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JOHN H. ARMSTRONG – Died recently in 2012 in Pine Bluff, Arkansas at the age of 68. The cause of death is unknown. He was born August 14, 1943. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – White Hall Chapter #830**.



BOB O'DELL BALLENTINE - Died Thursday, May 17, 2012, in a local care center in San Angelo, Texas at the age of 81. He was a resident of San Angelo. The cause of death was heart failure. Bob was born July 26, 1930, in St. Joseph, Missouri to the late Glenn Earl and Ruth (O'Dell) Ballentine. In 1948, he received his diploma from Clarinda High School, Clarinda, Iowa. While in high school, Bob met Ruth Elaine Brake of Glenwood, Iowa. They married Nov. 6, 1949, and began a wonderful life together. He graduated from Lincoln Aviation Institute, Lincoln, Neb. and worked as a flight engineer for TWA. Bob enlisted in the United States Air Force in 1951. During his military career he served as Crew Chief on various aircraft and worked on Atlas missiles. Bob served in the Vietnam War and landed two days prior to the Tet Offensive. Later in his career, he worked in communications in conjunction with Security Service and remained in this field until his retirement as Master Sergeant. Being in the military took him and his family to various stateside bases. His favorite overseas assignment was in Edinburgh, Scotland. Upon his military retirement, Bob and his family relocated to San Angelo, Texas, where he enrolled at Angelo State University. He earned a Masters Degree in Business Administration and graduated with Magna Cum Laude honors. Bob then began another career as a corporate tax accountant for GTE and was appointed administrator of the Tax Accounting Computational Systems Department. After working at GTE for 15 years, he retired in 1991. Bob was a member of many groups and organizations. He was an Elder of The First Christian Church where he was an active member for almost 40 years. Among the titles and offices he held at church are Vice President of United Campus Ministries and chairman of the Memorial Committee. He was a *Charter Member* and *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America - San Angelo Chapter #457** and a member of the VFW Post 1815. Delivering meals for Meals on Wheels was a service he took great pleasure in for the past 2 1/2 decades. He also enjoyed his morning coffee meetings with "the guys" at McDonald's. Traveling and visiting friends and family was one of Bob's passions which took him to many states including Louisiana, Iowa, Kansas, Florida, California, and Missouri often. New Mexico was another of his favorite places where he enjoyed crewing hot air balloons at the Albuquerque International Balloon Fiesta. His wife, Ruth, preceded him in death on Jan. 30, 2004. Survivors include his daughter, Lori Rambo and husband Jerry Mann Rambo Jr. of Menard; two sons, Jon Ballentine of Pleasanton, Texas, and Jeffrey Ballentine and wife Cristi of San Angelo; grandchildren Bryan Thigpen and wife Myndi, Lindsey Neel and

husband Layne, Cambrie, Hunter and Blaine Ballentine, Anthony Hackerott and Heather Myers and husband Kyle; two great grandchildren, Lainey and Jayla Thigpen; two brothers, Arthur and Glenn Ballentine and close cousin Bill O'Dell. Bob Ballentine was an amazing father, grandpa and great-grandpa whose absence will be greatly missed. The family would like to thank the staff at Meadow Creek Nursing Home and Dr. Ty Hughston for their wonderful care. Services were held at 2:00 PM Monday, May 21, at The First Christian Church with Reverends Ben G. Hubert and Robert Janeck, co-officiating. Burial with military honors were in Lawnhaven Memorial Gardens. Arrangements were by Johnson's Funeral Home. Family and friends may sign an online guestbook at johnsons-funeralhome.com.



DAVID F. "Bat" BATUNGBACAL – Died Sunday, June 24, 2012 in Lawton, Oklahoma at the age of 73. He died peacefully with his wife of 43 years at his side. SFC Batungbacal lost his battle to cancer. Sgt. 1st Class 'Bat' was born Jan. 9, 1939, in Honolulu, to Diwa and Carmen Batungbacal. He grew up in Kalihi, Hawaii, and attended high school at Farrington. He met his wife, Flo Martin, at Fort Riley, Kan. Sgt. 1st Class Bat retired from the Army at Fort Sill. Of the numerous awards and citations he earned in service to the country he loved, the most important to him was the Purple Heart he received due to wounds suffered in Vietnam. He was a *Life Member* of

Vietnam Veterans of America – Lawton Chapter #751. Bat and Flo traveled to many places during his military career and chose Lawton as the home to raise their family after retiring. He is survived by his wife, Flo; three children: daughter, Christy Joy and husband, Army Sgt. Johnny Shelton, of Lawton; his son, Kawika (David) and wife Christy May, of Lawton; and his daughter, Jamie Marie and husband, Army Sgt. Tom Reiser, of Fort Riley, Kan.; his grandchildren include: David Alexander and Samuel Lee Perez, of Albuquerque, N.M.; Daniel Christopher, of Virginia Beach, Va.; and Eliseo Dymnicki and Joshua Demitri Batungbacal, of Lawton; brothers: Robert Batungbacal, of Maui, Hawaii; Eddie Batungbacal and wife, of Guam; and Reggie Batungbacal and wife Shirley, of Hawaii; sister, Nancy Bogar, of Hawaii; sister-in-law, Irene Batungbacal, of Hawaii; and many loving nieces, nephews and cousins. In memory of a husband, father, grandfather and patriot, graveside service for Sgt. 1st Class David F. Batungbacal, Lawton, was at 11:00 AM Friday at Fort Sill National Cemetery, Elgin, Oklahoma. A procession to the cemetery will leave Whinery-Huddleston Funeral Home at 10:30 AM sharp. Before Bat's passing he said this is to be aloha attire, meaning please be comfortable in the Oklahoma heat.

CHARLES TEMPLE BEASLEY - Died Wednesday, July 11, 2012 at this home in Fairlawn, Virginia at the age of 65. The cause of death is unknown. He was born May 12, 1947. He was a member of Gethsemane Baptist Church and was a United States Army veteran having served during the Vietnam War. He was an *At-Large Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Virginia**. He was preceded in death by his parents Jesse James and Mildred Humphries Beasley. Survivors include his wife Charlotte M. Beasley; children and their spouses Karen and Bill Spangler of Pearisburg, Becky and Tony Bane of Parrott, William Ray, Jr. and Shannon Whittaker of Apex, NC, and Heather and Joe Blythe of Charlotte, NC; 5 grandchildren; brother and sister-in-law, Donnie and Carol Beasley of Tenn.; sister, Ellen Beasley of Radford; and special friends Don Gessner, Mary Ryan, Joe Woolwine and Pauline Harris. Funeral services will be held Sunday,

July 15, 2012 at 2:00 pm at the Mullins Funeral Home in Radford with Pastor Jerry Gibson and Pastor Randy Woolwine officiating. Military graveside rites will follow in the Highland Memory Gardens in Dublin. The family will receive friends from 5:00 pm until 7:00 pm Saturday at the funeral home. The Beasley family is in the care of Mullins Funeral Home & Crematory in Radford.

ROBERT HAROLD “Bob” BEAUPREY, JR. - Died Wednesday afternoon, June 13, 2012, following a brief illness at the Marquette General Hospital. He was 64 years of age and a resident of Munising, Michigan. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on March 19, 1948 in Munising to the late Mildred (née Syers) and Robert H. Beauprey, Sr. Bob graduated from William G. Mather High School in 1967. He enlisted in the United States Air Force and served from March 19, 1968 until March 17, 1972. He then joined Air Force Reserves where Bob spent short term military duties in Thailand, Korea, Germany, and England. He then served in the Michigan Army National Guard as Commander of the 1171st Unit. Bob worked with troops throughout the U.P. until the unit disbanded in 1989. He then served on the Volunteer Defense Force where he was Executive Officer. Bob retired from the Army National Guard in as Major. Bob had earned an Associates of Arts Degree from Bay de Noc College. He spent twenty-five years working as a City of Munising employee from 1973 until 1998. Bob went to work in the Water and Waste Water Department. He soon became superintendent of the Department and then superintendent of the Department of Public Works. Bob also worked as Harbormaster, Director of Parks and Recreation, Safety supervisor, and finally as Acting City Manager. After his retirement, Bob served on the City Commission and also as the Mayor of Munising. He was Life Member of the American Legion and he served in many capacities at the Legion. Bob was a Past Post Commander, Treasurer, Historian, member of the Honor Guard, and was recognized as a Past U.P. Veteran of the Year. Bob was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Munising Chapter #237**, D.A.V and 107th Engineer Association. He was also a member of the V.F.W., National Guard Association, Munising Lions Club, Moose Lodge, and Grand Island Masonic Lodge. He spent many hours collecting funds for the Fourth of July fireworks and he volunteered for the D.H.S. food pantry. Bob loved cheering on the Green Bay Packers on Sundays, and he enjoyed and appreciated history, traveling, and photography. He is survived by his brother - Dave Beaupry of Ocala, FL; sisters – Carol (Everett) Parkkila of Algonac, MI and Linda (James) Kypers of Goodyear, AZ; and nieces and nephews – Jennifer, Everett, Jr., Robert, Heather, James, and Chad. Bob was preceded in death by his parents. Graveside services were held at the Maple Grove Cemetery in Munising on Thursday, June 21, 2012 at 1:00 PM where the American Legion and Vietnam Veterans Honor Guards conducted military honors. There was a fellowship gathering at the Legion following the Veteran’s service. Memorials in memory of Bob are requested to be made to the American Legion Post #131.





MARY ELLEN LONDON BENTON - Died Friday morning, June 22, 2012 in Soddy-Daisy, Tennessee at the age of 89. She was born on March 7, 1923 in Chattanooga. Mary was a member of Sequoyah Baptist Church and a former member of Soddy Daisy First Baptist Church. She held the position as Departmental Chaplain of the Gold Star Mothers for the Southeast as well as the local Chattanooga Chapter. She was a member of **Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America – Chattanooga Chapter #203**. She graduated from Soddy-Daisy High School in 1941 and retired from Gold Bond after more than 28 years of service. There are 77 family members,

because Mary and Ross fell in love. She was preceded in death by her husband, John Ross Benton Sr., son, James A. Benton, parents, Roy and Frances London, siblings, Ruby, James, William “Dub” London, grandchild, Tonya Varner, great-grandson, John Michael Davis. She is survived by her sons, John (Vickie) Benton, Roy D. (Debbie) Benton, daughters, Beverly (Randall) Lewis, Fran (Jerry) Jenkins, 17 grandchildren, 35, great-grandchildren, 4 great-great-grandchildren, several nieces and nephews, and her best friend, her dog, Dr. Watson. Funeral service will be 11:00 A.M. Monday in the funeral home chapel with the Rev. David Stancil officiating. Interment will follow in Hamilton Memorial Gardens. Family will receive friends from 5:00-9:00 P.M. Saturday and 2:00-9:00 P.M. Sunday at the funeral home. Condolences and memories may be shared at www.williamsonandsons.com. Arrangements are by Williamson and Sons Funeral Home, 8852 Dayton Pike, Soddy-Daisy, TN 37379.



KARL W. BERNO - Died Wednesday, April 25, 2012 in Chesterfield Township, Michigan at the age of 64. The cause of death was metastatic spindle cell carcinoma of the parotid gland with sepsis / pancytopenia. He was born May 14, 1947 in Detroit, Michigan. He proudly served in the United States Army with one year tour of duty in Vietnam. He was a member of St. Mary Queen of Creation Roman Catholic Church, the VFW Post 7573, **Vietnam Veterans of America – Mt. Clemens Chapter #154**, AMVETS Post 52, and F.O.E. Aerie 2784. Karl enjoyed golf, remote control airplanes, hockey, boating, and family camping. Beloved husband of

Jacquelyn; loving father of Amy (Charles) Rank, Danielle (Rob) Smith, Jennifer (Keith) Usrey, and Karl Jr. (Jennifer); dear grandfather of Robert, Ashley, Jessica, Joshua, Nathan, Matthew, Amanda, Emma, Karl, and Ethan; dear brother of Judy Vogt. Funeral Services were held on Monday, April 30, 2012 at St. Mary Queen of Creation Church, New Baltimore. Arrangements were by Gendernalik Funeral Home, New Baltimore. Memorials may be made to the wishes of the family.

JOSEPH L. BOUDREAU – Died recently in Skiatook, Oklahoma at the age of 67. The cause of death is unknown. He was born September 5, 1944. He is survived by his wife Patricia of the home. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Tulsa Chapter #216**.

DANNY E. BROWNING – Died Friday, March 16, 2012 in Princeton, West Virginia at the age of 62. The cause of death is unknown. He was born October 29, 1949. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Princeton Chapter #628**.



JOHN TIMOTHY "Tim" BROZOVICH - Died Thursday, July 19, 2012 at Scottsdale Healthcare-Shea, Scottsdale, Arizona after a courageous battle with cancer. He was formerly from Rock Island, Illinois. He was 66 years of age. Tim was born on May 27, 1946 in Rock Island, a son of John and Bernadine (née McGinn) Brozovich. He married Judy Bieber on August 31, 1997 on Maui, Hawaii. He retired from Metz Baking Company in 2002, where he served as Senior Vice President of Human Resources and Labor Relations. Tim served in the United States Army from May 25, 1967 to May 23, 1967 during the Vietnam War and attained the rank of Specialist 5 (E-5). He was awarded the National Defense Service Medal, Vietnam Service Medal with 2 Bronze Stars, Vietnam Campaign Medal and Sharpshooter Medal. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Rock Island Chapter #299**. Survivors include his wife, Judy; daughter, Jennifer (Nadav) Shifman, Austin, Texas.; son, Todd (Vicki) Brozovich, Virginia Beach, Va.; grandchildren, Jenna and Sydney Brozovich and Dahlia and soon to arrive, Daniel Shifman; brothers and sisters, Barb (Dennis) Botch, Henderson, Nev., Jim (Mary) Brozovich, Rock Island, Pam (Mike) Strupp, Maricopa, Ariz., and Maribeth (Jim) Burkhead, Rock Island; along with many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents; a sister, Judy Brozovich; and a niece, Lindsay Burkhead. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at 11:00 AM on Wednesday at St. Ambrose Catholic Church, Milan. Visitation was 4:00 to 7:00 PM Tuesday at the Wheelan-Pressly Funeral Home, 3030 7th Ave., Rock Island, where a Christian wake service was held at 7:00 PM. Burial was at the National Cemetery, Arsenal Island, where military honors were presented by the Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 299. Memorials in lieu of flowers may be directed to the Robert H. Lurie Comprehensive Cancer Center of Northwestern University (or Lurie Cancer Center), Attn: Terri Dillon, 420 E. Superior St., Rubloff Bldg., 9th Floor, Chicago, IL 60611. Online condolences may be left at www.wheelanpressly.com.

JOHN EDWARD BURGHART - Died Sunday, June 3, 2012 at his home in Topeka, Kansas, surrounded by his family at the age of 65. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Topeka, Kansas on December 31, 1946 the son of George John and Margaret Mary (née Hartman) Burghart. John served in the United States Army during the Vietnam-era. He worked as a Shawnee County Deputy for 25 years and retired on March 15, 1997. He was a former member of the Eagles Lodge, and the Veterans of Foreign Wars. John was a member of St. Joseph Catholic Church, Knights of Columbus Council #2608, and the American Legion. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Topeka Chapter #604**. John will be most remembered for spoiling his grandchildren, fishing, camping and loved his dogs, Baby and Molly. He married Nancy Jo Artzer at St. Joseph Catholic Church on January 25, 1969. She survives. He is survived by five children, Sherry Johnson of Topeka, Brenda (Dana Hall) Burghart of Topeka, Robert (Jani) Burghart of Lawrence, Jennifer Burghart of Topeka, John (Rhonda) Burghart of Topeka, eight siblings, Patricia Taylor of K.C., Mo., Ginny Trygg of Topeka, Rita Greene of Florida, Linda Gilchrist of Topeka, Marilyn McLaughlin of K.C., Mo., George Burghart

of Valley Falls, Rick Burghart of Topeka and Christine Gassen of Topeka. He is also survived by ten grandchildren, Jordan, Devin, Baylie, Alex, Makenna, Zach, Gunther, Joseph, Andrew and Jackson. He was preceded in death by his parents and a sister, Theresa Griffiths. John will lie in state at St. Joseph Catholic Church on Wednesday after 4:00 p.m. where a Parish Rosary will be at 6:00 p.m. and a Knights of Columbus Council #2608 Rosary will be prayed at 6:30 p.m. Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated on Thursday at 10:00 a.m. at St. Joseph Catholic Church. Interment will follow in Mt. Calvary Cemetery where military honors will be provided by Philip Billard Post #1650 of the V.F.W. and an honor guard will be provided by the Shawnee County Sheriff's Department. Memorial contributions may be made to St. Joseph/Sacred Heart Catholic Church and sent in care of Brennan-Mathena Funeral Home, 800 SW 6th Ave., Topeka, Kansas 66603. Online condolences and fond memories may be left at www.brennanmathenafh.com.

CHARLES E. CADE, JR. - Died Thursday, June 21, 2012 in Dayton, Ohio at the age of 66. The cause of death was cancer. Mr. Cade was born in Clayton, Ohio on September 17, 1946. He retired from the Dayton Daily News and was a member of the Teamsters Int'l Graphics Union Local #128. He was a highly decorated United States Army Veteran of the Vietnam War, proud life member of the American Legion Post # 613; a life member of the VFW Post #7741; a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America Dayton Chapter #97**; a life member of both the 1st & 12th Calvary Associations. He was preceded in death by his parents, Charles, Sr. and Thelma Cade. He is survived by his daughter, Christina Cade; son and daughter-in-law, Brian and Jennifer Cade; 2 sisters and brother-in-law, Martha and Mickey Milton Morper and Phyllis Cade; grandchildren, Kayla, Jacob, Kaleb & Jonah; nephew and niece, Marshall Morper and Amanda Dunn Bushelman. A special thank you to Bev & Cassie Baker and the Hospice of Dayton staff for the care and support for our dad. Funeral services were at 1:30 PM Tuesday, June 26, 2012 at the George C. Martin Funeral Home, "Northridge Chapel," 5040 Frederick Pike at Needmore Road with the Reverend Steve Thompson, officiating. Interment with military honors was at the Dayton National Cemetery. The family received friends Monday 4:00-7:00 PM at the George C. Martin Funeral Home. Following the interment, a celebration of his life was held at V.F.W. Post #7741, 7921 N. Main St., Dayton, OH 45415. If desired, donations can be made to the V.F.W. Post #7741 Ladies Auxiliary or Hospice of Dayton. Condolences can be shared at www.georgecmartinfuneralhome.com.



ROGER CANTWELL – Died Wednesday, May 18, 2011 in Gallatin Gateway, Montana at the age of 80. The cause of death is unknown. He was born to the late John Holland Cantwell and Bess Irene (née McCulloch) Cantwell on April 25, 1931. He was raised and attended schools in Livingston, Montana. He worked summers at Yellowstone National Park, and had the di'stink'tion of working in the business of Huppert & Cantwell, Manure Merchants. After he graduated, he joined the United States Army and proudly made a 20-plus year career of it. Besides his communication specialties, he served both in the Korean and Vietnam wars. He retired in 1971. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Bozeman Chapter #788**. In the mid-'80s, he built his dream home on the Gallatin River where he spent the last quarter century. He worked at the Billings Gazette and at the Big Sky hardware store. Roger started the Big Sky American Legion Post 99 and was always a fixture at the functions, from parades to

fundraisers. Those memorial white crosses from Four Corners to Yellowstone were installed and maintained faithfully by Roger and his son, Drew. He was very patriotic and loved his country and honoring all who serve in the services. He was truly an outgoing person who loved his huge family and never knew a stranger. Roger had a great sense of humor that was quite contagious. He was preceded in death by son, Roger Jr. in 1972 and daughter, Shawna Gill in 2009. Two brothers passed prior to Roger, John Cantwell in 2003 and Carl Cantwell, the last of 2010. His loving, caring wife Pamela survives at the family home on the Gallatin River. Other survivors include Roger's brother, David Lyle Cox and family of Laurel; son, Theodore Olson and family of Medical Lake, Wash.; daughters, Debra Cantwell and family of Seattle, Wash., Sheila Allen of Lake Havasu, Ariz., and family of Bozeman, Jeanette Cole of Bozeman and family of Seattle; stepchildren, Kristofer Hatlee and family of Belgrade, Raymond Hatlee of Albany, N.Y., Drew Cantwell also living at the family home on the Gallatin, Charles Williams and family of Billings, and Rick Tweeden, also of Billings. Roger has many grandchildren and nearly as many great-grandchildren. We won't attempt to list the nieces, nephews, and other family. Roger was loved and respected by nearly everyone he came in contact with in his 80 years here on earth. Services were held at 11:00 AM Friday, July 22, at The Soldiers Chapel in Big Sky. Following the service, a reception was held at the Cantwell home, 37190 Gallatin Road. A celebration of Roger's life continued on July 23, also at the Cantwell home.



DENNIS WALTER CARSTENS, - Died Tuesday, May 29, 2012 at his home in Alexandria, Minnesota at the age of 66. The cause of death was colon cancer. Dennis was born February 10, 1946 in Benson, Minnesota to the late Walter and Lorraine (née Erdman) Carstens of Danvers, Minnesota. At the age of 2 weeks, the Carstens family moved to a farm near Hancock, where Dennis grew up. He was baptized and confirmed at St. John's Lutheran Church in Hancock. He attended school through third grade in Hancock and then attended school in Morris. Dennis graduated from Morris High School in 1964 and attended University of Minnesota Morris where he studied history for two years. On April 23, 1968, Dennis was drafted into the United States Army and served in the Vietnam War as a military policeman. He was honorably discharged on November 27, 1969. Dennis returned to college, attending Alexandria Technical Institute, where he studied Computer Programming for a year and graduated with a degree in appliance repair. Dennis was united in marriage to Barbi Johnston on June 22, 1974 at the First Congregational Church in Alexandria. To this union, the couple was blessed with three children. Dennis worked for Shogren's TV and Appliance for 15-1/2 years. While working at Shogren's, Dennis enlisted in the U.S. National Guard and served his country for another 10 years. During his last few years at Shogren's, he started to sub for a rural letter carrier out of the Glenwood Post Office. He started working full time at the Glenwood and Starbuck Post Offices as a rural letter carrier in 1990 and retired on July 31, 2011 due to his health. Dennis was a member of Bethesda Lutheran Church in Alexandria, Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) Post 936, American Legion Post 87, and the Mobile Riverine Force Association (MRFA). He was a *Charter Member*, *Life Member* and *Past President* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Alexandria Chapter #235** and served as membership chair for 25 plus years. He served on the Appliance Repair Class Advisory Board for approximately 10 years. Dennis served as secretary and treasurer of the Douglas/Pope County Rural Letter

Carriers Association and was president for 18 years. Dennis enjoyed deer hunting, refinishing furniture, reading old Western books, being outdoors, and sitting on the back patio by the fire. He also enjoyed taking his family or friends to Casey's Amusement Park for a friendly competition of miniature golf, and going to Theatre L' Homme Dieu. One of his greatest passions was to make sure all military service members were honored and respected. Dennis was also instrumental in helping bring the Traveling Veterans' Memorial to town and renaming 34th Avenue to 34th Red Bull Avenue. Dennis was touched and honored to be selected as Grand Marshal for this year's Memorial Day Parade in Alexandria. He is survived by his loving wife of nearly 38 years, Barb; children, Lori (Alexandr) Lipchanskiy of Fergus Falls, Christopher Carstens of Minneapolis, and Cynthia (Douglas) Paulson of Cedar; grandchildren, Mikkel and Abbigale Paulson; mother, Lorraine Carstens of Alexandria; brother, Richard (Trudy) Carstens of Alexandria; sisters, Elinor (Pierre) Gbedey of Madison, WI, and Marvel (Marlo) Steinhorst of Alexandria; and many nieces, nephews and cousins. Dennis was preceded in death by his father, Walter Carstens; and nephew, Ricky Carstens. A funeral service was held Monday, June 4 at Bethesda Lutheran Church in Alexandria with the Rev. Kent Stillson officiating. The eulogy was given by Doug Paulson. Music was provided by organist, Carol Jacobson, soloist, Craig Paulson, bagpiper, Dave Mackinnon. Interment was held at Minnesota State Veterans Cemetery at Fort Ripley near Little Falls and escorted there by the Patriot Guard. Military honors were provided by the Alexandria American Legion Post 87, Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 936, and the Minnesota State Veterans Cemetery Honor Guard. Casket bearers were Grant Hanson, Dale Anderson, Joe Merickel, Lee Kerfeld, Larry Skoglund, Steve Parrish, Ray Kallstrom, Dale Stivland, Leonard Didier and Bruce Nelson. Honorary casket bearers were all other Vietnam Veterans of America members. Arrangements are with Anderson Funeral Home in Alexandria; www.andersonfuneral.net.

ROBERT JAMES CARUSO - Died Monday, July 2, 2012, at 2:15 p.m. in the company of close family and friends at the age of 64. He was a resident of Robeson Township, Pennsylvania. The cause of death was cancer. He was born August 16, 1947 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania to the late Robert and Jacqueline (née Holden) Caruso. He was the husband of the late Suzanne (Borelli) Caruso who passed away May 21, 2008. He was a 1965 graduate of Cardinal Dougherty High School in Philadelphia and served in the United States Navy during the Vietnam War in Danang from 1966-1967. He was employed by Richards Apex in Morgantown in the shipping/receiving department. Mr. Caruso was a member of the American Legion, VFW, loved baseball and volunteered for many years umpiring local Little League Baseball games. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Reading Chapter #131**. He is survived by his daughters, Jillian Marie Foley of Philadelphia and Gail Caruso of Reading; and his son, Robert Joseph Caruso of Shillington. He is also survived by his grandchildren, Courtney Foley and Michael Foley Jr., and his great-granddaughter, Isabella Marie Ries, along with several nieces and nephews. Memorial Service with Military Honors will be held in Bean Funeral Homes & Cremation Services, 129 East Lancaster Ave., Shillington, on Thursday, July 5, 2012, at 4 p.m. Interment will be held at the convenience of the family. The family will receive friends Thursday, July 5, 2012, from 2-4 p.m. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society, 498 Bellevue Ave., Reading, PA 19605 in memory of Mr. Robert James Caruso. Online condolences may be made at www.beanfuneralhomes.com.



JOHN R. COPELAND - Died peacefully after a long battle with lung cancer, at the Pickering House in Lancaster, Ohio on Saturday, May 26, 2012. He was born on December 20, 1946 in Baltimore, Maryland. John was a United States Air Force Vietnam veteran with 27 years of service and retired from the Department of Defense in Columbus, Ohio. He was a member of the NSRA, Good Guys, American Legion Post 11 and **Vietnam Veterans of America – Lancaster Chapter #1045**. He also was a representative for the lung cancer support group in Columbus, Ohio. He filled his time with his street rod, drag racing, woodworking and golfing. He is survived by his wife

of 46 years, Cheri Holleran Copeland; sons, John Scott (Shannon) and Michael Ryan; brothers, Jim Copeland (Jody) of Bradford, PA and Scott McAfee (Katherine) of Austin, TX; mother and father (In-laws) of Bradford, PA and three precious grandchildren, Emma, Noah and Christian Copeland and of course his constant companions, Max and Annie who were by his side always; sister-in-law, Carol (Tom) Thomas, brother-in-law Jim Holleran (Donna) and several loved nephews and niece. He was preceded in death by his parents, John R. Copeland and Tat Copeland McAfee and nephew, Andy Thomas. Caring Cremation has taken place per his request at the Frank E. Smith Funeral Home and Crematory, 405 North Columbus Street, Lancaster, Ohio 43130. Burial and a private service took place at a later date in Bradford, PA. Memorial gifts may be given to the American Cancer Society, Central Region-FAIR, 870 Michigan Ave., Columbus, Ohio 43215 or the Pickering House, 282 Sells Rd., Lancaster, Ohio 43130 in his memory.



PHILIP DEA CULLINGS - Died Monday, July 11, 2011 in North Fort Myers, Florida at the age of 72. The cause of death was lung and brain cancer. He was born June 23, 1939 in Flint, Michigan. He was a United States Air Force Crew Chief on Navigation Training Aircraft and a Chief Tool Designer and Process Engineer in research and Development in the aerospace industry. He enjoyed the paradise of living in Florida and the outdoors, especially fishing. Phil was a long time volunteer for the Disabled American Veterans, serving three

times as a Chapter Commander, 19 times as an Adjutant/Treasurer and spending 6 years on the State of Michigan Administrative Board. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Cape Coral Chapter #594**. Phil is survived by his sister, Barbara Phelps; nephew, Jeffrey Fields; and cousin, Bruce Cullings. Condolences may be offered at www.nationalcremation.com. Arrangements were under the direction of National Cremation & Burial Society, North Fort Myers, Florida.



LEE ALAN DARBY - Died Saturday, March 31, 2012, at his home in Wango, Maryland at the age of 66. The cause of death was coronary artery disease. He was born in Wango on April 27, 1945, the youngest son of the late Clyde C. and Sarah (née Morris) Darby. He graduated from Pittsville High School

in 1963. He served in the United States Marine Corps from June 1963 to April 1967 with a tour of duty in Vietnam, and was a life member of Eastside Memorial VFW Post 2996, where he had served as commander and service officer. He was a life member of the Powellville Volunteer Fire Department with more than 30 years of service. Lee was also a member of the Wicomico County Fire Police, Boogs American Legion Post, Berlin, member of the Order of Redmen, Fruitland, honorary lifetime member of Pittsville PTA, and lifetime member of the Loyal Order of the Cooties for the VFW. He worked for Moore's Business Forms of Snow Hill, where he retired after 20 years of service. After his retirement Lee continued to stay active as Pop-Pop/day care provider. Lee was an avid supporter of his family, friends and community. He is survived by his wife of 42 years, Pat; daughters, Paula Darby Swafford and her companion, Bill Murphy, of Hebron, Betty Darby-Glime and her husband, James, of Willards, Patricia Donaway and her husband, Paul, of Willards; grandchildren, Erica and Heather Swafford, Sarah, and Christopher Coffin, Kelly and William Donaway, Nathan and Rachel Glime; and several nieces and nephews. Lee is also survived by a sister, Marybelle Crockett of Cape Charles; a brother, Roy Lloyd Darby of Florida; and sister, Lydia Lank of Berlin. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Eden Chapter #624**. He is preceded in death by sister, Betty; and brothers, Alfred (Bunk), Linwood, Clyde William, Ben and Levi (Mush). The service was held Saturday at 1:00 PM at the Powellville Volunteer Fire Department, with the viewing from 11:00 AM-1:00 PM, prior to the service. Interment was in the New Hope Cemetery in Willards. Fellowship followed at Powellville VFW Post 2996. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Powellville Volunteer Fire Company, 5085 Powellville Road, Pittsville, Maryland 21850. Visit www.boundsfuneralhome.com for letters of condolence.



W. REX DAVIS, MD (COL – USA Retired) – Died Tuesday, June 12, 2012 at the Hospice Brazos Valley Inpatient Unit in Bryan, Texas at the age of 86. He had been a resident of College Station, Texas. The cause of death was cancer. Dr. Davis was born June 22, 1925 in Floris, Iowa, the son of the late Dwight Newton Davis and Nevera Refinal (née Rupe) Davis. At the end of his junior year of high school, he enlisted in the Navy on July 10, 1942. During WWII, he served in the Pacific Theater in Okinawa, the Philippines and the occupation of Japan. After the war, Rex returned to his parents' home in Giddings, Texas and completed high school and went on to Texas

Lutheran College, Southwest Texas State Teachers College earning a bachelor's degree. He returned to active duty (ARMY) for a short time during the Korean War and accepted an Air Force Reserve Commission and was removed from active duty so he could continue studying at the University of Texas Medical Branch, Galveston earning his M.D. in June of 1954. After a year of rotating internship at John Sealy Hospital in Galveston, he began his private practice in Texas. In 1961, Dr. Davis was again called back to active duty, to include a couple of tours in Vietnam and served until his retirement in 1979. After retiring from the military, he continued to serve his country as a medical officer in civil service. During his lifetime of service, Dr. Davis was awarded the Purple Heart twice for wounds received in action, April 12, 1945 and again on May 20, 1968 in the Republic of Vietnam. Other awards include Asiatic-Pacific Campaign with one star, American Defense, WWII Victory Medal, Occupation Medal, Legion of Merit, Flying Cross, 18 Air Medals, Army Commendation Medal, Combat Medical Badge and the Vietnamese

Parachute Badge. Dr. Davis has also been featured in The Eagle-Brazos Valley Heroes and The Brazos Valley VA Channel. He was an *At-Large Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – California**. Dr. Davis was preceded in death by his parents, a son Daniel Bradford Davis, and a brother Duane Davis. Survivors include his children, Larry Davis & wife Marilee, Joy Anne Eaton, Kelley Davis Krenak & husband Larry, David Bryan Davis & wife Pili, Drew Benton Davis & wife Jennifer; grandchildren, Stephen E. Eaton, Christopher J. Eaton, Kerrie L. Trueheart, Jonah Davis, Nathanael Davis; great grandchild, Jenna Brooke Trueheart; brothers, Bruce Davis & wife Mollie, Keith Davis & wife Rosalie, Terry Davis & wife Marilyn; and a sister Deloris Davis Hill, sister in law Marlene Davis, and numerous loved nieces and nephews. The family received friends from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m., Friday, June 15th at Memorial Funeral Chapel in Bryan. Graveside services were scheduled for 10:00 AM, Saturday, June 16th at the Giddings City Cemetery in Giddings, Texas. Dr. Davis' friends in the "Been Shot at Club" are named as Honorary Pallbearers. In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorials in Dr. Davis' name are made to Hospice Brazos Valley.

FRANK JOSEPH DENRYTER, JR. - Died Thursday, May 3, 2012 in Clinton Township, Michigan at the age of 62. The cause of death was cancer. He was born on February 26, 1950 in Mount Clemens, Michigan to the late Frank J. and Donna (née Duggan) Denryter, Sr. On June 16, 1973 in Mt. Clemens, he was united in marriage to the former Kathleen "Kathy" Ellen Ackerman. Together they celebrated their 38th Wedding Anniversary. Mr. Denryter was a veteran of the United States Army, serving during the Vietnam War. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Mt. Clemens Chapter #154**. Receiving his bachelor degree from Grand Valley State University, he was employed in technology sales, using contract placement for the State of Michigan and Blue Cross Blue Shield. Serving as a voluntary vice-president for Michigan Babe Ruth Leagues, he was involved with youth baseball. He followed the professional baseball leagues and enjoyed playing baseball and golf himself. Among his other interests, he enjoyed hunting, American History and visiting Gettysburg. His survivors include his wife Kathy, children; Patrick, Andrew, Kristin, and Jennifer Denryter, grandson Nickalas, siblings; Fred (Jean) Denryter, Debbie (Fred) Stadlebaur, William Denryter, nieces and nephews, and his mother-in-law Barbara Ackerman. Besides his parents, he was preceded in death by his infant daughter Mary Elizabeth, and his sister Kathy Gorecki. Visitation was held on Monday, May 7, 2012 from 2:00 PM until 8:00 PM with a service at 7:00 PM in the Harold W. Vick Funeral Home, 140 South Main Street, Mt. Clemens. Burial was in the Great Lakes National Cemetery, Holly Township, Michigan on Tuesday, May 8, 2012 at 10:00 AM. Share memories with the family at www.vickfuneralhome.com.



FREDRICK KENNETH "Kenny" "Fred" ERICKSON - Died Tuesday, June 26, 2012, in his residence in Silvis, Illinois at the age of 60. The cause of death is unknown. Fredrick Kenneth Erickson was born November 28, 1951, in Moline, Illinois, to Frederick Edwin and Ruby Opal Jones Erickson. He married Anna DeMink on March 20, 1976. He served in the United States Navy during the Vietnam War. He was a molder at the Rock Island Arsenal Foundry for over 35 years, retiring July 31, 2011. Kenny was vice president of the Eagles Lodge in Silvis, and a member of

Vietnam Veterans of America Rock Island Chapter #299. He loved motorcycles, and enjoyed fishing, hunting, camping, yard work, gardening, and anything outdoors. Kenny is survived by his wife, Anna; daughters, Amy Swanson of East Moline, Stacia Erickson of Rock Island, and Kendra Sowell and her husband Joseph of Silvis; five grandchildren, Morgan, Keenan, Cameron, Kowen, and Ava; Felicia Canaday, who was like a daughter to him, and her children Trevor and Vanessa; his mother, Ruby Opal Erickson of Lawrenceville, Georgia; a brother, Christopher Erickson of Carbon Cliff, Illinois; a sister, Sheila Lang of Lawrenceville, Georgia; several nieces and nephews; and his mother-in-law, Dorothy DeMink of Moline. He was preceded in death by his father, and a brother, Marty Erickson. Services were at 10:30 AM on Friday in the Celebration of Life Chapel at Trimble Funeral and Cremation Center, Moline, with Father Greg Jozefiak, officiating. Burial was in Rock Island National Cemetery where Vietnam Veterans of America Post #229 and Patriot Guard Riders presented military honors. Visitation hours were 4:00 to 7:00 PM Thursday at the funeral home. Memorials may be made to Fraternal Order of Eagles Aerie #1839, Silvis. The family invites friends to share stories and condolences and light a candle in his memory at www.TrimbleFuneralHomes.com.



JERRY DEAN FLOWERS, SR. - Died Wednesday, September 21, 2011, at his home in San Angelo, Texas at the age of 62. The cause of death was cancer. Jerry was born April 12, 1949, in Amarillo, Texas. He grew up in San Angelo, Texas, where he attended Central High School. He enlisted into the United States Marine Corps where he served a tour in Vietnam from 1967-1968. He received the Purple Heart and other laudatory awards for his service. After spending 10 years in the Marines and the United States Navy, he moved back to San Angelo where he spent many years of employment as the cafeteria manager at Angelo State University. Jerry married Imelda Dominguez on Nov. 4, 1972, and they shared 38 wonderful years of marriage together. He was a loving and caring husband, father, brother and grandfather who devoted himself to his family. Jerry served as *President* and *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Concho Valley (San Angelo) Chapter #457** and was a faithful member. Jerry was a member of the Veteran's of Foreign Wars San Angelo Chapter. Jerry was also a member of the Military Order of the Purple Heart. Jerry was an active member of the Centro Cristiano Hosanna Church where he was faithfully obedient to his Lord. He was preceded in death by his father; and grandparents. Jerry is survived by his loving family: wife Imelda Flowers of San Angelo; his children, Jerry Dean Flowers Jr. of Killeen, Texas, Tracy Thomas Flowers of Carlsbad, Texas, Brian Xavier Flowers of San Angelo, Texas; his grandchildren, Jonathan Alexander Flowers of San Angelo, Texas, Giovanni Xavier Flowers of Navarre, Fla., and Jordan Anthony Flowers of Tacoma, Wash.; his brother, Terry Flowers and his wife, Sue, of Lubbock, Texas, Tommy Workman and his wife, Lynda, of Allentown, Pa., and Thomas Workman of San Angelo, Texas; and numerous nieces and nephews, other family members and my great friends. Pallbearers for the service will be Jerry Flowers Jr., Paul Anthony Mesta, Jonathan Alexander Flowers, Randall Blue, Daniel Flowers and Ramon Arredondo. A prayer service was conducted at 7:00 PM Friday, September 23, 2011, at Centro Cristiano Hosanna. Funeral service was at 2:00 PM Saturday, September 24, 2011, at Centro Cristiano Hosanna with Pastor Juan Rivera officiating. Interment was Lawnhaven Memorial

Gardens. Memorial in Jerry's memory may be given to Hospice of San Angelo at P.O. Box 471, San Angelo, Texas 76902; and the American Cancer Society. Family and friends may sign the online register book at johnsons-funeralhome.com.



ALLAN J. "Jay" FOX IV - Died Thursday, July 19, 2012, at the University of Maryland Medical Center, Baltimore, Maryland at the age of 69. He was a resident of Royal Oak, Maryland. The cause of death was cancer. Jay was born on November 9, 1942, the son of the late Allan J. Fox III and Ann W. Fox of Austin Texas. Jay had an interesting life, having grown up and lived in Houston, Texas, graduating from Spring Branch High School, in Houston, TX. with an academic degree; Autodesk's School for Auto CAD, as a certified

AutoCAD operator; Ryder's Commercial Truck Drivers School and Skyline aviation Flight School, until his first wife Carol passed away in 1991. During the 1950s he met both his first wife, Carol and his second wife Jeanne while spending summers in Royal Oak with his grandparents. During the summer of 1959, he lived and worked on Jefferson Island (one of the Poplar Islands). However it was not until Carol passed away that he and his daughter Megan moved to the Eastern Shore of Maryland permanently. Jay considered himself the luckiest man in the world to have been married to, two great ladies. As a life member of the National Rifle Association, an Endowed Life member of the Walter M. Pierson Masonic Lodge# 1339 of the A.F. &A.M. in Houston, TX, Scottish Rite of Freemasonry, S.J. Valley of Houston Orient of Texas, **Vietnam Veterans of America – Easton Chapter #648** and the American Legion Post 70 of Easton. He was very proud to have served his country in the United States Coast Guard both here and overseas. It was while in the Coast Guard that he began working on aids to navigation. Little did he know this would be the beginning of an exciting and interesting career! One of his first duties was to upgrade the CO2 powered bell striker on the Hooper's Strait Lighthouse (now located at the Maritime Museum) to an electric one. Later while aboard the Coast Guard Cutter Iris in the Gulf of Mexico offshore, Texas, while looking at the lights of the oil platforms a fellow crew member said, he thought there would be good money made servicing those lights? After his honorable discharge he remembered that. He went to work for Automatic Power, which later became a division of Wallace & Tiernan as he was familiar with their equipment because they were a primary supplier of the Coast Guard's aids to navigation. He started out on their company boat servicing the navigation lights and fog horns on offshore oil platforms. Then in 1967 they sent him to Corpus Christi, TX. Where he was to head up their South Texas sale and Service Branch. Then in 1969 they transferred him back to Houston and a new assignment. For years Jay traveled extensively throughout the U.S., Arctic, Canada, Mexico, Europe, Asia, Africa, the Middle East, and Caribbean and the North Seas. Jay went to such exotic places as Bermuda, where he sold all the lights to upgrade Hamilton Harbor from acetylene gas to electric, St. Croix in the U.S. Virgin Islands where he sold and supervised the installation of aids to navigation for the Hess Oil Co. first terminal for Super Tankers, the Bahamas where he made routine Lighthouse inspections. In fact almost became the Director of Lighthouses there. However it was Alexandria, Egypt where the Pharos Light" had been and the "Great Pyramid that impressed him the most. Likewise he often found himself in places that were not so exotic such as Lagos, Nigeria, Bombay, India and Tehran, Iran to mention a few. It was while in Tehran that some radicals began shooting people across the street less than 100 feet from where Jay was

standing. While they were reloading & changing their machine gun clips, Jay, quickly went to his hotel, checked out and went to the airport. Jay left Iran for Istanbul, Turkey, then Rome, finally after traveling to 53 different countries around the world, Jay decided he had had enough and returned home to the U.S. as the fun was over! Upon returning to the U.S. Jay made a career change (having a good rapport with many Oil Companies) he went to work selling and servicing oil field equipment. Jay also worked in the Trucking industry, both as owner operator and salesman, mostly in the oilfield trucking services. Over the years, Jay has had many accomplishments; he was a published inventor and patent holder for a new and improved blowout preventer (BOP) ram seal, U.S. patent 4,703.938. Additionally he held many licenses having gotten his commercial driver's license at the age of 16, so he could drive trucks part-time. He later upgraded that license to a AM-CDL with endorsements for motorcycles, combination vehicles, double & triple trailers, tanker, passenger and hazardous materials; Federal Communication Commission Amateur Radio Lic., N5LKJ; Federal Aviation Administration Commercial Pilot Certificate, with endorsements for airplane, single and multi engine land and instrument; just to mention a few. Jay was an avid motorcyclist who rode and raced motorcycles for over 55 years. He often said that his thoughts are that "Life should not be a journey to the grave with the intention of arriving safely, in a well preserved body, but rather to skid broadside, thoroughly used up, totally exhausted and worn out while loudly proclaiming WOW what a Hell of a ride! He is survived by his loving wife Jeanne Hanrahan Fox, two brothers; Ric Fox and his wife Crystal of Austin, TX., Brough Fox and his wife Wanda of Ft. Worth, TX., a sister; Tamison F. Brau of Austin TX., two step-children; Kathleen Morris of Oxford, MD.. and Brad Morris of Charleston, S.C. as well as step grandchildren and numerous nieces & nephews. In addition to his first wife of 28 years, Carol, Jay was preceded in death by his beloved daughter Megan Alyssa Fox. Friends may call on Thursday, July 26, 2012 at the Hurley & Ostrowski Funeral Home P.A. St. Michaels, from 6:00PM to 8:00PM, where a Masonic service will be held at 7:30PM Burial was private. Donations may be made to the Talbot Hospice Foundation 586 Cynwood Drive, Easton, MD. 21601 or to the "Garden of the Rock," C/o St. Luke U.M.C. St. Michaels, MD. 21663.



DAVID GLENWOOD GABB - Died on Wednesday, April 11, 2012 in Hammond, Louisiana at the age of 65. The cause of death is unknown. He was born April 27, 1946. David is survived by his beloved wife of 43 years, Linda Ruiz Gabb and his son, David Scott Gabb. He is the son of Charlotte Gabb Ianni and the late Henry Clay Gabb, brother of Judith Gabb Walsdorf and Randall A. Gabb. He is also survived by nieces, nephews and other relatives and friends. He retired from the United States Army after 31 years of service at the rank of Sergeant First Class (E-7). He was a member of

Vietnam Veterans of America – Meraux Chapter #550. He was a member of the Methodist Church and graduate of Southeastern University. Relatives and friends are invited to attend the visitation and funeral service. Visitation will be on Monday, April 16, 2012 at Jacob Schoen and Son Funeral Home, 3827 Canal Street, New Orleans between the hours of 6:00 P.M. and 9:00 P.M. The Funeral Service will be held in the Chapel of Jacob Schoen and Son Funeral Home on

Tuesday, April 17, 2012 at 12:00 Noon with visitation beginning at 9:00 A.M. Interment with Military Honors will be in Lake Lawn Mausoleum. Condolences may be expressed on line at www.schoencanalstreet.com.



FREDERICK J. GENTZ, JR. - Died Saturday, Jan. 7, 2012, at St. Joseph's Hospital, Syracuse, New York at the age of 67. He was a resident of Dryden, New York. The cause of death is unknown. Fred was born December 29, 1944 in Wellington, New Zealand, a son of the late Frederick J. Gentz, Sr. and Betty Margaret (née Frandi) Gentz. A graduate of East Syracuse High School, Fred served honorably in the United States Marines Corps from 1962 to 1966 with two tours in Vietnam. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Dryden Chapter #377**. He was employed at Merchants Mutual Ins. Co. from 1968 to 1975 and then at Security Mutual Ins. Co. as the Commercial Lines Supervisor and Marketing Representative. He had earned his Certified Insurance Counselor status. Fred was an Honored Member and Past Chief of Dryden Ambulance, Inc., and a member of the Neptune Hose Co. No. 1 of Dryden. Additionally, Fred was a member and Past Commander of the Leonard T. Spaulding Post 1134, American Legion, a member of the Dryden Township Post 8158, Veterans of Foreign Wars and had been a Board member of the Dryden Veterans Memorial Home Board of Directors. He served faithfully on the Dryden Veterans Home Ritual Team and was also a member of the Finger Lakes Chapter 377, Vietnam Veterans of America. He served on the Board of Directors of the Tompkins County Mental Health Association and was a recipient of the Tompkins Trust Company Award for Excellence. Fred was a tireless volunteer, a faithful friend and confidant, a dedicated father and grandfather who will be greatly missed. Survivors include his children, Kim M. Shane of East Syracuse, Keith M. Gentz of Dryden, Kevin M. (Amy) Gentz of Rochester, NY and John S. Gentz of Liverpool; his brother, Gerald (Laurie) Gentz of Avon Lake, OH; grandchildren, Samantha N. and Erika K. Gentz, Megan E, Jessica T. and Timothy A. Shane, Gabrielle C.L. and Maguire Z. Gentz; a great-granddaughter, Madison N. Gentz; his former wife, Susan Heath of Ithaca; nieces, nephews, cousins and many friends. Funeral services will be held at 10 a.m. Thursday, Jan. 12, 2012, at the Perkins Funeral Home with Rev. Tracie Martin officiating. Burial with military honors by members of the Dryden Veterans Memorial Home Ritual Team will follow in Willow Glen Cemetery. Friends are invited to call from 4 to 7 p.m. Wednesday at the funeral home, 55 West Main St., Dryden. Memorials, in lieu of flowers, are directed to the Dryden Ambulance, Inc., P.O. Box 397, Dryden, NY 13053-0397 or the Dryden Veterans Memorial Home, 2272 Dryden Road, Dryden, NY 13053.

MICHAEL A. HANLON - Died recently in 2012 in Greer, South Carolina at the age of 64. The cause of death is unknown. He was born January 19, 1948. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Greenville Chapter #523**.

WILLIAM J. HARTLEY – Died Thursday, February 23, 2012 in Toms River, New Jersey at the age of 64. The cause of death is unknown. He was born June 11, 1947. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Brick Chapter #200**.



LEE R. HERMANN – Died Sunday, June 17, 2012, after a courageous battle with cancer, at his home in Manchester, Tennessee with his family by his side. He was 65 years of age and a former resident of Tampa, Florida. Lee was a fighter and never gave up. Lee retired from GTE/Verizon after 32 years of dedicated service as a Service Supervisor. He was born January 30, 1947 in Two Rivers, Wisconsin; graduated from Washington High School in 1965; and proudly served a tour of duty in Vietnam in the United States Army. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Manitowoc**

Chapter #731. He enjoyed being outside, vacationing at state parks and the beach, but above all he enjoyed spending time with his family. He was preceded in death by his son, Jason Lee; father, Kenneth W. Hermann; father-in-law, Jake Gottinger; niece, Becky Blashka; nephew, Cory Gottinger; brother-in-law, Terry Peterson. Lee is survived by his loving wife and best friend, Donna M. Gottinger Hermann of Manchester; daughter, Tammy Sharketti and her husband Stephen of Manchester; two granddaughters, Sarah and Taryn; mother, Beatrice H. Naeser Hermann; sister, Connie Blashka and her family of Wisconsin; brother, Todd Hermann and his family of Wisconsin; mother-in-law, Mary Gottinger; also survived by sisters-in-law, Carol Zielke (John), Gerry Kattreh (Jim) and Linda Peterson; brother-in-law, Bob Gottinger (Deanna); and numerous nieces, nephews and other relatives and friends. A special "Thank you" is extended to the staff at the Sarah Cannon Research Institute; Dr. Johanna Bendell; Dee McCombs; and Pat and Felicia at Alive Hospice for their wonderful care and support. Visitation was on Thursday, June 21, 2012, from 1 p.m. until 3 p.m. at the Faith Lutheran Church in Tullahoma, Tenn. A Memorial Service followed at 3 p.m. with the Reverend Martin S. Nutter, Pastor officiating. Arrangements were with Central Funeral Home of Manchester, Tennessee.



THOMAS E. "Tom" HEYDINGER - Judge Retired, Died Monday, July 9, 2012 in Norwalk, Ohio at the age of 71. The cause of death is unknown. Thomas "Tom" was born on the family farm on August 24, 1940 in Plymouth, Ohio. He was born to the late Herbert J. "Whitey" and Erma A. (née Sheibley) Heydinger. Tom graduated from the Pontifical College Josephinum, Columbus, Ohio, the University of Dayton, Dayton, Ohio, and Ohio Northern College of Law in Ada, Ohio. Tom served his country as a captain in the United States Army, 1st Cavalry Division during the Vietnam War as a helicopter pilot and later as a military lawyer in the JAG Corps and was awarded the Bronze Star and the Army Air Medal for

his service. Tom was admitted to practice in the Ohio Supreme Court in 1967, US Federal Court for Northern District of Ohio in 1971, and the US Supreme Court in 1974. Tom had a long history of service to his state and local governments beginning with his serving as a county court judge in Crawford County Ohio in 1971. From there he served as Assistant to the Attorney General of the State of Ohio and then returned to the area working as the assistant prosecuting attorney of Huron County Ohio. Tom was appointed by then Governor John J. Gilligan to the position of judge of The Huron County Common Pleas Court Probate and Juvenile Division in 1975 and was subsequently elected and re-elected serving continuously for 28 years until 2002

when he retired from the position. During his tenure and into retirement Tom served on numerous occasions being assigned by the Ohio Supreme Court as a visiting Juvenile Judge in the Court of Cuyahoga County, and Court of Appeals Eighth Appellate District also of Cuyahoga County and in various Probate, Juvenile and Municipal Courts in Seneca, Huron, Sandusky, Erie, Lake, and Lucas counties filling in for other judges as needed. He was recognized 8 times by the Ohio Supreme Court for Outstanding Judicial Service. Tom introduced the D.A.R.E. (Drug Abuse Resistance Education) Program to Huron County in 1988. He instituted the Reach Our Youth (R.O.Y.) Program in Huron County in 1978. He also instituted C.A.S.A (Court Appointed Special Advocates) Program in Huron County in 1989. He was very proud of these programs and the good people who have continued to run these programs over the years. After retirement, he was appointed in 2008 as an interim 58th District Ohio State Representative. Professionally Tom was a member of the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges and the Ohio Association of Juvenile and Family Court Judges. He served as the President of the Ohio Association of Juvenile and Family Court Judges from 1989 to 1990. He also served as a trustee of the National Council of Juvenile and Family Court Judges and on various committees within that association. Civically Tom was an *At-Large Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America - Ohio**, life member of the American Legion Post 41, life member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 2743, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks and the Fraternal Order of Eagles. Tom also was a life member of the Knights of Columbus (4th degree) and parishioner of St. Paul's Catholic parish where he served on numerous committees over the years. Tom enjoyed serving annually at Buckeye Boys State since 1986. He also worked very hard for the interests of the Western Reserve Land Conservancy hoping to provide for natural spaces to be enjoyed for many years in the future. He is survived by his wife, Margaret "Peggy" Heydinger to whom he married at Wakeman St. Mary's Catholic Church on November 28, 1980; children David (Lisa) Hedrick of Norwalk and Kelly (Timothy) Kohler of Waterville, Ohio. Grandchildren Faye, Kathleen, Julia, Colleen, Grady, Meghan, Davis, and Ryan.; sister Carol (John) Ensman of Shelby, OH; brothers Edwin (Carole) of New Burgh, Ind.; Gerard (Cha Cha) Heydinger of Mission Viejo, Ca.; and Herman (Lyda) Heydinger of Palm Bay, Fla.; and numerous nieces and nephews. Tom was truly appreciative to have had the opportunity to serve the fine people of Huron County for so many years. He was so very concerned about the long term well being of the youth of this county and with his wonderful staff and affiliated county organizations worked tirelessly to improve their lives and futures. Friends may call on Wednesday July 11 from 3-8 p.m. at the Evans Funeral Home, 314 E. Main St., Norwalk, OH. A Mass of Christian Burial will take place on Thursday July 12 at 10:30 a.m. at St. Paul Catholic Church, 91 E. Main St., Norwalk. The Rev. Frank Kehres, pastor of the church, will officiate. Burial with military honors will follow at St. Paul Cemetery. Memorial contributions can be made to St. Paul High School tuition fund or Reach Our Youth (R.O.Y.) Program of Huron County.



ENOS HIRAM HILBUN, JR. - Died Friday May 25, 2012 at his residence in Texarkana, Texas at the age of 78. The cause of death is cancer. Mr. Hilbun was born August 14, 1933, in Fouke, Arkansas. He was a retired United States Army Staff Sergeant and

served in Vietnam. He was a member of Holly Springs United Methodist Church. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Texarkana Chapter #273**. He is survived by his wife, Dianne Greer-Hilbun, of Texarkana, Texas, one step-daughter, Bree Zee Robinson, of Texarkana, Texas, four nieces, Jo Ann Yother and husband, Sonny, of Fouke, Arkansas, Debbie Nelson, of Arnold, Missouri, Nancy Wamser and husband, Paul, of Arnold, Missouri and Marilyn Eddy and husband, Jimmy, of Ashdown, Arkansas, two nephews, Jimmy Strite, of Arnold, Missouri and Keith Culberson and wife, Susan, of Wake Village, Texas, his uncle Rufus Hilbun, (who just recently celebrated his 100th birthday) and his wife, Myrtis, of Wills Point, Texas very special cousins, Luke, Wiely and Pierce, and numerous other family members and friends. Funeral services were held Monday May 28, 2012 at 2:00 PM at Texarkana Funeral Home, Arkansas with the Reverend Doug Rhodes officiating. Burial was in the Holly Springs Cemetery. Visitation was from 2:00 PM until 4:00 PM on Sunday at the funeral home.

DANIEL A. HOLDER III - Died Friday, November 25, 2011 in Galax, Virginia at the age of 66. The cause of death is unknown. He was born July 2, 1945. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Galax Chapter #710**. Memorial service will be private. Arrangements were by Twin County Funerals.

DAVID L. HOLLAND, JR. – Died Wednesday, October 6, 2010 in Circleville, Ohio at the age of 62. The cause of death was cancer. He was born July 4, 1948 in Circleville, Ohio. He is survived by his wife, Debra of the home. He served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Chillicothe Chapter #810**. He served as District 4 Director for the Buckeye State Council for several years. He also held office as Chapter Secretary and Chapter Treasurer.



ELWOOD F. "Ed" HUSSEY - Died Monday, June 4, 2012 in Neptune, New Jersey at the age of 67. The cause of death was a heart attack. He was born and raised in Long Branch, New Jersey and graduated from Long Branch High School in the class of 1963. Ed served in the United States Navy aboard the USS James E. Kyes during Vietnam and was awarded the Vietnam Service Medal with 2 stars, the Vietnam Campaign Medal, the National Defense Medal and the NJ State Distinguished Service Medal. He was a member of the Tin Can Sailors, **Vietnam Veterans of America - Allenhurst Chapter #12** and the Model A Ford Club of America. Ed was also an avid photographer and scuba diver making yearly trips to Bonaire. After serving his country, he worked at Monmouth Medical Center, where he was currently the Facilities Chief Engineer. He proudly gave his blood, sweat and tears for 44 years of employment. Ed was predeceased by his parents, George and Mary Hussey, as well as his brothers, George and Anthony Hussey. Ed is survived by his devoted wife of 43 years, Joan Ricciardi Hussey; his sons, to which he taught everything he knew, Edward F. Hussey and his wife Sara, and Frank M. Hussey and his fiancée Kristy. Ed was also the very proud "Pop" to his grandchildren, Lily and Eddie; and his dear cat, Betsy. Ed is also survived by his brother, Joseph Hussey and his wife Joan; his sister, Maryann Hussey; his sister-in-law, Iris Hussey; and several loving nieces and nephews. Friends and family were invited to visit from 2:00 to 4:00 PM and

7:00 to 9:00 PM Thursday, June 7, 2012 at the Ely Funeral Home, 3316 Hwy. 33, Neptune. A funeral mass was celebrated at 11:00 AM Friday, June 8, 2012 at the Church of Saint Anselm, Wayside, New Jersey. The cremation was private. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the Joel Opatut Cardiopulmonary Rehab Center at Monmouth Medical Center in Long Branch or donations of blood to the Central Jersey Blood Bank. Condolences may also be made online at www.elyfuneralhome.com.



LOGAN SCOTT HUSTON, SR. - Died Monday, February 7, 2011 at Community Health Partners Hospital in Lorain, Ohio at the age of 63. He was a resident of Lorain, Ohio. The cause of death is unknown. Logan was born January 6, 1948 in Oberlin, Ohio. He worked as an assembler and inspector for the Ford Plant in Lorain for 30 years, retiring in 1997. He then drove limousines for nine years for Touch of Class. He served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War. He was an *At-Large Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Ohio**. He was a member of Rust United Methodist Church in Oberlin and was an usher, trustee of the Pastor Parrish Board, president of United Methodist Men and a lay speaker. Logan took a mission trip to Haiti in 1985. He served as president of Local 425 Veterans and was a chaplain for Lorain County Vietnam Vets. Logan enjoyed riding motorcycles, hunting, fishing, playing bass guitar, watching old movies and playing with his grandchildren. He was survived by his wife, Mary Jane Huston, of Lorain; two sons, Logan S. Huston Jr., of Lorain, and Darryl (Dawn) Watson, of Amherst; a brother, Lawrence B. (Frances) Huston Jr., of Salinas, Calif.; an uncle, aunt, a host of nieces, nephews and cousins and five grandchildren. Logan was preceded in death by his father, Lawrence B. Huston Sr., and his mother, Louisa Scott Huston. Visitation will be Friday, Feb. 11, from 6 to 8 p.m. at the Cowling Funeral Home at 228 S. Main St. in Oberlin. Funeral services will be Saturday, Feb. 12, at 10 a.m. at Rust United Methodist Church in Oberlin. Pastor Lorenzo Smart will preside. Interment will follow in Westwood Cemetery in Oberlin, with full military honors conducted by Post #1079 of Elyria. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Lorain County Vietnam Veterans Memorial, P.O. Box 258, Lorain OH 44052. Online condolences may be made at www.cowlingfuneralhomeoh.com.

HAROLD JAMES – Died recently in 2012 in Manning, South Carolina at the age of 67. The cause of death is unknown. He was born March 17, 1945. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Manning Chapter #960**.

STEPHEN E. KERR – Died Wednesday, March 21, 2012 in Bettendorf, Iowa at the age of 63. The cause of death was cancer. He was born March 21, 1948 in Davenport, Iowa. He attended Pleasant Valley Schools and graduated from Pleasant Valley High School in 1967. He is survived by his wife Karen. He served in the United States Navy from September 17, 1968 to August 23, 1972 during the Vietnam War. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Davenport Chapter #776**. Cremation rites have been accorded and visitation will be held from 4:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M. on Friday, March 23, 2012 at the McGinnis-Chambers Funeral Home in Bettendorf. Services to celebrate his life will be held at 10:30 A.M. on Saturday, March 24, 2012 at the funeral home. Inurnment with military honors will follow at Pleasant Valley Cemetery. All family & friends are invited to a luncheon at Trinity Lutheran Church of Pleasant Valley following the services. In lieu of flowers, his family request memorials be made either to the Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 776 or the Boy Scouts of America, Illowa Council in Steve's honor.

RONALD KING – Died Friday, July 13, 2012 in Angeles City, Philippines at the age of 66. The cause of death was cancer. He was born December 4, 1945. He served in the United States Air Force during the Vietnam War and retired at the rank of Master Sergeant (E-8). He is survived by his wife, Josie. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Angeles City Chapter #887**.



MICHAEL GERALD KINNEY - Died Wednesday, April 25 2012 in Sterling Heights, Michigan at the age of 78. The cause of death was ventricular tachy arrhythmia, diabetes mellitus type II, B cell lymphoma and PTSD. He was born August 13, 1933 in Highland Park, Michigan. He was the beloved husband of Kathleen M. Kinney; dear

father of Michael R. (Gwen) Kinney and the late Matthew R. Kinney; loving grandfather of Mary Kinney, Madalynn Kinney, and Jonathan Cuncich, and; brother of John (Martha) Kinney. My hero, Dad, Father, God, Friend, role model had a choice and wanted kids, my dad and mom adopted Matthew and I. He never spanked or hit us, we would just argue it out. He did not believe in violence. He was a leader in the Boy Scouts, United States Air Force, Family Protector, Life coach. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Mt. Clemens Chapter #154**. He will live on through his grandchildren, Mary, Madalynn & Johnny and all of you that his love touched. He was big and bad but gentle. He was a loving, tender and caring husband, father and grandfather. He knew Presidents, and was honored by the Queen of England for his service. He served his country with dignity, honor and courage in spite of fear of war. The best parts of him are part of us. For all you that were touched by his love. He was a lover of women but only ever married one, and they have spent 60 years together. "Waddya you know" was a greeting he often gave to people he knew. He taught us to methodically listen to the words you used. Robert DeNiro "Meet the Fockers", Human Lie Detector. My hero didn't have to hold your waist, he just looked at you. You can accomplish anything you choose, but choose wisely. He possessed many great skills. He taught us to forgive & forget, never hold a grudge, otherwise it will haunt you the rest of your life. It was o.k. to disagree, but to dwell on it the issue only becomes moot. He was always direct and straight to the point, if you asked his opinion he told it like it was whether you liked it or not and he always right. When I was in kindergarten, my hero came home from the Vietnam War at Christmas time and showed up in my classroom, I said, "What are you doing here?" He said "I missed you" and he picked me up hugging and kissing me. Letters, cassettes and tapes was what we got a couple of times a week, when it was delayed "I clearly remember the sound of mortars going off in the background. He was scared because his voice would change and say "I love you all" ending the tape. He was rewarded the Bronze Star with oak leaf clusters for his meritorious service. He saved a fellow soldier who was burning and on fire from a phosphorus grenade. He was wounded himself on a different day and received the Purple Heart. The Vietnam War did affect him, PTSD surely played a part in his life but he would never show it, or admit it. To him it was just part of the job. It was winter and in Scout camp I was scared and he let me sleep by him. Recently he reminded me by asking 'so how did you like a hard cold floor?' "No problem" I said, I'm a father I did just what you had taught me. He said "that's the correct answer, I'm proud of you." Don't grieve my son, remember what I taught you. Keep your mouth shut, and listen, speak with the facts. Family received friends Thursday 5:00 PM to 9:00 PM and Friday Noon to 9:00 PM at the William Sullivan & Son Funeral Home, 8459 Hall Road (3 blocks east of VanDyke) Utica. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at 9:00 AM at Saint Ephrem Roman Catholic Church, 38900 Dodge Park, Sterling Heights. Interment was at Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Southfield, Michigan. Please share a memory with the family at www.sullivanfuneraldirectors.com.

RICHARD KEITH KOZMAN - Died Saturday, January 30, 2010 at the VA Medical Center in Loma Linda, California at the age of 61. He was a resident of Mira Loma, California. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on March 21, 1948. He worked for the State of California before retiring. He was a veteran of the United States Navy, and he was a member for Crosspoint Church in Ontario, California. He was an *At-Large Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – California**. He is survived by his step-children, Don Derting, Sam Derting and

Stephanie Hottinger; his step-grandchildren Candi Laycook, Cindy Muller, Albert Motola, Jason Derting, Randy Derting, Lucas Derting and Denise Palmatrer and 8 step-great grandchildren. Graveside services were held at 10:00 AM on Monday, February 8, at the Riverside National Cemetery, Riverside, California. A Celebration of life will follow at Crosspoint Church, 6950 Euclid Avenue, Ontario, California.



JAMES R. LANDIS - Died Thursday, July 12, 2012 at the Licking Memorial Hospital at the age of 65. He was a resident of Heath, Ohio. The cause of death was heart failure. He was born April 9, 1947 in Newark, Ohio to the late Odis Earl and Donna Ruth (Bush) Landis. Mr. Landis retired from the Licking County Sheriff's Department where he had been a Deputy Sheriff. During his career he had also been a Heath Volunteer Fireman and Heath Police Auxiliary Policeman and had been a police officer with the Village of Granville. He had also been a Bailiff with the Licking County Domestic Court, a park ranger, and laborer on the Newark Street Department. Mr. Landis was a scuba diver and helped organize the Heath Search and Rescue Dive

Team. A veteran of the United States Army, he is a member of the American Legion, VFW, a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America - Newark Chapter #55**, Eagles, and the Licking County Veterans Alliance. He is also a member of Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church, the Boy Scouts of America and volunteered with the Girl Scouts. He was a former member of the Moose. Mr. Landis is a member of several professional organizations including the FOP and the Buckeye State Sheriff's Association, winning several awards including FOP Member of the Year, Service to Mankind Award and was Police Officer of the Year in 1993. A 32nd Degree Mason, he is also a member of the Scottish Rite Valley of Columbus and the Heath Lodge #771 F&AM. Mr. Landis enjoyed fishing, mushroom hunting, old cars, and is a member of several car clubs. He loved spending time with his family. He is survived by his wife of 40 years, Faye E. (Briggs) Landis, whom he married November 24, 1971; daughters, Christina E. Landis of Heath, Darcie S. (Tim) Ransom and Shala R. (J.K.) Young, all of Newark; and five grandchildren, Clayton, Dalton, Kaitlyn, Abigail and Kaydance. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a brother, Danny Landis. Funeral services for James R. Landis, will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Tuesday, July 17, at Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church, 732 Hebron Road, Heath, with the Rev. Kristin Santiago officiating. Burial will take place in Cedar Hill Cemetery where military honors will be observed by the Licking County Veterans Alliance. Friends may call from 2-6 p.m. on Sunday, July 15, and from 4-7 p.m. on Monday, July 16, at the Heath Chapel of Henderson-Van Atta-Stickle Funeral & Cremation Service where the Heath Masonic Lodge #771 will have a service Monday evening at 5:00 p.m. and the Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 55 will have a Black Rose Ceremony at 6:00 p.m. Memorial contributions may be made to Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church or Hospice of Central Ohio. Please visit www.hendersonvanatta.com to view a memorial and to leave a message of condolence for the Landis family.



MICHAEL S. "Mike" LAY - Died Saturday, March 5, 2011 in St. Mary's Regional Medical Center in Oklahoma at the age of 63. He was a resident of Eucha, Oklahoma. The cause of death was a heart attack. Mike was born June 22, 1947 in Enid, Oklahoma to Roy and Mari An (née Smith) Lay He

attended local schools and graduated from John Marshall High School in Oklahoma City. After graduating, Mike joined the United States Navy and served on the U.S.S. Tolovana AO64 and the U.S.S. Oklahoma City CLG5. After his service he pursued a career in the Merchant Marines. He traveled all over the world in his 32 year career until his retirement in 2008. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Enid Chapter #940**. He was a pilot, an avid motorcycle enthusiast, and loved animals. He had begun plans to begin breeding black labs. He had cats, dogs, and a parrot. He is survived by his son Jason Bannister and wife, of Novato, California and daughter Susan Lay of Iowa City, Iowa. Two grandchildren, one brother Herb Robinson Jr., three sisters; Patti Bickerstaff, Lisa Cameron, and Lori Grabher. Step-mother Jerry Lay, and step-father Herbert Robinson Sr., cousin Jeann Svarvar, and numerous nieces, nephews, and friends. He was preceded in death by his parents. The memorial services for Michael S. Lay, 63 year-old Enid resident were on Wednesday March 9, 2011 from 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM at The Frisco Bar Memorials may be made through the funeral home to the Enid SPCA through Henninger-Hinson Funeral Home.

WILLIAM E. LEWIS – Died Wednesday, May 9, 2012 in Dearborn Heights, Michigan at the age of 66. The cause of death was a gunshot wound to the head. He has been receiving therapy for Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder. He was born November 12, 1945 in Trenton, Michigan. He served in the United States Marine Corps from March 24, 1966 to March 21, 1969 during the Vietnam War from November 1966 to May 1968. He is survived by his wife, Mary Alice Lewis of the home. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Dearborn Chapter #267**.

THOMAS EDWIN MARINE - Died Sunday, June 3, 2012 at his home in Preston, Maryland at the age of 69. The cause of death was cirrhosis of the liver and hepatitis C. He was born May 23, 1943 in Easton, Maryland to the late Edwin Hughes Marine and Hazel Elizabeth (née Jester) Marine Kelley. Mr. Marine was a graduate of North Carolina High School Class of 1962. He served his country in the United States Army serving in Vietnam, and was a recipient of the Purple Heart. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Easton Chapter #648**, Military Order of the Purple Heart, the Easton American Legion Post 70, and the Easton V.F.W. Post 5118. He worked as a commercial fisherman, maintenance man and sold produce. He is survived by his wife, Peggy Spicher Marine, a brother, William Marine and his wife Pauline of Preston, and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by two sisters Barbara Dietrich and Dorothy Todd, and a brother Donald Marine. A funeral service with military honors was held on Thursday, June 7, 2012 at 10:00 AM at the Eastern Shore Veterans Cemetery in Beulah, Maryland with the Reverend Denzil Cheek officiating. Friends may call at the Framptom Funeral Home on Wednesday from 6:00 to 8:00 PM.

THOMAS McCAFFREY – Died Sunday, June 10, 2012 in The Villages, Florida at the age of 67. The cause of death was heart failure. He was born in Sturgeon, Pennsylvania on November 29, 1944. He served in the United States Navy from 1965 to 1969 during the Vietnam War on the USS Kitty Hawk. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Oxford Chapter #1036**.



WILLIAM E. MCGEE - Died at home after a long, brave battle with cancer on Monday, April 2, 2012 at the age of 75. He was born in 1937 in Prospect, Maine, and raised in Milford, New Hampshire. He had been a resident of Liverpool since

1968. He was a graduate of the University of New Hampshire. He was a veteran of the United States Army for 13 years, five years of which were active duty, attaining the rank of captain. He was a pilot of both helicopters and fixed wing aircraft. In Vietnam, he flew over 400 combat missions and rescued wounded US and Vietnamese soldiers while under enemy fire. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Syracuse Chapter #103**. He was a free-lance writer, the author of many stories and articles which were published in Europe and the U.S. His book, "Men of Granite", was published in 2007. Since 2011, Bill has written a quarterly column for the "New Hampshire To Do" Magazine. Bill retired from Dupont's Biotechnology Division in 1989 after 22 years in sales and marketing. He founded Microtome Service Company which he managed until 2010. Bill was an Eagle Scout and Silver Beaver and was active in the Boy Scouts for over 45 years, serving as a Cub Den Leader, Scoutmaster, Woodbadge Instructor and District Commissioner. He was on the Advisory Board of the Lee Scouting Museum in New Hampshire and Chairman of the Hillcourt Scout Museum at Scout Camp Woodland in Constantia. He was predeceased by his first wife, Rebecca "Becky" McGee, who died in 1984. Their children are Mark McGee and Elizabeth McGee, the mother of his two grandchildren. He is also survived by Joan Mosley Macko, his wife of 25 years, and her children, Mark Macko (Sue), Elizabeth Zellar (John), Cheryl Hazen (Bruno) and Scott Macko (Holly) and five grandchildren. Calling hours were held at the United Church of Christ in Bayberry, 215 Blackberry Road, Liverpool, on Thursday, April 5, from 1:00 to 3:00 PM with a funeral service at 3:00 PM. In lieu of flowers, contributions to the Hillcourt Scout Museum, Longhouse Council, Boy Scouts of America, 2803 Brewerton Road, Syracuse, NY 13211. For more information, see www.chebeaqueisland.org. Maurer Funeral Home, Inc. www.maurerfuneralhome.com were in charge of arrangements.

ROBERT E. "Max" McGEHEE - Died Thursday, June 23, 2011 in Fairfield Bay, Arkansas at the age of 60. The cause of death resulted in a fall. He was born April 30, 1951 in Germantown, Tennessee. Mr. McGehee was a United States Army Veteran serving in the Vietnam War, and an Eagle Scout. He graduated from Germantown High School in 1969 where he was a twelve year student. He also attended the University of Tennessee and Tennessee State Technical Institute. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Memphis Chapter #875**. He was preceded in death by his parents Dr. and Mrs. Eugene H. McGehee of Germantown. He is survived by his daughter Samantha McGehee of Fairfield Bay, AR and his son Eugene McGehee of Oshkosh, WI and by a brother Jim McGehee (Jackie) of Germantown. He also leaves behind numerous cousins, nieces, nephews and many lifelong friends. A gathering of family and friends will be held this Thursday June 30 at 4 p.m. in the Germantown Presbyterian Church Chapel. Interment will be in West Tennessee Veterans Cemetery Forest Hill Irene Rd at a later date. The family requests that any memorials be sent to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, or charity of donor's choice.



RALPH W. MEADER - Died unexpectedly on Thursday, May 3, 2012 at the age of 65. He was a resident of Bristol, Vermont. The cause of death is unknown – however he went hiking and was reported missing and his body was later recovered in a swampy area. He was born March 3, 1947. He leaves behind his four daughters, Lisa Meader, Victoria Meader, Andrea (Meader) Steady and her husband, Sheldon, and Michele (Meader)

Masterson. He also leaves behind his two beloved grandchildren, Desiree Steady and Jason Cousino. He is survived by his three brothers, Bruce Meader, Barry Meader and Paul Meader. He also leaves several nieces, nephews, cousins and many special friends. He was predeceased by his father, Rex Meader; and his mother, Jessie (Orvis) Meader. He served with the United States Army in Vietnam from 1966-1968 in the 82nd Airborne Division, with the 101st and 173rd Airborne Brigade. He was wounded in action at the Tet Offensive. He was a recipient of The Purple Heart, R.V.N Cross of Gallantry with Palm, Bronze Star, Vietnam Service Medal, Vietnam Campaign Medal, National Defense Medal, Civil Action Honor Medal, U.S. Army Commemorative Medal, Good Conduct Medal, Presidential Unit Citation Medal, Expert Machine Gun Rifle Medal, Honors Medal and Meritous. He was a distinguished member and former president of the D.A.V. Chapter 21 Addison County. He was a *Permanently Hospitalized Veteran* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Bristol Chapter #926**. He was an avid outdoorsman. In his younger years, he trapped, hunted and fished. In recent years, he became interested in photography. He would hike for hours, taking pictures and being one with nature. The family wants to send out heartfelt appreciation to all of the men and women who worked tirelessly through the cold rainy night to find our dad and bring him home. Calling hours will be at Brown-McClay Funeral Home in Bristol on Friday, May 11, 2012, from 5 to 8 p.m. A Mass of Christian Burial will be held 11 a.m. on Saturday May 12, 2012, at St. Ambrose Church in Bristol. A celebration of his life will be held at the American Legion Post # 19 in Bristol following the service. In lieu of flowers, the family would like donations to be sent to the Monkton Fire Department and the Bristol Fire Department.



RONALD A. MICHALSKI - Died Thursday, June 14, 2012 in Rochester, New York at the age of 68. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Rochester on February 15, 1944. He was predeceased by his parents, Anthony R. Michalski and Agnes (née Zavacki) Michalski. Ron is survived by his loving wife of 40 years, Kathy-Jo Lesso Michalski; brother and sister-in-law, Dennis J. and Patricia Michalski; nephews, Jim (Heather) Michalski and Mark (Gabrielle) Michalski; great-niece, Caylin Shea Michalski; father- and mother-in-law, Joseph and Katherine Lesso; brother-in-law, Michael Lesso; sister-in-law, Paula Jean Lesso; and many cousins. Ron was a 1961 graduate of Aquinas Institute, Rochester Business Institute and Fort Lauderdale (Fla.) University, and worked at the former McCurdy's Department Store, Bausch & Lomb, and Vertis. He was active in the Boy Scouts of America and earned the Eagle Scout Award. Ron had a strong love for his country and was dedicated to fighting in defense of our Nation's freedom. He enlisted in the United States Navy as a seaman in 1966 and served on active duty through mid-1970. During that time, he served as adjutant to the commander of the U.S. Navy's submarine base in Groton, CT., and was a member of SEAL Team One, serving three tours of combat duty in Vietnam. He also served 27 years in the U.S. Naval Reserve, retiring in 1996 at the rank of lieutenant commander. Among his numerous military decorations are the National Defense Medal; Vietnamese Service Medal - Seven Stars; Vietnamese Campaign Medal; Navy Unit Commendation, Meritorious Unit; Presidential Unit Citation; the Vietnamese Presidential Unit Commendation; and two Purple Hearts. Ron was a member of several military and veterans organizations. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Rochester Chapter #20**. Friends may call Monday, June 18th,

4-7 P.M. at Vay-Schleich & Meeson Funeral Home, Greece Chapel, 1075 Long Pond Road. His Funeral Service will be held, Tuesday, June 19th, 10 A.M. in the Funeral Home Chapel. Entombment will follow in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that memorial contributions be made to Aquinas Institute, 1127 Dewey Avenue, Rochester, 14613 or the Disabled American Veterans at www.dav.org or Disabled American Veterans, Gift Processing, PO Box 14301, Cincinnati, OH 45250-0301. For more information, or to sign Ronald's online guestbook, please visit: www.MeesonFamily.com.

LEONARD MICHAEL MUNDRICK – Died Friday, April 27, 2012 at Saint John Oakland Hospital in Madison Heights, Michigan at the age of 69. The cause of death is unknown. He was born May 19, 1943 in Uniontown, Pennsylvania to the late Michael Mundrick and the late Sophia (née Maniowsczak) Mundrick. He was a longtime resident of Madison Heights, Michigan. Leonard was a United States Air Force Veteran having served in Vietnam. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America - Mount Clemens Chapter #154**. He worked and retired as a police officer for Chrysler Corporation. He was the beloved father of Darryl Mundrick. Visitation hours were at the Rudy Funeral Home 25650 Van Dyke, Center Line, Michigan on Sunday, May 5, 2012 from 4:00-6:00 PM with a 5:30 PM time of service. Memorials to the family are appreciated. Burial was at the Great Lakes National Cemetery in Holly, Michigan on Monday, May 7, 2012 at 2:00 PM with full military honors.



CHARLES MICHAEL "Chuck" MURTHA, SR. - Died Sunday, July 22, 2012 in Glassboro, New Jersey at the age of 65. He was formerly from Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. The cause of death was heart failure. Chuck was born on August 6, 1946 to Edward and Jenny Murtha in Philadelphia, PA. He was one of six children who grew up in the Tacony section of Philadelphia. Chuck graduated from Father Judge High School in 1964 and the following year enlisted into the United States Marine Corps. Chuck served in the Vietnam War from 1966-1967 and due to injuries he sustained in Vietnam, he was medically discharged from the service in 1972. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Liberty Bell (Philadelphia) Chapter #266**. Chuck was a union member of District Council 21, Local 1955 as a drywall finisher. He worked very hard to support his five children. Chuck was a soccer and baseball coach for his children and for the local children of Parkwood for over 25 years. An avid Flyers fan, Chuck was proud that he was present during the Flyers' Stanley Cup win of 1975. He was a long time advocate of the Disabled American Veterans. Chuck enjoyed camping and fishing but most of all, he adored his 17 grandchildren. He is the beloved husband of 46 years to Joan M. (née Sauers); Caring father of Joan Marie Musgreave (Brian), Charles Murtha, Jr. (Linda), Matthew Murtha (Amy), Bridget Kelly Budwell (James) and Mitchell Murtha (Tamara); Adoring grand pop of Brian, Brynn, Vincent, Gianna, Nick, Ariana, Madelyn, Mackenzie Drew, Mitchell, Jack, Max Ryan, Danny, Charlie, Addison, Rory and Riley; Loving son of the late Edward Murtha and the late Jenny (nee Larkins); Dear brother to Tom, Janice, Sharon, Colleen and the late Ed. Viewing Wednesday from 7:00 to 9:00pm at Harold B. Mulligan Funeral Home, 11010 Knights Rd., Philadelphia, PA 19154 and Thursday from 9:00 to 10:15am at McGuinness Funeral Home, 573 Egg Harbor Road, Washington Twp. (Sewell), NJ 08080; Memorial Mass 11:00am at Mary,

Mother of Mercy Parish at Our Lady of Lourdes RC Church, Glassboro, NJ; Interment and military honors at Gloucester County Veterans Memorial Cemetery, Williamstown. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Chuck's name to the Wounded Warriors Project, PO Box 758516, Topeka KS US 66675-8516

RICHARD L. "Fats" NAZIMEK - Died Friday, May 25, 2012 in Hammond, Indiana at the age of 63. The cause of death is unknown. He was born May 16, 1949. Richard was a United States Army veteran of Vietnam. He was an *At-Large Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Illinois**. He was the beloved husband of Kathleen "Kathy" (née Ciechanowski) of 43 years; loving father of Larry (Matilde), Christopher (fiancée Lori Marlow), and David (Sarah Ledbetter) Nazimek; and dearest grandfather of Samantha Rose Nazimek. Beloved son of Helen and the late Joseph Nazimek; brother of Joseph (late Judy) and Harold (Joyce) Nazimek; son-in-law of the late Helen and Walter Ciechanowski; brother-in-law of Lorraine (Ed) Belson and Marcia (late Ron) Poczworowski; Godfather of Eric Belson and Joseph Nazimek Jr., and; also survived by many loving aunts, uncles, nieces, and nephews. Funeral services will be held Friday, June 1, 2012 at 9:30 AM at the Anthony & Dziadowicz Funeral Home, 4404 Cameron Avenue, Hammond (two blocks E. of Hohman, one block N. of Gostlin) and a 10:00 AM Mass at St. Casimir Church with Rev. William O'Toole officiating. Entombment was at Holy Cross Mausoleum, Calumet City, IL. Visitation was Thursday from 1:00- 8:00 PM at the funeral home. Richard was an employee of Lang Ice Company and a member of Operating Engineers Local 399. He was past Commander of Amvets Post 43, and present First Vice Commander.

ELTON RAY NELSON – Died Sunday, May 20, 2012 at the Ponca City Medical Center in Ponca City, Oklahoma at the age of 70. He was a resident of Tonkawa, Oklahoma. The cause of death is unknown. He was born February 23, 1942 in Pawnee, Oklahoma to the late Bertha B. Provine Adams and the late Floyd Samuel Nelson. He enlisted in the National Guard in 1955 and entered the United States Navy in 1960. Upon discharge from the Navy, he enlisted in the United States Army and served with honor until his retirement in 1978. While in the Army, he served three tours of duty in Vietnam, was wounded several times and was awarded with the Purple Heart and the Bronze Star among many other awards. While being stationed in Newport News, Virginia, he met and married Evelyn Marie Nelson, who had two children from a previous marriage, Ernie and Sandie. When he retired from the military, he returned to Oklahoma and settled in Lamont, Oklahoma to be near his mother and stepfather, J. V. Adams. There he married Nancy Nelson, whom he met while they served together in Fort Eustis, Virginia. They had two children, Nicholas A. Nelson, who died in 1996 and Jennifer A. Nelson, who resides in Ponca City with her two children James A. Nelson and Geneva M. Nelson. In 1996 he met and married Kimberly Nelson who had three children, Scott, Matt and Rick from a previous marriage. He was an active member of the VFW Post #1229 in Tonkawa, Oklahoma, the Moose Lodge #1031 in Ponca City and a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Ponca City Chapter #750**. He is survived by his wife, Kimberly Nelson; his daughter, Jennifer Nelson; his grandchildren, James and Geneva Nelson; his three sisters, Elda Moore, of Tonkawa, Kathryn Wallert, of Russell, Kansas and Sandie Hodges, of Tulsa, Oklahoma; two stepbrothers, J.T. Adams, of Pawnee, Oklahoma and Bill Adams, of Pittsburg, California, and; several aunts, nieces, nephews and cousins. Services were held Saturday, June 2, 2012 at 9:00 AM at 100F

Cemetery in Tonkawa with a celebration of his life followed the services at 11455 South Main (US 60, US 177 1 ¼ miles), Tonkawa, Oklahoma.

CLARENCE JAMES “Jim” NIBBLETT, JR. – Died Thursday, July 12, 2012 in Center Point, Texas at the age of 88. The cause of death was a heart attack. He was born in Salisbury, Maryland on February 11, 1924. He was predeceased by his wife, Billie. He is survived by his son, William “Doak” Nibblett, of Center Point. He served in the United States Air Force from 1942 to 1946 on active duty; 1948 to 1951 in reserves and 1951 to 1972 on active duty during the Vietnam-era. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Kerrville Chapter #863**.

MERLE J. NICHOLS, JR. - Died Thursday, April 5, 2012 in Dunnellon, Florida at the age of 75. The cause of death is unknown. Merle was born December 30, 1936, to the late Merle and Lillian Nichols in Kalamazoo, Michigan. He met the love of his life, Cynthia M. Waters, at the bus terminal in Baltimore, Maryland. They were married December 15, 1956 and celebrated 55 years of happiness and blessings. He was a beloved husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather. Merle proudly served his country in the United States Navy for four years and the in the United States Air Force for 23 years. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Fort Lauderdale Chapter #23**. He then went to work for Broward County Sheriff's Dept. as part of the DUI task force for nine years. They lived in Ft. Lauderdale and later moved to Dunnellon. Merle was an avid fisherman and loved his farm. He is survived by his beloved wife, Cynthia; three daughters, Pamela, Tamara, and Penny; son, Michael; 10 grandchildren, Matthew, Rusty, Jamie, Erin, Kelly, Jessica, Courtney, Joshua, Haley, Beth and 10 great-grandchildren. A celebration service will be held at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, April 10, 2012, at Morriston Baptist Church, Morriston, FL. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to www.havenhospice.org or to Morriston Baptist Church Building Fund at 20291 SE 33rd St, Morriston, FL 32668. Details and guestbook are at www.VeteransFuneralCare.com.



STANLEY LLOYD PARKER – Died Thursday, March 11, 2004 in San Angelo, Texas at the age of 74. The cause of death was cancer. He was born in Hot Springs, South Dakota on December 31, 1929, to the late Lloyd C. Parker and Emma Ruth Parker. Stan grew up with an appreciation for nature, wildlife and hard work. On April 9, 1954, he married the first love of his life, Melinda Sue Sutton, in Washington, D.C. While he served in the United States Air Force Security Service she kept the home fires burning. Her sudden death in July 1971 caused his return from overseas. After spending many years serving his country in remote areas of the world from the Turkish-Soviet border to the islands of the Aleutian chain, this decorated Cold War veteran was faced with two young sons to raise alone. This was remedied in a couple of years when he met the final love of his life, his special friend for over 30 years, Dora Mae Hendrix. Retiring from the Air Force with the rank of Master Sergeant after 25 years of service, Stan went back to school. To a Bachelor of Arts degree in International studies from the University of Maryland he had earned in 1966, he added BBA degrees from Angelo State in

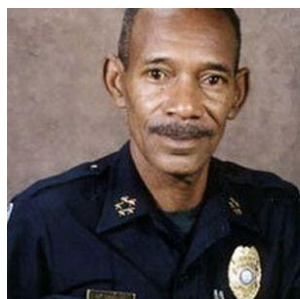
Management and Finance and later a Master of Public Administration degree. In 1981 he began his next career as Veterans Service Officer for Tom Green, Coke and Irion counties. His passion to serve the veterans of these counties and their families was well known. His endeavors in that field were marked by the same diligence and dedication to service that marked his military career. He retired for the last time in 1993 and enjoyed his retirement to the fullest. He remained active in mind and body to the end. A faithful member of Belmore Baptist Church, Stan loved his Friendship Sunday school class. He enjoyed attending the annual reunions of the Air Force Security Service and delighted in exchanging stories with his Cold war cronies. Devoted to veterans' causes, Stan was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – San Angelo Chapter #457**, member of the American Legion, Disabled American Veterans and AmVets and a fixture for many years at Memorial Day and Veterans Day ceremonies. Most of all Stan enjoyed being a grandpa and great-grandpa. Always an animal lover, no cat that wandered in or wild bird who flew by went hungry. Stanley is survived by his sons, Paul S. Parker of San Angelo and Wade A. Parker and wife, Michelle, of San Antonio; extended family, Paul and Sharon Hendrix; Jack and Elaine Thormahlen, and Don and Connie Hendrix; grandchildren, Melinda Parker, Paul A. Parker, Ian Allen Parker, Stephanie Martin, Tiffany Gingras, Nicolas Aguirre, Paul Hendrix, Jr., Jett and Michelle Hendrix, Norman and Ina Thormahlen, Allison Thormahlen Herrera, Nathaniel and Zachary Hendrix, Pippa and Bryan Lambert; great-grandchildren Lexi Gingras, Kelsey Hendrix, Angelica Herrera, Jacklynn and Tyler Thormahlen and Lilly and Nathan Lambert. The family received visitors from 4:00 PM to 6:00 at Johnson's Funeral Home. Church services were at 10:00 AM Monday, March 15, 2004 at Belmore Baptist Church with Reverends Kevin McSpadden and Richard Mahler co-officiating. Burial was at Fairmount Cemetery.



MATTHEW J. PORPILIA - Died unexpectedly on Wednesday, July 11, 2012 at St. Joseph's Hospital Health Center at the age of 63. He was a resident of Baldwinsville, New York. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Gowanda, New York, he was raised and educated in Hamburg, New York. Mr. Porpilia was a proud United States Army Veteran serving in Vietnam, receiving two Bronze Stars for his service, one being for Valor. After his service to his country he was employed by the NYS Police with Troop D in Baldwinsville for 20 years retiring in 1993. Concurrently for the past 30 years Matthew was the owner and operator with the help of his family of

MJP Enterprises in Baldwinsville. Mr. Porpilia was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America - Liverpool Chapter #103** and the retired NYS Police Association. He was also a member of Camillus Rod & Gun Club and the former commissioner of the Plainville & Lysander Fire Departments. Matthew was protective and devoted to raising his family and he always made them his top priority. Left to cherish his love and dedication are his wife of 36 years, Cindy L. (Cheney) Porpilia; a son, Matthew J. (Jessica) Porpilia II of Winchester, VA; two daughters, Julie A. (Joe) Pisacano of Hauppauge, Long Island and Angela M. Porpilia of Baldwinsville; his mother, Dorothy Porpilia of Hamburg, NY; a granddaughter, Lily Porpilia; a brother, Marc (Amy) Porpilia of Fairport, NY; five sisters, Cate (Dean) Jewart of Hamburg, NY, Marie (Glenn) Myer of Honesdale, PA, Paula Porpilia of Great Cacapon, WV, Sue Lord of Tulsa, OK and Joanne Pepin of Olean, NY and many nieces, nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews

and cousins. Calling hours will be Saturday, July 14, 2012 from 2 to 5 p.m. at the Maurer Funeral Home Moyers Corners, 3541 Route 31 with a funeral service to follow at 5 p.m. with military honors. Private burial will be in Onondaga County Veterans Memorial Cemetery. Contributions, in lieu of flowers may be made to Baldwinsville Meals on Wheels, 76 Canton St., Baldwinsville, NY 13027.



JOHN THOMAS REYNOLDS - Died Friday, May 18, 2012 at his residence in Pulaski, Tennessee at the age of 67. The cause of death was cancer. He was born on October 31, 1944 in Pulaski, Tennessee. He retired as Police Chief for the City of Pulaski and was United States Navy Veteran during the Vietnam War. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Pulaski Chapter #262**. He was preceded in death by his, parents, Tom Reynolds and Mattie White Reynolds; brother, Willie Davis Guppton; sisters, Savannah Reynolds Neal and Louise Reynolds Murray. He is survived by his, partner in life, Kathie Randolph of Pulaski; son, Thomas Reynolds of Nashville, Tennessee; son, Jonathan Reynolds of Pulaski, Tennessee; daughter, Cynthia Zerit and husband Henock of Nashville, Tennessee; step-daughter, Sherry Camp and husband Rick of Minor Hill, Tennessee; step-son, Brian Russ and wife Gail of Joppa, Alabama; 11 grandchildren; 3 great-grandchildren; nieces, Eula Burton of Pulaski and Mary E. Jenkins and husband Skylar of Pulaski, Tennessee; special cousin, Nancy Kendrick of Atlanta, Georgia; special people, Robert and Peggy Randolph. Bennett-May-Giles County Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements for John Thomas Reynolds. Visitation will be 4:00 to 7:00 Sunday, May 20th, 2012, at Bennett-May-Giles County Funeral Home. Funeral service will be 1:00 Monday, May 21st, 2012, in the chapel of Bennett-May-Giles County Funeral Home with Bro. Mark Johnson officiating. Burial with full military honors will follow in Maplewood Cemetery. Memorial donations are suggested to the Giles County Relay For Life, % SunTrust Bank, 222 West Madison St., Pulaski, Tn. 38478 Attention: Tonya Mullins.

FRANK R. ROZA - Died suddenly Saturday, July 14, 2012 in his residence in Gardner, Massachusetts at the age of 66. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Newark, New Jersey on October 1, 1945, to Francis Roza and was raised by his father and stepmother, Marjorie Roza. Frank graduated from Provincetown High School in Provincetown, with the Class of 1962. He was a mechanic and was owner/operator of a trucking business for many years. Frank was a United States Vietnam War Army Veteran and received the National Defense Service Medal, the Vietnam Service Medal and the Vietnam Campaign Medal. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Gardner Chapter #907**. He loved to fish, was an extremely hard worker and enjoyed life to its fullest. He leaves one sister-in-law, Ruth Robertson of Canada. Funeral Services and burial will be held Friday, July 20th at 1:00 p.m. in the Massachusetts Veterans Memorial Cemetery, 111 Glen Allen Street, Winchendon, Massachusetts. There are no calling hours. Memorial contributions may be made to the Montachusett Veterans Outreach Center, Inc., 268 Central Street, Gardner, MA 01440.



CARMEL C. SCAFFIDO - Died Wednesday, July 4, 2012 at his home in Liverpool, New York at the age of 67. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania, the son of Peter and Verna (née Capriotti) Scaffido. Carmel served in the United States Navy and was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Syracuse Chapter #103** and the Veterans of Foreign Wars. He was a 4th-degree member of the Knights of Columbus. Carmel was employed with Miller Brewery for 20 years, where he was awarded Citizen of the Year in 1985. He recently retired from St. Joseph's Hospital. Carmel was an avid NY Yankees fan. He was also a classic car enthusiast, often participating in classic auto shows around the area. Carmel enjoyed spending time with his family and friends, especially his beloved grandchildren. He was predeceased by his mother, Verna (née Capriotti) Scaffido. Carmel is survived by his loving wife of 48 years, Elia (née DiNatale) Scaffido; three children, Peter A. Scaffido of Liverpool, Joseph S. Scaffido of Ithaca and Gina M. Scaffido of Syracuse; two grandchildren, Alexander J. and Hannah Y. Scaffido; his father, Peter A. Scaffido of Syracuse; a sister, Diane M. (Luciano) Bianco of Liverpool; along with many nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles and cousins. Funeral services were held on Monday at 11:00 AM in the Thomas J. Pirro, Jr. Funeral Home and at Noon in Our Lady of Pompei/St. Peter Church. Entombment was in the Woodlawn Cemetery Mausoleum. Family and friends may call at the Thomas J. Pirro, Jr. Funeral Home, 3401 Vickery Rd. (corner of Buckley Rd.), North Syracuse, New York on Sunday from 1:00 to 4:00 PM.

JOHN SCHWARTZ – Died recently in Whitewater, Colorado at the age of 67. The cause of death is unknown. He was born November 8, 1944. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Grand Junction Chapter #57**.

JOHN ROBERT SCHWARZ - Died Thursday, June 28, 2012 in South Portland, Maine at the age of 57. The cause of death was liver cancer. He was born December 2, 1954 in Rockland, Maine. He served in the United States Army from July 12, 1972 to October 12, 1973 and the United States Navy from April 2, 1982 to May 1, 1983. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Sanford Chapter #1044**. Memorial Service was at 2:00 PM, Sunday July 8, 2012 at the People's United Methodist Church, 310 Broadway, South Portland.

SOLOMON A. "Sol" SHERMAN - Died unexpectedly Wednesday, April 21, 2010 in Rochester, New York at the age of 61. The cause of death is unknown. He was born December 29, 1940. He was predeceased by his father, Frank Sherman. He is survived by his mother, Lilly Sherman; sister, Suzanne (Howard) Walter; brother, Steven (Darlene) Sherman; nieces, Rebecca, Rachel & Lianne; an aunt; several cousins and many friends. Sol was a United States Naval veteran of Vietnam and a retiree of the US Postal Service after 33 years of service. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Rochester Chapter #20**. Funeral Services were held Sunday, April 25th at 12:00 Noon at Temple Beth David, 3200 St. Paul Blvd, Rochester, NY 14617. Interment was in Britton Road Cemetery. The family received friends at 162 Belcoda Drive, Rochester, New York 14617, Sunday, 5:00-7:00 PM, Monday, 4:00-7:00 PM & Tuesday, 2:00-5:00 PM. Donations in Sol's memory may be made to Temple Beth David.



LARRY SMITH, SR. – Died Friday, June 1, 2012 in Lawton, Oklahoma at the age of 80. The cause of death is unknown. He was born June 30, 1931 in Sonora, California, to the late Charles B. and Daisy (née Wilson) Smith. He enlisted in the United States Army in January of 1949 and retired as a Sergeant First Class at Fort Sill on May 31, 1972. His awards and decorations include the Bronze Star Medal with first oak leaf cluster and the Purple Heart. Following his retirement he had worked as a custodian for Hoover Elementary School from 1972 until 1983 and later drove a truck for Penland's Topsoil. He was a *Permanently Hospitalized Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Lawton Chapter #751**. He

married Toshi Takahashi on May 16, 1957 in Kobe, Japan. He was a member of the First Baptist Church where he served as a greeter for many years. Mr. Smith is survived by his wife, of the home; two daughters and sons in law, Sherry and Ricky Jones, Lawton, and Margaret and Stacy Valentine, Geronimo; six grandchildren, Amy Warren and husband Chesley, Chase Valentine, Whitney Smith, Thomas Penland and wife Jessica, Tyler Salazar-Smith, and Kylie Smith; four great grandchildren, Mason, Jack, Emilee and Brody; nephew, Art Smith, Jr. and wife Mary. He was preceded in death by a son, Larry Smith, Jr. and a brother, Arthur Lloyd Smith. The family received friends from 6:00-8:00 PM Tuesday at the funeral home. Funeral service was at 2:00 PM Wednesday in the First Baptist Church with the Reverend Tom Willoughby officiating. Burial with full military honors was in the Highland Cemetery under the direction of the Becker Funeral Home & Cremation Service. Memorial contributions may be made to the Lawton Fort Sill Veterans Center, 501 SE Flower Mound Road, Lawton OK 73501.



RANDY LEE SNEDEKER - Died Wednesday, June 27, 2012 in the Schoenbrunn Healthcare System in New Philadelphia, Ohio at the age of 64. He was a resident of New Philadelphia. The cause of death was cancer following a period of declining health. He was born in Dennison, Ohio on November 12, 1947 to the late Albert Edwin Snedeker and June Louise (née Herman) LaCroix. After attending high school,

Randy joined the United States Army in 1966 where he honorably served his country. He was a former truck driver and welder. Randy's *Life Memberships* include the Tusco Rifle Club, the American Cooking Club, **Vietnam Veterans of America – New Philadelphia Chapter #857**, the National Rifle Association, the Dover VFW #3463, the New Philadelphia AmVets, Health & Wellness, and the North American Hunt Club. Randy was also an avid hunter and fisherman. Randy will be deeply missed by his daughters, Mandy Jo Snedeker and Vanessa Rios, both of New Philadelphia; his former wife, Vicki Snedeker of New Philadelphia; his twin sister, Sandy (Harry) Leeper of Dennison; his sisters, Becky (George) Leeper of Dennison and Cathy (Bill) Tice of New Philadelphia; his grandchildren, Henry, Ysrael and Aubrey Snedeker and Micah, Mya, Sophia, and Isabella Ramos; and numerous nieces, nephews, and cousins. In addition to his parents, Randy was preceded in death by his daughter, Samantha Jo Snedeker; his step father, Don LaCroix; his step mother, Mary Snedeker; and one brother, Billy Snedeker. Visitation will be held in the Linn-Hert-Geib Funeral Home & Crematory at New Philadelphia on Sunday July 1, 2012 from 1 to 4 p.m. A service celebrating Randy's life will be held in the funeral

home's chapel on Monday, July 2, 2012 at 10:30 a.m. with Pastor Larry Fletcher officiating. Burial will follow in Dover Burial Park. Memorial contributions in Randy's memory may be directed to Crossroads Hospice, 3743 Boettler Oaks Drive Green, OH 44685. To share memories and condolences with the family, please visit the perpetual online memorial to Randy at www.geibcares.com.

CHARLES WILLIAM "Chuck" "Buddy" STEPHENS - Died Sunday, July 15, 2012 in Dunlap, Tennessee at the age of 65. The cause of death was lung cancer. He was born January 22, 1947 in South Pittsburg, Tennessee. He was a Christian of the Baptist Faith. He was an Eagle Scout and a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Chattanooga Chapter #203**, former manager and maintenance at Holiday Out RV Park at Lake Tansi and Senior Elder of Tennessee Métis Aboriginal Tribe. He served in the United States Air Force during the Vietnam War. He was preceded in death by father, Floyd and step-mother, Jean Stephens; mother, Jobyna and step-father John Marshall. He is survived by wife, June Hamblen Stephens; sons, Charles (Dani) William Stephens Jr. and Gary (Cassie) Hamblen; daughters, Reda (Mark) Yarbrough and Cheryl (Michael) Harmon; granddaughter, Geri Stephens; grandsons, Colby Stephens, Cody Harmon, Kyle Harmon, Ashley Walker, Haley Yarbrough, Skyle Hamblen, Jaycee Hamblen; great-grandson, River Walker; brothers, Johnny (Charlotte) Marshall and Jim (Jennie) Stephens; special cousin, Charlynn Peoples; several nieces and nephews, cousins and friends. Funeral services will be held Wednesday 11:00 a.m. CDT in the funeral home chapel with Rev. Gary Linebaugh officiating. Burial will be in the Chattanooga National Cemetery with Military Honors provided by Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 203. Online condolences can be made at www.reedfamilyfh.com. Arrangements by Standefer-Reed Funeral Home, 50 May Road, Dunlap. Family will receive friends Tuesday 5:00-9:00 p.m. CDT.



THOMAS L. "Tom" STIGER (MSG-USMC Retired) – Died Wednesday, July 18, 2012 in New Bern, North Carolina. He died from complications of heart by-pass surgery. Tom was born on September 30, 1933 in Honolulu, Hawaii. Tom enlisted in the United States Marine Corps on October 10, 1951 at Marine Barracks, Pearl Harbor. Tom had 25 years of honorable service with tours of duty in Korea with the 1st Marine Division FMF, Camp Pendleton, CA; 1st Marine Brigade, MCAS Kaneohe, HI; 2nd MAW, MCAS Cherry Point, NC; 1st MAW FMF, Vietnam; 3rd MAW, MCAS El Toro, CA; Marine Barracks, Subic Bay, Philippines Marine Liaison, Naval Supply Depot Subic Bay. Tom was awarded the Combat Action Ribbon, Presidential Unit Citation, Navy Unit Citation, Meritorious Unit Commendation W/2 Bronze Stars, USMC Good Conduct Medal 8th Award, National Defense Service Medal W/1 Bronze Star, Korean Service Medal W/3 Bronze Stars, Vietnam Gallantry Cross Unit Citation and Vietnam Civil Action Citation. He also received the United Nations Service Medal, Vietnam Campaign Medal, Republic of Korean War Service Medal and Rifle Expert and Pistol Expert. His last assignment was Marine Barracks, Long Beach, CA where he was put on the temporary disability retired list in 1976 and finally receiving a permanent disability

retirement. Upon retiring, Tom and his wife Wanda settled in Corry, PA. They lived there until moving to New Bern in 1986. Tom was an active bowler, life member of Carteret-Craven USBC BA; Executive Director and Vice President of CCBA, Director, Vice President and President of the North Carolina State BA, Secretary/Treasurer and *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – New Bern Chapter #886**, Director retired Activities Office, MCAS Cherry Point. He was a life member of Disabled Veterans of America, member of Marine Corps League in Onslow County and he was an ordained Deacon and member of Temple Baptist Church. Tom is survived by his wife Wanda L. Stigar; two daughters, Estella M. Melchert and husband David of Augusta, GA; Deborah M. Maskal and husband Darrell of Brownsville, OR; his sister, Esther M. Sylva of Waianae, HI; two brothers, Jerry Martin and wife Debbie of Kailua, HI; Thomas L. K. Stigar of Hilo, HI; five grandchildren, eight great-grandchildren and one great –great-grandchild and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his mother, Estella R. Martin. Services will be held 11:00 am at Temple Baptist Church, Monday, July 23, 2012. The family will receive friends one hour prior to the service at the church. Entombment will follow at Greenleaf Memorial Park. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Temple Baptist Church 1500 Kingdom Way, New Bern, NC 28562. Online condolences may be made to the Stigar family at www.cottenfuneralhome.com.



DAVID KENNETH TARRY - Died Tuesday, July 17, 2012 at his home in Monroe, Michigan at the age of 61. The cause of death is unknown. In addition to his father his passing was preceded by two brothers: Dennis and Douglas Tarry. He was born in Toledo, Ohio on November 9, 1950. He was one of eight children born to the late Donovan Tarry and Dolores (née Thomas) Tarry. He was a 1968 graduate of Mason High School. David served his country honorably as a member of the United States Navy during the Vietnam Conflict. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Monroe Chapter #142**. He attended Northeastern Junior College and earned his Associate Degree in Mechanical Engineering. He married Susan Rood on April 26, 1974 in Toledo. David was a hard worker and an excellent provider for his family. He worked for several railroads including Burlington-Northern in Colorado and South Dakota. Later, David was employed in production for the Chrysler Corporation working at their Toledo Jeep Assembly Plant until his retirement in 1999. David and his young family moved back to the Monroe area from Colorado in 1981. He was a member of the Vietnam Veterans of America Post 142 and a former member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 1138. David was an avid hunter and fisherman. He was talented with his hands and had an uncanny ability when it came to wrenching on cars. David was a talented artist and he enjoyed drawing cartoons. He was a huge fan of the University of Michigan Football. He was a member of Monroe Full Gospel Church. To cherish his memory he leaves two sons: John of Tennessee and Kenneth (Sarah) of Toledo; former spouse and life-long friend, Susan Tarry; his mother: Dolores of Temperance; one sister: Deborah (Michael) Brown of Erie; four brothers: Donovan (Diane) Tarry of Erie, Dwayne Tarry of Cleveland, Daniel (Julie) Tarry of Erie, and Darrell (Sheryl) Tarry of Monroe; one grandson on the way; and numerous nieces and nephews. Friends may gather at 10:00am on Saturday, July 28, 2012 at the Monroe Full

Gospel Church, 5337 East Albain Road with Reverend Harold Raines officiating. A luncheon will follow for all of those in attendance. Merkle Funeral Service, 2442 North Monroe Street (734) 384-5185 was entrusted with his arrangements. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions are suggested to the family. Online guests may leave words of inspiration and comfort, share a photo, or send a floral arrangement by visiting www.merklefs.com; Online Tributes page.

LOUIE F. THOMAS – Died several years ago in Houston, Texas. The cause of death is unknown. He was born September 29, 1942. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He is survived by his son, Ryan M. Thomas, M.D., of Houston. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Akron (Ohio) Chapter #900**.

ROBERT C. THOMAS – Died Friday, June 15, 2012 in Gardner, Massachusetts at the age of 64. The cause of death was a heart attack. He was born December 19, 1947. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a member of **Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America – Gardner Chapter #294**.

MARK R. TIETJEN - Died Monday, May 21, 2012 in Ocean City, New Jersey after a brief illness. He was 67 years of age. The cause of death was from complications of blood disorders. He was born in Teaneck, New Jersey. He was a graduate of Teaneck High School and Moravian College. He was a Vietnam Veteran, he served a tour of duty as an Army medic in 1968-69 where he was awarded two Bronze Stars and the Silver Star. He was employed by Peter Lumber Company in management and sales for the past 37 years. He was a life member of the American Veterans Post 911, the Veterans of Foreign Wars 2189, a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America - Flemington Chapter #228** and American Legion Post 352. The son of the late Diedrich and Emilia Tietjen, he was predeceased by his wife, Candi Stone Tietjen and is survived by one sister Connie (Don) Rutsch of Sparta, NJ, his niece Lynne (Ciro) Rockstroh and nephew Ted (Angelique) Rutsch along with grand nephews Zachary Rutsch and Maxx Bero. A Memorial Gathering will be held on Sunday, June 10 from 1 to 5 PM at the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 2189, 500 Bethel Rd., Somers Point, NJ. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the VFW Post 2189, 500 Bethel Rd., Somers Point, NJ. 08244. Funeral under the direction of the Middleton-Stroble & Zale Funeral Home, Somers Point www.mszafeh.com.

ROBERT LEE "Bob" TERINEN - Died Saturday, June 2, 2012, after a short lived battle with liver cancer. He was a resident of Auburn, Kansas and 66 years of age. Bob was born at St. Francis Health Center in Topeka on February 18, 1946, the son of Tom and Josie Treinen. He attended grade school in Burlingame and graduated from Seaman High School in 1964. Bob was drafted into the United States Army in 1965 and served two years in Vietnam in the 87th combat engineer battalion. After leaving the Army, Bob apprenticed and worked for the Plumbers and Pipe Fitters Local Union 165 until he retired in 1997. He married Letha Meyer in 1969 and had two children, Stacy and Scott. They later divorced. He married Cheryl (Becker) Apps in 2001. Bob was a *Charter and Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Topeka Chapter #604**, a life member of the DAV and VFW. He was also an active member of the Contemporary Historical Vehicle Association. He was a member of the Knights of Columbus Council No. 7769.

Bob enjoyed boating, camping, restoring old cars, car shows, music and his grandchildren. Survivors include his wife, Cheryl Treinen, Auburn; daughter, Stacy Treinen and her son, Draven, Topeka; son and daughter in law, Scott and Angela Treinen and their two children, Macey and Kamryn, Topeka; brothers, Gene and his wife, Mary Treinen, Osage City, Jim and his wife, Wanda Treinen, Topeka; sister Diane Degennaro, Topeka along with several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by both parents. Mr. Treinen will lie in state Thursday from 2 -5 p.m. at Kevin Brennan Family Funeral Home, 2801 SW Urish Rd. Topeka KS 66614. Visitation will be from 5 to 7 and a Knights of Columbus rosary will be prayed at 7 p.m. at the funeral home. Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated 10 a.m. Friday at St. Patrick Catholic Church in Osage City KS. Burial will follow at Mount Calvary Cemetery in Osage City KS. Memorial contributions are suggested to American Cancer Society, VVA Chapter 604 or Midland Hospice sent in care of the funeral home. Online condolences may be sent to www.kevinbrennanfamily.com.

EDWIN DEAN VanZANDT - Died Sunday, September 7, 2008 in Waco, Texas at the age of 68. He was a resident of San Angelo, Texas. The cause of death was heart failure. Edwin was born July 31, 1940 in Austin, Texas to the late Charles and Edna VanZandt. He graduated from Central High School in 1959. He served in the United States Marine Corps for 12 years and had two tours in Vietnam. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – San Angelo Chapter #457**. He was a member of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints and a resident of San Angelo since 1941. Edwin was married to Billie Elizabeth Usher on July 16, 1994 in Dallas, Texas. Survivors include his wife Billie Elizabeth VanZandt of San Angelo; one daughter Laura Patton of San Antonio; two sons Carmell VanZandt of Junction and Kevin VanZandt of San Angelo; three brothers Gene VanZandt of Brenham, Donald VanZandt of Sonora and Kenneth VanZandt of San Angelo and numerous grandchildren. Visitation for family and friends was from 6:00-8:00 PM Wednesday, September 10 in Johnson's Funeral Home. Services were held at 10:00 AM Thursday, September 11 in the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints with Bishop Jeffrey Bushman officiating. Burial was in Lawnhaven Memorial Gardens.

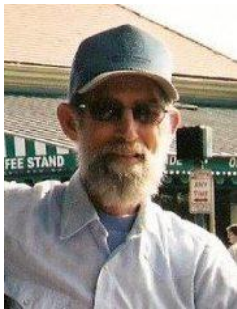
ROBERT L. VECCHIO - Died Tuesday, July 17, 2012 at the Somerset Medical Center, Somerset, New Jersey at the age of 72. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Brooklyn, New York. Mr. Vecchio lived most of his life in Hillsborough. He was a helicopter pilot in the United States Army during the Vietnam War. He was a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 12 in Somerville and a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Flemington Chapter #452**. He retired from Torcon, Inc. as construction estimator. He was the son of the late Joseph and Concetta Vecchio, he is survived by his wife Gayle Hamilton Vecchio, two sons Patrick and Michael, two brothers Ralph and Joseph Vecchio, one sister Terri Kennedy. Funeral services will be held Saturday at 11:00 am at the Hillsborough Funeral Home, 796 Rt. 206, Hillsborough. Visitation will be Friday from 6-9 pm at the funeral home. Graveside services will be held Wednesday, July 25, 11:00 am at Holy Redeemer Catholic Cemetery, 1734 Clinton Ave., South Plainfield, NJ. In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to St. Hubert's Animal Welfare Center, PO Box 5281, North Branch, NJ 08876 or The Children's Hospital of Philadelphia, 34th St. & Civic Center Blvd., Philadelphia, PA. 19104.

CONNIE WADE "C.W." WADDLE - Died Thursday, August 2, 2012, at the V.A. Hospital in Memphis at the age of 64. He was a resident of Cason, Mississippi. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on November 3, 1947, in Itawamba County, he was a son of the late William Jesse Waddle and Lela B. Gilliland Waddle. He attended Fairview School. On May 23, 1980, he married Ann Ridings. For over 20 years, he owned and operated C.W. Waddle Logging Company. He honorably served his country in the United States Army, serving in Vietnam with the 6th Battalion, 3rd Infantry Division Charlie Company. He and Billy Carney, Larry Rodgers, Charles Sledge and Paul Meadlo all served together in Vietnam and remained lifelong friends, referring to themselves as a Band of Brothers. He was a member of Liberty Baptist Church, a former Sunday school teacher and Brotherhood Club cook. He was also a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Tupelo Chapter #842**. He was a devout husband, father and grandfather. He was often referred to as the best dad anyone could have. He enjoyed being with his family, fellow Vietnam veterans and fishing. He is survived by his wife, Mary Ann Waddle; daughters, Debbie Holland, Nettleton, Amanda Tucker (Luke), Becker; sons, Brad Waddle (Denise), Red Bay, Ala., Johnny Cox (Paula), Blue Springs; sister, Betty Hughes (Bobby), Tremont; brothers, Eudith Waddle (Etoye) and Milburn Waddle (Janice) of Ryans Well, Odell Waddle, Tommy Waddle (Patsy) of Golden, Billy Waddle (Delores), Smithville; grandchildren, Jamey Holland, John Gannon and Jackson Cox; sisters-in-law, Pearlie Waddle, Fulton, Wanda Christopher (Tommy), Plantersville; brother-in-law, Jackie Ridings (Nita), Nettleton; mother-in-law, Mary Ruth Ridings, Nettleton; and a host of nieces and nephews. In addition to his parents, he is preceded in death by a sister, Willerean Waddle; brothers, Odie and Roy Dee Waddle; and sister-in-law, Olene Waddle. A celebration of life service will be held at 2 p.m. Sunday at Liberty Baptist Church with Bro. Tommy Whaley, Bro. Johnny Cox and Bro. Clinton Worthey officiating. Burial will be in Liberty Cemetery. Pallbearers will be Billy Carney, Larry Rodgers, Charles Sledge, Paul Meadlo, Ricky Burt, Murlis Underwood, Todd Hughes, Jackie Ridings, Jon Michael Bramlett and Nolan Hamilton. Honorary pallbearers will be Jimmy Harlow, Bill Hester, George McBunch, the former crew of Waddle Logging, Al Brurgeois and friends of the V.A. Visitation will be from 5 to 8 p.m. today at the funeral home. He will lie in state at the church from 1:15 p.m. until service time on Sunday.



DOUGLAS RANDLE WALKER - Died Monday, June 25, 2012 at Clarissa C. Cook Hospice House, Bettendorf, Iowa at the age of 66. He was a resident of Blue Grass, Iowa. The cause of death was cancer. Doug was born January 17, 1946 in Starkville, Mississippi the son of Earsley James and Ola Erlene (Thompson) Walker. He was united in marriage to his loving wife of 30 years Susan DeWitte, on August 8, 1981 in Davenport, Iowa. He proudly served in the United States Army from 1965-1967 – MACV. He retired from the Davenport Fire Department in 1996. Throughout his career he worked for the Scott County Sheriff's Department as a Deputy and Helicopter pilot, Kennedy Space Center – SWAT Team, Wonder Bread and Dohrn Transfer, and The Rock Island Arsenal – pre-pack. He was a long time member of Adventure Christian Community Church. His memberships extended to **Vietnam Veterans of America – Davenport Chapter #776**, Disabled American Veteran of American and IA/IL Ostomy Association. Doug also enjoyed volunteering for the American Cancer Society. Doug enjoyed

the outdoors, hunting, fishing, and woodworking. Of his many accomplishments he was most proud of building his own home and being the inventor of "The Holder". Those surviving are his wife, Susan, Blue Grass; daughter, Shelli Flores, St. Cloud, FL; sons, James Carr, Blue Grass, Jason (Heidi) Walker, Quincy, MA, Jon Paul Walker, Davenport, Curtis Carr, West Des Moines, and Joel (Jennifer) Walker, Davenport; sisters, Irma Jewel (Gerald) Gentry, Artesia, MS, Kay (Charles) Dooley, Davenport; brothers, Leon (Carole) Walker, Davenport, Bob (Kerry) Walker, Lakeway, TX, Don (Sondra) Walker, Cedar Park, TX, sister-in-law, Julie (Jack) Spinello, Coal Valley, IL; brother-in-law, Dan (Elayne) DeWitte, Melbourne, FL; many nieces and nephews; grandchildren, Ed Flores, Christopher Flores, Emily Flores, all of St. Cloud, FL, James Douglas Carr, Blue Grass, Courtney and Reagan Walker, Davenport, Garrett Walker, Quincy, MA. He was preceded in death by his parents, brothers, Jim "Big Jim" Walker and Harry T. "Cow Boy" Walker; mother and father-in-law, Adolph and Bernardine DeWitte. Celebration of Life Service was held on Monday, July 2, 2012 at 11:30 AM at Adventure Christian Community Church with greeting of family and friends from 10:00 AM until service time at the church. Inurnment was at the National Cemetery, Rock Island, Illinois. Memorials may be made to the family. On line condolence may be made at www.rungemortuary.com. The family would like to personally thank the VA Clinic, Bettendorf, VA Hospital, Iowa City, Genesis Hospice Care, Bettendorf, and the Clarissa C. Cook Hospice House, Bettendorf, for their exceptional care they provided to Douglas.



DALE E. WALLEN – Died Thursday, September 1, 2011 at the Kansas City VA Medical Center in Kansas City, Missouri at the age of 61. The cause of death was cancer. He was born December 4, 1950 in Osceola, Missouri to Viola Reese, of Osceola and Neil Wallen, of Stockton, Missouri. He was predeceased by his stepfather, S. W. Reese, three uncles, Rhea Reese, Francis E. Kisner and Murl Crabtree. In addition to his mother and father, He is survived by his wife of 31 years, Geneva (née Hart) Wallen; a son, Butch, of Jefferson City, Missouri; three stepchildren, Catherine Smith, of Kansas City, Missouri, Robert (Brenda) Carroll, of Shawnee, Kansas and Jennifer Parsons, of Olathe, Kansas; his stepmother, Barbara Wallen, of Stockton, Missouri; four brothers and two sisters-in-law, Derek and Marlies Wallen, of Germany, Damon Wallen, of Osceola, Dwayne and Barbara Wallen, of El Dorado Springs, Missouri and Daniel Wallen, of Springfield, Missouri; nine grandchildren; one great-grandchild, and; several nieces and nephews. He served in the United States Navy in the Vietnam War from 1969-1972. He was an *At-Large Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Missouri**. He was also a member of the Patriot Guard Riders. Dale asked that his body be donated to Genesis Foundation in Memphis, Tennessee for anatomical donations, teaching and research in the hope that other veterans might benefit from his exposure to Agent Orange and its deadly results. A celebration of life with military honors was celebrated at 10:00 AM on Saturday, September 10, 2011 at the Community Church in Osceola, Missouri.

JOHN F. WELSH III – Died in April 2011 in Angeles City, Philippines at the age of 76. The cause of death is unknown. He was born March 11, 1935. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Angeles City Chapter #887**.

HELEN JEAN (née Flaugh) WENKLAR - Died Tuesday, June 26, 2012 at Select Specialty Hospital at the age of 76. She was a resident of Johnstown, Pennsylvania. Helen was born in Johnstown on May 20, 1936. She graduated from Johnstown High School and Cambria Rowe Business College. Helen worked as a seamstress for BestForm, and volunteered in the public school system for 15 years. She enjoyed the outdoors, gardening, and of course her pets, Bear (the dog) and Cat (the cat). She was a *Life Member* of **Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America – Johnstown Chapter #364**, and Saint Patrick's Church. Helen is survived by two sons Wally (Harrisburg, PA) and his kids Michael, Jillian, and Hunter, Patrick and wife Julie (Alexandria VA) and their kids Amanda, Alyssia and Evan; one sister Mary (Flaugh) Smith and one brother Fred Flaugh, and six grandchildren. Helen is preceded in death by her father, Edward Flaugh, mother Blanche (Wojnaroski) Flaugh; and in the last year by her brother Peter Vindish, daughter Theresa Wenklar, and nephew Michael Vindish. A private memorial service will be held at the family's convenience. In lieu of flowers memorial donations may be given in Helen's memory to the Humane Society of Cambria County, 743 Galleria Drive Ext. Johnstown PA 15904. arrangements in charge of Hindman Funeral Homes & Crematory, Inc 1521 Frankstown Rd. "Exclusive Provider of Veterans & Family Memorial Care"

RAYMOND F. WESTON, SR. - Died Saturday, June 9, 2012 at Mercy Suburban Hospital at the age of 87. He was a resident of Ambler, Pennsylvania. The cause of death is unknown. He was the beloved husband of the late Mary P. (Prior) Weston. He was born in the Nicetown section of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania on January 5, 1925 to the late John and Anna (née Graham) Weston. Ray attended Roman Catholic High School and later entered the United States Navy. He served our country as a veteran of WWII in the Navy achieving the rank of Coxswain. He received the European, Pacific, American Theater Ribbons, Philippine Liberation Ribbon, and Victory Medal. Ray was employed by the Philadelphia Gas Works and worked in Customer Service for over 40 years until his retirement in 1986. He was a member of St. Joseph Church in Ambler, where he was very involved, and was a member of the choir. He was a 4th Degree Member of the Knights of Columbus Notre Dame Council #3843, where he served in many capacities including Past Grand Knight, and a member of the Fr. Joseph Tomko Assembly. He was also a member of the American Legion Post #10, the VFW Post, a member of **Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America – Philadelphia Chapter #590**, the employees' theatrical group at the Philadelphia Gas Works, and the North Penn Clown Troop. Ray enjoyed spending time with his family and friends, telling a good story about his life and others, and watching westerns. It is said that when he grew up, he wanted to be a cowboy. Ray is survived by his three children Diane M. McAvoy and husband Joseph of Quakertown, Mary A. Scherf and husband Stephen of Bala Cynwyd, Raymond F. Weston, Jr. and wife Jennifer of Norristown, 5 grandchildren John, Patrick McAvoy, Jessica, Lily Weston, Michael Scherf, a sister Theresa Unessa and a brother Robert Weston both of Lansdale, and many nieces and nephews. He was pre-deceased by a granddaughter Rosemary McAvoy, brothers William, John Weston, sisters Helen Sykes, Rita Hagelin, Anna Stump, Marie McShane, Elizabeth DiPiero. Relatives and friends were invited to his Funeral Mass on Thursday, June 14, 2012 at 11:00 AM at St. Joseph Church 16 South Spring Garden Street, Ambler, Pennsylvania 19002. Visitation was from 10:00-11:00 AM at the Church. Interment was in St. John Neumann Cemetery, Chalfont. In lieu of flowers, donations in Ray's

name to St. Joseph Church are appreciated. Arrangements were by Emil J. Ciavarelli Family Funeral Homes, Ambler. Condolences may be made at www.ciavarellifuneralhomes.com.

CHARLES E. "CHUCK" WILSON, 67, of Leavenworth took his journey home with Jesus Christ his savior, after a bravely fought four year battle with cancer, Monday, March 12, 2012. On March 14, 1944, in Salem, Ohio Chuck was born the fourth of eight children of Edward M. and Sara E. (Woodburn) Wilson. In 1962, Chuck graduated from West Branch High School in Damascus, Ohio where he was inducted into their Hall of Fame several years ago. On Sept. 25, 1963, he enlisted in the U.S. Army in Richmond, Va. He spent four years in the Army with over one year of service in Vietnam and Korea for which he was proud. In 1966, while stationed at Fort Leavenworth, Chuck met and married, Sandra Novotney who survives at the home. From the union four children were born who also survive, Wende (Britt) Butler of Lenexa, Kan., William (Kim) Wilson of Leavenworth, Jaime Wilson of Leavenworth and Shawn (Tracy) Wilson of Atlantic Highlands, N.J.; eight grandchildren, three brothers; one sister; and a large extended family. He was preceded in death by his parents and three brothers. Chuck worked as a journeyman Meat cutter for over 30 years. He retired in 2006, to enjoy golf and his family. He was a member of the First Christian Church Disciples of Christ in Leavenworth and was adopted by The Joy Sunday School Class. He was a lifetime member of the VFW and a member of the Vietnam Veterans of America. Through out his life Chuck was a coach and mentor to many young adults and children. Visitation will be from 6 to 8 p.m. Thursday, March 15, 2012, at the R.L. Leintz Funeral Home. A funeral service will be at 11 a.m. Friday at the funeral home. Burial with military honors will follow at Leavenworth National Cemetery. Memorials are suggested to First Christian Church or St. Luke's Hospice of Leavenworth.

HOWARD R. YEATMAN, JR. - Died Saturday, October 15, 2011 at home in Cambridge, Maryland surrounded by his family, having fought a lengthy and brave battle with cancer. He was 66. He was born December 12, 1944 in Bournemouth, England he was the son of the late Howard R. and Phyllis C. Yeatman. He was a graduate of Saints Peter and Paul High School in 1963. Shortly upon graduating, Howard proudly joined the United States Air Force, and served during the Vietnam War. He loved to work and held many jobs over the years. He worked at the U.S Postal Service for 30 years. After retiring he continued to work. His most recent and beloved to him was his job at Lowes. Howard was quite the history buff, he enjoyed war era movies and westerns. Howard was a member of the Easton Church of the Brethren, a *Life Member* of the VFW Post 5118, and **Vietnam Veterans of America – Easton Chapter #648**. Most of all he loved his family. He will always be remembered as a good husband, loving father, grandfather and brother. Howard was a sweet, considerate, gentle and kind and will be greatly missed. Howard is survived by his loving wife of 46 years, the former Brenda Windsor, his two sons Darin Yeatman and his wife Donna of Whittier California, a step-granddaughter Jen and her husband Jeff; Jason Rembert Yeatman and his wife Tina of Hurlock Maryland and their two children Cierra, the apple of his eye and Colby, his little man; his only beloved sister Valerie Pelkey and her husband Dave of Cordova Maryland; one Aunt and many cousins, nephews, nieces, sister in-laws, and brother in-laws; his father and mother in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Sheldon Windsor; his special little dog Ginger and his best cat Lewis. A funeral service was held on Wednesday, October 19, 2011 at 11:00 AM at Easton Church of the Brethren, were friends may

call one hour prior to the service. Burial was at Spring Hill Cemetery in Easton, Maryland. Memorial Contributions can be made to Easton Church of the Brethren, 412 S. Harrison Street, Easton, Maryland 21601, Costal Hospice at the Lake Post Office Box 1733, Salisbury, Maryland 21801, and/or Vietnam Veterans of America, Chapter 648, Post Office Box Easton, Maryland 21601.

**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.