In 1992, he returned to Vietnam with Aid to Southeast Asia to donate hospital equipment. He was a Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Harrisburg Chapter #542. He received the American Osteopathic Healthcare Association Award of Merit in 1991 and the College of Osteopathic Healthcare Executives, CEO Award of Excellence, 1997. In addition to his mother and his wife, he is survived by a son, G. Richard "Rick" III and his wife Denise of Mechanicsburg; a daughter, Heather M. and her husband Jason Whipkey, of Hyde Park, Vt.; four grandsons, Ryan and Sean Strohl and Will and Jimmy Whipkey; two brothers, Terry and his wife Karla of Murrells Inlet, S.C. and Michael and his wife Debbi of Coplay; aunts; an uncle; nieces; and nephews. Contributions may be made to Boy Scouts of America, 1 Baden Powell Lane, Mechanicsburg, 17050; Pinnacle Health Foundation, P.O. Box 8700, Harrisburg, 17105-8700; or the Vet Center, 1500 N. Second St., Harrisburg, 17102. Arrangements were made by the Cremation Society of Pennsylvania Inc.



<u>RICKY ALAN "Rick" TANNER</u> - Died Thursday, April 30, 2015 at his home in Miami, Indiana at the age of 64. He was formerly of Marshall, Michigan. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on July 6, 1950 in Ann Arbor, Michigan to the late George A. and Harriett L. (née Snay) Tanner. He graduated from Pinckney High School in 1969. He served in the United States Army during the Vietnam Conflict. Rick was a

painter for many years in the area and he retired in 2000 due to illness. Rick was a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars in Marshall and in Kokomo, Indiana. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Battle Creek Chapter #313**. He enjoyed music, playing the guitar and the drums. He also enjoyed playing softball and golf. He is survived by his son and daughter-in-law Ricky and Angela Riggs; two granddaughters; sisters. Starlett Bacon of Pinckney and Cheryl (David) Singer of Albion; brothers, Phil Tanner of Brighten, Ron (Linda) Tanner of Hartland, Rod Tanner of Springport, and George (Deb) Tanner of Brighten; and numerous nieces and nephews. A graveside service took place at 12:00 Noon on Wednesday, May 6, 2015 at Fort Custer National Cemetery, 15501 Dickman Road, Augusta. Memorial contributions were requested to the family. Assistance with memorials is available at the Craig Kempf Family Funeral Homes, Marshall Chapel 723 US 27 North.



VICTOR R. TONONI - Died Saturday, January 17, 2015 at his home in Johnstown, Pennsylvania at the age of 67. The cause of death is unknown. He was born April 12, 1947, in Colver, Pennsylvania to the late Victor Anthony and Mary (née Legdon) Tononi. In addition to his parents, he was also predeceased by his stepmother, Gertrude Tononi and his nephew Tracy Gene Bandy. He is survived by loving wife of

48 years, the former Peggy Knipple; children, Lisa Tononi, Johnstown; Paul, married to former Kerri Krupka, Salix; and Michele Tononi, Berlin; grandchildren, Casey Choka, Cody Cooper and Tyler, Kyle and Isaac Tononi; sisters, Dianna, wife of Tom Wyatt, Texas, and Pamela, wife of Bill Bandy, Kentucky; and brother, Anthony, married to Shawna Tononi, Maryland. Victor was a 1965 graduate of Ferndale Dale High School. He enjoyed camping, fishing, was an avid gardener and also enjoyed woodworking. He served in the United States Air Force during Vietnam as a Staff Sergeant. He was a jet engine mechanic crew chief of a B-52 bomber with the 7th Bomb Wing in Thailand. He was a life member of VFW Post #155. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Johnstown Chapter #364**. He was employed by Tableland Services Inc., Somerset, where he was awarded one of five Golden Eagle Awards in 2007. He was very patriotic and will be sadly missed by all who knew and loved him. Friends were received from 2:00 to 4:00 PM and from 6:00 to 8:00 PM on Wednesday at Geisel Funeral Home, Johnstown, where the funeral service was held at 10:00 AM on Thursday with Father Robert Rusten, officiating and with military honors by VFW Post #155.

JOHN T. TULLY – Died Thursday, July 20, 2006 in Colorado Springs, Colorado at the age of 76. The cause of death is unknown. He was born September 15, 1929. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was an *At-Large Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Colorado**.



ANGELO VENNIRO (USA MAJ-Ret.) - Died peacefully Friday, May 1, 2015 in Lawton, Oklahoma at the age of 75. The cause of death was a brain tumor. He was born to the late Frank and Maria Venniro on February 24, 1940 in Caltanissetta, Sicily, Italy. At the age of 10, he and his family immigrated to Toronto, Canada where they lived for two years awaiting legal authorization to enter the United States. The family

settled in Rochester, New York where Angelo attended schools and enlisted in the United States Army in 1959. While stationed with the Army in Augsburg, Germany, he married Ellen H. Dirrigl. At the time of his death, the couple had been married for 53 years. He had several other duty stations before coming to Ft. Sill, where he became an American citizen in 1965. While still in the military, he pursued higher education. He earned a Bachelor's degree from Cameron University and a Master's degree from the University of Oklahoma. During his Army career, he received numerous awards and decorations, including the ancient order of St. Barbara. He retired from the Army in 1979, after 20 years of service. He worked another 21 years at Ft. Sill with civil service where he was chief of protocol for 15 years. After his final retirement in 2001, Mr. Venniro engaged in charitable works, pursued his favorite pastimes, traveling and enjoying his hobby as a model railroad enthusiast. He was Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Lawton Chapter #751. Survivors include his wife Ellen, his daughter Helen, his grandson Joshua Leach and his wife Amanda, and great granddaughter Elizabeth. He is also survived by five siblings and many nieces and nephews. A private family service will be held for MAJ (Retired), Lawton. The family requests that those who would like to remember Angelo make a charitable contribution in his name to the Stephenson Cancer Center in Oklahoma City. Arrangements are under the direction of Becker-Rabon Funeral Home. "Say not in grief he is no more – but live in thankfulness that was". He will be missed.



MICHAEL J. "*Mike*" WARZINIK - Died Wednesday, April 1, 2015 while surrounded by his loving family after a courageous battle with cancer. He was 66 years of age and a resident of Stevens Point, Wisconsin. He was born February 5, 1949 to the late George and Winifred (née Rouster) Warzinik in Merrill, Wisconsin. He grew up in the Stevens Point area where he attended the local grade schools and graduated

from Pacelli High School in 1967. He was inducted into the United States Army on March 6, 1968. Mike served three years active duty and was most notably awarded two Bronze Stars and the Gallantry Cross with Palms, among many other decoration and commendations. He was honorably discharged on March 5, 1974. Mike was also a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Plover Chapter #115**. Mike worked for Consolidated Papers, River Division, for over 35 years until retirement. Mike will be remembered for his community involvement. He enjoyed volunteering his time with Operation Bootstrap, and at the American Red Cross where he assisted with disaster relief across the U.S. He was an avid reader and collector of books. In

his spare time, Mike enjoyed traveling, motorcycling, socializing with family and friends, and exploring genealogy. His sense of humor and laughter will be missed and cherished by all who knew him. Survivors include his children, Amy Warzinik of Seattle, WA and Jason (Kelly) Warzinik of Columbia, MO; grandchildren, Zoe and Sadie; brothers Jim (Sue) Warzinik of Stevens Point and Pat Warzinik of Marshall, WI; nieces and nephews, Elizabeth, Michele, Daniel, George, Deanna, Brian, & Jamie; and many dear friends, especially Chris V. whose compassionate care and friendship was dearly appreciated. He is preceded in death by his parents and his brother, Tom Warzinik. A Prayer Service was held at 11:00 AM on Monday, April 6, 2015, at Boston Funeral Home. Visitation was held at the funeral home on Sunday from 5:00 PM to 8:00 PM and also on Monday from 9:00 AM until the time of the service. Burial was in the Guardian Angel Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, monetary donations will be used for Ministry Oncology Department's Shining Star program and Operation Bootstrap. Online condolences may be made at www.bostonfuneralhome.net. The family would like to thank the Ministry Oncology Department, Ministry Saint Michaels Hospital Staff, Portage County Health Care Center, and Ministry Hospice for their compassionate care given to Mike.



VAN LYNN P. WILCOX - Died Saturday, December 13, 2014 at the Essentia Health-St. Mary's, Duluth, Minnesota at the age of 71. He was a resident of International Falls, Minnesota. The cause of death is unknown. He was born to the late Paul and Bernice (née McIntyre) Wilcox on March 30, 1943 in International Falls and was a

lifelong resident. He graduated from Falls High School in 1961. After graduation he served in the United States Navy from 1961 to 1965 and returned to International Falls and worked for the Falls Credit Bureau. Van purchased the Falls Credit Bureau in 1976 and retired in 2012 after many years as an accountant, specializing in tax preparation. Van married the former Karin Carlson on Aug. 19, 1967 at Saint Thomas Catholic Church. He enjoyed traveling, fishing, hunting, camping, Elks bowling, spending time at his shack, and spoiling his dog, "Rudy." Van was a member of the Elks Lodge and a past Exalted Ruler at the Elks and held other positions. He was president of the Elks Bowling for 15 years and a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars. He was a member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Fostoria (Ohio) Chapter #440. He was preceded in death by his mother, Bernice Julien; son, Corday "Corey" Wilcox; brother, Marty Wilcox; and special friend, Leroy Belanger. Van is survived by his wife, Karin Wilcox of International Falls; sons, Kale Wilcox of Brainerd, Minn., and Kirby Wilcox of International Falls; daughter, Dawn (Bill) Imhof of Littlefork, Minn.; seven grandchildren, Marti Lynn, Gannon and Alec Wilcox, Anna Imhof, Eric and Tyler White and Zach Mcdougall; father, Paul Wilcox of Ranier, Minn.; brother, Ronald Wilcox of Ranier; and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins. A Celebration of Life was conducted at 4:00 PM on Thursday, December 18th, at the Elks Lodge. Condolences may be left at www.greenlarsen.com. Arrangements are with Green-Larsen Mortuary Inc., International Falls.



LARRY VERNON WILLIAMS - Died Saturday, April 11, 2015, at the University of Maryland Shock Trauma at the age of 67. He was a resident of LaVale, Maryland. He was born May 21, 1947 in Frostburg, Maryland to late Clayton Howard Williams, Sr., and Winifred June (née Craze) Williams-Skidmore. He was also preceded in death by a

grandson, Noah Hoyman. A United States Army Veteran of the Vietnam-Era, Larry retired from

Wal-Mart. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Cumberland Chapter #172**. Larry loved his family especially his grandchildren. He loved candy, coffee, and NCIS. Larry supported his wife through months of cancer treatments at the expense of his own health. We will all miss him until we join him in Heaven. Larry is survived by his wife of 22 years, Bonnie Lee Williams; his daughters, Kellie Spencer, Barrelville, Morgan L. Crawford, LaVale, and Megan R. Hoyman and husband, Keith, Cumberland. He also leaves behind his brothers, Clayton H. Williams, Jr., and wife, Nancy, Cumberland, and David A. Williams and wife, Donna, Baltimore, and his stepfather, Jack Skidmore, Cumberland; and his grandchildren, Shon, MaKenna, Kaeden, Mason, and Aubree. Services were private. Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth in me hath everlasting life. John 6:47. The Adams Family Funeral Home, P.A., 404 Decatur Street, Cumberland was in charge of the arrangements.

<u>RICHARD WILLIAMS</u> – Died Tuesday, April 21, 2015 in The Villages, Florida at the age of 70. The cause of death is unknown. He was born May 2, 1944. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Oxford Chapter #1036**.

WAYMON CHARLES WILLIAMS – Died Thursday, July 31, 2014 in Angeles City, Philippines at the age of 84. The cause of death was cardiopulmonary arrest secondary to massive hemothorax. He was born in Dallas, Texas on January 8, 1930. He is survived by his wife, Merle. He served in the United States Air Force during the Vietnam War. He retired after 30 years of service at the rank of Command Sergeant Major. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Angeles City Chapter #887**.

ELIZABETH MARIE "*Liz*" WILSON - Died Friday, September 24, 2004 in her sleep in Denver, Colorado at the age of 57. The cause of death is unknown. She was born on July 16, 1947 to Craig Wilson and the late Kathryn Wilson. She is also survived by a sister Mary Kay, a sister Gina and her husband Mike, a brother Chuck and his wife Lora, nieces: Ashley and Anna, and nephew Casey. She served in the United States Army in the Army Nurse Corps and retired at the rank of Captain (O-4). She served as an Army Nurse in Vietnam. She was an *At-Large Life Member* of Vietnam Veterans of America – Colorado. A Memorial Vigil Service was at 7:00 PM at the Horan & McConaty Family Chapel, 1091 South Colorado Boulevard, Denver. There was a committal service and inurnment with Full Military Honors at Arlington National Cemetery at a later date. Memorial contributions in lieu of flowers to Vietnam Women's Memorial Fund, 1735 Connecticut Avenue, NW, Washington, DC, 20009.

JOSEPH L. WINDAL, JR. – Died Thursday, April 9, 2015 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania at the age of 62. The cause of death was lung cancer. He was born in Philadelphia on September 17, 1952. He served in the United States Air Force during the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Liberty Bell (Philadelphia) Chapter #266**. He was the **b**eloved husband of Annette (née Porch); devoted father of Christine Moran, Patricia, Joseph III, Robert (Kristen), Christopher Digman, and stepfather of Lynnann and Nicole Marie; dear brother of William (Roberta), and; sadly missed by his 14 grandchildren; his sisters and brothers-in-law, and his many nieces and nephews. Relatives and friends were invited to his viewing on Monday at 10:00 AM followed by his Service of Christian Burial at 12:00 PM at the

Hubert M. McBride Funeral Home, 2357 East Cumberland Street, Philadelphia, PA 19125. Interment was at 2:00 PM in Washington's Crossing National Cemetery.

TERRY DEE WINDNAGEL - Died Wednesday, August 9, 2006 in Pagosa Springs, Colorado at the age of 59. The cause of death was esophageal cancer. He was born on May 24, 1947, in Longmont, Colorado to Emma and the late Donald Windnagel. Terry joined the United States Navy in 1968. He served with the Seawolf Helicopter Attack Squadron-Three in Southeast Asia until November 18, 1970. During his tour of duty in Vietnam, Terry flew over 400 combat missions, earning many personal ribbons and medals and combat unit citations. On November 14, 2003, Terry was formally inducted into the Navy Enlisted Combat Aircrew Roll of Honor during a ceremony aboard the USS Yorktown located at Patriots Point Naval and Maritime Museum in Mount Pleasant, South Carolina. This induction is one of the highest honors bestowed on aircrew enlisted men who flew with distinction. Terry joined a select group of only 800 fellow patriots from World War II to the Vietnam War. Terry served with pride and respect, but also with a great sense of sadness for the loss of life. He was an At-Large Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Colorado. After returning from Vietnam, Terry spent his time backpacking, snowshoeing, bow-hunting and hiking in the Colorado Rockies. He met his wife, Susan, while snowshoeing near Mosquito Pass and they married in 1977. They continued a life outdoors and lived in Pagosa Springs for 20 years, during which time Terry volunteered as an EMT and firefighter. He also served as a member of the board of directors for the Pagosa Fire Protection District. He owned the Farmers Insurance Agency in Pagosa and always said that, "every customer was a friend that he liked well enough to invite to dinner." Terry enjoyed a special friendship and kinship with his mother- and father-in-law, Dick and Betty Hillyer, who also resided in Pagosa. In 1989, Terry and Susan celebrated the birth of son, Corey, an event that was and still is the highlight of their lives. Terry attended every one of Corey's soccer games regardless of rain, sun, sleet or snow and shared in both victories and defeats. He loved being a part of Corey's life. After learning that Terry had esophageal cancer, he retired and wanted to move north. Spending several months traveling, the family fell in love with the mountains and oceans of the Pacific Northwest. Selling everything and relocating to the Glacier, Washington area was another adventure in Terry's life. The Hillyers also relocated to the Birch Bay area at the same time. Terry quickly made friends in the area and was instrumental in providing a new home for his family. Terry is survived and missed by his wife, son and in-laws; mother Emma Windnagel; sister Peggy Schwartzkopf; brother and wife Tom and Linda Windnagel; uncle and wife Ron and Chris Kingham; uncle Lee and Monie Kingham; aunt Georgia Benson; brother-in-law and wife Brian and Dottie Hillver; and several cousins and nieces. He also leaves behind many dear friends in Colorado, New Mexico and Washington. Per his request, there was not a formal memorial service. In lieu of flowers please donate, in Terry's name, to the Pagosa Fire Protection District, Whatcom County Hospice, The American Cancer Society, or the Jacob Finkbonner Fund. Terry's final wish was that everyone "Celebrate Life."

<u>CHARLES L. WOLSTENCROFT</u> - Died Monday, March 23, 2015 in Lebanon, Tennessee at the age of 70. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Westerly, Rhode Island on August 22, 1944. He served in the United States Navy from 1967 to 1974. He was a *Life Member* of Vietnam Veterans of America – Lebanon Chapter #1004. Survivors include his two sons, Patrick

(Peggy) Woods, of Lebanon, Gene (Teona) Woods, both of Rhode Island, April Ross, of Louisiana; three daughters, Christine (Daniel) Souza, Katherine (Shawn) Mannix, both of Rhode Island; 11 grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren; two brothers, Peter (Grace) Wolstencroft, of Massachusetts, Rick (Sue) Wolstencroft, of Utah; two sisters, Lynda Terry, of Massachusetts, Christine (Mike) Morrison, of Georgia; many nieces; and nephews. Wilson County Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

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

FATHER PHILIP G. SALOIS, M.S.

National Chaplain