

VIETNAM VETERANS OF AMERICA

Office of the National Chaplain

ANTONIO VIDURRI ALVARADO – Died Tuesday, March 10, 2009 in La Puente, California at the age of 62. The cause of death is unknown. He was born November 12, 1946. He is survived by his mother. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Harker Heights (Texas) Chapter #1000**. He was interred at Queen of Heaven Cemetery in Rowland Heights, California.

CHARLES STEVEN “Zig-Zag” ANTHONY - Died Monday, June 21, 2010 in Sequatchie, Tennessee at the age of 57. He was born June 24, 1952. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Chattanooga Chapter #203**. Funeral services were at 11 a.m. Friday at Rudder Funeral Home, Stevenson. Visitation will be from 5 to 9 p.m. today. Interment was at the Walker Family Cemetery.

FRANK ATTRUIA – Died Friday, June 11, 2010 in West Haven, Connecticut at the age of 63. The cause of death is unknown. He was a Veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member, Charter Member and Past President* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Milford Chapter #251**.

ROY D. BAIN, JR. – Died recently in 2010 in Graysville, Tennessee at the age of 66. The cause of death is unknown. He was born May 18, 1943. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Soddy-Daisy Chapter #942**.

ROGER JAY BEATTIE - Died Sunday, December 13, 2009 in Onondaga, Michigan at age of 81. The cause of death was chronic pulmonary obstructive disease and cardiovascular disease. He was born February 24, 1928 in Albion, Michigan to the late Roger Lyle Beattie and Marian Britton Beattie. Survived by his wife Anna Marie (née Rinehold) (Ellis) Beattie; four children, Eva Marie (Brade) Elliott of South Carolina, Karen S. (Mike) Murrello of New York, Michael (Caralynn) Beattie of Tennessee, and Rodger L. Beattie of Tennessee; three stepchildren, Eugene (Robin) Ellis of Onondaga, Edward (Wanda) Ellis of Springport, and Linda (Jerry) Spencer of Tennessee, ten stepgrandchildren; 14 stepgreat-grandchildren; one sister, Lorie VanBergen of Jackson; several nieces and nephews. Roger retired from the United States Marine Corps after 28 years of service at the rank of E-8 Master Sergeant and was an avid bowler and golfer. His tour in Vietnam was from December 21, 1968 to April 18, 1969. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Jackson Chapter #109**. Per his wishes, cremation has taken place and a memorial service will be held at a later date.

CLEVE VINSON BELLAMY – Died Saturday, April 10, 2010 in Supply, North Carolina at the age of 79. The cause of death was cardiac arrest. He was born in Brunswick County, North Carolina to the late George Lee and Lillie Bellamy. In addition to his parents, he was also predeceased by two brothers, Harvey L. and Donald Earl Bellamy and two sisters, Velma Gore and Helen M. Bellamy. He married Helen O. Brown on January 1, 1956. In addition to his wife, Helen, of the

home, he is survived by three sons and daughters-in-law, Michael and Stephanie and Marvin Bellamy, both of Supply and Nicholas and Veronda, of Raleigh, North Carolina; his daughter and son-in-law, Darrelyn and Tino Plummer, of North Plainfield, New Jersey; his stepson and his wife, Ronald and Katrina Brown, of Gloucester Point, Virginia; three sisters, Clemontain Norris and Pattie Jean Green, both of Chicago, Illinois and Hattie Locus, of Piscataway, North Jersey; one brother and sister-in-law, Amos and Mary Bellamy, of Newton Grove, North Carolina; four grandchildren, and; four great-grandchildren. He was an active member of Big Macedonia Missionary Baptist Church. He served in the United States Army with service during the Vietnam War from July 16, 1964 to July 15, 1968 and retired in 1972. He was a *Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Wilmington Chapter #885*. Funeral services were conducted in the Big Macedonia Missionary Baptist Church with the Reverend Leo Stevenson, officiating.

ROBERT DALE BENNETT - Died Thursday, July 23, 2009 in Fort Lauderdale, Florida after a prolonged illness. He was 53 years of age. He was born June 9, 1956. Dale was a Vietnam Navy Veteran, having served aboard the USS Denver. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Fort Lauderdale Chapter #23**. He is survived by his wife, Debra; two brothers, Phillip and Gary; his son Shawn; his daughter Byjanna; his grandchildren Jordan, Carolyn, and Marisa; his niece Athena; his nephew Gary; and many friends who will miss him. Memorial Service was held Sunday August 9th, 4:30 - 6 PM at VFW Post #1966, 350 SW 25th Street, Ft. Lauderdale, Florida.



J. BRISE BICKERTON - Died Saturday, January 30, 2010 in Clairton, Pennsylvania at the age of 64. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania on December 10, 1945, the son of James B. Bickerton and Marion Dickson, deceased, and the husband of his beloved wife, Marjorie E. Bickerton. He also leaves behind his stepdaughter, Kristie and her husband, Jim Bowman; a grandson, Benjamin J. Bowman; a sister, Doris Magiske, of Finleyville; several first cousins; and two children from an earlier marriage from whom he was estranged. Brise was born Dec. 10, 1945, graduated from Clairton High School and the University of Pittsburgh, and entered the United States Army immediately after graduating. Following airborne training and infantry officer basic, he was assigned to the 101st Airborne Division, with whom he went to Vietnam. While serving in Vietnam, he earned the Combat Infantryman Badge and was awarded two Bronze Stars for valor and one Army Commendation Medal for valor plus other decorations. After a few more years in the Army, he returned home and went to work for Ketchum Advertising/Communications, followed by work with the IRS, from where he retired. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Beaver Falls Chapter #862**. He was a member of the Train Collectors Association and Clairton Sportsmen's Club for many years. In his later years and retirement, Brise was associated with several veterans' organizations and for a time was president of the 506th Airborne Infantry Association and a unit governor for the 101st Airborne Division Association. Friends will be received from 7 to 9 p.m. Tuesday and from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. Wednesday in the A.J. BEKAVAC FUNERAL HOME. A funeral service will be held at 11:30 a.m. Thursday in the funeral home with the Rev. Susan Meyer officiating. He was interred in the National Cemetery of the Alleghenies in Cecil Township. Brise's family asks that

donations in his name be made to "TF 3/506 ABN Infantry Association, In Memory of J. Brise Bickerton", c/o Char Mullican, 24400 Hipsley Mill Road, Gaithersburg, Maryland 20882-3134.

LORRAINE JEANETTE BOUDREAU – Died Tuesday, January 19, 2010 in Apache Junction, Arizona at the age of 66. The cause of death was pancreatic cancer and Agent Orange-related diabetes. She was born in West Warwick, Rhode Island on August 24, 1943. She served in the United States Army Nurse Corps from January 8, 1965 to June 15, 1971 with two tours of duty in the Vietnam War from October 15, 1965 to May 28, 1966 with the 23rd Evacuation Hospital and January 17, 1969 to February 18, 1970 with the 312th Evacuation Hospital in Chu Lai and retired at the rank of Colonel (O-6). She was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – San Antonio (Texas) Chapter #366**.

RALPH BRANTLEY – Died recently in 2010. The cause of death is unknown. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was an *At-Large Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Georgia**.

ROBERT H. BRICKNER - Died Wednesday, June 9, 2010 at Good Samaritan Hospital at the age of 70. He was a resident of Huber Heights, Ohio. The cause of death was a stroke. He was born in Camden, New Jersey April 18, 1940. Mr. Brickner was retired from the United States Air Force after 26 years and Boeing Company after 14 years of service. He was a member of the Air Force Association, Air Force Sergeant's Association, **Vietnam Veterans of America – Dayton Chapter #97**, life member of the Disabled American Veterans, the American Legion, Snohomish County Windjammers, and operated the Corgi Rescue Service with his wife Carolyn. He is also involved in the Huber Heights Lodge #777 F & AM, Scottish Rite Valley of Dayton, Antioch Shrine Greeters, Neal Chapter #522 OES. Bob is survived by his wife Carolyn J.; daughter & son-in-law Michelle & Matthew Mueller of NC; step-daughters, Cynthia Benjamin of IN, Carol Moore & fiancé William D. Grubaugh, Jr. of OH; son & daughter-in-law Michael & Fawn Brickner of NE; grandchildren, Oliver & Chloe Mueller, Ashley Brickner; step-grandchildren Graeme & Robert Benjamin, Aaron & Kristin Moore and a host of other relatives and friends. Family will receive friends on Monday, June 14, 2010 from 5-9 PM at the Marker & Heller Funeral Home, Huber Hts. Chapel, 5844 Old Troy Pk. Further services at the Forest Lawn Memorial Chapel, 1977 State Route 135, Greenwood, IN on Tuesday from 4-8 PM. Private entombment, with full military honors, will be held at the Forest Lawn Veterans Mausoleum. A special "Thank You" to the Huber Heights EMT service for their prompt attention, and the staff at Good Samaritan Hospital for their loving and professional care. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the Ohio Masonic Home, 2655 W. National Rd., Springfield, OH 45504 or the Madison County Humane Society, 1357 Ohio 38, London, OH 43140.

CARROLL EDWARD BULLARD - Died Monday, April 12, 2010 in Southeast Georgia Regional Medical Center at the age of 64. He was a resident of Blackshear, Georgia. The cause of death is unknown. He was born January 1, 1946. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was an *At-Large Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Georgia**. Funeral services will be held Thursday, April 15, 2010 at 2:00 PM from Red Oak Baptist Church. Interment: Church Cemetery. Survivors are: his wife, Jessie Bullard of Blackshear; 2 daughters and sons-in-law, Pamela and Troy Garcia of Brunswick and Angela and Michael Haney of Nahunta; sister and brother-in-law,

Laura E. and Otis Floyd of Jacksonville, FL; sister-in-law, Nell Bullard of Baxley; 3 brothers and sisters-in-law, William and Kathleen Bullard of Baxley, Royce and Mary Bullard of Jacksonville, FL and Wendell and Debbie Bullard of McRae; 4 grandchildren, Ashlee, Josh, Austin and Reece. The family will assemble at the home of Nell Bullard, 885 Fire Station Road. Arrangements are under the direction of Swain Funeral Home.

JAMES A. "Jim" BUNTING – Died Saturday, August 29, 2009 at age 67 in Middleburg, Florida, formerly of Oakmont, Pennsylvania. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in New Kensington, Pennsylvania on November 8, 1941 to the late Alfred L. and Ollie Bunting. He was the dear husband of the late Margaret "Margie" Grubbs Bunting; brother of Philip (Pamela) Bunting of Cheswick, Pennsylvania. Friends will be received on Friday from 2-4 and 7-9pm at the English Funeral Home & Cremation Services, Inc. 378 Maryland Ave. Oakmont, PA 15139 where a Funeral Service will be held on Saturday at 10am. Jim was a Vietnam Army Veteran, a member of the Oakmont Verona Rotary Club for 28 years with perfect attendance, Verona Lodge #548 F&AM/ 32nd Degree Mason, Street Survivors Antique Car Club, Oakmont Elks, and Verona Eagles. Memorial Contributions may be made to Rotary International. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Beaver Falls (Pennsylvania) Chapter #862**.

CHARLES F. BUTLER – Died Monday, May 28, 2007 in Canton, Michigan at the age of 58. The cause of death is unknown. He was born October 22, 1948. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Westland Chapter #387**.

PATRICK F. BUTTIMER – Died recently in 2010 in Cork, Ireland at the age of 66. The cause of death is unknown. He was born July 14, 1943. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Overseas**.

LAWRENCE JOHN CALLAHAN – Died Friday, January 30, 2009 in Fort Lee, New Jersey at the age of 68. The cause of death was skin melanoma. He was born June 12, 1942 in Queens, New York. He is survived by his wife, Radusa Callahan, of the home. He served in the United States Army from June 15, 1964 to June 14, 1967 with a year tour of duty in Vietnam with the Military Police. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Cedar Grove Chapter #510**.

WILLIAM JASPER CAMERON - Died Wednesday March 3, 2010 in Wilmington, North Carolina at the age of 61. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Pinehurst, North Carolina on January 27, 1949. He served in the United States Army from March 18, 1969 to October 13, 1970. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Wilmington Chapter #885**. A memorial service will be held at 2 p.m., Sunday, March 7, at White Hill Presbyterian Church in Sanford. Military honors will follow the service.



MICKEY CARTER - Died Thursday, June 3, 2010 in Taylors, South Carolina at the age of 61. The cause of death was Agent Orange-related Diabetes Mellitus Type II and a heart attack. He was born in Greenville, South Carolina to the late Hubert Paul Carter and Edith Poole Carter. Mickey

served in the U.S. Army during the Vietnam War, and served on the board of the Disabled American Veterans Chapter 39. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Greenville Chapter #523**. He was self-employed and a member of Forestville Baptist Church. He was loved and cherished by his family and friends. In addition to his wife, Thelma Metcalf Carter of the home, he is survived by his children, Diane Owens (Michael), Mickey Carter, and Stacy Carter; grandchildren, Robert Bacnik and Jordan Carter; a brother Jerry Carter; and numerous nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his grandmother, Lydia Poole, and a brother, Daniel Carter. Visitation will be Saturday, June 5, 2010 from 4:00 - 6:00 p.m. at Thomas McAfee Funeral Home, Northwest. The funeral service will be held at 2:30 p.m. on Sunday, June 6, 2010, at Forestville Baptist Church with burial following in the church cemetery. In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to the Disabled American Veterans Fund, 511 Violet Street, W. Columbia, SC 29619.

WILLIAM FRED CATO – Died Monday, April 19, 2010 in Jackson, Tennessee at the age of 70. The cause of death was heart disease. He was born in Mesquite, New Mexico on June 14, 1940 to the late John B. and Hellen (Brady) Cato. In addition to his parents, he was predeceased by two sisters, Opal (Cato) Starks and Gussie Cato and one brother, Clyde Cato. He is survived by his wife, Sallie V. Cato, of the home; a daughter, Andrea L. Cato, of Temple, Texas; a son, Terrance Anderson, of Alexandria, Virginia; one stepson, Dennis Price, Sr.; three stepdaughters, Stephannie Cole, Candice Cole and Yolanda Price; one grandson, Savion Isaac Malik Cato; four sisters and one brother-in-law, Cathy and David Wharry, Violetta Scott, Denise Ortiz and Lettie B. Young; two brothers, John Cato and Tommy Cato, and; many nieces and nephews. He served in the United States Army at the rank of Staff Sergeant (E-6). He was an advisor to the Vietnamese Rangers Black Panther Division. He was an Airborne Ranger and served in both the 101st and 82nd Airborne Divisions. He held the Combat Infantry Badge, Parachute Wings, Air Assault Badge and Studies and Observation Group Patch. He had over 700 parachute jumps. He was a real “Fighting Soldier from the Sky”, and skydiver. He was a member of the Disabled American Veterans and the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #1848 and the Society of Vietnamese Rangers. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Jackson Chapter #995**. Services were conducted in the Mercer Brothers Funeral Home Chapel in Jackson with the Reverend Vincent Davis, officiating.

PERRY WAYNE CLAUNCH - Died Tuesday, August 11, 2009, at his residence in Burnsville, Mississippi at the age of 62. The cause of death is unknown. He was born February 20, 1947. He was a United States Army veteran of the Vietnam Conflict. He was a member of the Robert G. Smith Lodge #412 F&AM and was a Scottish Rite Mason. He was of the Baptist Faith. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Verona Chapter #842**. Visitation is scheduled for 5 until 9 PM on Friday, August 14 at Cutshall Funeral Home in Iuka. Funeral services are scheduled for 1 PM on Saturday, August 15, 2009, at Cutshall Funeral Home Chapel in Iuka, officiated by Bro. Doug Christy. Interment will follow in South Crossroads Cemetery with military honors. Fellow Masons will serve as pallbearers. Cutshall Funeral Home of Iuka, MS is entrusted with arrangements. He is survived by 2 daughters - Dorothy Faye Whitehead (Martin) of Ecu, MS and Laura Lee Derrick (Johnny) of Corinth, MS; 1 brother – Ray Claunch (Penny) of Madison, TN; 2 sisters – Louise Ryan (Jim) of Hendersonville, TN and Mary Bebich of Richmond,

CA. 4 grandchildren – Anthony Dalton Whitehead and Lauryn Faith Whitehead, both of Ecru, MS; and Daniel Derrick and Jonathan Derrick, both of Corinth, MS; the mother of his children, Sherry Claunch of Corinth, MS; and a special friend, Barbara Claunch of Corinth, MS. He was preceded in death by his parents, Carl Claunch and Lillian Hazel Claunch; his brother, Carl Claunch, Jr.; and his sister, Dorthea Claunch. Memorial contributions may be made to a local DARE Program.

CHARLES H. COLF, JR. - Died the morning of Thursday, July 29, 2010 at Strong Memorial Hospital in Rochester, New York at the age of 64. He was a resident of Stafford, New York. Charles was born on September 10, 1945 in Geneva, New York to the late Charles Sr. & Dorothy (Leach) Colf. He served with the United States Marine Corps during the Vietnam War, and later worked in the Coating Dept. at Eastman Kodak in Rochester. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Le Roy Chapter #194**. He is survived by his loving wife Carol, daughter; Lisa (Stephen) Hendrickson of Webster, sisters; Sheila (Bill) Bodine of Naples, Scarlett Beach of FL, Gail Colf of FL, grandchildren; Alexander and Sarah Hendrickson, and many nieces and nephews. He is predeceased by his brother; Henry Colf and sister; Cheryl Newman. Family & friends may call at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Stafford on Tuesday August 3rd from 1-2PM, where services will be held at 2PM. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the church. To leave an online condolence, please visit www.LeRoyFuneralHome.com. Arrangements: Cameron Brady & Steuber Funeral Home.

THOMAS ALAN CORTRIGHT - Died Sunday, July 25, 2010 at his residence in Basom, New York after a lengthy illness at the age of 56. The cause of death was cancer. He was born in Batavia, New York on December 17, 1953, a son of Eleanor Sullivan Cortright and the late William Cortright. Mr. Cortright was employed as a grounds keeper for the NYS Police Troop A. Headquarters. He enjoyed fishing & hunting and was a restorer of fine treasures. He was devoted to veteran's organizations and a member and Past Commander of the Holley Post 202 Veterans of Foreign Wars, member of the **Vietnam Veterans of America – Le Roy Chapter #193** and a member of the Alabama Volunteer Fire Department. He served with the United States Army "Blue Ghost, 49th Cavalry Division", in the Vietnam War and was the recipient of The Distinguished Flying Cross, "For Heroism While Participating in Aerial Flight Over the Republic of Vietnam on January 15, 1973", The Army Air Medal, "For Meritorious Achievement While Participating in Aerial Flight over the Republic of Vietnam during the period of November 9, 1972 to November 26, 1972", The Army Commendation Medal, "For Performance of Meritorious Service in Support of Military Operations Against Communist Aggression in the Republic of Vietnam, Absolutely Performed Under Extremely Adverse Conditions During the Period From August 2, 1972 to February 5, 1973", The Vietnam Cross of Gallantry with Palm, Vietnam Campaign Medal W/60 Dev., Aircraft Crewman Badge, National Defense Service Medal and Good Conduct Medal. Surviving besides his mother is his wife, Mary Ann Brodfuehrer Cortright; a son and daughter in law, Jeffrey and Jennifer Brodfuehrer of North Dakota; a daughter and son in law, Gina and Brian Boldt of Akron; two grandchildren, Dominick Boldt and Sara Brodfuehrer; two sisters and brothers in law, Ana and David Weatherbee of Alabama, NY and Donna and Wayne Riexinger of Corfu; four brothers and two sisters in law: William and Faith Cortright of Wyoming, NY, John Cortright (Sherry Williams) of Batavia, Robert and Sandy

Cortright of Alabama, NY and Frank Cortright of Pembroke; several nieces and nephews also survive. Family and friends may call at the J. Leonard McAndrew Funeral Home, 32 John Street, Akron, on Monday from 4 - 7 PM and Tuesday from 2 - 4 and 6 - 8 PM. A funeral service will be Wednesday at the J. Leonard McAndrew Funeral Home at 11 AM. Burial will be in the Alabama Cemetery with full military honors. Those desiring may make memorial contributions to Homecare & Hospice, 550 E. Main St. Batavia, NY 14020. Expressions of condolence may be made at: www.mcandrewfuneralhomes.net or by calling, 585-343-6158. Arrangements were entrusted to the J. Leonard McAndrew Funeral Home, 2 Bogue Ave., Batavia. Ronald P. Konieczny, director & veteran.

DOUGLAS McARTHUR CRISP – Died June 2010 in Franklin, North Carolina at the age of 68. The cause of death is unknown. He was born March 28, 1942. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Franklin Chapter #994**.

JESSE R. DAVIS, JR. – Died Monday, March 29, 2010 in Albany, Oregon at the age of 63. The cause of death was Agent Orange-related glioblastoma. He was born in Newark, Ohio on June 2, 1946. He served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Albany Chapter #585**.

JOHN M. DEDERICH – Died recently in 2010 in De Pere, Wisconsin. The cause of death is unknown. He was a Veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Green Bay Chapter #224**.

THOMAS R. DEMARA – Died recently in 2010 in Wayne, Michigan at the age of 61. The cause of death is unknown. He was born October 13, 1948. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Westland Chapter #387**.

MARTY R. EBERT – Died recently in 2010 in Homestead, Florida at the age of 57. The cause of death is unknown. He was born May 21, 1953. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Indian Rocks Beach Chapter #522**.

SAMUEL FARRUGGIA, JR. - Died Friday, May 14, 2010, at Stanly Regional Medical Center in Albemarle, North Carolina at the age of 59. He was a resident of Badin, North Carolina. The cause of death was Agent Orange-related Diabetes Mellitus Type II and lung cancer. He was born August 6, 1950 in San Jose, California. He served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Cookeville (Tennessee) Chapter #741**. Arrangements are pending with Evergreen Cremation Services of Salisbury, North Carolina.

DENNIS L. FELAX, SR. – Died Thursday, July 19, 2007 in Rogers City, Michigan at the age of 62. The cause of death is unknown. He was born May 1, 1945. He is survived by his wife, of the home. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was an *At-Large Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Michigan**.

STUART FRANKLIN FELDMAN - 73, a lawyer and lobbyist who was a driving force in the 1960s and '70s for recognizing the service and sacrifice of Vietnam War veterans with improved health care, job-training and educational opportunities, died Sunday, July 11, 2010 of pneumonia at a hospital in Philadelphia, Philadelphia. In his 40-year career in Washington, Mr. Feldman held positions as a lawyer in the Kennedy, Johnson and Nixon administration before becoming a lobbyist for the U.S. Conference of Mayors in the early 1970s. Working both inside and outside the government, he became one of the era's most effective veterans' advocates. A slight and modest man, he was also well connected in Congress and skilled in media relations. "Feldman single-handedly has won billions of dollars for veterans programs," said a 1977 Fortune magazine article, which called his work an inspiring example of "what one lobbyist can accomplish." Many of the men returning from Vietnam were minorities, had grown up in working-class families or dropped out of high school. In the late 1960s, hundreds of thousands of them were unemployed. Mr. Feldman said he believed that providing them with adequate services to aid the transition to civilian life -- especially access to higher education -- was not only the moral thing to do but could address the country's racial segregation and growing disparity between rich and poor. His efforts were key to passing amendments to the G.I. Bill that raised education benefits from \$100 per month to more than \$300 per month. He also helped establish more than 1,000 veterans' counseling centers at colleges across the country, as well as new education and job training programs in at least 10 cities. He secured millions of dollars to pay bonuses to colleges for every veteran they enrolled and helped set up public job programs for veterans. Once, when Mr. Feldman arrived at the Capitol to testify yet again before the House Veterans' Affairs committee -- according to the 2001 book "Home to War: A History of the Vietnam Veterans' Movement" by Gerald Nicosia -- a staffer groaned, "The last time you were here, you cost us a billion dollars." "Actually," Mr. Feldman said, "it was several billion." In 1970, he helped conceive of and then coordinated "Hope for Education," in which a concerted effort was made to register troops for G.I. Bill benefits during comedian Bob Hope's annual Christmas visit overseas. An estimated 50,000 signed up. In 1978, Mr. Feldman and Robert Muller, a veteran who had been paralyzed in Vietnam, co-founded the organization that became Vietnam Veterans of America, the largest nonprofit organization dedicated to Vietnam veterans and their families. Mr. Feldman also was successful in bringing the special plight of returning service members to the attention of Washington Post editorial board editor Philip Geyelin and columnist Colman McCarthy. Geyelin, McCarthy and others in The Post's opinion pages wrote more than 30 columns and editorials pushing the government to take better care of returning troops. "For Stuart Feldman, the people who really scorned Vietnam veterans were not the occasional anti-war protesters, but members of Congress who sent them to war and then willfully looked away when they came home in desperate need of health care and education," McCarthy said Wednesday. "His advocacy was of the rarest kind in Washington: relentless, informed and humane. If there were a medal of honor for valor in defending the rights of veterans, Stu Feldman would surely have earned one." Stuart Franklin Feldman was born in Philadelphia on Jan. 20, 1937. He was a 1958 economics graduate of the University of Pennsylvania, from which he also received a law degree in 1961. His survivors include a brother. Mr. Feldman came to Washington to work for the Securities and Exchange Commission and later worked for the Appalachian Regional Commission and the Department of Transportation. In 1978, he wrote an op-ed article in The Post about the need to serve veterans well upon their

return, whatever one's feelings about the war in which they had fought. Several weeks later, Rep. David E. Bonior (D-Mich.) spoke about the essay on the floor of the House of Representatives. He praised Mr. Feldman's message. "Unless we come to terms with Vietnam," Bonior said, "its veterans may very well be the ultimate victims of that war." In the 1980s and 1990s, Mr. Feldman worked as a legislative consultant to the House Rules Committee chairman and as an independent lawyer practicing in Washington and Philadelphia. His passion during those years was establishing a museum in Philadelphia to educate visitors about the history and ideas of the U.S. Constitution. The National Constitution Center opened in 2003, two blocks from the Liberty Bell and Independence Hall. Mr. Feldman, who helped secure millions of dollars in congressional appropriations for the museum, was a member of its board for 17 years. Since the 1980s, he also was an enduring voice in support of establishing a memorial to the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. on the Mall in Washington. In a 1989 Post op-ed, Mr. Feldman proposed that the words of King's "I Have a Dream" speech be carved in stone at the Reflecting Pool near the Lincoln Memorial. Ten years later, the National Capital Planning Commission voted instead to authorize a memorial site on the northwest shore of the Tidal Basin, where a 28-foot statue of the civil rights leader will be erected in the coming year. Relatives and friends were invited to services Wednesday, July 14, 2010, at 11 A.M., at the Joseph Levine and Son, 7112 N. Broad Street, Philadelphia Pennsylvania. Interment was in the West Laurel Hill Cemetery. The family respectfully requests that, in lieu of flowers, contributions be made to a fund to be established in his memory at the Russell Byers Charter School, c/o Laurada Byers, 1911 Arch Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19103-1403.

THOMAS P. FINNERTY II – Died Saturday, November 21, 2009 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania at the age of 66. The cause of death is unknown. He was born August 26, 1943. He was the beloved husband of the late Sandra and loving father of Heather L. and Thomas P. III. He is also survived by his granddaughter Amanda Hopkins, sister Patricia Gould, nephew Donald and niece Michelle. Tom served as a past Director of the Veteran's Advisory Commission in the City Council of Philadelphia. Relatives, friends and members of the **Vietnam Veterans of America - Liberty Bell (Philadelphia) Chapter #266** of which he was a *Life Member*, are invited to attend his Memorial Gathering Saturday from 10 A.M. to 12 from the Aldworth Funeral Home, Decatur and Charles Streets. Interment was private. In lieu of flowers, donations to the VVA Chapter #266, 1517 E. Luzerne St., Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19124 would be preferred by his family.

JOHN MCKINNON FREEMAN – Died Tuesday, October 6, 2009 in Suffolk, Virginia at the age of 63. The cause of death was aspiration pneumonia and chronic obstructive pulmonary disorder. He was born in Texas on July 13, 1946 to the John Freeman and Nancy Blau Freeman. He is survived by his wife, Elizabeth Schweitzer Freeman, of the home. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Tidewater (Virginia Beach) Chapter #48**.



MILTON "Milk Boy" FULCHER - 56, of Jacksonville, died Monday, April 13, 2009, at New Hanover Regional Medical Center at the age of 56. He was a resident of Jacksonville, North Carolina. The cause of death is unknown. He

was born May 24, 1952. A funeral will be held at noon Thursday, April 16, 2009, at the Trent River Oakley Grove Missionary Baptist Headquarters Building in the Georgetown Community with the Reverends Roosevelt Baxter and Tony Credle, officiating. Burial with military honors will follow the service in the Coastal Carolina State Veterans Cemetery. He was employed with Civil Service aboard Camp Lejeune for 33 years as a disbursing officer. He was a member of the United States Army having received numerous awards and commendations, including reaching the rank of staff sergeant. He was a member of Shekinah Glory Full Gospel Ministries. He was an *At-Large Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – North Carolina**. Survivors include wife of 28 years, Anna Pearl Fonville Fulcher of the home; son, Sheldron Fulcher of the home; daughters, Carmella Fulcher of the home, Naomi Lee of Bamberg, Germany and Anfregwen Scott of Jacksonville; one granddaughter; brothers, Leslie Fulcher, Ronnie Fulcher and Shawn Fulcher, all of Jacksonville and Moseley Fulcher of Ohio; sisters, Debra Milton, Celia Fulcher and Rava Nell Salter, all of Jacksonville and Moszella White of Fayetteville. The family will receive friends from 7 to 8 p.m. tonight at Morgan Funeral Home in Jacksonville and on Thursday at the headquarters building one hour prior to the service.

BRIAN TIM FULLER - 61, cabinet maker, of Muldoon died Friday, May 21, 2010 in Muldoon, Texas at the age of 61. The cause of death was a perforated ulcer as a result to exposure to Agent Orange. He was born April 25, 1949. He served in the United States Marine Corps during the Vietnam War. Services were conducted at 11:30 a.m. on Friday, May 28, 2010 at Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery, San Antonio. Arrangements were by Harrell, Austin.

JIM L. "Jimmie" GRAEBER - 67, of Cumming, formerly of Charlotte, N.C., Died Tuesday, August 3, 2010 in Cumming, Georgia at the age of 67. He was formerly from Charlotte, North Carolina. The cause of death was a heart attack. He was born in Watseka, Illinois to the late Mildred and Rolland Graeber. Jim's sister, Norma Smith, also predeceased him. While in Charlotte, Jim and his wife Karen were members of University City United Methodist Church. A Vietnam veteran, he retired from the United States Air Force after 22 years of service. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Cumming Chapter #1030**. He was a graduate of Auburn University (Montgomery). While in Montgomery, he was a member of Frazer United Methodist Church. Jim is survived by his beloved wife, Karen Graeber of Cumming, and Charlotte, N.C.; stepchildren, Sharon Jorgenson of Terrell, Texas, Jill (Greg) Lumpkin of Covington, Brian (Callie) Binzer of Acworth; son, Steven (Tammy) Graeber of Greenwood, S.C.; sister, Carole Livingston of Jacksonville, Fla.; brothers, Joe (Maryann) Graeber of Gilman, Ill., Bill (Sue) Graeber of Cullom, Ill., Rick (Debbie) Graeber of Springfield, Ill.; eight grandchildren; and a loving extended family. Funeral services will be held Sunday, Aug. 8, at 3 p.m. at University City United Methodist Church in Charlotte, N.C. The family will receive friends Friday, Aug. 6, from 6-8 p.m. at the funeral home in Cumming, and from 1:30-3 p.m. prior to the service at the church. Interment with full honors will follow at a later date at Arlington National Cemetery in Virginia. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to the Vietnam Veterans of America, Chapter 1030, P.O. Box 3088 Cumming, GA 30028. Condolences may be expressed online at www.mcdonaldandson.com. McDonald and Son Funeral Home and Crematory is in charge of arrangements.

JESSE GRIEGO – Died recently in 2010 in Santa Fe, New Mexico at the age of 61. The cause of death is unknown. He was born January 18, 1949. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Santa Fe Chapter #996**.

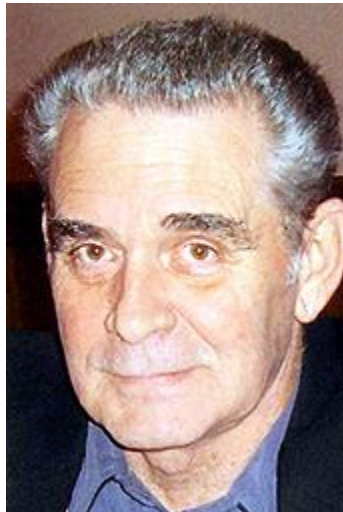
JIMMY L. GRISSOM - Jimmy passed away peacefully on Monday, July 19, 2010 at home. The cause of death was a massive heart attack. Jimmy was born January 22, 1953 in Long Beach, California to Joseph and Betty June Grissom. He graduated from Banning High School 1971, and shortly after he volunteered for service in the Army and was sent to Vietnam in October 1971. He was an infantryman with the 101st Airborne Division, 1/327th, and subsequently with the 1st Cavalry Division, 2/5th. He completed his two-year tour with the Big Red One in Ft. Riley, Kansas. In 1996, Jimmy joined **Vietnam Veterans of America, Chapter 686**, in Moses Lake, WA. In 1997, he became active at the state level, serving as Membership Chair. In 1998 Jimmy was elected Washington State Council, Vice President. In 1999 he served as the Washington State Council President and in 2000 was re-elected to the same position. In 2001, he was elected as VVAs Regional 8 Director. In 2003, Jim was elected as National Secretary. In 2003, Jim was appointed to the Board of Directors of the Veterans Support Foundation (then known as Vietnam Veterans Assistance Fund). He was reappointed to the VSF Board in 2005, and in 2010, was elected president of the Veterans Support Foundation. In 2000 he married Nancy and together they traveled, camped in their fifth-wheel, and has wonderful smoke meat parties. Jimmy enjoyed BBQing and entertaining. This last year he won first place for the Fish Camp 'Rib-OFF'. Jimmy loved his animals: dogs JoJo, Sambo and Molly the cat. He enjoyed his weekly golf games with Chuck, Dallas and Tony. His newest hobby was flying, building and repairing remote controlled helicopters. This year he bought a Harley but only had short time to enjoy it. Jimmy is survived by his wife; Nancy at home, mother; June, brother; Jerry of Wilmington, CA, daughter; Kacey (Jason) Peterson, Kai and Mila of Tucson, AZ, stepdaughter; Kristy Gonder of Coeur d'Alene, ID, stepson; Eric (Lisa) Schmitz, Jessica and Josie of Kimberly, ID. Jimmy dedicated his life to helping veterans, his contribution and genuine outgoing manner and warmth of character will be missed by everyone who knew him. Gifts or remembrances in honor of Jimmy can be made to Veterans Service Foundation, 8719 Colesville Road, Suite #100, Silver Spring, MD 20910 and designated for VSF's Homeless Veteran Program. A memorial service will be held Friday, July 30, 2010 at Yates Funeral Chapel, Coeur d'Alene, Idaho at 1:00 P.M. He will be laid to rest in Arlington National Cemetery over Veteran's Day, November, 2010.

RONALD F. HALL – Died in 2009 in Tecumseh, Michigan at the age of 63. The cause of death is unknown. He was born January 28, 1946. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Ann Arbor Chapter #310**.



CHERYL A. (Harbach) HEBERLING - Died Thursday, June 10, 2010, in the Reading Hospital at the age of 55. She was a resident of West Lawn, Pennsylvania. Cheryl was the wife of John A. Heberling. Cheryl and John would have been married 17 years on July 10. She was born in Reading, Pennsylvania on February 1, 1955, the daughter of Roberta (Crimbring) Harbach of Temple and the late Florin J. "Mickey" Harbach. Cheryl was previously employed as a tax preparer for H&R Block in Sinking Spring. Cheryl also was previously employed by the former Sharpoint Inc. in Mohnton and in

earlier years by Schell's Drive-In in Muhlenberg Twp. Cheryl was a 1973 graduate of Muhlenberg High School. She received her AAS in accounting from Reading Area Community College in 1998 with high honors and as a member of the president's list. Cheryl was an **Associate Member** of the **Vietnam Veterans of America – Berks County Chapter #131**. Additional survivors include one brother, Michael S. Harbach, of Laureldale. She is also survived by two sisters, Karen S. Grim of Temple and Christine E. Harbach of Port St. Lucie, Fla. Also surviving are three nephews, Glenn R. Grim Jr., Eric A. Bitler and Brandon M. Harbach; one niece, Sarah E. Ludwig; and two great-nieces, Megan E. and Sabrina E. Grim. Funeral services will be Thursday, June 17, at 11 a.m. in Milkins Funeral Home, Inc., 4914 Kutztown Rd., Temple, with Chaplain Larry Mast officiating. Interment will follow in Laureldale Cemetery. Friends may call Wednesday from 7 to 8:30 p.m. and Thursday one hour prior to services in the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made in memory of Cheryl to Berks County Humane Society, 1801 N. 11th St., Reading, PA 19604.



CHARLES VERNON “Chuck” HIGHSMITH - was born at St. Joseph's Hospital in Fort Worth, Texas on January 12, 1941, to Harold D. Highsmith and Anna Lucille Brustrom Highsmith and passed away on March 25, 2010, in Tyler, Texas after a long struggle with Agent Orange-related bladder cancer and prostate cancer. He grew up on the west side of Fort Worth, in Arlington Heights, and attended South High Mount Elementary, W.C. Stripling Junior High and Arlington Heights High School, graduating in 1959. He participated in rodeo events in his high school years, an interest that never left him - his personal hero was John Wayne and he always tried to live by the cowboy code. His interest in serving in the military began during time spent in the Arlington Heights High ROTC program and watching the aircraft at Carswell AFB in Fort Worth and, to follow his lifelong love of airplanes, he joined the U.S. Air Force in January

1960. He was posted to the following bases in the U.S. during his 20-year career: Lackland AFB/San Antonio; Amarillo AFB/Amarillo; Scott AFB/Illinois; Blytheville AFB/Blytheville, Ark.; Andrews AFB/Washington, D.C.; Travis AFB/Vacaville, Calif.; and Barksdale AFB/Bossier City, La. He was chosen to serve as a member of the ground crew for the Presidential Fleet responsible for Air Force One at Travis AFB in Washington D.C., during the Johnson and Nixon presidencies. He was also posted to the following bases outside the U.S. during his career: Clark AFS/Philippines, which included then-secret missions into Laos and Thailand; Thule AFB/Thule, Greenland; and Camron Bay AFB/Vietnam. He was a decorated Vietnam veteran and retired from the USAF in 1980 after 20 years' service, followed by a second career with Nalco Chemical in Louisiana and East Texas. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Tyler Chapter #932**. Chuck retired from Nalco Chemical in 1996 and shortly thereafter joined a friend and co-worker at Nalco who had begun a new business, York Antiques in Longview. He retired from his position as floor manager there in 2003. In 1962, while stationed in Illinois, Chuck married Barbara Gail Page, with whom he had two children, Rick and Lisa. After their divorce, he moved to Tyler and married his high school sweetheart, Judy Lea Warnick in 2003. Chuck

was a member of the Overton Masonic Lodge, the Welcome Home Soldier group in Tyler, and the Patriot Guard of East Texas. He participated in many volunteer and fund-raising programs for these organizations and others throughout the years to the benefit of families as well as organizations which offer support to military veterans, women and children. His interest in collecting guns, along with his membership in the NRA, made him a strong proponent of personal defense and he taught many people, both men and women, to handle firearms safely and to shoot accurately. A lifelong friend, ex-band mate and fan of Delbert McClinton and his music, Chuck always said Delbert's song, "I Had a Real Good Time," should be his exit line. His natural curiosity, mischievous nature and warm smile could light up a room with very little effort and he always left a positive impression wherever he went. He is survived by his beloved wife, Judy Lea Warnick Highsmith; his son, Rick Highsmith and wife Kathy of Bossier City, La.; his daughter, Lisa Highsmith Parker of Kilgore; his stepdaughter, Andrea Hyndman and husband Steve of San Mateo, Calif.; his stepson, Bruce Williams and wife Rachel of Sutherlin, Ore.; his sister, Sherry Crouch of Fort Worth; his aunt, Gladys Friedholm of Baton Rouge, La.; his grandchildren, Ashley Highsmith Dean and husband Toney, Jessica Parker, Cody Parker, John Paul Cooley and Bianca Highsmith; his great-grandchildren, Kristian Dean, A.J. Dean and Jordynn Parker; his stepgrandchildren, Hattie Lea Williams and Nicholas Hyndman; and nieces, nephews, cousins and friends too numerous to mention, as well as his ex-wife, Barbara Page Highsmith, of Kilgore. Chuck always made friends easily wherever he went and was a steadfast friend to be counted on in any situation. His smile, ready wit, kindness and loyalty will be missed by his family and friends everywhere. An avid hunter and fisherman for many years, Chuck was diagnosed with bladder cancer in February 2008 and suffered recurrences in March 2009 and January 2010. He passed away peacefully at Hospice Home Place in Tyler on March 25, 2010, and he will be remembered during a chapel service at Tyler Memorial Funeral Home on Monday, May 29, 2010, at 10:30 a.m., with burial later that day in the Circle of Honor at Laurel Land Cemetery in Fort Worth following a graveside military service. Viewing will be held from 9 to 10:30 a.m., immediately preceding the service. He requested that, in lieu of flowers, donations be made to either the Tyler Chapter of the Vietnam Veterans of America or to the NRA to help continue to support the defense of our Second Amendment rights.

JAMES G. HOFFMAN – Died Sunday, February 18, 2007 in Vancouver, Washington at the age of 68. The cause of death was neck and lung cancer contributed by acute myelogenous leukemia. He was born July 23, 1938 in Makoti, North Dakota. He is survived by his wife, Sharon; his son, Scott; two daughters, Dana Chapman, of Vancouver and Shauna Schuerger, of Seattle, Washington; two sisters, Diane Guertzgen and Gayle Ward, both of Vancouver; four grandchildren, and; one great-grandchild. He served in the United States Navy from July 1956 until his retirement in 1978. He served on eight submarines: nuclear, diesel and several other surface ships. He reached the highest rank an enlisted man can reach, that of EMCM (SS). He was a life member of The American Legion, Fleet Reserve Association, Tin Can Sailors, Inc., US Submarine Veterans, Inc., USSVI Base-Blueback, USSVI Base-Scamp and Veterans of Foreign Wars. He was an *At-Large Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Washington**. A memorial service was conducted in the Evergreen Staples Funeral Chapel in Vancouver, Washington.

JOHN RUFUS HOLLAND – Died Monday, July 19, 2010 in Moores Hill, Indiana at the age of 83. The cause of death is unknown. He was born March 1, 1927 in Lawrenceburg, Indiana to the late Emery and Nora Mae (née Loomis) Holland. He married Anne E. (née Lane) Holland December 26, 1947 and predeceased him February 5, 1995. He is survived by six sons and daughters-in-law, John and Cindy Holland, of Henryville, Indiana, Patrick and Charlene Holland, of Moores Hill, Steve and Lisa Holland, of Jacksonville, Florida, Rob Holland, of Petersburg, Kentucky, Chris and Cindy Holland, of Jeffersonville, Indiana, Eric Holland, of Texas; a daughter, Megan Holland, of Madison, Indiana; his brother, Robert Holland, of Pennsylvania; his sister, Luella Brooker, of Lawrenceburg; 15 grandchildren, and; one great-grandchild. He retired from the United States Military having served with the United States Marine Corps from 1942 to 1945. He served in the United States Army from 1947 to 1970, with two tours of duty in Vietnam from 15 June 1968 to 2 December 1968 and from 25 June 1969 to 17 April 1970 and retired at the rank of Sergeant Major (E-9). He served with the 3rd Marine Division during World War II; the 187th Regiment Team in Korea and served four times in Vietnam with the Special Forces and was an original Green Beret. He received the Task Force Omega award in 2004 for outstanding support and dedication to POW/MIA efforts. In 2008, he received the Vietnam Veteran-of-the-Year and was recognized by the Indiana House of Representatives for his dedication to the United States of America. He was recognized at the Aurora Firecracker Festival for having written a law enacted by Congress for the humane treatment of POWs. Among his many medals received were the Combat Infantry Medal with Star, the Marine Corps Action Ribbon, and the Master Jump Wings with two Gold Stars. In retirement, he was an advocate of MIA and POW groups and originated the Rolling Thunder organization. He was a life member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and the Moores Hill American Legion Post. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Aurora Chapter #71**. Funeral services were conducted in the Lars-Carr-Moore Funeral Home in Milan, Ohio.



LAWRENCE JOHN HORKAN – Died Tuesday, March 16, 2010 in Rockford, Illinois after a courageous battle with pulmonary fibrosis after receiving a single lung transplant in December 2009. He was 61 years of age. He was born July 20, 1948, in Edgerton, Wisconsin to the late John and Ethel (Boss) Horkan. He was a 1966 graduate of Milton High School, after high school he worked as a machine tool apprentice prior to enlisting in the military. Sergeant Horkan served in the United States Army in Vietnam and was a recipient of the Bronze Star for his heroism in action. While serving as a section chief of a 105mm howitzer near Chu Lai, he suffered a shrapnel wound and was awarded the Purple Heart. After his discharge he fulfilled a lifelong dream of racing his modified stock car in the Southeastern Wisconsin region during the 1970s. While working for Gilman Engineering in Janesville, Wis., he met his future wife, Nadia, on a work project in Russia. They were married Sept. 21, 1978, in Ufa, Russia and had two children, Nicholas and Sheila. After earning his bachelor's degree, Larry steadily progressed in the machine tool industry, first as national service manager for DeVlieg Bullard and ending his career as vice-president of Meritage National Service. He was a member of the National Rifle Association (NRA), VFW, **Vietnam Veterans of America – Janesville Chapter #236** and the Vintage Modified Stock Car Club. He loved playing with his two grandchildren and was an avid outdoorsman. Survived by

wife, Nadia of Rockford; son, Nicholas (Angie) Horkan of Milton, Wis.; daughter, Sheila Horkan of Middleton, Wis.; sister, Patricia Horkan of Franklin, Wis.; grandchildren, Tyler and Kayla Horkan of Milton; his yellow lab, Junior; and many relatives and friends. A Mass of Christian Burial was at noon Saturday, March 20, in St. Mary's Catholic Church in Janesville, with a burial and military rites conducted by the VFW Kienow-Hilt Post 1621, immediately after the service at Milton Cemetery. Visitation from 5 to 7 p.m. Friday, March 19, in Whitcomb-Lynch-Albrecht Funeral Home, Milton, 828 S. Janesville St., and from 11 a.m. Saturday to time of service in the church. Larry was a devoted husband, loving father and grandfather. He will be missed greatly by all those whose lives he touched.

HERBERT ROBIN HOSKINS, JR. – Died Thursday, May 6, 2010 in Newburgh, New York at the age of 55. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Sayreville, New Jersey on February 4, 1955. He served in the United States Navy during the end of the Vietnam War from April 24, 1972 to May 9, 1974. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Newburgh Chapter #537**. Graveside services with full military honors were in Orange County Veterans Cemetery in Goshen, New York.

THOMAS H. HUTCHINSON – Died Monday, June 21, 2010 in Denton, Texas at the age of 67. The cause of death is unknown. He was born May 30, 1943. He is survived by his wife, Donna Hutchinson, of the home. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Denton Chapter #920**.

THOMAS HOWARD JAMES - 66, of 19009 Water St., Barton, Died Monday, July 12, 2010 in Barton, Maryland at the age of 66. The cause of death is unknown. He was born March 5, 1944 in Frostburg, Maryland to the late Melvin Kermit James and the late Norma Jean (Wilkes) Sweitzer. A sister, Georgianne Jenkins, and his grandparents, Bessie and Howard Wilkes, also preceded him in death. Mr. James was a United States Naval veteran, having served during the Vietnam War. He retired from Westvaco Corp, having worked at the Finished Product Warehouse. He was a member of Frostburg Church of the Nazarene, a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America - Cumberland Chapter #172** and a member of Barton American Legion 189. He leaves behind his wife, Linda (Clark) James; a son, Aaron James and wife Patty of Barton; a daughter, Heather McConnell and husband John Jr. of Barton; a sister, Jeannine Wilt of McCoole; three grandchildren, Nathan James, John William McConnell III, and Isabella McConnell. He is also survived by his brother-in-law, Kip Jenkins of West Virginia. The family will receive friends at the Boal Memorial Chapel, Barton, on Wednesday from 5 to 9 p.m. The Barton American Legion will hold a memorial service at the funeral home on Wednesday at 5 p.m. A funeral service will be conducted at the Boal Chapel on Thursday at 11 a.m. with Pastor Timothy Smith and the Rev. Homer Beeman officiating and Pastor Ken Fisher assisting. Interment will be in Laurel Hill Cemetery, Moscow Mills, with military honors accorded at graveside by the Vietnam Veterans Chapter 172. Pallbearers will be Gary Schurg, John McConnell Jr., Nathan James, Nathan Beeman, Jordan Shuhart, Kip Jenkins and Rob Clark. Honorary pallbearers will be Stanley Skidmore, Ronnie Sines, Roger Beeman, Bob Beeman, Jason Salesky, Ron Wills and Bob Rayner. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be directed to the Frostburg Church of the Nazarene, 150 Center St, Frostburg, MD 21532.

EDWARD CLAYTON JONES, JR. - Died peacefully on Sunday, July 18, 2010, at the Northwest Medical Center in St. Albans, Vermont surrounded by his family and friends after a long struggle with pulmonary fibrosis. He was 65 years of age and a resident of St. Albans. Ed was born in Sherbrooke, Quebec, Canada on July 28, 1944, the son of Mona Anne (Boone) and Clayton Edward Jones, Sr. He attended schools in Lennoxville, Quebec and Newport, VT, graduating in 1962. He did one year of post graduate studies at Newport High School and then attended Graham Junior College in Boston, majoring in broadcasting. He then attended Johnson State College and graduated with a Bachelors Degree in Broadcast Management. In January of 1963, Ed joined the United States Army as a naturalized citizen. He was stationed at Fort Dix, Fort Gordon, and Fort Lewis. Ed served in the Republic of Vietnam. He was assigned to the 56 Signal Company FSM in Qui Nhon, and An Khe. Ed was a lifelong numismatist, railroad enthusiast and photographer. He was one of the co- founders of the **Vietnam Veterans of America – St. Albans Chapter #753**. Ed held the position of Chaplain for many years with the Chapter. Ed also served for years on the State Council of the Vietnam Veterans as Chaplain and Treasurer. He was a member of the VFW of North Hero, VT and the American Legion of St. Albans. Ed was an adult life member of St. Paul's United Methodist Church in St. Albans, Ed served on many committees over the years and was a Lay Speaker with the church. Ed also volunteered at the local homeless shelter, Juvenile Court Diversion Program and other civil state and human development programs throughout Franklin County and the State of Vermont. Ed worked for the Central VT Railroad, the St. Albans Correctional Facility, and Franklin Grand Isle Community Action, where he developed the VT Rideshare Program. He also worked at IBM and Homeland Security, the Immigration & Customs Enforcement Section. He retired in 2008 from Homeland Security. Ed was known for his big heart, jokes and storytelling. He was accepting of everyone that he met. He made friends and they became lifelong friends. Ed was also an advocate for many young people that he enjoyed helping out with their lives. Ed was an active member of the Cedar Street neighborhood, attending all of the neighborhood parties and supporting all who lived here. He is survived by his wife Rebecca Graeter-Jones of St. Albans; sister, Marilyn Carrier of Newport, VT; daughter Sheila Beaulieu and her husband, Guy of Jeffersonville, two step-sons Gregory Dixon and his wife, Lesley of Hadley, NY, Glenn Dixon and his wife, Heidi Coon of St. Albans; five grandchildren, Claire and Lydia Beaulieu, Aislynn, Parker and Ethan Dixon. His "Rent a Kids" Alex, Nick and Lizzie Graeter, and his loving dog, Patton. He is also survived by many beloved sisters and brothers in law, nieces and nephews. Ed was predeceased by both of his parents. Ed's family will receive friends on Friday July 23, 2010, from 2 – 3 PM at St. Paul's United Methodist Church on Church Street. A celebration of his life will be held at 3:30 PM at the church. Interment will be on Saturday at 11:00 A.M. at the family lot in St. John de Baptist Cemetery in Enosburg. Donations in Ed's memory may be made to the Franklin County Humane Society, 30 Sunset Meadows, St. Albans, VT 05478, St. Paul's United Methodist Church Scholarship Fund, 11 Church St., St., Albans, VT 05478 or the Vietnam Veterans of America Post # 753, P.O. Box 965, St. Albans VT, 05478. Private message of condolence are welcome at www.healdfuneralhome.com.

BILLIE DAVID KENNEDY – Died recently in 2010 in Saltillo, Mississippi at the age of 75. The cause of death is unknown. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Tupelo Chapter #842**.

GLENN WILSON KENT, SR. – Died Sunday, April 4, 2010 in Lebanon, Tennessee at the age of 81. The cause of death was acute respiratory failure, bilateral MRSA pneumonia and chronic obstructive pulmonary disease. He was born January 14, 1929 in Hickman, Tennessee, the son of the late Edgar M. and Effie May Grisham Kent. He served in the United States Air Force during the Vietnam War. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Lebanon Chapter #1004**. Visitation was on Friday, April 9, 2010 in the Ligon and Bobo Funeral Home in Lebanon. The funeral service was conducted on Saturday, April 10, 2010 in the funeral home. Services for Mr. Kent will be 10 a.m. Saturday, April 10 at Ligon & Bobo Funeral Home with the Rev. Terry Cathey officiating. Interment with military honors will follow at Wilson County Memorial Gardens. Visitation will be Friday from 4-8 p.m. at the funeral home. He was a Korean Air Force veteran having served over 22 years. He also had been in the landscaping and construction business and had owned a trucking company. He had been a member of the Barton's Creek Baptist Church since 1947. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by two brothers, Caril E. and Kenneth M. Kent. Survivors include: wife of 52 years, Joyce C. Taylor Kent; sons, Glenn W. Kent Jr. and Raymond L. Kent both of Anchorage, Alaska; David M. (Wanda) Kent of Lebanon; grandchildren, Malissa M. Burch of Anchorage. Brian (Robin) Kent, Hayward L. (Stacy) Kent, Stephanie (Jammie) Ware and Windy (Johnnie) Bogle, all of Lebanon; brother, Ray J. (Betty) Kent of Portland; sisters, Ella M. Brown of Lebanon, Billy Denham of Murfreesboro, Irene Martin of Smyrna and Betty Carolyn Davenport of Hendersonville; several nieces, nephews and great-grandchildren; friends, Bro. James R. (Betty) Crutchfield, James (Pat) Jones, Sam (Ann) Beck, Kenny (Dale) Burns, David Fugate and Roger (Terry) Campbell. Vietnam veterans of Wilson County will serve as pallbearers. Ligon & Bobo Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

JOEL KLEIMAN - Died suddenly on Monday, November 22, 2004 in Williamsburg, Virginia at the age of 67. The cause of death is unknown. He was a native of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania born October 9, 1942. He is survived by his loving wife Kathy and his daughter's Jennifer and Karen Kleiman; also surviving is his sister Elaine Lipkin. Mr. Kleiman was a member of Arlington Centennial Glebe Lodge. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Arlington Chapter #227**. A funeral service will be held on Monday, Nov. 29, 2004, 11 A.M. at Peninsula Memorial Park. Memorial donations may be made to the Transportation Fund of Kena Shrine Center, 9001 Arlington Blvd., Fairfax, VA 22031. Nelson Funeral Home is handling arrangements.

FRANK G. LANDI – Died Friday, April 24, 2009 in New Hyde Park, New York at the age of 63. The cause of death was pancreatic cancer. He was born in Harlem, New York on February 11, 1947. He is survived by his daughter, Nicolina Landi-Maniaci. He served in the United States Air Force during the Vietnam War from May 1, 1966 to July 3, 1969. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Hicksville Chapter #82**.

CHARLES “Chuck” LANE – Died Sunday, May 30, 2010 in Angola, Louisiana at the age of 69. The cause of death was bronchial asthma and emphysema. He was born October 14, 1942. He served in the United States Army from 1968 to 1971 with two tours of duty in Vietnam. He was awarded the Purple Heart. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Angola Chapter #689**.



ROBERT J. “Baghdad Bob” LAWRENCE – Died suddenly on Saturday July 3, 2010 in Newark Valley, New York at the age of 66. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in 1944 to the late Donald H. Lawrence, Sr., and Rita (Delaney) Lawrence. 'Bob' was a proud United States Veteran who served in the Navy from 1962 to 1966. He loved to farm and watch his grandchildren play sports or anything else they were participating in. He was quick with a one liner and often left folks wondering if he was kidding or not. In addition to his parents, he was predeceased by his brothers Donald H. Lawrence Jr. and Raymond G. Lawrence. He is survived by his wife of 46 years, Paula (Hyde) Lawrence and his 4 children: Joe (Kelly) Lawrence of NV, Deb Lawrence of Brooktondale, Lisa (Mark) DeGroat of Vestal, and Greg (Tracey) Lawrence of Green. Bob had six grandchildren which he was very proud of and loved beyond measure. He truly was their #1 fan in everything they did. He affectionately gave them nicknames that were unique to each of them. Maggie (Cub), Cody (Cody B. Coyote), Sean (Song/Pal), Shelby (Shetland), Mackenzie (Bobo), and Todd (Toad). He is also survived by two brothers, John (Diana) Lawrence of NC, Gerard (Laurie) Lawrence of VA; and six sisters, Marylou (David) Quinn of SC, Teresa (Richard) Bennett of Trumansburg, NY, Margaret (David) Poyer of Mecklenburg, NY, Ann Lawrence of NC, Elizabeth (Peter) Coats of Mecklenburg, NY, and Julia (Bill) Hoffman of Newfield, NY; two special sisters-in-law, Carolyn Lawrence (widow of Donald), Rollande Lawrence (widow of Raymond); and numerous nieces, nephews, and cousins. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Owego Chapter #480**. Funeral Mass to be held at St. Johns Catholic Church in Newark Valley on Friday, July 9th at 11:00 a.m. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Berkshire EMS Squad in memory of Bob.

MAJ MARTIN “Marty” LERNER (USAF, Ret) - 85, of Windsor Locks, Connecticut and the husband of Svetluse (Kramosilova) Lerner, died Saturday (July 5, 2008), at home surrounded by his loving family. The cause of death was cancer. He was born in Pottstown, Pennsylvania to the late A. Joseph and Minnie (Friedman) Lerner, Marty retired from the United States Air Force as a major in 1968 after a long career. During World War II, he served with the prestigious 305th Bomb Group. He also served during Korea and Vietnam and received numerous commendations for his years of service. Marty was a life member of several veterans groups, a Boy Scout leader in Bloomfield during the 1960s and 70s, and a member of the Hupmobile Club of America. He was an *At-Large Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Connecticut**. Besides his wife, he leaves his daughter, Leslie Lerner and her husband Stanley Kaspawicz of Glastonbury; his daughter, Lois Lerner and her husband Michael Miles of Bethesda, MD; his step-daughter Dana Morales and her husband Hector; four grandchildren, Laura and Meredith Miles and Yvette and Stanley Morales; his sister Marie Herbst of Pottstown, PA and his sister

Francis Miller of Keyser, WV. Marty was predeceased by his son A. Joseph Lerner; his grandson Michael A. Bonito; and his wife of 55 years Adeline (Kauffman) Lerner. The family wishes to thank the staff of the Phoenix Cancer Center for their care during Marty's illness. Interment will take place at Arlington National Cemetery on August 8. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Home and Community Health Services, Inc. Hospice Program, 101 Phoenix Ave., PO Box 1199, Enfield, CT 06083-1199. Arrangements are entrusted to Weinstein Mortuary, Hartford.



JAMES MAX LILL, JR. – Died Thursday, June 10, 2010 in Rochester, New York at age 64. The cause of death was a massive stroke. He was born in Rochester on April 29, 1946. Max is survived by his wife, Jane Marie Barbarita Lill; children, Jim (Tiffany), Jake (Kelly) and Blaine (Jenna) McRae; grandchildren, Jacob, Payton, Emma Kate, Tristan and James; brothers, William T. (Cindy) and Kenneth (Jeanne); sister, Jane (Don) Pressey; several nieces, nephews and many dear friends. Max was President of Industrial Furnace Co., Inc., and a United States Army Veteran of Vietnam. As a member of many Vietnam Veterans Associations, Max was instrumental in the construction of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Highland Park. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Rochester Chapter #20**. Friends are invited to a Funeral Mass for Max Tuesday, 10 AM at St. Margaret Mary's Church, 401 Rogers Pkwy., Irondequoit. Interment will be private. In lieu of flowers kindly consider Vietnam Veteran's Memorial of Greater Rochester, Inc., 40 Humboldt St., Rochester, NY 14609.

SHIRLEY M. LOOMIS - Died Friday, December 1, 2006, at the Lake Park Skilled Nursing Facility, Sylvania, Ohio at the age of 55. She was a resident of Toledo, Ohio. The cause of death is unknown. Shirley was born in Tecumseh, Michigan on February 6, 1951, to James A. and Mary M. (McNead) Miller. She married Thomas C. Loomis, CPL. USMC on December 12, 1970, in Tecumseh, Michigan. Shirley lived in the Tecumseh, Britton, Dundee, Deerfield, Milan area until 1983 when she and Tom moved to Toledo. Shirley was a member of the Assembly of God Church most of her life. She served as a teacher and secretary for the Sunday School and as a leader in the Missionette program for girls. She earned the rank of Honor Star for the girls and the rank of Ester as a leader. She was a *Life Member* of **Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America – Monroe (Michigan) Chapter #142**. Surviving is her husband, Tom; daughter, Angela Hess of Toledo; grandson, Chase Loomis; granddaughter, Kayla Hess; sisters, Rose (Larry) Prajzner of Tecumseh, Dorothy Miller of Tecumseh, Patricia (Randy) Luka of Westland, MI, Edna (Brian) Light of St. Cloud, FL, Donna (Zac) Comer of Dade County, FL and brother, Thomas Miller of St. Cloud. Friends and family will be received in the Neville Funeral Home Southwest Chapel, 7438 Airport Highway, Holland (419-865-8879) from 2-9 p.m. Wednesday where funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. on Thursday, December 7, 2006, with Pastor Keith Stepp officiating. Burial will follow at Highland Memory Gardens, Waterville. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to the family of Shirley Loomis.

ROBERT G. LOWERY – Died on Christmas Day, Friday December 25, 2009 in Kingsport, Tennessee at the age of 64. The cause of death was a stroke, cardiac arrest and cardiac disease.

He was born in Farnham, Virginia on June 24, 1945. He is survived by his wife, of the home. He served in the United States Army with one year tour of duty in Vietnam. He was an *At-Large Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Virginia**.

FRANK J. LUNA – Died recently in 2010 in Paradise, California at the age of 65. The cause of death is unknown. He was born July 22, 1944. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was an *At-Large Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – California**.

DAVID E. LYNCH – Died recently in 2010 in Bethel, North Carolina. The cause of death is unknown. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Greenville Chapter #272**.

ERI I. MEDINA – Died Friday, March 19, 2010 in Miami, Florida at the age of 65. The cause of death was cancer. He was born in Cuba on August 8, 1944. He served in the United States Army with a tour of duty in Vietnam from 1967 to 1968. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Miami Chapter #620**.

MICHAEL LEE MIDGETT – Died Friday, July 16, 2010 in Paradise, California at the age of 63. The cause of death was Agent Orange-related leukemia. He was born June 19, 1947 in Chico, California. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Paradise Chapter #582B**.

CARL MILES – Died recently in 2010 in Graterford, Pennsylvania at the age of 63. The cause of death is unknown. He was born January 13, 1947. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Graterford Chapter #466**.

GEORGE R. MILLER – Died Monday, March 1, 2010 in Brisbin, Pennsylvania at the age of 63. The cause of death is unknown. He was born April 16, 1947. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Clearfield Chapter #974**.

GEORGE SCOTT MILLER, JR. - Died Thursday, July 15, 2010, at O.R.M.C., Horton Campus, Middletown, New York. He was a lifetime area resident of Goshen, New York and a retired Disabled Corrections Officer for the State of New York. The cause of death were complications from surgery. The son of George S. and Verna L. (Kanoff) Miller, Sr., he was born June 30, 1946 in Middletown, New York. A United States Army veteran, he enlisted directly out of Middletown High School while he was still 17 years old and served for three years with 32 months of foreign service in the Field Artillery as a Cannoneer. Mr. Miller was well known in the local veterans organizations, whether it be selling 50-50 Raffle tickets for the American Legion or selling Christmas trees or Poppies for his VFW post. He was a *Life Member* of the **Vietnam Veterans of America - Orange County Chapter #140**, life member of Chapter 212 (DAV) Disabled American Veterans, Trustee and life member of Goshen Memorial Post 1708, VFW, a three-time Commander and a 40-year member of Goshen Post 377, American Legion, a member of La Société 40 Des Hommes et 8 Chevaux, 40 & 8, life member of AMVETS Post 2946, Walden, NY and an associate member of Chapter 59, Veterans of the Battle of the Bulge, for

which his father saw action in World War II. He was also a life member of the United States Field Artillery Assn., Cold War Veterans Assn., life member of the 8th Infantry Division Assn., and the Orange County Veterans Coalition. Mr. Miller was also a Trustee of the Slate Hill Cemetery Association. In politics, Mr. Miller was a firm supporter of the Republican Party, who always exercised his right to vote in local elections and on the national level. Although Mr. Miller suffered for many years with a combination of medical disabilities, he always felt that there were other who were worse off than he was, and tried to carry on with his life as the best he could, and found his association with other veterans most rewarding. After becoming disabled, Mr. Miller could often be found out in his yard, trimming about and trying to keep the deer from eating his tomatoes, or at the Slate Hill Cemetery keeping the graves of veterans maintained. Genealogy became one of his most rewarding hobbies. He was very proud of his German and Dutch ancestors who were among the earliest to settle in America from the middle 1600's to the early 1700's. He was from a military family that had served in the Colonial Wars, American Revolution, War of 1812, The Civil War and World War II, prior to his own service. He never missed a Memorial Day or Veterans Day service and could usually be found holding the colors of the American Legion or VFW at the different cemeteries. Not being able to march in the Memorial Day Parade, due to his medical problems, he enjoyed to be allowed to drive or ride in one of the cars each year, as was honored with being chosen as Grand Marshall for the Memorial Day Parade in 2007. Mr. Miller was a member of many hereditary organizations being a life member of the Dutch Settlers Society of Albany, The Penn. German Society, a life member of the Descendants of Colonial Clergy, a life member of Americans of Armorial Ancestry The Society of Colonial Wars, Stony Point Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution, Society of the War of 1812, Sons & Daughters of the Pilgrims, and a life/charter member and past Commander of the Col. Augustus Van Hone Ellis Camp 124, Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil war, a member of the Orange and Ulster County Genealogical Societies, and a life member of the NRA - National Rifle Assn. He married Nancy E. Messenger, daughter of Burton and Shirley Messenger of Goshen, October 19, 1969, in the Goshen Methodist Church, where he was a member. He is survived by his wife, Nancy, at home; his Son, Scott B. Miller and his wife, Amie; his daughter, Laura E. Miller; his brother, Dean A. Miller and his wife, Suzanne; three sisters: Nancy A. Yannone and her husband, Jim, Joann E. Heisler and her husband, Richard, and Carol A. Yelle and her husband, Bill, and his beloved granddaughters, Hunter Marie Miller and Madison Ashley Miller; several nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by his father, George S. Miller Sr., and his mother, Verna (Kanoff) Miller, and his sister, Janice C. Miller. Friends may call Tuesday, July 20, from 2-4 and 7-9 p.m., at Donovan Funeral Home, Inc., 82 S. Church St., Goshen, NY. The funeral will be held on Wednesday, July 21, at 11 a.m., in the funeral home. Burial with military honors in the family plot will follow in Phillipsburg Cemetery, Middletown, NY. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in George's name to the Goshen Post 377 American Legion, the VFW Post 1708 or the Disabled American Veterans Chapter 212. Arrangements were under the care of the Donovan Funeral Home, Inc.; 845-294-6422. To leave the family condolences, please visit www.donovanfunerals.com.

WILLIAM F. MONAHAN – Died Tuesday, February 9, 2010 in Mystic, Connecticut at the age of 65. The cause of death is unknown. He was born June 27, 1944 in Wakefield, Rhode Island. He served in the United States Air Force from September 14, 1962 to October 29, 1965. He was a

Permanently Hospitalized Veteran Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Wakefield Chapter #325.

WILLIAM ALFRED MYERS - Died at his home in Yuma, Arizona on Wednesday, July 7, 2010 at the age of 82. William was born October 17, 1927 in Toledo, Ohio. He attended school in Toledo, Ohio where he graduated from Libby High School. After his graduation, he joined the United States Navy, served in the Korean War and during the Vietnam-era and retired after serving 24 years. After his discharge from the Navy he moved to Yuma and was employed by Yuma County from 1969 to 1984 and later was employed by La Paz County from 1985 to 1992. He was the first registered sanitarian in the State of Arizona. William was a member of the following associations: National Medics and Corpsmen, National Society of Professional Sanitarians, Arizona Public Health, Fleet Reserve, National Environmental Health, National CPO, American Legion, Elks and the D.A.V. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Yuma Chapter #835**. William loved golfing, bowling, fishing and most of all spending time with his family. William is survived by 2 daughters, Lucinda (Albert) Walls, and Debra Myers; 2 grandchildren, Danielle Gilman and Matthew Hunter; 7 great-grandchildren; 2 nieces, 2 nephews. William was preceded in death by his wife, Violet M. Myers. In Lieu of flowers please make contributions to a charity of your choice.

JOSE R. NIEVES – Died around the year 2000 in San Juan, Puerto Rico at the age of 55. The cause of death is unknown. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – San Juan Chapter #59*.



RICHARD THOMAS OLUP – Died Thursday, January 21, 2010 in Chesterland, Ohio at the age of 65. The cause of death was metastatic mesothelioma due to asbestos exposure. He was born in Jacksonville, Florida on February 15, 1944 to the late Stanley and Joan (née Scott) Olup. He was the cherished husband of Jean (née Grimsic), for 41 years; wonderful father of Amy Marie and Stephanie Anne; loving grandfather of Aurora Johnson; treasured son of the late Stanley and Joan Olup and dear brother of Robert (deceased) and Deborah (Howard) Sigler. Mr. Olup proudly served his country in the United States Marine Corps during the Vietnam War. He was an *At-Large Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Ohio*. Friends may call at Gattozzi and Son Funeral Home, 12524 Chillicothe Road, Chesterland, on Monday, 2-4 PM and 6-8 P.M. Funeral Mass 10 a.m., Tuesday at St. Anselm Church, 12969 Chillicothe Road, Chester Township. Interment was in All Souls Cemetery, Chardon Township.

ALFRED D. PARRETT – Died unexpectedly Friday, July 9, 2010, at Reid Hospital in Richmond, Indiana at the age of 70. He was a resident of Centerville, Indiana. The cause of death is unknown. He was born November 21, 1939, in Rockcastle County, Kentucky, to James W. and Emma McCracken Parrett, he lived most of his life in Richmond. Alfred retired from the United States Army after 21 years of service. He was a life-member of the VFW Post 1108 and a

member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Richmond Chapter #777**. Alfred was an avid fisherman and enjoyed spending time with his grandchildren and family. Survivors include his wife, Doris Turner Parrett, to whom he was married on March 18, 1978; daughter, Nichole Parrett of Columbia City, Indiana; step-son, Lee Edwin Wright and his wife Tabetha of Centerville; two step-daughters, Barbara Lynn Corwin and her husband Michael of Richmond and Jennie Holthouse of Richmond; one granddaughter, Zoey Emmalynne Rogers; seven step-grandchildren, Kathleen, Heather, Dylan, Connor, Christopher, BrookLynn, and Cameron; three step-great-grandchildren, Daniel, Karter, and Ayden; two brothers, Paul W. Parrett and his wife Danielle of Richmond and Lloyd Parrett and his wife Clara of Centerville; three sisters, Jean Prather and her husband Michael of New Albany, Indiana, Alberta Snowden and her husband John of Centerville, and Barbara Ratliff and her husband Wayne of New Albany, Indiana; and many nieces, nephews, cousins, and friends. He was preceded in death by his parents. Visitation for Alfred D. Parrett will be from 6 to 8:00 p.m. Tuesday, July 13, 2010 at Doan & Mills Funeral Home, 790 National Road West, Richmond. Funeral service will be at 10:00 a.m. Wednesday, July 14, 2010, at Doan & Mills Funeral Home. Burial will be in Goshen Cemetery with military honors by the Wayne County Honor Guard. Condolences may be sent to the family via the guest book at www.doanmillsfuneralhome.com.

DONALD LEE PAYTON - Died Friday, February 12, 2010 in Leesburg, Florida at the age of 71. He was formerly of Decatur, Illinois. The cause of death is unknown. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Mount Dora Chapter #1024**. Funeral services will be held March 8, 2010.



JOSEPH "Joe Green" PIMENTAL - Died Tuesday, August 11, 2009 at home in Bristol, Connecticut at the age of 62. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Saint Michael's, Azores in 1947 to the late Joseph and Marianna (Gervasio) Pimental, He resided in Fall River, Massachusetts most of his life and is survived by a sister, Marian Paul of Bristol, Connecticut, two nephews, Ronald Paul of Bristol and Russell Paul (wife, Vanessa Lane) of Old Orchard Beach, Maine as well as many uncles, aunts, cousins and friends. Corporal Pimental proudly served with the United States Marines Corps. 1965-1969 He served two tours of duty in Da Nang during the Vietnam War. He was the recipient of the Good Conduct Medal, the National Defense Service Medal, the Meritorious Mast and Republic of Vietnam Service Medals. He was also a member of the **Vietnam Veterans of America – Westport Chapter #207**. After the military, Joseph worked in Fall Rivers Textile industry. He enjoyed being a member, former officer and bartender for the King Philip Yacht Club of Fall River where he made many lifelong friends. Arrangements are entrusted to A F Almeida & Son Funeral Home 1309 Globe Street Fall River, MA where Mr. Pimental's service with Military Honors will be held on Tuesday, August 18, 2009 at 11AM. Visitation from 10 to 11 is prior to services. All are welcome to attend. Donations to your own favorite charitable organizations are encouraged in lieu of flower arrangements.

EDWARD J. PLINER – Died Thursday, January 8, 2009 in Pittsville, Wisconsin at the age of 62. The cause of death was myocardial infarction, chronic obstructive pulmonary disorder and Agent Orange-related Diabetes Mellitus Type II. He was born April 1, 1946 in Richland Center, Wisconsin. He served in the United States Air Force during the Vietnam War. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Marshfield Chapter #549**.

RONALD J. PROCTOR – Died Sunday, December 9, 2001 in Tomahawk, Wisconsin at the age of 52. The cause of death is unknown. He was born February 17, 1949. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Hurley Chapter #529**.



DR. HERBERT J. QUIGLEY – Died Monday, June 7, 2010 in Minneapolis, Minnesota at the age of 73. He was a resident of Omaha, Nebraska. He was born March 6, 1937 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. He is survived by daughter Amelia (Dr. John) Svenningsen; grandchildren, Ashley, Eva, Erik Svenningsen; former wife Jacqueline; sisters, Jude Ann (Robert) Sharp, Frances (Richard) McQuate, Dr. Miriam Williams; nieces and nephews, Karen (Kurt) Philipsen, Ami (Dean Jones) Sharp, Dr. Rebecca (Dr. Paul) Lindell, Shawn McQuate, Bridget (Ralph) Johnson, Michael McQuate, Kathleen (Dan) West, Kevin Williams; grandnieces and nephews, Sarah and Hugh Jones, Quinn Johnson, Linnea, Tor and Anders Lindell, Sheffield and MacMillan West, Travis, Neil and Rebecca Philipsen. Dr. Quigley graduated from Lancaster Catholic High School in 1954, attended Franklin and Marshall College where he received an E.I. DuPont Research Fellowship and was an NIH Cancer Research Trainee. He earned a BS in Chemistry in 1958 and entered the University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine, where he received his MD in 1962. At Penn, he distinguished himself by winning the Bordon Prize, the highest research award offered at the university. He continued his postgraduate training in Pathology at Columbia- Presbyterian Medical Center, New York City, where he was an NIH Academic Pathology Career Development Trainee. He served in the United States Navy as Chief of Laboratory Service at the US Naval Hospital in Key West in 1966-68. In 1968, he came to Omaha and the two institutions to which he would devote his life. For 20 years, he was the Chief of Laboratory Service at the VA Hospital, then served 15 years as a staff pathologist until his retirement in 2003. Also in 1968, he began his career at Creighton University as Assistant Professor of Pathology, and became tenured in 1973. He was twice selected as the Golden Apple Outstanding Teacher at Creighton University Medical School, and in 2003 received the Outstanding Teaching Award from the Department of Pathology. In 1990, he was presented with Creighton University's highest honor: the Distinguished Teacher Award. He retired from Creighton University and became Emeritus Professor of Pathology in 2003. An accomplished scholar, he authored and co-authored 40 research publications. He was a Life Member of the American Institute of Chemists, a Fellow of the College of American Pathologists, a Life Member of the New York Academy of Sciences, a member of the Metropolitan Omaha Medical Society, the Nebraska Association of Pathologists, the American Chemical Society and the Nebraska Medical Association. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Omaha Chapter #146**, served as an officer and board member of the Nebraska Mineral and Gem Society, and actively supported many community organizations in Omaha. A memorial service will be held

at St. John's Church on Creighton University campus Tuesday, June 15, at 10 am. In lieu of flowers, memorials are suggested to a charity of your choice.

STEPHEN K. QUIGLEY - Died peacefully at home in Washington Township, New Jersey, Wednesday, June 30, 2010, surrounded by his family. He was 61 years of age. The cause of death was cancer. Born: June 10, 1949 in Quincy, Illinois, he was a son of John F. and Emma Quigley of Crestwood, Missouri. Personal: He lived in Washington Township for the last 26 years, previously he lived in St. Louis, Missouri. Stephen worked as an accountant. Stephen attended the University of Missouri with a degree in Accounting. He served proudly in the United States Navy during the Vietnam War. Memberships: He was a member of St. Joseph Church in Washington. Stephen was a member of the sisters of St. Joseph in Philadelphia, Member of the American Legion in Hackettstown; he worked as a lobbyist for the POW-MIA foundation in Washington, DC. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Easton (Pennsylvania) Chapter #415**. Survivors: his loving wife of 37 years Janet; two daughters, Jaime Stofa and her husband Paul of Metuchen, NJ, Kelly Ann Severino and her husband Jonathan of Forks Twp, PA; his parents, John F. and Emma Quigley of Crestwood, MO; a brother, Jack Quigley of Chattanooga, TN; a sister, Jill Berry of Manchester, MO; two grandsons, Porter and Cooper Severino. Services: Visitation will be Friday July 2, 2010, 7 to 9 p.m. at the Warren Hills Memorial Home, 234 West Washington Ave, Washington, NJ 07882. Funeral services Saturday July 3, 2010, 10 a.m. Mass of Christian burial, at St. Joseph Catholic Church, 200 Carlton Ave, Washington, NJ 07882. Burial was in St. Joseph parish Cemetery, Washington, NJ. Memorials: In lieu of flowers, Fox Chase Cancer Center, 2100 Wescott Drive, Flemington, NJ 08822. OR Hunterdon Hospice, 2100 Wescott Drive, Flemington, NJ 08822. Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the Warren Hills Memorial Home. 234. W. Washington, Ave. Washington, NJ 07882.

CARROLLTON E. REESE, JR. – Died Monday, June 21, 2010 in the home of his daughter in Culpepper, Virginia at the age of 66. The cause of death was Agent Orange-related prostate cancer with bone metastases. He was born in Washington, DC on January 12, 1944. He is survived by his ex-wife, Sandra Frank Reese; his daughter, Elizabeth Riley, of Culpepper; his father, Carrollton E. Reese, Sr., of Hollywood, Florida; three stepchildren, Natalie Steen, of Stevensville, Virginia, Cynthia Capaldi, of Kennett, Pennsylvania and John Frank, of Chesapeake, Virginia; two brothers, Michael Reese, of Hollywood and Timothy Reese, of Lorton, Virginia, and; nine grandchildren. He served in the United States Army fro 1958 to 1974. He served in Vietnam from 1968 to 1970. He returned to Vietnam as a civilian for Admiral Zumwalt on a humanitarian mission for disabled Vietnamese Veterans July to August 1971. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Silver Spring Chapter #641**.

VERNON J. REITER - Died Sunday, December 27, 2009 in Cannon Falls, Minnesota at the age of 68. The cause of death is unknown. He was born July 28, 1941. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was an *At-Large Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Minnesota**. Premier Funeral Services and Cremations, Inc., Oakland Park are in charge of arrangements.

WAYNE E. RENNE – Died Sunday, June 20, 2010 in Cleveland, Tennessee at the age of 70. The cause of death was cardiac arrest. He was born in Warren, Pennsylvania on July 4, 1940. He is survived by his wife, Virginia, of the home and his daughter, Jennifer Styles. He served in the United States Navy during the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Cleveland Chapter #596**.

RICHARD WARREN “Dick” RHYNO - Died Thursday, February 19, 2010, due to complications of a stroke. He was 80 years of age and a 40-year resident of Fernley, Nevada. He was born September 5, 1929 in Chicago, IL, to George Dewey and Lucy Maude (Hill) Rhyno, both of Omaha, Nebraska. Dick was a graduate of South High school, Omaha, NE and attended Creighton University, Omaha; San Antonio College, San Antonio, TX and the University of Nevada, Reno. He graduated from the Armed Forces Information School, Carlisle Barracks, PA, where he met and married Fran. The couple was married there on March 31, 1951. Dick served more than 30 years in the U.S. Military, including 15 years in the U. S. Air Force, rising to Master Sergeant, 16 and a half years in the U.S. Army and the U. S. Army Reserves, rising to Command Sergeant Major. He was a Rifleman in the 1st Infantry division (Big Red One) 18th Infantry Regiment during the World War II Occupation of Germany, and served on the Regimental Honor Guard during ceremonies establishing WWII military cemeteries in France, Germany and Belgium. Dick was the first public information specialist assigned to the U.S. Air Force School of Aerospace Medicine at Randolph AFB, TX, serving in the development of the National Aeronautics and Space Administration. He was the author of numerous articles on the subject of manned space flight research. He was the co-author, with Dr. Hans Clamann, the chief of the U.S. Air Force Department of space Medicine at Brooks, AFB, TX, of an article entitled "On Feeding Future Spacemen," published in Today's Health, October 1961. Dick was the press relations noncommissioned officer for the visit of President John F. Kennedy to Brooks AFB, TX on November 21, 1963, the day before Kennedy was assassinated in Dallas. During assignments in France and Germany during the Cold War period, Dick was an Air Force reporter, feature writer and cartoonist covering stories in Germany, France, Italy, and Greece. He also served as a feature writer and motion picture writer/director with the U.S. Air force Secretary's Flying Squad in Washington, D.C. and with the U.S. Air Force 1st Photographic Squadron in Alexandria, VA. During an assignment in Greenland he was the NCO in charge of the nation's northernmost television and radio stations, in Thule, northern Greenland and at Sondrestrom AB, southern Greenland. He was also a radio newscaster in San Antonio and a general assignment reporter with the Las Vegas Sun. Dick was the Command Sergeant Major of the 422nd Signal Battalion, Nevada Army National Guard, Reno, on his retirement from the military in 1989, serving with that unit in South Korea in 1987. During his military career Dick was awarded the U.S. Legion of Merit Medal, U.S. Meritorious service Medal, two U.S. Army Commendation Medals, two U.S. Air Force Commendation Medals, the U.S. Air force Outstanding Unit award with oak leaf cluster, the U.S. Army Achievement Medal, the Nevada Distinguished Service Medal, the Nevada Medal of merit with oak cluster , the Nevada Outstanding Unit award. His other awards and decorations included the U.S Army Good Conduct, U.S. Air Force Good Conduct Medal, WWII Occupation Medal, Armed Forces Reserve Medal, Army Reserve Outstanding Service medal, National Defense Services Medal with star, Army Service Ribbon, Overseas Training Service Ribbon, Overseas Service Ribbon with device

and the NCO Development Ribbon with four devices. Following retirement from the military, Dick founded the Veterans Hospital Foundation Inc., and its spouse House in 1991. The Spouse House facility, next door to the VA Medical Center provides no or low cost temporary lodgings to families of veterans being served at the Reno VA hospital. He served as the Foundation's president for its initial three years and was elected its Chairman of the board. he was a volunteer at the Reno VA Medical Center from 1911 until his death, and was named the center's outstanding volunteer in 1993. Dick served a year as Nevada Director of Economic Development during Governor Grant Sawyer's administration, and was for several years the Executive Director of the Nevada Easter Seal Society for crippled children and adults. During his tenure the organization established treatment centers in Sparks and Las Vegas. Dick was the first Director of Public Relations at Washoe Medical Center, Reno, NV, serving from 1970 to 1982. He was the Public Information Officer for the Washoe County Library and was the Washoe County Public Information Officer during the period of the Galaxy Airline crash on South Virginia St. and the major flood period in Reno during 1986. Active in community affairs, Dick served as chairman of the first elected Town Board in Fernley, NV. He was also president of the Fernley Elementary School PTA for two years and was a two-term president of the Friends of the Fernley Library. He served as vice chairman and chairman of the Lyon county Library Board and was chairman of the Fernley Medical Advisory Board. Dick was a private public relations consultant for several years to the Washoe County Medical society, to Nevada Blood services and to REMSA, the Care Flight emergency service during its initial years. He was a life member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Disabled American Veterans, the Society of the First Infantry Division and an *At-Large Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Nevada** and a member of the American Legion. He was a Master Mason of the Randolph AFB, TX Lodge. He was predeceased by his parents. Dick is survived by his wife Fran Rhyno of Fernley, and their three children; Kae L. (Dan) Ward of Fallon, Robert C, Rhyno of Seattle, WA, Richard W. (Marge) Rhyno of Fernley, grandchildren, Gina Rhyno, Clint Rhyno, Connor Rhyno, Sean Ward and Alexandria Ward, four great-grandchildren, sisters, Virginia Christensen of Denver, CO, Gloria Bigsby of Manhattan, KS. Graveside service to be held at Northern Nevada Veterans Cemetery in Fernley, NV on Monday, March 1, 2010 at 11 a.m. The family has requested memorials be sent to the Spouse House in his memory 880 Locust St. Reno, NV 89502 or Friends of the Fernley Library, Fernley, NV 89408. Arrangements are under the direction of The Gardens Funeral Home, 2949 Austin Highway, Fallon, NV 89406, 775-423-8928.

WALTER L. RINER - Died Tuesday, July 20, 2010 at Providence Medical Center in Leavenworth, Kansas at the age of 82. He was a resident of Leavenworth. He was born in the Omaha, Nebraska on January 17, 1928 to the late Walter and Elizabeth Riner. He joined the United States Army prior to WW II. He served in the Infantry in North Africa, Sicily, and southern France. Because of his German linguistic skills, he was assigned to the war crimes trials in Nuremberg. He later served with security during the Berlin airlift. His father, two brothers served during the war both brothers were KIAs - one on Bataan and the other at Anzio, Italy. In 1950, he was assigned to KMAG in Korea. When war broke out the unit he was training with ceased to exist. They joined up with 2 INF Div until February 1, 1951 when captured and taken prisoner. He was held as a POW until July 1953. After recuperation, he returned to Europe in 1955 to help bring SETAF to Verona, Italy. In 1960, he was assigned as one of 32 personnel to

Republic of Vietnam. He completed two more tours for a total of more than four years - all infantry and heavy weapons duties. He returned to the United States in July 1969 to Fort Leavenworth. He retired as a First Sergeant on July 1976. He received numerous awards and decorations throughout his service. He held a job in security at the Lansing Correctional from 1976 until retiring in 1993. He is married former Patricia Burkett. She survives at the home. He is survived by his daughter, Patricia, Copperas Cove, TX, her four sons; stepsons Stephen Burkett and friend Deanna, Austin, TX and Jeffrey Burkett, his wife Candy and granddaughter Katrina, Alexandria, VA. He was active with the American Legion especially Legion Baseball. He is also a member of the VFW Post 12003, DAV Ch 7, a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Leavenworth Chapter #75** and the Lansing Lions Club. He was proud of his interview with Walter Cronkite in the TV documentary "Proud to Serve". He was well known for wearing his WW II, Korea and Vietnam cap. Visitation will be held from 6:00 P.M. to 8:30 P.M. Thursday, July 22, 2010 at the Davis Funeral Chapel. Funeral service will be held at 8:30 P.M. Thursday, July 22, 2010 at the Davis Funeral Chapel. Memorial contributions may be given to the American Legion Post 23.

PHILIP JOHN ROHMER – Died recently in 2010 in Levittown, Pennsylvania at the age of 64. The cause of death is unknown. He was born October 17, 1945. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was an *At-Large Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Pennsylvania**.

SEBASTIAN T. ROLL – Died recently in 2010 in Mott, North Dakota at the age of 74. The cause of death is unknown. He was born March 21, 1936. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Bismarck Chapter #150**.

LEWIS ROSENBERG – Died Tuesday, August 15, 2006 in Carson City, Nevada at the age of 72. The cause of death is unknown. He was born February 27, 1938. He is survived by his wife, Millie Rosenberg, of the home. He was a Veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Carson City Chapter #388**.

TERESA A. RUOTOLO - Died Sunday, July 11, 2010 at home in Cedar Grove, New Jersey at the age of 72. Funeral services are Wednesday at 10 a.m. from Shook's Cedar Grove Funeral Home, 486 Pompton Ave. (Route 23), Cedar Grove. A Funeral Mass is at 10:30 a.m. at Our Lady of the Lake R.C. Church in Verona. Interment is at Immaculate Conception Cemetery in Upper Montclair. Visiting hours are Tuesday from 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. in the funeral home. Condolences and memories can be shared at www.shookscedargrove.com. Teresa was born in 1938 and raised in Newark and settled in Cedar Grove in 1954. She was the office manager for Dr. AJ Scolomiero in Fairfield for over 25 years. Teresa was a member of the Women's Club of Cedar Grove, the Cedar Grove Senior Citizen's Club, the VVA 510, the American Legion Unit No. 0238, and a member of the Catholic Daughters of America Court Aloysius 828. Teresa was also a member of the VFW Ladies Auxiliary Post No. 6255, where she received the award for "All American President." She was a member of **Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America – Cedar Grove Chapter #510**. She was the beloved daughter of the late Amato and Anna (Penza) Ruotolo; loving sister of Margaret Ruotolo, Josephine Ruotolo, and the late Antoinette, John, Jerry, Amato Jr., and Matt Ruotolo; cherished aunt of Rosann and Ted Klingert, and dear great-

aunt of Ted Klingert Jr., and Jonathan Klingert. Teresa is also survived by many cousins and friends. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in her memory to the Cedar Grove Ambulance & Rescue Squad, P.O. Box 81, Cedar Grove, N.J. 07009.

STEPHEN J. "Suds" "Sudsie" SADVARI – Died Tuesday, November 24, 2009 in Concord, New Hampshire at the age of 59. The cause of death is unknown. He was born December 31, 1949. He is survived by his sister-in-law, Shirley Winber and several nieces, nephews, grand-nieces and grand-nephews. He served in the United States Air Force serving at Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio, Texas for basic training; technical training at Keesler AFB in Biloxi, Mississippi; then was assigned to Vietnam at the Da Nang Air Base in 1971 and was honorably discharged at the rank of Sergeant. He was a member and *Past President* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Concord Chapter #161**. He crafted a lot of toys for the United States Marine Toys for Tots Program and organized an annual walk for March of Dimes. He also burned plaques to raise awareness of POW/MIA issues.

JOSEPH J. SAWICKI – Died Monday, May 24, 2004 in Levittown, New York at the age of 56. The cause of death was lung disease, pneumonia and a brain aneurysm. He was born August 9, 1947 in Rockville Center, New York. He was the beloved husband of Madeline G. (nee Cleaver); loving father of Sarena and Sheryl; adored brother of Lorraine Conrad and her husband Emile; cherished uncle of Danielle; fond brother-in-law of Gail and Debbie, and; survived by many nieces and nephews and grand-nieces and nephews. He was a very proud United States Army Veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Hicksville Chapter #82**. Reposing after 2pm Thursday Charles J. O'Shea Funeral Home, 603 Wantagh Ave., (Exit 28N SS PKWY) Wantagh. Funeral Mass was on Friday, 10 AM, St. Bernard's Roman Catholic Church in Levittown. Interment Calverton National Cemetery, New York. Family received friends Thursday 2-5 PM and 7-10 PM.

WILLIAM F. SHEPARD, JR. - Died in his home in Cape Canaveral, Florida on Saturday, January 2, 2010 at the age of 56. The cause of death is unknown. He was born December 23, 1953 in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania before his family moved to Virginia Beach, Virginia. He is survived by his wife of 35 years, Kathleen, and their children, Keenan, and his wife Patricia, residing in Bremerton, WA, and Kimberly residing in Tampa, FL; stepfather, Richard Eichelberger of Enola, PA, nephew, Timothy and his wife, Jennifer of Seacliff, NY; mother-in-law, Clara Leisman of Camp Hill, PA, and many extended family members who reside in central Pennsylvania and Baltimore, MD. He was predeceased by his mother, Janet Maxwell and father, William Shepard. He was a retired United States Army Captain who served in Vietnam. He grew up in Harrisburg, PA and Baltimore, MD, married Kathleen Leisman, moved to Virginia Beach, VA, and worked for Norfolk Public Schools. William and his family moved to Cape Canaveral, where they enjoyed spending time at the beach. He worked for the Ron Jon Cape Caribe resort at the time of his passing. He was a member of the **Vietnam Veterans of America Virginia Beach Chapter #48**, and a parishioner at Church of Our Savior Catholic Church. A memorial service with Military Honors will be held at Beckman-Williamson Funeral Home on Saturday January 8th at 11 a.m. in Cocoa Beach, FL. His final resting place will be at the Bay Pines National Cemetery in St. Petersburg, Florida.

WILLIAM JEFFERSON SHIVERS, JR. – Died Friday, June 4, 2010 in Lebanon, Tennessee at the age of 58. The cause of death was cancer. He was born July 12, 1951. He served in the United States Navy during the Vietnam War. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Lebanon Chapter #1004**.

JOHN A. SMITH III – Died Sunday, January 31, 2010 in Spring Valley, California at the age of 62. The cause of death was a heart attack. He was born in New York City, New York on January 13, 1948. He is survived by his wife, Lenora, of the home. He served in the United States Army from 1968 to 1972 and a tour in Vietnam from 1968 to 1969. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – San Diego Chapter #472**.

PAUL DAVID SMITH – Died Monday, May, 30 2010 in Rushville, Indiana at the age of 66. The cause of death was congestive heart failure. He was born in Rushville on July 19, 1943 to the late Jess and Mary Ellen (née Clevenger) Smith. He married Elizabeth “Libby” Oster on January 29, 1965. In addition to his wife, he is survived by two sons and daughters-in-law, Christopher and Suzanne Smith, of Caro, Michigan and Benjamin David and Susan Smith, of Winnebago, Illinois; his brother and sister-in-law, Tim and Mary Lynn Smith, of Glenwood, Indiana; his sister and brother-in-law, Christine and Bill Edrington, of Rushville, and; three grandchildren, Kayla Sue, Jess Paul II and Isabella Grace Smith. He was a longtime member, Elder and Sunday School teacher of the Main Street Christian Church in Rushville. He served in the United States Air Force with the Security Service in Japan from 1965 to 1968. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Rushville Chapter #889**. He was active in the Rush County Veterans Honor Guard, Veterans of Foreign Wars and the American Legion. Funeral services were conducted in the Main Street Christian Church with Pastor Sam Davenport, officiating. Interment was in the East Hill Cemetery.



FRANK J. STACEY - Died Friday, July 2, 2010 in Bel Air, Maryland at the age of 62. The cause of death was septemia from the feeding tube which did not heal dues to his Agent Orange-related diabetes and also congestive cardio myopathy. He was born in Baltimore, Maryland on April 4, 1948, the son of Jesse B. Stacey, Sr. and Rosalie N. Stacey, both of Bel Air, MD. Frank graduated from Bel Air High School in 1968, and then went on to serve

our country honorably in the U.S. Army; he received the Bronze Star and National Defense Service Medal for his service in Vietnam (1969 – 1970). After his service, Frank worked as a distributor of Joe Corbi's Pizza. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Bel Air Chapter #588** and was actively involved in VVA where he served as a past president and played a key role in the dedication of Rt. 24 as Vietnam Veteran Memorial Highway. Frank was a family man, known best for his generous heart. He coached both his daughter's softball teams through Bel Air Parks and Recreation, loved to golf, plant rose gardens and travel, especially to Ocean City and Disney World. In addition to his parents, he is survived by his wife, Patricia D. Stacey (Quinn), who he married in 1972, of Bel Air, MD; daughters, Colleen Q. Ortman and husband, Brad, of Forest Hill, MD and Lauren M. Cyran and husband, John, of Colorado Springs, CO; brother, Jesse B. Stacey, Jr. of Elkton, MD; sister, Diane M. Cox and husband, Steve, of Bel Air, MD; and grandchildren Joshua and Jacob Ortman, both of Forest Hill. In lieu of flowers, a contribution can be made to Vietnam Veterans of America, Chapter 588, c/o Carolyn Baker, 704 S. Shamrock Road, Bel Air, Maryland 21014.



JOHN E. STRAIGHT - Died Thursday, June 10, 2010, at Union Hospital in Dover, Ohio at the age of 61. He was a resident of Dover. The cause of death was complications from Agent Orange-related Diabetes Mellitus Type II. He was a longtime truck driver. He was born July 21, 1948, in Syracuse, New York, to the late Clyde and Anelite Sanders Straight. He was also preceded in death by his in-laws, Dr. Joseph and Beverly Hamilton, and his son-in-law, Robert Gaston. He was a member of Emmanuel Lutheran Church in New Philadelphia and attended The First United Methodist Church in Dover. John proudly served his country in the United States Air Force during the Vietnam War and was also a *Life Member* of the **Vietnam Veterans of America – New Philadelphia Chapter #857**. When John wasn't on the road, he enjoyed riding his motorcycle and rooting for his beloved Cleveland Browns. He was an animal lover who took great pleasure in riding his horse. John is survived by his wife of almost 28 years, Judi Hamilton Barker Straight, whom he married on July 8, 1982. He is also survived by daughters, Pamela Gaston of Dennison and Julie Barker of Gnadenhutten; sisters, Jan Miller of New Philadelphia and Jo Doss of Syracuse, N.Y.; grandchildren, James, Jesse and Jenna Kanter, Jerry, Josh Jr., and Zacariah Carpenter; and many nieces and nephews. Funeral services will be held on Tuesday, June 15, 2010, at 1:30 p.m. in the Toland-Herzig Funeral Home and Crematory at Dover. Following the funeral, cremation will take place with the remains to be interred in the Ohio Western Reserve National Cemetery at Rittman. Friends can call at the funeral home on Monday from 6 to 8 p.m. Those wishing to express their fondest memories of John may do so by visiting the online obituaries link on the funeral home's Web site. Memorial contributions may be made to the Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 857 at PO Box 170, New Philadelphia, O. 44663.

JOSEPH L. SUMMERS – Died recently in 2010 in South Dennis, Massachusetts at the age of 69. The cause of death is unknown. He was born March 6, 1941. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Hyannis Chapter #338**.

JACK LANIER "Two Feathers" TROUPE - Died Tuesday, March 18, 2008 at Covenant Healthcare Cooper at the age of 68. He was a resident of Houghton Lake, Michigan. The cause of death is unknown. Jack Lanier Troupe was born June 26, 1939 in Huntsville, Alabama to Houston and Leila (Baker) Troupe. He was married to Brenda Inskeep on August 31, 1999 in Houghton Lake, MI. She survives him. Jack served in the United States Air Force for 28 years, retiring in 1986. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Roscommon Chapter #264**. He was a member of St. Stephen Catholic Church. Surviving in addition to his wife, Brenda, are two sons, Sean (Victoria) Troupe of Lynnwood, WA and Timothy Troupe of Tualatin, OR; two granddaughters, Katrina and Shayleen Troupe of Newburg, OR; two sisters, Nancy (Lawrence) Rousseau of Huntsville, AL and Gayle (Doug) Cheatwood of Houston, TX; two step-children, Gary Burrill, Jr. and Connie (Art) Schultz both of Saginaw; two step-grandchildren, Scott and Kortnee Schultz. Jack was preceded in death by his parents. MEMORIAL SERVICE - According to Jack's wishes, cremation has taken place. A memorial service is planned at 3:00 p.m. on Thursday, March 20, 2008 at Deisler Funeral Home, 2233 Hemmeter (off State). Rev. Fr. James G. Heller will officiate. Military Honors conducted under the auspices of American Legion Post #439. Burial will take place at a later date in Ft. Custer National Cemetery. VISITATION - Friends may call at the Deisler Funeral Home on Thursday, March 20, 2008 from 2:00 p.m. until the time of service. Please share your thoughts and memories with the family at the funeral home.

RAY TRUELOVE – Died Wednesday, July 21, 2010 in Naples, Florida at the age of 70. The cause of death was Agent Orange-related bladder and liver cancer. He was born March 11, 1940. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Naples Chapter #706**.

MARION G. TWIFORD – Died recently in 2010 in Valley View, Texas at the age of 76. The cause of death is unknown. He was born September 30, 1934. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Denton Chapter #920**.

THOMAS I. VAUGHN – Died recently in 2010 in Denton, Texas. The cause of death is unknown. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Denton Chapter #920**.

DAVID A. WATSON – Died Tuesday, September 29, 2009 in Lebanon, Missouri at the age of 59. The cause of death was cancer. He was born in Plano, Texas on August 23, 1950. He served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War with a tour of duty in Vietnam from 1969 to 1970. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Lebanon Chapter #1014**.

SHERRI WENDLING – Died Monday, July 12, 2010 in Dayton, Ohio at the age of 58. The cause of death was cancer. She was born June 2, 1952 in Beaver Creek, Ohio. She was a member of **Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America – Dayton Chapter #97**.



WILLIAM G. "Wig" WHITE - Died Saturday, July 3, 2010 in Uniontown, Ohio at the age of 60. The cause of death is unknown. William was born July 7, 1949 in Martin, Tennessee. He graduated from East High

School in 1967 and proudly served in the United States Army during Vietnam, from 1967-1970 at the start of the Tet Offensive. He retired from the Army in 1981 and enjoyed a 20 year trucking career with Schneider National Carriers, earning over one million accident free miles. In his free time, he enjoyed scouring the Hartville Flea Market and collecting clocks and watches. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Cuyahoga Falls Chapter #717**. He was preceded in death by his son, Eric Christofer White; grandson, Emmett William Snyder; mother-in-law, Helen Webb; and brothers-in-law, Terry Orman and Richard Brewen. He will be deeply missed by his wife of 39 years, Patricia; daughter, Lori Ann (Wayne) Snyder; parents, Thomas and Thelma White; sisters, Glynda Orman and Sherry Brewen; brother, Wayne White (Donna Shaver); grandson, Carson Snyder; sister-in-law, Carol (Dean) McGee; many nieces and nephews; and very special friends, Terry and Linda Ajamie and David and Sandra Shanaberger. Visitation will be Tuesday, July 20th from 7 to 9 p.m. with a Masonic Service at 7 p.m. at Newcomer Funeral Home, 131 N. Canton Rd. A memorial service will be at the funeral home on Wednesday, July 21st at 11 a.m. with Dr. Edward W. Peirce officiating. Inurnment and full military honors will follow at Ohio Western Reserve National Cemetery. To leave a special message for the family online, visit www.NewcomerAkron.com.



CSM JOHN GRANT WILSON (Ret.) - Died Saturday, May 15, 2010 at Methodist Hospital in Houston, Texas at the age of 62. He was a resident of Hearne, Texas. The cause of death was heart disease. John was born October 14, 1947 in Sandy Lake, Pennsylvania to the late Norman and Martha Morton Wilson. Visitation will be held Tuesday May 18 from 5:30 – 7:30 p.m. with a rosary at 6:00 p.m. at Memorial Funeral Chapel in Bryan. Memorial mass will be held 11:00 a.m. Wednesday at St. Joseph Catholic Church with Msgr. John McCaffrey officiating. Military Honors will follow at the conclusion of the service. He graduated from Lakeview High School in Stoneboro, PA. Command Sergeant Major John G.

Wilson served four years on active duty in the United States Army from 1968 to 1971 with the Army Security Agency. He continued his service with the Navy Reserve prior to joining the Texas Army National Guard on March 8, 1983 with which he served until his retirement in 1998 after 32 years of service. CSM Wilson contributed to the overall success of all units in which he served. His service was associated with selflessness and dedication. His service in Vietnam and United States contributed to the peace and safety of the world. As a leader he trained his soldiers and non-commissioned officers to standard in order to accomplish his mission. His display exemplary abilities and motivation. He always sought the best welfare of his soldiers, his commander, and his unit. His outstanding achievements and leadership in each position resulted in increased readiness and effectiveness of his unit. The accomplishments of CSM John

Wilson throughout a distinguished career reflect the highest credit upon himself, the Texas Army National Guard and the United States Army. During his time in service CSM Wilson was awarded the Meritorious Service medal, four Army Commendation medals, four Army Achievement medals, Good Conduct medal, Armed Forces Reserved medal and Vietnam Service medal. John worked for GTE/Verizon as a PBX technician and retired after 37 years of service. CSM Wilson was a member of the American Legion Earl Graham Post #159, a *Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Bryan Chapter #937*, Veterans of Foreign War #4692, Evening Optimist Club, St. Joseph Catholic Church and the Ushers club. He is survived by his wife, Brenda Wilson of Robertson County; daughters, Danielle Dooley and her husband Jay Jr. of Bryan, Lindsay Wilson and her fiancée Jack Cook of Austin, Stephanie Wilson of Austin; stepson, Jesse Burgess of Bryan; sisters and brothers-in-law, Chris Wilson and Ted Crouch of Gause, Martha "Tuny" and John Lauffer of Conneaut Lake, PA.; four grandchildren; the mother of his children, Cheryl Parks; and numerous nieces and nephews. Memorials may be made to St. Joseph Catholic Church, 600 East 26th Street, Bryan, Texas 77803 or American Legion Earl Graham Post #159, 101 Waco Street, Bryan, Texas 77803.

RICHARD J. WINN – Died Monday, April 26, 2010 in the VA Perry Point Medical Center in Maryland. He was a resident of Bel Air, Maryland at the age of 74. The cause of death is unknown. He was born November 5, 1935. He is survived by his wife, Ingrid K. Winn, of the home. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Bel Air Chapter #588**.

BLAINE G. WINTHER – Died Tuesday, June 2, 2009 in New Baltimore, Michigan at the age of 71. The cause of death was Chronic Pulmonary Obstructive Disorder and Aortic Aneurysm with underlying congestive heart failure. He was born in Wayne, Nebraska on February 17, 1938. He was predeceased by his first wife, Kathleen "Katie" Winther and his sister, Elaine Lee. He is survived his second wife, Kathleen (married June 7, 1994), of the home; two daughters and one son-in-law, Kelly Winther and Sheri and Michael Demo, both of New Baltimore; three stepsons, Jeremiah Clancy, Philipsburg, Kansas, Patrick Clancy, of New Baltimore and Daniel Clancy, of Macomb, Michigan; five grandchildren, and; his brother and sister-in-law, Glenn and Lana Winther. He served in the United States Air Force from July 24, 1957 to July 21, 1961 and discharged from the Air Force Reserves on July 23, 1963. He was a former New Baltimore Police Officer and Deputy Sheriff for Macomb County and St. Clair County Sheriff's Departments. He was Post Commander of AMVETS Post #52; and a member of The American Legion Post #4; Fraternal Order of Police Lodge #187; Mount Clemens Eagles; Veterans of Foreign Wars Auxiliary Post #7573, and; the Detroit Choir Boys. He was a *Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Mount Clemens Chapter #154*. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated in the Church of Saint Mary, Queen of Creation with Reverend Father Nicholas Zukowski, as main celebrant. Interment with full military honors provided by AMVETS and the VVA #154 Chapter was in Saint Mary Cemetery in New Baltimore.

TOMMY C. YOUNG – Died Sunday, March 29, 2009 in Pineville, Louisiana at the age of 64. The cause of death is unknown. He was born September 27, 1944. He was a veteran of the

Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Lake Charles Chapter #215**.

LARRY YOUNKIN – Died Tuesday, September 1, 2009 in Somerset, Pennsylvania at the age of 64. The cause of death is unknown. He was born March 6, 1948. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Somerset Chapter #587**.

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

FATHER PHIL SALOIS, M.S.