

VIETNAM VETERANS OF AMERICA

Office of the National Chaplain

LONNIE ABLES - Died Friday, February 6, 2009 in Fayetteville, Tennessee at age 60. The cause of death is unknown. He was born October 17, 1948. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Fayetteville chapter #580**. Visitation will be from 5 to 8 p.m. today at Higgins Funeral Home. Funeral services will be at 1 p.m. Monday at the funeral home.

CHARLES RANDALL ALDRIDGE – Died Monday, January 26, 2009 at the Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Washington, DC at the age of 59. He was a resident of Corriganville, Maryland. The cause of death is unknown. He was born October 3, 1949 in Frostburg, Maryland to the late Marcella (Logsdon) Aldridge. In addition to his mother, he was also predeceased by his maternal grandparents, Anna Mae (Bridges) and Marshall Logsdon who helped raise him. He is survived by his loving wife, Susan (Burkett) Aldridge, of the home; his son and daughter-in-law, Randy and Leslie Aldridge, of Cash Valley, Maryland; two daughters, Regina Aldridge, of Australia and Kim Aldridge and her fiancé, John Albright, of Mount Savage, Maryland; five grandchildren, Ryan Aldridge, Ella Sue and Zach Straker, Bailey Ann and Tallon Albright; two sisters and one brother-in-law, Marsha and Barry Phillips and Pam Aldridge; one brother, John Aldridge, and; many other relatives. He served in the United States Marine Corps and was awarded the Purple Heart for wounds sustained in Vietnam. He was a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Cumberland Chapter #172**. Funeral services were conducted by Pastor Bernadette Ross at the Sowers Funeral Home in Frostburg. Interment with full military honors was in Restlawn Memorial Gardens.

ENID E. ALFRED - of Florissant, Missouri, died on Wednesday, July 1, 2009 at the age of 61. The cause of death is unknown. She was born July 12, 1947 in Mount Vernon, Illinois to the late Harvey and Mary Scheppel. She is survived by her husband, Wilbur E. Alfred, her daughter and son-in-law, Denise (David) Hill, and; her grandchildren, Kaitlyn and Scott Thurmon, and Lorelei and Alexis Hill. She was a member of the Sugarettes Baton Corps, North County Relay for Life, St. Charles Moose #1513, Women of the Moose, Florissant Masonic Lodge 668 Supporter. She was a member of **Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America – Florissant Chapter #794**.

DANIEL L. ALLEN – Died Tuesday, September 2, 2008 in Four Oaks, North Carolina at the age of 59. The cause of death is unknown. He was born March 8, 1949. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Four Oaks Chapter #990**. Funeral services were conducted on Friday, September 5, 2008 in the Funeral Home Chapel. Interment was in Piney Grove Church Cemetery.

DONALD ANGLIN – Died Friday, May 29, 2009 in Dayton, Tennessee at the age of 80. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on May 10, 1929 in Poplarville, Mississippi. He is survived by

his wife, Mary L. Anglin, of the home. He served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Chattanooga Chapter #203**.

EDUARDO ARAUJO – Died Thursday, January 29, 2009 in El Paso, Texas at the age of 70. The cause of death is unknown. He was born August 22, 1938. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – El Paso Chapter #574**. Visitation: 8:30-11 am Monday, February 2, 2009 at Hillcrest Funeral Home, Doniphan. Vigil: 11am Monday, February 2 at Hillcrest Funeral Chapel - Doniphan. Funeral service: 11:45 am Monday, February 2 at Hillcrest Funeral Chapel-Doniphan. Interment: Ft. Bliss Cemetery. Survivors: son: Eduardo Araujo, II, daughter: Luana Lester, sister: Yolanda Morgan. Hillcrest F. H. Doniphan.

DR. WALTER SHEPHERD BARGE - Emeritus Professor of History at Campbell University, died Sunday, June 7, 2009, at his home in Buies Creek, North Carolina after a brief illness. He was 74 years old. The cause of death is unknown. He was preceded in death by his parents, Thomas Henry Barge and Mary Lake Barge, of Durham; and brother, Beverly Lake Barge. Born in Durham, North Carolina on December 14, 1934, Dr. Barge pursued a professional life of both academics and military service. He began his education in the Durham city schools system. In June 1957 he earned his BA in history from Wake Forest College, at which time he was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant in the United States Army. During the next two decades, Dr. Barge proudly served his country, including tours in Korea and Vietnam. When Dr. Barge retired from the Army with the rank of Lieutenant Colonel in 1979, he was awarded the Legion of Merit for his exemplary military career. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – West End Chapter #966**. His commitment to academics is equally laudable. In 1965, after being selected by the Army to pursue graduate studies, he received his MA in European history from Columbia University. In 1982, he completed his PhD at the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill. After a total of nine years teaching in the History Department of the United States Military Academy in West Point, NY, Dr. Barge continued his academic service in civilian life, most notably as Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences at Campbell University. He created Campbell's Academic Honors Program, which recently recognized him by establishing the Walter S. Barge Honors Colloquium student lecture series. During 25 years at Campbell University, he also served on the history faculty and the honors faculty. Dr. Barge's love for teaching and his devotion to his students kept him in the classroom (the last six years as an adjunct professor) until shortly before his death. Walter S. Barge will be remembered for his commitment to fostering academic excellence through integrating faith and learning in the classroom, for patriotic service to his country, for his devotion to his family, and for his Christian faith. A memorial service, officiated by the Reverend Denton White, will be held at Grace Community Church, 2160 Harnett Central Road in Angier, on Saturday, June 13, 2009 at 11:00 a.m. Survivors include his wife of 52 years, Sarah Barclay Patterson, a native of Wake Forest; three sons, their wives; and five grandchildren. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorials be made to Disabled American Veterans at 251 North Main Street, Rm #115, Winston-Salem, NC 27702 or to Hospice of Harnett County, P.O. Box 373, Erwin, NC 28339. Funeral arrangements are being handled by O'Quinn-Peebles Funeral Home, Inc., in Lillington and Bright Funeral Home of Wake Forest. Online condolences at www.oquinnpeebles.com



RICHARD ALLEN BARNES - 65, of Vancouver, WA, died March 15, 2009 at home after a one month battle with lung cancer. He was born to Earl and Edna Barnes on December 17, 1943 in Toppennish, Washington. He graduated from Granger High School in 1962. Richard served 2 years in the United States Army, which included one year in Vietnam in his early 20's. Richard met his wife while he was stationed at Fort Carson, Colorado and they were married August 17, 1968. He graduated in 1969 from Clark College with an Associate Degree in Welding and worked in Monte Vista, Colorado and Vancouver, Washington, the last 20 years with Wellons. Richard loved his family and spending time with his son and grandson. He loved tinkering in the shop and reading. Richard is survived by his wife of 40 years, Helga; his son, Tom; and his grandson, Alex all of Vancouver. He is also survived by his brothers, Johnny Barnes of Shelton, Washington, James Barnes of Andersonville, South Carolina; and his sister, Alma Schultz of Shelton, Washington. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Vancouver Chapter #512**. Memorial services are scheduled for 6:00 p.m., Saturday, March 21, 2009 at Liberty Bible Church, 12401 NE Salmon Creek Avenue, Vancouver, Washington 98686.

WILLIAM J. BASS – Died Thursday, May 7, 2009 in Calvert City, Kentucky at the age of 61. The cause of death was colon cancer and blood clots in the lungs. He was born December 6, 1947 in Paducah, Kentucky to the late James and Margaret Yopp Bass. He is survived by his wife, Patricia Hawkins Bass, of the home; one daughter, Rachel Tinsley, of Benton, Kentucky; two brothers, Doug Bass, of Benton and Mark Bass, of Arlington, Texas; three sisters, Suzanne Schmacktenberg, of Key Biscayne, Florida, Debbie Walker, of Collierville, Tennessee and Cathy McCune, of Paducah, and; two grandchildren. He served in the United States Marine Corps with a tour of duty in Vietnam from 1968 to 1969. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Paducah Chapter #337**. Graveside services with military rites at Bethlehem Cemetery with the Reverend Steve Thren, officiating.

EDWIN F. BAUER, JR. – Died Tuesday, June 2, 2009 in Springfield, Virginia at the age of 80. The cause of death was bladder carcinoma. He was born February 2, 1929 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania to the late Edwin and Helene Bauer. He is survived by his wife of 54 years, Arlene Bauer, of the home; two daughters and sons-in-law, Debbie and Harry Skeens, of Mechanicsville, Virginia and Darlene and Jim Burchfiel, of Crozet, Virginia; his grandchildren, Amanda Burchfiel, Nathan Burchfiel, Carrie Skeens, Katie Skeens and Audrey Skeens; his brother, Richard Bauer; his sister, Alice Losse, and several nieces and nephews. He served in the United States Army for 31 years with tours that included Korea, Germany, Vietnam, Norway and number assignments in Washington, DC area that included two tours with the White House Communications Agency. He retired from the Army at the rank of Chief Warrant Officer Four. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Woodbridge Chapter #617**. He then worked ten year for the Pentagon Federal Credit Union.

ROBERT D. BELL – Died several years ago in Las Vegas, Nevada. The cause of death is unknown. He is survived by his daughter, Robin Renken. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Princeton (West Virginia) Chapter #628**. He was inurned in the Columbarium in Arlington National Cemetery.

DONALD M. BENTZEL, JR. – Died on Saturday, May 23, 2009 in Ephrata, Pennsylvania at the age of 60. The cause of death was cancer. He was born in Arlington, Virginia on April 2, 1949 to the late Donald M. Bentzel, Sr. and Phyllis Elizabeth (Buck) Bentzel. He married Roxanne M. (Silvius) Bentzel on August 19, 1988. In addition to his wife, Roxanne, he is survived by his Stepmother, Eva Mae Bentzel, of Manheim, Pennsylvania; three sons and two daughters-in-law, Technical Sergeant Brian R. and Crystal Bentzel, of Macon, Georgia, Captain Troy A. and Kristy Feltis, of Fort Rucker, Alabama and Major Timothy A. Feltis, of Fayetteville, North Carolina; a brother and sister-in-law, Paul and Hung Chu Bentzel, of Fredericksburg, Virginia; a sister and brother-in-law, Mary Jean and David Ludwig, of Bowmansville, Pennsylvania, and; three grandchildren, Evan Robert Bentzel, Elizabeth Claire Bentzel and Colin Richard-Donald Feltis. He was a member of Saint Paul's Evangelical Congregational Church in Reamstown, Pennsylvania. He served in the United States Army with a tour in Vietnam from February 18, 1968 to February 11, 1969. He was a life member and past commander of the Veterans of Foreign Wars – Cocalico Post #3376; a member, past judge advocate of AMVETS – Ephrata Post #136 and also a Past Judge Advocate for the Pennsylvania Department of AMVETS. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Reading Chapter #131**. Funeral services were conducted in Saint Paul's Evangelical Congregational Church with the Reverend Kirk R. Marks, officiating. Interment with funeral military honors was in Cedar Hill Cemetery.

JOHN EDWARD BIBB – Died Saturday, July 10, 2004 in San Jose, Costa Rica at the age of 55. The cause of death is unknown. He was born July 19, 1948 in Wake County, North Carolina to Jessie Bibb, who survives him. He served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War. He was injured during the war and air-evacuated to Fort Bragg Army Hospital where his mother, Jessie served as a nurse and was there to receive him back. A graveside service was conducted at 3 p.m., Monday, Bethesda Presbyterian Church Cemetery. Arrangements were made by Jernigan-Warren Funeral Home. He was an *At-Large Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – North Carolina**.

JOE PETE BIBICH - 61, of Kingman, Arizona passed away on Thursday, April 23, 2009. The cause of death was drowning during a fishing trip. He was born February 29, 1948 in Clinton, Indiana to the late George and Eva Mae Bibich. He served in the United States Marine Corps "Fox 2/5" Vietnam with a tour of duty in 1969. He was awarded 2 Purple Hearts and a Bronze Star with a "V" for Valor. He was Chairman of the Arizona Military Family Relief Fund, and multiple veteran's and Mohave County organizations. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Kingman Chapter #975**. He is survived by his loving wife Pam, children Jacqueline, Jay, Paul, Shawn, and Ryan and grandchildren Brandon and Lauren, Jillian, Melanie, Rebecca, Amelia and Andrew. Services will be at 1 p.m. on Saturday, May 2, 2009, at the Kingman High School Auditorium located at 4182 Bank St. in Kingman. In lieu of flowers, please make

donations to the local Vietnam Veterans of America chapter at P.O. Box 184, Kingman, Arizona 86402.

LUTHER BIRCHFIELD, JR. – Died Friday, July 10, 2009 in Lawton, Oklahoma at the age of 71. The cause of death is unknown. He was born August 9, 1937 in Bessmer, Alabama to the late Ollie and Luther Birchfield, Sr. He married Annie Ruth Perdue in 1965. In addition to his wife, he is survived by his son and daughter-in-law, Travis and Katrina Birchfield; two grandchildren, Jaylon Travis and Micah Parker; two brothers and sisters-in-law, Bob and Lenar Birchfield, of Lipcomb, Alabama and Donald and Sarah Gilbert, of New Orleans, and; two sisters, Dorothy Stevenson and Shirley Gilbert, both of Midfield, Alabama. In addition to his parents, he was predeceased by his brother, Jim and an adopted son, Travis. He served in the United States Army for 30 years and retired at the rank of Command Sergeant Major (E-9). He served two tours of duty in Germany, Vietnam and Korea and many stateside assignments. He was a member of the Greater Galilee Baptist Church in Lawton. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Lawton Chapter #751**. Funeral services were conducted in the Greater Galilee Baptist Church with the Reverends James E. Thornton and Thad Hall, co-officiating. Interment with full military honors was in sunset Memorial Gardens.

THOMAS A. BITTNER – Died recently in 2009 in Collins, Ohio at the age of 59. The cause of death is unknown. He was born August 22, 1948. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Milan Chapter #774**.

ROBERT L. BLOISE – Died Thursday, May 7, 2009 in Dickson, Tennessee at the age of 60. The cause of death was a motorcycle accident, death resulting. He was born October 12, 1948 in Olean, New York. He served in the United States Army with a tour of duty in Vietnam from 1969 to 1970. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Dickson Chapter #950**.

BENJAMIN W. BOLYARD - Saginaw, Michigan, beloved husband, father and grandfather passed away unexpectedly Friday, April 24, 2009 at St. Mary's of Michigan Hospital at the age of 61. The cause of death was diabetes. Son of the late Golden and Garnette (Hauk) Bolyard, Benjamin was born March 26, 1948 in Perry County, Ohio. He served in the United States Air Force in Vietnam and was a member of American Legion Post #22, D.A.V. Chapter #117 and 40/8 Voyagers. He was an *At-Large Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Michigan**. Benjamin married Christine Todd. He then married Jean L. Urie on August 30, 1996. She survives him. Benjamin was employed at General Motors A.D.L. Plant retiring in 1995. He enjoyed fishing, hunting, camping, gardening and especially his grandchildren. Surviving besides his wife Jean are two daughters, Tamara (Luis) Hernandez, Saginaw; Karen (Jason) Montgomery, Saginaw; his step-daughter, Laura (Ted) Kenny, Newark, Delaware; his step-son, Robert Rosier, Saginaw; five grandchildren: Megan, Jacob, Joseph, Isabel and Mitchell; his step-mother, Mildred Bolyard, Ohio; one sister, Nora (Chuck) Stiffler, Ohio; three brothers: Roger (Lorraine) Bolyard, Gary Bolyard, Bob (Dorothy) Bolyard, all of Ohio; several nieces and nephews. Funeral Service will take place 11:00 a.m. Tuesday, April 28, 2009 at The Snow Funeral Home, 3775 N. Center Rd. (between Shattuck and McCarty). Chaplain Alfonso Todd will officiate. Burial will take place in Roselawn Memorial Gardens with Military Services conducted

by American Legion Post #22. Friends may call at the funeral home where the family will be present on Monday from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. and on Tuesday from 10:00 a.m. until time of service. The D.A.V. Chapter # 117 and the American Legion Post #22 will conduct a service at 7:00 p.m. Monday at the funeral home. Those planning an expression of sympathy may wish to consider memorials to American Diabetes Association. www.snowfuneralhome.net.

EUGENE E. BOROWSKI – Died Monday, March 30, 2009 in Warren, Michigan at the age of 61. The cause of death was metastatic prostate cancer and bone cancer. He was born in Detroit, Michigan on April 18, 1947. He is survived by his wife, Barbara Borowski, of the home; his son, Michael; his sister-in-law, Donna Borowski, and; his cousin, Patricia Tomalis. In addition to his parents, he was predeceased by his son, James and his brother, Ronald Borowski. He was a Veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a member of the Disabled American Veterans, Veterans of Foreign Wars and the American Legion. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Roseville Chapter #154**. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at Saint Athanasius Roman Catholic Church. Interment was in Mount Olivet Cemetery.

KARMEL W. BOWLING – Died Monday, April 27, 2009 in Baltimore, Maryland at the age of 64. The cause of death is unknown. She was born September 2, 1944 in Baltimore. She was a member of **Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America – Baltimore Chapter #451**.



RICHARD C. BRADSHAW - died Friday, July 17, 2009 at Deborah Hospital, Browns Mills, New Jersey. He was 63. He was a resident of Old Bridge, New Jersey. He was born on January 8, 1946 in Weehawken, New Jersey and he lived in North Bergen, New Jersey before moving to Old Bridge in 1976. Prior to retiring in 1993, he was a PATH Train Car Inspector for the Port Authority of NY and NJ, Jersey City, where he worked for 30 years. Rich was a Navy veteran of the Vietnam War. Serving and honoring veterans was the main focus of his and his late wife, Patricia's, life. He was a life member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars; past commander of both the North Bergen V.F.W. Post and Spotswood V.F.W. Post #4589. During his more than 35 years of V.F.W. membership, Rich held many offices in the local and state V.F.W., and was State Commander of the N.J. Veterans of Foreign Wars from 2008-2009. He earned All American Department Commander Status, the highest honor accorded from the V.F.W. for a State Officer. Rich was also very active in the Military Order of the Cooties, serving as past grand (NJ State) commander from 1993 to 1994, and was past commander of Pup Tent #69, Military Order of the Cooties, Spotswood. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – New Brunswick Chapter #233**. Rich was predeceased by his wife, Patricia, who died in April, 2008; and a brother-in-law, Joseph Kaiser. Surviving are a sister, Linda Tecchio and her husband Jason of Dumont; two brothers, Kevin of Old Bridge, and Shawn and his wife Toni of North Bergen; a sister-in-law, Luanne Kaiser of East Brunswick; and three nieces and nephews, Jeanelle and Alicia Bradshaw and Jake Tecchio. Friends may call from 2 to 4 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m. Wednesday, July 22, with services conducted by Spotswood V.F.W. at 7:30 p.m. at the Brunswick Memorial Home, 454 Cranbury Road, East Brunswick. Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Thursday, July 23 in the funeral home, followed by interment at Cresthaven Memorial

Park, Clifton. Memorial contributions may be made to Spotswood VFW Post #4589, 33 Daniel Road, Spotswood, New Jersey 08884.

JAMES EDWARD BRANCH - 68, of Pittsfield, Massachusetts, died Friday, May 8, 2009, at Berkshire Medical Center. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Clarksdale, Mississippi, on August 14, 1940, son of Clarence D. and Lula G. Jones Branch; he was educated in Boston schools from where he graduated in 1958. A Viet Nam veteran, Mr. Branch first served with the United States Air Force from September 1959 to June 1964 and then served with the United States Army from August 1964 to September 1965. He worked as a counselor with Soldier On - United Veterans of America. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Worcester Chapter #907**. He leaves a sister, Patricia Branch Kennedy of New Jersey. FUNERAL NOTICE: Services for James Edward Branch, who died Friday, May 8, will be Friday, May 22, at 11 a.m. in the Chapel of the Massachusetts Veterans Cemetery in Agawam. There will be no calling hours. The DERY FUNERAL HOME is in charge of arrangements.

WARREN G. BREHM – Died Sunday, October 13, 2007 in Cumberland, Maryland at the age of 84. The cause of death was from natural causes. He was born in Cumberland on August 5, 1923. He is survived by his son, Terry W. Brehm, of Cumberland. He served in the United States Navy during World War II from June 15, 1944 to June 30, 1946. He was assigned to the USS Pfeiffer DE588, 7th Fleet, Div. #21, Task Force #78-2. He was an *At-Large Member* of **Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America – Maryland**.

VICTOR ANTHONY BROCKSMITH - Died Sunday, June 29, 2008, in the Indiana Veterans Home in Lafayette, Indiana at the age of 61. He had been a resident of Bicknell, Indiana. He was born April 26, 1947. He retired from the United States Air Force and served during the Vietnam War. He was a *Permanently Hospitalized Veteran Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Portage Chapter #905**. He worked in a car dealership in the parts department. He was a member of Otterbein United Methodist Church. There are no immediate survivors. Services 7 p.m. Thursday at McClure-Utt Funeral Home, visitation is from 5 p.m., burial in Freelandville Memorial Cemetery.

CLAUDE R. BRODEUR – Died recently in 2009 in Nashua, New Hampshire at the age of 67. The cause of death is unknown. He was born February 20, 1942. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Bow Chapter #41**.

BENJAMIN T. BROOKS – Died Tuesday, April 28, 2009 in Rock Island, Illinois at the age of 58. The cause of death was Agent Orange-related liver failure from hepatitis C. He was born June 2, 1950 in Wabash, Indiana. He served in the United States Marine Corps with two tours of duty in Vietnam. His two brothers, John and Robert, Jr. also served in Vietnam. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Rock Island Chapter #299**.

HAROLD EUGENE “Gene” BUSHONG – Died Saturday, April 11, 2009 in Centralia, Illinois at the age of 75. The cause of death is unknown. He was born July 6, 1933 in Wamac, Illinois to the late Frank and Lula (Senters) Bushong. He married Kathy Black in 1965 in Salem, Illinois and

predeceased him on June 6, 1988. He is survived by his son and daughter-in-law, Steven and Karen, of Indianapolis, Indiana; two brothers and sisters-in-law, Dean and Joann Bushong, of Centralia and Eddie and Marie Bushong, of Boise, Idaho; a former daughter-in-law, Jodi Resch, of Saint Louis, Missouri, and; five grandchildren. He served in the United States Army during the Korean War. He was a *Life Member* of **Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America – Centralia Chapter #175**.

JAMES D. BUTTERFIELD, SR. - Died on Sunday February 1, 2009 at his residence in Savannah, Georgia at the age of 70. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Savannah on October 21, 1938 and was an active member of St. Luke's Baptist Church under the leadership of Rev. Lexcie E. Aiken. He was a veteran of the United States Army. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Savannah Chapter #671**. He was also a 33rd Degree Mason. He leaves to cherish his memories his wife; Claudette Butterfield, his son; James (Erica) Butterfield, Jr. of Duluth, Georgia, one daughter; Loleta (Morant) Pittman of Dale City, Virginia, two sisters; Mary Lee Mason of Savannah and Louise Rivers of Richmond, Virginia, five grandchildren, a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives, friends, and a loving companion; Ms. Betty Jones of Savannah. Funeral services will be held 11:00 a.m. Saturday, February 7, 2008 at St. Luke Missionary Baptist Church, 418 W. 38th Street, the Rev. Lexcie E. Aiken, officiating, Interment-Oak Grove Cemetery, Visitation Friday 6-8pm in the Chapel. Savannah Morning News February 5, 2009

PHILIP K. BYARD - 66, passed away on Monday, April 6, 2009 at Bayshore Community Hospital, Holmdel, New Jersey. He was a resident of Matawan, New Jersey. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Long Branch, New Jersey on February 28, 1943 and resided in West Long Branch before moving to Matawan 12 years ago. He was employed as a carpenter and locksmith for the Monmouth County Park System, Lincroft, retiring last year after 23 years of service. He proudly served his country for four years as a United States Marine Corps, including active duty in Vietnam. A lifelong member of Old First Methodist Church, West Long Branch, in recent years, he was a participant at the First Baptist Church of Matawan. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Allenhurst Chapter #12**. He was also a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and the American Legion, he was also an avid woodworker and painter. He was predeceased by his parents, Philip and Eleanor Sharp Byard. Surviving are his wife, Sandra Tonnessen Byard; his son, George K. Byard, at home in Matawan; his sister, Gail White and her husband Wayne of Leonardo; and his nephew, Wayne White. Visitation will be from 3 to 6 p.m. Saturday, April 11 at the Bedle Funeral Home, 212 Main St., Matawan. A funeral service will be held at 11 a.m. Monday, April 13 at the funeral home. Interment to follow at 1 p.m. at Brig. Gen. William C. Doyle Veterans Memorial Cemetery, Arnetown. Letters of condolence can be e-mailed to the funeral home's website www.sidun.com.

ROY FREDERICK CORRENTI – Died Saturday, April 25, 2009 in Lynn, Massachusetts at the age of 60. The cause of death was pneumonia and respiratory failure. He was born January 14, 1949 in Boston, Massachusetts and raised in East Boston to the late Andrew and Fortuna (Pisano) Correnti. He is survived by his wife, Lisa (Janiak) Correnti, of the home; two daughters and one

son-in-law, Desirée and Bill Ladd, of Wellesley, Massachusetts and Alisha Spada, of Lynn; four grandchildren, Liam, Andrew, Vivienne and Aiden, and; his sister and brother-in-law, Andrea and Tommy Ryan, of Malden, Massachusetts. He was an active member of First Lutheran Church of Lynn. He served in the United States Marine Corps with a tour in Vietnam from 1967 to 1968. He was a *Life Member* and *Vice-President* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Lynn Chapter #908**. He was active with the Memorial Day Writers Project in Washington, DC every Memorial Day. Funeral services were conducted in the First Lutheran Church in Lynn. Interment was in Pine Grove Cemetery in Lynn.

ROBERT D. COSTNER - 67, of Climax, North Carolina departed from this life on Wednesday, May 27, 2009, at Beacon Place. Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. today, Saturday, May 30, at Hanes-Lineberry Vanstory Chapel, with Rev. Don Clement officiating. Burial with military rites performed by the Rockingham County Honor Guard will follow at Gilmore Memorial Park in Julian. The family received friends Friday, May 29, at the funeral home. Mr. Costner was born in Guilford County on September 24, 1941, to the late Dock and Mary Costner. He was of the Christian faith. Robert served in the United States Army for three years with the 502nd Aviation Battalion, Maverick 32, in Vinh Long, Vietnam. He flew over 38 missions as a Helicopter Gunner. After his service to our country on foreign soil, Robert served in the National Guard for over 15 years. He was a member of VLOA (Vinh Long Outlaw Association). He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – West End Chapter #966**. During his service, Robert received numerous honors and awards including The Purple Heart, The Medal of Valor and The Bronze Star. Because of his love for our country and the Army, Robert remained a soldier for life. His sense of humor, his contagious laughter, and loving kindness will be missed by all who knew him. In addition to his parents, Robert was preceded in death by a brother, Richard Costner. Those left to cherish his memory include his loving wife, Ann Needham Costner; son, Robert Anthony Costner and wife, Jill, of Reidsville; daughter, Renee McDowell of Trinity; step-daughter, Margie of Robins, N.C.; step-son, Leslie of Wilmington; sister, Rhonda Costner of Kernersville and Rebecca Costner of Boiling Springs, N.C.; and seven grandchildren. Memorial contributions may be made to Hospice and Palliative Care at Greensboro, 2500 Summit Avenue, Greensboro, NC 27405, or to the Randolph County Honor Guard, P.O. Box 1672, Asheboro, NC 27204.

JOSEPH A. "Joe" CREECH – Died Thursday, April 24, 2009 in Kenty, North Carolina at the age of 59. The cause of death is unknown. He was born May 18, 1949. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Four Oaks Chapter #990**. Funeral arrangements were conducted by Parrish Funeral Home in Selma, North Carolina.

JAMES WHITNEALL CUMMINGS – Died on Thursday, May 12, 2005, of Alexandria, Virginia. The cause of death is unknown. Loving brother of H. Greig Cummings (Sara) of Bethesda, Maryland and Carolyn C. Glenn (Guy) of Long Beach, Washington; caring uncle of three nephews and two nieces. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Arlington Chapter #227**. Friends may call at Demaine Funeral Home, 520 S. Washington St., Alexandria, Virginia, Friday, May 20 from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m., where a funeral service will be held at 10 a.m. on Saturday, May 21, 2005. Interment will be private. In

lieu of flowers, any memorial contributions may be made to St. Andrew's Society of Washington, DC, Wayne McHargue-Treasurer of St. Andrew's, 6846 Ericka Avenue, Alexandria, Virginia 22310 or charity of one's choice.

ROBERT L. DAVIS – Died Thursday, June 4, 2009 in Sedalia, Ohio at the age of 67. The cause of death was cancer. He was born October 7, 1941 to the late Herbert and Margery (Holbrook) David. He served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War. He was a Life Member of the Disable American Veterans – London Chapter #93 and member of The American Legion – London Post #105. He served on the Madison County Veterans Commission Board. He was a member of the Midway Presbyterian Church where he served as an Elder, board member and Sunday school teacher. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – London Chapter #746**. He was a 32nd Degree Member of the Scottish Rite of the Masons. A funeral service was conducted in the Midway Presbyterian Church.

RONALD E. "Jack" DEEN – Died Sunday, December 7, 2008 at Community Hospice of Vidalia, Georgia at the age of 60. He was a resident of Hazelhurst, Georgia. The cause of death was cancer. He was born June 26, 1948 in Bacon County, Georgia to the late Elbert Deen and the late Bessie McClellan Deen. He is survived by his wife, Dorothy Toler Deen, of the home; three daughters, Shannon Deen Rowell, Jackie Roddenberry and Jenny Stewart, all of Hazelhurst; three sons and two daughters-in-law, Donnie and Brittany Deen, Randy Partin and Tim and Cheryl Partin, all of Hazelhurst; adopted son and daughter-in-law, Reverend Billy and Donna Worthington, of Glen St. Mary, Florida; two brothers, Troy "Bo" Deen, of Hazelhurst and Eddi Deen, of Alma, Georgia; 14 grandchildren, and; four great-grandchildren. He was a member of Graham Baptist Church. He served in the United States Army and served in Vietnam and was a recipient of the Purple Heart and the Bronze Star. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Baxley Chapter #981**. Funeral services were conducted in the Zoar Baptist Church with the Reverend Robert Wigley, the Reverend Billy Worthington and the Reverend Steve Toler, co-officiating. Interment with full military honors was in the Satilla Freewill Baptist Church Cemetery.

CLAUDIA ANN DERRINGER – Died Thursday, June 4, 2009 in Hyattsville, Wyoming at the age of 64. The cause of death was sepsis. She was born Claudia Chapman in Dallas, Texas on June 20, 1944 to the late Donald and Naomi (Murdock) Chapman. She married her first husband, Darrell Cloud on December 21, 1963 in Texas and later divorced. She then relocated to Dover, Delaware and worked for the State of Delaware. She later met and married Kenneth Derringer on July 31, 1984 in Dover, Delaware. They moved to Warrens, Wisconsin where Ken finished his Army career. She worked for the United States Government as an Army Purchasing and Contracting Officer and retired in 2006. They then moved to the Big Horn Basin where Ken was raised and settled near Hyattsville, Wyoming. She was an active member of Community Bible Church in Manderson, Wyoming. She is survived by her husband, Kenneth, of the home; a son, Derek Cloud, of Elkton, Maryland; a stepson, Erik (Marti) Derringer, of Cheyenne, Wyoming; a sister and brother-in-law, Donna and Ray Cerise, of Grand Meadow, Minnesota, and; seven grandchildren. She was a member of **Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America – Sparta**

(Wisconsin) Chapter #462. Memorial services were conducted in the Community Bible Church in Manderson.

JAMES J. DiSTEFANO - Died on Sunday, September 28, 2008. The cause of death was a heart attack. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Philadelphia Chapter #430**. Beloved brother of Marie DiStefano, loving fiancé of Deanna Hayes, also survived by nieces, nephews and stepchildren. Relatives and friends are invited to his viewing Friday 9:30 A.M. at St. Cecilia Church, 535 Rhawn St., Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19111, followed by Funeral Mass 10:30 A.M. Int. Rosedale Memorial Park. In lieu of flowers, donations in his name to the American Heart Assoc., Memorial Fulfillment Center, 5455 North High Street, Columbus Ohio 43214 would be appreciated.

WILLIAM EDWARD "Bill" "Willy" DUGANNE - Today we say goodbye to Bill William (which he hated) D. Duganne, "Willy," "Wild Bill" or "Willis" (as Jivey Jack used to call him), who passed away Sunday, May 31, 2007 at the age of 58. He was a resident of Moorpark, California. The cause of death was respiratory failure resulting from chronic obstructive pulmonary disease. One thing is for sure, Bill Duganne was larger than life! You could always count on him to be there for you, no matter what. Bill was born March 20, 1951 on the United States Military Base in Mysawa, Japan. He proudly served his country in the United States Army in Vietnam, from November 1969 to July 1971, after which, over the next 29 years, he raised a family and became a commercial fisherman. The next phase of his life, after facing life-and-death challenges, led him to Na and Noleen, whom he loved and lived with to the end. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Canyon Country Chapter #355**. Bill loved all things that stood for freedom including motorcycles, fast cars, boats and anything to put the wind in his face. Did I mention Bill was a little rebellious? I guess you have to have an attitude if you don't have much fear. Bill loved all living things. In all of his life, he had a number of animals, whether he had saved them and was caring for them or they were one of his pets. He was very loyal to family and friends. An example of Bill's loyalty was when his dad was in the hospital with lung cancer he stayed at his bedside 24/7. Not a minute went by that he was not there, so when Pops would wake up he never had to feel afraid or alone. Then a few years later when our mother was dying, Bill put his boots on, grabbed his jacket and stayed in the hospital 24/7 again until she passed. Bill was given an angel in Nancy Moss, who stayed with him so he would never be made to feel alone or afraid during his stay in the hospital. Bill left behind a loving family and so many friends they are too numerous to name. He leaves his wife, Noleen; sons, Beau and Josh; sister Deni Ravin; brothers Jack, Robi and David Duganne; and Bill's soul sister, Nancy Moss. He was preceded in death by his sister Diane; youngest brother, Michael; and parents, Happy and Jack Duganne. Bill will be missed by all who knew him. A memorial service will be held at 2:30 p.m. Wednesday, June 6, in the chapel of Pierce Bros. Valley Oaks-Griffin Memorial Park Mortuary, 5600 Lindero Canyon Road, Westlake Village. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Disabled American Veterans, P.O. Box 14301, Cincinnati, OH 45250-0301, Attn: Gift Processing.

GARY LEE DURST – Died Wednesday, February 25, 2009 at his home in Lonaconing, Maryland at the age of 61. The cause of death is unknown. He was born September 14, 1947 in Frostburg, Maryland to the late Floyd Russell Durst and Freda (Fazenbaker) Durst of Saint Vincent de Paul Nursing Home in Frostburg. In addition to his father, he was predeceased by his mother-in-law, Viola M. Helferstay. He is survived by his wife, Jean Lynn (Whiteman) Durst, of the home; four daughters and three sons-in-law, Teresa Lynn Durst, of Lonaconing, Tammy Lee and Keith Biser, of Woodstock, Virginia, Tracy Lynette and Josh Jenkins, of Frostburg and Terri Lorelle and Jeremy Mullen, of Lonaconing; twelve grandchildren, Justin, Jacob, Samantha, Nathan, Jessica, Kayla, Brandon, Cora Jean, Grace, Adam, Colten and Faith; one brother and sister-in-law, Wayne and Lee Ann Durst, of Lonaconing; three brothers-in-law, Jim, Jake and Tom Whiteman, and; 13 nieces and nephews. He served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War and remained in the Army Reserves for three more years. He was a life member of the Westernport American Legion Post #155. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Cumberland Chapter #172**. He was a member of the Grace United Methodist Church in Midland, Maryland. Funeral services were conducted at the Eichorn-McKenzie Funeral Home in Lonaconing with the Reverend Daniel Adnew, officiating. Interment with full military honors was in the Frostburg Memorial Park in Frostburg.

CHRISTOPHER K. EBERT – Died in June 2009 in Eugene, Oregon at the age of 61. The cause of death is unknown. He was born September 25, 1947. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – North Bend Chapter #799**.

RAYMOND “Mita” ESPIN – Died Wednesday, April 8, 2009 in the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania at the age of 75. He was a resident of Jamestown, New York. The cause of death was a rare form of pneumonia. He was born in Ludlow, Pennsylvania on July 5, 1933 to the late John and Anna Turay Espin. He married Jean Anderson Espin on September 25, 1958 in Saint Marys, Pennsylvania. In addition to his wife of 50 years, he is survived by his son and daughter-in-law, Richard and Alison Espin; two daughters and one son-in-law, Deborah Morrison and Michelle and Tony Carson; four grandchildren, Michael Morrison, of Panama, New York, Jeremy Morrison, Patrick and Shannon Carson, all of Jamestown; a brother and sister-in-law, Donald and Connie Espin, of Kane, Pennsylvania, and; two sisters and one brother-in-law, Patricia Horton, of Kane, Pennsylvania and Betty and Donald Reagle, of Emporium, Pennsylvania. In addition to his parents, he was predeceased by an infant daughter, Mary Espin who died in 1963 and by two brothers, Eugene “Gabby” Espin and John “Dunk” Espin and a sister, Dolores Polaski. He served in the United States Navy. He was a life member of Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #53; AMVETS Post #726 and The American Legion – Frewsburg Post #556. He was a *Life Member* of **Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America – Jamestown Chapter #865**. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated in Saint James Roman Catholic Church with Reverend Father Robert Stolinski as Main Celebrant. Entombment was in the Holy Sepulchre Mausoleum.

JOHN G. “Jack” FAIRSERVICE, SR. - 75, of Neihart, Montana, an Army veteran and a retired mental health worker, died of mesothelioma Thursday, October 15, 2008 at Peace Hospice. Cremation has taken place and a graveside memorial service is 4 p.m. Monday in Neihart

Cemetery, where his ashes will be interred next to those of his mother and his daughter. Jack is survived by his sons John G. (Beth) Fairservice Jr. and family of Richmond, Va., and Michael K. (Lori) Fairservice of Appleton, Wisconsin; his daughter, Lynn (Mike) Conner and her family of Columbus, Mont.; five grandchildren; and a nephew, Michael W. Fairservice of Stockton, Calif. Jack was born June 7, 1933, in Newark, Essex County, N.J., to Irene Olive (Smith) and Richard Hill Fairservice. He spent his early life and attended schools in New Jersey and Pennsylvania before moving to Alabama and Texas. At the age of 14 he moved to Montana and started working as a chore boy for the Wytana Cattle Co., of Texas, out of Roundup, Mont., near the snowy Mountains. He worked for Clarence Saunders and later for who would become Montana State Sen. Jack Galt. He also worked on ranches around Lewistown, Coffee Creek, Sunburst, Sweetgrass Hills, Shelby, Galata, Reedpoint, Columbus, Emigrant, Pray, Clyde Park and Livingston, Mont. During the winter of 1950, Jack wintered in an old homestead out of Reedpoint, Mont., with Lee Bowmen, then went to work for two old cowboys named Hank Tepoe and Bus Hughs, breaking horses for them to sell. He raised an abandoned fawn antelope he found while riding fence. When Jack left that area, he gave the young antelope to a fellow named Ruppel down on the Yellowstone River. He also worked for Hugh Peltz on the Keystone Ranch out of Pray, and Charlie McNeil, Scotty Mitchell and Jim Murphy out of Emigrant, Mont. While in the rodeo in Livingston, Mont., he met his wife-to-be Jean L. Barnhart and they got married in 1952. Jack quit the rodeo game and took to town working at the Northern Pacific Railroad shops in Livingston. For excitement he built, owned and raced three Hudson stock cars until 1954, when he and his wife were divorced. They were blessed with two children; John Jr. and Marguerite Kay. In late 1954, Jack was drafted into the United States Army. While still in the Army in 1958, on his way to France, he stopped by Livingston to see his children and Jean. They were remarried before he shipped out to France. In 1959, his wife and children joined Jack in France; the family lived there until 1963. Later, they were stationed in Virginia where they bought a home. Jack continued to go overseas while leaving his family in Virginia. After Jack's first tour of duty in Vietnam, two more healthy children were born to this family, Michael Kenneth and Jacqueline Linda "Lynn" Irene. In 1974, once again Jack and Jean were divorced, Jack was awarded the two minor children and he had to cut short his desired 30-year career in the Army by 10 years. He and three of the children, along with his elderly mother, moved to Great Falls. In 1981, Jack bought a home in Neihart for his family. Jack lived there ever since except for an eight-year period when he was a guest of the State of Montana. Upon returning to his home in Neihart in 2001, he had a garage built and his home is now a show place for his family to use as they see fit. Jack's honorable service to his country and the State of Montana lasted 20 years and 12 days. Jack was awarded 39 awards and decorations to include two Bronze Stars for his various tours of duty in Vietnam. At the time of his death, he was a life member in the following military-related organizations: American Legion Post 0034 of Columbus, Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 4762 of Columbus, Disabled American Veterans, Chapter #2 of Great Falls. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Billings Chapter #334**. While living in Columbus with his daughter Lynn and family from 1998 until 2001, Jack was baptized and joined the Columbus Baptist Church and attended the Columbus Chapter of the men's group known as Promise Keepers. Jack was an avid gun collector, reloader, stamp collector and he loved to hunt, fish, cut fire wood and visit with his grandchildren and neighbors. Jack was preceded in death by his father, Richard; his mother,

Irene; his brother, Richard "Dick" Hill Fairservice Jr.; and his daughter, Kay. Memorial contributions in Jack's name may be made to the Chapel of the Pines Church in Neihart, as they were Jack's loving family in Christ.

CAROLYN A. FARRINGTON - 64, of Boynton Beach, Florida died Monday, July 21, 2008. The cause of death is unknown. She was a member of **Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America – West Palm Beach Chapter #25**. Boynton Memorial Chapel, Boynton Beach.

GROVER P. FERGUSON – Died Tuesday, June 23, 2009 in West Manchester, Ohio at the age of 57. The cause of death was a stroke. He was born February 6, 1952 in Dayton, Ohio. He is survived by his wife, Joanne, of the home. He served in the United States Army with a tour in Vietnam from November 15, 1970 to October 19, 1971. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Dayton Chapter #97**.

DENNIS MICHAEL “Mike” FLANAGAN – Died Sunday, April 19, 2009 in Richmond, Ohio at the age of 60. The cause of death was liver cancer. He was born November 22, 1948. He is survived by his wife of six years, Linda Flanagan. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was an *At-Large Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Ohio**.

DANIEL FLORES – Died Wednesday, September 8, 2004 in Tulare, California at the age of 60. The cause of death was acute myocardial infarction due to coronary artery disease and diabetes mellitus type II, hypertension and a prior stroke. He was born in Chatsworth, California on May 16, 1944 to the late Rosie Briseno who died in March of 2004 and an unknown father. In addition to his birth mother, he was predeceased by his grandparents who were his adoptive parents and his first wife, Alverta Flores who died February 19, 1996. He is survived by his wife, Alice (Codorniz) Flores, of the home; his son and daughter-in-law, Philip Joseph and Shawn Flores, of Hanford, California; his daughter and son-in-law, Gina Vivian and Kris Murphy, of Huntington Beach, California; two sisters, Ruth Mendez and Josephine Flores, both of Chatsworth, and; two grandchildren, Jonathan Flores and Aidan Murphy. He served in the United States Army California National Guard from August 4, 1965. He served four years and then was drafted into the Army on May 13, 1968 and then sent to Vietnam for a one year tour of duty from November 1968 to November 1969. He was discharged on May 4, 1971 and placed on standby Reserve from December 1970 to May 1971 at the rank of Specialist 4. He was a member of Saint Aloysius Roman Catholic Church in Tulare. He was a member of AMVETS Post #56. He started the Yellow Ribbon Save Our Troops in Desert Storm in 1991. He was an *At-Large Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – California**. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated in Saint Aloysius Catholic Church. Interment was in the North Tulare Cemetery.

JESSIE RAY FOSTER - Died Monday, May 18, 2009, at his residence in Hamilton, Mississippi at the age of 67. Services are Thursday at 2 p.m. at Tisdale-Lann Memorial Funeral Home Chapel in Aberdeen with Bro. Jessie Betts and Bro. Tony Rooks officiating. Burial will follow at Pleasant Hill Cemetery. Visitation is today from 5-8 p.m. at the funeral home. Mr. Foster was born June 18, 1941, in Amory, Mississippi to the late Jessie R. Foster and Mildred Lawrence Hendrix. He

lived in Hamilton for the past 50 years. He served in the United States Marine Corps in Vietnam. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Tupelo Chapter #842**. He retired as a supervisor from ITT Bell & Gossett in Morton Grove, Ill. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his daughter, Sandy Ray Foster. He is survived by his wife, Dorothy Fay Cook Foster of Hamilton; daughters, Arlene Hissong of Amory, Tammy Blakeney of Houston and Tina Smith of Hamilton; son, Chris Foster of Hamilton; brother, Earnest Hendrix of Nettleton; seven grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. Pallbearers will be Billy Ray Yarbrough, Jamie Smith, Chris Foster, Josh Blakeney, Blake Hissong and Michael Dobbs.

ERLA J. "Skip" FREIDHOFF – Died Tuesday, May 26, 2009 in Johnstown, Pennsylvania at the age of 79. The cause of death was brain and lung cancer. She was born September 21, 1929, in Johnstown. She was the daughter of Harry and Inez Freidhoff. In addition to her parents, she is preceded in death by her brother, Terrance. She is survived by sister, Judy Eppley; nephews: David Grimaldi, married to the former Cheri Peterman, Nanty Glo; Matthew Grimaldi, married to the former Yvette Young, California; Mark Grimaldi, married to the former Jessica Derstine, Ga.; and Chris Hankinson, and fiancée, Amy Martin, Georgia; grandnieces, Kaylie, Madison and Lindsey; and grandnephews: Zachary, Gavin, Owen, Garrett, Grant and Jonathan. Erla attended St. Joseph's Grade School and was a 1947 graduate of Central Catholic High School, Johnstown. She was a member of St. Benedict Catholic Church, Geistown. She graduated from Johnstown Mercy Hospital School of Nursing in 1950 and received her BSN from the University of Colorado in 1968. LTC Freidhoff was commissioned a first lieutenant in the Army Nurse Corps in 1955 and did her basic training at Fort Sam Houston, Texas. She retired from the service in 1975 as a lieutenant colonel. Erla served in Okinawa, Germany, Puerto Rico, Japan and Vietnam, as well as numerous stateside hospitals. She attended various military advanced courses: Operating Room Course at Fort Benning, Georgia; The Military Nursing Advanced Course and Facility Development Course at Fort Sam Houston, Texas; and was assigned as director of the operating room technician course, where she was awarded the Meritorious Service Medal. Commander Freidhoff was awarded the Vietnam Service Medal, Vietnam Campaign Medal w/DVC 60, Bronze Star Medal for service as operating room supervisor, assistant chief nurse and nurse consultant while assigned to the U.S. Army Hospital, Saigon, Vietnam, Vietnam Cross of Gallantry w/palm, Legion of Merit Medal, National Defense Medal, Army Commendation Medal, and the Meritorious Unit Citation. Erla joined the VFW in 1984. She is a life member of Menoher Post 155, Johnstown. She was an All State Commander for three years. She has served as commander of the Cambria County Council, and was the first woman commander of Post 155. She is a life member of the DAV. She also is a member of the Catholic War Veterans, AMVETS and The American Legion. She was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Johnstown Chapter #364**. She is a charter member of the Women's Veterans National Memorial in Washington D.C., past president of the Geistown-Richland Lioness', and past member of Scattered Thirties Bowling League. Friends will be received from noon to 2 and 4 to 8 p.m. Thursday at the Harris Funeral Home, 500 Cherry Lane, Richland, where vigil for the deceased will be held. Funeral Mass will be held at 10:30 a.m. Friday at St. Benedict Catholic Church. Final committal was at Grandview Cemetery, with military honors by Menoher VFW Post 155 Ritual Team. The family suggests that memorial contributions be directed to the

Soldiers' Angels, P.O. Box 758513, Topeka, Kan. 66675-8513, or the Salvation Army, 576 Vine St., Johnstown, Pa. 15901, in memory of Erla.



WILLIAM A. GALWAY - died on Tuesday June 30, 2009 at his home in Spotswood, New Jersey. He was 66 years old. The cause of death is unknown. Mr. Galway was born on October 24, 1942 and raised in Cokeburg, Pennsylvania and later lived in New Brunswick, New Jersey before moving to Spotswood in 1969. He served in the US Army Company B of the 6th Special Forces Group (Airborne) in Korea during the Vietnam War. He was an active member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – New Brunswick Chapter #233**. He was a sheriff's officer for the Middlesex County Sheriff's Department for 32 years, and served on special assignment as Senior Drill Instructor for 13 of those years before his retirement in 2000.

He is survived by his wife of 39 years, Maria S. (Mele) Galway of Spotswood, two sons, William J. of Howell and Ryan E. of Spotswood, two brothers, Ray B. Galway and his wife Loretta of Cokeburg, PA, and Llewellyn A. Galway and his wife Vera of Texas, and several cousins, nieces, and nephews. The funeral service will be 10:30am on Monday July 6, 2009 at the M. David DeMarco Funeral Home, 205 Rhode Hall Rd., Monroe Twp., NJ 08831, 732-521-0555. Interment will follow in Brigadier General William C. Doyle New Jersey Veterans Memorial Cemetery, Wrightstown at 1:00pm. Visitation is Sunday 2-4pm and 7-9pm. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to your local Veterans of Foreign Wars Associations.

WILLIAM F. GERAH – Died recently in 2009 in Edmond, Oklahoma at the age of 74. The cause of death is unknown. He was born March 1, 1935. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was an *At-Large Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Oklahoma**.



FRANCES "Mom" (Bernadyn) GOLDEN - (Bernadyn) Golden, 88, of Piscataway, New Jersey died Thursday, June 11, 2009, at her home. She was born on March 2, 1921 in Plainfield, New Jersey. Frances was raised in the Arbor section of Piscataway. She was a homemaker. She was a *Life Member* of the Ladies Auxiliary of the Edison VFW Post 3117 and a *Life Member* of **Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America – New Brunswick Chapter #233**. Predeceased by her son, John L. Golden, Jr., her sisters and brother, Agnes, Helen and John Bernadyn and, her son-in-law, Kenneth E. Harned, Jr., she is survived by her daughters, Barbara Broxmeyer, and her husband Fred, of Milltown and Christina Harned of Piscataway; a brother, Stephen Bernadyn of Seminole, FL; six grandchildren, Theresa Reichardt, and her husband Anthony, of Colonia, Joseph Broxmeyer, and his wife Jennifer, of Rialto, CA, Frederick Broxmeyer, Jr. of Piscataway, Richard Broxmeyer of Milltown, Frances Broxmeyer of Milltown and Deborah Broxmeyer of Philadelphia, PA; six great grandchildren, Amanda, Anthony Jr., Daniel, Benjamin, Nicholas and Rebecca; her cousin, Anna Bernadyn; her dear friends, Maryann and Joseph Flannery, and; her poodle, Benji. Funeral services will begin at 9:45 AM, Tuesday from Highland Park Funeral

Home, 75 Woodbridge Avenue, Highland Park, followed by interment in Oaklawn Memorial Park, South Brunswick. The family will receive visitors from 2:00 to 4:00 PM and 7:00 to 9:00 PM Monday at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, donations honoring Frances' memory may be made to either of the following organizations: Haven Hospice c/o JFK Medical Center Foundation, 80 James Street, Edison, NJ 08818, or, the Alzheimer's Foundation of America, 322 8th Avenue, 7th Floor, New York City, NY 10001.

DONAT "Don" GOUIN – Died Wednesday, July 15, 2009 in Lima, Ohio at the age of 80. The cause of death is unknown. Family members describe Donat "Don" Gouin as a man of God, country and family. They believe it's what brought the Vietnam prisoner of war home to them. "I honestly believe that his faith in these three things is what got him through his experience in North Vietnam," said Barbara Sutton, daughter of Gouin, who died Wednesday. "He never gave up — knowing that his God, his family and his country would not let him down and would be there for him no matter what," she continued. Gouin, who retired as a Master Sergeant (E-8) from the United States Army after 27 years. Gouin was captured Feb. 3, 1968, by the Viet Cong in the attack on the city of Hue. He was released March 4, 1973. He told The Lima News after his return that he never gave up hope of returning and never at anytime doubted that he would survive. Sutton recalled that her mother, Alma, never hinted to her or her siblings that their father might not come home. Every prayer included the words "Please watch over Daddy." He received a hero's welcome, including a key to the city, when returning to Lima. Jack and Wilma Laeuffer, of the Lima Area Missing In Action-Prisoners of Wars group, met Gouin after his return. The couple has a cousin still missing in action from 1970. Jack Laeuffer and Gouin often talked at school and churches together. "He was helping us get the word out that we still have men missing in South East Asia," Jack Laeuffer said. "He was a man I would stand up beside in any conflict. He was just likable." Gouin's commitment to other POWs was evident. He declined comment on his imprisonment right after being released "because I don't want to do anything that might jeopardize the release of those still held." "Time in captivity should be remembered and honored," Wilma Laeuffer said. "They were years that were taken away from them. Don was a special, special guy." While in the Army he received the Good Conduct Medal, two Purple Hearts, a Meritorious Commendation, the Vietnam Commendation Medal, the National Defense Service Medal, the Prisoner of War Medal, the Bronze Star and the Silver Star. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Lima Chapter #89**. Gouin is also remembered as a family man, who taught his children to have faith in Jesus. He was happiest spending time with or talking about his eight grandchildren. A Mass of Christian Burial will begin at 10 a.m. Monday at St. Gerard Catholic Church. Friends may call from 3 to 7 p.m. Sunday at Chiles-Laman Funeral Homes, Lewis Eastside Chapel.

FAMILY QUOTES: "Dad didn't always talk a lot until you got him on the right subject such as his grandchildren; Sarah, Alexis, Brody, Kent, and Joe. Nothing made him happier than being their "Grampa." He also could have plenty to say about and closely followed the political scene and was greatly concerned about the future of this country.— Elizabeth (Gouin)McCleary, daughter.

“He always thought of his family first and himself last. While being a captive all those years he came to learn what was truly the most important in life, the people you love.”— Kent McCleary, son-in-law .

“His guidance growing up was to let us chose our own future paths and to support us in our choices and then pick up the pieces if our choices turned out to be mistakes and help in any way we needed. His most important lesson to us was to believe in Jesus that faith in him would carry us through thick and thin.”— Carl Gouin, son.

“The first word that comes to my mind when I think of Donat Gouin — my dad — is “Patriot.” He was a man of God, a man of country and a man of family. I honestly believe that his faith in these three things is what got him through his experience in North Vietnam. He never gave up — knowing that his God, his family and his country would not let him down and would be there for him no matter what. When he was listed as “Missing In Action (MIA),” my mother never even hinted to us kids that he might not come home, and prayed with us for God to “Please watch over Daddy” at every single payer we ever prayed. We sometimes catch ourselves even adding that now to our prayers. When he was released in March of 1973 we had not seen him in six years. It took a while for all of us to readjust to our reunited family, but soon it seemed that we were just like every other family with growing children. My dad supported all of us in whatever we decided to do—he was there to celebrate with us the joyous occasions in our lives. His lifelong example of faith, steadfastness and love is one that I can only hope to live up to as I carry on without him.”— Barbara (Gouin) Sutton, daughter.

MICHAEL L. “Mike” GRCHAN – Died on Sunday, March 24, 2009 in Rock island, Illinois at the age of 61. The cause of death was liver cancer. He was born March 20, 1948 in Moline, Illinois. He served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War. He served 37 years with the Rock Island County Sheriff’s Department and 16 of those years as Sheriff. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Rock Island Chapter #299**.

CHARLES STEPHEN GROSSELIN – Died Sunday, April 19, 2009 in Madsville, West Virginia at the age of 62. The cause of death is unknown. He was born March 11, 1947 in Mount Vernon, Illinois to the late Charles E. and Edna Diffenbaugh Lackey Grosselin. He is survived by his wife, Mary Grosselin, of the home; his sister, Lynne Kunkle, of Marion, Ohio; his daughter and son-in-law, Andrea and Brad Cole, of Morgantown, West Virginia; three sons and daughters-in-law, Barry and Stacy Grosselin, of Groverton, Indiana, Charles and Amy Grosselin, of Bepire, Ohio and Duane Grosselin and Kelly Caldwell, of Warren, Pennsylvania; seven stepchildren and their spouses; 32 grandchildren, and; three great-grandchildren. He served in the United States Army from May 24, 1966 to May 14, 1969 with a tour in Vietnam assigned to 1st Battalion, 69th Armor Company. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Morgantown Chapter #306**. He was cremated and a memorial service was conducted in the Fred L. Jenkins Funeral Home.

RONALD M. "Ron" GROVER - of La Mesa, California, died on Thursday, April 28, 2008 at the age of 59. The cause of death is unknown. He was born February 24, 1949. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – San Diego Chapter #472**. Beloved husband of Shirley. Father of Tanya. Grandfather of Gary. Two step sons, Ronald and Steven. Loving son of Wanda Grover Hammond of Bay Shore, NY. Brother of Ilona of Philadelphia, PA, Anthony (Penelope) of Deer Park, NY, Marguerite (Lou) Feig of Glencove, NY, Edith of Bay Shore, NY. Loving uncle of Corin, Evan, Taryn, Matthew, and Kneishia. Great uncle of Zariyah, Kaliss, Nathaniel, Athena, and Qwaryn. Memorial and services to be announced later.

HARMON "Pop" CLINTON HALL III - of Mena, Arkansas, passed away on Saturday, January 17, 2009, at Sparks Regional Medical Center. The cause of death is unknown. He was born September 29, 1948, in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. His age being 60 years, 3 months and 18 days. Mr. Hall was the son of the late Harmon Clinton Hall Jr. and Helen C. Case Hall. He lived in the Mena area for 1% years, moving from Baton Rouge. He was a United States Navy veteran during the Vietnam War and a self-employed welder. He was of the Baptist faith and a member of the D.A.V. and the American Legion. He was an *At-Large Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Louisiana**. Survivors are his mother, Helen C. Hall, of Mena; two sons, Mathew Hall and spouse Chantal, of Mena, and Mike Hall; two uncles, Edwin Hall and family, of San Marcos, Texas, and J.W. Hall and family, of Baton Rouge; aunt, Eleanor Case and family, of Fayette, Miss.; and granddaughter, Hayley C. Hall. A special thanks to the Peachtree Hospice in Poteau and Fort Smith. Preceded in death by his father, Harmon C. Hall Jr.; and grandparents, H.C. and Velma Hall and P.J. and Elma Case. Mr. Hall was sent for cremation under the direction of Hall Funeral Service. A memorial service was held at Hall Memorial Chapel on Monday, Jan. 19, at 2 p.m., officiated by chaplain Scott Martin.

MICHAEL J. HARRINGTON - 56, of West Lafayette, Indiana, died Thursday, January 22, 2009, at the Indiana Veteran's Home, Lafayette, Indiana. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in North Vernon, Indiana on January 3, 1953 to the late Richard F. and Frances Bowers Harrington. He was a graduate of Jefferson High School and served in the United States Air Force from 1974 to 1977. Mr. Harrington was a fireman and security guard at the Jefferson Proving Grounds and was previously the co-owner of Our Place restaurant. He was a member of the American Legion and also volunteered on the fire crew for Thunder on the River in Madison. He was a *Permanently Hospitalized Veteran Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Portage Chapter #905**. He enjoyed cooking, traveling, photography and collecting baseball cards and fire memorabilia. Surviving are two sisters, 5 nephews and 5 nieces. He was preceded in death by a sister, a brother and a nephew.

WILLIAM V. HARRIS, JR. – Died Sunday, September 28, 2008 in Pearl River, New York at the age of 56. The cause of death was heart failure. He was born September 8, 1951 in Rockland County, New York. He is survived by his wife, Toni Harris, of the home. He was a *Life Member* of **Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America – New City Chapter #333**.

HOWARD HASTINGS – Died in May 2009 in Bay Minette, Alabama at the age of 72. The cause of death is unknown. He was born January 22, 1937. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Fairhope Chapter #864**.

JAMES ALFRED HEAD, SR. - 72, of 323 Sargent Drive, Pendleton, South Carolina, husband of Martha Ann Sargent Head, died Monday, August 3, 2009 at AnMed Health Medical Center. The cause of death is unknown. He was born April 29, 1937 in Anderson, South Carolina to the late James Marvin and Edith Della Melissa Durham Head. He was retired E-6 Tech Sergeant for the United States Air Force and member of Six and Twenty Baptist Church. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Anderson Chapter #1016**. Surviving are his wife, Martha A. Head of the home; son, James A. Head, Jr., (Freddy) and wife, Joy of Pendleton; daughter, Marie A. Hood of Pendleton; 3 grandchildren, Samantha McCraw, Reagan Head and Gage Hood; sister, Doris M. Stasney of Anderson and brother, Bobby V. Head of San Antonio, TX. He was preceded in death by two sisters, Mary Frances Head and Linda Gail Head Lucas and brother, Joe Ray Head. Funeral service will be held at 2 PM Wednesday at Six and Twenty Baptist Church with Rev. Willie Honea officiating. Burial will follow in the church cemetery with Military Honors by Upstate Veterans Honor Guard. The family will receive friends Wednesday from 1 until 2PM prior to the service at the church. The family is at the residence. Flowers are optional, memorials may be made to Six and Twenty Baptist Church Cemetery Fund, 3701 Six and Twenty Road, Pendleton, SC 29670.

JOHN HEWISON – Died Thursday, March 19, 2009 in South Rockwood, Michigan at the age of 67. The cause of death is unknown. He was born March 11, 1942. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Carleton Chapter #142**.

JAMES “Jim” MICHAEL HILL - of Biloxi, Mississippi, passed away unexpectedly on Sunday, April 5, 2009 while conducting business in Austin, Texas. He was 63 years of age. He was a resident of West Haven, Connecticut. He was born October 14, 1945. He was Vice President, Tidal Basin Government Consulting of Alexandria, VA, and was active in recovery programs associated with recent hurricanes along the Gulf Coast. He spent his youth in Tupelo, MS, and was a 1963 graduate of Tupelo High School. Jim graduated from the University of Mississippi, Bachelor of Business Administration, 1972 and a Master of Urban and Regional Planning, 1974. In addition to activities on the Gulf Coast, he held positions as Commissioner/Director of Planning and Development for West Haven, CT, Montclair, NJ, Allendale, NJ, Meridian, MS, Tupelo, MS, and Russell County, AL. A recent assignment was Senior Consultant with Dewberry-Goodkind, Inc. as FEMA Group Lead for Orleans Parish and the City of New Orleans supervising numerous post-Katrina recovery projects. He proudly served his country in the US Army from January 1966-September 1969 as a Military Policeman and as Combat Officer in Vietnam as 1st Lt. in the First Cavalry. After his service he remained a Life Member of the First Cavalry Association. He was an *At-Large Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Connecticut** was past president of **Vietnam Veterans of America - Biloxi Chapter #647**. He was preceded in death by his parents, Janelle (Patey) McComb and Roy McComb of Tupelo, MS. Jim is survived by his wife Mary Alice (Carlton) of Biloxi, MS; son, Michael Blair Hill of Tupelo, MS; and daughters, Ashley Hill of Oxford, MS, and Morgan Hill of West Haven, CT. A memorial service

will be held on Thursday, April 16, 2009 at 11:30 a.m. at the Pass Road Chapel of Bradford-O'Keefe Funeral Home, West Biloxi. Friends may visit one hour prior to service. Burial will follow in the Biloxi National Cemetery with Military Honors.

EVERETT F. HODDY – Died recently in 2009 in Ogden, Utah at that age of 66. The cause of death is unknown. He was born April 29, 1943. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Ogden Chapter #924**.

WILLIAM THOMAS HOLLENBACH – Died Wednesday, July 8, 2009 at the Braddock Hospital in Ridgeley, West Virginia at the age of 82. He was a resident of Ridgeley. The cause of death is unknown. He was born January 27, 1927 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania to the late William August and Catherine Elizabeth (Gleason) Hollenbach. In addition to his parents, he was predeceased by his son, Robert “Butch” Hollenbach; his daughter Barbara Ann Hollenbach; his brother, Jim Hollenbach, and; four sisters making him the last surviving member of his immediate family. He is survived by his wife of 16 years, Deborah L. Steckman-Hollenbach; three sons and daughters-in-law, William J. and Vicki Hollenbach, of Utah, John and Diane Hollenbach, of Virginia Beach, Virginia and D. Peter and Lynn Steckman, of Ridgeley; two daughters and sons-in-law, Billie Mae and Buck Kershner, of Cumberland, Maryland and Kathy E. and Michael Marchitto, of Buckeye, Arizona; eight grandchildren, and; eight great-grandchildren. He served in the United States Navy for 33 years and retired at the rank of Captain (O-6). He served during World War II, Korea and Vietnam. He was a member of the Fleet Reserve, The American Legion – Fort Cumberland Post #13 and the Veterans of Foreign Wars – Henry Hart Post #1411. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Cumberland Chapter #172**. Funeral services were private.

STANLEY OLEN HOOK – Died Thursday, June 11, 2009 at the Ruby Memorial Hospital in Morgantown, West Virginia at the age of 62. He was a resident of Mount Savage, West Virginia. The cause of death is unknown. He was born January 1, 1947 in Frostburg, Maryland to Edna Mabel Martin, of Mount Savage and the late Albert Hook and was also predeceased by his stepfather, Lesley Martin. In addition to his mother, he is survived by his wife of 40 years, Karen Sue Hook, of the home; one daughter and son-in-law, Corann and Allen Harper, of Fuquay Varina, North Carolina; two granddaughters, Haley and Madison Harper; two sisters and brothers-in-law, Shirley and Kevin Scott, of Bowling Green, Kentucky and Carol and Leonard Miller, of Mount Savage; two brothers and one sister-in-law, Chuck and Phyllis Munson, of Peoria, Illinois and Leslie Martin, of Mount Savage, and; numerous nieces and nephews. He served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Cumberland Chapter #172**. Funeral services were conducted at the Durst Funeral Home in Frostburg with Father Ty Hullinger and the Reverend Galen Beitzel, as co-officiants. Interment with full military honors was in the Maryland Veterans Cemetery in Flintstone, Maryland.

JEAN MARIE HOUGHTON (LTC-Ret. ANC) - Of Needham, passed away on Thursday, December 4, 2008, at the age of 84, peacefully, surrounded by her loving family. The cause of death was sepsis. Jean graduated as a Registered Nurse from St. Margaret's Hospital in Dorchester and

later received her Master's Degree at the University of Colorado. In the United States, Lt. Col. Houghton served at Fort Sill, Oklahoma; Brook Army (SRN); Fitzsimmons General Hospital; Ireland Army Hospital; Ft. Leavenworth, Kansas, where she received the Meritorious Service Medal ANC; and Fort Devens, where she received The Legion Merit for "Unsurpassed Leadership and Administrative Skills." In Asia she served at the 121st Evacuation Hospital in Korea; the U.S. Army Hospital, Camp Zama, Japan; and the 36th Evacuation Hospital, Republic Vietnam, where she received the Bronze Medal for "Meritorious Achievement against Hostile Forces." In Europe she served at the 98th General Hospital, Germany; the 34th General - France; and the 279th Station Hospital, Berlin. Closer to home, Jean gave herself in love and generosity to four generations of family and friends as well as contributing to many organizations, including the Needham Korean War Memorial Committee, the Needham American Legion Post # 14, Life Member of the Needham V.F.W. Post 2498, Disabled American Veterans, Needham Historical Society, Army Nurse Corps Assoc., 36th Evacuation Hospital Assoc. and others. She was an *At-Large Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Massachusetts**. Lt. Col. Jean Houghton served her first 28 years of life nurturing her siblings and her mother. Then she went to serve her country for the next 28 years. The last 28 years of her retirement she continued to serve veterans organizations and family. 28, 28, 28 equals 84 years of serving her country and family to the fullest. She was born in Boston, Massachusetts on April 1, 1924 to the late Cmdr. C. Charles Houghton and Florence M. (Eckerstrom) Houghton. She is survived by her brother and sister-in-law, Lawrence B. Houghton Sr. and his wife Dolores of Jupiter, FL and her sister, Virginia H. Tierney and her late husband Joseph of Waltham. She is also survived by several nieces and nephews. Funeral from the George F. Doherty & Sons Funeral Home, 1305 Highland Ave., NEEDHAM, Tuesday at 8 AM. Funeral mass in St. Joseph's Church, Needham, at 9 AM. Relatives and friends kindly invited. Visiting hours Monday 4-8 PM. Interment St. Mary's Cemetery, Needham. Expressions of sympathy may be made in Jean's memory to the charity of your choice.

JOHN P. HUGHES – Died Monday, September 23, 2008 in Ozone Park, New York at the age of 62. The cause of death was an automobile accident, death resulting. He was born February 15, 1946. He is survived by his wife. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Rego Park Chapter #32**.

HARRY HULL - age 69, of Texarkana, Texas, died Wednesday, April 1, 2009 in a local hospital. The cause of death was Agent Orange-related cancer. Mr. Hull was born October 23, 1939 in Carmel, New York and had lived in Texarkana for the past twenty-eight years. He was retired from the United States Army having served in the Korean War and Vietnam War. He was a *Charter Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Texarkana Chapter #278**. He attended church at Liberty Eylau Baptist Church. He is survived by his wife: Audrey Harris of Texarkana, Texas; two daughters: Edie James and Angela Spurgeon; two sons: Klaus Hull and Robert Bennett; one sister: Helen Chappius; seven grandchildren: four great grandchildren and a number of other relatives. A memorial service will be 4:00 P. M. Monday at Chapelwood Funeral Home Chapel with Rev. Dr. Dwight Lowrie officiating.

JAMES C. JOHNSON (COL-Ret.) – Died Sunday, March 9, 2008 in Van Buren, Arkansas at the age of 69. The cause of death was acute myocardial infarction. He was born in Van Buren on September 15, 1938. He is survived by his wife, Mary Ellen, of the home; his daughter, Brenda Carol Johnson, of Waco, Texas; two sons, Steve Johnson, of Van Buren and Robert Andrew Johnson, of Austin, Texas; two sisters, Mary Ann Hayes, of Monroe, North Carolina and Debra Kay Tucker, of Van Buren, and three grandchildren. He served in the United States Army with a tour of duty in Vietnam from 1967 to 1968. He also served in the United States Marine Corps with combined commissioned Officer of 30 years. He was a member of Saint Michael Roman Catholic Church. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Fort Smith Chapter #467**. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated in Saint Michael's Church. Interment with full military honors was in the National Cemetery in Fort Smith, Arkansas.

ROBERT L. JOHNSON, SGM-Ret. - 74, of Breese, Illinois, died Wednesday, April 22, 2009 at St. Elizabeth Hospital in Belleville. The cause of death is unknown. Mr. Johnson was born November 2, 1934 in Breese to Arthur and Viola (Abel) Johnson; they preceded him in death. In addition to his parents he was preceded in death by a sisters, Patricia Stallings and Jane Feldmann; father-in-law and mother-in-law, William and Ola (Cooley) Biggs; brothers-in-law, Wayne Biggs, Clarence Biggs, Stan Feldmann, and Henry Schulte; and sisters-in-law, Mickey Schulte and Mary Biggs. He married Audrey Biggs on November 24, 1960 at St. Mary Catholic Church in Carlyle; she survives in Breese. Also surviving is a son Donald (Mara) Johnson of Charlottesville, VA; granddaughters, Katherina Susan Johnson and Patricia Lynn Johnson; a brother, Arthur (Margaret) Johnson of Orlando, FL; sisters, Elizabeth (Ronald) Osborn of Port Washington, Wisconsin and Alice (Steve) Hellmann of Aviston; and brothers-in-law and sisters in law, Larry Biggs of Carlyle, James (Leola) Biggs of Rockford, Harold (Betty) Biggs of Centralia, and Charles Biggs of Centralia. Robert served in the Artillery division with the United States Army from 1954-1981 where he earned the rank of SGM. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Carlyle Chapter #269**. He was a member of St. Dominic Catholic Church in Breese, Breese American Legion Post 252 where he was a Past Commander, Carlyle VFW Post 3523 and American Legion Past Commanders. A memorial mass will be Monday, April 27, 2009 at 10:00 AM at St. Dominic Catholic Church in Breese with Fr. Patrick Peter officiating. Interment of cremains will be in St. Dominic Cemetery, Breese. Visitation will be Sunday, April 26, 2009 from 5:00 to 8:00 PM and again on Monday, April 27, 2009 from 8:00 to 9:45 AM at the Moss Funeral Home in Breese. The Breese American Legion will hold services at 7:00 PM Sunday evening at the funeral home Memorials can be made to American Legion Post 252 or Clinton Manor Living Center and will be received at the funeral home.

CHARLES A. "Charlie" KAPRAL – Died Tuesday, May 27, 2008 in Pittston, Pennsylvania at the age of 63. The cause of death was complications from Agent Orange-related Diabetes Mellitus Type II. He was born in Kingston, Pennsylvania on November 3, 1944. He is survived by his loving wife of 37 years, Marie Kapral, of the home. He served in the United States Air Force from November 1963 to November 1967 and was honorably discharged at the rank of Sergeant (E-5). He served a six-month tour of duty in Vietnam. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – New Brunswick (New Jersey) Chapter #233**. A memorial gathering was held in the home of Charlie and Marie in Yatesville, Pennsylvania on Sunday, June 8, 2009.

ALBERT J. "AL" KEENAN – 74, of Cape May, New Jersey, passed away peacefully Saturday, September 6, 2008. The cause of death was Alzheimer's Disease. He was born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania on March 22, 1934. Al was a longtime Cape May County area resident, living in Rio Grande and most recently Cape May. Al was a United States Marine Corps veteran of the Korean War and Vietnam War. He honorably served in the Marine Corps for 30 years before retiring as a Master Sergeant. He was a member of the Dramis Marine Corps League; the VFW Post 3509, Wildwood and the American Legion 0184, Wildwood. He was a *Permanently Hospitalized Veteran Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Egg Harbor Township Chapter #825**. He was predeceased by his parents Albert and Mary Keenan; his brother Arthur Keenan and his step-son Jack Young. Al is survived by his loving wife, Margaret "Peg" Keenan; sister, Sally (and David) Scaggs; brother, Joseph (and Mary Ann) Keenan; two step-children, Carole (and Pedro) Canale-Mayet, Robert Young; also survived by nieces and nephews. A graveside service with military honors will be held 11:30 am Friday, September 12th, in the Cape May County Veterans Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions are suggested in Al's memory to the New Jersey Veterans Memorial Home, Alzheimer's Unit (attn: Activities Dept.), 524 N. West Blvd., Vineland, New Jersey 08360. (Sudak-Danaher Funeral Home, Cape May)

CHARLES J. KELLY - 62, of Ocean Township, New Jersey, died at his home on Wednesday, April 22, 2009. The cause of death was a heart attack. He was born August 6, 1946 in Newark, New Jersey and raised in Newark. He lived in Monmouth County for the past 15 years. Charles graduated from Irvington Vocational High School and received a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Sociology at William Paterson University. He served in the United States Navy during the Vietnam War and was aboard the USS Wasp while participating in the Gemini 12 recovery operation. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Allenhurst Chapter #12**. A Claims adjuster in the insurance industry, he worked for NJ Manufacturers and later Ohio Casualty based in NJ. An avid fisherman, he fished whenever possible. He was a member of the Bradley Beach Fishing Club. He is survived by his children, Lewis & his wife Sarah of Clifton and Jane of Totowa, New Jersey; sister, Patricia, and brother, Edward, both of Springfield, New Jersey. Friends may visit today, Saturday, April 25, from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. at Bradley Haeberle & Barth Funeral Home, 1100 Pine Avenue, Union, New Jersey. Funeral prayers will take place immediately following the visitation. His cremation will be private. To send flowers, condolences or for further information go to www.bradleyfuneralhomes.com

JOHN F. KRANKUS – Died Tuesday, July 14, 2009 in Yonkers, New York at the age of 64. The cause of death was Agent Orange-related Diabetes Type II. He was born in The Bronx on January 3, 1945 to the late Julius and Isabel Krankus. He is survived by his wife, Mary Ellen (née Monaco) Krankus, of the home; his son, John Anthony; his sister, Mary Krankus; his brother, Robert Simson; granddaughter, Daniella Margaret Krankus, and; several nieces and nephews. He served in the United States Marine Corps during the Vietnam War. He was a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars – Empire Post #375. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Pleasantville Chapter #49**. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at Saint Barnabas Roman Catholic Church in Yonkers. Interment was in Ferncliff Cemetery.

FRANK J. KUCINICH, JR. - age 60, died Tuesday, June 30, 2009 at the Ohio Veterans Home in Sandusky, Ohio. He was born September 19, 1948. Dearest son of Frank J., Sr. and Virginia (nee Norris) (both deceased); beloved brother and dearest friend of Dennis (Elizabeth) Kucinich (Congressman and former Presidential Candidate), Gary (Denise), Theresa Sikorski (Marty), Larry, Perry (deceased) and Beth Ann (deceased); loving uncle and great uncle; dear cousin. He served in the United States Marine Corps during the Vietnam War. He was a *Founding Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Cleveland Chapter #15**. Services Monday, July 6, 2009, at 9 a.m. at GOLUBSKI FUNERAL HOME, CORNER OF E. 65 AND FULLERTON AVE., and at The Shrine Church of St. Stanislaus at 9:30 a.m. Interment Calvary Cemetery. Friends received SUNDAY 4-9 P.M. A memorial service will be held on Tuesday, July 7, 2009, at 9:30 a.m. at the Ohio Veterans Home, Giffin Chapel, 3416 Columbus Ave., Sandusky, OH 44870. In lieu of flowers, memorials to Vietnam Veterans of Greater Cleveland Chapter 15 c/o PLAV Post 30, 1041 Starkweather Ave., 44113.

HAROLD A. LAJINESS – Died Friday, May 8, 2009 in Monroe, Michigan at the age of 62. The cause of death was cancer. He was born in Monroe on October 7, 1946. He is survived by his wife, Dolly Lajiness, of the home. He served in the United States Navy during the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Monroe Chapter #142**.

DONALD D. LEEDY – Died in 2008 in the Indiana Veterans Home in Lafayette, Indiana at the age of 66. The cause of death is unknown. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Permanently Hospitalized Veteran* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Portage Chapter #905**.

MEREDITH LEEGARD - Died Tuesday, April 28, 2009, in Coos Bay, Oregon at the age of 91. He was a resident of North Bend, Oregon. The cause of death was lung cancer metastases from prostate cancer. Meredith was born May 20, 1917, in Wolf Point, Montana. He was raised in Minneapolis and as a teenager he spent his summers threshing fields in southeast Minnesota. He attended the Dunwoody Institute, learning to weld and he used this skill throughout his life for his livelihood. He had welded in the shipyards in Seattle, Wash., and Oakland, Calif., and was working in the Pearl Harbor Shipyard, along with his youngest brother, Babe, on Dec. 7, 1941, when it was bombed by the Japanese. He later joined the United States Merchant Marines, receiving his training at Catalina Island and Alameda, Calif. He sailed a total of 11 voyages all over the world during World War II. At the close of WWII, Meredith and his wife, Shirley, moved to the Bay Area, settling and raising their two children in Nipperville on East Bay Drive. They were later joined by his brothers, Ellsworth and Babe with their families. During the Vietnam War he voluntarily went back to sea to help carry South Korean troops back and forth to Vietnam. In his other employment, Meredith was a "gandy dancer" laying track for the Alaskan Railroad. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – North Bend Chapter #799**. He also had worked for Coos Head Lumber, Georgia-Pacific and Weyerhaeuser Paper Mill, and he owned his own business, Leegard Well Drilling. Meredith and Shirley had always been active in the local Democratic Party organization and he was instrumental in starting the Coos Bay Seaman's Center in 1962, along with his brother, Ells and the Rev. Dick Cockran of the North Bend Presbyterian Church. Meredith is survived by his son, Eric Leegard of Juneau, Alaska; daughter, Heidi Olson of Coos Bay; brother, Ells Leegard of North Bend; grandson, Leif

Leegard of Sierra Vista, Ariz.; granddaughter, Erica Wilson of Juneau; grandson, Conan Leegard of Juneau; grandson, Garry Olson of Coos Bay; granddaughter, Heather Clausen of Coos Bay; and great-grandson, Isaiah Wilson of Juneau.

DWAYNE SERGE LOGAN - 60, passed away Thursday, April 2, 2009. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Chicago, Illinois on January 21, 1949, son of Eva and the late Victor W. Logan. He was a graduate of Lane Tech High School. He served honorably in the United States Army in Vietnam 1969-70, where he was cited for heroism and gallantry in action, being awarded both the Bronze Star and the Silver Star. His rifle company was the Wild/Cat 3rd Platoon D 2/8 Cavalry 1st Cavalry Division (Airmobile). He was a member of Sheridan's Cavalry, the Chicago Chapter of the 1st Cavalry Division Association. Dwayne enjoyed bowling, golf and softball and loved animals. He is survived by his mother and his sister, Vicki Lee Logan, of Chicago; and his uncle, Serge Edward Logan, of Racine, WI. He was preceded in death by his father, his aunt, Annette Logan, and his grandparents. He was an *At-Large Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Illinois**. A gathering for family and friends will be held Saturday, May 2, 12 Noon to 4 p.m. at the White Eagle Banquet Hall, 6839 N. Milwaukee Ave., Niles, IL 60714. Visitation will be prior to and after the remembrance celebration at 2 pm. His cremains will be buried at Arlington National Cemetery with full military honors on Nov. 10, 2009. The family expresses special thanks to members of the Sheridan's Cavalry group for their assistance and guidance. Memorials in his name are suggested to Sheridan's Cavalry (200 Caroline Ave., Elmhurst, IL 60126), PAWS Chicago, Purple Heart, WTTW Channel 11, or to a nonprofit organization of one's choosing.

ANTONIO LOPEZ, SR. – Died Saturday, May 30, 2009 in Lawton, Oklahoma at the age of 81. The cause of death is unknown. He was born June 27, 1927 in McFadden, Texas to the late Luis and Adelida Hernandez Lopez. He married Trine Flores on August 19, 1947 in Victoria, Texas. In addition to his wife, of the home, he is survived by seven sons and daughters-in-law, Luis and Gloria Lopez, of Victoria; Antonio and Janice Lopez, Jr., of Jacksonville, Florida, Albert and Diane Lopez, of Lawton, Richard and Rebecca Lopez, of Qatar, Joe and Daphne Lopez, of Qatar, Robert Lopez, of Lawton and Paul and Tammara Lopez, Sr., of Lawton; two daughters and sons-in-law, Jo-Ann and Rollin Robinson, of Lawton and May-Jo and Jeff Greene, of Bellingham, Washington; 25 grandchildren; 33 great-grandchildren; one great-great-grandchild; two brothers, Julian and Raymond Lopez, both of Victoria, and; three sisters, Florence, Caroline and Lucy, all of Victoria. In addition to his parents, he was predeceased by a son, Florencio Lopez and a sister, Lydia Rocha. He served in the United States Army during World War II, the Korean War and the Vietnam War. He retired after 30 years of service at the rank of First Sergeant (E-8). He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Lawton Chapter #751**. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated in Saint Ann's Roman Catholic Church in Elgin, Oklahoma with Reverend Father Prakash Madineni, as celebrant. Interment with full military honors was in the Post Cemetery in Fort Sill, Oklahoma.

WILLARD HAMPTON MANDA - Entered life January 11, 1944 in East St. Louis, Illinois, passed away January 23, 2009 in Torrance, California at the age of 65. The cause of death was cancer.

He served in the United States Marine Corps during the Vietnam War. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Redondo Beach Chapter #53**. Willard is survived by his friends that loved him. Interment site services will be Tuesday, February 3, 2009, at 2:00pm at Green Hills Memorial Park in Rancho Palos Verdes, California. Please sign the guest book at www.dailybreeze.com/obits.

STEPHEN MARCHANT – Died in 2009 in Arlington, Virginia at the age 64. The cause of death is unknown. He was born November 25, 1944. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Denton (Texas) Chapter #920**.

VINCENT MARRAZZO – Died Tuesday, May 20, 2008 in Brunswick, Georgia. The cause of death is unknown. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Farmingdale Chapter #11**.

RIYOICHI H. "Moto" MARUMOTO - Born August 20, 1935 on the island of Palau, peacefully passed away in his sleep on Friday, March 13, 2009 at the age of 73. The cause of death was a stroke. His untimely passing was a shock to all who knew him. Riyoichi was first inducted into the United States Army in Agana, Guam in 1958 and was honorably discharged on November 30, 1978. He continued to work for the US Government for an additional 20 years as a quality control inspector until his retirement in 1997. Riyoichi was a dedicated member of the Local, District and State VFW Organizations of the United States of America. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Redondo Beach Chapter #53**. He will always be remembered for his kindness and enormous generosity and was loved and cherished by everyone who had the honor of knowing him. He soars with the angels now and is sorely missed by all he left behind. A memorial service will be held on Saturday, March 21 at 4:30pm at Rice Mortuary. Please go to the mortuary's website, www.LAfuneral.com to send the family messages, share memories, or to obtain directions to the services. Check back to view the online video tribute.

BILLY WAYNE MASSEY - Massey died Saturday, May 30, 2009, at Limestone Health Facility. He was born Sept. 6, 1945 in Limestone County, Alabama. The cause of death is unknown. The funeral for Billy Wayne Massey, 63, of Athens, Alabama will be at 1 p.m. Monday at Spry Funeral Home with James Long officiating. Burial will be in Roselawn Cemetery with military honors. Visitation is from 6-8 tonight at the funeral home. He was a United States Army veteran of Vietnam and retired from the Alabama National Guard. He was also retired from Union Camp of Decatur. Mr. Massey was of the Baptist faith. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Athens Chapter #511**. Survivors include his wife, Evelyn Massey of Athens; daughters, Sharon Boyd and Mikki Massey, both of Athens; son, Jason Massey of Smyrna, Tenn.; stepdaughters, Lisa Scruggs and Marilyn Smith, both of Athens; stepsons, Tony Gordon, Dennis Gordon, Larry Gordon, Randall Gordon and Paul Boyd, all of Athens; brother, Leon Massey of Athens; sister, Bobbie Brackeen of Athens; 17 grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren; several nieces and nephews.

LARRY LYLE McCULLAUGH – Died Wednesday, February 11, 2009 in Paducah, Kentucky at the age of 58. The cause of death was a heart attack. He was born October 26, 1950 in Muncie,

Indiana. He is survived by his wife, Jerry McCullaugh, of the home. He served in the United States Army with a tour in Vietnam from August 6, 1970 to October 18, 1971. He was a *Life Member* and *Vice- President* and *Past President* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Paducah Chapter #337**. He was the producer of “**Veterans Voice.**” He was a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #1191 and a DAV driver for the VA.

SEAN P. McHALE – Died Thursday, June 11, 2009 in Manila, The Philippines at the age of 73. The cause of death is unknown. He was born November 29, 1935. He was a member of **Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America – Philippines Chapter #887**.

ROBERT P. McINTOSH – Died in 2008 in the Indiana Veterans Home in Lafayette, Indiana at the age of 79. The cause of death is unknown. He was born July 6, 1929. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Permanently Hospitalized Veteran Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Portage Chapter #905**.

RONALD L. McKOON – Died Saturday, April 18, 2009 in Fort Madison, Iowa at the age of 64. The cause of death was Ventricular Tachycardia and Coronary Artery Disease. He was born in Fort Madison on December 14, 1944 to the late Carl E. McKoon and the late Esther A. (Tripp) McKoon. He is survived by his wife, Virginia (Ingalls) McKoon, of the home, whom he married on June 1, 1963 in Ankeny, Iowa; his son, Phillip McKoon, of Booneville, Mississippi; his daughter, Frances Bishop, of Denton, Texas, and; two grandchildren. In addition to his parents, he is predeceased by three brothers and one sister. He served in the United States Navy from 1962 to 1978 with a tour in Vietnam in 1968. He was a Veteran Service Representative for VVA. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Fort Madison Chapter #947**. Funeral services were conducted in the Hoy Baptist Church with the Reverend Earl Beal, officiating. Interment with full military honors was in Soldiers Circle, Oakland Cemetery in Fort Madison.

DUDLEY V. McMAINS – Died Sunday, January 13, 2008 in Prescott Valley, Arizona at the age of 81. The cause of death is unknown. He was born June 13, 1926 in Las Animas, Colorado to the late Lillie and Ivan McMains. He is survived by his wife, Betty McMains, of the home; three sons and two daughters-in-law, Ivan and Lenore McMains, of McKenzie, Tennessee, Douglas and Pam McMains, of Duke, Oklahoma and Vernon McMains, of Prescott Valley; four daughters and two sons-in-law, Denise McMains, of Carroll, Iowa, Edwina and Chilli Chillquist, of Prescott Valley, Valerie and Lou Jacobson, of Goshen, Indiana and Sheila McMains, of Duke Oklahoma; twelve grandchildren; fourteen great-grandchildren; two sisters and brothers-in-law, Darlene and Eddie McCloskey, of Seguin, Texas and Sue and Terry Holloman, of Riverside, California, and; one brother, Marvin McMains, of Crestline, California. In addition to his parents, he was predeceased by his sister, Dorothy Price, of Lake Havasu City, Arizona. He served in the United States Navy for thirty-one years. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Lawton (Oklahoma) Chapter #751**. Funeral services were conducted in the Heritage Memory Mortuary in Prescott, Arizona.

JOSEPH T. “Joe” MESCH - Retired U.S. Army Col. Joseph T. Mesch, 66, of Sierra Vista, Arizona, passed away peacefully with his family by his side Saturday, April 11, 2009, in Tucson, Arizona.

The cause of death is unknown. Joseph was born Oct. 8, 1942, in New Boston, Pennsylvania, to John and Leocadia (Mreese) Mesch. He was an incredibly devoted father who loved his family above all. He was unconditionally supportive of his three daughters and was more than a husband to his wife, Susan. He was her best friend. He faithfully served his country for more than 25 years in the U.S. Army. As a decorated Vietnam veteran, he was awarded numerous medals and a Combat Infantryman Badge for his service and bravery. He retired at Fort Huachuca in 1994. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Cochise County Chapter #1020**. He led an incredibly active life and did more in his 66 years than most could do in 100. He was an avid swimmer, runner, biker, environmentalist, community activist and world traveler. He is survived by his wife, Susan; three daughters, Elisa, Kara and Anya; two cats, Squeakers and Angel; his grand dog, Bailey; the two backyard feral cats; two brothers, Robert and John; three sisters, Lee (Nick) Spock, Joan (Frank) Trakes, Mary (Joe) Varese; and numerous nieces and nephews. Joseph's life will be celebrated Friday, April 17, 2009, at 10:30 a.m. at St. Andrew the Apostle Catholic Church, 800 N. Taylor Drive, Sierra Vista, with Father Gregory Adolf as the celebrant. All are invited to attend. Joe believed in living life to its fullest. In lieu of donations, please honor his wonderful life by doing something for the Sierra Vista community: Attend a Buena Fine Arts production or sporting event, host an international exchange student, run in a local 10k, plant an indigenous tree, or be creative in his memory.

CARL HENRY MIMS -- age 71, a native of Towanda, Pennsylvania and a resident of Fairhope for 25 years, died Saturday, March 11, 2006 at a local healthcare facility. He was born September 8, 1934. Mr. Mims was retired in 1971 as a M.Sgt. from the United States Marine Corps. He attended the Robertsdale Community of Christ Church and had been a Quartermaster at VFW Post 5660 in Fairhope. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Fairhope Chapter #864**. He had worked as a carpenter and was a former resident of Mobile. Survivors include his wife, Dorothy Jane Mims of Fairhope; 2 sisters, Opal Banks and Wanda 'Peanut' Long; 1 brother, Frederick C. Mims all of Mobile and a step-son, Jimmy L. Rutledge of Springfield, MO. A memorial service will be held at Robertsdale Community of Christ Church later this week with inurnment in Barrancas National Cemetery. Cremation arrangements are by Hughes Cremation Center Daphne, Alabama.

JERRY D. MITCHELL – Died Sunday, May 17, 2009 in Moberly, Missouri at the age of 67. The cause of death is unknown. He was born August 13, 1941. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a member and past President of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Moberly Chapter #70**.

MICHAEL “Gino” MONGELLI – 59, of Margate, New Jersey passed away peacefully with family members by his side Tuesday June 23, 2009. The cause of death is cancer. He was the son of the late Anthony and Anna, Michael was a longtime resident of Yeadon, Pennsylvania. A proud United States Army Vietnam Veteran with an in-country tour from 1 August 1969 to 7 January 1970. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Somers Point Chapter #228**. Michael was active in multiple civic organizations, including the Veterans of Foreign Wars and the American Legion. Michael was a retired member of the Local 13 Brotherhood of Boilermakers Union. Michael is survived by two sisters -- Patricia McCarthy and Kathleen

O'Gorman, stepsister Toni Montini -- five nieces and nephews -- Anna Marie LaVita, Anthony McCarthy, Rosalie Zanaras, Kimberly Minnick and Joseph O'Gorman -- 11 great nieces and nephews and dearest friend Annette Sharkey Beavers. Additionally, Michael is survived by Kenny Clearfield, to whom Michael became a "Big Brother" in 1972. Michael's 37-year relationship with Kenny was the longest-standing "Big Brother" union in the State of Pennsylvania. A gathering of family and friends will be held at St. James Roman Catholic Church in Ventnor on Saturday June 27, 2009. Church visitation will be from 9:30 to 10:30am with a Funeral Mass immediately to follow. Graveside service will be at Atlantic County Veterans Cemetery. Donations may be made to St. Padre Pio Shrine, PO Box 203, Landisville, NJ 08326-0203. Arrangements were conducted by the George H. Wimberg Funeral Home.

FRANK MONZON – Died Saturday, June 16, 2007 in Auburn, New York. The cause of death is unknown. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Auburn Chapter #205**.

JOHN WILLIAM "Bill" MOORE - of Crossville, Tennessee, and formerly of Mount Vernon, Tennessee passed from this life to his heavenly home on Monday, April 20, 2009, at St. Thomas Hospital in Nashville, Tennessee at the age of 71. The cause of death is unknown. Bill was born on February 16, 1938 in Johnston City, Tennessee, the son of Lester Moore and Nora Bethel Moore Beckham. He was extremely proud of having served in the United States Air Force and retired from there in 1975. He was a member of Sparta Highway Church of God in Crossville, Tenn. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Cumberland Plateau Chapter #1015**. Some favorite pastimes were motorcycles, guns and target practice, antique cars and landscaping and yard work. He married his childhood sweetheart Linda Meadows Wegmann Moore. Together they raised five children, Terry Wegmann of Dix, Vicki Ecrement of Crossville, Tenn., Renee Moore of Crossville, Tenn., Joey Wegmann of Woodlawn and Jeff Moore of Marion; together they have nine grandchildren and one great-granddaughter to arrive in May. He is also survived by a sister, Mildred Reynolds of Rockford; half-brother, Jimmy Sam Moore of Florida; stepbrothers, Keith Beckham, Charles Beckham and Art Beckham, all of Waltonville; and stepsister, Ruth Ann Bulford of Memphis, Tenn. He was preceded in death by his parents; grandson, Adam Wegmann; and brother, Charles Moore. Funeral services will be held Saturday at 2 p.m. at Hughey Funeral Home, with Brother James Wilson, a very special friend from Alabama, officiating. The family will receive friends from 12:30 to 2 p.m. prior to the service. Burial will follow in Boyd Cemetery in Boyd with full military honors performed by the Scott Air Force Base Honor Guard detail.

LUCIO G. MORENO - 58, passed away Monday, February 23, 2009. He was a lifelong resident of El Paso and was a member of the Catholic Church. The cause of death is unknown. He was born August 22, 1938. Mr. Moreno was a veteran of the United States Marine Corps, having served during the Vietnam Conflict. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – El Paso Chapter #574**. He was preceded in death by his parents Porfirio and Luz and sister Antonia Moreno. Mr. Moreno is survived by his wife Guadalupe M. Moreno; son Lucio Moreno, Jr. (Stephanie); daughter Susana Moreno; grandchildren Angel, Valeria, Samantha, and Rebecca Moreno. He is also survived by his siblings Leonor Armstrong, Porfirio (Yolanda) Moreno, Jr.,

Ramon (Lupe) Moreno, Carmen (Merrill) Williams, Lucy Moreno, Adelaida Chavez, Mike (Maria) Moreno, Terry (Mike) Cortez, and Jerry Moreno. Visitation will be Thursday from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church with Vigil Service at 7 p.m. Funeral Mass will be Friday at 11:30 a.m. at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church. Pallbearers will be Victor Flores, Porfirio Moreno, Jr., Ramon Moreno, Tony Chavira, Mike Moreno, and Jerry Moreno. Farewell Lucio-It's been a "slice of heaven". Committal Service will be at Fort Bliss National Cemetery. ARRANGEMENTS BY HILLCREST FUNERAL HOME

KENNETH D. MOSES – Died Monday, May 4, 2009 in Robertsdale, Alabama at the age of 66. The cause of death was a heart attack. He was born June 14, 1942. He served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Baldwin County Chapter #864**.

COLLEEN PATRICIA MUSSOLINO – Died Tuesday, June 30, 2009 in Bushkill, Pennsylvania at the age of 62. The cause of death was lung cancer. She was born Colleen Patricia MacDonald in Portland, Oregon on August 9, 1946. She is survived by her son, Donato Sambucci of Toms River, New Jersey. She served in the United States Army during the Vietnam-era. She was a co-founder of Women Veterans of America and a life member of the Disabled American Veterans. She was also a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Stroudsburg Chapter #678**. A memorial service was celebrated in the Saint Paul's United Church of Christ Church in Swiftwater, Pennsylvania.

WILLIAM VALENTION "Skip" NABOZNY – Died Friday, January 30, 2009 in Grafton, Ohio at the age of 72. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Dearborn, Michigan on May 28, 1937. He served in the United States Marine Corps during the Korean War-Era from August 9, 1954 to July 3, 1956. He was a member of **Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America – Grafton Chapter #559**.

JOHN PETER NASUTI, M.D. - 61, of Wilmington, North Carolina, died Wednesday, December 31, 2008, at New Hanover Regional Medical Center. The cause of death was liver failure (hepatitis). He was born on November 15, 1947, in Lowell, Massachusetts, the son of the late John Peter Nasuti, Sr. and Jane Carmo Nasuti. Dr. Nasuti was a veteran of the United States Army having served in the Vietnam War. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Wilmington Chapter #885**. He earned a doctorate in social work from the University of Utah and had been a professor at UNCW since 1992. An avid sports fan, Dr. Nasuti spent many years coaching various sports including little league baseball and soccer. Surviving is his wife, Linda Nasuti; one son, John Nasuti, Illinois; a sister, Debbie Moylan and husband Mike; two brothers, George Nasuti and wife Carol, and Ron Nasuti; nephews and nieces, Matthew Moylan, Jarrod Moylan, Megan Moylan, Christopher Nasuti and Sean Nasuti. The family will receive friends from 6 to 8 pm Friday, January 2, 2009, at Andrews Mortuary Market Street Chapel. A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10:00 am Saturday at St. Mary Catholic Church by Rev. Bob Kus. Interment will follow in Oleander Memorial Gardens. In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to Winter Park Optimist Club, P.O. Box 3511, Wilmington, NC 28406 or New Hanover High School Athletic Booster's Club, 1307 Market St., Wilmington, NC 29401.

RAYMOND L. "Larry" NIEDERSTADT - Age 65, of Stacy, Minnesota, died Saturday, June 27, 2009 surrounded by his family. The cause of death was cancer. He was born May 7, 1944 in Memphis, Tennessee. He served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Braham Chapter #684**. He was loved and greatly respected by his children for the love he showed to his beloved wife of 40 years Lila. He is also survived by his children, Tammy (David) Wright, Teri (Forrest) Thompson, Lukas (Laurie) Niederstadt, Lacey (Kirk) Watkins; many grandchildren and great grandchildren; sister Linda Brumley. He is preceded in death by his parents; his daughter Tina; his sister Debbie. A Memorial Service will be held at 6:00 p.m., Wednesday, July 1, 2009 at Mattson Funeral Home, 343 North Shore Drive, Forest Lake. The family will greet friends from 4:00 p.m., until the time of service. 651-464-3556

JOHN LEROY NOLES - age 62, of 360 Reedy Prong Church Road, Benson, North Carolina died Sunday, June 28, 2009. The cause of death is unknown. He was born July 25, 1944. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Four Oaks Chapter #990**. Funeral service will be 2:00 p.m. Wednesday at Rose & Graham Funeral chapel. Burial will follow in Johnson family cemetery. Family will receive friends from 7:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Tuesday at Rose & Graham Funeral Home, Benson.

CLIFFORD JOHN "Cliff" NORDIN - age 62 of Hesperia, Michigan passed away Tuesday in Grand Rapids following a lingering illness. Cliff was born on June 4, 1946 in Superior, WI, the son of Nicanor L. and Marjorie (Gould) Nordin Sr. Cliff joined the United States Marine Corps where he served as a Corporal and received 2 Purple Hearts during the Vietnam Era until his retirement in 1966. Cliff attended and graduated from Ferris State University and later received his Masters Degree from Central Michigan University. He entered his lifelong career in education at the Hesperia Community Schools in 1971 and served in various positions including science teacher at the Hesperia Middle School and Hesperia High School and later became Principal at the Hesperia Middle school and retired as Hesperia High School Principal in 1996. Cliff served as the coach of the football team, track team, and girl's volleyball team and also served as Scoutmaster for Troop #1133. He was an *At-Large Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Michigan**. Cliff met and later married Elizabeth Martus on August 30, 1968 in Burnside, MI and together they raised their family and have been residents of Hesperia for the past 40 years. After retirement, Cliff enjoyed fishing, reading, was an avid Detroit Lion's fan, and enjoyed cooking where he was known for his bread making abilities. Cliff held a special place in his heart for his grandchildren and enjoyed spending time with all of them. SURVIVORS: his wife of 40 years, Elizabeth of Hesperia; his children and grandchildren, Alex (Isabel) Nordin and their daughter, Emma of San Antonio, TX Andy (Diane) Nordin and their children, Walter, Edward, and Anna of Isanti, MN; Renée (José) Gutierrez and their children, José and Elizabeth of Lansing; Stephanie Nordin of Hesperia; his mother, Marjorie Nordin of Brown City, MI; his brothers, Nicanor Nordin Jr. of Newaygo; Gregory (Betty) Nordin of Brown City; Curt (Lynn) Nordin of Port Huron; his sister, Patricia (Norm) Edwards of Brown City. He was preceded in death by his father, Nicanor L. Nordin Sr. VISITATION: Friday, August 29, 2008 from 4-8pm at Crandell Funeral Home - Fremont Chapel. CELEBRATION OF LIFE SERVICES Saturday, August 30, 2008 at

2pm at the Crandell Funeral Home - Fremont Chapel. INTERMENT: St. Mary's Catholic Cemetery of Burnside, Michigan. IN LIEU OF FLOWERS: please make donations to the Hesperia Community Schools for the construction of a pole vault pit. CRANDELL-FREMONT 7193 W 48th Street.

KEVIN JAMES "Doc" O'LEARY - 70, died Wednesday, May 3, 2006, at Carroll Hospital Center. He was the husband of Marie Diane O'Leary, his wife of 48 years. Born November 25, 1935, in Rochester, N.Y., he was the son of the late Patrick Joseph O'Leary and Elizabeth Alice Kennedy O'Leary Fratta and the stepson of the late John and Lorene Fratta. Mr. O'Leary entered the U.S. Army at the age of 17, serving with the 241st Trans. Detachment. He fought in both the Korean War and Vietnam War at Qui Nhon. His awards include the Army Commendation Medal, Presidential Unit Citation, Vietnam Campaign Medal, National Defense, Korean, United Nations, and Vietnam Service Medals with three stars. He retired after 20 years of service at the rank of E6 Staff Sergeant. He worked as a manager of Gino's in Westminster, Md., for several years before joining the Sheriff's Department, working under Sheriff H. Leroy Campbell. He retired in 1997 from the Sheriff's Department after 23 years of service. Doc was a member of the FOP Lodge #20, American Legion Carroll Post 31, Am Vets, VFW Moleville Farm Post #467, Disabled Veterans. He was an *At-Large Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America - Maryland**, and was involved with Father Flanagan's Boys' Home. He enjoyed watching court shows on TV, collecting coins, spending time with his family and many friends, and playing with his dogs. Surviving, in addition to his wife, are son, John E. and companion, Kim Knaub of Carlisle; daughters and sons-in-law, Kathleen A. and Bryon Turfle of Westminster, Md., Linda E. and Shawn Thompson of Spring Grove, and Maureen P. and Lewis Hicks of Mt. Airy, Md.; daughter-in-law, Brenda O'Leary of Gardners; grandchildren, Emily, Kelly, and Katey O'Leary, Michael O'Leary, Cory and Jessica Thompson, Lewis, Brian, and Bradley Hicks, and Eric and Ryan Turfle; great-grandson, Austin O'Leary; mother-in-law, Anna Margaret Bolland of Westminster, Md.; and sister and brother-in-law, Denize and Richard Bent of Spencerport N.Y. He was predeceased by brother, John Vincent Fratta; and father-in-law, Frederick W. Bolland. The family will receive friends at Pritts Funeral Home & Chapel, 412 Washington Road, Westminster, Md., on Saturday from 6 to 8 p.m. and Sunday from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Interment will be in Mt. Olivet Cemetery in Hanover. Funeral services will be held Monday, May 8, 2006, at 11 a.m. at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Father Flanagan's Boys' Home, P.O. Box 145 Memorial, Boystown, NE 68010.

CARL A. PAGANO - The Mass of Christian Burial for Mr. Carl A. Pagano, 70, of Hillside Place, Belvedere, South Carolina, will be conducted Tuesday morning at 11 o'clock from Our Lady of Peace Catholic Church with Father Tim Lijewski as main celebrant. Final Prayers and Commendation will be in Sunset Memory Gardens with Full Military Honors. Mr. Pagano was a native of Boston, Massachusetts born on August 6, 1938, having made North Augusta his home for the past 35 years. He was a retired Master Sergeant in the United States Army with 20 years of service and a retired Lieutenant with the North Augusta Public Safety Department with 14 years of service. Mr. Pagano was a member of the Fraternal Order of Police, the Blue Knight Law Enforcement Motorcycle Club, Jessie C. Lynch Memorial American Legion Post #71, an At-

Large Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America - Georgia, the Italian-American Club of the CSRA and a former member of the National and Local Harley Owners Group. He was a communicant of Our Lady of Peace Catholic Church. Survivors include his wife of 46 years, Alina I. Pagano; two daughters, Angela M. Turner-Emory, Douglasville, GA and Lisa M. Pagano, Duluth, GA; a son, Anthony F. Pagano, Ft. Walton Beach, FL; a brother, Ronald F. Pagano, Elizabeth City, NC; three sisters, Sylvia O'Neill, Greenville, NC, Elizabeth Stone, Harvard, Mass and Emmaline Gillard, Tampa, FL; 3 grandchildren, Nicholas Turner, Ross Turner and Anthony Turner. Honorary Pallbearers will be members of the North Augusta Public Safety Department and Biagio Vericella, Fred Barnabei, Don Senecal, R.J. Vero, Quang Nguyen and Bill Maietta. The Vigil Service for the Deceased will be conducted at the funeral home Monday evening at 6 o'clock followed by visitation until 8. Memorials may be made to the One Faith, One Family Campaign, c/o Our Lady of Peace Church, P.O. Box 6605, North Augusta, SC 29861. Posey Funeral Directors of North Augusta in charge of arrangements (803-278-1181).

GUS F. PASQUALE – Died Monday, May 4, 2009 in Mahopac, New York at the age of 67. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in White Plains, New York on August 12, 1941. He is survived by his wife, Jackie, of the home; his daughter, Jeanna; his son, Brion, all of Mahopac, and; his sister, Marcia Ostberg, of West Harrison, New York. He served in the United States Army in Vietnam as a Military Police Officer with the 18th Airborne Corps, paratrooper unit. He subsequently served as a Corrections Officer with the Westchester County Jail followed by a 21 year career as a Police Officer for the Harrison Police Department. He was a member and past Commander of The American Legion – Port Chester Post #93. He was a *Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Pleasantville Chapter #49*. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at Saint John the Evangelist Roman Catholic Church in Mahopac. Interment was in Mount Calvary Cemetery.

JAMES H. PEASE - Died Wednesday, April 29, 2009 at Baystate Medical Center, Springfield, Massachusetts at the age of 70. He was a resident of Hardwick, Massachusetts. The cause of death is unknown. Jim was born in Ware, December 29, 1938, son of the late Louis and Susan (Wry) Pease, and lived here all of his life. He worked at Kanzaki Specialty Papers, Inc. in Ware for 25 years before his retirement five years ago. Previously, he worked at the Goodfield Dairy and Dorman's Garage both in Hardwick. Jim was a proud United States Army veteran serving his country during the Vietnam Era. He was a member of the American Legion Post 246 of Gilbertville. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Ware Chapter #405**. He loved spending time on his boat on the Connecticut River. His family and friends will always remember his great sense of humor and kindness. Jim is survived by his two sons, James J. Pease and his wife Mary, and Jeffrey L. Pease all of Hardwick; 3 granddaughters: Jennifer, Amanda and Jesselyn Pease; 1 grandson, Joshua Pease and 2 great-grandsons, Gabriel Allen and Kalib Delisle; and his long-time companion, Gert Trudeau. He was predeceased by another great-grandson, Cameron J. Pete, and his sister, Jean Pajak. Funeral Services for Jim will be held on Monday, May 4, 2009 at 10 am in the Cebula Funeral Home Chapel, 66 South Street, Ware. Interment with Military Honors will follow in the Hardwick Cemetery. Calling hours for family & friends will be held on Sunday, May 3, from 2 - 4 pm. In lieu of flowers, Memorial Donations

may be made in Jim's Memory to the D.A.V. Memorial Program, P.O. Box 14301, Cincinnati, Ohio 45250-0301.

DOMINICK A. PILEGGI - a lifelong resident of Haverstraw, New York, died Wednesday, April 8, 2009 at Good Samaritan Hospital. He was 69. Dominick was born October 3, 1939 in Nyack, New York to Frank and Corrine (Vinci) Pileggi. Dominick served his country proudly during the Vietnam era in the Army. Donnie worked until his retirement from Lederle Labs and was currently working for T.J. McGowan Sons Funeral Home. Dominick was a longtime skating guard at Low Tor Ice Rink and also was a former owner of Dominick Pileggi Studios. Donnie, being very community minded, was a 38-year member of Lady Warren Hose Company #5, member of the Haverstraw Council #581 Knights of Columbus, Leo Laders American Legion Post #130, Italian American Club, lifelong member of St. Peter's Church. Donnie was also an avid bowler, bowling in many leagues, most recently he bowled with the Rockland's Bravest Fireman's League at Hi-Tor Lanes. He was always up for a good game of horseshoes. Donnie also was a big fan of the New York Rangers. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – New City Chapter #333**. Dominick is survived by his loving wife, Mary Ann; his children: Dominick (Missy), Marie (Chris) Tooher, Katherine (Tony) Capparelli, Melissa (Anthony) Rinaldi, Michael, Matthew (Marie); 14 grandchildren, and one great grandchild. Dominick is also survived by his loving mother, Corrine "Katie"; brothers: Sisto, Frank (Eileen), Billy (Maria), Jerry; many nieces, nephews and cousins. He was predeceased by his father, Frank and his sister-in-law, Carol Pileggi. Friends and family may call Thursday, April 9 and Friday, April 10, from 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. at the T.J. McGowan Sons Funeral, Haverstraw. On Saturday, April 11, a blessing will be held at the funeral home at 10 a.m. followed by burial and military honors at the F.W. Loescher's Veteran Cemetery. On Monday, April 13, a Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated at 10 a.m. at St. Peter's Church. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations are being requested to Lady Warren Hose Company #5. Arrangements are under the direction of Donald M. Cranston of the T.J. McGowan Sons Funeral Home, 133 Broadway, Haverstraw, New York.

JOHN R. POITRAS - 59, passed away on Saturday, March 14, 2009, at Riverview Medical Center in Red Bank, NJ, after a courageous battle with cancer. He was born in Long Branch, New Jersey on January 13 1950 and residing in Point Pleasant, John was a lifelong resident of the Jersey shore area. He was a communicant of the Lutheran Church of the Reformation in West Long Branch. Mr. Poitras is predeceased by his father, John H. Poitras, and maternal grandmother, Anna Andrews. Surviving to cherish his memory are his mother, Lillian Lipari of Tinton Falls; his wife, Ilona (Behr) Poitras; son, Paul Poitras and wife, Jacqueline, of Hamilton; his daughter, Jennifer Murray and husband, Gregory, of Toms River; son, John Poitras of Asbury Park, as well as his sister, Carol Horstman of Ocean Grove. John was the Union President of the American Federation of Government Employees, Local 1904 at Fort Monmouth. He was also a Mediator for the Toms River Court System. He proudly served his country during the Vietnam War and was a life time member of the VFW Chapter 4715, Pt. Pleasant Beach. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Allenhurst Chapter #12**. Mr. Poitras will always be remembered as the ultimate athlete, enjoying every phase of physical activity and the great outdoors, especially as he was an avid runner and biker and successfully competed in the New York Marathon on three separate occasions. Amongst John's other passions and enjoyment,

was his involvement as lead singer in New Jersey's own local musical group, the Embury's. Friends and family are invited to John's visitation at Braun Funeral Home, 106 Broad St., Eatontown, NJ, on Tuesday, March 17, from the hours of 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. A funeral service will take place at the Lutheran Church of the Reformation in West Long Branch on Wednesday, March 18, at 11 a.m. In John's memory, the family requests donations be made to the American Cancer Society, 801 Broad St., Shrewsbury, NJ 07702.

MELVIN J. POSTON – Died Tuesday, August 19, 2009 in Rock Island, Illinois at the age of 67. The cause of death was brain and neck cancer. He was born June 28, 1941 in Akron, Ohio. He served in the United States Army with one tour of duty in Vietnam with the artillery branch. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Rock Island Chapter #299**.

BEVERLY ANNE PRINZING - Died Thursday, March 26, 2009 in Honeoye Falls, New York, at the age of 62. The cause of death was cancer. She was born on October 29, 1946. She was predeceased by sister, Frances Killenbec. She is survived by her beloved husband Jack; son, John A. Prinzing. Brothers, Arthur (Robbie), Harold (Linda) Jennejahn; sisters, Gladys (Daniel) Broadwell, Lois (William) Lambert, Tillie (Pete) Elder, Evelyn (Stan) Wright, Eleanor (Sarge) Sexton, Elsie (Ron) Zuber, Diane (Fred) Sansone, Susan (Bob) Mann and Jean Reinhardt. Brothers-in-law, James (Kay) Killenbec, James and Peter Prinzing. Sister-in-law, Mary Hicks. Aunt, Gladys O'Brien. Special friends, Carol Lee and Bob Nagle and Leslie and John Giering. Several nieces and nephews. Bev was a member of the Red Hat Society and was a *Life Member* of **Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America – Rochester Chapter #20**. No prior calling. Her Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated, Monday, March 30, 2009 at 11 am at Saint Rose Church, 1985 Lake Avenue, Lima, New York. Burial, N. Bloomfield Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorials to St. Rose Church, Lima, NY 14485; Notre Dame Retreat House, 5151 Foster Road, Canandaigua, NY 14424 or to PLUTA Cancer Center, 125 Red Creek Drive, Rochester, NY 14623. To light a candle of remembrance, please visit www.mertonkaysfuneralhome.com



WILLIAM J. RANSOM - 75, of Schenectady, New York died peacefully May 5, 2009, at home surrounded by his family. Born in Schenectady on December 10, 1933, he was the son of the late William and Orpha (Perkins) Ransom. A veteran of both the Korean and Vietnam Wars, Bill retired as a tech sergeant from the United States Air Force after over 21 years of service. After the military, he worked in communications with United Telephone, Union College, and Nynex for several years. Bill was a member of the Disabled American Veterans and VFW Post 357 in Schenectady. He was an *At-Large Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – New York**. He was an avid coin collector, enjoyed collecting military artifacts, casinos, dining out, and his movies. Beside his parents, he was predeceased by his brother, David Ransom, and sister, Shirley Burdick. He is survived by his wife of 52 years, June M. (Lambert) Ransom; his children, Paul W. Ransom of Oregon, Billy-Jo Ransom of Schenectady, James R. Ransom (Terri) of Florida, and Raylene Ransom of Schenectady; sisters, Charlotte Shannon Gallo and Carole Yezzo (John), both of Schenectady; five grandchildren, and several nieces and nephews. A service will be held at Saratoga National Cemetery in Schuylerville, New York on Tuesday May 12, 2009 at 11 a.m. Relatives and friends are invited to attend. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made in his memory to VFW Post 357, 1309 5th

Avenue, Schenectady, NY 12303. Arrangements are by Bond Funeral Home, Schenectady, New York.

WINIFERD BRUCE RAWLINS - Age 68, of Eastwey Avenue in Dayton, Ohio passed away Monday, June 22, 2009, at his home. The cause of death was cancer and pneumonia. He was born November 11, 1940 in Estill County, Kentucky and was the son of Edna Harris Blankenship and the late Daniel Thomas Rawlins. He was a retired bus driver with the Regional Transportation Authority in Dayton, Ohio. He was a United States Army and United States Navy veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Dayton Chapter #97**. He was a member of the Church of God. He had lived in Dayton, Ohio most of his life. He is survived by: His mother: Edna Harris Blankenship, Dayton, OH; 1 Daughter: Benita Koren Rawlins, New Lebanon, OH; 2 Sons: Brian Keith Rawlins, Trenton, OH, Winiferd Bruce Rawlins, II, Cincinnati, OH; 1 Sister: Elwanda Cole, Irvine, KY; 1 Step-Brother: Donald Edward Blankenship, Dayton, OH; 4 Grandsons. Funeral services will be conducted Thursday, June 25, 1 PM at the Warren F. Toler Funeral Home in Irvine, Kentucky by Bro. Beverly Arvin. Burial will be at the Campbell Cemetery. Friends may call from 10 AM Thursday until funeral time.

ROBLY REX – Died Tuesday, April 28, 2009 in Louisville, Kentucky at the age of 107. The cause of death was natural causes. He was born January 1, 1901. He was a veteran of World War I and the oldest living veteran in the State of Kentucky. He was a *Life Member* of **Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America – Louisville Chapter #454**.

ROY E. RIBBECK – Died Sunday, April 19, 2009 in the New York State Veterans Home in Batavia, New York at the age of 82. The cause of death is unknown. He was born October 2, 1926 in Byron, New York to the late George and Pearl (Miller) Ribbeck. He married Ruth (Acker) Ribbeck on July 5, 1957. In addition to his wife, he is survived by seven children, Amanda (Warren) Spencer, of Hunt, New York, Marjorie (Jim Cassidy) Cecere, of East Pembroke, New York, Buzz (Tammy) Ribbeck, Christine (Boyd) Poole, both of Warsaw, New York, Julie Pope, of Palmyra, New York, Timothy (Angel) Ribbeck, and Matthew (Julia Kantrowski) Ribbeck, both of Warsaw; 13 grandchildren; five great-grandchildren, and; many nieces, nephews, cousins and other relatives. He served in the United States Army during the Korean War. He was a member of the Johnsonburg United Methodist Church. He was a member of **Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America – Leroy Chapter #193**. Funeral services were conducted in the Johnsonburg United Methodist Church.

GLENN JOSEPH RICE – Died Thursday, May 7, 2009 in his home in Cumberland, Maryland at the age of 60. The cause of death was cirrhosis of the liver. He was born October 29, 1948 in Cumberland to the late Agatha “Gay” E. Rice. In addition to his mother, he was predeceased by his wife, Judy Ann Rice in 2007. He is survived by his son and daughter-in-law, Glenn J. and Carli Rice, Jr., of Cresaptown, Maryland; one grandson, Owen N. Rice, and; one step-granddaughter, Jaden M. Bishop. He served in the United States Army from January 13, 1969 to November 10, 1970 during the Vietnam War earning for himself a Bronze State Medal. He was assigned to 2nd Battalion, 11th Artillery. He was a member of Saint Mary’s Catholic Church, the Knights of Columbus and The American Legion. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America –**

Cumberland Chapter #172. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at Saint Mary's Church with Father Ty S. Hullinger as celebrant. Interment with full military honors was in Restlawn Memorial Gardens.

CHARLES L. RIDEN, SR. – 74, of 1425 Lynmar Street, Keyser, West Virginia, died Monday, April 13, 2009 at the Braddock Campus of the WMHS, Cumberland, Maryland. The cause of death was mesothelioma. He was born on December 8, 1934 at Levels, West Virginia, he was a son of the late Charles A. and Beulah I. (Sine) Riden. He was also preceded in death by two brothers, Robert L. Riden and Roger P. Riden; two sisters, Mary I. Gardner and Catherine L. Lloyd; a son, Charles L. Riden, Jr. and a granddaughter, Christina Dawn Riden. He was the last surviving member of his immediate family. Mr. Riden was retired as a maintenance foreman with the Vepco Power Plant in Mt. Storm, West Virginia and was also retired from the United States Navy. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Cumberland Chapter #172.** He was a member of the American Legion Boyce Houser Post #41, Keyser and an honorary member of the Mountainside Marine Corp Detachment. He was a former member of the Keyser Rescue Squad and was the first president of the Mineral County Ambulance Authority. He was a member of Victory Independent Baptist Church, Keyser. Surviving is his wife of 54 years, Peggy S. (Moreland) Riden; a daughter, Sue Gates and husband Melvin, Keyser; a son, William Riden and wife Becky, Cresaptown, MD; seven grandchildren, Barbara Blosser, Candace Riden, Holly Kesecker, Jennifer Goss, Corey Riden, Wesley Riden and Jessica Riden and five great-grandchildren, Matthew, Charles, Zoe, Alexis and Miley. Friends were received at the Smith Funeral Home, Keyser Chapel on Thursday, April 16 from 2-4 and 7-9 p.m. Funeral services were conducted at the Smith Funeral Home, Keyser Chapel on Friday, April 17 at 11:00 a.m. Interment was in the Potomac Memorial Gardens, Keyser.

WILLIAM E. ROE – Died Sunday, June 14, 2009 in Rock Island, Illinois at the age of 67. The cause of death was liver cancer. He was born November 14, 1941 in Davenport, Iowa. He served in the United States Navy with two tours of duty in Vietnam. He later served two more years with the United States Air Force. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Rock Island Chapter #299.**

THOMAS EDWARD RUCCI – 58, of Town Bank, New Jersey passed away unexpectedly on Saturday, June 6, 2009 at University of Pennsylvania Hospital. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania on September 12, 1950. He was an area resident here for the past 21 years. He previously resided in the Fishtown Section of Philadelphia. He was a veteran of the U.S. Marine Corps. He worked as a meat cutter for 30 years, most recently in the North Cape May Acme Market. He was a *Life Member* of the **Vietnam Veterans of America – Cape May Chapter #602** of Erma, New Jersey. Surviving are his wife, Hope; four children, Lisa Bland (John), Dawn Brady (Brian), Stacy Rucci and Thomas E. Rucci, Jr. (Christa); brothers Charles Kirby and G. Wayne Rucci; a sister, Dorothea Louise Daly; 11 grandchildren, John, Andrew, Patty, Kierston, Jessica, Jacquelyn, Samantha, Mackenzie, Thomas III, Anthony and Gianna. A memorial service will be held on Wednesday, June 10, 2009, at 12 noon at the Evoy Funeral Home, 3218 Bayshore Rd., N. Cape May, NJ, where friends may call from 10:00am.

Burial will be at a later date at Cape May Co. Veterans Cemetery. Donations in his memory may be sent to: Love of Linda Cancer Fund, PO Box 1053, Wildwood, NJ. 08260

EUGENE JACOB SCHAETZEL, JR. - of Denver, Colorado died Saturday, December 8, 2007 at the age of 64. The cause of death was renal cell carcinoma and cardiac arrest. He was born May 20, 1943 in Omaha, Nebraska. He is survived by his wife, Susan; mother, Margaret; sisters Margaret Cashen and Mary Jo Swanson; his brothers, Tom and William Schaetzel. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was an *At-Large Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Colorado**. A Memorial Service was conducted at 10:00 Saturday, Dec. 22, Horan and McConaty, 1091 S. Colorado Blvd. Interment with full military honors was in Fort Logan National Cemetery in Denver. In lieu of flowers, memorials should be made to Colorado Community Hospice. 3501 W. 23rd Ave., Denver, 80211.

JOHN R. SCHRIVER - 65, of Lonaconing, Maryland, passed from this life to a greater life beyond on Sunday, July 12, 2009. We choose not to say he lost his fight. He was truly a winner. What an amazing battle he fought for two and a half years with brain cancer (GBM). John showed true strength during his illness with his faith in the Lord. He was born April 11, 1944, to the late Clarence and Mary (Beeman) Schriver. John was raised in the Moscow-Barton area. He retired from the United States Postal Service, having worked in the Lonaconing office. He attended the First Assembly of God Church in Lonaconing. John served in the United States Army. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Cumberland Chapter #172**, a member of the National Association of Letter Carriers Branch 638, a member of Victory Post 155 American Legion, Westernport, the Lonaconing Republican Club and the Jackson Run Sportsmen Club. Before John's illness, he was an avid hunter, fisherman and horse shoe player and loved to read. He leaves behind his wife, Sandi (Coleman) Schriver; a son, John T. Schriver and wife Anita, of Lonaconing; a daughter, Ashley N. Schriver, at home; two granddaughters, whom John loved dearly, Sydney Marie and Layney Rene Schriver; two brothers, Tommy Schriver and wife Sandy, of Westminster, and Bobby Schriver and wife Venus, of Nebraska; four sisters, Blanche Matthews, Mary Lee, Judy Metts and husband Mark, and Carolyn Hughes and husband Rickie, all of this area. He is also survived by two brothers-in-law, Tom Coleman and wife Patricia, of Midland, and Dan Coleman and wife Jen, of Sydney, Australia; two sisters-in-law, Brenda J. Poland, of Keyser, W.Va., and Gloria Whitehead, of Midlothian; and a very special cousin to John, Edna (Beeman) Clark. The family will receive friends at the Boal Memorial Chapel, Barton, on Friday, July 17, from 6 to 9 p.m. A funeral service will be conducted in the First Assembly of God Church, Lonaconing, on Saturday, July 18, at 1 p.m. with the Rev. Greg George and the Rev. Fred Sloan, who has been a kind and wonderful friend to John, officiating. Interment will be in Mountain View Cemetery, Moscow Mills, with full military honors accorded at graveside by Vietnam Veterans Chapter 172. Pallbearers will be Joe Robertson, John Kirkwood, J.R. Metz, Brian Moses, Terry Meyers, Brian Bean, Steve Keller, and Tom Shockey, all close friends. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made in memory of John to the First Assembly of God Missionary Fund, 17222 Assembly Lane, Lonaconing, MD. 21539. We wish to thank everyone who kept John in their prayers and the kindness shown to him during his illness. John had a kind and loving nature and will be dearly missed. A very special thank you to Kenny and Faye Smith for their prayers, kindness and support. May the Lord continue to bless them.

Special thanks to Home Hospice and Barbara White for her caring and kindness with John and also Home Health Aids and their kindness.

CARL DOUGLAS SEAY, JR. – Died on Memorial Day, 2009 in Ponderay, Idaho at the age of 58. The cause of death is unknown. He was born July 27, 1950. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Kootenai Chapter #890**.

GLENN M. SHRIVER - 61, of Waynesboro, Pennsylvania, passed away Tuesday, September 4, 2007 in his home, of natural causes. He was born on April 23, 1946, in South Bend, Indiana to Glenn E. and Faye Shriver of South Bend. Glenn is survived by his mother, Faye Shriver of Mishawaka; a sister, Harriett Shock of Mishawaka; a nephew, Stephen P. Minder of Osceola. His father preceded him in death in 1976. Glenn entered the United States Army in 1965. He served with the 101st Airborne "Screaming Eagles" in Vietnam as a door gunner with the Killer Spade Skymasters. After his tour he was stationed in Germany as an aircraft mechanic with a Helicopter Medevac Unit. On his return to the United States, he was an illustrator at Fort Ritchie, Maryland, until his honorable discharge in 1978. Glenn remained in the position of graphic artist as a civilian until his retirement in 1983. In his South Bend years before the military Glenn worked at Freeman Spicer as a driver for the dealership and as liaison transport driver with Studebaker. He loved to talk about the time he drove Andy Granatelli's new Avanti. His love for cars lasted his entire lifetime, especially muscle cars. He restored many cars, including a 1969 Dodge Charger as an exact replica of the "General Lee." He was an *At-Large Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America - Maryland**, and belonged to the Studebaker Drivers Club, and the Studebaker National Museum. A memorial brick in his name will be installed in the museum's courtyard. There will be no visitation. Private graveside services with full military honors will take place at Fairview Cemetery, Mishawaka. Mr. Merle B. Miller, Glenn's cousin and also a Vietnam veteran, will preside over the services. Palmer Funeral Home-River Park, South Bend is assisting the family with arrangements. Memorial contributions may be made to the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall and the Women Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, DC.

GORDON E. SILL – Died in 2008 in the Indiana Veterans Home in Lafayette, Indiana at the age of 57. The cause of death is unknown. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Permanently Hospitalized Veteran Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Portage Chapter #905**.

JOHN H. SIMMONS - 63, a resident of Charleston in Bradley County, Tennessee, passed away Monday, July 27, 2009, at his home. The cause of death was cardiac arrest. He was born in Cleveland, Tennessee on May 28, 1946. He was preceded in death by his mother and father, Rachel Huffine Simmons and Hugh Lee Simmons. He was also preceded in death by his grandparents, Frank and Emma Baldwin Simmons and Ben and Rose Byrd Huffine. He is survived by wife of 32 years, Sharon Simmons; two children: Penny Farmer (Steve) of Knoxville and Grant Pirkle (Danielle) of Charleston; four grandchildren: Skylar and Darby Pirkle of Charleston, Jenifer and Courtney Farmer of Knoxville; brother, David Lee Simmons (Charlene) of Leawood, Kan.; sister, Mary Ann Radford (Thurmon) of Mt. Desert, Maine; aunts: Ruby

Simmons and Ruth Simmons Moore (John B) and Mildred Johnson (Jim); mother-in-law, Opal Miller; sisters-in-law, Jeanette Brown (Jackie) and Martha Moses (Eddy), all of Bradley County; uncle, James Huffine (Ruth) of Gallatin; and several cousins, nieces and nephews. He grew up in Cleveland and attended Arnold Elementary and Arnold Junior High School. He graduated from Bradley High School, class of 1964, and was elected best dressed by his classmates. He attended Tennessee Wesleyan College from 1964 to 1966 and joined the U.S. Navy in 1966 serving until 1970. He served as a corpsman at Bethesda Naval Hospital and served in Vietnam as a corpsman with the 1st Marine Division. He was involved in many combat situations in Vietnam which resulted in a profound impact upon him for the rest of his life. He traveled as a sales representative for Hardwick Clothes of Cleveland from 1970 until 2001. He was an 11 year member of the Hardwick Presidents Club for the top Hardwick salesmen and was selected Salesman of the Year several times during his career. He retired from Hardwick Clothes in 2001 due to his disability. He was very active in Veterans Affairs both locally and at the state and national level. In 2008, he was named Disabled American Veterans (DAV) Veteran of the Year for the state of Tennessee. He served as service officer for the American Legion Post 81. He has helped countless veterans get their claims approved. He would tell you that helping Veterans was his purpose and kept him going. He did this in spite of being classified as 100 percent disabled himself and often in pain. He was also active in the local VFW Post No. 2598. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Cleveland (Tennessee) Chapter #586**. He was a very active member of the Tennessee State Veterans' Homes Board being appointed by Governor Phil Bredesen. He was to take on the Chairman's position later this week. He was deeply committed and involved in getting a state Veteran Nursing Home in Bradley County. He has been instrumental in getting a \$3 million dollar anonymous donation and pushing through the Tennessee House Joint Resolution 807 supporting a nursing home in Bradley County. He has been very active in "behind the scenes" lobbying in Nashville supporting legislation beneficial to veterans. He served on the Cleveland Bradley Communications Board which oversees operation of the 911 Center. He was a regular Monday through Saturday attendee at the Liar's Table at the Old Fort Restaurant. He was outspoken at the table about his political beliefs, while at the same time maintaining close friendships and respect. The funeral will be held at 1 p.m. Thursday, July 30, 2009, at Candies Creek Baptist Church with the Rev. Reed Wright officiating. Interment will follow at the Candies Creek Baptist Church Cemetery with military honors. John Haile, Steve Stewart, Joe Davis, Davis Morelock, Don Samuels and Jeff Morelock will serve as pallbearers. A white dove release ceremony will conclude the service. The family will receive friends from 5 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at Fike Funeral Home. Memorials may be made to the State Veterans Home in care of Bradley County Government, Attn: Lynn Burns, 155 Broad St., Cleveland, TN 37311.

CLIFFORD O. SIPE – Died Monday, July 6, 2009 in Midland Pennsylvania at the age of 68. The cause of death is unknown. He was born February 20, 1941. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Beaver Falls Chapter #462**.

DWIGHT EDWARD SLAUGHTER – Died Monday, February 23, 2009 in Jasper, Tennessee at the age of 58. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in South Pittsburg, Tennessee on April 24, 1950. He is survived by his wife, Cheryl Slaughter, of the home. He served in the United

States Army with a tour of duty in Vietnam from 1970 to 1971. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Chattanooga Chapter #203**.

FRANK RANDALL SORRELLS – Died Friday, June 5, 2009 in Franklin, North Carolina at the age of 61. The cause of death is unknown. He was born December 4, 1947. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Franklin Chapter #994**.

DONALD H. SOUDER – 67, of Egg Harbor Township, New Jersey passed away peacefully on Friday, June 26, 2009 after a courageous battle with Parkinson's Disease. Born in Weehawken, New Jersey on April 27, 1942, he attended school in Atlantic City after which he joined the United States Army. Donald spent five and a half years in Vietnam and then set up residence in Egg Harbor Twp. In the Army, he received numerous awards, including three Purple Hearts during an almost 30 year career with the Army and Air National Guard. Donald spent over 20 years at the NJDOC at Bayside State Prison where he was a corrections officer. He then retired after spending one year at Ancora Psychiatric Hospital as a Sergeant. He was a volunteer Scullville fireman and was also a first aid and CPR instructor for the Atlantic County Police Academy and for the Red Cross. He was also involved in the Field of Dreams Project in Absecon and was a leading advocate for Veterans in Southern NJ. He was a *Charter Member* and *Past President* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Somers Point Chapter #228**. He was a past Commander VFW post 220 in Mays Landing. Donald was also active in POW/MIA programs. He established the POW/MIA ceremony at the county level. He is survived by his wife of 37 years, Kim; his two daughters, Donna Connelly and Teresa Clayton; one grandson, Patrick Clayton; three siblings, Richard Souder, Patricia Stewart and Peggy Souder; as well as a host of nieces and nephews. Friends and family are invited to attend a viewing on Tuesday, June 30th from 6:00pm to 8:00pm and Wednesday, July 1st from 10am to 11am at Adams-Perfect Funeral Home, 1650 New Road, Northfield, NJ. Funeral service will be held on Wednesday, July 1st at 11am at the Funeral Home. Interment will be in Atlantic County Veterans Cemetery, Estell Manor. Donations may be made in Donald's memory to the Field of Dreams Project, 226 Ohio Avenue, Absecon, NJ 08201 attention Barry Hackett.

CHARLES WILLIAM “Charlie” SPAHN - of Wales Center, New York, entered into rest Sunday, April 26, 2009 at the age of 68 with his family at his side. The cause of death was cancer. He was born February 4, 1941 in Buffalo, New York. Beloved husband of Patricia Perrin Spahn; cherished father of Barbara (Josh) Blair, Robert (Aimee) and William (Shannon Killmon); loving grandfather of Jordan and Matthew; dear brother of Joseph (late Mary), Paul Sr. (Donna), Kathy Macaluso, Michael Sr. (Louise), Henry A. Jr. (Margaret Holzborn) and the late Linda Blemel; also survived by nieces and nephews. Friends may call Friday 2-4 and 7-9 PM at the WOOD FUNERAL HOME, 784 Main St., East Aurora. Mass of Christian Burial at Immaculate Conception RC Church, 520 Oakwood Ave., East Aurora, on Saturday at 9:00 AM (Please assemble at church). Interment with Military Honors in Evergreen Cemetery, Wales Center. Charlie was a retired Construction Inspector for the Erie County Water Authority, a Vietnam War United States Army veteran, a proud member of the East Aurora American Legion, VFW Sgt. Mark A. Rademacher Post 7795. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Tonawanda Chapter #77** and the Nam Club. The family flower shop will be closed on Friday and Saturday for

remembrance. Donations to the Hospitality Room at Roswell Park Cancer Institute (851-1111), the VFW Rademacher Post or the Chapter 77 Food Bank would be appreciated.

ARTHUR STALLINGS – Died Monday, June 2, 2008 in Bowling Green, Missouri at the age of 60. The cause of death is unknown. He was born September 13, 1947. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Bowling Green Chapter #833**.

ROBERT A. STEVENSON – Died in 2008 in the Indiana Veterans Home in Lafayette, Indiana at the age of 58. The cause of death is unknown. He was born September 17, 1980. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Permanently Hospitalized Veteran Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Portage Chapter #905**.

CARLTON DONELL TAYLOR - 62, died Tuesday, June 16, 2009 at Parrish Medical Center. He was a resident of Oakhill, Florida. The cause of death is unknown. Carlton was born in Panama City, Florida and lived in Florida all his life. He was a veteran of the United States Army and served in the Vietnam War. He was an Air Conditioning and Electrical Contractor. He was a member of the American Legion and the VFW. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Edgewater Chapter #916**. He is survived by his wife, Margaret Taylor, Oak Hill; sons, Carlton Taylor, Jr. (Jennifer), Melbourne, Larry Stickney (Lora), Merritt Island; daughters, Laurie Layne (Alan), Titusville and Peggy Stickney, Titusville; sisters, Sharon McDonald (Richard), Lakeland and Linda Harris (Frank), West Palm Beach; sister-in-law, Janet Taylor; and a brother-in-law, Cecil Taylor. He is also survived by 15 grandchildren; and three great- granddaughters. A memorial service will be held 10 a.m. Monday, June 22, 2009 at North Brevard Funeral Home. Interment will be at Florida National Cemetery in Bushnell, Florida.

LORENZO TEJERINO – Died Friday, June 12, 2009 in Cuero, Texas at the age of 71. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Gonzales, Texas on April 18, 1938. He is survived by his wife, Aurora Tejerino, of the home. He served in the United States Army during the Vietnam-Era. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Victoria Chapter #898**.

HOWARD E. TERRY – Died recently in 2009 in Cleveland, Tennessee at the age of 62. The cause of death is unknown. He was born January 11, 1947. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Cleveland Chapter #596**.

CARL THOMAS – Died in 2002 in Spiro, Oklahoma at the age of 67. The cause of death is unknown. He was born March 25, 1935. He served in the United States Army. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Fort Smith Chapter #467**.

ROBERT TIMBERLAKE – Died recently in 2009 in Redford, Michigan at the age of 61. The cause of death is unknown. He was born November 29, 1947. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Dearborn Chapter #267**.

STEPHEN TORRES - 59, of Port Monmouth, New Jersey, died Friday, April 17, 2009. The cause of death was a motorcycle accident, death resulting. He was born in Bronx, New York and was a lifelong resident of Middletown, New Jersey. Stephen worked for the State of New Jersey Motor Vehicle Services for over 30 years. The latter part of his career, he was coordinator of Motor Vehicle Services in Eatontown. He served in the United States Army and was a Vietnam War veteran. He was also a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America Allenhurst Chapter #12**. Surviving are his daughters, Natasha Torres and Taylor Torres of Belford; a son-in-law, Sean Morgan of Belford; his parents, Antonio and Carmen Torres; six brothers, Tony Torres, Joe Torres, Robert Torres, Chuck Torres, Frank Torres, and Jimmy Perez; five sisters, Alice Montalvo, Evelyn Chervanek, Cynthia Rivera, Elizabeth Cruickshank, and Celeste Herdeman; and grandchildren, Tristan Torres, and Takoda and Tealyn Morgan. Stephen was predeceased by his mother, Adeline Perez. Stephen is also survived by his estranged wife, Loretta T. Torres of West Palm Beach, Florida. Friends will be received from 2 to 4 p.m. and 7 to 9 p.m. Thursday, April 23 at John F. Pflieger Funeral Home, 115 Tindall Road, Middletown. Services will be held at 9:30 a.m. Friday, April 24 at St. Mary's Chapel, Leonardville Road, New Monmouth, New Jersey.

RICHARD L. UPLINGER – Died Sunday, May 3, 2009 in Greer, South Carolina at the age of 60. The cause of death was cancer. He was born September 15, 1948. He served in the United States Army with a tour of duty in Vietnam from July 1969 to July 1970. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Greenville Chapter #523**.

JULIAN “Joe” VALLEJOS - Died Friday, February 27, 2009 in Fresno, California at that age of 72. The cause of death was myocardial infarction due coronary artery disease due to hypertension and Agent Orange-related Diabetes Mellitus Type II. Joe was born on February 22, 1937, in Grants, New Mexico. He graduated from Paramount High School, in Los Angeles in 1955. He then joined the U.S. Air Force, to establish his career. He always said he graduated on Friday, and shipped out on Monday, and that is just what he did. Joe met Virginia at a dance at St. John's here in Fresno, in 1956. They were married on December 28, 1957. As they moved around the world, they had four beautiful children. He retired from the United States Air Force in Panama in 1976, as a Decorated Patriot. They moved back to Fresno, where his family grew to 21 individuals. Plus many adoptees he considered his family. He joined the family of Community Hospitals where he devoted his services another 22 years, before retiring again, in 1998. Over the years, Joe has shown exemplary service to his community as a Knight of Columbus (past Grand Knight), Vietnam Veteran, and a member of the VFW, American Legion, The Guadalupe Society, and the ECV Historical Society (Clampers). He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Fresno Chapter #993**. To his country, as a proud soldier doing a tour in Korea, and three tours in Vietnam for all of our families' freedoms. We thank him for showing us what a real man, husband, father and brother, does for his family, friends, and country. With much respect from anyone who knew him or met him. He is a real American Hero. He is survived by his wife, Virginia; children, Jennifer, Joey, Greg and Linda; grandchildren, Stefan, Matthew, Elena, Melanie, Alyssa, Sky, Britney, Joseph, Joel, Sasha, Vincent, Gabriel, Heaven and Allen; great-grandchildren, Sal, Deija, Liam, JJ, Kaleb, Aaliyah, and Jayden. Visitation will be held at Whitehurst, Sullivan, Burns & Blair Funeral Home, on Thursday, March 5, 2009, from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m., followed by Recitation of the Holy Rosary at

7:00 p.m. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held at Sacred Heart Catholic Church, on Friday, March 6, 2009, at 10:00 a.m. Interment to follow at St. Peter's Cemetery. WHITEHURST, SULLIVAN, BURNS & BLAIR Funeral Home 1525 East Saginaw Way Fresno, Ca. (559)227-4048

JOHN B. VOCKEROTH, JR. – Died on Tuesday, August 12 2008 in Atco, New Jersey at the age of 60. The cause of death was Huntington's Corea Disease. He was born October 22, 1947. He is survived by his beloved wife, Michelle M. (née Snitcher). Mr. Vockeroth proudly served his country in the United States Navy during the Vietnam War. He worked many years at the United States Navy Yard in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania and most recently he worked as a computer analyst at Signa Corp in Voorhees. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Egg Harbor Chapter #825**. Relatives and friends are invited to attend his viewing on Thursday 9:00 to 10:00am at the LeRoy P. Wooster Funeral Home 441 White Horse Pike, Atco, New Jersey 08004 (856) 767-0539. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at 10:30am at Assumption Roman Catholic Church 318 Carl Hasselhan Drive, Atco, New Jersey 08004. Interment will be private. In lieu of flowers memorial contributions in memory of John may be made to Huntington's Disease Society of America 505 Eighth Avenue, Suite 902, New York, New York 10018.

ORMAN EUGENE WALLER - M/Sgt. (Retired) Age 63 of Hendersonville, Tennessee died Tuesday, March 3, 2009. The cause of death is unknown. He served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War and retired at the rank of Master Sergeant (E-8). He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Gallatin Chapter #240**. He is survived by his wife, Elaine Hammond; children, Toby K. Waller and Denise Perez (Justo); grandchildren, Marissa and Justin Perez, Hannah and Allie Collins; mother, Mary Evelyn Christiansen; aunts, Louise Waller, Emma Jean Cunningham and Margaret Schrom. Memorial Services will be held at Cole & Garrett Funeral Home, Hendersonville on Sunday, March 8, 2009 at 3 p.m. Visitation with the family will begin at 1 p.m. until time of service. COLE & GARRETT, Hendersonville, TN (615) 824-8605.

LARRY RAY WARD - After a long and courageous battle with Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease (COPD), Larry R. Ward, 61, of Garland, Texas went into the arms of the Lord Jesus Christ on Sunday, April 19, 2009 at the Plano Medical Center in Plano, Texas. Larry was born January 28, 1948, in Akron, Ohio to the late Raymond D. and Lois D. (Straight) Ward. He is survived by his wife, Pamela, of the home; two stepsons, Tyler and Christopher; his aunt Annarae; his in-laws, Pierre and Millie; his cousins, Anne, Bob and Britta, Sue and Bill; his sister-in-law and brother-in-law, Jacquelyn and Steve; his nephew and his wife, Steven and Susan, and; his niece and her husband, Tiffany and Darrell. He served in the United States Army in Vietnam as a Combat Medic. He was a community leader, helping those in need with service related projects. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Big Ben (Tallahassee, Florida) Chapter #96**. As an active VVA member, he served a Secretary and was on the Board of Directors. He also served as First Vice-President of the Florida State Council for two terms. Funeral service will be 4 p.m. Friday April 24, 2009 at Charles W Smith & Sons Funeral Home, 2925 Fifth St, Sachse, Texas 75048.

BRIGADIER GENERAL (CA)(RETIRED) EZELL WARE, JR. – Died Tuesday, June 30, 2009 at his home in Austin, Texas at the age of 68. The cause of death is unknown. He had resigned and retired from the military on May 1, 2003. His 41-year military career include: four years of active duty in the U.S. Marine Corps; seven years in the U. S. Army, and thirty years in the California Army National Guard. Ezell's last assignment was as Chief Assistant Adjutant for the California National Guard. Alabama. He grew up in Magee, Mississippi and McAlester,



Oklahoma.

Ezell's military career began when he enlisted in the United States Marine Corps. After returning to civilian life in 1963, he worked as a Machinist and as a San Diego Police Officer. In 1966, Ezell enlisted in the United States Army where he attended the U. S. Army Aviation School. Upon completion of flight school, Ezell was commissioned as a pilot and aviation Warrant Officer. In 1969, after serving one year in Republic of Vietnam as a Combat Helicopter Gunship Pilot, Ezell received a combat commission to the rank of First Lieutenant. Ezell's civilian and military education includes a Bachelor of Art degree from California State University – Sacramento, California; Master of Science degree from Troy State University- Montgomery, Alabama, Honorary Doctorate Degree from Jarvis Christian College-Hawkins, Texas; graduate of the San Diego Police Academy; Graduate of the U.S. Army Aviation Pilot School; Graduate of the Infantry Officer's Basic and Advance Courses; Graduate of the U.S. Army Command And General Staff College; Graduate of the Department of Defense (DOD) Race Relations Institute; Graduate of the U.S. Air Force War College (with honors); Graduate of the U.S. Army's Pre-Command Course (with honors) and numerous other schools and courses. Ezell's awards include: the Legion of Merit; Meritorious Service Medal (with 3 Bronze Oak Leaf Clusters); Air Medal (with 12 Oak Leaf Clusters); Army Commendation Medal (with "V" device); Republic of Vietnam Campaign medal (with 1960 Device); Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal (Korea); Army Campaign Medal (with 3 Oak Leaf Clusters); Humanitarian Service Medal; Army Service Ribbon' Overseas Service Ribbon; U.S. Army Pilot Wings; National Guard Recruiting Badge; Armed Forces Reserve Medal (with 2 Hourglass Devices); National Defense Service Medal (with Bronze Star Device); Order of California and numerous federal and state awards, and, resolutions including the 2006 Vietnam Veterans of America Diversity Award. Ezell's overseas assignments and military travels includes: Puerto Rico, Union of South Africa; Sierra Leone; Liberia; Senegal; Okinawa; Japan; Germany; Korea;

Republic of Vietnam; Thailand; Philippines; Malaysia; Denmark; Mexico; Austria; and Taiwan. Ezell's significant affiliations include: Life Member-Veterans of Foreign Wars; Life Member-United State Marine Corps League; Life Member-Vietnam Helicopters Pilot Association; Life Member-U.S. Army Black Aviation Association; Member-Veterans of the Vietnam War, Inc. & The Veterans Coalition. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Austin Chapter #915**. Ezell is currently President of his own firm, Ezell Ware, & Associates. His memoir, *BY DUTY BOUND: Survival And Redemption In A Time Of War*, was released in March 2005. Ezell is currently writing his second book entitled, **The Courage To be Great – A Personal Choice**.

EVE MARIE WEBSTER – Died Tuesday, April 21, 2009 in her home in Ponca City, Oklahoma at the age of 61. The cause of death was cancer. She was born August 16, 1947 in Davenport, Iowa to the late Doris Baine. She is survived by her son, Jeff Terwilliger, of Girard, Kansas; her daughter, Jeanette Cervene, of Ponca City, and; five grandchildren, Paul, Jordan, Micah, Alyssa and Caitlyn. She was a member of **Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America – Ponca City Chapter #750**. A memorial service was celebrated at the local American Legion Post.

DAVID L. WEILAND – Died Tuesday, December 16 2008 in Country Club Hills, Illinois at the age of 62. The cause of death is unknown. He was born November 19, 1946. He was a United States Army Vietnam Veteran, beloved husband of the late Janet, née Joens; loving father of Jennifer (Rob) Scharnhorst and David J. (Tracy) Weiland; cherished grandfather of Alyssa, Luke, Alex, Ashley, Dean and Andy; son of Leo (Lillian) and the late Shirley; dear brother of Jimmy (Debra) Weiland and Leanne (Greg) Wills. He was a retired postal police with over 30 years of service. He was an *At-Large Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Illinois**. Visitation Sunday from 1 p.m. until time of Funeral Service 7 p.m. at Colonial Chapel, 15525 S. 73rd Ave. (155th/Wheeler Dr. & Harlem), Orland Park, IL. Interment Monday, 9:30 a.m. at Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery, Elwood, IL. In lieu of flowers, memorials to American Heart Association or Susan G. Komen for the Cure (Breast Cancer Research) are appreciated. Express your thoughts and condolences at www.colonialchapel.com

JAMES WEINS - 58, of Cherokee, Iowa, passed away Tuesday, April 21, 2009 from cancer due to exposure from agent orange. His wife and children were by his side. Memorial services will be held Friday, April 24, 2009 at 2:00 P.M. in St. Paul's United Methodist Church, Cherokee, Iowa.

Rev. Magrey deVega officiated. Burial will be in the Oak Hill Cemetery, Cherokee, Iowa. V.F.W. L.A. Wescott Post # 2253 will conduct military graveside honors. Visitation will be Thursday from 6:00 – 8:00 P.M. at the Greenwood Funeral Home, Cherokee, Iowa. Online condolences may be left at www.greenwoodfuneral.com. Jim was born September 1, 1950 in Cherokee, Iowa to Nick and Lillian (Boysen) Weins. He attended high school in Sutherland, Iowa, graduating in 1968. Jim served in the United States Air Force during the Vietnam War from 1968-1972. He was very proud of his military service. Jim had 2 tours of Vietnam and later served with Air America for 1 year. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Aurelia Chapter #888**. He married Linda Fessler and they later divorced. On November 6, 1998 he married Jane Monroe in Cherokee, Iowa. Jim had worked numerous jobs throughout the years and was known for being a handyman. Jim was proud of building his own home and also his classic cars. He is survived by his wife, Jane; son, Benjamin Weins, of Cherokee, Iowa; step-daughter, Amanda Monroe Rubendall, and her husband, Chris, of Cherokee, Iowa; sisters, Ruth Hanson, and her husband, Palmer; Joan Anderson, and her husband, Kenny; Judy Wagner, all of Cherokee, Iowa; Dorothy Westphal, Patty Anderson, and her husband, Dennis; of Larrabee, Iowa; Alice Mischke, and her husband, Roger, of Meriden, Iowa; Rosemary Osterquist, and her husband, Jim, of Altoona, Iowa; brother, Robert Weins, and his wife, Tess, of Belle Plaine, Iowa; many nieces, nephews, cousins, aunts, and uncles. Lifetime childhood friends, Ladd Huffman, of Calumet, Iowa and Margaret Larsen, of Sutherland, Iowa; a special family friend, Ramona Weins, of Fort Dodge, Iowa. He was preceded in death by his parents; nephew (Leon Hanson) brother in law (Charles Westphal) and niece (Sonja Anderson).

KEITH L. WESTCOT – Died Monday, April 13, 2009 in Savage, Minnesota at the age of 61. The cause of death was heart failure. He was born in Oconto, Wisconsin on June 24, 1947 to the late Orville and Frances Westcot. In addition to his parents, he was predeceased by his first wife, Brenda Westcot and his brother, Claire. He is survived by his brother and sister-in-law, Marrell and Kathy Westcot, of Abrams, Wisconsin; his daughter and son-in-law, Faye and Will Wallus, of Savage; his son, Steven Westcot, of Menasha, Wisconsin; his daughter, Roxanne Westcot (Jordan Running), of Iowa City, Iowa; his son, Owen Westcot, of Menasha, and; his grandson, Ethan Westcot. He served in the United States Army with a tour of duty in Vietnam in 1968. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Appleton Chapter #351**. Funeral services were conducted at The Church of Jesus Christ of the Latter-Day Saints in Appleton. Interment was in Brookside Cemetery near Abrams, Wisconsin.

DORROUGH W. “Corky” “Hassan” WHITTAKER – Died Thursday, November 15, 2007 in Grafton, Ohio at the age of 55. The cause of death is unknown. He was born November 6, 1952 to Thomas and Lina Whittaker. He is survived by his son, Dorrough Lane; two sisters and a brother-in-law, JoLynn Hall and Debra and Gregory Robinson; two brothers, Brandon Whittaker and Mark Whittaker; his stepbrother, Demisha Whittaker, and; is nieces and nephews, Dionne (Troy) Huffman, Wendy Simmons, Marie Whittaker, Brandon Clarkes, Mya Robinson, Gregory Robinson, Jr. and Kyla Whittaker. He served in the United States Navy during the Vietnam War. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Grafton Chapter #559**.

ROBERT S. "Bob" WYATT - A resident of Zachary, Louisiana since 1959, he died Sunday, May 17, 2009, in Carlsbad, New Mexico. The cause of death was heart failure. He was 62, a native of El Dorado, Arkansas, was born September 17, 1946. and a United States Air Force veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Baton Rouge Chapter #488**. At his request, no services will be held. His cremains will be interred at Port Hudson National Cemetery. Survived by his mother, Eunice Wyatt Kelly; two brothers, Nolan and Craig Wyatt, both of Zachary; two nephews, Jesse and Brian Wyatt, of Zachary; and niece, Alisa Wyatt, of Georgia. He graduated from Zachary High School.

**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.