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ALEX WALTER ADAMS – Died Wednesday, May 22, 2013 at the Huntsville Hospital in Huntsville, Alabama at the age of 66. His departure was quiet and peaceful; just as he had lived for sixty-six years. The cause of death was cardiac arrest. He was born on January 29, 1947 in New Market, Alabama. He was the third of thirteen children to the late Alex Sheppard Adams and Ruby Less (née Petty) Adams. He was preceded in death by four siblings and his parents. Alex was a soft-spoken man of few words, however, his good deeds and will to work for the benefit of mankind were both significant and memorable. His strong desire to serve God, his country, and mankind makes the legacy he formed as a Christian, a husband, a father, a brother, an uncle and a friend distinctive and lasting. Alex accepted Christ at an early age under the leadership of Reverend W. P. Petty and joined Hopewell Missionary Baptist Church where he served as a Deacon and was a member of the Usher Ministry. Alex loved God, his family, church family and others. This enduring love was always exemplified in many ways throughout his life. He will be deeply missed by everyone who knew him. Alex graduated from Council Training High School, Normal, Alabama in 1966. He later received his Associates Degree in Computer Information Systems from J. F. Drake State Technical College, Huntsville, Alabama. Master Gunnery Sergeant Adams served in the United States Marine Corps for 30 years. He was honored with numerous awards and accolades while rendering service to his country in the states, and abroad. He also was a Vietnam Veteran. After retiring from the military, Alex became an Insurance Agent for American United and Protected Life Insurance companies, Birmingham, Alabama. Later he started his own business, Allstate Insurance Company, in Huntsville, Alabama. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Decatur Chapter #1067**. Alex leaves to cherish his memories a loving and devoted wife of 46 years, Shirley Ann Blackburn Adams; four sons: Alex C. (Davia) Adams of Madison, Alabama, Gerald W. (Wanda) Adams of New Market, Alabama, Carlos D. Adams and Cedric O. Adams both of Dothan, Alabama and two grandchildren: Lauryn A. Adams and Cedric J. Adams. He also leaves in bereavement his four sisters: Ruby (Mack) Ford of New Market, Alabama, Bettye (Richard, Sr.) Showers, Rosie Veleta (John) Rice, both of Huntsville, Alabama and Linda (Frank, Jr.) Jackson of Alexandria, Virginia; four brothers: Charlie (Joan) Adams of Los Banos, California, Cleven (Eunice) Adams, Jerry (Loretta) Adams, both of New Market, Alabama and Cornelious (Jinnie) Adams of Toney, Alabama; two brothers-in-law: Edward C. (Ruby) Blackburn of Huntsville, Alabama and Nathaniel B. (Kathy) Blackburn of Lufkin, Texas; three aunts: Beleta (Sam) Bell, Sarah Stewart and Ethel Adams all of New Market, Alabama and a host of nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends. Funeral service was at 1:00 PM on Wednesday, May 29, 2013, at the Hopewell Missionary Baptist Church (125 Cemetery Road, New Market, AL 35761) with Reverend Cornelious Adams, officiating. Interment was in the Valhalla Memory Gardens.

Mr. Adams was laid-in-repose one hour prior to funeral time. A Visitation with family and friends was held from 6:00 PM until 7:00 PM on Tuesday, May 28, 2013, at the Royal Chapel of Memories. Public Viewing will be held from 12:00 Noon until 8:00 PM on Tuesday, May 28, 2013; and from 8:30 AM until 11:15 AM on Wednesday, May 29, 2013, at the Royal Funeral Home.

DENVER MORGAN ALEXANDER, JR. - Died Thursday, June 6, 2013 in Fort Oglethorpe, Georgia at the age of 68. The cause of death is Agent Orange-related Kidney and Heart failure. He was born in Dayton, Tennessee on March 12, 1945 to the late Denver Morgan Alexander, Sr. and Freddie Lee (née Shaver) Alexander. A lifelong resident of the Chattanooga, North Georgia area, he was of the Presbyterian faith. A veteran of the Vietnam War, Denver served two tours with the United States Army and was a double, Purple Heart recipient. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Chattanooga Chapter #203**. He is survived by two children, Charles (Alicia) Alexander of Ringgold, and Denise Lee Kelly of Sale Creek, sister, Gail (Charles) Herport of Soddy Daisy, four grandchildren, Austin Alexander, Hannah Alexander, Colt Kelly and Dakota Kelly, niece, Sonya Picklesimer, and two nephews, Scott and Kelvin Thurman. Funeral services were held at 1:00 PM on Monday, June 10, in the funeral home chapel. Interment was at Chattanooga National Cemetery. The family received friends on Sunday, June 9, from 3:00-9:00 p.m. and Monday until funeral time at the funeral home. Arrangements were made by Wilson Funeral Home Wallis-Stewart Chapel, Ringgold, Georgia.

BILLY JOE ATCHLEY - Died Saturday, October 27, 2012 in the Floyd E. Tut Fann State Veterans Home in Huntsville, Alabama at the age of 72. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Jackson County, Alabama on December 27, 1939. He served in the United States Army from April 4, 1963 to April 3, 1969 with service in Vietnam. He was a *Permanently Hospitalized Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Decatur Chapter #1067**. He is survived by two brothers, James Atchley of Cape Girardeau, MO and Lloyd Atchley of New Hope; one sister, Vivian Frame of Harvest; and several nieces and nephews. A graveside service was at 2:00 PM on Tuesday, October 30, 2012 at the Moon Cemetery in Owen's Cross Roads. Laughlin Service Funeral Home was in charge of the arrangements (www.laughlinservice.com). In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Floyd E. "Tut" Fann State Veteran's Home; 2701 Meridian Street; Huntsville, Alabama.

MELVIN W. BAXTER – Died Friday, September 7, 2012 in Defiance, Ohio at the age of 71. The cause of death was cancer. He was born April 6, 1941. He is survived by his wife, Grace A. Baxter. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Defiance Chapter #954**.



ERNEST BECK - Died at the Lawton/Fort Sill Veterans Center on Saturday, June 30, 2013 in Lawton, Oklahoma at the age of 86. The cause of death is unknown. He was born April 2, 1927 in Centrahoma, (Coal County) Oklahoma to the late Jim and Maggie (Jones) Beck. He was raised in Coal County, Oklahoma, attending school in Centrahoma, Oklahoma. After graduating he enlisted into the United States Army at the age of seventeen, where he served as a surveyor and forward observer. He had an illustrious career that spanned twenty-six years. He served in three theaters of combat: World War II (Germany),

Korea, and two tours in Vietnam. He was wounded during World War II in Germany and in Vietnam. He also served in numerous assignments overseas and stateside, including Fort Sill. He received many awards, letters, and accommodations to include the following: Purple Heart with Oak Leaf Cluster, Bronze Star, Good Conduct Medal 5th Award, National Defense Service Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster, Korean Service Medal, United Nations Korean Service Medal, Army of Occupation Medal (Germany and Japan), Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal, Vietnam Service Medal with Three Service Stars, Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross Unit Citation with Palm, Two Overseas Service Bars, Sharpshooter Badge Machine gun, Pistol, Rifle, Expert Badge Carbine/Auto Rifle. In 1951, while stationed in Germany, he met Ingeborg Kuehn and they were married in 1953 in Germany. She died in December 2011. After his retirement he graduated from barber school and was licensed in the state of Oklahoma. He was a golden glove boxer and enjoyed coaching little league baseball. He was also a 33rd Degree Mason and held the position of Past Master of Mount Scott Lodge #540. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Lawton Chapter #751**. He was preceded in death by wife, Ingeborg; both parents, Jim and Maggie Beck; and numerous brothers and sisters. He is survived by his two sons, Tom and Shelia Beck, and Jim and Virginia Beck, all of Lawton, OK; two daughters, Ingemae Glass of Moore, OK, Claudia and Mike Bizzarro of Lawton, OK; eight grandchildren, Tommy Beck of Lawton, OK, Jason and Amy Glass of Norman, OK, Robin Beck of Lawton, OK, Aaron and Kimberly Glass of Maysville, OK, Colton Beck of Lawton, OK, Cody and Emily Bizzarro of Lawton, OK, Cory Bizzarro of Lawton, OK, Michael and Jennifer Jones of Lawton, OK; three great-grandchildren, Elizabeth and Alexander Glass, both of Norman, OK, and Jessilyn Jones of Lawton, OK; one brother, RD and Pauline Beck of Lawton, OK; two sisters, Verda Beck of California, Vivian Silverwood of Arkhoma, AR; three special family members, Patricia Gutierrez, Betty Crumpton, and Verna Henning. He also had many loving nieces, nephews, cousins, and extended family members. Funeral Services were a Rose Croix Service with full military honors at 10:00 AM, Monday, July 8, 2013 in the Whinery-Huddleston Chapel, officiated by the McAlester Scottish Rite Rose Croix team led by Mark Halyard. Burial was at Sunset Memorial Gardens. Visitation reception was from 2:00-4:00 PM, Sunday, July 7th, 2013 at the funeral home.



FREDERICK G. BETTERIDGE, JR. (MAJ, USA-Ret.) – Died Friday, December 14, 2012 at Hope Hospice in Cape Coral, Florida at the age of 72. He was a resident of Cape Coral. The cause of death was cancer. He was born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania on January 18, 1940. Fred is survived by his wife, Virginia Ann; four children, Kathy (Dan), Frederick III (Flo), Sue (Buddy) and Sheryl (Chris); 12 grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; and two sisters; Ethel and Arline. He served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Cape Coral Chapter #594**. Family and friends were invited to Fred's Life Celebration after 9:00 AM Friday, January 11, at Dunn/Givnish of Langhorne, 378 South Bellevue Avenue, Langhorne, Pennsylvania 19047, followed by his Memorial Service at 11:30 AM. Interment was in Washington Crossing National Cemetery, Newtown, Pennsylvania.



FREDERICK G. "Fred" BOLIO - Died Sunday, June 30, 2013 at his home in East Moline, Illinois surrounded by his family. He was 77 years of age. The cause of death was

squamous cell carcinoma and chronic obstructive pulmonary disease. He was born on November 1, 1935 in Westfield, Massachusetts to the late Edward William and Lillian May (née Hill) Bolio. He married Nina Rush. He later married Judith G. Gibson on November 7, 1987. Frederick was a United States Marine Corps Veteran having served during the Korean Conflict and Vietnam War-era. Mr. Bolio had been employed as an electrician at the former Case plant, Rock Island. He later worked for Savage Arms in Westfield, Mass until 1994 when they returned the Quad Cities. Since his return he had been employed by William and Wright, Silvis Rail Yards and Lowes. Frederick was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Moline Chapter #669**, where he served as **President** for many years, VFW 2156 and 8890, where he had served as 8th District Junior Vice President and Commander, Moline American Legion Post 246, Marine Corps League with the Illowa and Lincoln detachments, Disabled Veterans of America, the Korean War Veterans and MAVA. Survivors include his wife, Judith; children and spouses, Sandra (Dennis) Holmes, Haines City, FL., Robert (Stacy) Bolio, Davenport, William (Michelle) Bolio, Silvis, Thomas Bolio, East Moline, Michael Stout, Moline, Carrie Stout-McCoy, Mt. Carmel, IL; 18 grandchildren; numerous great grandchildren and sister, Louise Buckitis, Westfield, Mass. In addition to his parents, he was predeceased by his sons, Frederick “Freddie” Bolio, Jr., Edward “Eddie” Bolio; 2 sisters and 1 brother. Funeral services were at 10:00 AM Monday July 8, 2013 at Wheelan-Pressly Funeral Home, Rock Island. Visitation hours were from 3:00-6:00 PM Sunday at the funeral home. Burial was in the National Cemetery, Rock Island. Memorials may be left to the family. Online condolences may be left for the family at www.wheelanpressly.com.



CHARLES ROSS BRASHER - Died Wednesday, July 3, 2013 in Odenville, Alabama at the age of 68. The cause of death was heart failure. He was born March 21, 1945 in Birmingham, Alabama. He served in Vietnam from 1965 – 1967 in the United States Army. He was a Charter Member of American Legion Post 400; Life Member of VFW Post 6440; Life Member of DAV Blount County #28 and a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Pleasant Grove Chapter #416**. He is survived by his wife, Hazel Louise (née Foley) Brasher. The Family received friends Saturday, July 6, 2013 at Kilgroe Funeral Home in Leeds at 9:30 AM. Funeral Services were held Saturday, July 6, 2013 at 11:00 AM at Kilgroe Funeral Home Leeds Chapel with burial at Dunnavant Community Cemetery.



HAROLD T. BRENDEL, JR. - Died Sunday, May 5, 2013 in Lodi, New Jersey. The cause of death was a motorcycle accident, death resulting. He was born in Saddle Brook, New Jersey on April 3, 1958 to Harold Brendel, Sr. and Virginia Brendel. He is survived by his daughters, Sara Dowling (William), Carolyn and Crystal Brendel and their mother Tammie; grandchildren, Chyanne, William, Jr. and Isabella; his parents, Harold, Sr. and Virginia Brendel; his siblings, Valentine (Debra), Joanne, and Carol Brendel, Virginia Taormina (Ron) and Eddie (Ro) Goldberg, and; many nieces, nephews, and great-nieces and nephews. Harold worked as a mechanic for 37 years at Tri-Way Kars in South Hackensack, NJ. He was a very active member in the Saddle Brook VFW, Post 3484, Little Ferry VFW, Post 809, the American Legion Riders of Rochelle Park, Post 170, American Legion of Saddle Brook, Post 415 and Sons of the American Legion. He was a member of **Associates of**

Vietnam Veterans of America – Lodi Chapter #800. Mr. Brendel also participated in several U.S. Veteran organizations among many communities. Viewing hours were on Wednesday & Thursday, May 8 & 9, 2013 from 4:00-8:00 PM. Funeral Services from Kugler Community Funeral Home, 311 Fifth Street, Saddle Brook, NJ on Friday, May 10, 2013 at 9:30 AM and Funeral Mass to immediately follow at 10:30 AM at St. Philip the Apostle R.C. Church in Saddle Brook. Interment was at St. Mary's Cemetery, Saddle Brook.

ROBERT BRUCE BRIDGE - Born and raised in Dinuba, Robert Died Sunday, April 14, 2013 in Dinuba, California at the age of 65. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Dinuba on July 28, 1947. As a United States Army veteran, he served in Vietnam, was commander in VFW Post #5866, and was a *Founding Member* and *Past President* and *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Dinuba Chapter #643**. He was Boy Scout Master with Troop #376, and served as secretary of the Memorial Building board of directors. He is survived by his wife, Stephanie Bridge of Dinuba; his son, Daniel R. Bridge of Dinuba; his daughter, Jessica Greer of Albuquerque, New Mexico; his granddaughter, Mackenzie Greer; and his brother, Mike Bridge of Reedley. A memorial service was held later.

RAYMOND JAMES BROTHERTON – Died Saturday June 15, 2013 at Horizon Medical Center in Dickson, Tennessee at the age of 80. He was a resident of Tennessee Ridge, Tennessee. The cause of death was ventricular tachycardia, acute myocardial infarction and end stage renal disease, MRSA and sepsis. He was born January 1, 1933 in Joplin, Missouri to the late William Brotherton and Mildred (née Dunn). He served in the United States Army and retired at the rank of E-7 Sergeant First Class. He served in the Vietnam from February 17, 1968 to February 11, 1971. He was a member of Arlington First Assembly of God, V.F.W., and D.A.V. American Legion. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Madison Chapter #953**. A celebration of his life was at 2:00 PM Wednesday, June 19th at the Nave Funeral Home Chapel with Brother Joe Hoggard officiating. Visitation hours were from 4:00 PM until 8:00 PM Tuesday, June 18th and from 8:00 AM until service at the funeral home. Burial was at Sunset cemetery with full military honors. Survivors include his wife Betty Raid Brotherton, two sons James Brotherton, Richard Brotherton, two daughters Barbara Seay, Lori Whitley, four step children Debra Hargrove, Rose Breaden, Fred Wright Jr. and James Ray Wright, 13 grandchildren and 7 great-grandchildren.



JAMES EUCL "Jim" BUFORD - Died Saturday, June 22, 2013 in Lawton, Oklahoma at the age of 83. The cause of death was pneumonia, coronary artery disease and heart failure. He was born June 29, 1929 in Willisville, Arkansas to the late Earnest and Janie A. (née Martin) Buford. He married Louise Butler on June 29, 1948 in Prescott, Arkansas. First Sergeant Buford retired from the United States Army after twenty years of service. He then worked for Civil Service where he retired after 20 years of service. He was a member of the Good Sam Travel Club, Veterans of Foreign Wars, a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Lawton Chapter #751** and the Disabled American Veterans. Survivors include his wife, of the home, sister, Bobbie Webb and her husband Charlie, Hope, Arkansas, sisters-in-law, Dorothy Butler, Tyler, Texas and Pat Smittle and her husband Burrell, Gainesville, Florida and nieces and nephews. The funeral was at 11:30 AM Tuesday at the Becker-Rabon

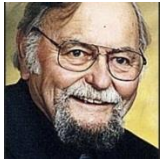
Funeral Home Chapel with the Reverends Charles Kriss and Mike Tompkins co-officiating. Burial with full military honors was at the Fort Sill National Cemetery, Elgin under the direction of Becker-Rabon Funeral Home. Memorial contributions may be made to Disabled American Veterans, 4704 N.W. Motif Manor Boulevard, Suite 5, Lawton, Oklahoma 73505.



JEFFERY W. BURKART - Died Thursday, June 6, 2013 at his home in Stevens Point, Wisconsin at the age of 63. The cause of death was a heart attack, hypertension and Diabetes Mellitus Type II. He was born on August 7, 1949 to the late William & Helen (née Roeglin) Burkart in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. He grew up in Stevens Point, attended the local Catholic schools, and graduated from Pacelli High School in 1967. Following high school, Jeff attended school at UW-Stevens Point before serving in the United States Army from 1969 to 1971. During his time of service, he was stationed at Long Binh, Vietnam as Military Police. Jeff was honorably discharged in 1971 earning National Defense Service Medal, Vietnam Service Medal, Vietnam Campaign Medal & Expert Rifle Badge. Following his service, he attended MSTC and graduated with an accounting degree. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Plover Chapter #115**. He married Annette Janusz on October 23, 1976 at St Joseph's Catholic Church in Stevens Point. Jeff worked for Point Truck Sales for several years before starting his career as a school bus driver for the Stevens Point School District. He worked there for over 30 years. Jeff had a love for driving school bus, sports, and most of all, for his family. In his spare time, he enjoyed watching the Green Bay Packers, Pointer sports, and car racing. He also enjoyed fishing, playing cards, going to church picnics, and spending time with his family. He is survived by his loving wife, Annette; son, Steven (Tomiena) Burkart of Amherst Junction; mom, Helen Burkart of Stevens Point; brother, Tom (Aggie) Burkart of Plover; & sister, Jill (Shane) Grosskreutz of Waupaca. He is preceded in death by his father, William; and brother, Robert. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at 10:00 AM Monday June 10, 2013 at St. Joseph Catholic Church with the Reverend Father Jerzy Rebacz officiating. A time of visitation was held on Sunday from 3:00 PM to 6:00 PM at the Boston Funeral Home with a prayer vigil held at 5:00 PM. Visitation was on Monday from 9:00 AM until time of service at the church. Interment was in St. Joseph Catholic Cemetery.



ELIZABETH JANE "Betty" (née Hehman) CHAVEZ - Died Thursday, May 30, 2013 in Carmel Manor, Fort Thomas, Highland Heights, Kentucky at the age of 86. She was formerly, Sister Mary Benigna, a Sister of Divine Providence. The cause of death is unknown. She was born in 1926. She is survived by brothers Garland Hehman of Texas, Jack Hehman of Georgia, several nieces, nephews, and friends. She was a *Life Member* of **Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America – Florence Chapter #88**; a member of St. Theresa of Southgate and St. Joseph of Cold Spring parishes; a member of the Ladies Altar Society, Newport Elks, Red Cross, VFW Post 5662, and Kentucky Retired Teachers Association. Per Elizabeth's wishes, her body was donated to science. A Memorial service was held at the convenience of the family. Memorial donations requested to Carmel Manor, 100 Carmel Manor Drive, Ft. Thomas, KY 41075. Fares J. Radel Funeral Home, Cold Spring, assisted the family.



CARROL L. CHURCH - Died Monday, May 6, 2013, at his home in Warren, Maine after a period of declining health. He was 82 years of age. The cause of death was renal failure. He was born September 25, 1930, in Jonesport, Maine to the late Charles A. and Susie E. (née Merchant) Church. He was educated in local schools and was a 1949 graduate of Jonesport High School. After beginning studies at the University of Maine, Carrol enlisted in the United States Air Force in 1951. He served with the Air Force for 20 years, until his retirement in 1971, having attained the rank of staff sergeant. After his military discharge, Carrol moved back to Jonesport, and returned to college as a non-traditional student, earning a Bachelor of Science degree in education from the University of Southern Maine in 1976. He later moved to Rockland, where he was employed five years as a corrections officer at Maine State Prison. He married Elizabeth Wendelaar, May 29, 1987, in Rockland. The couple moved to Warren in 1999, where they have since resided. For several years, with his wife, Carrol, he attended Littlefield Memorial Baptist Church, Rockland. More recently he attended Warren Baptist Church. He was an *At-Large Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America - Maine** and United Bikers Association. For many years, and until retiring due to illness last year, he enjoyed volunteering at Owls Head Transportation Museum. He was predeceased by his sister, Laura Chandler. Carrol is survived by his wife, Elizabeth; and many nieces and nephews. Visiting hours were held 3:00-5:00 PM Monday, May 13, at Burpee, Carpenter & Hutchins Funeral Home, 110 Limerock Street, Rockland, Maine. A graveside service was held 11:00 AM Tuesday, May 14, at Ocean View Cemetery, Route 73, South Thomaston, Maine with the Reverend Dr. Linwood Welch officiating. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Bread for the Journey Food Pantry, care of Warren Baptist Church, P.O. Box 294, Warren, ME 04864. To share a memory or condolence with Carrol's family, please visit his online Book of Memories at www.bchfh.com.

WILLIAM J. COX – Died recently in 2013 in Albuquerque, New Mexico at the age of 81. The cause of death is unknown. He was born February 13, 1932. He is survived by his wife, of the home. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Albuquerque Chapter #318**.

EDWARD FRANCIS COYNE - Died Tuesday, June 15, 2010 at the Brockton Campus of VA Boston Healthcare System in Brockton, Massachusetts at the age of 59. The cause of death was failure to thrive – he had been a long time resident of the spinal cord injury unit in the Brockton Campus of VA Boston Healthcare System. He was born on April 2, 1951 in Chelsea, Massachusetts to the late Francis Coyne and Rita (née Guilford) Coyne. He is survived by his sister, Ann Kaplan of Raynham, Massachusetts. He served in the United States Army from September 17, 1968 to September 27, 1971 with a tour of duty in Vietnam from January 1971 to September 1971. He was a *Permanently Hospitalized Veteran Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Lynn Chapter #908**.

NORM CROTEAU – Died Saturday, July 20, 2013 in Moyock, North Carolina at the age of 67. The cause of death was liver cancer. He was born in Fall River, Massachusetts on March 12, 1946. He is survived by his wife, Jan of the home. He served in the United States Marine Corps

during the Vietnam War. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Hartford (Connecticut) Chapter #120**.

HOWARD B. D'AMICO – Died in North Adams, Massachusetts on Tuesday, January 24, 2012 at the age of 86. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in North Adams on June 8, 1925 to the late Benjamin and Teresa (née Musk) D'Amico. He attended Peekskill Military Academy. His education was interrupted in 1943 to join the United States Army Air Corps and served his country. After World War II, he returned to Drury High School and then attended North Adams State College. In the year 2000, Then Mayor Barrett held a special ceremony for World War II veterans to award Drury High School diplomas which were long overdue. Howard was a proud and decorated veteran of World War II, serving in the United States Army Air Corps as a ball turret gunner in the B-17 Bomber. He served from August 14, 1943 to March 3, 1946. After his active duty during the war he stayed on with the United States Air Force retiring as a Chief Master Sergeant after a long and distinguished career at the age of 62. Howard, along with his wife, Claire owned and operated Claire's Photo Shop for 35 years on Eagle Street in North Adams. He was a proud member and fire fighter with the North Adams Fire Department. He was a very active civic leader involved in many community projects and serving on many city committees. He was a member and Past Commander of the Clarksburg VFW and was a life member and Past Commander of both the North Adams and Dalton American Legion. Howard held the distinctive position of District Commander of the American Legion. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – North Adams Chapter #54**. He was also a member of the Sons of Italy. His wife was the former Claire T. Green who died on July 8, 2007. They were married in Adams on November 15, 1952. Survivors include his children, Cindy, Peter, Paul and Howard Jr.; his grandchildren Amy and Laurie and Thomas and Lauren; his brother, Norman, and; a long-time friend, Jeff Lavanos. Howard was predeceased by a son, Mark, who died in 2008. Calling hours for Howard D'Amico were on Thursday February 2, 2012 from 9:30 to 10:30 AM at the Flynn & Dagnoli-Montagna Home for Funerals Central Chapel, 74 Marshall Street, North Adams, MA followed by a Liturgy of Christian Burial at Saint Elizabeth of Hungary Church. Burial with full military honors was at the Massachusetts Veteran's Memorial Cemetery in Agawam, MA. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Clarksburg VFW in care of the funeral home.



EDWARD W. "Ed" DANIEL - Died Wednesday, July 3, 2013 in Huber Heights, Ohio at the age of 66 after a courageous battle with cancer. He was born in Bristol, Ohio on December 16, 1943 to the late George Arthur, Sr. and Edna (née Arbuckle) Daniel. In addition to his parents, he was also predeceased by his brother, George Daniel, Jr. and his sisters, Leah Marie Sharp and Becky Medley. He is survived by his loving wife of 21 years, Tina Daniel; daughters, Abby Daniel, Ashley (David) Phillips and Mysti Daniel; siblings, Judy (Paul) Leasure, Karen Brown, Robert (Sheila) Daniel, Cindy (Jerry) Costlow and Mickey Tucker; numerous nieces, nephews, family and friends. Ed served during the Vietnam Era with 86 Trans Company in the United States Army and was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Dayton Chapter #97**. Ed was a dedicated family man and kept his family the center of his life. He was an avid reader of Stephen King novels, old

cars, fishing and was known as The Donut King of Daniel Donuts in Fairborn and Huber Heights. 6:00 PM until 8:00 PM Monday at the funeral home

FREDY EUGENE “Gene” DAWSON - Died Monday, October 1, 2012 in Philadelphia Tennessee at the age of 61. The cause of death is unknown. He was born October 6, 1950 in Sweetwater, Tennessee to the late Claude Dawson, Jr. and Alma W. Dawson. He was of the Beulah's Chapel Church of Nazarene and served in the United States Army in the Vietnam War. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Chattanooga Chapter #203**. He is survived by his former spouse, Betti Dawson; his daughter and son-in-law, Melanie D. Miller and Russ Barnes; his son and daughter-in-law, Scott Dawson and Nichole Dawson; his sister, Sharon Barnes and family; his brother, Gary Dawson and family; four grandchildren, and; a host of family, relatives and friends, and friends of VFW Post 5146. Funeral services were held at 1:30 PM Sunday October 7, 2012 at Beulah Chapel Church with the Reverend Bill Dawson officiating with the interment in the church cemetery with full military honors to be provided by the Sweetwater VFW Post 5156 and members of the Monroe County Disabled American Veterans #93, visitation followed the interment until 4:00 PM in the church fellowship hall. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to VFW Post 5146 wounded warriors. Kyker Funeral Homes Sweetwater was in charge of arrangements.



JAMES ROBERT SCOTT “Scotty” DECKER, SR. - Died Tuesday, June 18, 2013 in Schulenburg, Texas at the age of 69. He was formerly of Gonzales, Texas. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Gonzales on December 16, 1943 to the late Robert A. and Madeline (née Burton) Decker. He was a graduate of Gonzales High School, Class of 1962, where he played Apache football. While in school, he worked with his parents at the Decker Service Station. Shortly after graduation, he served with the United States Army in Vietnam. He worked as a professional diver. He opened the Decker Upholstery Shop in Gonzales and later moved his business to Nashville, Tennessee. Scotty worked for the Nashville Fire Department as a firefighter for many years. His true passion was for music. He was a very talented musician and singer, playing drums, piano, bass, lead and rhythm guitar. He played with several bands: “The Moods,” “The Civilians,” “The Sands,” “The Spades” and later “Scotty Decker & Family.” His talent led him to play at the Grand Ole Opry in Nashville. He was a member of the Musicians Society of San Antonio. He was also very active with several veterans groups: a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Schulenburg Chapter #870**, the Texas Veterans Commission, the American Legion and the Veterans of Foreign Wars. One of his best descriptions of his life was “I am a busy man and I never let the grass grow under my feet.” He is survived by his wife Candi Decker of Schulenburg; twin sons: James Robert Scott “J.R.” Decker II and wife Sami of Weimar and Jonathan Christopher Scott “J.C.” Decker of Virginia Beach, VA and step-son Jeremy Lancaster and wife Leticia of Houston; grandchildren: Kaylan Marie Shupak, William James Decker, Cody Dwayne Lancaster and Devin Durante Lancaster; and father & mother-in-law Don and Beulah Banta of Portland, Indiana. Funeral services were held at 2:00 PM Wednesday, June 26 at Seydler-Hill Funeral Home with full military honors at Gonzales Memorial Park Cemetery. Visitation was from 5:00 until 8:00 PM Tuesday, June 25 at the funeral home. Pallbearers included: J.R. Decker, J.C. Decker, Jeremy Lancaster, Trevor Cole Brier, Joe “Moe” Collins, Freddy Finch, Sylvan Rossi and

James Shupak. Honorary pallbearers are members of The Original Moods including Bill Barr, Lee Roy Eichler and Chuck Nitchie. Also serving were Jimmy Lynn Wiley, Kenny McGinty, Don Banta, Ron Banta, Randy Banta, Bobby Cox, Randell Tomas, Allen Hancock, "Big" Wayne Fleck and Richard Fleming. Arrangements were under the care and direction of Seydler-Hill Funeral Home 906 St. Paul Street, Gonzales, TX.

SAMUEL C. DEFFLER, SR. - Died Sunday, May 19, 2013 in Tulsa, Oklahoma at the age of 69. The cause of death was Diabetes Mellitus Type II. He was born in Baltimore, Maryland on March 13, 1944. He was a *Life Member* of **Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America – Tulsa Chapter #216**. Samuel was an automotive mechanic. His memorial service was conducted at the Floral Haven Funeral Home Chapel on Thursday, May 23, 2013 with the Reverend Nick Garland of the First Baptist Church of Broken Arrow, Oklahoma officiating. Memorial Contributions may be made to the Diabetes Association.



KENNETH ALLEN "Ken" DOLBERRY – Died Monday, July 22, 2013 in Arlington, Texas at the age of 64. He was a resident of Grand Prairie, Texas. The cause of death was liver cancer. He was born January 10, 1949 in Lubbock, Texas to the late Allen Kenneth Dolberry and Maudie Maye Dolberry. If you knew Kenneth, you knew he was a proud United States Army Veteran. He was an avid member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Texas Vietnam Veterans, a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Grand Prairie Chapter #1013**, as well as the American Legion. Kenneth, a SFC US Army Retired Sergeant 1st Class, had a long and honorable 20 year career from July 1968 to January 1989. During this time he received many Military Awards: Bronze Star w/1stOLC, Joint Service Commendation, Army Commendation w/ 2ndOLC, Army Service Ribbon, National Defense Ribbon, NCO Development w/#3, Vietnam Service W60 Bar, Vietnam Campaign w/6 Stars, Presidential Unit Citation, Meritorious Unit Citation, Vietnam Cross of Gallantry w/Palm, Expert-Pistol, Bronze Medal – Rifle(German Army), Sharpshooter-Rifle. While stationed overseas he and Ann traveled to Germany, Netherlands, Belgium, Luxemburg, France, Switzerland, Denmark, Sweden, and Italy. As a member of Men's Promise Keeper's Kenneth attended and walked on the million man march held in D.C. It was no doubt he loved his country. Kenneth received his BS degree in 1991 and his Masters in Elementary Education in 1994 both from Wayland Baptist University. Jobs he held included the U.S Postal Service in Level land, TX, as well as a teacher at the Christian School in Lubbock and Duncanville. His last government job, from where he retired was from the Grand Prairie Bureau of Prisons. Kenneth also known as "Papa" was defiantly a family man he loved his kids and adored his grandchildren. He'll be remembered by them by his great sense of humor; he could always make them laugh with his jokes. Kenneth always pleased them by taking them wherever they wished, most of the time that consisted of many visits to the park. He was preceded in death by his parents: Allen Kenneth and Maudie Dolberry; and brother Jack Dolberry. Those left to cherish Kenneth's memory is his wife Anna Dolberry, whom he married on his birthday in 1983. Children: Allen and wife Kim Dolberry of Mesa, AZ; Ray and wife Heather Dolberry of Mesa, AZ; Barbara and husband Matt Drager of Mesa, AZ; Gary and wife Dellana Beesinger of Grand Prairie, TX; Jay and wife Rachael Beesinger of Grand Prairie, TX; Fifteen Grandchildren; and three Great Grandchildren; Brothers: John and wife Sharon Kocurek of Post, TX; Steve and wife Terri Dolberry of Casa Grande, AZ; Jim Dolberry of Stephenville, TX; and Kevin and wife Teresa

Dolberry of Arlington, TX; Sisters: Carol Woodworth of Adkins, TX; Rhonda Spoon of Stephenville, TX; Sue and husband Dale Hallmark of Dumas, TX; Deb Slone of Stephenville, TX; Jan and husband Tim Lane of Bacliff, TX; and Sheri and husband Rob Smith of Austin, TX. His in-laws, to who was family, Allen and Wanda Stidger, Patsy Stidger and Lalah Weir. In lieu of flowers the family asks that donations be made to the First Baptist Church of Grand Prairie, Children's Ministry in his name. A visitation was held for Kenneth at the funeral home, Thursday, July 25, 2013 from 6:00-8:00 PM. A memorial service took place Friday, July 26, 2013 at 10:30 AM at the First Baptist Church of Grand Prairie located at 122 NE 2nd Street, Grand Prairie, TX, 75050.

RICHARD A. "Red" DONALDSON - Died Tuesday, April 23, 2012, at home in Nanty Glo, Pennsylvania at the age of 75. The cause of death is unknown. He was born December 12, 1936, in Nanty Glo to the late Andrew and Blanche (née Whitsell) Donaldson. He was preceded in death by wife, Gertrude "Sis"; brother, Donald; and sister, Zelda. He is survived by sons, Richard (Verna) Donaldson, Norfolk, Va.; and Robert Donaldson, Virginia Beach, Va.; and grandchildren, Jesse, Cheryl, Richard, Andrew and Kasey. He is also survived by sisters, Lorraine Lubert and Barbara Becker; as well as numerous nieces and nephews. He was a United States Air Force veteran during the Vietnam War. He was a member and chaplain of Twin Rocks VFW, Steve Klosz Post 7605. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Johnstown Chapter #364**. Red enjoyed playing the guitar and fishing. At the request of the deceased, there will be no viewing. A gathering of family and friends was held from 10:00 AM until the time of the memorial service at 11:00 AM Friday at Askew-Houser Funeral Homes Inc., Nanty Glo, with the Reverend C. Edward Albert, officiating. In lieu of flowers, donations in Red's memory may be made to Twin Rocks VFW. Military rites by Twin Rocks, Nanty Glo and Vintondale veterans organizations.



DALE ORIN EBERLEIN - Died at his home in Shawano, Wisconsin on Wednesday, May 22, 2013 at the age of 64. The cause of death was a heart attack. He was born on January 18, 1949 in Shawano to the late Frederick and Frances (née Jorgens) Eberlein. Dale graduated from Shawano High School in 1967 and two years later enlisted with the United States Navy where he was stationed on the USS Prairie AD-15 and trained for PT boat engine room. He was then deployed to the Philippines and subsequently the waters of Vietnam. In November of 1970 he was Honorably Discharged from active duty and transferred to the Naval Reserves where he trained as a heavy equipment operator and worked in the construction field in Homestead and Miami, FL. In the mid 1970's, Dale went to work at the Miami Airport as a security guard and he worked briefly in the Secret Service as security for President Nixon's residence. He later attended the University of WI-Oshkosh and Truck Driving School. He then drove semi-trucks for several years until health concerns required him to retire. On October 9, 2010 he married his best friend and love of his life, Catharine Rhode in Bonduel. Dale was well known and very active in his community. He volunteered as a driver for the Shawano Veterans Agency as well as in various activities with the Shriners We Are People Organization. Dale was a member of the Shawano American Legion Post #117, the Shawano V.F.W. and a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Shawano Chapter #206**. He was also a perpetual member of the Shawano Masonic Lodge, was a 32 Degree Mason and a Shriner

in the Beja Chapter in Green Bay, We Are People Support Group, and was a member of the Zion Lutheran Church in Shawano. Dale had many friends and enjoyed spending time with them as well as his family. He also liked being outdoors and enjoying the nature that surrounded him. Dale was a happy, jolly man who was loved by many and will be sadly missed by all who knew him. Dale is survived by his wife, Catharine; a sister, Jane (Scott) Eberlein Green of San Diego, CA; nieces, Kathryn Frances Eberlein Green (Patrick) Hrezo, Kristen Jane Eberlein Green (Dustin) Capps; nephew, Scott William Green, Jr.; an aunt, Verna Jergens; and cousins, MerriBeth Nord and Dan Jergens. Funeral services were held at 11:00 AM on Friday, May 31, 2013 at the Swedberg Funeral Home in Shawano with the Reverend Mark Palmer officiating. A Military Committal Service was at the Woodlawn Cemetery in Shawano with Military Rites conducted by the Shawano American Legion Post #117. Visitation was held at the funeral home on Thursday from 4:00-7:30 PM with a Masonic Service at 7:00 PM. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made to the Eberlein Park or to a Veterans group of your choice.

BENJAMIN FRANKLIN "Frank" ESTES - 80, who Died Wednesday, April 10, 2013 in Rainbow City, Alabama at the age of 80. The cause of death is unknown. He was born September 12, 1933 to the late Joseph and Della Estes. He was in the United States Naval reserves when he was called to active duty during the Korean War, where he served for 2 years. He went on to serve in the Navy from 1955-1959. He was in the Army National Guard from 1959-1961. In February 1961 he volunteered for extended active duty in the Army. He reenlisted in the regular Army in March 1961. He served in Vietnam from March 1961 to March 1969 and went on to retire on March 1, 1977. He was awarded the Bronze Star Army Commendation Medal second award, the Meritorious Service Medal, Vietnam Service Medal with clasp and five stars, Korean Service Medal, National Defense UN Service Medal, Good Conduct Medal, and the Career Counselor Badge. He was employed at Anniston Army Depot for 15 years. He was a member of the Cedar Bend Masonic Lodge 583, a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Altoona Chapter #637**, and VFW Post 8600. Mr. Estes was preceded in death by his precious wife of 53 years, Almeda Estes, who passed away 19 days earlier; son, Benjamin Franklin "Frankie" Estes; parents, Joseph and Della Estes; brothers, John Wesley "J.W." Estes, and Curtis Estes; and sisters: Myrtle Estes, Louise Jones, Gussie Hightower, and Juanette Gilligan. He survived by his brother Charlie Estes; daughters: Yvonne (Paul) Thomas, Linda Denise Bailey Davis, and Bella (Jeff) Fix; 5 grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews. Funeral Services with Masonic Rites were at 2:00 PM on Saturday, April 13, 2013 at the Collier-Butler Chapel with the Reverend Laul Thompson officiating. Burial was at the Rainbow Memorial Gardens, with full military honors by the United States Army. Collier-Butler Funeral and Cremation Services was in charge of the arrangements. Pallbearers were members of the United States Army. Honorary pallbearers were all members of the Cedar Bend Masonic Lodge, all members of VVA Chapter 637, DAV, and special friends: Lloyd Matthews, Wayne Kelley, James Barnett, Ricky Scales, and Rick Vaughan. Visitation was on Saturday, April 13, 2013 from 12:00-2:00 PM prior to the service. Online condolences may be made at www.collier-butler.com.



JAMES H. FEAGLES - Died Sunday, June 16, 2013 at the WMHS Frostburg Nursing & Rehab Center at the age of 71. He was a resident of Cumberland, Maryland. The cause of death is unknown. He was born May 15, 1942 in Cumberland to the late Howard William Feagles and Mary Hilda (née Odgers) Feagles. Mr. Feagles earned an A.A. degree in Engineering from Allegany College of Maryland, and his B.A. degree from West Virginia University. In addition, he served his electrician's apprenticeship with the B & O Railroad. He served 28 ½ months active duty with the United States Navy Seabees, with 16 ½ months in Vietnam. Mr. Feagles also served with I Core and at Port Hueneme, CA. Mr. Feagles had worked as an electrician at the B & O Railroad, Kelly-Springfield Tire Company, and Site R. He had belonged to Mt. Pleasant United Methodist Church and then joined Davis Memorial United Methodist Church. He also enjoyed following the Ever Increasing Faith Television Ministry. Mr. Feagles was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Cumberland Chapter #172**; AACA Car Club, Queen City Region Club of AACA, Plymouth Owners Club of America, Mayflower Mid-Atlantic Region Plymouth Car Club, and Walter P. Chrysler Car Club. Survivors include his wife, Janice G. (Snyder) Feagles; his daughter Meg (Feagles) Eline, and her husband, Kevin, Charlotte, NC; cousins, Gary Browning, William Odgers, Margaret Jackson, David MacFarland, Francis Heavner, and Virginia Northcraft; and, a brother-in-law, Leon G. Snyder. Friends were received at the Upchurch Funeral Home, P.A., 202 Greene Street, Cumberland, on Wednesday from 5:00 PM until 8:00 PM. The funeral service was conducted in the funeral home on Thursday at 11:00 AM, with Rev. Robert Wellman, officiating. Interment was in MSVC -- Rocky Gap, where military honors will be accorded by VVA Chapter #172. Memorial contributions may be made to either the Rosenbaum Family House, WVU Healthcare, P.O. Box 8228, Morgantown, WV 26506; the National Marrow Donor Program, 3001 Broadway Street, N.E., Minneapolis, MN 55413-1753; or to The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society, 100 Painters Mill Road, Suite 800, Owings Mills, MD 21117. Condolences to the family may be posted after Mr. Feagles' obituary at www.upchurchfh.com.

MICHAEL FRANCIS FITZGERALD - Died Thursday, July 4, 2013 in Ormond Beach, Florida at the age of 64. The cause of death is unknown. He was born January 5, 1949 in Haverhill, Essex County, Massachusetts to the late Captain John Joseph Fitzgerald and Lorraine Claire (née Jermyn) Fitzgerald. Michael served his country proudly by volunteering to serve during the Vietnam War as a member of the United States Air Force. He served in Cam Ranh Bay from September 1970 to September 1971. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Holly Hill Chapter #1048**. He is survived by his wife, Pamela M. Fitzgerald; a son, Ryan Fitzgerald, of Bay City, Michigan; a brother and sister-in-law, John Joseph "Jack" Fitzgerald and his wife, Casey, of Atkinson, New Hampshire; and several cousins. He is also survived by a dear longtime friend, David J Bibb, of Daytona Beach, FL..



THOMAS W. FORD - Died Wednesday, May 22, 2013 in Tewksbury after a battle with kidney cancer. He was a resident of Shirley, Massachusetts and formerly of Wales, Massachusetts at 63 years of age. He was born September 22, 1949 in Natick, Massachusetts to John P. and Emma (née Babic) Ford. He leaves his lifetime friend, Virginia "Ginger" Siam of North Adams, a niece, Jill Marcotte-Bell and her husband Matthew of Wales, his grandchildren "crew", Jonathan Bolduc, Jamie-Lyn Fish, Vince Rotolo,

Tess Alexander and Jordan Alexander. He graduated from Holden Regional High School. Thomas was owner and cook at Tommy's Place Diner in Worcester. He was a United States Army veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Gardner Chapter #294**. He belonged to the Vietnam Veterans' Motorcycle Club Northeast Chapter A. A funeral service was held on Sunday, June 9, 2013 at 3:00 PM at Rice Funeral Home 300 Park Avenue, Worcester. Burial was private. Calling hours were held Sunday, June 9, from 2:00 to 3:00 PM at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Paralyzed Veterans of America, 7 Mill Brook Rd, Wilton, NH 03086.



JAMES E. "Jim" FORTIN - Died Thursday, May 30, 2013, at the hospital in Watertown, South Dakota at the age of 76. He was a resident of Watertown. The cause of death was renal failure. He was born on July 30, 1936, in Redfield, South Dakota to the late Victor Paul and Lorene (née Wolfgram) Fortin. He graduated from Turton High School in 1954. After graduation he worked in Wichita, Kansas at a grain elevator. He enlisted in the United States Marine Corps in 1955. He served a total of 21 years, retiring in 1976, as Major, out of Yuma, Arizona. He married Gloria Skelton on April 29, 1989, at Watertown. He was a member of the Marine Corps League, V.F.W., American Legion and a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Watertown Chapter #1054**. He is survived by his wife, Gloria, of Watertown; four children, Michelle (Mark) Ell of Rapid City; Dale (Deb) Fortin of Huron, Shane Fortin of Doland, and James Fortin of Rapid City; five stepchildren, Creig Maifield of Watertown, Deann (Merle) Gulbranson of Colman, Arthur (Deb) Maifield of Watertown, Jackie (Chuck) Callahan of Florida and Carrie Gardiner of Watertown; five grandchildren, one great-grandson; his mother, Lorene Fortin of Doland; seven brothers, Roger Fortin of Doland, Richard (Shari) Fortin of Aurora, Colo., Ken (Joyce) Fortin of Doland, Dan (Donna) Fortin of Swansboro, N.C., Steve Fortin of Watertown, Norb (Janet) Fortin of Watertown, and Delbert (Janelle) Fortin of Redfield; three sisters, Carol (Floyd) Smith of Conde, Bonnie (Ken) Hiles of Doland, Sherry (Wayne) Board of Doland; and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his father, Victor, in 1978; two brothers, Robert Gene in 1971 and Terrence Frances in 2000. The Funeral Mass was at 10:30 AM on Monday at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Turton, South Dakota. The Reverend Father Gordon Richard was the main celebrant. A reception was at 2:30 PM at the V.F.W. in Watertown. Burial took place at the Black Hills National Cemetery in Sturgis, South Dakota. Military honors were conducted by the Marine Corps League-Kampeska N.E. Det. #1079, Frank H. Adams Post #750 of Veterans of Foreign Wars, Codington County Post #17 of the American Legion and the Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter #1054, all of Watertown. Visitation hours were at the Crawford Funeral Chapel in Watertown on Sunday from 2:00 to 4:00 PM with a prayer service at 4:00 PM. Visitation continued prior to services at the church in Turton on Monday. Crawford funeral chapel was in charge of arrangements.

LARRY GENE GARDNER - Died Wednesday, April 24, 2013 in Stow, Ohio at the age of 66 after a long and courageous battle with Agent Orange-related lung cancer. He also had diabetes mellitus type II and prostate cancer. He was born in Vincennes, Indiana on January 10, 1947 to the late Millard and Mildred Gardner. He retired from the United States Army after 21 years of

service, having served two tours in Vietnam. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Akron Chapter #900**. He went on to work for the Akron Post Office and later retired with 19 years of service. Larry was an avid hunter and outdoorsman. He enjoyed cutting the grass and using his snow blower, and could often be seen taking care of his fellow neighbor's yards. He was very proud of his 19-acre property where he lived to tell the tale of "getting stuck by a deer, twice." He was a true optimist who fought to enjoy life until the very end. In addition to his parents he was also predeceased by his brother, Gary. He is survived by his wife of 41 years, Kathleen; daughters, Jerri Jean, Tricia and Tracy; son, Gary; grandchildren, Cheyenne and Lafe McCracken; sisters, Carol (Fred) Burkhalter, Diane Gardner; brother, Brian (Cindy) Gardner; mother-in-law, Ernie Klees; his trusty companion, Beastie; and many nieces, nephews, cousins and in-laws. Private services were held at the convenience of the family. Should friends desire, memorials may be made to the American Cancer Society, 525 North Broad Street, Canfield, OH 44406 or Hospice of Summa, 525 E. Market St., P.O. Box 2090, Akron, OH 44398-9976.



THEODORE D. "Ted" GITTINGER – Died Sunday, June 30, 2013 in Austin Texas at the age of 73. The cause of death is unknown. He was born August 28, 1939 in San Antonio, Texas to the late Ted Gittinger and Helen (née Wells) Gittinger. He attended St. Leo's Catholic school, Central Catholic High School, and St. Mary's University. While at

St. Mary's Ted met Barbara Lutz, the love of his life, and they were married December 26, 1960. Ted worked part-time in a local rock shop, which contributed to his life-long hobby of rock collecting and jewelry making, including rosaries from semi-precious stones. Ted had participated in ROTC in both high school and college and accepted a commission into the Artillery Officer Division of the regular Army on 24 August 1962. Shortly after, he moved his wife and two young daughters to Ft. Wainwright in Fairbanks, Alaska, where he served on a missile defense system. Ted was always an avid outdoorsman and Alaska provided ample opportunity for hunting and fishing. He also enjoyed bowling and bridge. Before leaving Alaska, Ted and Barbara were gifted with two more daughters. After Alaska, the family moved to Ft. Sill, Oklahoma, where a son was born, then back to San Antonio where Barbara could be close to family while Ted was in combat in Viet Nam, serving with the 1st Battalion, 21st Artillery of the 1st Cavalry Division from July 1966-July 1967. After returning from Viet Nam, the family moved to Huntsville, TX, where another son was born. An associate professor of Military Science at Sam Houston State University, Ted directed the Lowman Rifles drill team and spent many hours refinishing rifle stocks for that purpose. Now with a young family of six children, Ted decided to resign his military commission and go back to school. He was honorably discharged as a Major in the United States Army June 1, 1970. During his military service, Ted was awarded the National Defense Service Medal, Vietnam Service Medal, Vietnam Campaign Medal, Bronze Star, Purple Heart, and Air Medal. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Austin Chapter #915**. After he earned an MA in history from SHSU, Ted and Barbara moved the family to Austin on June 17, 1973, where Ted pursued a doctorate at the University of Texas. Ted made many friends at UT and took advantage of the student handball and tennis courts. He and his friends also took up culinary endeavors with a dinner club. He tutored many

UT athletes and is probably single-handedly responsible for more than one national championship during his tenure at the University. Ted was sometimes given to hyperbole. In the late 1970s Ted became a staff historian at the Lyndon Baines Johnson Presidential Library. His responsibilities included conducting oral histories-especially about Viet Nam-assisting writers with research and editing, and producing the Library's newsletter. He also continued lecturing and spoke to many tour groups, generally consisting of high school and college students. He was also known on occasion to repair pieces of Mrs. Johnson's jewelry. Ted retired in 2004. In addition to hunting and fishing, Ted also enjoyed golf, bowling, boxing, softball and baseball, tennis, handball, poker, bridge and dominos at various times in his life. He took in stray cats (and sometimes people), told great stories, and comforted his children and grandchildren when bruised by life's indignities. He enjoyed good conversation and intellectual debate. In later years he focused on making beautiful rosaries, necklaces and bracelets from semi-precious stones. He especially enjoyed his family and their very many activities and accomplishments. Ted is predeceased by his parents, Ted and Helen, and his sister, Karen Gittinger Kubica; he is survived by his wife of 52 years, Barbara; his six children Carol (Debbie); Mary (Kevin); Trudy (Ricky); Diana; Ted (Adriana); Ben (Britney); and his sixteen grandchildren, Lily Harris, Frankie Harris, Aaron Moore, Alyza Moore, Noah Moore, Sam Richter, Elliott Richter, Luke Richter, Claire Smith, Wil Smith, Josephine Smith, Victoria Gittinger, Rose Gittinger, Abbey Gittinger, Miles Gittinger, and Evan Gittinger. He is also survived by his brother, Dennis (Debra), and sister Mary Tedde Gittinger Cady (James), numerous brothers- and sisters-in-law, nieces and nephews, friends, and many acquaintances. In lieu of flowers the family requests that you make donations to St. Ignatius Martyr Catholic Church, the Wounded Warriors Project or your own favorite charity. Visitation was held from 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM on Tuesday, July 2, 2013 at St. Ignatius Catholic Church, 126 W. Oltorf Street with Recitation of the Holy Rosary to begin at 7:00 pm. Mass of the Christian Burial was celebrated at 2:00 PM on Wednesday, July 3, 2013 at St. Ignatius Catholic Church. Interment was held at 11:15 AM on Monday, July 8, 2013 at Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery, San Antonio, Texas.

ROY C. GRANTLAND - Died Friday, April 5, 2013 at the Trinity Medical Center at the age of 65. He was a resident of Southside, Alabama. The cause of death is unknown. He was born December 18, 1947 to the late Raymond and Willie (née Lee) Grantland. He was a veteran of the United States Army during the Vietnam War (was the State Veteran of the Year, 1999) and Desert Storm, Command Sgt. Major Retired, and served on the State Board of Veterans Affairs. He loved God, country, family and friends and was an avid musician. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Altoona Chapter #637**. He is survived by his wife, Elizabeth Ann Grantland, Southside; two sons, Scott (Becky) Grantland, Southside, and Eric (Amy) Grantland, Frisco, Texas; four grandchildren, Hannah Grantland, Jordan Grantland, Courtney Grantland, Jackson Grantland; three brothers, John Grantland, Tampa, Fla., Raymond Grantland, Tampa, Fla., and Jerry Grantland, Philadelphia, Pa. Funeral services were at 2:00 PM Tuesday at the Williams Southside Funeral Home. Visitation hours were on Tuesday at Williams Southside Funeral Home from Noon until 2:00 PM. Dr. Scott Hassell officiated. Burial was in the Williams Southside Funeral Home-Memorial Park. Williams Southside Funeral Home was in charge.

DANIEL RICHARD HAGGERTY - Died peacefully at home in El Paso, Texas at the age of 64, surrounded by his family. The cause of death was bladder cancer. He was born September 24, 1948 in Rochester, Minnesota to the late Richard and Eleanor Haggerty as the fifth child and the fourth son. Dan was one of eleven children in an Irish-Catholic family in which a strong work ethic and sense of duty to country and community was fostered. He served in the United States Army and the United States Marine Corps and was a Navy Reservist. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – El Paso Chapter #844**. In 1994 he made a successful bid for County Commissioner Precinct 4 and for more than 18 years he faithfully served the citizens of El Paso as a conservative steward with an unparalleled sense of humor. Both Republicans and Democrats alike recognized his commitment to honesty and tenacity in providing the people of El Paso a voice in the government process. Dan was preceded in death by his parents Richard and Eleanor, his brother Sean Denis Haggerty, and brother Timothy Allen Haggerty. He is survived by his sisters, Kathleen Haggerty Burds of El Paso, Mary Haggerty McLaughlin (Michael) of El Paso, Eileen Haggerty Hart (Brad) of Dayton, Ohio) and Bridget Haggerty Maxwell (Michael) of Albuquerque, NM. He is also survived by his brothers Patrick B. Haggerty, Michael J. Haggerty (Cynthia), Brian J. Haggerty (Audrey), and Jeremiah M. Haggerty (Silvia) all of El Paso, TX. He had 28 nephews and nieces, 38 great nephews and nieces and 7 great-great nephews and nieces. When Dan chose you for a friend you knew you had a faithful and loyal friend for life. To the lives of those I've touched please don't say I gave up I just gave in. Don't say I lost the battle for it was God's war to lose or win. Please don't say how good I was, but that I did my best. Just say I tried to do what's right, to give the most I could, not to do less. Please don't give me neither wings nor halos, those are for God to do. I want no more than I deserve, no extras, just my due. Please don't give me flowers or talk in harsh tones. Don't be concerned about me now. I'm well with God, I've made it home. Don't talk about what could have been, it's over and it's done. Just see to all my family's needs, the battle has been won. When you draw a picture of me, don't draw me as a saint. I've done some good, I've done some wrong. Use all your paint, not just the bright and light tones, use some gray and dark. In fact don't put me down on canvas, paint me in your heart. Don't just remember good times, but remember some bad. For life is full of many things, some happy and some sad. But if you must do something then I have one last request. Forgive me for the wrong I have done and with the love that's left, thank God for my souls resting, thank God for I've been blessed, thank God for all who love me and praise God who loved me best. Visitation hours were held on Monday, July 1, 2013 from 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM with the recitation of the Rosary to begin at 7:00 PM at the Cathedral High School Gymnasium. The Funeral Mass was held Tuesday, July 2, 2013 at 11:00 AM at the Cathedral High School Gymnasium with a reception to follow. A private interment was held. Funeral arrangements were entrusted to the care of Funeraria Del Angel Kaster-Maxon & Futrell, 8817 Dyer Street, El Paso, Texas 79904.



JOHN L. HATFIELD (SGM-USA Ret.) – Died Saturday, May 25, 2013 in a Lawton, Oklahoma Hospital at the age of 82. He was a resident of Snyder, Oklahoma. The cause of death was Agent Orange-related carcinoma of the larynx and esophagus. He was born in Kettle Island, Kentucky on November 8, 1930 to the late John and Ruth Hatfield. He was reared in Kentucky and Tennessee and attended schools in both states. He served in the United States Army from January 8, 1948 with multiple tours

overseas, in Okinawa, Guam, Korea, Japan, Vietnam and one tour in Germany. He served with the 1st Cavalry Division, 2nd Infantry, 9th Infantry, 24th Infantry Division and numerous other units. He retired from active duty January 1, 1978. His final assignment was as the Fort Sill Adjutant Sergeant Major (Personnel). Following his retirement from the Army, he was employed by the Goodyear Tire and Rubber Company in October of 1978 as a Section Production Manager. He was a member of the first group of local management employees hired. He and this group of management associates participated in the manufacture of the first tire produced in the then new Goodyear Tire and Rubber Plant in Lawton. He retired from the company in June 1996 as an Equipment Engineer. He was a member of Holy Family Catholic Church, the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #5263, **Vietnam Veterans of America – Lawton Chapter #751**, the Sergeants Major Association and the German-American Club. He is survived by his wife, Annemarie; four daughters, Karen, Claudia, Joan and Linda; nine grandchildren, and; five great-grandchildren. He was predeceased by his son, Michael. The Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on Thursday, May 30th at Noon in the Holy Family Catholic Church with the Reverend Pastor Philip Seeton as main celebrant. A wake served was held at 7:00 PM on Wednesday, May 29th at the Becker-Rabon Funeral Home of Snyder Chapel. Burial with full military honors was in the Sunset Memorial Gardens under the direction of Becker-Rabon Funeral Home of Snyder.

LARRY HUGH HENDERSON - Died Saturday, June 15, 2013 in Morristown, Tennessee just days shy of his 69th birthday. It was the final act of an 11-month battle with a brain tumor. He was born June 26, 1944 to the late Morris Lee and Dorothy Margaret (née Faddis) Henderson. In addition to his parents, he was also predeceased by his eldest brother, Robert, and niece, Jennifer. He was a 1962 graduate of Morristown High School. Larry served in the United States Air Force during the Vietnam War, returning home following his honorable discharge at the rank of Staff Sergeant in January 1969. He was a Tennessee Valley Authority retiree, working for the federal utility approximately 35 years with the bulk of his service at the now closed John Sevier Fossil Fuel Plant in Rogersville. His last contract with TVA ended April 29, 2012. He was an *At-Large Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Tennessee**. During his retirement, he worked at the Morristown Wal-Mart Supercenter and Hobby Lobby. Larry took retirement as an opportunity to broaden his mind and horizons and returned to school at the Tennessee Technology Center at Morristown, earning a degree in accounting in 2010. His great passion was art. He collected a wide variety of wildlife paintings and prints, framing most of them in his own home frame shop. The top of his list of favorite art subjects was bald eagles, with more than two dozen prints in his collection. He was fortunate to have met and become friends with some of his favorite artists. He also developed a strong appreciation for classical music, concentrating primarily on the works of Beethoven. His great love was for his daughter, Margaret Mae. He doted upon her. Providing for her well-being and preparing for her future was at the forefront of his priorities. He loved her completely. He is survived by his wife of 23 years, Wanda Jean (née Everhart) Henderson; daughter and son-in-law, Maggie and Brad Herron of the home; five brothers and their wives, Bill and Imogene Henderson, Lynn Henderson and Linda Hayes of Greeneville, Steve and Sandy Henderson, Mike and Lynn Henderson of Jefferson City and David and Peggy Henderson; two sisters and their husbands, Janie and Mike Thompson of Jefferson City and Pat and Tom Stanton; a host of nieces and

nephews and friends innumerable. Special thanks are lovingly sent to Dr. Melissa Corcoran and Dr. John Anderson, his oncologist and radiologist respectively; Dr. Eric Delay and Rebecca, his primary care physician and nurse; the entire staff associated with Thompson Oncology in Morristown and the Cancer Center at Morristown-Hamblen Healthcare System and the staff of Smoky Mountain Home Health and Hospice. All of those mentioned worked diligently to ensure the best quality of life for Larry's course of treatment and his final days. The family received friends from 6:00-8:00 PM, Monday, June 17 in the East Chapel of Allen Funeral Home. Funeral services followed with the Reverend Jerry Sexton officiating. Interment was at 10:00 AM, Tuesday, June 18, in the Garden of Devotion in Hamblen Memory Gardens.



SUNDER WELLS "Uncle Sunder" HENRY – Died Tuesday, June 11, 2013 in Ocean City, Maryland at the age of 79. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Sinpuxent, Maryland on June 19, 1933 to the late Harry and Clara (née Fooks) Henry. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Eden Chapter #624**. He was educated in Worcester County Public Schools. He graduated from the Old Worcester High School in 1953. He was a veteran of the United States Army and served in the Vietnam War. He also was stationed in Germany, Korea and state side posts. He received numerous awards for his outstanding professional service. He graduated from Defense Finance and Accounting School, U.S. Army Administration School in Germany. Sunder retired in 1974 after 20 years of service. "Uncle Sunder" was a member of St. John's United Methodist Church, where he served humbly, unselfishly, devotedly, faithfully, and continuously for over 60 years. St. John's was destroyed by fire on June 19, 1996, the morning of his birthday. From that date until his illness, Uncle Sunder was very instrumental in ensuring that St. John's was reconstructed. On February 21, 1998, an Appreciation Dinner was held at St. John's to honor Uncle Sunder. He would greet you with a proud smile and hug as you entered St. John's. He continued to fulfill his duties in many church ministries to which he belonged: Building Fund Chairperson, United Methodist Men, Mass Choir, Communion Steward, Usher and Greeter, Trustees, Finance Committee, and Chairperson of Worship. "Uncle Sunder" was active in his community: member of the Atlantic General Hospital Care Board, NAACP, Board of Directors of the Germantown School Community Heritage Center, Worcester Community Commission on Aging for six years, Berlin Community Housing Corporation, American Legion, and AARP, a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Eden Chapter #624**, and the VFW. "Uncle Sunder," as he was affectionately called by everyone, loved the Lord with all his heart, soul and body. He loved St. John United Methodist Church. He loved people. His smile and gentle manner made a lasting impact on anyone he met. He was a distinguished gentleman that appreciated the simple things in life. He loved his family. He was proud to share the accomplishments of all of his many nieces and nephews. He loved to cook. He loved working in his garden and in his yard. He was preceded in death by his two sisters, Julia (John) Henry-Purnell and Daisy (Earl) Henry Bolden; four brothers, Harry (Carrie) Henry, Sr., Samuel S. (Marigold) Henry, Sr., William (Alice) Henry, and Clifton Henry. A host of nieces, nephews, great-nieces, and great-nephews have also preceded him in death. "Uncle Sunder" leaves to cherish his memory with a loving sister-in-law, Ella Mae Henry of Pittsboro, NC; a special cousin, Esther White of Berlin, MD; special nieces and nephews, Sarah Copes, Harry (Lucille) Henry, Jr., Julia Henry, Clifton (Betty) Henry, Sr., Revs. Linda (Theo) Hobbs, Rev. Dianne Henry, L. Eloise

Henry-Gordy, Patrick (Velda), and Barry (Tiwana) Henry, all of Berlin, MD, James Henry of Sterling, VA, Larry (Violet) Henry of Hebron, MD, Charlotte Henry of Salisbury, MD, Virginia Lee (Clifford) Kee of Newark, NJ, Charles (Pearline) Henry of Delmar, DE, Dale (Dellaphine) Henry and Evelyn (Jesse) Johnson, both of Wilmington, DE, Clara Henry-Wright and Lisa (Reginald) Parker, both of Seaford, DE, Robert Henry of Harrington, DE, William (Joyce) Henry of Fayetteville, NC, Edna (Clifton) Parker and Deborah Ratner, both of Pittsboro, NC, and Dr. Sharon Henry of Baltimore, MD; special friends, Charles & Penny Shirley, Bertha Johnson, JoAnn Pruitt, and Richard and Pauline Campbell, all of Ocean City, MD, Raymond and Susan Shockley, both of Berlin, MD; a host of great, great-great, great-great-great, great-great-great-great nieces and nephews. A special thanks to the Berlin Nursing and Rehabilitation Center, Atlantic General Hospital 2 North Nursing Staff, Dr. Robert Durkin, Dr. Rene Desmarais, Dr. Amy Sood, Dr. Mark Edney, Dr. Jain, and 21st Century Oncology. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Lighthouse Church of God Building Fund (where Revs. Theo and Linda Hobbs are Pastors) or St. John's United Methodist Church c/o L. Eloise Henry-Gordy, 225 Branch Street, Berlin, MD 21811. There was a memorial service held at St. Paul United Methodist Church, 405 Flower Street, Berlin, MD on Saturday, June 15, 2013 at 11:00 AM. The family received friends at the church from 10:00 to 11:00 AM. A ministry of comfort and dignity is being provided by Lewis N. Watson Funeral Home, PA in Salisbury. Please visit www.lewisnwatsonfuneralhome.com to offer condolences to the family.



WILLIAM H. HUBBARD – Died Friday, July 26, 2013 in Townsend, Massachusetts at the age of 79. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Cambridge, Massachusetts on May 8, 1934 to the late William C. and Eileen (née Turner) Hubbard and had resided in Townsend for forty years. He began his education at the College of William and Mary in Williamsburg Virginia. He later continued his education at Fitchburg State University where he received his Bachelor's degree, Master's degree and certificate of advanced graduate studies. For twenty years, Mr. Hubbard served his country in the United States Army, retiring in 1974 at the rank of Sergeant First Class. He served two tours of duty in Vietnam and was the recipient of two Purple Heart Medals. Following his retirement from the armed forces, he taught special education mathematics for seventeen years at Nashua High School, Nashua, New Hampshire. He leaves his wife of 57 years, Charlotte T. (née Trombly) Hubbard; a son, William C. Hubbard of Fitchburg; three daughters, Nancy A. Brownell of Lunenburg, Kathleen A. Hubbard of Townsend, Joy C. Cole of San Diego, CA; a sister, Susan Nauman of Mound City, MO; six grandchildren and 5 great grandchildren. He was predeceased by two sisters, Mary Merrill of NY and Elizabeth Warrell of VA. Through the years, Mr. Hubbard remained active in many civic and community oriented efforts. He was a founding member of Townsend Emergency Assistant Mobiles (TEAM), was an active member of the Townsend Senior Citizens where he offered instruction in genealogy study. He was a member of the Townsend VFW and was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Leominster Chapter #116**. He enjoyed playing cribbage and bingo. He and his wife spent many winters in Ft. Myers, Florida and one year spent six months travelling across the nation in their recreational vehicle. Mr. Hubbard's family received family and friends at calling hours from 2:00-5:00 on Sunday at the T.J. Anderson & Son Funeral Home, 250 Main Street (Rte. 119) Townsend center. Please see www.andersonfuneral.com for additional information. Burial was private. Memorial

contributions may be made to the Townsend Senior Citizens, 16 Dudley Road, Townsend, MA 01469.

J. D. KAISER – Died recently in 2013 in Colcord, Oklahoma at the age of 70. The cause of death is unknown. He was born July 15, 1942. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Lee's Summit (Missouri) Chapter #243**.

Memorial contributions may be made to the Leah M. Fitch Cancer Center of Southwest, OK, 104



JAMES LEROY "Jim" KANIPE - Died Tuesday, April 9, 2013 at his residence in Maud, Texas at the age of 67. The cause of death was a heart attack. He was born January 22, 1946 in Texarkana, Arkansas. He was retired from the United States Army having served during the Vietnam War, was a member of the Maud Church of Christ, was a *Life Member* Veterans of Foreign Wars, a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America - Texarkana Chapter #278**, member of the NRA, member of the Texas State Rifle Association and was a concealed handgun instructor. Survivors include his wife, Janetelizabeth Deibler Kanipe of Maud, Texas; one son and daughter-in-law, Robert and Holly Kanipe of Hampton, Arkansas; two grandsons, Garrett Kanipe and Wyatt Kanipe both of Hampton, Arkansas and a number of other relatives. Funeral services were held at 2:00 P.M. Saturday at the Maud Church of Christ with Travis Fowler and Jim Bradshaw officiating. Burial with full military honors was in Center Ridge Cemetery under the direction of Texarkana Funeral Home, Texas. The family received friends at the funeral home Friday evening from 6:00 to 7:30 P.M. The family will be at their residence in Maud, Texas.

WAYNE KELLEY – Died Saturday, May 11, 2013 in Gadsden, Alabama at the age of 77. The cause of death was a stroke. He was born November 3, 1935. He is survived by his wife, Barbara. He served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Altoona Chapter #637**.

CARTER LUCAS KIRK - Died Thursday, August 8, 2013 in Charleston, South Carolina. The cause of death was cancer. He was a graduate of the Citadel and served with the United State Marine Corps in Vietnam, for which service he was awarded the Purple Heart. Carter was an avid and gifted professional photographer. He was the organizer and cheerful volunteer for the Church of the Holy Communion Meals on Wheels program. He will be greatly missed by his Church family and his many, many friends in various military and Veterans organizations. Carter was a long-time friend, a *Founding Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America - Charleston Chapter #780**, a member of the VFW and American Legion and a God loving Charleston patriot. Lance Corporal Kirk served in Vietnam with the 9th Marine Regiment carrying the M-60 machine gun or as he called it– a “pig *humper*”. His large smile was contagious when telling stories of his love of God, country, Corps and family. Visitation was on Friday, August 16, from 6:00 to 8:00 PM, at the Episcopal Church of the Holy Communion, 218 Ashley Avenue, Charleston, SC 29403.

A Requiem Mass was celebrated on Saturday, August 17, at 10:00 AM, at the Church of the Holy Communion. Visit our guestbook at www.legacy.com/obituaries/charleston.

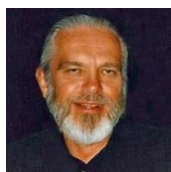


WILLIAM CHARLES KLINE, JR. - 66, of Arlington Died Saturday, June 1, 2013 in Mansfield, Texas at the age of 66. He was a resident of Arlington, Texas. He entered into rest peacefully with his wife at his side. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Grand Prairie Chapter #1013**. He is survived by his wife of 47 years, Marianne; son, William Kline; daughters, Kimberly Anne Foster and Jennifer Dyan Jaspering; and grandchildren, Melanie Dawn Foster, Tara Nicole Foster, Aaron Michael Jaspering and Aiden Jacob Adame. The funeral was at 11:30 AM on Thursday in the Moore Funeral Home-Bowen Chapel, 4216 South Bowen Road. Interment as a Vietnam veteran, Bill was laid to rest in Dallas-Fort Worth National Cemetery in Dallas. Visitation hours for the family and friends were from 4:00 to 8:00 PM on Wednesday at Moore Funeral Home. Memorials: The family suggests memorials to the Muscular Dystrophy Association, www.mdausa.org, or Vietnam Veterans of America, www.vva.org.

HENRY HANS KOEHN – Died recently in 2013 in Las Cruces, New Mexico at the age of 71. The cause of death is unknown. He was born June 7, 1942. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Las Cruces Chapter #431**.



ROLAND MELVIN LEE - Died Friday, May 31, 2013 in Chattanooga, Tennessee at the age of 68. The cause of death was an automobile accident, death resulting. He was born August 13, 1944, in East Saint Louis, Illinois to the late Fortis Melvin Lee and Patricia (née Webb) Lee. He was a member of St. Stephen's Catholic Church and Knights of Columbus Council 6099. He served in the United States Marine Corps during the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Chattanooga Chapter #203**. Survivors include his wife of 42 years, Linda Lee; children, Chris Lee, Tiffany Lee Loudon, Nick Lee and Dominique Lee; grandchildren, Chelsea, Dillon, Jordan, Sydney and Taylor; sisters, Pat Petrosky and Jane Grimes; brother, Roger Lee. Funeral Mass was celebrated at 11:00 AM on Friday, June 21, at St. Stephen's Catholic Church with Father Gilbert Diaz officiating. The family received friends at East Brainerd Chapel of Chattanooga Funeral Home Thursday, June 20, from 5:00-8:00 PM.



DAVID FRANCIS "Chief" LEHRMAN – Died Saturday, July 6, 2013 in Shelby Township, Michigan at the age of 72. The cause of death was cardiopulmonary arrest and diabetes. He was born November 20, 1940 in Detroit, Michigan. He was the beloved husband of Terry for 51 years; dearest father of Tish (Tony) Jusko, Michelle Dickenson and Lance; proud grandfather of Bradley, Ashley, Ayrton, Morgan & Noah and great-grandfather of Logan & Austin. He served in the United States Coast Guard during the Vietnam-era from 1959 to 1979. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Roseville Chapter #154**, Wolverine Harley Owners Group and Past President of Indian Motorcycle Riders. Visitation hours were on Wednesday from 3:00-9:00 PM at the Wujek-Calcaterra & Sons, Inc. Funeral Home (Shelby Twp.) 54880 VanDyke @ 25 Mile Road. The service was on Wednesday at 7:00 PM. Interment was on Thursday at the Great

Lakes National Cemetery at 11:00 AM. Donations to the Macomb County Veterans Food Bank are appreciated. Share memories with the family at their "On-Line Guest Book" @ WujekCalcaterra.com



REBA RYAN LINDSEY - Died Wednesday, May 22, 2013, in a local hospital at the age of 68. She was a resident of Texarkana, Texas. The cause of death is unknown. She was born December 13, 1944 in Camden, New Jersey. She was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Texarkana Chapter #278**, Veterans of Foreign Affairs, American Legion Auxiliary and 101st Airborne Division Vietnam Veterans Organization. She was preceded in death by one son, Ricky Denny. Survivors include her husband, Johnnie Lindsey of Texarkana; two stepchildren, Michael P. Lindsey and Gwen C. Lindsey of Modesto, Calif.; one brother, Carl Ryan of San Antonio; and one sister, Lelia Ryan of Fort Worth, Texas. No services were scheduled. Arrangements were under direction of East Funeral Home, Downtown. Memorials may be made to Wounded Warrior Project.

CHARLES R. LUBECK - Died Sunday, April 28, 2013 at Holy Family Memorial Medical Center in Manitowoc, Wisconsin at the age of 70. The cause of death is unknown. He was born February 7, 1943 in Eau Claire, Wisconsin to the late Donald C. and Rose (née Bethke) Lubeck. Charles served in the United States Army. On February 20, 1993 Charles married the former Jeanne Martin at St. Peters Lutheran Church, Mishicot, Wisconsin. He was employed for many years at Paragon Electric Company. Charles was a member of the Amvets Post #99, a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Manitowoc Chapter #731**, and the Disabled Veterans of America. Survivors include his wife: Jeanne Lubeck, Manitowoc; four children: Doug Lubeck, LA; Thomas (Charlene) Lubeck, Manitowoc; Amy (John) Jelinek, Manitowoc; Joshua Lasek and his special friend Angela Vinje, Manitowoc; three grandchildren: Logan Voght, Manitowoc; Hunter Lubeck, Manitowoc; Jace Lubeck, Manitowoc; one sister-in-law: Mary Mancoske, Denmark; nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends also survive. A memorial service was held at 11:00 AM on Friday, May 3, 2013 at the Jens Family Funeral Home & Crematory, 1122 South 8th Street, Manitowoc. Deacon Al Boeldt officiated. Military services were accorded by the Amvets Post #99. Relatives and friends called at the funeral home on Friday from 10:00 AM until the time of service at 11:00 AM. The Jens Family Funeral Home & Crematory, Manitowoc assisted the Lubeck family with funeral arrangements. Online condolences may be expressed at www.jensreinboldandpfeffer.com.

ARTHUR E. LYNCH – Died Thursday, December 9, 2010 at the Orange Regional Medical Center, Horton Campus in Middletown, New York at the age of 63. The cause of death is unknown. The son of the late Pearl Morse and Chester Lynch, he was born February 19, 1947 in Middletown. He was a graduate of Middletown High School in 1965. He also graduated from Orange County Community College in 1973 earning a degree in nursing. Arthur proudly volunteered to serve in the United States Army in 1966 as a medical specialist class E-5 in Vietnam. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – New Hampton Chapter #140**. He worked as an ambulance driver while earning his college degree. He then worked as an RN at Horton Memorial Hospital as well as Middletown Psychiatric Center. He was also a local

business man, the owner of two pubs, Rascal's and the Gaslight Tavern in Middletown. In 2001, he was honored by the Goshen Humane Society, Foster Care program for his work in helping to rehabilitate stray cats. In lieu of flowers, please take your loved ones out to dinner. He would have loved that. A memorial graveside service was held Saturday, December 18, 11:00 AM, at Ridgebury Cemetery, with military Honors. Arrangements were under the guidance of the Morse Funeral Home Inc., 33 Railroad Avenue, Middletown, NY.

JOHN S. MARJAMAA – Died Thursday evening, October 11, 2012 in a local hospital in Butte, Montana at the age of 59. The cause of death is unknown. He was born November 19, 1952. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Bozeman Chapter #788**. Cremation has taken place and a family celebration of his life took place at a later date. Memorials in memory of John may be made to the John Marjamaa Memorial Fund at Mountain West Federal Credit Union, 400 W. Park, Butte, MT 59701. Wayrynen-Richards Funeral Home in Butte, Montana was in charge of the arrangements.

ALBERT JEROME MARTIN, SR. (USA, MSG-Ret.) - Died Monday, June 3, 2013, in Lawton, Oklahoma at the age of 71. The cause of death was cardiac arrhythmia, diabetes mellitus and hypertension sequelae. He was born July 29, 1941 in Daytona Beach, Florida to the late Elbert and Isabel (née Mitchell) Martin. His education was received through the public schools of Daytona Beach. A veteran of the Vietnam War, he served proudly in the United States Army from 1962 until his retirement in May 1985. He attained the rank of Master Sergeant after 23 years of service. His assignments include tours of duty at Fort Polk in Leesville, LA; Fort Lewis, Wash.; Fort Bragg, N.C.; Presidio in San Francisco, Calif.; Germany; Fort Sill; South Vietnam; Panama; and Hawaii. His military accolades and awards include: the Purple Heart; National Defense Service Medal; Bronze Star Medal; Army Commendation Medal w/3-Device; Combat Infantry Badge; 6-Overseas Service Bars; Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal; Air Medal; Vietnam Service Medal; Drill Sergeant Badge; Parachutist Badge; Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry with palm; Army Service Medal; Overseas Ribbon-3rd Award; Army Achievement Medal; Meritorious Service Medal-2nd Award and the Good Conduct Medal-7th Award. He married Mattie Siller June 11, 1966, in Oakland, Calif. Since 1985, he was a member of Galilee Missionary Baptist Church, where was an usher, sang in the Brotherhood Choir and served with the bus ministry. He donated his time and his service as a volunteer to the Disabled American Veteran's (DAV) and served in many capacities to include senior vice-commander and commander and sergeant-at-arms. He was a member of the DAV's Red Eye Norm of the National RATS and a bus driver for DAV and YMCA. He was also a member of the VFW Post 1193. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Lawton Chapter #751**. His hobbies include fishing, photography, computers and music. Albert and his dog, "Tekee-Too" had been together for ages - tied to the hip. They were best friends. Whenever the car rolled so did "Tekee-Too." Survivors include his wife, Mattie Martin, Lawton; a son, Albert J. Martin II, Lawton; two brothers: Ernest Fleming and Lilla and Raymond Martin and Brenda, both of Dayton Beach, Fla.; a host of nephews, nieces, cousins and other relatives including his in-laws: Eugene and Irma Foster, Los Angeles, Calif.; Mary and Charles Keeton, Titusville, Fla.; Ernestine Tatum, Freemont, Calif.; Robert and Gladys Siller, San LeAndre, Calif.; Herrell Siller, Berkley, Calif.; and Javert Siller, Vacaville, Calif.; and

many friends and his beloved dog, "Tekee-Too." The Funeral Service was at 11:00 AM on Tuesday at Galilee Missionary Baptist Church with the Reverend Michael Logan, pastor, officiating. Friends called from 1:00 to 6:00 PM Monday at the funeral home. The wake service was from 6:00 to 8:00 PM Monday at the funeral home chapels. Burial with military honors was in the Fort Sill National Cemetery, Elgin, under the direction of Howard-Harris Funeral Services.



JOHN LEE MATTHEWS - Died in Riverside, California on Tuesday, July 23, 2013, at age 76 after complications from diabetes. He was born in San Francisco, California on April 25, 1937 to the late John Stanley Matthews and Maxine Lillian Matthews. John graduated from Burlingame High School in 1955, where he was a star football player. He went on to attend the University of Colorado at Boulder on a football scholarship, then transferred to and received his Bachelor of Arts Degree from San Francisco State University. He served in the United States Marine Corps. "Big John" was a decorated military veteran who left his mark on many seminal moments in United States history. John began his career in uniform as a Patrolman in the Berkley Police Department. He then served as a Captain in the Vietnam War, stationed there from 1967 to 1969. John was also a 1st Lieutenant in Cuba during the Missile Crisis, and was later stationed at Guantanamo. Following his military deployment, he joined the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department, where he served for 26 years as a Deputy. He was a Law Enforcement advisor to Peter Ueberroth, President of the Los Angeles Olympics from 1980 thru 1984. They had been elementary and high school classmates in Burlingame, California. John retired from LASD in 1996. Big John was known for his leadership, strength and competitive fire wherever he traveled - on the football or baseball fields, the boxing ring and the battlefields in Vietnam. He was a formidable opponent in the Police Olympics and was an arm wrestling All Star with no rival. John could entertain friends and family for hours with stories of his challenges and triumphs. He was known for his warmth, kindness and penchant for good conversation, making sure to stop anyone passing by to chat. John is one of those few people who could light up a room just by showing up - tall, big smile, and reach out to everyone - no exceptions - everyone. Among Big John's favorite quips was one that characterized his time in Vietnam: "the ladies were beautiful and the people who weren't trying to kill me were nice." His disarming sense of humor and flirty demeanor won't soon fade in our memories. Far beyond his wartime tales however, Big John will be forever remembered for his deep love of family. His conversations always centered on his four children, about whom he would brag to anyone who would listen. He was their biggest cheerleader on the soccer, tennis, baseball and football fields, and his was always the loudest voice on the sidelines at track and cross country meets or the pool. John was dearly loved and will be missed tremendously by his family and dear friends. John was preceded in death by his wife and true love of 37 years Marsha Anne Matthews, and by his parents in 1990 and 1994. John is survived by sons Britt of Carlsbad and Blake (Shelly) of Pasadena; daughters Amanda Losch (Frank) of Apple Valley and Jessica (Adam) of Los Angeles; grandchildren Annalee, Annika and Mattheus Losch; brother Jeff Matthews (Lori); sisters Jody McMillan (Jim) and Judy Matthews; and nieces Jenny, Candice and Adam Matthews, Sarah and Matthew McMillan, Demetri and Nikkon Arapoff and Glen Boodry. In his later years he was happy, loved and comforted by Yvonne

Mitchell. Services were held at 11:00 AM on Friday, August 2, 2013, at All Saints' Episcopal Church in Riverside. Graveside services were at Riverside Veterans National Cemetery, prior to a celebration of his life at the VFW in Riverside on Arlington. The family requests that in lieu of flowers please donate or participate in November to support men's health, prostate and testicular cancer.

JOSEPH T. MAY, JR. - Died Thursday, April 11, 2013 in Lake Worth, Florida at the age of 65. He was also a resident of Lake Hopatcong, New Jersey. The cause of death was cancer. He was born on April 18, 1947, in Dover, New Jersey to Iris B. May of Sparta, New Jersey and the late Joseph T. May, Sr. He graduated in 1965 from Randolph High School in New Jersey, where he was a champion athlete. He was a distinguished Vietnam veteran and a member of the American Legion. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – West Palm Beach Chapter #25**. Joe was a sports enthusiast and his favorite teams included the Yankees, Giants, Dolphins and Notre Dame. Joe leaves a lifetime of devoted friends from around the world. He was cherished by all who loved his larger than life personality. Joe's love for life, his family and friends was legendary and never to be forgotten. He is survived by his mother, Iris B. May; his sisters, Jeanette and Lynn; his brothers, Michael, Randall, Gary and Christopher and their spouses, and many loved nieces and nephews. A memorial service was held on Friday, April 19th at the Del Lago Chapel, 131 South Lakeside Drive in Lake Worth, Florida from 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM with the service starting at 6:00 PM. A memorial service in New Jersey was being planned. In lieu of flowers, some of Joe's charities included St. Jude's Hospital, Wounded Warrior Project and Hospice of Palm Beach County Florida. Burial was private. All County's Del Lago Chapel was in charge of the arrangements.

REVEREND MARION WILBERT “Mac” McCOY - Died Saturday, March 16, 2013 in Charleston, South Carolina at the age of 77. The cause of death was lung cancer. He was born June 18, 1935 in Noble County, Indiana to the late Wilbert and Clara (née Buehrer) McCoy. He was an ordained Minister of the Word and Sacrament with The Presbyterian Church (USA), and served as the Associate Pastor of First Presbyterian Church, Warren, Pennsylvania, and was staff chaplain and CPE assistant supervisor with the Medical College of Virginia. Rev. McCoy served in the United States Navy for 20 years, with duty in Danang, Vietnam, Iwakuni, Japan, Midway Island, Long Beach, CA, Whidbey Island, WA, Newport, RI, Jacksonville, FL, Coronado, CA, Oakland, CA, and Charleston, SC. He also served as the Director of Pastoral Care at Southside Hospital in Bayshore, NY and as Pastor of the Valley Stream Presbyterian Church in NY. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Farmingville (New York) Chapter #11**. He is survived by his wife, Sara McCoy of Charleston, SC; his daughters, Elizabeth McCoy of Framingham, MA and Rebecca McCoy and her husband, Mark Merriner of Mathews, VA; his son, Edward McCoy of Charleston, SC; his sisters, Anna Watson of Avilla, IN and Dorothy Schultz of Fort Wayne, IN. He was preceded in death by his twin brother, Maurice McCoy of West Lafayette, IN. A memorial service was held at the Westminster Presbyterian Church. Arrangements were made by J. Henry Stuhr Inc., West Ashley Chapel, 3360 Glenn McConnell Parkway. Memorials may be made in Rev. McCoy's name to "Hands of Christ," c/o Westminster Presbyterian Church, 1157 Sam Rittenberg Boulevard, Charleston, SC 29407. A memorial message may be sent to the family by visiting our website at www.jhenrystuhr.com.



MARTIN FRANCIS McMAHON - Died Monday, June 17, 2013 at his home in East Moline, Illinois at the age of 74. The cause of death is unknown. He was born March 10, 1939 in Davenport, Iowa to the late Martin and Viola (née Jaegar) McMahon. He served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War. He married Judith Hansen in 1966. They had four children. He later married Cathleen Helenthal. He retired from the Rock Island Arsenal in 1990, where he had been a Program Manager. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Rock Island Chapter #299**. Survivors include his wife Cathleen McMahon, East Moline; daughter, Erin; sons, Sean and Michael, all of Davenport; grandchildren, Reid, Abby, Meredith, Ian, Claire, Michael, and Caden. He is preceded in death by his parents, daughter, Michelle, sister, Jean, brothers, James and John. Online condolences may be left for the family at www.vanhoe. Graveside services were at 9:00 AM Thursday at Rock Island National Cemetery. Visitation was from 3:00-6:00 PM Wednesday at the Van Hoe Funeral Home. The family requests you remember Martin by donating to your favorite charity through the John Deere Classic Birdies for Charity.



VERNEIL D. MESECHER, SR. - Died Wednesday, May 22, 2013 at his residence in China, Texas at the age of 77. The cause of death was cardio-pulmonary arrest, congestive heart failure and coronary artery disease. He was born on October 31, 1935 in Webster City, Iowa, to the late Helen G. (née Smith) Mesecher and Martin Palmer Mesecher, and had been a resident of the area since 1974. VerNeil was a proud veteran of the United States Army and made a career of it for twenty-three years. He retired as a Major (O-4), and then settled in China as a cattle and hay rancher. VerNeil was a proud member of the Purple Heart Chapter 1991, the Veterans of Foreign Wars Spindletop Post 1806, the American Legion Post 33, Disabled Veterans Chapter 27, a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Beaumont Chapter #292**, and the Military Officers Association, all in Beaumont. He was also a member of the Southeast Texas Veterans Service Group which provides military honors to all deceased veterans. He is survived by his partner of twenty-one years, Nancy Rowland of China; son, VerNeil D. Mesecher, Jr. and his wife, Reneé, of Dallas; daughter, Denise Kern and her husband, Ken, of Modesto, California; two grandsons; one granddaughter; brother, Boyd Mesecher and his wife, Claire; and several nieces and nephews. A gathering of Mr. Mesecher's family and friends was from 6:00 PM until 8:00 PM, Friday, May 24, 2013, at Broussard's, 1605 North Major Drive, Beaumont. His graveside service with full military honors was at 1:00 PM, Wednesday, May 29, 2013, at Houston National Cemetery, 10410 Veterans Memorial Drive, Houston. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Southeast Texas Veterans Service Group, Post Office Box 12352, Beaumont, Texas 77726.

RITA D. METZLER – Died in San Marcos, Texas on Sunday, August 4, 2013 at the age of 77. The cause of death was chronic obstructive pulmonary disease and congestive heart failure. She was born in Los Angeles, California on January 5, 1936. She is survived by her husband and daughter. She was a *Life Member* of **Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America – San Marcos Chapter #923**. Pennington Funeral Home in San Marcos, Texas was in charge of arrangements.

JAMES MILLER – Died Friday, June 14, 2013 in Magnolia, Arkansas. The cause of death is unknown. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Magnolia Chapter #808**. He is survived by Randy Jefferson.



EDWIN LEE MINEAR, SR. - Died Wednesday, July 17, 2013, at his home in Milan, Illinois at the age of 67. The cause of death is cancer. He was born in Unionville, Missouri, on July 12, 1946 to the late Royal and Betty (née Mullenix) Minear in Unionville, Missouri. He served with the United States Marines during the Vietnam War. He was proud to be a veteran, and survived Agent Orange-related throat cancer through the 1990's. Ed was owner/operator of the Katie Did Tavern for many years. He was a member of American Legion Post 569 of Milan, VFW Post 1303, **Vietnam Veterans of America – Rock Island Chapter #299**, Marine Corps League, Moose Lodge, Eagles, and Southside Boat Club. He was a diehard Bears fan, and loved his Harley's. He enjoyed camping, fishing, and cookouts, but most of all, he loved spending time with his family and friends. He was a proud father and grandfather. Ed had a full life, and will be sorely missed by many. Survivors include, children: Sabreena (Todd) Dusenberry, Brandy (Dean) Harper, Dawn Bryner, Royal (Missy) Minear, Matt (Julia) Ballard, Marcus (Amanda) Ballard, Eddie L Minear Jr., Mick Minear, Elizabeth A. (Brad Baker) Minear; grandchildren: Blake & Megan Dusenberry, Alonzo Wise, Dean & Hana Harper, Kellsie Bryner, Keenan Shorter, Kayle & Ashlee Minear, Matt Jr. & Miah Ballard, Destiny & Addisun Ballard, Jaiden Minear, Elijah Minear, and Cameron Baker; great-grandchild Damauri McCaw; sister Beatrice "Sis" Minear; brothers Ken, Chuck, & Jerry Minear; and numerous aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces & nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, his sister Elizabeth June Minear, granddaughter Kyleigh Harper, and special girlfriend Stacy Westin. Visitation was on Monday, July 22nd, from 3:00 PM until 7:00 PM, at Wendt Funeral Home in Moline, IL. Services were on Tuesday, July 23rd, at 10:00 AM, at the funeral home. Burial was at National Cemetery on Arsenal Island, Rock Island, with military rites accorded by Milan American Legion Post 569. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the family.

JOHN ERWIN MORGAN, SR. - Died Thursday, May 23, 2013 at Spalding Regional Medical Center at the age of 85. He was a resident of Jackson, Georgia. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on October 8, 1927 in Dalton, Georgia to the late Earl Morgan and the late Lucy (née Smith) Morgan. He was a veteran of Korea and Vietnam serving in the United States Army for over 20 years. He is preceded in death by his wife, Marlene Clark Morgan, and 2 brothers, Harold and Ray Morgan. John is survived by his daughters, Gail Morgan, of Jackson, and Gloria Morgan, of Douglasville; sons, John E. Morgan, Jr. and Dennis Morgan, both of Jackson; 1 grandson; brother and sister-in-law, Paul and Martha Morgan, of TN; and several nieces and nephews. Funeral services for John Morgan, Sr. were held at 11:00 AM Saturday, May 25, 2013 at Sherrell Memorial Chapel with Mr. Rudy Mangham officiating. Interment was at Macedonia Baptist Church Cemetery. The family received friends at the funeral home from 6:00 - 8:00PM Friday evening. Those who wish may sign the online guest registry at www.sherrell-westburyfh.com. Sherrell-Westbury Funeral Home, 212 East College Street, Jackson, is serving the Morgan family.

ROBERT P. PECK – Died Tuesday, June 25, 2013 in Lindenhurst, New York at the age of 57. The cause of death was brain cancer. He was born on July 12, 1955 in Levittown, New York. He served in the United States Navy from September 11, 1972 to September 19, 1975 with a tour of duty in Vietnam in 1973. He was a *Life Member* and former member of the Board of Directors, a convention delegate and a 20-year member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Hicksville Chapter #82**. He is survived by his wife, Merrideth Peck.

EDDIE A. RAY – Died Saturday, February 16, 2013 in Fort Worth, Texas at the age of 67. The cause of death is unknown. He was born April 16, 1947. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Harker Heights Chapter #1000**.

WILLIAM HENRY REID – Died Saturday, May 4, 2013 in Silsbee, Texas at the age of 65. The cause of death was myocardial infarction. He was born April 25, 1948 in Kankakee, Illinois. He served in the United States Army from June 28, 1966 to June 27, 1969 with service in Vietnam. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Beaumont Chapter #292**. He is survived by his wife, Judy Reid, of the home; four daughters and two sons-in-law, Dawn Marie and Doug Harrell, of Midway, Texas, Amanda and Danny Culli, of Houston, Texas, Paula Pominville, of Lubbock, Texas and Cynthia Ward, of Pueblo, Colorado; three sons and daughters-in-law, William H. "Billy" and Lezith Reid, of Cypress, Texas, John Henry and Aya Reid, of Japan and David and Cindy Doyle, of Mt. Hope, Kansas; his sister and brother-in-law, Alma and Paul Shrigley, of Phoenix, Arizona; 16 grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

LARRY RUSSELL RIDDLE – Died Friday, March 25, 2011 in Chattanooga, Tennessee at the age of 62. The cause of death was Agent Orange-related kidney and heart failure. He was born in Dalton, Georgia on May 5, 1948. He served in the United States Navy during the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Chattanooga Chapter #203**.

MITCHELL D. "Mitch" RYAN – Died Saturday, June 22, 2013 in Hicksville, New York at the age of 68. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on November 28, 1944 in Reading, Pennsylvania. He served in the United States Army from October 15, 1965 to October 5, 1967 with a tour in Vietnam with the 25th Infantry Division from April 15, 1966 to April 8, 1967. He was a *Life Member* and 30-year member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Hicksville Chapter #82**.

DAVID J. SAUER - Died Thursday April 25, 2013 at his home in Campbellsport, Wisconsin at the age of 66. The cause of death was heart failure. He was born on June 29, 1946 in West Bend, Wisconsin to the late Clarence and Martha Sauer. He was baptized and confirmed at St. Killian Church and was a 1965 graduate of Kewaskum High School. Dave served his country in the United States Army from May 11, 1966 to May 11, 1968 serving 18 months in Europe as a Specialist 4 Mechanic. He also served 2 years in the Army Reserve as a weapons man. On September 25, 1971, he married Marie F. Cartus at Holy Angels in West Bend. Dave was a member of St. Matthew's Catholic Church, the Knights of Columbus Council #1130 of Campbellsport, the VFW Post #8339 of Campbellsport, American Legion Post #347 of Lomira, a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Newburg Chapter #448**, and the West Bend Moose Lodge #1398. Dave worked at various manufacturing jobs with his last place of

employment being Mills Fleet Farm in Fond du Lac where he was maintenance man for five years. Dave greeted most everyone he saw with a "hi or hello". Survivors include his son Robert of Campbellsport, his brother Dan (Sue) Sauer of Allenton, his sister Shirley (Lester) Simon of Campbellsport, his sister-in-law Kathy (Ron) Schlefke of Wisconsin Rapids, nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends. Dave was preceded in death by his wife Marie on June 13, 2007, his parents, sister-in-law and brother-in-law Josephine and Norman Belhing, his niece Jessica Simon Abnet and nephew Scott Schlefke. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated Sunday April 28th at 6:00 PM at St. Matthew's Catholic Church, Campbellsport. Reverend Fater Neil Zinthefer was the Main Celebrant and burial with Military Honors was on Monday at 10:30 AM in St. Killian Cemetery, St. Killian, Visitation was from 3:00 PM until time of Mass at the church. Twohig Funeral Home, Campbellsport, is serving the family with online guestbook and condolences at www.twohigfunerals.com.

HENRY JADWIN SHIELDS III - Died Sunday, July 21, 2013, at his home in West Grove, Pennsylvania surrounded by his family. He was 68 years of age. The cause of death is unknown. He was born October 3, 1944 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania to the late Henry J. Shields, Jr. and the late Patricia (née Cayo) Shields. He was the husband of Carolyn Sigmund Shields, with whom he shared 42 years of marriage. He graduated from Conestoga High School, Berwyn. Henry proudly served our country for 2 tours of duty in the United States Army during the Vietnam War. He was a member of the 11th Armored Cavalry and ASA. Henry was a long time member of the Kennett Square VFW Post 5467 where he served on the Board and as Chaplain for a number of years. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Phoenixville Chapter #436**. He was also active with the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary Church in West Grove as a Eucharistic Minister and as a member of the Knights of Columbus. Henry worked as a registered representative for Vanguard in Valley Forge, Pa. for 15 years. Henry enjoyed restoring his colonial house, reading, and vacations with his family in Nags Head, N.C. He is survived by his wife, Carolyn, and their three children, Caroline Blanchard Shields, Henry Jadwin Shields IV, and Robert Eugene Shields. His is also survived by his sister, Susan Shields Williams, and two step-sisters, Beverly Fox and Shirley Fox. Friends and relatives were invited to visit with Henry's family from 8:30 to 9:30 AM on Saturday August 3, at Assumption BVM Church, 300 State Road, West Grove, PA 19390. A memorial Mass followed at 10:00 AM. Interment was in All Souls Cemetery, Coatesville, Pennsylvania. In lieu of flowers, the family requested donations in his memory be made to the Vietnam Veterans of America, 8719 Colesville Road, Suite 100, Silver Spring, MD 20910; or at www.vva.org; or the veteran charity of your choice. Arrangements were by the Kuzo & Grieco Funeral Home of Kennett Square.

JOHN "Jack" SCHMIDIG - Died Wednesday, May 1, 2013 in Port Charlotte, Florida at the age of 65. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in 1948 in Saddle Brook, New Jersey. He is survived by his wife Donna, his daughter Jacqueline Barat-Limnios (Gus), his daughter Jeanne Glynn (Kirt), and his son Joseph. He is also survived by his ten grandchildren Stephan, Justin, Mark, Sean, Daniel, Kasey, Anna, Derek, Kathleen, and Cecelia, his mother, Emily and his sister Jill D'Onofrio of Lodi, NJ. Jack was born and raised in northern New Jersey. He enlisted in the United States Navy in 1966, and served for four years. He is a Vietnam Veteran. He was appointed to the Bergen County Police Department in 1972 and graduated from Class 17 of the

Bergen County Police Academy. Jack became a member of several of the Bergen County Police Department's specialty units, including Water Search and Recovery, Special Weapons and Tactics, Hostage Negotiations, Crime and Drug Interdiction, and the Medical Examiner's Investigation unit. Jack was promoted to Detective in 1977. In 1980 he was promoted to Sergeant and served as a patrol supervisor and lead investigator for the medical examiner's unit. In 1987 he was promoted to Lieutenant and served as the patrol commander. In 1992 he was promoted to Captain and shortly thereafter was promoted to Inspector and became Executive Officer of the Bergen County Police Department. On January 1, 1999, Jack was appointed by the Bergen County Executive to become the eighth Chief of the Bergen County Police Department. He retired in 2009 and moved permanently down to his favorite state: Florida. Chief Schmidig was a graduate of the FBI National Academy and also served as the Coordinator of the Bergen County Office of Emergency Management, and the Director of the Bergen County Office of Highway Safety. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Lodi (New Jersey) Chapter #800**. Viewing was held from 3:00-5:00 and 7:00-9:00 PM on Monday, May 6, 2013 at the Trinka-Faustini Funeral Home, 439 Maywood Ave, Maywood, NJ(201)487-3050. All are to gather at St. Philip the Apostle Church, 488 Saddle River Rd., Saddle Brook, NJ on Tuesday, May 7, 2013 at 10:30 AM for his funeral mass. Cremation will be private. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to the Chief John Schmidig Hero Foundation c/o Galantucci and Patuto Esq. 55 State Street. Hackensack, NJ 07601.

DAVID ALAN SMITH - Died Wednesday, April 10, 2013 in Stuart, Florida at the age of 58. David was a resident of Stuart, Florida. He was born on January 1, 1954. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was an *At-Large Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Florida**.

HOWARD SPIELMAN – Died Thursday, May 16, 2013 in New York City, New York at the age of 66. The cause of death is unknown. He was born June 9, 1946. He was the loving brother of Jeffrey Spielman (wife Anne). We love you Howard. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – New York City Chapter #126**. Services provided by the Riverside Memorial Chapel were private.



WILLIAM H. STOLTZ, JR. - 63, of Huntsville Died Friday, February 1, 2013 at a local hospital at the age of 63. He was a resident of Huntsville, Alabama. The cause of death was cardiac arrest. He was born June 25, 1949 in Huntsville. He was a United States Marine veteran of Vietnam. He was very active with the VFW Post #2702 where he served as Quartermaster. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Decatur Chapter #1067**. He retired after 36 years of service from Parker Hannifin. He loved to fish and spoil his grand kids with ice cream sandwiches. He would pick his grandson up from day care at 4:00 PM every day. He was preceded in death by his grandchild, Cherub Smith and sister, Linda Richey. He is survived by his wife of almost 35 years Patricia; three sons- Kevin, Jerry and Brian Stoltz; one daughter- Katie Stoltz; his beloved grandchildren- Legion Oden, Atom Stoltz and Enzi Stoltz; four brothers- Andy, Steve, Garry and Dennis Stoltz; one sister Susie Caufield. There will be a dinner provided by the VFW Post 2702 Tuesday at 4:00 PM at the Post. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to the Marines Toys for Tots or the VFW Post #2702.



ROBERT BYRON "Bob" TAYLOR - 77, of Idaho Falls Died Thursday, June 20, 2013 in Idaho Falls, Idaho at the age of 77. The cause of death was cancer. He was born April 10, 1936 to the late George Devine Taylor and Cecile Faye Taylor. Bob grew up in Glenns Ferry with his grandparents. Bob married Mary Ann Smith in which 5 beautiful children were born: Edward Taylor, Robin (Hanan) Tate, Richard (Kim) Taylor, RaNae Barrus, and Roxanne Shaw. Bob and Mary Ann later divorced. On December 28, 1970, Bob married the love of his life, LaDonna Davis, who also brought 2 beautiful children to the family: Sandy Gayle Foster and Nelson Allen Jr. whom he also grew to love as his own. Bob was blessed with 27 grandchildren, 28 great-grandchildren and a few great-great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents; a daughter, Sandy; and 2 grandchildren. Bob was very proud to be a United States Marine! He spent 16 years in the military with 3 tours of duty in Vietnam and after returning home received a Purple Heart. He was always active in military affairs and provided service to those who needed him. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Idaho Falls Chapter #972**. He will be missed dearly by all who knew him. There were military services at the Idaho State Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Freeman Park at 8:00 PM Tuesday, July 9, 2013. Arrangements were under the direction of Coltrin Mortuary, 2100 First Street, Idaho Falls. Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.coltrinmortuary.com.

JOHN G. TEW – Died Monday, March 25, 2013 at his residence in Martinez, Georgia at the age of 65. The cause of death was cancer. He was born in Gainesville, Florida and has lived in Martinez for the last 18 years. He was the husband of Heather C. Tew. He proudly served in the United States Army and was highly decorated. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Tulsa (Oklahoma) Chapter #216**. Additional survivors include, four sons, Ian Tew, Dakota Tew, Martinez, Ga. Ben Cooley, Augusta, Ga. Paul Foster, VA; his mother, Mrs. Helen A. Tew, Candler, NC; two sisters, Martha Calloway, Candler, NC., Barbara Young, Gainesville, Fl. Memorial services were conducted Saturday at 2:00 PM at McNeill Funeral Home with Military Honors. Please visit www.mcneillfuneralhome.com and sign the family's personal guestbook. McNeill Funeral Home & Cremation Service 109 Shaw Street Martinez, Georgia.

RAYMOND GREGORY UPCHURCH – Died Sunday, June 23, 2013 in Port Charlotte, Florida at the age of 63. The cause of death was ALS (Lou Gehrig's Disease). He was born January 20, 1950. He served in the United States Marine Corps during the Vietnam War. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Murdock Chapter #1037**.



GARY MITCHELL "Mike" VANETTA - Died Sunday, June 16, 2013, at his home in Cumberland, Maryland at the age of 64. The cause of death is unknown. He was born October 22, 1948 in Cumberland to the late Delbert Lee Vanetta, Sr. and Virginia A. (née Stansberry) Skelley. He was also preceded in death by a sister, Sandra K. Ballou. A United States Marine Corps veteran of the Vietnam Era, Mike was formerly employed at B&O Railroad and drove for Morgan Sedan Service. He was a member of the Henry Hart Post 1411 V.F.W.; the Fort Cumberland Post 13 American Legion; and a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Cumberland Chapter #172**. Mike is survived by his daughter, Tammy Blank and husband, Butch, Ridgeley, W.Va.; and his long-time companion, Bonnie Dohrman, Cumberland. He also leaves behind his brother, Delbert Lee "Butch" Vanetta

Jr. and wife, Patty, Virginia Beach, Va.; his sister, Deborah Folk and husband, Paul, Ridgeley; his grandchildren, Ryan Evans and wife, Ashley; Amanda Blank, all of Cumberland, Tristan Evans, Huntington, W.Va., Zachary Blank, Cumberland, Kearston Evans, serving in the United States Navy, stationed in Mississippi; his great grandson, Bryson Shawn Evans; as well as numerous nieces and nephews; and his special pets, "Bud" the dog and "Doc" the cat. A committal service was conducted at the Maryland State Veterans Cemetery at Rocky Gap on Wednesday, June 19, 2013 at 2:00 PM. The Adams Family Funeral Home, P.A., 404 Decatur Street, Cumberland, (www.AdamsFamilyFuneralHome.com) was in charge of the arrangements.



TERRY LEE WAGNER (USA-COL-Ret.) - Died Thursday morning, May 23, 2012 at Garvey Manor at the age of 70 from Parkinson's Disease. He was a resident of Hollidaysburg, Pennsylvania. He was born in Altoona, Pennsylvania on October 15, 1942 to the late Merle and Elsie (née Fleck) Wagner. He married Susan K. Davis November 26, 1964 at Zion Lutheran Church, Hollidaysburg. He is survived by his wife, Susan; daughter, Amy C. Wagner-Elliot (Thomas) of Carlisle; son, Samuel E. Wagner (Tamara) of Silver Spring, MD; three grandsons: Liam J. Wagner, Evan L. Wagner and Frederick "Fritz" W. Elliot. His brother Merle Jr. predeceased him. Terry was a 1960 graduate of Altoona High School, a 1964 graduate of IUP and a 1972 graduate of the University of Missouri with a degree in Petroleum Engineering. He was a United States Army Veteran, retiring after 30 years of service, serving a tour in Vietnam 1967-68, 4 tours in Germany, and one tour in Korea. He commanded the Supply and Services Company, 9th S&T Battalion, 9th Inf. Division in Vietnam. He commanded the 260th Quartermaster Battalion, Hunter Army Airfield in Savannah, GA, 1985-86, and was Commander of the Greater Stuttgart Military Community in Stuttgart, Germany 1988-90. He completed the Field Artillery Officer Basic Course, Basic Airborne Course, Petroleum Officer Course, Quartermaster Officer Advanced Course, was a graduate of the Command and General Staff College, Ft. Leavenworth Kansas and was a graduate of and instructor at the US Army War College, Carlisle, PA. He was the recipient of the Legion of Merit, two Bronze Stars, two Defense Meritorious Service Medals, three Army Commendation Medals, the Army Achievement Medal, National Defense Service Medal with one Bronze Star, Republic of Viet Nam Cross of Gallantry Unit Citation with Palm, as well as several other awards and commendations. Upon retirement from the US Army, he served as Chief Clerk of Blair County from 1994 to 2008 after which he was appointed Blair County Commissioner for one year. In 2006 he received the Pennsylvania Chief Clerk of the Year Award. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Hollidaysburg Chapter #967**. He was a member of Zion Lutheran Church, Hollidaysburg and was a member of the St. James Lodge #230, as well as the Abou Ben Adhem Shrine of Springfield, Missouri. Terry enjoyed travelling, military history, his grandsons, his fluffy cats, and a great German Pilsner. Friends were received from 2:00-4:00 & 6:00-8:00 PM on Wednesday, May 29, 2013 at Zion Lutheran Church, Hollidaysburg. Funeral Services were held at 10:00 AM on Thursday, May 30, 2013 at Zion Lutheran Church, Hollidaysburg by Pastor Greg Harbaugh. Interment was at Presbyterian Cemetery in Hollidaysburg with Military Honors. The family requested that donations be made to the American Parkinson's Disease Association, 135 Parkinson Avenue, Staten Island, NY 10305 or an American Veteran's Charity of your choice, in memory of Terry. Arrangements were by Plank,

Stitt & Stevens Funeral Home, 421 Montgomery Street, Hollidaysburg, PA
www.stevensfamilyfuneralhomes.com.

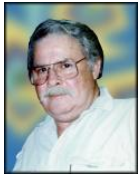
CHARLES EUGENE WAUTELET, SR. - Died Thursday, June 06, 2013 in Mercy Hospital, Springfield, Missouri at the age of 74. He was a resident of Reeds Spring, Missouri. The cause of death is unknown. He was born October 30, 1938 in Bicknell, Indiana to the late Eugene and Beatrice (née Fontaine) Wautelet. Charles retired from the United States Army in 1979 and had lived in the area for the past nine years coming from Saint Robert, Missouri. He was a member of the Knights of Columbus, Mason, VFW, American Legion, DAV and **Vietnam Veterans of America – Branson Chapter #913**. In addition to his parents he was also predeceased by one son, Charles Eugene Wautelet, Jr. and sister, Eva Wautelet. Survivors include: his wife, Therese Wautelet of Reeds Spring, MO; one son Frank Malloney and wife, Tracie of Reeds Spring, MO; three daughters, Petra Barclay and husband, Christopher of Wilmington, NC, Ramona Wautelet and Sherri Thorne of Oklahoma City, OK; six grandchildren, Jared Barclay, Evan Barclay, Chelsea Barclay, Tabatha Cusati, Elizabeth Balk and Tasha Clifford; five great grandchildren, Aleigha Balk, Mackenzie Balk, Arieonna Cusati, Michael Balk and Baya Clifford and a host of other relatives and friends. A funeral service was held at 2:00 PM Monday, June 10, 2013 in Stumpff Funeral Home-South, Kimberling City, MO with Joe Wolven officiating. Burial was in Philibert Cemetery, Kimberling City, MO under the direction of Stumpff Funeral Home-South, Kimberling City, MO. A visitation was held from 7:00 to 8:00 PM Sunday, June 09, 2013 in Stumpff Funeral Home-South, Kimberling City, Missouri.



BARBARA "Bobbie" WEST – Died Tuesday, April 09, 2013 at Mercy Regional Medical Center in Ville Platte, Louisiana at the age of 80. She was a resident of Ville Platte. The cause of death is unknown. She was born August 13, 1932 to the late Lawrence and Agnes Braun. She was a *Life Member* of **Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America – Ville Platte Chapter #632**. Barbara was a bookworm and loved to read and write, and she enjoyed birds and butterflies. She was also the family historian and was quick witted, fun, loved to smile, and had a kind and gentle soul. A loving wife, sister, aunt and friend, Barbara will be greatly missed by the love of her life, her husband of 56 years, Robert West of Ville Platte; brother, James Braun of Oklahoma City, OK; sister, Doris "Dot" Oberle of Bozeman, MT; sister in-laws, Rose Braun of Oklahoma City, OK and Donna Ringwald of St. Louis, MO; and numerous nieces and nephews. In addition to her parents she was predeceased by her brother, Glennon Braun; sister, Janet Ringwald; brother in-laws, Leroy "Rip" Oberle and John Ringwald; and sister in-law, Pauline "Tudy" Braun. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at 3:00 PM on Wednesday, April 10, 2013 at Our Lady Queen of All Saints in Ville Platte. A Rite of Committal was in the Sacred Heart Cemetery with Father Mitchell Guidry as the Celebrant. At the request of the family, visitation was held at Ardoin's Funeral Home in Ville Platte on Wednesday, April 10, 2013 from 9:00 AM until the time of the service. The Ladies Altar Society recited a Rosary Wednesday at 10:00 AM. Ardoin's Funeral Home of Ville Platte was in charge of arrangements.

JOHANNA E. WILLETT – Died Saturday, March 30, 2013 in New Market, Alabama at the age of 58. The causes of death were from the chronic diseases of chronic obstructive pulmonary disease and congestive heart failure. She was born in Lompoc, California on January 29, 1955.

She served in the United States Navy from August 30, 1973 to May 25, 1977. She was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Decatur Chapter #1067**. No services were planned. Berryhill Funeral Home was in charge of the arrangements.



GERALD JAMES WILLIS - Died Monday, June 24, 2013 in Lawton, Oklahoma at the age of 77. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on May 29, 1936 in San Bernardino, California to the late Gerald, Sr. and Alpha Irene (née Smart) Willis. Mr. Willis was raised and attended school in Uvalde, TX. He enlisted in the United States Army in 1959 and served 20 years prior to being Honorably Discharged in 1979. While serving his country, SFC Willis was awarded 2 Bronze Star Medals, a Purple Heart, the National Defense Service Medal, Vietnam Service Medal with 9 service stars, Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal, Aircraft Crewman Badge, Air Medal, Army Commendation Medal w/2nd OLC, Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross w/Palm, and 6 Good Conduct Awards. He married Zulema Gonzales at Seguin, TX on January 23, 1973, and settled in Lawton, OK where he retired from the military. Mr. Willis worked for a number of years as a machinist at Berry Machine & Tool and eventually fully retired in 1999. His hobbies included collecting coins, working on cars, and spending time outdoors doing just about anything with his hands. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Lawton Chapter #751**. He was preceded in death by his parents; a son, James G. Willis; and 3 sisters, Leona Swafford, Lois Caraway and Mary Galloway. Survivors include a son, Tony Willis of Lawton; a daughter, Sylvia Delacruz of Dallas, TX; grandchildren, Isabella, Antony James, and Greg Willis of Lawton; 2 sisters, June Stevens of Boerne, TX and Jerri Woolf of Uvalde, TX; his former wife, Zulema Willis of Lawton, and many friends and extended family members. Services were scheduled for 10:00 AM on Friday, June 28, 2013 in the Whinery-Huddleston Chapel with Army Chaplain, Captain Tanya Bindernagel officiating. Interment was at Fort Sill Post Cemetery with Full Military Honors. A reception for family and friends was held on Thursday evening from 6:00-8:00 PM at the funeral home. Mr. Willis' online guestbook may be signed and condolences sent by visiting: www.whineryhuddleston.com.



CLAUDE RAY WILSON - Died Tuesday, June 11, 2013 at the VA Medical Center of Dallas, Texas at the age of 76. He was a resident of Bonham, Texas. He was born in Bonham on March 24, 1937. He served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Sherman Chapter #973**. Funeral services were at 1:00 PM Saturday, June 15, 2013 at the First Baptist Church in Bonham, Texas with the Reverend C.R. Jones officiating. Burial was at the Gates Hill Cemetery in Bonham, Texas. Public viewing was held from 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM at Craven's Funeral Home in Sherman, Texas on Friday June 14, 2013. The family received friends at their home in Bonham, Texas on Friday June 14, 2013.

ROBERT LEE WRIGHT - Died Tuesday, June 4, 2012 in Attalla, Alabama at the age of 67. The cause of death was heart failure. He was born November 26, 1944. He served in the United States Marine Corps and was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Altoona Chapter #637**. He is survived by his wife, Ruth Wright; children, Karen (Darrin) Screws and Becky Stovall; grandchildren, Taylor Wright and C.J. Stovall; sister, Eunetta (Ray) Whitt; a host of brothers-in law, sisters-in-law and friends. In lieu of flowers,

memorials may be made to the American Heart Association. Special thanks to the doctors and staff of Gadsden Regional Medical Center SICU. Funeral services were at 11:00 AM at the Village Chapel with the Reverend John F. Screws officiating. Burial was at the Oak Hill Cemetery. Village Chapel Funeral Home and Cremation Service were in charge of the arrangements.

WILLIAM H. YOUNG, SR. – Died recently in 2013 in Harrington, Delaware at the age of 72. The cause of death is unknown. He was born May 2, 1941. He is survived by his son, William H. Young, Jr. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Dover Chapter #850**.

**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!**