

VIETNAM VETERANS OF AMERICA

Office of the National Chaplain



CHESTER ANDERSON II – Died on Sunday, April 3, 2011 in Dallas, Texas at the age of 66. The cause of death was a heart attack. He was born in Nacogdoches, Texas on October 6, 1944. He served in the United States Army from 2 August 1966 to 19 July 1968 with a tour of duty in Vietnam from 1967 to 1968. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Mesquite Chapter #137**. Visitation was held on April 11, 2011 from 6-8 PM at Hamilton Park United Methodist Church at 11881 Schroeder Road, Dallas, Texas. A Celebration of life was celebrated on April 12, 2011, 11:00

AM at the church. Interment was at the Dallas-Fort Worth National Cemetery. He was a proud member of Omega Psi Phi Fraternity. In lieu of flowers the family respectfully requests donations be made payable to the North Dallas Community Service Foundation and mailed to Post Office Box 867223, Plano, Texas 75086-7223. Donations can also be made via PayPal at www.northdallasques.com. Funds received will be directed to a scholarship fund in his memory. Thrash Funeral Chapel Lewisville, Texas (214) 222-7800.



FREDERIC "Fred" W. BALLARD - Died Sunday, April 17, 2011 at the Community Living Center in Honolulu, Hawaii at the age of 72. He was a resident of Honolulu. The cause of death was cancer. He was born May 11, 1938 in Glendale, California. He was a retired Department of Veterans Affairs public affairs officer and a United States Navy Veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Ewa Beach Chapter #858**. He is survived by wife, Sandy; son, John (Debra Cotton); daughter, Cindy Ballard; 2 grandchildren, Mark and Robert Alvarez and 2 great grandchildren, Malia and McKenzie Alvarez. Visitation 3:30pm, Wednesday, April 27th at Aliamanu Military Reservation 1790

Bougainvillea Drive; Mass 5:30pm.; inurnment Thursday, April 28th 3:00 p.m. at National Memorial Cemetery of the Pacific, Punchbowl; in lieu of flowers donations can be made to: St. Francis Hospice and Friends of the Natatorium. Arrangements were made under the direction of Borthwick Mortuary, Honolulu, Hawaii.

RANDY LEE BASS - Died Friday, July 1, 2011 in Clinton, North Carolina at the age of 58. The cause of death was a heart attack. He was born in Sampson County, North Carolina on November 8, 1952. He was a United States Army veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Four Oaks Chapter #990**. Services: Funeral, 11 AM Tuesday in Crumpler-Honeycutt Funeral Home chapel in Clinton. Burial was in Clinton Cemetery. Visitation was 10 to 11 AM Tuesday at the funeral home or at other times at the home. He is survived by: his Mother, Melba Reason; brothers, Jackie and Tony; half-siblings,

Jeffrey Westbrook, Ethan, and Jackie; stepsiblings, Lane Reason, Scott Reason, and Lou Smith.



RICHARD HENRY BEESON - Died at his daughter's home in Lacey, Washington, on Sunday evening, March 13, 2011 at the age of 81. He was a resident of Moses Lake, Washington. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on January 2, 1930, in Hartford City, Indiana, to the late Cecil and Hannah Beeson. Richard left Hartford City in 1948 to serve in the United States Air Force. He retired from service in 1972 at Norton Air Force Base in San Bernardino, California. In 1980, he went to work for the Veterans Administration Medical Center in Loma Linda, California, where he stayed until retiring from civil service. In 1993, he moved to Moses Lake, Washington, where he lived until his death. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Moses Lake Chapter #686**. Through the years, Richard enjoyed historical research, buying cars, taking photographs, politics and later various information technology hobbies. He was glad for the friendships that started in his hometown and remained across the decades. Richard had many fond memories of Moses Lake, including the McDonald's crowd. He is survived by his four children, Jolene, Boise, Idaho, David, San Jacinto, Calif., Kimberly, Lacey, Washington, and Mary Ann, Lacey, Washington; nine grandchildren, Cameron, Joshua, Cassandra, Brandon, Ashley, Julia, Meghan, Justin and Kaleb; and a budding number of great-grandchildren. Richard had three siblings, Robert, Cecil Jr. and Jennie. A service was conducted at 1:15 PM on Friday, March 25, 2011, at Tahoma National Cemetery in Kent, Washington. Because Richard enjoyed genealogy, as did his father before him, memorials may be made to the Blackford County Historical Society, Post Office Box 264, Hartford City, Indiana 47348. His family thanks all those who treated him with care and consideration.

JAMES T. BOUDREAUX - Died Thursday, April 14, 2011 at home in Owego, New York at the age of 63. The cause of death was cardiac disease. He was born in Louisiana on October 24, 1947 to the late Milton and Doris Boudreaux. He was also predeceased by his sister, Patricia Lavert; and nephews, Fredrick and Joseph Boudreaux. Jim is survived by his brother, Roy (Linda) Boudreaux of Candor, New York; nephew, Vernon (Nichole) Boudreaux of Owego; niece, April Boudreaux of Candor; along with many good friends. Jim proudly served in the United States Army and was an active member of VFW Glenn Warner Post #1371 and American Legion Post #401 in Owego. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Owego Chapter #480**. Jim enjoyed a good game of cards. Funeral services will be held on Monday, April 18, 2011 at 11:00 at Estey, Munroe & Fahey Funeral Home, 15 Park Street, Owego with Rev. William



Moorby officiating. Full military honors will be accorded at the beginning of the service. Memorial donations can be made in Jim's name to American Heart Association, Post Office Box 3049, Syracuse, New York 13220-3049.

WILLIAM HENRY "Billy" BRITTON, SR. - Died on Monday, April 4, 2011, at the Meadowbrook Nursing Home in Pulaski, Tennessee at the age of 76. The cause of death was Agent

Orange-related Ischemic Heart Disease. He was born in Giles County, Tennessee on October 2, 1933 to the late James Henry and Mary Lee (née Gunter) Britton. He retired from Jack's Cookie Company and retired from the United States Army and served during Vietnam War. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Pulaski Chapter #262**. In addition to his parents, he was also predeceased by his son Jimmy Britton and his brothers, Richard, Fuzzy and Rufus Britton. Visitation was on Tuesday from 5PM to 8PM at the Carr & Erwin Funeral Home. Funeral services were held on Wednesday, April 6, 2011, at 1:00PM at the Carr & Erwin Funeral Home with burial in Pisgah Cemetery. Memorials may be made to the Giles County Veterans Alliance. He is survived by his wife, Veronika Britton of Tight Bark Hollow Community, Tennessee; his son, Henry Britton of Fayetteville, North Carolina; his daughters, Bobbie Winborn of Tight Bark Hollow Community, Tennessee, Marianne Britton of Lynnville, Tennessee; his sister, Annie Mae Taylor of Pulaski, Tennessee, 11 grandchildren, 4 great grandchildren. Carr & Erwin Funeral Home in charge of arrangements. Condolences at carranderwinfh.com

BILLY J. BROPHY – Died recently in 2011 in Louisville, Kentucky at the age of 69. The cause of death is unknown. He was born August 7, 1941. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Louisville Chapter #454**.

JAMES C. BROWER - Died Sunday, July 3, 2011 at the Trinitas Regional Medical Center in Elizabeth, New Jersey at the age of 66. He was a resident of Cranford, New Jersey. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Elizabeth, New Jersey on March 21, 1945 to the late J. Calvin and Alice (née Cunningham) Brower. Relatives and friends are kindly invited to attend the Funeral Mass was held at Saint John the Apostle Roman Catholic Church, Valley Road, Clark, New Jersey, on Tuesday, July 12, 2011, at 10 AM. Interment was at Brigadier General William C. Doyle Veterans Cemetery, Arnetown, New Jersey. Visiting hours were held in the Werson Funeral Home, 635 North Wood Avenue, Linden, New Jersey, on Monday, July 11, from 7 to 9 PM only. To send online condolences, please visit www.wersonfuneralhome.com. He was employed by Kresge's department stores and the U.S. Post Office in Mountainside. He was a member of the Cranford Elks and a communicant of Saint John the Apostle Roman Catholic Church, Clark, where he was a lector, Eucharistic minister and a member of St. Vincent de Paul Society. Mr. Brower proudly served his country in the United States Army during the Vietnam War. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Westfield Chapter #688**. He is survived by aunts, uncles and cousins. In lieu of flowers, donations to the Vietnam Veterans of America, Children's International or Mother Teresa's Missionaries of Charity in his memory, would be appreciated.

JOHN ALBERT BROWER - Died Monday, July 4, 2011 in Bellmore, New York at the age of 63. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on November 11, 1947 in Brooklyn, New York. He was a proud United States Army Vietnam Veteran with a Purple Heart. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Hicksville Chapter #82**. He was the loving husband of Linda Brower, dear father of the late Lisa Brower, and he is also survived by all his loving family and friends. Cremation was private. Memorial Visiting Tuesday July 12, 2011 2-4 and 7-9pm at the N.F. Walker Funeral Home, 2039 Merrick Avenue, Merrick. Memorial Services were held on

Tuesday at 8:30 PM. Interment of cremated remains Wednesday July 13, 2011 at 11:00 AM at the Long Island National Cemetery. Donations to the Disabled American Veterans, Post Office Box 14301, Cincinnati Ohio 45250-0301 appreciated.

STEVE LEE BROWN - Died at his home Saturday, August 14, 2010, in Nacogdoches, Texas at the age of 62. The cause of death was cancer. He was born February 4, 1948, in Pryor, Oklahoma,



to Robert Lee Brown and Hazel Marie Wise Brown. Steve and Oleta Perry were married December 31, 1966, in Center, Texas. They celebrated 43 years together. Steve was also a devoted Dad and PawPaw. Steve served in the United States Army from January 1968 until January 1970. He served his country as a helicopter crew chief in Vietnam with the 195th Assault Helicopter Company. On March 2, 1969, Steve was awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross for Heroism while participating in aerial flight and by voluntary actions above and beyond the call of duty in support of Special Forces Reconnaissance Patrol. For 35 years Steve worked in the oil and gas industry as a pipeline welder and also worked non-union and union as a member of the Pipeliner Local 798 U.A. He loved working out west. Steve loved the outdoors spending hours hunting, fishing and riding horses. He

was also an avid reader and volunteered with the Boy Scouts of America. He was a lifetime member of the Veterans of Foreign War Memorial Post 3893, which he served as judge advocate, junior vice commander and senior vice commander. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Nacogdoches Chapter #931**. Steve also enjoyed classic cars. Later in life, he gave his life to Christ and became a devoted Christian. Steve enjoyed attending services at Pleasant Hill Missionary Baptist Church. Steve was also very proud of his Choctaw Indian heritage. He enjoyed attending tribal Pow-Wows and donated money to various Indian organizations. Steve is survived by his wife of 43 years, Oleta Perry Brown; father, Robert Lee Brown; sons, Steven Daniel Brown and wife, Dusty, of Cushing, Texas, Perry Lee Brown and wife, Amber, of Nacogdoches, Texas, and Edward Oliver Brown and wife, Sara, of Nacogdoches, Texas; grandchildren, Stephanie Danielle Brown, Jesse Tanner Brown, Sarah Elizabeth Brown and Dean Havis Brown; sister, Linda Marie Motherwell and husband, Walter; brothers, Wayne Brown and wife, Rose, of Mount Enterprise, Texas, and Larry Lynn Brown of Nacogdoches, Texas; and numerous nieces and nephews. Steve was preceded in death by his mother, Hazel Marie Brown; grandparents, Melvin Robert "Slim" and Frankie M. Milsap Wise and Edward "Ed" and Eula Davis Brown. A funeral service for Steve Lee Brown, 62, of Nacogdoches, Texas, was held at 10 a.m. Tuesday, August 17, 2010, in Sunset Chapel at Cason Monk-Metcalf Funeral Directors with Bro. Todd Muckleroy and Bro. Sonny Scarborough officiating. Pallbearers were Steven Brown, Perry Brown, Ed Brown, John Ball, John Oliver Perry and Herbert Hancock. Honorary pallbearers were Larry Lynn Brown, Jimmy Cosby and members of VFW Post #3893. Memorial donations can be made to the Jones Academy, HCR 74 Box 102-5, Hartshorne, Oklahoma, an American Indian dormitory school for at-risk Indian children. The family would like to give special thanks to the doctors and nursing staff of Overton Brooks Veterans Administration Medical Center of Shreveport, Louisiana, and to the caring staff of Hospice of East Texas.



RALPH D. BUCCI – Died Tuesday, June 21, 2011 with his family by his side in Montgomery Hospital in Pennsylvania at the age of 60. He was a resident of Norristown, Pennsylvania. He lost his battle with complications of diabetes and heart disease and renal failure. He was born on July 18, 1950 and was the eldest son of the late S. Ralph and Kathleen M. (née Hogan) Bucci. He is survived by his loving and dedicated caregiver and wife of 40 years, Barbara Ann (née Reed) Bucci; a daughter, Angela M. Bucci; son-in-law, Jason R. McFarland; three grandchildren, Teressa McFarland, Christopher McFarland, and Jacob Bucci-McFarland. Additional surviving family members include two brothers, Michael J. (Cindy) of Norristown and Vincent (Cathy) of Eagleville; two sisters, Margaret Ann "Peggy" David (Bob) of New Jersey, and Kathleen M. (Mack) Wiedman of Norristown; over 40 nieces and nephews; and several godchildren. In addition to his parents, Ralph was preceded in death by two brothers, William "Dennis" Bucci, and Mark Bucci as well as two nieces, Lisa Bucci-Torres, and Sonya Ann Bucci. Ralph graduated from Bishop Kenrick High School in 1968 and enlisted in the United States Navy. He is a Veteran of the Vietnam War and was a *Founding Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Valley Forge (Blue Bell, Pennsylvania) Chapter #349**. Ralph was an avid reader, fisherman, and played a mean game of Poker. Ralph was the owner of his own Mobile Disc Jockey service "Big Guy Productions" for 20 years. A Veterans Memorial Service will be held on Monday, June 27, 2011 at Szpindor Funeral Home, 101 N. Park Avenue, Eagleville, Pennsylvania 19403-1319 at 11am. The family will be receiving friends from 9:30 am to 11 am. In lieu of flowers, Memorial Contributions may be made in Ralph's name to The Variety Club, P.O. Box 609, Worcester, Pennsylvania 19490 for the purpose of sending his autistic grandson, Jacob, to camp in August or to the family c/o Angela Bucci, 3259 Hayes Rd, Norristown, Pennsylvania 19403 for the purpose of caring for his wife Barbara Ann Bucci.

ELMER GLENN BURNETTE, JR. – Died Tuesday, July 26, 2011 in a house fire in Lansdowne, Pennsylvania at the age of 66. He was found dead inside of a burned-out house that had been condemned by borough officials months ago, authorities said. Firefighters pulled the body Elmer Glenn Burnette, Jr. from the three-story house at 70 E. Stewart Avenue this afternoon. The house went up in flames around 12:30 p.m. Witnesses described seeing flames shooting out of windows before firefighters arrived. Burnette, the house's owner, was found near where the fire is believed to have started, according to Police Chief Daniel Kortan. "Our codes department had condemned the house back in April," Kortan said. "It was posted as unfit for human habitation." Kortan described Burnette as a hoarder, and said the house was filled with trash and other objects. Burnette was not supposed to have been inside the house, the chief added. The police chief noted that the house has not had electric service for several years. State and local fire investigators are on the scene to determine the cause and origin of the blaze. Kortan said that preliminarily, it does not appear to be suspicious. The Delaware County Medical Examiner will determine the cause and manner of Burnette's death. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Delaware County Chapter #67**.

RICHARD E. "Skip" CAISSEY - Died Tuesday, July 19, 2011 in Health Alliance Hospital in Leominster, Massachusetts after an illness at the age of 62. He was a resident of Leominster.

The cause of death was a heart attack. He was born October 5, 1948 in Leominster to the late Richard J. Caissey and Leda M. (née Nichols) Caissey and was a lifelong Leominster resident. He leaves his sister Gloria Hazelgreen and her husband Richard of Stafford Virginia, his niece, great-nephew and great-niece. Richard was an 11-year United States Army Veteran serving in the Military Police. He entered the Army in 1969 and was honorably discharged in 1980 attaining the rank of SGT. He served overseas in both Europe and in Vietnam receiving awards for Marksman, M-16 Rifle Sharpshooter, 45 Caliber Pistol, Good Conduct Medal (3rd Award) National Defense Service Medal, Vietnam Service Medal, Vietnam Campaign Medal with 2 overseas Bars, and the Vietnam Cross of Gallantry. He was Past National Commander of the Franco-American War Veterans and was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America Leominster Chapter #116**. He enjoyed reading and participating in all patriotic events. A funeral service was held on Friday July 22, 2011 at 12:00 Noon in Simard Funeral Home, 14 Walker Street, Leominster. Burial will follow in Winchendon Veterans Memorial Cemetery. Calling hours in the funeral home were Friday morning July 22, 2011 from 10:00 AM-12:00 Noon. Please omit flowers donations in his name can be made to the PFC Jonathan Roberge Memorial Park Fund and may be left at the funeral home.



ROGER NIEL CARSON, SR. – Died Tuesday, March 1, 2011 in Tyler, Texas at the age of 73. He was a resident of Flint, Texas. The cause of death was complications from pneumonia. He was born in Oakwood, Texas on April 29, 1937, to the late Brad and Alma Hinsley Carson. He graduated from Oakwood High School in 1955, graduated from Sam Houston State in 1960, he served in the United States Army, serving in Korea in 1964 in helping to establish an orphanage and school for half-American children, served in Vietnam from 1969 to 1970 and served two tours in West Germany. He was a deacon and member of Pleasant Hill Baptist Church and Welcome Home Soldiers. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Tyler Chapter #932**. He is survived by his wife, Betty Carson of Flint; sons; Roger N. "Kit" Carson Jr. of Jacksonville, Kyle Carson and wife

Sharon of Tyler, Kenneth Carson and wife Tammi of San Antonio; daughter, Kathy Dean and husband Lawrence of Tyler; seven grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; and sister, Jean Bryan of Oakwood. He was preceded in death by his parents and one sister, Faye Rubia. Visitation was on Friday, March 4, 2011, from 6 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home. Services were conducted at 11:00 AM on Saturday, March 5, 2011, at Tyler Memorial Funeral Home with Bro. Sherman Mayfield, Bro. Bobby Bressman and Sgt. Chris Ford officiating. Interment was in Tyler Memorial Park. Donations may be made to Hospice of East Texas, 4111 University Blvd, Tyler, 75701; or any veterans' charity. Arrangements were under the direction of Tyler Memorial Funeral Home - Cemetery and Mausoleum, Tyler, TX.



TED G. CAVOORES - Died Wednesday, October 27, 2010 in Jacksonville, Florida at the age of 65. The cause of death was cancer. He was born in Rockaway Beach, New York on August 25, 1945 to the late George and Charlotte CavoORES. He was a resident of Jacksonville, FL since 1977. After serving in the United States Air Force, he went to work for New York Telephone; he transferred to BellSouth in 1977. He retired from BellSouth with 34 years of service in 1997. Ted was a proud member of Moose Lodge 42. He served as Moose Legion President for 2 years, was FBMA District 13 President for 1 year. He received his fellowship Degree in 2007. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Neptune Chapter #1046**. He is survived by his wife of 28 years, Peggy W. CavoORES, 2 sons, Ted G CavoORES, Jr. and Scott M

CavoORES, 1 step son, Charles K Beckham, 1 step daughter, Sandra Smith, 2 brothers, Tom and John CavoORES and 1 sister, Georgia Cheswick. He had 7 grandchildren and 5 great-grandchildren. He was a diehard New York Giants fan. There was a Memorial service, Sunday, October 31st at 2:00 pm at Moosehaven Chapel, 1701 Park Avenue, Orange Park, Florida, followed by a luncheon at the Michigan Building at Moosehaven. In lieu of flowers, please make donations to Northeast Florida Community Hospice, 4266 Sunbeam Road, Jacksonville. Arrangements were under the care and direction of Hardage-Giddens Funeral Home, 11801 San Jose Boulevard, Jacksonville, Florida 32223. www.hgmandarin.com.

CLINE DANIEL CHITTUM – Died Friday, July 1, 2011 at the Lawton Fort Sill Veterans Center in Lawton, Oklahoma at the age of 72. He was formerly from Gloucester, Virginia. The cause of death is unknown. He was born May 31, 1939 in Roanoke, Virginia. He served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War. He was a *Permanently Hospitalized Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Lawton Chapter #751**. Funeral arrangements by Becker Funeral Home in Lawton were pending with burial in Virginia.

FREDRICK DUANE COPES - Died Saturday, October 16, 2010, at North Mississippi Medical Center in West Point, Mississippi at the age of 68. The cause of death was cancer. Services were Wednesday at 2 PM at Robinson Chapel with the Reverend Barry Hathcock, officiating. Visitation was Tuesday from 6-8 PM at Robinson Funeral Home. Mr. Copes was born on November 12, 1941, in Louisiana, to the late Walter and Mae Prestige Copes. He was a United States Air Force veteran and a Shriner. He was a member of First Presbyterian Church in West Point and a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Columbus Chapter #997**, National Wildlife Turkey Federation, and was land manager of CP Winters Foundation. He was also a past Master of Masonic Lodge No. 40. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his daughter, Charlam Hopper. He is survived by his wife, Jannette Jackson Copes of West Point; daughters, Corrina Lockwood of Sandpoint, Idaho, Lee Ann Elliott of West Point, Betty Collins of Cleveland; brother, Jerry Copes of Louisiana; sisters, Laura Pirtre of Bay Minette, Ala., Christina Ezell of Pioneer, La.; and seven grandchildren. Memorials may be made to the American Cancer

Society, 1800 West Main Street, No. 1, Tupelo, Mississippi 38801, or CP Winters Foundation c/o Billy Buck Staggers, 213 Commerce Street, West Point, Mississippi 39773.

DEACON JAMES JOSEPH DAVIS, JR. - Died Thursday, January 13, 2011, in Richmond, Virginia at the age of 63. He was a resident of Nathalie, Virginia. The cause of death was a massive heart attack. He was born January 13, 1947 in Campbell County, Virginia to the late James Joseph Davis, Sr. and Edith (née Dennis) Davis. He is survived by his wife, Doris Davis, of the home; four children, Nancy W. Mangum (Chris) and Raymond Williams (Etta), all of Richmond, Christopher Davis, of Nathalie, and Timothy Davis (Sherry), of Rustburg, Virginia; two brothers, Mr. Eugene Davis and Mr. Glen Davis, both of Nathalie; his mother-in-law, Mrs. Rosa Younger, of Nathalie; sister-in-law, Diane Younger, of Nathalie; brothers-in-law, Mr. Whit Spraggins (Augusta), Mr. Thomas Younger and Mr. Macy Younger, all of Nathalie; six grandchildren; and a host of other relatives and friends. He served in the United States Army from January 16, 1969 to January 15, 1971 with a tour of duty in Vietnam from 1969 to 1970. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Halifax Chapter #840**. Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m. Monday, Jan. 17, 2011, at New Shiloh Baptist Church in Nathalie, with interment in the church cemetery. Condolences may be expressed at www.JeffressFuneralHome.com. Arrangements are by Jeffress Funeral Home and Cremation Service, of Brookneal, Virginia.



MARTIN A. "Marty" DECKER - Died Wednesday, July 6, 2011, at Memorial Medical Center at the age of 58. He was a resident of Geistown, Pennsylvania. The cause of death is unknown. He was born November 28, 1952, in Johnstown, Pennsylvania to the late W. Earl and Mary E. (née Byers) Decker. In addition to his parents, he was also predeceased by his wife, Julia A. (Dial) Decker. He is survived by loving children, Shannon Decker, Chelmsford, Massachusetts; Sophia Decker, North Augusta, South Carolina, now serving in Iraq; and Martin "Marty" Jr., Geistown; siblings, Earl Decker, Columbia, Maryland.; Eugene, married to the former Beverly Kiseleski, Beaufort, North Carolina; Joan Decker, Rancho Palos Verdes, California; Bethany, wife of Gary Rosencrantz, Harrisburg, Oregon; Daniel, married to the former Gloria Sheftic, Pultneyville, New York; Karen, wife of Bob Sloan, Johnstown; Susie, wife of Ron Rosenbaum, Johnstown; Deborah, wife of Jerry Schram, Centreville, Maryland; Kevin, married to the former Kathy Glasco, Johnstown; Zachary, married to the former Cheryl Rock, Columbia, Maryland; and Fred, and his longtime companion, Kim Coleman, Edgewood, Maryland; numerous nieces and nephews; and his very special friend, companion and dance partner, Kim Dishong, Johnstown. Marty was a 1970 graduate of Bishop McCort High School. He retired from the United States Air Force after 20 years of service as public affairs and communication specialist. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Johnstown Chapter #364**. He was a member of Saint Benedict Catholic Church, where he was an usher for 19 years. He enjoyed dancing, watching the Pittsburgh Steelers, throwing darts at the Sons of Italy Club, throwing horse shoes and playing the guitar. Marty especially loved spending time with his children and family. He was fun loving and lit up a room when he walked in and will be

missed by everyone that knew him. Friends will be received from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 PM. Tuesday at Harris Funeral Home, 500 Cherry Lane, Richland, where vigil for the deceased will be held. Funeral Mass will be held at 10 a.m. Wednesday at Saint Benedict Catholic Church, Father David S. Peles, pastor. Committal was in Saint John Cemetery, with military rites conducted by Menoher Post 155 VFW Ritual Team. The family suggests contributions be directed to a charity of one's choice in memory of Marty. Online condolences may be posted to www.wharrisfuneralhome.com.

STEPHEN J. DEVINE – Died recently in June 2011 in Pacifica, California at the age of 75. The cause of death is unknown. He was born June 5, 1936. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was an *At-Large Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – California**.

DONALD R. DONNELLY - Died Saturday, July 23, 2011 in Wilmington, Delaware and formerly of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. He was 81 years of age. He was born in 1931. He was a 22-year United States Army veteran of 2 wars, and was well decorated. When he retired from the Army, he went to Hawaii for a while, but came back to the mainland to open his own business. He retired in 2002. Don had memberships in the **Vietnam Veterans of America Delaware County Chapter #67**; Military Order of the Purple Heart Chapter 9377, Delaware; Korean War Veterans, 7th Cavalry Association; Miss America Organization, Security, New Jersey, Volunteers of America, Parade Division, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Survivors: His loving wife Kathleen; his daughter Christine; granddaughter Victoria; sister Joan Gipe; brother-in-law Chuck Gipe; also included is an extended family of close relatives and friends who will also miss him terribly. Visitation: Friends may call at Chandler Funeral Home, 2506 Concord Pike, Wilmington, Delaware from 6 to 8 PM Wednesday July 27th. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at 11 AM Thursday July 28 at the Church of the Holy Child, 2500 Naamans Rd., Wilmington. Luncheon details to follow. Committal service will be held at Delaware Veterans Cemetery, Sussex County 11 AM Friday July 29. In lieu of flowers, please send donations to "Philadelphia Stand Down" at PVMSEC, 213-217 N. 4th Street, Philadelphia, PA 19106; a veteran organized weekend program that helps to get homeless veterans off the streets of Philadelphia.

ROBERT V. DRYOEL – Died recently in 2011 in Orion, Illinois at the age of 89. The cause of death is unknown. He was born August 10, 1921. He was a *Life Member* of **Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America – East Moline Chapter #299**.

DAVID FANT – Died Thursday, October 1, 2009 in Union, South Carolina at the age of 65. The cause of death was cancer. He was born on January 19, 1944. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Union Chapter #644**.

EDWARD FOEHRINGER – Died recently in 2011 in New Brighton, Pennsylvania at the age of 69. The cause of death is unknown. He was born January 8, 1942. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Harrisburg Chapter #542**.



MICHAEL EDWARD FRY - Died Sunday, May 8, 2011 at his home in Alexandria, Kentucky at the age of 61. The cause of death was cancer. He was born April 14, 1950 in Dayton, Kentucky to the late Louis and Frieda (née Griffith) Fry. He was a retired Major from the United States Air Force serving from December 1, 1972 to May 31, 1993, and after retiring he was a Disabled Veterans Outreach Specialist for the Kentucky Workforce One Stop Center in Covington, Kentucky. He was a member of the Campbell County VFW Post #3205 of Alexandria, Kentucky. He was a member of

Vietnam Veterans of America – Florence Chapter #88. In addition to his parents, he was also predeceased by a brother Gary Fry. He is survived by his wife Theresa A. Fry (née McGowan); daughter, Michelle Fry; brother, Dennis (Debbie) Fry. Visitation was 5:00 PM - 8:00 PM Wednesday, May 11 at the Alexandria Funeral Home Alexandria, Kentucky. The funeral service was 10:00 AM Thursday, May 12 at the funeral home. Interment with Military Honors was at the Kentucky Veterans Cemetery North Williamstown, Kentucky. Memorials can be made to Dayton High School "Davis Field Fund" 200 Green Devil Lane Dayton, Kentucky 41074. Online Condolences can be given at alexandriafh.com.

ALAN KEITH GIBSON - Died Friday, July 22, 2011 in Crystal River, Florida at the age of 72. He was formerly of Columbia, Missouri. The cause of death was myocardial infarction and coronary artery disease. He was born July 5, 1939 in Web City, Missouri to the late Randolph J. and Virginia L. (née Galbraith) Gibson. He served in the United States Army for 20 years and retired 28 February 1979 at the rank of Sergeant First Class (E-7) with service in Korean and Vietnam. After retiring from the Army, Al dedicated his life to helping other veterans. He worked at the VA Medical Center as an employment counselor for disabled veterans. After a grave illness which ultimately resulted in both legs being amputated, he retired once again. During this time he continued as Missouri State President of Vietnam Veterans of America and served on the National Board of Directors. He recovered quickly and began driving with hand controls almost immediately. He was usually driving to Saint Louis to board a plane for Washington, DC to hobnob with and harass U. S. Senator and Representatives. His constant goal was to get support and help for all veterans including those returning from Iraq and Afghanistan. He really was an unpaid lobbyist for veterans. He was instrumental in establishing a shelter for homeless veterans, Welcome Home, Inc. in Columbia, Missouri. All received the Chapel of Four Chaplain's Legion of Honor in a ceremony in Cape May, New Jersey. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Columbia Chapter #963** and formerly a member of **Columbia Chapter #393**. He served many years on the National Board of Directors for Vietnam Veterans of America and chaired many committees during his tenure. He is survived by his wife of 30 years, Marsha (née Weatherly) Gibson; two daughters and sons-in-law, Ginger and Tony Penso, of Sunrise, Florida and Vicki and Tim Crammer, of Springfield, Illinois; two sons and one daughter-in-law, Scott and Sarah Alcorn, of Fulton, Missouri and Michael Gibson, of Columbia, Missouri; nine grandchildren, Kathryn Harris, Eliabeth Penso, Jamie Penso, all of Hollywood, Florida, Elijah, Jacob and Naomi Alcorn, all of Fulton, Missouri, Alex, Lauren Gibson, of Columbia, Missouri and Ashlea Martin, of Illinois, and; three great-grandchildren, Logan and Jackson Harris and Connor Carter. Private cremation took place

under the direction of Brown Funeral Home and Crematory in Lecanto, Florida. A memorial service was celebrated at the Fort Island Gulf Beach Park with the Reverend Brad Bresson of the Nature Coast Community Church, officiating.

EUGENE "Gene" GIGLI - Died Monday, August 1, 2011 in Lawrence, Indiana at the age of 63. The cause of death is unknown. He was born January 21, 1946 to Joseph Gigli and the late Harriett (née Hopper) Gigli. His wife is Wanda L. Gigli. He served in the Army's 9th Infantry Division in Vietnam from 1969-1970, earning two Bronze Stars with "V" device, two Army Commendation medals with "V" Device, the Combat Infantryman Badge and the Air Medal. Gene was known for having a heart as big as the "Huey" helicopters they flew into combat. Gene worked as a meat cutter for nearly 40 years at Wheatley's Market. After retiring, he helped with Wheatley's Friday Night Fish Fry. Upon his return from Southeast Asia, Gene never forgot those who served and spent the next four decades serving his community, state and nation in various capacities. Gene was a civilian employee of the Defense Department, working in the military pay operations at the Defense Finance and Accounting Service. A longtime president of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Indianapolis Chapter #295**, Gene was instrumental in the establishment of the Fort Harrison veterans center, which provides a home for a dozen different veterans and civic organizations providing assistance to returning service members, veterans and families of deployed soldiers, sailors, airmen and Marines. Gene was active in supporting the Lawrence July 4th Festival and visiting local schools to present living history recitations. He was instrumental in raising funds for the 2008 Veterans Administration Golden Age Games in Indianapolis. Gene also served on the advisory committee for the Indiana Vietnam memorial; worked to designate a portion of U.S. 31 as the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Highway; and providing a "Hoosier Veteran" license plate. He supported the Hoosier Veterans Assistance Foundation and the Hear Indiana Youth Leadership Camp, which provides a camp experience for hearing-impaired young people ages 8 to 18. Gene received the Sagamore of the Wabash from Gov. Evan Bayh in 1993 and was recently honored by the Indiana State Council of Vietnam Veterans of America as its Member of the Year, recognizing his lifetime commitment to serving veterans and their families. Gene was president of the Vets for Vets. He was a founder of the Firebase Indy Veterans Reunion, past commander of VFW Post 6788, a member of American Legion Post 128, a life member of Howard County Vietnam Veterans and a charter member of Indiana Rolling Thunder. Even in death, Gene continues to serve others as an organ donor. Eugene Gigli leaves behind a veterans community, which is better for having him in our ranks, but leaves a void that will never be filled. America has lost a brave warrior, a patriot, and civil servant. We have lost a brother and our friend. Also surviving are a son, Anthony F. Gigli, at home; four sisters, Gloria Routsong, Indianapolis; Nancy Gigli, Indianapolis; Marianne Flores and husband, John, Longmont, Colo.; and Sherry Kadlubowski and husband, Leonard, Scranton; a brother, Joseph Gigli Jr. and wife, Judy, Indianapolis; stepmother, Joan Gigli, Scranton; four nieces and 11 nephews. He was also preceded in death by a son, Christopher M. Gigli; a daughter, Carmen L. Gigli; and his stepfather, Ira Hopper. Funeral services are being held today in Indianapolis. Memorial donations may be made to Hear Indiana, P.O. Box 347, Zionsville, IN 46077; or Vietnam Veterans of America, P.O. Box 269279, Lawrence, IN 46226. Local arrangements were by the Nicholas Chomko Funeral Home, South Scranton.

ROBERT W. "Bob" GRANTZ – Died Friday, June 3, 2011 in Northampton, Pennsylvania at the age of 62. The cause of death was heart disease. He was born in Whitestone, New York on June 18, 1948 Born in Whitestone, New York to the late Warren and Elizabeth (née Reidy) Grantz. He was married to Janet M. (née Budihas) Grantz for 38 years. Bob was employed by the Ingersoll-Dresser Pump Co, Phillipsburg, New Jersey, for 28 years, retiring in 2000. He was currently employed as a custodian at Northampton High School. He was the proprietor of Grantz Wedding Photographics from 1975-2007. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Easton Chapter #415**. He served in the United States Navy in Vietnam. He is survived by his wife, Janet; daughters, Beth, wife of Andrew Rumble of Kutztown, Allison, wife of Paul Laudenslager of Pen Argyl, Lauren Grantz of Bethlehem, Maureen, wife of Edwin Moser of Valdosta, GA; grandson, Charles Chazzie Rumble; sister, Catherine Haggarty; brother, Gerald, both of New York; nieces, nephews. Services: 12 Noon, Saturday, June 11, Robert A. Hauke Funeral Home, 327 Chestnut St., Coplay preceded by a visitation for family, friends, co-workers from 11 a.m. until time of memorial service. Contributions: In lieu of flowers, contributions to Northampton High School c/o the funeral home 18037.

DONALD A. HALL, SR. - Died Sunday, November 7, 2010 at home in Westfield, Massachusetts surrounded by his family at the age of 61. The cause of death was cancer. He was born in New Haven, Connecticut on October 22, 1949, son of the late George R. and Janet (née Parent) Hall. He was employed as an Auto Technician for several Ford Dealerships. Donald was a United States Army Veteran of the Vietnam War, a member of the D.A.V., a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Westfield Chapter #219** and American Legion Post 124 in Westfield. He leaves his wife, Nancy A. (Murphy) Hall and his children, Donald A. Hall Jr. and wife Jamie, of Plainville, Connecticut and Brandon T. and Erin K. Hall both of Westfield, a brother Russell Hall and partner Jean Reis of Coventry, Connecticut, a sister Catherine Smith and husband Michael of Kissimmee, Florida, two grandchildren Charlie and Donovan Hall of Plainville, Connecticut and several nieces and nephews. Committal services with military honors will be held Monday at 2PM in the Mass Veterans' Memorial Cemetery, 1390 Main St. Agawam, Massachusetts. Calling hours will be Friday from 6-8 PM at Firtion-Adams Funeral Service, 76 Broad St. Westfield, Massachusetts.



ROBERT JOSEPH HANSBERRY, SR. - Died Monday, May 16, 2011 in St. George, Utah after a long battle with cancer at the age of 75. He lived a remarkable life filled with pride in his military service and his love of God and country. He had a deep respect for his Veteran brothers; his treasured friends. Robert was born July 1, 1935 to the late Joseph Johnson Hansberry and Evelyn M. Kelley in Jersey City, New Jersey. He married Machiko Donnahara in 1955 and together they had four children. They later divorced. Robert married his "angel," Valoy (Val) Mathews Hansberry on June 7, 1975, later solemnized in the St. George LDS Temple. As one of America's youngest warriors, Robert enlisted in the United States Navy in September, 1951, at the age of 16, in Tampa, Florida. While in the Navy, Robert completed high school and began his college studies, while serving on an Attack Troop Transport (The USS Cavalier, APA-37) and Attack Cargo Transports (The USS Skagit, AKA-105) and (The USS

Okanogan, AKA -220) in Korea and Vietnam. Upon discharge from the Navy, Robert enlisted in the United States Army, where he furthered his education, working on a Bachelor's Degree in Finance. He continued serving his country in the Cold War and in Vietnam, as an Electronics Technician and later as a Hawk Missile Technician. He served in Vietnam in the Army Signal Corp. 40th Triple A Brigade, Camp Zama. After an honorable discharge in 1962, Robert worked for the Dept. of the Army at the Signal Long Lines Facility in Davis, CA. Later he transferred to two different positions at the Nevada Atomic Test Site in Mercury, NV. After several years of service, he accepted a position with the F.A.A. in Las Vegas, NV where he ultimately completed his education. In 1996, Robert retired due to disabilities from his military service, which remained with him throughout the remainder of his life. Robert's strength and determination would not allow him to be idle. As such, he became entrenched in Veteran's Issues. Robert was a long-time member of American Legion Lester Keate Post 90 and served as Adjutant of the Disabled American Veterans (DAV) Dixie Chapter 7. He was the Senior Vice-Commander of the DAV Utah State Department in Salt Lake City. Robert was to assume a position of Commander of the DAV Utah State Department and was scheduled to take office in June. Robert was proud to be a Veteran of Underage Military Service, (VUMS) having selflessly raised his hand to defend freedom at the tender age of 16. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Saint George Chapter #961**. He, along with thousands of other underage Veterans received a Presidential pardon, having been declared a "Patriot" for having served his country at such a young age. He was later elected as the Utah State Commander of the nationwide VUMS Organization. He worked hard towards his goal of creating awareness of this largely unknown organization, committed to helping other underage Veterans learn; they too, had been pardoned. Robert remained active in his role as an advocate for Veteran's Issues and was instrumental in obtaining the donation of vehicles for the transport of Veterans in need of medical attention to the VA Facility in Salt Lake City. Besides having had his "angel" Val by his side for so many years, Robert's most prideful achievement came as he lay confined to a hospital bed. He was the first person in Washington County to donate \$4,000 to the 'Adopt a Room' Campaign established by the Veterans Coalition of Southern Utah as a way to raise the necessary funding to assure far "better than average" furnishings would adorn the rooms of the Veterans Nursing Home which ultimately will become a reality. Mayor, Chris Hart of Ivins, UT personally extended his wishes to Robert that he be well enough to attend the scheduled groundbreaking for the facility in July, as a guest of honor. Though Robert will not physically be present on that momentous day, his glorious spirit will be, as will the first plaque engraved with his name, designating the first room of a facility which, until recently, had only been a dream of many Veterans who together worked hard to make that dream come true. This achievement fits nicely with what Robert often said in deference to those who might feel otherwise: "To heck with Florida or any other place, Southern Utah is the Holy Land!" Surviving family include his wife, VaLoy (Val) Mathews Hansberry of St. George, UT; children, Daniel J. (Camelia) Hansberry of Las Vegas, NV, Jeanne Mari (Brett) Peterson of Las Vegas, NV, Robert Joseph Hansberry, Jr. of Philadelphia, PA and Janis Ann Hansberry of Las Vegas, NV, a stepdaughter, Donna Denison (Peter) Bates, Spanish Fort, AL; 7 grandchildren; a brother, Dr. William E. Hansberry, Fernandina Beach, FL and a sister, Joan E. Guthrie, Perry, GA. He is preceded in death by his parents, Joseph and Evelyn and his in-laws, Ross and Orma Mathews. A celebration of Robert's remarkable life of service will be held in the Spilsbury Mortuary Chapel,

110 South Bluff, in St. George, Utah on Monday, May 23, 2011 at 11:00 a.m. There will be a viewing on Sunday, May 22, from 6 – 8 p.m. and Monday, from 9:30 – 10:30 a.m. prior to services both held at Spilsbury Mortuary. Interment will be in the Tonaquint Cemetery with Military Honors.



VINCENT HARRINGTON - Died on Monday, March 28, 2011 in Sandwich, Massachusetts at the age of 66. Vinnie is survived by his significant other, Margery "Mickie" Young; son Michael Vincent Harrington and his wife Jennifer; grandson Michael Vincent and granddaughter Alyssa Barr; his daughter Coleen Marie and her husband Daniel Wittenmeyer, Jr.; and granddaughters Kylie May and Caitlyn Elizabeth, all of Sandwich. He also leaves his sister, Frances Meryl Kneeland of New Mexico, and his brother, Park Edward Harrington, of California. He was born January 29, 1945 and raised in Sandwich, he attended Sandwich public schools. In 1963, he was a member of what was probably the only junior auxiliary teenage fire company in the state to buy and equip their own fire truck. He entered the United States Army in July 1965 and served in Vietnam, distinguishing himself while serving as a Huey helicopter door gunner. During one of his missions on Nov. 4, 1966, his helicopter was shot down in flames in enemy-controlled territory. For his courage and determination in assisting a wounded comrade to safety and extinguishing a fire which threatened to destroy a helicopter, he was honored with the Bronze Star Medal with "V" Device for Heroism against a hostile force. He served his remaining months at Camp Edwards on Cape Cod and was discharged in July 1967. Upon his return to Sandwich, he worked for the Sandwich Highway Department and was a call firefighter in the town. In April 1969, he was appointed to the first full-time position of firefighter, and then became an EMT in 1976. He was a charter member of the Sandwich Fighters Local 2196 and retired from the Fire Department in September 1998. He was a member of The American Legion, Clark-Haddad Post No. 188, in Sandwich. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Hyannis Chapter #338**. He served his community as a volunteer on the Building and Ground Committee of the YMCA of Cape Cod and was their Volunteer of the Year in 1992. He was also a longtime member of the Sandwich Recreation Committee, having been involved in the clearing of the Pop Warner Football Field, the Fourth of July Parade, and many other activities. He was a proud life member of Company A/501st. Aviation Battalion, 71st Assault Helicopter Company Association, having served in Vietnam as a member of the "Rattlers." Vinnie enjoyed hunting, fishing and operating heavy equipment. He was a simple guy with a great sense of humor and remarkable gift of gab. Visiting hours will be held from 3 to 7 p.m. Sunday, April 3, 2011, in the Nickerson-Bourne Funeral Home, 154 Route 6A, Sandwich. Funeral services in the funeral home will begin at 11 a.m. Monday. Burial will follow in Sandwich Town Cemetery. Donations may be made to the Sandwich Professional Firefighters Local 2196, P.O. Box 1251, Sandwich, Massachusetts 02563; or Hospice & Palliative Care of Cape Cod, c/o McCarthy Care Center, 73 Service Road, East Sandwich, Massachusetts 02537.

THOMAS D. HAYDEN - Died Sunday, July 10, 2011 at Haven Hospice at the JFK Medical Center in Edison, New Jersey at the age of 66. He was a resident of Colonia, New Jersey. The cause of death was cancer. He was born on October 16, 1944 in County Carlow, Ireland to the late

Patrick and Mollie Hayden. He then moved to the United States in 1958, settling in Philadelphia. He lived in Queens, New York and Bayonne, New Jersey before moving to Colonia in 1978. He was a United States Army veteran, serving in the 1st Cavalry Division during the Vietnam War. He worked as a Decision Review Officer for the Department of Veterans Affairs in Newark for over 30 years. He was a parishioner of Saint John Vianney Roman Catholic Church in Colonia. He was also a member of the Woodbridge Township Youth Soccer Association; the **Vietnam Veterans of America – Elizabeth Chapter #779**, the County Carlow Association of New York; and the NY-NJ Chapter 1st Cavalry Division Association. He served as the President of the American Federation of Government Employees Union (AFGE), Local #2442, Newark. He was also honored in Ocean County, New Jersey by the NJ Association of Veterans Service Officers Food for Vets Program, which was renamed the Thomas D. Hayden Food for Veterans Program in 2010. He is predeceased by his niece, Christine Klein. Surviving are his wife of 39 years, Ann Marie (née Murphy); sons, Timothy Patrick Hayden of Falls Church, Virginia and Daniel Martin Hayden of Elizabethtown, Pennsylvania; brother, Dennis Hayden of Queens, New York; and sisters, Brigid Klein of Brooklyn, New York, Johanna M. Gentleman of Little Egg Harbor, New Jersey and Mary Ujvary of Kings Park, New York. Family and friends are invited to meet on Thursday at St. John Vianney's RC Church, Colonia for a 9:30 AM Mass. Burial to follow in St. Gertrude's Cemetery, Colonia. Please obey all traffic laws if driving in this procession. Visitation will be held on Tuesday and Wednesday from 2-4 & 7-9 PM at the Gosselin Funeral Home, 660 New Dover Road, Edison. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Vietnam Veterans of America, 20 Washington Place, Room 437, Newark, New Jersey 07102.

JOSEPH WAYNE HOLLAND - Died Friday, February 4, 2011 at the Johnston Medical Center in Smithfield North Carolina at the age of 65. He was a resident of Four Oaks, North Carolina. The cause of death was a heart attack. He was born in Johnston County on December 2, 1945 to the late George and Catherine (née Fields) Holland. He served in the United States Army from August 22, 1966 to August 7, 1968 with a tour of duty in Vietnam from July 1967 to July 1968. He was a self employed Diesel mechanic, and was a member of the American legion and was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Four Oaks Chapter #990**. Visitation was held on Monday, February 7, 2011 from 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM at the Minshew Funeral Home chapel. Funeral Services were held on Tuesday, February 8, 2011 at 2:00 PM at the Minshew Funeral Home chapel. Burial was held at Hood's Grove Church Cemetery with the Reverend Steve Grice, officiating. Surviving family members are wife Judy Beasley Holland; two daughters Wendy Holland Jones and Tabitha Holland Lawson; two brothers Jimmy Holland and Charles Holland of Kenly; two sisters Linda Holland Barnes of Lucama and JoAnn Holland; three grandchildren and three step-grandchildren. Condolences may be sent to www.minshewfuneralhome.com. Services were entrusted to the Minshew Funeral Home, Four Oaks.



DUANE K. HOLMGREN - Died peacefully at home on Monday, April 13, 2009 in Rowlett, Texas at the age of 61. The cause of death is unknown. He was born August 18, 1947 to the late Kenneth and Beatrice Holmgren. Duane was a well loved and respected citizen of Rowlett, and worked as a driver for a private bus service. Duane served in the Air Force in Japan and Viet Nam where he was a

sergeant with the Military Police. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Denton Chapter #920**. In addition to his parents, Duane was preceded in death by his brother, Russell Holmgren. He is survived by his beloved wife of 31 years, Linda Starkey Holmgren. He is also survived by his sister Betty Sawyer, his sister Linda Bryant and husband, Al Bryant and by his niece Eve Bryant and his nephew James Bryant. He is also survived by brothers-in-law Scott and David Starkey and David's wife, Ginger Starkey. The funeral was held on Friday, April 17, 11:00 AM at First Assembly of God, 11000 East Northwest Highway, where Duane was a long time servant of our Lord God. Interment will occur the following Monday at DFW National Cemetery. Duane's Family will receive friends Thursday, April 16, between 6:00 to 8:00 PM at the Grove Hill Funeral Home in Dallas. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to First Assembly of God Church.



STEPHEN E. HULL – Died Tuesday, July 26, 2011 at the Cameron Hospital in Angola, Indiana at the age of 63. He was a resident of Angola. The cause of death was cancer. He was born in Fort Wayne, Indiana on August 13, 1947, to Eugene and Beverly (Mann) Hull and they have both passed away. He was a 1966 graduate of Angola High School. He was a truck driver working for Associated Truck Line for 14 years then for Consolidated Freight Way for six years. He was a United States Army Vietnam veteran. He was a member of the Orland American Legion, Angola VFW, Angola Moose Lodge, **Vietnam Veterans of America – James Michael Ray Memorial (North Smithfield, Rhode Island) Chapter #818** and Local 414 Teamsters

Union of Fort Wayne. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, vacationing and spending time with his family. Steve married Susan Schiek on Nov. 8, 1969, in Waterloo, Indiana and she survives. He is also survived by two daughters, Sarah (Charles) Brunson of Orland and Stephanie (Troy) Scott of Idaville, Ind.; two sons, Stephen Hull of Orland and Samuel Hull of Angola; five grandchildren, Joseph Scott, Jacob Scott, Madeline Scott, Justin Scott and Colin Hull; a brother, Michael (Sandy) Hull of Lewisburg, Tenn.; and two sisters, Christine (David) Powell of Gallatin, Tenn., and Karen (Mac) McClanahan of Fremont. He was preceded in death by his parents and a brother, Robert Hull. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on Friday, July 29, 2011, at 10:30 a.m. at St. Anthony Catholic Church in Angola. Burial will be in Jamestown Cemetery, Fremont, with the Color Guard from the Orland American Legion conducting military honors. Calling is from 4 to 8 p.m. Thursday at Feller and Clark Funeral Home, 875 S. Wayne St., Waterloo, Ind. A prayer service will be at 8 p.m. Thursday night at the funeral home. Memorials can be directed to St. Anthony Catholic Church or Steuben County Cancer Society.

RICHARD HERMAN HUNNICUTT - Died Wednesday, July 20, 2011 in a local health care facility at the age of 66. He was a resident of Hixson, Tennessee. The cause of death was cancer. He was born in Chattanooga, Tennessee on June 8, 1945 to the late Herman and Gertrude Hunnicutt. He was a Vietnam Veteran serving in the United States Marine Corps. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Chattanooga Chapter #203**. Mr. Hunnicutt was retired from the Volunteer Army Ammunition Plant after 33 years of service. After retirement he was employed with Tetrattech for 10 years. Survivors include his wife of 39 years, Charlene

Hunnicut; daughters, Holly (Matt) Martin; Heather Hunnicutt; grandson, Sawyer Martin; sister, Rita (Robert) Hamilton all of Chattanooga. Funeral services were held Friday at 9:00 AM in the North Chapel with Father Charlie Burton officiating. Burial was at Chattanooga National Cemetery with full military honors. The family received friends Thursday from 6-8 PM at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society. 6221 Shallowford Road, Suite 102, Chattanooga, Tennessee 37421. In honor of Richard, take a friend out to lunch and tell them a good story to make them laugh. Arrangements are by Chattanooga Funeral Home, Crematory and Florist, 5401 Highway 153, Hixson, Tennessee.

EDMUND E. "Ed" HUTCHINS – Died Thursday, July 28, 2011 in Swanzey, New Hampshire at the age of 62. The cause of death was heart disease and cancer. He was born in Bellows Falls, Vermont November 14, 1948 to the late Edmund and Caroline (née Beam) Ballou. He is survived by his wife of 38 years, Jane (née Stinson) Hutchins, of Swanzey; his son, Dale Hutchins, of Townshend, Vermont; his brother and sister-in-law, Richard and Carolyn Hutchins; his sister and brother-in-law, Darlene and Dick Wyman of Athens, Vermont; his stepfather, Benjamin Hutchins, of Westminster, Vermont, and; several nieces, nephews, aunts and uncles. He served in the United States Army and served in Vietnam with Battery F, 26th Artillery Division from 1969 to 1970 and was honorably discharged in 1971. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Bennington Chapter #601**. A memorial service with military honors was held on Tuesday, August 2, 2011 at the Foley Funeral Home in Keene, New Hampshire.

ROBAH LEE JOHNSON, JR. - Died Friday, May 27, 2011 at the Regional Hospital of Jackson, Tennessee at the age of 76. He was a resident of Jackson, Tennessee. He was born September 29, 1934. He retired from the United States Air Force after 21 years of dedicated service and was a Vietnam Veteran. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Jackson Chapter #995**. Funeral Services were private. Arrangements were done by George A. Smith and Sons North Chapel, Jackson, Tennessee.



JAMES EDWARD "Jim" KELLY - Died Wednesday, June 8, 2011 in West Bridgewater, Beaver County, Pennsylvania at the age of 63. The cause of death was lung cancer. He was born December 27, 1947 in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania to the late James and Catherine (née Best) Kelly and was the owner of Kelly's Riverside Saloon in Bridgewater. He was the husband of Lisa Kelly; father of Sean (Nicole) Kelly, Beaver, Pennsylvania; brother of Dennis, Colin, Joe, Vince, Larry, Chris and Tim Kelly, Mary Ellen Wisniewski, Patricia Tagmyer, Colleen Kelly, Susan Ruck and Carol Kelly, all of Pittsburgh; his mother and father-in-law, Darlene and Charles Ellefson, Chippewa, Pennsylvania; and numerous nieces and nephews. In addition to his parents, he was also predeceased by his brother, Kenneth Kelly. He served in the United States Army from May 18, 1965 to May 17, 1968 with a tour of duty in Vietnam. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Beaver County (Freedom) Chapter #862**. Friends will be received Thursday from 6-8 and Friday from 2-4 and 6-8 in the Noll Funeral Home, Inc., 333 Third Street, Beaver, Pennsylvania where a service will be conducted Saturday at 11:00 a.m. Interment Beaver Cemetery. Online condolences may be shared at nollfuneral.com. In lieu

of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the St. Paddy's Charity, c/o Kelly's, 1458 Riverside Drive, Beaver, Pennsylvania 15009.

JERRY DEAN KENNEMER – Died Tuesday, June 28, 2011 in Salem, Oregon. The cause of death is unknown. He is survived by his son, Steven Kennemer. He served in the United States Navy during the Vietnam War. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Salem Chapter #271**.

JOSEPH D. KINNEY, SR. - Died Tuesday, May 10, 2011 at Wilson Hospital, Johnson City, New York. He was a resident of Owego, New York and 58 years of age. The cause of death was complications from cardiac surgery. He was born in Endicott, New York on July 29, 1952 to the late Charles T. Kinney, Sr., and Doris (née Reid) Kinney. Joe is survived by his son and daughter-in-law: Joseph D. (Brandi) Kinney, Jr. of Rochester, NY; daughter and son-in-law: Heather (Anthony) Kinney-Kurdziel of Buffalo; his longtime friend and companion Kathleen Harding; his siblings: Michael (Patricia) Kinney; Bonnie (Robert) Kinney-Card; Charles T. Jr. (Susan) Kinney; George B. Basos; Kathy L. (James) Basos-Hamlin; Shawn L. (Michael) Basos-Bostwick; several nieces, nephews, cousins and many friends also survive. Joe was veteran of the United States Army and proudly served his country from 1973-1976. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Owego Chapter #480**. Joe enjoyed fishing, treasure hunting and was a published writer. Joe was employed as a Senior Manufacturing Engineer for Lockheed Martin in Owego for nearly 29 years. Calling hours for Joe will be held on Saturday, May 14th at 10 am at the Sutfin Funeral Chapel, 273 South Main Street, Nichols, to be immediately followed by a memorial service at 11 am. Memories and condolences may also be shared by visiting our website at www.sutfinfuneralchapel.com. Friends who wish may kindly consider a memorial contribution to the Vietnam Veterans Association #480, 207 Main Street, Owego, New York 13827 in loving memory of Joseph D. Kinney, Sr.



GREGORY ALAN KOZELL - Died Saturday, July 16, 2011 in Waterford, Michigan at the age of 62. The cause of death was cancer. Gregory was born December 1, 1948 in Detroit, Michigan to the late Vincent and Elma Kozell. Loving husband of Cheryl Wyzgoski Kozell for 31 years; father of Jonathan; brother of Kimberly (Dan) Beney and Sharon (Robert) Branton; nephew of Helen Burmeister; uncle of Colin and Haley Beney, Jennifer (Mark) Manriquez, Allison (Derek) Johnson and Christopher (Shannon) Branton; also survived by many cousins and great nieces and nephews. He was a disabled Vietnam veteran and served in the United States Air Force from 1967 to 1975 as a security policeman/investigator. He spent his civilian career in public service as a local government administrator and consultant for the City of Dearborn and Waterford Township. Greg was an active community volunteer and veteran's advocate for many years. He was an *At-Large Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Michigan**. A Memorial Service was held Monday, July 25, 2011, 10:30 a.m. at the Riverside Chapel, Simpson-Modetz Funeral Home, 5630 Pontiac Lake Road, Waterford. The

family will receive friends at the funeral home Sunday 2 to 5 p.m. Memorials may be made to the Beaumont Hospice. Online guestbook: www.modetzfuneralhomes.com.



EDWIN J. KUCHARSKI - Died Wednesday August 25, 2010, in Hospice House, South Bend, Indiana at the age of 65. He was a resident of South Bend. He was born on April 10, 1945, in Anderson, Indiana, to the late Edwin S. and Wanda (née Sczesny) Kucharski. He was married to Maureen Kelly, and surviving from their union are sons, Peter (Linda) and Brian T. Kucharski, both of Northfield, Ohio and David (Karen) Kucharski of Cleveland, Ohio; grandchildren, Sarah, Daniel and Shawna Kucharski; and great-grandchildren, Chase and Nolan. On November 16, 1996, he married Vivian Kaminsky, who survives. Also surviving are his step-sons, Matthew (Sharon) and David (companion, Tracy and her children, Brady and Riley) Kaminsky both of Granger, Indiana; and three step-grandchildren, Camden, Chloe and Isabella Kaminsky. Edwin was a self employed commercial artist. He also worked as an armed security guard for Dunbar Armored Car for five years and Northfield Racetrack for six years. He retired in 2003. Mr. Kucharski was a United States Army Vietnam Veteran. He was an *At-Large Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Indiana**. He was a parishioner of Christ the King Roman Catholic Church. Visitation was from 4 to 8 PM on Thursday, August 26, 2010 in the Kaniewski Funeral Home, 3545 North Bendix Drive, South Bend, where a parish Rosary was prayed at 4:30 PM. Funeral services were held at 10 AM on Friday, August 27, 2010 in the funeral home. Burial took place in All Saints Cemetery, Northfield, Ohio. Memorial contributions may be made to Christ the King Catholic Church, 52473 SR 933, South Bend, Indiana 46637. To send online condolences, please visit www.kaniewski.com.



DALE J. LAUB - Died Saturday July 2, 2011 at St. Luke's Hospital, Fountain Hill, Pennsylvania at the age of 65. He was a resident of Schnecksville, Pennsylvania. The cause of death was Agent Orange-related cancer. He was born in North Whitehall Township, March 29, 1946, to the late Joseph H. Laub and Lorraine A. (née Hoffman) Laub Musselman. He was the husband of Darlene M. (née Haas) Laub. The couple celebrated their 31st wedding anniversary last June 28. He was employed as a service technician at Security Service for 7 years before retiring. Prior to that, he was employed as a service manager at ARA Services and ADT Security. Since his formal retirement, he worked part-time as a school bus driver in the Salisbury School District. He faithfully and honorably served his country in the United States Army during the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Easton Chapter #415**, the Disabled Veterans of America and the former Vernon G. Kern V.F.W. Post # 8344, Schnecksville. Active in the life of his community, Dale was a Life Member, Trustee and Lieutenant Fire Police at Community Fire Co. #1, Schnecksville, a former volunteer firefighter at Neffs Volunteer Fire Co., a former member of the Allentown Police Reserves and a former volunteer of the Cetronia Ambulance Corps. Dale was a member of the Union Evangelical Lutheran Church, Schnecksville. Survivors: In addition to his wife, Darlene; children, Jason Robert Laub, James J. Laub of CO, Rhonda L. Laub of Baltimore, MA, Jason Lee Laub and

his wife, Stacey, of Easton, Rebecca L. Kerschner of Wescosville; siblings, Bruce C. Laub of Schnecksville, Robert L. Laub and his wife, Karlene, of Walnutport, Sandra M. Waters and her husband, Robert, of Fleetwood; step father, Henry J. Musselman of Neffs; five grandchildren. Services: Funeral services were held 11 AM Thursday, July 7, 2011 in the Heintzelman Funeral Home, Inc., 4906 Route 309, Schnecksville with the Reverend Dennis W. Moore, officiating. Family and friends may pay their respects from 7-8:30 p.m. Wednesday and 10-11 AM Thursday in the funeral home. Interment with military honors will follow the service at Union Church Cemetery, Neffs. Online expressions may be made at www.heintzelmancares.com Contributions: Memorial contributions may be made to the Fire Police Fund of the Community Fire Co. #1, c/o the funeral home, Post Office Box #196, Schnecksville, Pennsylvania 18078-0196.

ROSE M. LEDFORD - Died Monday, July 18, 2011 in Cape Coral, Florida at the age of 57. She was born November 29, 1953 in Patterson, New Jersey and moved to Cape Coral from California in 1988. She was a member of the Ladies Auxiliary of the V.F.W. and **Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America – Cape Coral Chapter #594**. Mrs. Ledford is survived by her husband of 39 years, Terry G. Ledford; her children: Ty Ledford (Sheila) and Chase Ledford (Robyn), both of Cape Coral and Cassy Cagle (Rodger) of Hiawassee, GA; her two sisters: Georgann Brighini Novak (Jim) and Mary Ellen Jenkins; her brother, George Brighini (Cindy) and ten grandchildren and four great grandchildren. Memorial services will be conducted at 10:00 AM on Saturday, July 23, 2011 at Fort Myers Memorial Gardens Funeral Home. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Humane Society. Funeral arrangements are under the direction of Fort Myers Memorial Gardens Funeral Home, 1589 Colonial Boulevard, Fort Myers, Florida 33907. Online condolences may be made at: www.fortmyersmemorial.com.



MICHAEL B. LEEMANS - Died Sunday, July 10, 2011, at Genesis Medical Center, Illini Campus, Silvis, Illinois at the age of 63. He was a resident of East Moline, Illinois. The cause of death is unknown. Michael was born July 12, 1947 in Moline, Illinois, to the late Raymond & Mary Louise (née Billie) Leemans. He married Sharon Thuren February 13, 1971 in East Moline. Michael was co-owner of Creative Packaging Associates, Milan, for 30 years. He was a United States Army veteran who served two tours in the Vietnam War. Michael was a 1965 graduate of Alleman High School, attended Blackhawk College, and was a member of the **Vietnam Veterans of America – Rock Island Chapter #299**. Michael was a true gentleman who was loved by many. Fishing trips with friends, golfing, and traveling to warm places during the winter, especially Puerto Vallarta, were his favorite pastimes. He was fond of old movies, particularly westerns and Gene Autry and also had an interest in model trains. Survivors include his wife, Sharon;

daughter, Angie Leemans & Paul Hebbeln, Coal Valley; son and daughter-in-law, Mike & Sarah Leemans, Wheaton, IL; grandchildren, William & Nicholas Seaman and Michael, Audrey & Gabriel Leemans; sister, Jeanette Jeffers, Broken Arrow, OK; aunts, Suzanne Aubrey and Edna Giromini and uncles, Albert, Arthur, Eugene & Daniel Leemans. Funeral services will be held at 10:00 a.m., Thursday July 14th, 2011, at DeRoo Funeral Home, Moline. Visitation is Wednesday from 4:00 – 7:00 p.m. at the funeral home. Burial is at National Cemetery, Rock Island, IL, where the Vietnam Veterans will conduct military rites. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Vietnam Veterans of America – Rock Island Chapter #299.



GARY L. LILLIE - was a force, a larger than life presence to the veterans' community, said Bob Gould, his friend, fellow veteran and Veterans Radio co-host. Lillie died Thursday night, August 4, 2011 after a suspected drunken driver hit him on Marshall Road, according to a Washtenaw County Sheriff's press release. He was born May 5, 1941 in Detroit, Michigan. Lillie, 70, was jogging along Marshall Road just east of Baker Road when the incident occurred around 11:30 p.m. Lillie was known for his work on Veterans Radio, a weekly program on 990 AM WDEO Ann Arbor, which he helped launch eight years ago. "This was a loss to the entire veteran community," Gould said. "There will be huge shoes to fill." Gould, who often co-hosted with Lillie, said he had

the privilege of doing more than 400 programs with the veterans advocate and Vietnam veteran. "There wasn't anything or any event for veterans that Gary did not leave his mark on," Gould said. "When he got into veterans radio, it was as if he finally came home. "The man was a born journalist." Gould said Lillie seemed to just have the innate instinct to know exactly how to interview fellow veterans and was "always digging." "He had a way of making the listener feel like we were all sitting on the steps of the barracks just chewing the fat or on the line in Vietnam," Gould said. Lillie, who was born and raised in Detroit, served in the United States Navy and saw action in Vietnam in Chu Lai before being discharged in 1967. He served as a SeaBee, or a Construction Battalion, which Gould said was a very appropriate service. "Gary was not meant to be a ground pounder. He was meant to build things." In 1969, Lillie moved to the Ann Arbor area and began his own commercial real estate firm, Gary Lillie & Assoc. Incorporated. There, he ran his business and eventually helped found Veterans Radio. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Ann Arbor Chapter #310**. Veterans Radio, which airs live every Saturday morning at 9:00 AM on 990 AM in Ann Arbor and online at veteransradio.net, plans to have a memorial show in honor of Lillie's memory.

DAVID E. LIPPITT - Died at home in Coventry, Rhode Island on Thursday, July 14, 2011 at the age of 74. The cause of death is unknown. He was born June 25, 1937 in Providence, Rhode Island to the late Dr. Louis D. and I. Louise (née Carpenter) Lippitt. He was the loving husband of Doreen M. (Gooding) Lippitt of Coventry. They recently celebrated their 53rd wedding anniversary this past February. Mr. Lippitt was co-owner and computer consultant of Systematic Information Control. He was a United States Navy Veteran of the Vietnam War and

was proud to serve his country. David Lippitt was one of the newest members of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Providence Chapter #273**. Besides his wife Doreen, he is survived by four children: Peggy Lippitt of Coventry, Bill Lippitt and his wife Lorrie of Amherst, New Hampshire, Debbie Ware of Coventry, Doreen Simao of Coventry and Harold Hemberger of Johnston, Rhode Island; eleven grandchildren: Nikki, Mindy, Richelle, Christopher, Jennifer, Jessica, Molly, Kelly, Malakie, Quinn and Elyn; one great-grandchild: Megan and a sister Dimity Thornton of Massachusetts. A funeral service was held at Church of the Master, 15 Valley Street, Providence, Rhode Island 02909 on Monday, July 18 at 10 AM followed with interment with military honors at the Rhode Island Veterans Cemetery in Exeter, Rhode Island. Donations in his memory may be made to Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter #273, PO Box 9447, Providence, RI 02940 or to the Church of the Master Piano Fund.



DONALD R. "Don" LLAMAS - Died Sunday, May 29, 2011, at the St. Louis VA Medical Center, John Cochran Division Saint Louis, Missouri at the age of 61. He was a resident of Las Vegas, Nevada and formerly of Belleville, Illinois. The cause of death was cancer. He was born January 13, 1950, in East St. Louis, Illinois to the late John and Betty (née Major) Llamas. Don retired as a probation supervisor for St. Clair County. He served as a Sergeant in the United States Army during the Vietnam War and was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Las Vegas Chapter #17**. He was a member of the Hawaiian Golf League in Las Vegas, Nevada. He was an avid golfer and St. Louis Cardinals fan. Surviving are his wife, Mimi (née Wiatt) Llamas of Las Vegas, Nevada; and his son Staff Sergeant Michael A. Maggio of Fort Campbell, Kentucky. He is also survived by his brothers, John, Mike and Charles Llamas; his sister, Madonna Lowrance; and many aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews and cousins. He will be greatly missed by his many dear friends, here in Belleville and in Las Vegas. Don would also like to acknowledge the Cueto Family as his own family: Amiel and Elaine; Lloyd and Patti; Rere Hartlein; Chris and Becky; David; and all of their children and grandchildren. Memorials may be made to the Belleville Humane Society or donor's choice. Condolences may be expressed to the family online at www.kasslyfuneral.com. Visitation: Friends may call from 10 to 11 AM on Thursday, June 2, 2011, at Queen of Peace Catholic Church in Belleville, Illinois. Funeral: A Memorial Mass was held at 11 AM on Thursday, June 2, 2011, at Queen of Peace Catholic Church, Belleville, Ill., with Father Jack McEvilly officiating. Kassly Mortuary, Fairview Heights, Illinois.

DWIGHT L. LORENZ (LTC-Ret.) – Died Wednesday, June 29, 2011, in Sun City, Arizona, after a long and valiant fight against cancer. He was 78 years of age and a former resident of Bennington, Vermont. He was born in Bennington on August 16, 1932, to the late Herbert and Gertrude Lorenz. Colonel Lorenz had a brilliant career in the United States Army, where he served with distinction and valor during three conflicts as an Army Aviator and Artillery Officer. He was considered a leader of the community and involved in numerous civic, service and veterans organizations. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Bennington Chapter #601**. He is survived by his wife, Heike; son, Henning with Nisha and Eli; daughters, Paige and Dayle; his sister, Claire Harvey, and nieces and nephews. Funeral notice: A celebration of his life will take place in Vermont at the convenience of the family. Memorial

contributions in Dwight's memory may be made to Hospice of the Valley, 1510 East Flower Street, Phoenix, Arizona 85014.



HENRY F. LOWE, JR. – Died Friday, June 17, 2011 in Groves, Texas at the age of 84. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on February 21, 1927 in Box Springs, Georgia to Winifred B. and Henry F. Lowe, Sr. Upon graduating high school, he attended Auburn University until the age of eighteen when he entered the United States Army. His military career spanned over twenty eight years of distinguished service including three wars; World War II-era, Korean-era, and Vietnam Veteran. He received the Bronze Star, Vietnam Cross of Gallantry, Meritorious Service Medal, Good

Conduct Medal (8th award), Vietnam Service Medal, and the Vietnam Campaign Medal. During his service he traveled to many different countries. Upon retirement, he and his wife, Mary Ellen, attended and graduated from Lamar University LVN nursing program in 1975. Together they worked at St. Mary Hospital and then with a private physician. Henry dearly loved to travel and valued nature and wildlife, but most of all loved his family. He attended Agape Christian Fellowship in Groves and was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Beaumont Chapter #292** in Beaumont and Port Neches VFW Post 4820. Funeral services will be at 10:00 AM Tuesday, June 21, 2011 at Livingston Funeral Home in Groves with Reverend Steve Ghrone and Reverend Jeff Anderson of Agape Christian Fellowship officiating. Burial will follow in Greenlawn Memorial Park. A visitation for family and friends will be Monday evening from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. at the funeral home. Henry was preceded in death by his loving wife, Mary Ellen Carter Lowe. He is survived by his three daughters, Janice Smith and husband, Walter of Kountze, Judy Mahoney and husband, Bob of Pittsburgh, Pa., Beth Stein and husband, Kenny of Groves, five grandchildren, Janna Fulbright and husband, John, Lara Calderon and husband, Roel, Carrie Stecz, Bob Mahoney, and Paul Stein, great granddaughter, Hannah Fulbright, and nephews, Billy, Bobby, and Barret Carter. To honor Henry's memory, remember to have a sense of humor and live each day to the fullest.

JAMES FRANKLIN LOWE - Died Saturday, October 9, 2010 at Grand Strand Hospital in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina at the age of 61. He was a resident of Myrtle Beach. The cause of death is unknown. He was born May 25, 1949 in Charlotte, North Carolina Carrie Elizabeth Lowe, of Midland, South Carolina and the late J. V. Lewis Lowe. In addition to his mother, he is survived by his wife of 33 years, Candy Moody Lowe; his son, Roland Jones of Mebane, North Carolina; stepsons, Christopher Price of Myrtle Beach and Tracy Price of Denver North Carolina; brothers, Billy Lowe of Sherrill's Ford, J.V. Lowe of Shelby, North Carolina, Johnny Lowe of Huntersville, North Carolina and Bobby Lowe of Shelby, North Carolina; grandchildren, Rebecca Jones, Matthew Jones and Emma Price. He was a disabled Vietnam veteran and previously was a truck driver for Max Shaw Grading in Charlotte. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Concord (North Carolina) Chapter #909**. Visitation was Tuesday, October 12, 2010 at Hartsell Funeral Home, Midland from 6 to 8 PM. Funeral services were Wednesday, October 12, 2010 at 11 AM at the Hartsell Funeral Home Chapel in Midland. Burial was at Charlotte Memorial Gardens. The Rev. Gary Wyrick and the Rev. Lewis Weddington, co-officiated. Online obituaries and condolences at www.hartsellfh.com.



REVEREND WILLIAM PETER MAHEDY, JR. - tenacious veterans' advocate died of cancer on Wednesday, July 20, 2011 at the San Diego VA Medical Center. He was 75 years of age and a lifelong resident of San Diego. He was born in San Diego, California, on June 30, 1936 to the late Honorable William Peter Mahedy, Sr. and Loretta Mahedy. He attended St. Augustine High School before entering the Augustinian order. He was ordained a Catholic priest in 1963. He graduated from Villanova University and later earned three Masters Degrees. He worked in Japan, Massachusetts, Washington D.C., and New York before returning to St. Augustine High School; this time as a teacher. He later volunteered to join the United States Army and serve in Vietnam during the war as a chaplain. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – San Diego Chapter #472**. He made his career working with veterans from every war, from the Spanish American War through to the present conflicts. Along with Shad Meshad, he coauthored the National Veterans' Outreach Program, which enabled the establishment of Vet Centers across the nation. Today there are over 300. He and Jack Lyon founded the Veterans Village of San Diego, which has served as a model for many programs across the country. His book **Out of the Night**, has helped countless veterans identify and deal with the spiritual aspects of Post Traumatic Stress Disorder. He married his beloved Carol Ann Rice, in July of 1975 and was received as a priest in the Episcopal Church in June of 1976. They raised their family in San Diego in the community of St. David's parish. He is survived by Carol, their two children, Michael Mahedy and Marie Lockton, and their families. A public service will be held at Good Samaritan Episcopal Church on July 30th at 10 a.m. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in his memory to St. David's Episcopal Church, 5050 Milton St., San Diego, CA 92110.

WILLIAM W. MARDON – Died recently in 2011 in Bremerton, Washington at the age of 67. The cause of death is unknown. He was born August 9, 1944. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was an *At-Large Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – California**.



MICHAEL D. MARTIN - Died Monday May 30, 2011, at University Hospital in Kentucky at the age of 58. He was a resident of Silver Gove, Kentucky. The cause of death was from a motorcycle accident. He was born in Jacksonville, Florida on June 29, 1952. He was a retired Stationary engineer for Northern Kentucky University. He served in the United States Navy from March 30, 1970 to March 14, 1974 with service in Vietnam from 1971 to 1974. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America Florence Chapter #88** and a volunteer for the Veterans Hospital of Cincinnati. He is survived by his wife Terri Martin, son Ian Martin of Silver Grove, Kentucky, son Sean Martin of Kissimmee, Florida, and granddaughter Autumn Martin of Crittenden, Kentucky, brothers Robert L. Martin of New Port Richey, Florida, and Robert F. Martin of Southgate, Kentucky, sisters JoAnne Illsley, Alta Loma, California, and Laura Tallon of Bellevue, Kentucky. Visitation was Saturday June 11, 2011 from 10:00 AM-12:00 Noon with a Memorial service followed at Noon all at Linnemann Family Funeral Home and Cremation Center 30 Commonwealth Avenue,

Erlanger, Kentucky. Cremains were interred Monday June 13th at 11:00 AM at Evergreen Cemetery, Southgate Kentucky. Memorials to Mike Martin Memorial Fund c/o any PNC Bank. Online condolences: www.linnemannfuneralhomes.com.



KENNETH D. MATHER - Died Sunday, May 22, 2011 at Altru Hospital in Grand Forks, North Dakota at the age of 68. He was a resident of Grand Forks. The cause of death is unknown. Kenneth was born September, 20, 1942, in Grand Forks, to the late Fred and Alice (née Muir) Mather. He graduated from Gilby High School in 1960. Kenneth served in the United States Marine Corps from 1961-64 while being stationed in Yuma, Arizona. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Mayville Chapter #374**. Kenneth worked in Arizona for the Bureau of Reclamation. In 1982 he moved back to Grand Forks. He worked for the Grand Forks Water Dept. for 18 years before his retirement in 2006.

Kenneth enjoyed watching movies, NASCAR and westerns, reading, and traveling. He was big-hearted and was a perfect gentleman. He was affectionately known as "Uncle Pete". Kenneth is survived by nephews, Mark (Deb) Haats of Thief River Falls, MN, Steve (Brenda) Haats of Warroad, MN; niece, Eileen (Kevin Lull) Kelley of McCallsburg, IA; brother-in-law, Gordon Haats of St. Hilaire, MN and several great-nieces & nephews, aunts, uncles and cousins. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by sister, Carol. Memorial services were at 3:00 PM on Saturday, May 28, 2011, at Amundson Funeral Home 2975 South 42nd Street, Grand Forks, North Dakota. Visiting hours were 2:00-3:00 PM prior to the memorial service at Amundson's. Inurnment was in the Prairie Home Cemetery, Gilby, North Dakota. North Dakota Army National Guard Military Funeral Honor Team provided the military honors. A guest book may be signed at www.amundsonfuneralhome.com

RONALD M. McALEER – Died Thursday, November 25, 2010 in Prescott, Arizona at the age of 60. The cause of death is unknown. He was born November 12, 1950. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was an *At-Large Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Michigan**.



SHERRILL E. "Mac" McCARTY - Died Sunday, October 24, 2010 in Fletcher Allen Healthcare in Vermont. He was a resident of Vergennes, Vermont. The cause of death is unknown. He was born September 24, 1935 in Clinton, Tennessee, to the late Marie McCarty. Mac served in the United States Air Force for 21 years retiring at the rank of Master Sergeant and after retiring, was a car salesman for both Beckwith Motors and Shea Motors. He was Past Master, Middlebury Union Lodge F&AM #2, was a member Polaris Lodge #17, Goosebay, Labrador, and was a charter member of Cairo Shriners Mini Monster Unit of Rutland. He was a member of the

Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #7823, Disabled American Veterans, Otter Valley Chapter #21, and a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Bristol Chapter #926**. Surviving family

members include two daughters, Susan E. Swain and her husband, Allen, of New Haven, Vermont and Sandra J. Johnson and her husband, Steve, of Waltham; one son, Sean E. McCarty and his wife, Kim, of Monkton; two brothers, Jerry Hall of California, and Henry Hall and his wife, Joyce, of Arizona; one sister, Othelia Swinney and her husband, Mike, of Texas.; five grandchildren; five great- grandchildren; and two uncles. He was predeceased by his wife, Sara J. (Hall) McCarty, who died June 6, 1996; a sister; a granddaughter; and two uncles. Relatives and friends are invited to a memorial reception on Monday, Nov. 1, 2010 at the Middlebury American Legion, 49 Wilson Rd., Middlebury, Vermont from 11:30 a.m. until 2 p.m. Graveside Masonic services with military honors will follow at 2:30 p.m. at Riverside Cemetery, River Road, New Haven. The family suggests that memorial donations be made to Disabled American Veterans, 74 Pleasantview Terrace, Weybridge, Vermont 05753 or to Shriners Hospital, 51 Blossom St., Boston, Massachusetts 02114. Sanderson-Ducharme Funeral Home of Middlebury assisted with arrangements.

ROBERT F. "Scot" McCLELLAN - Died Sunday, May 9, 2010 at his home in Union, South Carolina at the age of 62. The cause of death is unknown. He was born November 14, 1947 in Altoona, Pennsylvania to the late Harry and Elizabeth (née Hatch) McClellan and had made his home in Union for the past five years. Mr. McClellan received his Bachelor of Science degree in Political Science from the Indiana University of Pennsylvania and had continued his studies toward his Master's Degree. He was retired from the United States Army after 32 years having served a tour of duty in Vietnam as a helicopter pilot. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America - Union Chapter #644**, the VFW and Vietnam Helicopter Pilots Association. He served as adjutant of the American Legion Post #22 of Union. Before coming to Union, Mr. McClellan was owner of his own business in Pennsylvania called McClellan's Pallet Recyclers. Mr. McClellan was very active with the Boy Scouts of America. He had earned his Eagle Scout badge and was leader of Troop # 120 in Union. He also was program director for the Cub Scout Day Camp. He was an avid animal lover and owned horses, dogs and cats that he and his wife had rescued. Mr. McClellan made friends easily with whomever he met, no matter where he was. He is survived by his wife, Susan Marie McClellan, of the home; two daughters, Nicole Elizabeth McClellan of the home and Heather Ivey and husband John of Altoona, PA; a sister, Vera Downs of Altoona, PA; a grandson, Jarrett Ivey of the home; and 11 other grandchildren; a nephew, Jason Downs and wife Valerie and their son Alex, all of Altoona. Visitation will be held 7:00 PM until 9:00 PM Wednesday evening, May 12, 2010 at the S.R. Holcombe Funeral Home. Good Funeral Home, Inc. will be assisting the family with a funeral and committal service to be held Saturday, May 15, 2010 in Altoona, Pennsylvania. Memorials may be made to the Union County Humane Society, 218 North Pinckney Street, Union, South Carolina, 29379. The S.R. Holcombe Funeral Home, Inc. (www.holcombefuneralhomes.com)



WILLIAM JAMES McCLUSKEY, JR. - Died Saturday, January 1, 2011 in Palm Springs, California at the age of 77. He was a resident of Cathedral City, California. The cause of death was cardiopulmonary arrest. He was born on May 18, 1933 in Orange, New Jersey. His mother was Margaret Fischer

McCluskey, born in Newark, New Jersey, and his father was William James McCluskey, Sr., born in Orange, New Jersey. He is survived by his wife, Jean, to whom he was married for 56 years. He is also survived by children, Lynn Foley and her husband, Kevin, of Germantown, Tennessee, Barbara Stafford and her husband, John, of Denver, Colorado and Michael McCluskey and his wife, Lori, of Palm Desert, California; grandchildren, Sean, Stephanie and Ryan Foley of Germantown, Tennessee, Scott and Kristin Mitchell of Madison, Wisconsin, and Heather and Matthew McCluskey of Palm Desert, California; and brother, Owen McCluskey, and his wife, Barbara, of Plainsboro, New Jersey. Bill attended college at Seton Hall University in South Orange, New Jersey. He was on active duty in the United States Army from 1964 until 1975; Major McCluskey served two tours in Vietnam and one unaccompanied tour in South Korea. After his military career he returned to his accounting profession. He was a *Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Mariposa Chapter #368*. The service was held at Forest Lawn Mortuary in Cathedral City, California on January 5, 2011. Graveside service was conducted on January 6, 2011 at Riverside National Cemetery in Riverside, California with full military honors.



COL. EDWARD A. MILLER, USAF (Ret.) – Died Wednesday, November 24, 2010 in Fort Dodge, Iowa at the age of 64. The cause of death is unknown. He was born September 27, 1946. He was a beloved family practitioner, correctional facilities physician and a 30-year medical corps officer of the United States Air Force. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Fort Dodge Chapter #861**. Ed is survived by his loving wife, IA State Representative Helen Miller; brother, Ernest Miller; daughters Laura (Jeffrey Pope) and Brooke; son, Edward Andrew "Andy"; grandsons, Drew, Connor, Xavier, Zachary and Adam; and a host of family and friends. Final services and interment will take place at Arlington National Cemetery Old Post Chapel on February 10, 2011 at 9 AM. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the Dr. Edward A. Miller Memorial Fund, payable and remitted to Fort Dodge Community Foundation, 802 Central Avenue, Suite 405, Fort Dodge, Iowa 50501, Attention: Randy Kuhlman. Visitation with the family post services was held at Georgetown Suites, 1111 - 30th Street NW, Washington, DC on February 10 between 5:30 to 8:30 PM. Funeral arrangements were by Hari P. Close Funerals, www.haripclosefunerals.com.



DOUGLAS "Luke" IVAN MILLS - Died Sunday, May 29, 2011, in Keyser, West Virginia at the age of 65. He was a resident of Rawlings, West Virginia. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on May 24, 1946, in Keyser, West Virginia, to the late Ivan O. and Catherine A. (née Riley) Mills. He also was preceded in death by his wife, Joyce A. (née Metcalf) Mills, on January 10, 1999; two infant brothers and a grandson, Owen

Charles Parish. Mr. Mills was retired as a long wall shear operator with 23 years of service with Consolidated Coal Company in Shinnston and Mount Storm, West Virginia, and also was formerly employed with the Celanese Amcelle Plant for 10 years. A 1965 graduate of Keyser High School, he was a United States Army veteran of the Vietnam War and was a lifetime member of Nancy Hanks Post 3518, VFW, Keyser, Kelly-Mansfield Post 52, American Legion, Piedmont, W.Va., a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Cumberland Chapter #172**, D.A.V. Chapter 9, Keyser and Lodge 662, Loyal Order of Moose, Keyser. He was also a member of the First United Methodist Church and attended the Emmanuel Pentecostal Holiness Church, both of Keyser. Surviving are one son, David M. Mills, of Short Gap, West Virginia; four daughters, Lora J. Elkins and husband Norman Jr., of Martinsburg, West Virginia, Susan D. Parish and husband William Jr., of Keyser, Jeannine M. Anderson and husband Paul, of Falling Waters, West Virginia, and Brittany M.K. Mills, of Hedgesville, West Virginia; eight grandchildren, Courtney, Kay-la, Kelly and Alesha Elkins, Connor and Taylor Parish and Emma and Brielle Anderson; one brother, Neal A. Mills, of San Francisco, California; two sisters, Janet Jean Amtower and husband Robert, of Keyser and Lyda Sue Westfall and husband Tom, of Seminole, Florida; his fiancée, Mary Ann Goldman, of Keyser; her children, Julee Sullivan, of Texas, Lori Feters, of Corriganville, and Lawrence Goldman, of North Carolina and their children. Friends may call at the Smith Funeral Home, Keyser Chapel, on Thursday, June 2, 2011, from 2 to 4 PM and 6 to 8 PM. Funeral services were conducted in the Smith Funeral Home, Keyser Chapel, on Friday, June 3, 2011, at 11 AM with the Reverend Donna Leatherman officiating. Interment will be in the Queen's Point Cemetery, Keyser. Graveside military honors will be accorded. The family requests that memorial contributions be directed to Nancy Hanks Post 3518, VFW, 179 Armstrong Street, Keyser, West Virginia 26726.

GARY ARTHUR MILNER - Died Saturday, July 9, 2011, at Baptist Memorial Hospital of Columbus, Mississippi at the age of 67. He was a resident of West Point, Mississippi. The cause of death was cancer. He was born October 26, 1943, in Many, Louisiana, to the late Aubrey Oden and the late Doris Opal Farrell. A memorial service was to be held at a later time. Gunter & Peel Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. He was retired from the United States Air Force where he served multiple tours in the Vietnam Conflict. He came to Columbus Air Force Base in 1988 where he worked for Dyncorp as a senior aircraft mechanic until 2006. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Columbus Chapter #997**. He was known for his sense of humor and his knowledge of anything mechanical. He had an intense love of history and could not overlook a friend or stranger in need. He enjoyed fishing, grilling, driving his dogs around in his golf cart and being surrounded by loved ones. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his brothers, Tommy E. and Dennis Milner. Survivors include his wife of 22 years, Linda Milner of West Point, MS, daughters, Cara Houston of Brandon, MS, Racheal Morgan, Elisha Stacks, and Larisa Milner of West Point, MS; son, Gary Stacks II, of West Point, MS; sister, Karen Casebeer of Dixon, CA, brother, Randy Milner of Fairfield, CA, 9 grandchildren and 4 beloved dogs. There is a great void in our lives but not in our hearts. Truly a great soul was lost today, even the sky wept with his passing. Donations can be made to the Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 997, in memory of Gary Milner.



TERRY S. MONROE, SR. - Died Monday, May 9, 2011, in his home in South Bend, Indiana at the age of 67. The cause of death was cancer. Terry was born on September 4, 1943, in Anderson, Indiana, to the late Paul and Lura Maxine (née McGinnis) Monroe. He had been employed with City Auto Parts and MTI in South Bend. Survivors include three daughters, Dawn Monroe of Osceola, Indiana, Tonia Coddens of South Bend, IN, and Kimberly (Paul) Felton of McMinnville, Tennessee; two sons, Terry S. Monroe, Jr. of Mishawaka, Indiana, and Robert (Tami) Hall of O'Fallon, Illinois; nine grandchildren, Eric Schlarb, Corey (Nikki) Hall,

Tony Monroe, Cody Monroe, Brandon Monroe, Lucas Felton, Levi Felton, Shayne Monroe and Corban Felton; two great-grandchildren, Nevaih, and another one "on the way"; one sister, Cathy (Dave) Rieder of South Bend, Indiana; three brothers, Gary (Leah) Monroe of South Bend, Indiana, Steve (Diane) Monroe of South Bend, Indiana, and Jeff (Cindy) Monroe of North Carolina; and two grand-dogs, Lucy and Copper. Funeral services will be held at 2 p.m. Sunday, May 15, 2011, in the Kaniewski Funeral Home, 3545 N. Bendix Drive. Burial will follow at Mount Pleasant Cemetery. Friends may call from 3 to 8 p.m. Saturday in the funeral home. Terry served in the United States Marine Corps with a tour of duty in Vietnam for one year, three months and sixteen days. He was a member of VFW Post #360, the Marine Corps League of South Bend, American Legion Post #284 and American Legion Pulaski Post #357. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – South Bend Chapter #1027**. Memorial contributions may be made to the Center for Hospice and Palliative Care.

TERRY LEE MOORE – Died Wednesday, May 11, 2011 in Moses Lake, Washington at the age of 63. The cause of death was Agent Orange-related Diabetes Mellitus Type II. He was born in Columbus, Ohio on February 23, 1948. He is survived by his wife, Cindy Moore of the home. He served as a Corpsman with the United States Marine Corps in the United States Navy from August 1, 1967 to April 8, 1971 with a tour of duty in Vietnam from 1969 to 1970. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Moses Lake Chapter #686**.

JAMES C. MURPHY, JR. - Died Monday, July 25, 2011 in Stony Brook New York at the age of 67. The cause of death was kidney disease. He was born January 15, 1944 in the Bronx, New York to James and Elizabeth Murphy. In addition to his parents, he is survived by his wife Jill (née Gorman) and his three children and their spouses: Thomas & Margaret Murphy of Mahwah, NJ, Colleen & Brian Dudek of Nanuet, NY, and Bridget & Andrew Bollinger of Mahwah, NJ. He considered his three grandchildren Elizabeth and Anna Dudek, and Abbey Murphy, the light of his life. Jim was the oldest of seven: Bettyann Murphy, Brian Murphy, Rita Murphy, Kathie Coleman, and John Murphy, and predeceased by his brother Kevin Murphy. Jim adored his in-laws, and many nieces and nephews. His family later moved to Crestwood where he attended Stepinac High School. He later graduated from Belmont Abbey College and served in the U.S. Army with the 8th Battalion/26th Artillery in the central highlands of Vietnam. Jim moved his family to Rockland in 1971 when he was hired as an agent for the Allstate Insurance Co. His career lasted 34 years until retirement. Jim was also a member of the Friendly Sons of St. Patrick in NYC, Westchester & Rockland, a *Charter Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – New City Chapter #333** and served for many years on the board of Children of Mary Nursery School, where his favorite "duty" was to play Santa Claus. Family will receive friends on

Thursday and Friday 2-4 & 7-9PM at Higgins Funeral Home New City, New York. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held on Saturday 10am St. Gregory Barbarigo Church Garnerville, New York. Interment was in the Gate of Heaven Cemetery, Valhalla, New York. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made in Jim's memory to the National Kidney Foundation – New York Chapter (c/o 30 East 33rd Street, Suite 300, New York, New York 10016) or the New Jersey Sharing Network Foundation (c/o 691 Central Avenue, New Providence, New Jersey 07974).

JAMES E. MURPHY - Died Tuesday, July 26, 2011 in Clinton, New Jersey at the age of 62. The cause of death was a stroke. He was born in Orange, New Jersey in 1949 to the late Edmund and Alice (née Farley) Murphy. He lived in Orange and Short Hills, New Jersey, before settling in Clinton. Calling hours are Thursday from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Scarponi-Bright Funeral Home, Lebanon, New Jersey. The Funeral Mass was Friday at 10 a.m. at Immaculate Conception Church in Annandale, New Jersey. Interment was in Brigadier General William C. Doyle Veterans Cemetery in Arnetown, New Jersey. Mr. Murphy was employed at AAA Guaranteed Limousine Service in Annandale, New Jersey, as a chauffeur since April 2001. He was previously employed at Warner-Lambert Morris Plains, New Jersey, for 18 years. He was a magna cum laude graduate of Kean University and served in the United States Army in Vietnam War with the 25th Infantry Division. He was a member of American Legion Post 159, Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 5119 and **Vietnam Veterans of America – Flemington Chapter #452** and a life member of the 25th Infantry Division Association, serving as membership chairman, director, and president of the tri-state chapter. Mr. Murphy was also a member of the Phillipsburg Railroad Historians Inc., the Lionel Collectors Club of America and the Toy Train Operating Society. He is survived by his brothers, Thomas of Port Orange, Fla., and Robert of Phillipsburg, New Jersey; he was the brother-in-law of Beatrice Murphy and beloved uncle of Scotti Anne Maxwell. His longtime companion, Agnes Mudrack, also survives him.

FREDERICK V. ORMOND III – Died recently in 2011 in Dexter, Oregon at the age of 63. The cause of death is unknown. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Oregon Chapter #144**.

RONALD C. PEIO - Died Wednesday, June 15, 2011 at United Memorial Medical Center in Batavia, New York at the age of 67. He was a resident of Batavia. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Batavia June 23, 1944, a son of the late Roger L. and Gladys Smigelski Peio. He served in the United States Air Force during the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – LeRoy Chapter #193**. Mr. Peio was a computer engineer. He is survived by a multitude of co-workers and friends along with his faithful companion Ranger. There are no prior calling hours. Services will be private. Memorials can be made to The United Memorial Medical Center Intensive Care Unit 127 North Street, Batavia, New York 14020 or to the Batavia Animal Hospital 3699 West Main Street, Batavia, New York 14020.



CHARLES JOSEPH RAY, SR. - Died on Sunday, June 26, 2011 in a local hospital in Biloxi, Mississippi at the age of 87. The cause of death was multiple organ failure. He was born in Blackstone, Massachusetts on March 20, 1924 to late, Lawrence and Mary Ray. He enlisted in the United States Marine Corps on July 20, 1941 and served 8 years. Mr. Ray worked at Voi Shan/Fairchild, Redondo Beach, California for 29 years. He was a life member of several organizations including, VFW #2323, Post Commander, Granada Hills, California, Naval Elks #353, Port Angeles, Washington,

American Legion #368, Vietnam Veterans of Ventura County, California, Past Chairman of Los Angeles County POW-MIA, a member of **Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America – James Michael Ray Memorial Chapter # 818** in Lincoln, Rhode Island, Forget-Me-Nots, New Milford, Connecticut, POW Network, Branson, Missouri, Release Foundation, New York, New York, American Ex-POW of America, Heart of Illinois and a member of the Vietnam Veterans Motorcycle Club, F Troop. Mr. Ray is preceded in death by his first wife, Mary P. Ray; step-daughter, Cathi Ray. He is survived by his wife of 54 years, Jean J. (née Piatek) Ray; sons, James Michael Ray, POW, Vietnam/Cambodia, captured March 18, 1968 still not yet accounted for, Dennis (Denice) Ray of North Smithfield, Rhode Island, Charles (Lynn) Joseph Ray, Jr. of Woonsocket, Rhode Island; daughter, Maureen (Raymond) Vien of Port Charles, Florida; step-daughter, Janice Brown of Williamsburg, Virginia; six grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. Special thanks to Father Phil Salois, M.S. National Chaplain of the Vietnam Veterans of America, La Salette Shrine, Massachusetts, Father Thomas Pazheparambil of Sacred Heart Roman Catholic Church. The family also wishes to thank special angels, Barbara Dix, RN, Nursing Center, Dr. Motakhaveri, Sheila Pate, D'Iberville VFW Post 6731, RN Justin, BRMC, and all of the 5th Floor nursing staff. Memorial services will be on Thursday, June 30, 2011 at 3:00 p.m. at the Howard Avenue Chapel of Bradford-O'Keefe Funeral Home, Biloxi. Friends may visit from 1:00 p.m. until service time.



HENRY J. RIORDAN - Died Saturday, April 2, 2011 at his home in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina at the age of 86. The cause of death is unknown. He was born July 15, 1924 in New York City, New York to the late James and Ellen Riordan. His brothers, John and Daniel Riordan and his sister, Katherine Schaaff, all predeceased him. Henry served his country proudly in the United States Army

during WWII and the Korean Conflict and was a P.O.W and a Purple Heart Recipient. He was a member of Saint Andrew Catholic Church and served as a communicant. He retired from the United Postal Service following his career as a mail carrier. He was a member of **Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America – Surfside Beach Chapter #925**. Survivors include his loving and devoted wife, Madeline Riordan of Myrtle Beach, SC; a son, Dr. James J. Riordan of Fort Lauderdale, FL; his niece, Joan and his nephews, George, Edward and Danny. The family will receive friends at McMillan-Small Funeral Home Tuesday, April 5, 2011 from 5:00-7:00 PM, with a Catholic prayer service beginning at 5:20 PM. A Mass of Christian Burial will be 11:00 AM Wednesday, April 6, 2011 at Saint Andrew Catholic Church with Father Richard Jackson presiding. Burial will be held at a later date in Belmont Abbey Cemetery in Belmont, NC. The

family requests that in lieu of flowers, memorials be made to Saint Andrew Catholic Church, 3501 North Kings Hwy, Suite # 102, Myrtle Beach, SC 29577 or Help 4 Kids, 605 Boundary Lane, Murrells Inlet, SC 29576. To view or sign McMillan-Small Funeral Home's online guest book, please go to www.msfh.net. McMillan-Small is entrusted with the care of the Riordan family.



ALLAN L. "Al" ROCHELEAU - Died on Flag Day, June 14, 2011, at Manitowoc Health and Rehabilitation Center in Manitowoc, Wisconsin, after a long battle with cancer at the age of 68. He was a resident of Two Rivers, Wisconsin. He was born in Two River on October 10, 1942. Attended Saint Luke's Grade School, Washington

High School, and graduated in 1961. After graduation, Al enlisted in the United States Army in September 1961. He served two tours in Vietnam and one in Germany. In 1972, he came home to care for his mother after his father died. From 1972 until he retired, Al worked for Hydra Tool Company. He enjoyed his motorcycle, riding with his nephew, Terry Thomas. He also enjoyed hunting and fishing, especially fishing with Trevor Ruoho. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Manitowoc Chapter #731**. Al is survived by his sisters, Alice Riha and Shirlee Meyer; one brother, Gary; and brothers-in-law, sister-in-law, cousins, nephews and nieces, and good friends, Bob and Nancy Ruoho and Bob and Sue Jacky. Graveside committal services were led by the Reverend Joel Szydlowski was held at 11:00 AM Wednesday, June 22, 2011, at Holy Cross Cemetery, Two Rivers. Military honors will be accorded by members of Vietnam Veterans of America, Chapter 731, of Manitowoc County. We would like to thank the people at Zablocki VA Hospital in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, Holy Family Memorial Hospital and the Manitowoc Health and Rehabilitation Center in Manitowoc for all the help and wonderful care "Thank You."



WILLIAM R. "Bill" ROMARY - Died on Wednesday, April 13, 2011 in Mount Lebanon, Pennsylvania at the age of 65. The cause of death was respiratory failure, chronic obstructive pulmonary disorder and coronary artery disease. He was born January 9, 1946 in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. He was the beloved husband for 19 years of Bonnie Sue (née Jones) Romary; loving father of Kristen Anne Romary, Denise Lee Romary Cordero and her husband David, and

the late Brian William Romary; former spouse of Donna Romary Fisher; stepfather of Chandra Leckie and her husband Patrick and Erik Raymond Arlet and his wife Karen; dear brother of Sally (the late Tony) Leo, Robert (Margaret) Romary, and the late Kenneth Romary and Alyce (the late Donald) Kastner; devoted "Pappy, Pap and Pappy Bill" to Danielle, Marisa and David Cordero; Morgan and Sydney Leckie; Kara, Kayla and Patrick Shields, Parker Erik Arlet and his "faithful pal" Pluto; also survived by his nieces and nephews. Bill was a Retired Senior Master Sergeant in the United States Air Force and served both in the Vietnam War and later in Desert Storm. He was an *At-Large Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Pennsylvania**.

Friends may call at Laughlin Memorial Chapel, 222 Washington Road, Mt. Lebanon Saturday 6-8 p.m. and Sunday 2-4 and 6-8 p.m. Service at the funeral home Monday morning at 9:15, followed by interment with Full Military Honors in the National Cemetery of the Alleghenies at 10:30 a.m. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made in Bill's name to The American Lung Association, 11676 Perry Highway, Suite 2104, Wexford, Pennsylvania



CHUCK P. "Sardar" RYSTICKEN - Died Tuesday, July 12, 2011 at the Manitowoc Health and Rehabilitation Center in Manitowoc, Wisconsin at the age of 66. He was a resident of Manitowoc. Chuck was born in Manitowoc on August 12, 1944, to late Daniel and Lorraine (née Schrimpf) Rysticken of Manitowoc. He was a 1962 graduate of Lincoln High School. Chuck always wanted to

be a professional soldier, but his eyesight kept him out of West Point. He enlisted in the United States Army. He then became a code interceptor

after schooling with the ASA Training Center. This training took him to the ASA Field Station in Asmara, East Africa, which was an 18-month duty in a very isolated area. He was there when the Cuban Missile Crisis occurred and he was on high alert. Chuck always excelled as a graphic artist and while stationed in Ethiopia, his artwork was presented to Emperor Haile Selassie in Africa. Chuck was proud of his name Sardar (meaning native chief, a leader) given to him by a best buddy in the service. And a leader he was, belonging to many organizations to honor the military. Chuck was a *Charter and Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Manitowoc Chapter #731** and as the second president began a friendship with the Hmong people of Manitowoc. He designed the logo for the Vietnam Veterans Chapter, served on the Board of Directors and as newsletter chairman. He was a member of the American Legion and founding member of the Cold War Veterans Association, serving as their international quartermaster. He also was a life member of the DAV, AMVETS, Manitowoc County United Veterans Council and in 2007 he was chosen as their member of the year. Chuck served on the committee for bringing the Moving Wall to Manitowoc in 1999. He was an honorary member of the European Theater and founder and First Commander of the Polish Legion of American Vets, Post 214. Chuck was a gifted graphic artist and owner of Imperial Design in Manitowoc. A memorial service will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, July 23, 2011 at Calvary Cemetery and Chapel Mausoleum, 2601 South 14th Street, Manitowoc. Burial will take place on Monday, July 25, 2011, at 11:00 a.m. at Calvary Cemetery. Online condolences may be sent to www.jensreinboldandpfeffer.com. Chuck wished to express a special thanks to Dave Van Ells for 40 years of friendship and "fighting our real and imaginary wars." Friends of Chuck would like to especially thank the dedicated and wonderful nurses and aides at the Health Care Center for the compassionate care shown to Chuck during his three weeks at the facility. Thank you to the angel that took care of Chuck all of these days.

CLYDE H. SIMS - Died Friday, June 17, 2011 at his home in Ponca City, Oklahoma at the age of 70. The cause of death was cancer. He was born February 10, 1941. He served in the United

States Army from February 1964 to January 1967 with a tour of duty in Vietnam. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Ponca City Chapter #750**. Graveside services were held at 1 PM, Wednesday, June 22, 2011 at Resthaven Memorial Park Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society, Oklahoma Chapter, Post Office Box 22718, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73123-1718. Grace Memorial Chapel was in charge of arrangements

JACK LEE SOFIA, SR. - Died Saturday, May 21, 2011 at Heartland Health Care Center at the age of 62. He was a resident of Ypsilanti, Michigan. The cause of death was a heart attack. He was born April 25, 1949 in Springfield, Missouri to the late Ernest Shoner and Beulah Patterson. He served honorably in the United States Marine Corps in Vietnam from 1968-1970. Jack was a member of the Ann Arbor Veterans of Foreign Wars, a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Ann Arbor Chapter #310** and he worked for Ford Motor Company, Ypsilanti plant for 38 years. Survivors include: one daughter, Jennifer Sofia of Ann Arbor; two sons, Jack Jr. and Daniel, both of Ypsilanti; grandson, Justin Gooch of Ohio; three sisters, Jean Shoner (Al) Francis of Stockbridge, Sarah (Dave) Salley of Concord, MI and Julie Shoner of Hartland; two brothers, Nicholas Shoner and Daniel (Karen) Shoner, both of Saline; and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents. The funeral service will be 11 am Thursday, May 26, 2011 at Stark Funeral Service. Burial will follow in Washtenong Memorial Park. Contributions in his memory may be made to either the Washtenaw County Salvation Army or Heartland Hospice Memorial Fund, 333 North Summit, Post Office Box 10086, Toledo, Ohio 43699. Envelopes are available at the funeral home where the family will receive friends 6-9 pm Tuesday and 2-4 & 6-9 pm Wednesday.

GREGORY L. TOLER – Died Friday, September 10, 2010 in Harlingen, Texas at the age of 62. The cause of death is unknown. He was born June 19, 1948. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Harlingen Chapter #856**.

GARY WILLIAM JOHN TRACY - Died Monday, March 7, 2011 at Wesley Medical Center, Wichita, Kansas at the age of 63. The cause of death is unknown. He was born March 25, 1947 in Norwich, New York to the late Wilson and Norah (née Perry) Tracy. At age 10 his family moved to Bristol, England. Later in life, at the American Embassy, he joined the United States Army's Big Red One, the First Infantry Division and spent 4 tours of duty in Vietnam. He was an *At-Large Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Kansas**. After his discharge, he married Barbara and divorced around 1980 they had 2 children. He then came to California and Nevada doing remodeling and handyman work. In California, he met Louise Lau and they married in 1989 and divorced in 1993. He enjoyed refurbishing dumped furniture. Survivors include: 2 daughters, Samantha and Nicole Tracy and their mother Barbara; his lifelong companion, Louise Lau, and one grandchild Cory. A Memorial Service was conducted at 11:00 AM on Wednesday, March 16, 2011 at the Kansas Veterans Cemetery at Ft. Dodge with military rites by Ft. Riley Honor Guard. There will be no public viewing, cremation has taken place. The family suggests memorials to Vietnam Vets Association, Big Red One Association and the National Parkinson's Foundation all in care of Burkhart Ziegler Funeral Chapel, 1901 North 14th Avenue, Dodge

City, Kansas 67801. Condolences may be sent to www.burkhart-ziegler.com.

TIMOTHY D. TREGO – Died Friday, April 29, 2011 in Fenton, Missouri at the age of 64. The cause of death was cancer. He was born in Saint Louis, Missouri on December 30, 1946. He was the beloved husband of Joyce Trego (née Hammann); loving father of Tracy (Brett) Trego-Buttry and Kimberlie (Robert) Lederle; proud PaPa of Kaylie and Taylor; dear brother of Debbie (Michael) Abbott; dear brother-in-law of Gary (Debbie) Hammann; our dear uncle, nephew, great-uncle, cousin, Godfather, friend and neighbor to many. He served in United States Navy with a tour of duty in Vietnam from 1969 to 1970. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Manchester Chapter #1028**. Services: Funeral from Kutis Affton Chapel, 10151 Gravois, Tuesday, May 3, 12:30 p.m. Interment was in the National Cemetery. Honorary St. Louis County Police Officer, Fenton Alderman 20 years, VVA Chapter 1028, Moolah Shrine Temple, St. Louis Scottish Rite, Fenton Masonic Lodge #281 AF & AM and Ross County Shrine (Ohio). In lieu of flowers, donations to deGreeff Hospice House or American Cancer Society appreciated. Visitation was Monday, 3-9 p.m.

LUTHER JAMES VANHOOSIER – Died Tuesday, July 26, 2011 in Whitwell, Tennessee at the age of 70. The cause of death was a massive heart attack. He was born in Whitwell on March 19, 1941. He is survived by his wife, Deanna Vanhoosier, 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**.



SCOTT CARTER WALKER - Died Wednesday, October 20, 2010 at Trinity Mother Francis Hospital in Tyler, Texas at the age of 65. He was a resident of Fort Dodge, Iowa. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on August 12, 1945, in Miami Beach, Florida to the late Reville D. and Mary (née Carter) Walker. Memorial services were at 1:00 PM on Saturday, November 6th, at the Gunderson Funeral Chapel. Military honors were presented by the V.F.W. Post No. 1856. Interment was held at a later date at the Iowa Veterans Cemetery at Van Meter. Arrangements have been entrusted to the Gunderson Funeral Home & Cremation Services. He graduated from Milby High School in Houston, Texas and the University of Houston College with a degree in psychology. Mr. Walker was employed as a Counselor Specialist II by UTMB/TDCJ at Hodge Unit in Rusk, Texas and with MROP since 1985. He retired in May 2003. He had previously been employed as an oilfield business representative. Mr. Walker previously was also employed part-time at Tractor Supply in Palestine, Texas. Scott had a kidney transplant in September, 2003. He was an avid hunter, fisherman and enjoyed the name of "Wild Dog Walker." He enjoyed a nightly game of competitive Scrabble with his wife Sandy. Scott and Sandra Rokke Wolfe were married on February 14, 1994. Scott especially liked his hog hunting and trapping in Texas. He liked karaoke and his favorite songs were 'Long Tall Sally' and 'Dumas Walker.' Mr. Walker joined the Brushy Creek United Methodist Church in Brushy Creek, Texas in 1994 where he remained a member until his death. He had been a member of Methodist Men and was a former

program chairman. Mr. Walker was a volunteer fireman for the Elmwood Volunteer Fire Department beginning in 1998, where he held the offices of Chief and Assistant Chief. Mr. Walker had been a life member of V.F.W. Post #5073 at Frankston, Texas, having held the office of commander, junior vice-commander, chaplain and the office of judge advocate and junior vice-commander at the Palestine V.F.W. Mr. Walker was a Vietnam veteran having served in the United States Marine Corps from 1964 to 1968. Scott had been a member of the Palestine Evening Lions Club. He moved to Fort Dodge, Iowa in February 2008 and transferred his life membership to the V.F.W. Post No. 1856 in Fort Dodge. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Fort Dodge Chapter #861**. Mr. Walker was preceded in death by his beloved grandmother, Ruby Walker Risinger, his father R.D. (Reville) Walker, his step-mother Mickey Walker and his mother Mary Carter. Scott is survived by his wife Sandra Jeane Walker, Fort Dodge; step-daughter Angela Suzanne Beggs, Quintana, Texas; step-sons, Robert Wolfe, Lake St. Croix Beach, Minnesota; Bill Wolfe, Palestine, Texas; his daughter Danielle Walker, The Woodlands, Texas; ten grandchildren, two great-grandchildren and four sisters, Cindy Walker, Houston, Texas; Mary Lynne Becker, LaPorte, Texas; Pat Cudd, Spearman, Texas; Margi Walker, Pasadena, Texas and a host of other relatives and friends. Scott is also survived by his devoted dog 'Choco.'

BYRON WALLACE WHITE - Lost his battle with colon cancer Friday, July 22, 2011 in Birmingham, Alabama at the age of 69. He was born in Puritan Mines, West Virginia on September 26, 1941. He is survived by his wife of 40 years, Sherry; their children, Ann Zell (Greg) of Fayetteville, N.C., Rush White of Alexandria, Va., Kate Etheredge and Elijah White (Beverly) of North Shelby County; grandchildren, Tasha and Megan Zell, Patrick Etheredge and Jade Harris; siblings, Jack Brown (Pat) of Johnson City, Tenn., David Brown and Mary Wilson of Salisbury, N.C.; niece, Jenna Wilson; nephew, Neil Brown; his loving in-laws, Raymond and Margaret Lyon of North Shelby County, Ala.; and many, many other family members and friends. Byron White was involved with various Veterans and Civic organizations for the better part of three decades. He was a life member or the Military Order of the Purple Heart [MOPH], American Legion, VFW, DAV, a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Tuscaloosa Chapter #301**, Military Officers Association of America, and the Combat Infantry Association as well as a member of the VA National Cemetery Support Committee, the Blue Star Salute Foundation, and most recently was appointed to the Alabama Department of Veteran Affairs Board. Byron concentrated his energy and talents mainly with the American Legion, the Military Order of the Purple Heart and the Blue Star Salute Foundation. In each of these organizations, he was selected or elected into substantial leadership positions. Byron was a former State Commander of the MOPH. He was currently serving as their Inspector and as the MOPE representative on the Alabama State Board of Veterans Affairs. He had recently been elected to the position of Deputy Vice Chairman of the Board and Chairman of the Homes committee, which oversees the three state veterans' homes and is overseeing the construction of a fourth veterans' home. He was a past State Commander and National Vice Commander for the Southeast Region of the American Legion and was currently serving on the American Legion National Security Commission. Byron was a co-founder and was the President Emeritus of the Blue Star Salute Foundation. A United States Army retiree, he began his career as an Infantry Private, rising to

Sergeant then being selected to attend OCS. He served two years in Vietnam as an Infantry Platoon Leader and Company Commander, earning the Combat Infantry Badge, Silver Star, Soldiers Medal, five Bronze Stars (two for Valor), and five Purple Hearts plus numerous other awards and decorations. He retired as a Major after 20 years. Byron was the Senior Army Instructor for Holt High School JROTC for 21 years. His last inspection rated Holt's JROTC program as the number one program in the state of Alabama and one of the top five programs in the nation. He had a remarkable success in salvaging at-risk students through his tough love policies. He taught responsibility and required excellence, and he never accepted mediocrity or allowed excuses. Byron earned a Bachelor's degree in History from Pfeiffer College in North Carolina, a Masters in International Relations from Boston University, and graduated from the U.S. Army Command and General Staff College Resident Course. Noted for his community service, Byron had served on two Advisory Boards at the Tuscaloosa VAMC. He has been President of the Kiwanis Club of Columbiana. As a Boy Scout leader he was a WEBELOS Den Leader and Assistant Scoutmaster in Columbiana. Upon moving to Tuscaloosa he formed and was the Scoutmaster of Troop 123 in Holt. He then became an advisor to an Explorer Post and a Venture Crew. He was named Veteran of the Year and Citizen of the Year while living in Tuscaloosa. He was also honored as a "Special Veteran" during the pre-game activities at a University of Alabama home football game. A memorial service will be held 2 p.m. Sunday, July 24, 2011, at the American Village Chapel in Montevallo. A family interment will be held at the Alabama National Veterans Cemetery in Montevallo. In lieu of flowers, please make a donation to any of the above mentioned veterans' organizations or The American Village in Montevallo, Ala. Charter Funeral Home directing.

MARK RICHARD WIESKE - Died Monday, February 7, 2011 at his residence in Roseville, Michigan at the age of 69. The cause of death was atherosclerotic heart disease, Diabetes Mellitus, hyperlipidemia and chronic obstructive pulmonary disorder. He was born on May 2, 1941 in Detroit, Michigan. He is survived by his single wife Gail; children, Kelly Lane, Teri (Gary) Konieczny, Eric Tofil, Mindy (David) Young and Kimberly (Monty) Kirkpatrick; grandchildren, Jason, Brandy, Brittany, Erika, Natalie, Zachary, Madison and Ava, great-grandchildren, Aiden, Ethan and Payton; and siblings, Robert (Jeanette) and Mary (Sam) Finazzo. He was preceded in death by his siblings, Joseph, Carol and Thais. He served in the United States Army from September 6, 1966 through August 9, 1968 with a year tour of duty in Vietnam attaining the rank of Sergeant (E-5). He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Mount Clemens Chapter #154**. Funeral Services were at 11:00 AM on Thursday, February 10, 2011 at the Kaul Funeral Home, 28433 Jefferson Avenue, St. Clair Shores, Michigan. Visitation was on Wednesday, February 9, 2011 from 3-9 PM. Share a memory with the family at www.kaulfuneralhome.com

CLARENCE LEWIS WILBURN - Died Thursday, June 16, 2011, at the Tuscaloosa VA Medical Center in Tuscaloosa, Alabama at the age of 84. He was a resident of Tuscaloosa. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Elrod, Alabama on January 30, 1927 to the late Sam Wilburn and Ethel (née Honeycutt) Wilburn. In addition to his parents, he was predeceased by his sister, Lena May Dillard. He is survived by his wife, Mary Alyce Wilburn of Northport; his sons, Ronnie Wilburn (Tonya) of Holman and Wayne Wilburn (Cathy) of Bessemer; his stepchildren,

Deloris Williams, Sherrie Bentley, and Mike Pritchett; his brother, Tom Wilburn of Holman; and several grandchildren. Graveside services were 2 PM Monday, June 20th at the Tuscaloosa Memorial Park with Reverend Herb Thomas officiating and Tuscaloosa Memorial Chapel Funeral Home directing. Mr. Wilburn retired from the United States Air Force and was a Mason. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Tuscaloosa Chapter #301**. The pallbearers were his grandsons. Honorary pallbearers are nurses and staff of the Tuscaloosa VA Nursing Home and retired U.S. servicemen.

RONALD RAYMOND WILKINS – Died Wednesday, June 15, 2011 in Albuquerque, New Mexico at the age of 66. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on June 20, 1944. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was an *At-Large Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – New Mexico**.

DALE H. WILLHITE - Died Sunday, July 24, 2011, at Trinity Pathway Hospice, Bettendorf, Iowa following a battle with cancer due to exposure to Agent Orange during the Vietnam War. He was 64 years of age and a resident of Sherrard, Iowa. Dale was born August 30, 1946, in Rock Island, Illinois, to the late Howard H. Willhite and Esther T. Lentz Willhite. A memorial service will be held 11 a.m. Friday at Wheelan-Pressly Funeral Home, 201 E. 4th Ave., Milan. Inurnment will be at a later date. Memorial visitation will be held 4 to 8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home. Memorials may be made to either Gift of Life Transplant House, 705 2nd St. S.W., Rochester, Minnesota 55902; or to Vietnam Veterans of America, Quad City Chapter #299, Post Office Box 6076, Rock Island, IL 61204-6076. He was a Vietnam War veteran. While



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Dale Willhite

serving in Vietnam, he was a scout dog handler with the United States Army, 4th Infantry Division. He married Linda J. Emmons on June 19, 1971, in Lincoln, Illinois. He was a graduate of the Florida Institute of Technology, from which he received his master's degree in professional management. Dale worked for the USDA Mercer County Farm Service Agency, Aledo, for 32 years. He retired as county executive director for the agency in 2001. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Quad Cities (Rock Island, Illinois) Chapter #299**. He enjoyed collecting antiques, sharing his views on politics, and flying. He held a private pilot license. Survivors include his wife, Linda Willhite, Sherrard; sons (and spouses), Darrin (Miranda) Willhite, Palm Springs, Fla., Mark (Megan) Willhite, Grayslake, Ill., and Todd Willhite, Rock Island; grandchildren, Sully and Cecilia Willhite; brother, Max (Carol) Willhite, Milan; many nieces, nephews, and other relatives. The family wishes to express a heartfelt "Thank You" to Dr. Garneau and staff, to the VA Hospital in Iowa City, and the staff of Trinity Pathway Hospice for their kindness and wonderful care. Online condolences may be left for the family at wheelanpressly.com.

WILLIAM HOWARD WILLIS - Died Sunday, May 15, 2011, in a Little Rock, Arkansas hospital at the age of 63. He was a resident of Fouke, Arkansas. The cause of death was cancer. He was born July 19, 1947, in Texarkana, Arkansas, and had lived all of his life in Texarkana. He was a

Baptist, retired from Union Pacific Railroad, member of VFW Post 4562, and the Nevada County Hunting Club. He was a Veteran of the United States Marine Corps, having served in Vietnam. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Texarkana (Texas) Chapter #278**. Survivors include his wife, Kay Owen Willis of Fouke, Arkansas, two step-brothers, Keith McWilliams and Junior McWilliams of Cabot, Arkansas, three nieces, Lisa Sexton and Kim Willis of Denison, Texas, and Jennifer Butcher of Texarkana, Texas, and three nephews, Brandon Willis of Denison, Texas, Justin Owen of Benton, Arkansas, and Bryan Owen of Lee's Summit, Missouri. Graveside services will be at 2:00 P. M. Thursday at East Memorial Gardens with Danny Ray Taylor officiating. Burial will be under the direction of Texarkana Funeral Home, Arkansas. The family received friends at the funeral home from 5 PM until 6:30 PM Wednesday. Memorials may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, Tennessee.

JESSE GEORGE WISDOM, JR. – Died Monday, July 4, 2011 in the Overton Brooks VA Medical Center in Shreveport, Louisiana at the age of 62. He was a resident of New Boston, Texas. The cause of death was Agent Orange-related cancer. He was born July 2, 1949 in Marshall, Texas to the late George Wisdom, Sr. and Billie Wisdom Lewis. In addition to his parents, he was also predeceased by his stepfather, Conner Lewis and his niece Amy Faulkner. He is survived by his brother, Kenneth Wisdom; two sisters, Darla Smith and Barbara Faulkner; six nephews, Chris Tohill, Kevin Faulkner, Ryan Roberson, Chip Roberson, Tom Hawks and Dustin Hawks; two nieces, Shelley Pipkin and Kacey Curtis; three great-nephews, and; three great-nieces. He was a former employee of the Memphis Defense Depot and the Red River Army Depot. He served in the United States Navy and served in Vietnam. He was awarded the National Defense Service Medal, the Vietnam Service Medal with Bronze Star, the Vietnam Campaign Medal with 60 Device and the Navy Unit Commendation Ribbon. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Texarkana (Texas) Chapter #278**.



JAMES LEE "Jim" WORLEY – Died on Wednesday, May 18, 2011 at his home in Greenwood, Arkansas at the age of 76. The cause of death was pancreatic cancer. He was born on November 15, 1934, in Mishawaka, Indiana. He was adopted with his sister Shirley by Arthur and Agnes Worley from an orphanage in South Bend, Indiana. Jim graduated from John Adams High School in South Bend in 1953, where after he enlisted in the United States Army. In October 1954, he married Darlene Ingalsbe Worley. During his 24 years of service, he served overseas in Korea, Germany, France, Italy, Japan, and two tours in Vietnam from 1966 to 1967 and from 1970 to 1971. He was decorated with many commendations, including the National Defense Service Medal with oak leaf cluster, Army Commendation Medal with three oak clusters, and the Bronze Star with oak leaf cluster. He retired in August 1977 as a First SGT E8. Jim was an Honor Roll member of the V.F.W., as well as the American Legion and was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Fort Smith Chapter #467**. His continuing service reflected his extreme pride in his military service. He was also a member of the National Federation of the Blind, where he served on the board of the

Arkansas State Affiliate of the National Federation of the Blind. He also was a founding member of the National Federation of the Blind Veterans Association. Jim loved his church, his family, and his country. He was a member of the Valley View Church of Christ in Greenwood. He was always very active in his children's school and sporting events. He also very much enjoyed watching his grandchildren participate in their various activities. Jim loved to travel the country with his wife in their R.V. He always said he had seen so many foreign countries that he wanted to see all he could of America. They did so for many years until his health caused them to hang up the keys to the R.V. He is survived by his wife Darlene of 56 years; children, Kevan Worley and wife Bridget of Colorado Springs, CO., Paul Worley and wife Brenda of Yampa, CO., Eric Worley of Aurora, CO., and Beth Presley and husband Darryl of Greenwood, AR; grandchildren, Megan, Chelsea, and Nijat Worley of Colorado, Jordan and Emily Worley of Missouri, and MaKenzie and Camryn Presley of Arkansas. He was preceded in death by his parents. Funeral service was held at the Valley View Church of Christ in Greenwood, Arkansas on Monday, May 23, 2011 at 11:00 AM with interment to follow in the National Cemetery in Fort Smith all under the direction of Edwards Funeral Home. Pallbearers will be: Joe Gibbs, Tommy Selkirk, Larry Bellmyer, Larry Mars, Dale Howard, William Shankle, Chaplain Stanley Kilgore, and Gordan Conrod, all of the Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter #467. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in Jim's name to the National Federation of the Blind Veterans Association at 1837 South Nevada Avenue, PMB 243, Colorado Springs, Colorado 80905.



YVES-JEAN WYSONG - Died Sunday, June 5, 2011 at home in Carlisle, Iowa at the age of 63. The cause of death is unknown. He was born June 6, 1947. Jean is survived by his wife, Sandy; children, Chris (Lisa) and Brian (Wendy) Wysong of Des Moines and Cheri (Chris) Kollbaum of West Des Moines; mother, Yvonne Wysong of Indianola, Iowa; five grandchildren, Clementine, Jeremiah, Keira, Kally and Caleb; and brother, Bernard Wysong of Des Moines. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Des Moines Chapter #490**. Visitation will be held 5 to 8 p.m., Wednesday, June 8 at Overton Funeral Home in Indianola where family will be present to greet friends from 6 to 8 p.m. A

rosary service will be held at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday. A funeral mass for Jean Wysong will be held 10 a.m., Thursday, June 9 at St. Elizabeth Seton Catholic Church in Carlisle. Burial with military rites will follow in the Palmyra Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to the family in his name for a memorial to be decided at a later date. On-line condolences may be made to www.overtonfunerals.com.

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.