

VIETNAM VETERANS OF AMERICA

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STEPHEN CONRAD ABELE - Died Monday, June 30, 2014 in Lancaster, California at the age of 67. The cause of death is unknown. He was born January 14, 1947 in Fort Benning, Georgia. Growing up as a 'military brat', he lived by the adage, 'Home is where you hang your hat'. His home for the past 37 years was the Antelope Valley. Steve was a proud United States Marine Corps Vietnam Veteran, serving in the 1st Marine Air Wing, HMM-161. Following his military service he attended and graduated from San Diego State University becoming a Special Education Teacher with Muroc Joint Unified School District in 1977. He taught in all the Edwards AFB Schools during his tenure with the district, retiring after 33 years, in 2009. Steve was an *At-Large Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America - California**, USMC Combat Helicopter Association, and was an Endowment Member of the NRA. His interests included World War II Aviation History, Genealogy, target-shooting, traveling, and watching the University of Alabama play football. 'Roll Tide'! His wife of 32 years, Norma, son Nathan Abele and wife Carla, daughter Shannon Cowan and husband Rob, and his father John Abele survive Steve. Steve's most precious survivors are his three granddaughters, Chloe and Isabella Cowan, and Aria Abele. And lastly, his beloved English Mastiff, CH Thunder Sky's Kodiak Gold, 'Kodi'. A Celebration of Life was held for him at 2:00 PM on Thursday, July 10, 2014 at Halley Olsen Murphy Funerals and Cremations, Lancaster, California. In lieu of flowers donations may be sent in his memory to the Wounded Warrior Project www.woundedwarriorproject.org. Semper Fi!

BERNADITA AGUON – Died Thursday, April 2, 2015 in Barrigada, Guam at the age of 63. The cause of death is unknown. She was born February 28, 1952 in Guam. She was a *Life Member* of **Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America – Hagatna Chapter #668**.

RICHARD JAMES “Dick” AMSDEN - Died Sunday, May 3, 2015 at Prairie Lakes Hospital at the age of 69. He was a resident of Watertown, South Dakota. The cause of death is unknown. He was born July 31, 1945 in Milbank to the late Bernard and Florence (née Nelson) Amsden. He grew up in Milbank and on February 21, 1963 he enlisted in the United States Army where he completed his GED. He served in Vietnam and Korea and was honorably discharged on January 31, 1969. Dick had earned a Sharpshooter Medal, Good Conduct Medal, Vietnam Service Medal and Korea Defense Service Medal. Dick worked as a power lineman in Texas until illness caused him to retire when he then moved to Watertown. He was a member of the American Legion, VFW, Disabled American Veterans, Wounded Warrior Project, the 1st Cavalry Division and First Infantry Division Association. He was an *At-Large Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – South Dakota**. Dick is survived by his daughter, Richelle (Jason) Hyatt of Onaka; two grandchildren, Brady and Bailee; and one great-grandchild, Brynlee. Graveside services were at

the Milbank City Cemetery. He donated his body to Sanford School of Medicine. Arrangements were by Wight, Comes & Sogn Funeral Chapel in Watertown.

HERBERT P. BARNES (USA, SGM-Ret.) - Died Wednesday, May 27, 2015 in Reagan, Tennessee at the age of 75. The cause of death was cancer. He was born in Clinton, Tennessee on January 30, 1940 to the late Hildon and Irene (née Lancaster) Barnes-Reed. He retired from the United States Army after 30 years of service at the rank of Sergeant Major (E-9). He served both in Korea and Vietnam with fifteen years of civil service. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Jackson Chapter #995**. He was predeceased by his wife, Kathlene Barnes. He is survived by his son, Steven Barnes, of Ellabell, Georgia; his daughter, Kathy Lynn Barnes, of Scotts Hill, Tennessee; his sister, Mary Middleton, of Auburndale, Florida; two grandchildren, Steven Ray Barnes II and Justin Parnell Barnes, and; three great-grandchildren, Natalie, Caydence and Holton Ray Barnes. The funeral service was at 7:00 PM on Tuesday, June 2, 2015 in the chapel of Pafford Funeral Home in Scotts Hill. Arrangements were made by the Pafford Funeral Home in Scotts Hill.



DALE E. BEANER - Died Wednesday, January 14, 2015 at the Hospice & Community Care in Mount Joy, Pennsylvania at the age of 66. He was a resident of Manheim, Pennsylvania. He was born in Lancaster, Pennsylvania on August 30, 1948 to the late Clifford Beaner and Dorothy (née Snavely) Beaner. He was married to Frances L. (née McLaughlin) for over 5 years. He graduated from DeVry University in Chicago with a Technical diploma and was employed as a senior boiler inspector for Cincinnati Insurance Company for over 25 years. Dale proudly served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War where he received a Bronze Star Medal. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Lancaster Chapter #1008**. He was a motorcycle enthusiast who enjoyed riding his Harley-Davidson. Dale was an avid outdoorsman who enjoyed hunting, fishing and boating. In addition to his wife and mother, he is survived by a son, Jason Beaner husband of Sarah of Elizabethtown, stepson, Eric Leese husband of Elizabeth of Landisville, and three grandchildren, Cali, Andrew and Madeleine. Also surviving are two brothers, Larry Beaner of AZ, Wayne Beaner husband of Vickie of Lancaster and a sister, Eileen Jacquith wife of Phil of Lancaster. A Funeral Service was held at 10:00 AM on Monday, January 19, 2015 at the Charles F. Snyder, Jr. Funeral Home and Crematory, 3110 Lititz Pike, Lititz, PA 17543. A viewing was held from 6:00-8:00 PM on Sunday, January 18, 2015 at the Charles F. Snyder, Jr. Funeral Home and Crematory, 3110 Lititz Pike, Lititz and again one hour prior to the service at the funeral home on Monday. Interment was in the Indiantown Gap National Cemetery with full military honors. In lieu of flowers, contributions in Dale's memory may be made to the American Cancer Society, 314 Good Drive, Lancaster, PA 17603.



RICHARD PAUL BELCH - Died peacefully on Tuesday, March 12, 2013 at Saint Mary's Hospital in Waterbury, Connecticut at the age of 67. He was a resident of Windsor, Connecticut. He was the beloved husband of Sandra (née Kendall) Belch. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Hartford Chapter #120**. A graveside service was held on Monday, March 18, 2013 at 12:00 Noon at the Windsor Veteran's

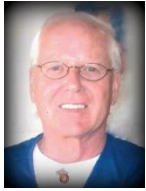
Memorial Cemetery with Military Honors. Carmon Windsor Funeral Home was in charge of the arrangements.

SCOTT ELMER BERROTH - Died Monday, May 11, 2015 at the Wamego Health Center at the age of 65. He was a resident of Alma, Kansas. The cause of death was sudden cardiac death and coronary artery disease. He was born November 4, 1949 in Wamego, Kansas to the late Osborne and Evelyn (née Moege) Berroth. He attended local schools and graduated from Alma High School in 1967. He served in the United States Army with a tour of duty in Vietnam. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Topeka Chapter #604**. He was a member of Saint John Lutheran Church. He married Mina Erikson on February 14, 1975. They were later divorced. He then married Teresa Delgado on July 2, 1999 in Eureka Springs, Arkansas. He is survived by his wife, Teresa of the home. Funeral services were held at 10:30 AM on Friday, May 15, 2015 at Saint John Lutheran Church. He was laid-in-state at the church on Thursday beginning at 4:00 PM where the family received friends from 6:00 PM until 8:00 PM.

BILLY F. BERTRAND, SR. – Died Saturday, December 13, 2014 in Oberlin, Louisiana at the age of 66. The cause of death is unknown. He was born February 23, 1948 in Oberlin to Joan Bertrand of Oberlin and the late Dallas Bertrand. He was a lifetime resident of Oberlin and a lifelong member of Saint Joan of Arc Catholic Church where he served as an altar boy. He was also a member of the Knights of Columbus. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Kinder Chapter #215**. He was a devoted son, father, and grandfather. He loved spending time with his family, loved hunting and collecting old things. He liked Cajun music, dancing and was proud of his Cajun heritage. Billy was honored to serve our country in the United States Army during the Vietnam War. He was proud to be an Oberlin Tiger. He will be greatly missed by all who knew him. Those left to cherish Billy's memory include his mother, Joan Bertrand, of Oberlin; two sons, Matthew Bertrand and wife, Jordan, of Odessa, TX, and Joseph Billy Bertrand, Jr. and wife, Emily, of Oceanside, CA.; one daughter, Pylla Turner and husband, Kevin, of Grant; six grandchildren, Christa Taylor and husband, Andrew, of Ragley, Lance Turner of Grant, Kiana Bertrand and Kyle Bertrand of Oceanside, CA, and Paisley Bertrand and Parker Bertrand of Odessa, TX. Billy is preceded in death by his father, Dallas Bertrand, and his son, Tyrel Bertrand. A Mass of Christian Burial was held at 10:00 AM on Monday, December 15, 2014 at Saint Joan of Arc Catholic Church. The Reverend Jacob S. Conner officiated. Burial was in the Oberlin Cemetery under the direction of Allen Parish Funeral Home-Oberlin Chapel. The family received visitors on Sunday, December 14, 2014 from 4:00-9:00 PM at the Allen Parish Funeral Home, 119 South 7th Street. The Holy Rosary was prayed at 6:00 PM. Visitation continued at the funeral home on Monday morning from 8:00 AM until the time of service. Words of comfort may be sent to the family at the funeral home's main location website: www.ardoinfuneralhome.com.

EARL F. BOURNE - Died Wednesday, November 12, 2014 in Caledonia, Illinois at the age of 70. The cause of death was cancer and diabetes mellitus type II. He was born in Oakland, California on October 7, 1944. He served in the United States Army with a tour of duty in Vietnam from 1968 to 1969. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Rockford Chapter**

#984. He was also the Chapter photographer. Arrangements were made by the Cremation Society of Illinois.



FREDRICK L. "Gunny" BRAMSWAY - Died Tuesday, June 30, 2015 at his residence in Beavercreek, Ohio at the age of 68. The cause of death is unknown. He was born November 4, 1946 in Lexington, Kentucky to the late Louis and Gladys Bramsway. He served our country in the United States Marine Corps in Vietnam as an Ontos Crewman. He retired from General Motors after 32 years of service. Fred was a door greeter at Sam's Club for 19 years and former volunteer with the Beavercreek Police C.O.P.P. Program. He was a member of the Bellbrook Amateur Radio Club and his call sign is KD8VWH. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Dayton Chapter #97**. Fred is survived by his daughter, Heather (Stephen) Bowman; sister, Sharon (Ronnie) Jordan; grandson, Ryan Bowman; granddaughter, Hailey Bowman and special friend, Joyce Przybylowicz. He is also survived by numerous family and friends. Visitation was held from 5:00 to 8:00 PM on Thursday, July 2, 2015 at the Victory Baptist Church, 1020 Beaver Valley Road, Beavercreek, OH 45434. Funeral service was held at 11:00 AM on Friday, July 3, 2015 at the church. Burial was at the Woodland Cemetery Dayton. The family would like to thank Hospice of Dayton for the outstanding care provided.

JAMES "Jim" BRESHEARS – Died in Visalia, California on Saturday, March 28, 2009 at the age of 66. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Long Beach, California on September 20, 1942 to the late Jessie and Violet Breshears. Jim lived in Texas until he was a teenager when the family moved back to the Long Beach area where he graduated from high school and attended college. He served in the United States Army during the Vietnam era. He moved to Visalia in the 1970's where he met and later married his wife, Bonnie Spraggins. He was a District Manager for Goodyear Tire & Rubber for many years as well as owner and operator of four Goodyear Tire & Service stores. He was a lifetime member of the AMVETS, Post #56, Tulare, a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Farmersville Chapter #441**, and the VFW. He also was a 31-year member of the Visalia Elks Lodge and long term member of the Moose Lodge. Survivors include his wife Bonnie Breshears, Visalia; sons, Michael & Mark Breshears, both of San Francisco, and J. R. (Sarah) Breshears of Visalia; stepsons, Kevin Spraggins, Minden, NV and Phillip Spraggins, Phoenix, AZ; brother, Don (Mary) Breshears, Visalia; grandchildren, Monica Spraggins, Minden, Nevada & Kasey Spraggins, McKinleyville, CA; niece, Susie Lamay, and nephew, Tommy Breshears. Funeral services were private. Family requests in lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Veteran's Association of their choice.

EUGENE BROWN – Died Sunday, August 2, 2015 in Bauang Sur, La Union, Philippines at the age of 75. The cause of death was bone cancer. He was born in Wilmington, North Carolina in 1939. He served in the United States Navy Sea Bees. He was a member of The American Legion Post #123, a Life Member of Disabled American Veterans Chapter #3 and an honorary member of the Beagles Organization. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Angeles City Chapter #883**.

MICHAEL EUGENE BROWN – Died Tuesday, April 29, 2014 in Chattanooga, Tennessee at the age of 59. The cause of death was lung cancer. He was born July 15, 1954. He served in the United States Marine Corps during the Vietnam War. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Chattanooga Chapter #203**.

ROBERT F. BROWN – Died Saturday, May 16, 2015 in Moss Beach, California at the age of 71. The cause of death is unknown. He was born November 4, 1943. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Redwood City Chapter #464**.

RONALD O. BROWN – Died Tuesday, December 25, 2012 in Lawton, Oklahoma at the age of 71. The cause of death is unknown. He was born February 13, 1941. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Lawton Chapter #751**.



JOHN MICHAEL BURKS – Died early Friday morning, September 26, 2014 at the age of 65 after a long and courageous battle with lung cancer. He was born May 16, 1949 in Weaverville, California to the late John Leslie Burks and Geneva Mae (née Knoles) Burks. He grew up in the Grants Pass area. He served honorably in the United States Army for 3 years including a tour of duty in Vietnam. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Salem Chapter #271**. He retired from the Bureau of Land Management in 2009 after 30 years of service, the last 5 years as Supervisor. John was an avid golfer for many years. He also loved to go hunting and fishing including stream and deep sea fishing. John was a long time Bronco's fan. John was a man of few words but he had a genuine, loving heart. Little children and animals always gravitated towards John. He loved to go on long walks until cancer made that impossible. John is survived by his wife Dallas, daughter Michelle Largay (Angel), stepsons Jeff and Robert Rieger, grandsons Travis and Todd Burks, daughter-in-law Nancy Burks, step-grandsons Joshua and Matthew Rieger, sisters Sue Scott, Cheryl Elsbury, Joyce Burks, brothers Jesse and Tim Burks and several nieces and nephews. He is preceded in death by his son John Michael Burks, Jr. and his mother and father. A Graveside Service with Military Honors was held Friday, October 3rd at 1:30 PM at Belcrest Memorial Park followed by a Celebration of Life at Holy Cross Lutheran Church. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Vietnam Veterans of America. John is in the care of Howell Edwards Doerksen Funeral Directors.

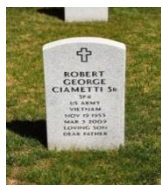
TERRY ALLEN BUSH, SR. – Died Saturday, March 29, 2014 in Basehor, Kansas at the age of 65. The cause of death was Agent Orange-related Diabetes Mellitus Type II and Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disease. He was born October 5, 1948, in Kansas City, Kansas to the late Jim and Stella Whitworth and Bud (W.L.) Bush. He was a son, brother, husband, father, grandfather, uncle, friend and a 27-year retired United States Army Vietnam Veteran. He graduated from Turner High School in 1966. In addition, he graduated from National University with a degree in Business Administration. His military career spanned two tours in Vietnam, Germany, and as a Drill Instructor at Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri. He further served the military at the Kansas National Guard Armory in Kansas City, Kansas, as a Tech Sergeant and then a scheduling executive. He served as a CMC (Citizen Military Committee) Board Advisor until his health prevented him from attending the necessary board meetings. When his schedule allowed, he

coached and umpired baseball games in Wyandotte County for a number of years. He professed his faith in Jesus as Lord and Savior at Cornerstone Baptist Church of Muncie, Kan. Jesus was important to Terry. At one time he considered the call to full time ministry. He was a life time member of VFW (Veterans of Foreign Wars), the American Legion Post # 327, and DAV (Disabled American Veterans). He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Lee's Summit, Missouri Chapter 243**. Left to mourn him are his sons, Terry (TJ) (Khristina) Bush of Edwardsville, Kan., and TJ's mother, Pat, sons, Joel and Eric Hambleton, daughter, Missy Kolander, wife and mother, Linda Bush of Basehor, Kan., brother, James (Pam) Bush of Blue Springs, Mo., sisters, Judy Whitworth of Edwards, Mo., Mary Ann (Gary) Bittle of Worland, Mo., Deb Loomis of Kansas City, Mo. He also leaves 15 grandchildren, 32 nieces and nephews, and friends, co-workers and military veterans and first responders whom he loved dearly and thanked them every time he had a chance. He was preceded in death by his parents, Jim and Stella Whitworth, Bud (W.L.) Bush, brothers, William Ike Whitworth, and Eddie M. Whitworth. The family wished to express their extreme thanks to Kansas City Hospice & Palliative Center. Their help and guidance has been invaluable to not only Terry, but to the entire family. Funeral services were held at 10:00 AM on Saturday, April 5th, at the Porter Funeral Home, 1835 Minnesota Avenue, Kansas City, KS 66102. Visitation was from 5:00 to 7:00 PM on Friday, April 4th, at the funeral home. Burial was in the Maple Hill Cemetery, Kansas City, Kansas. Instead of flowers, memorial contributions were requested to be sent to Wounded Warriors Project, a favorite charity of Terry's. Condolences may be expressed at www.porterfuneralhome.com. Arrangements were by the Porter Funeral Home & Crematory, 1835 Minnesota Avenue, Kansas City, Kansas.



JOSEPH RICHARD CHASSE, SR. (USMC, MSG-Ret.) - Died Monday, June 29, 2015 at the VA Medical Center in Providence, Rhode Island at the age of 71. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Pawtucket, Rhode Island on November 21, 1943 to the late William and Sophie (née Smith) Chasse. He resided in Warwick, Rhode Island for the past 30 years, previously residing in Pawtucket, Rhode Island. Mr. Chasse was a United States Marine serving three tours during the Vietnam War. He later served in the Rhode Island Army National Guard. Joe was employed as Postal Inspector for the US Postal Service. Joseph was a football coach, and a volunteer for the RI Young Marines and Marine Corps League. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – James Michael Ray (North Smithfield) Memorial Chapter #818**. He was the husband of Hilda (née Reis) Chasse and they had been married for the past 43 years. Besides his beloved wife, he leaves his children, Joseph R. Chasse, Jr., Jodyann (née Chasse) Klimkewicz, Craig Chasse, Jennifer Chasse and Sean Chasse; his brother, Stephen Chasse, his eight grandchildren and one great-grandson. He was the brother of the late William Chasse. A celebration of his life was held Monday at 10:00 AM from the J. J. Duffy Funeral Home, 757 Mendon Road, Route 122, Cumberland, Rhode Island. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at 11:00 AM in Saint Anthony Church, Lawn Avenue, Pawtucket. Burial with military honors was in the Rhode Island State Veterans Cemetery, Exeter, Rhode Island. Relatives and friends were kindly invited. Visiting hours were held on Sunday from 4:00 to 8:00 PM. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in his memory to Wounded Warrior Project (<http://www.woundedwarriorproject.org>) and to the Fisher House (<http://www.fisherhouse.org>).

RANDY J. CHILDRESS – Died Thursday, July 2, 2015 in Ocala, Florida at the age of 66. The cause of death was cancer to the liver, pancreas and right lung. He was born in Richlands, Virginia on July 3, 1948 to the late Andrew J. and Flora J. (née Cooper) Childress. In addition to his parents, he was also predeceased by his daughter, Kimberly M. (née Childress) Bakehorn. He is survived by his wife of 35 years, Anna M. R. (née Paquin) Childress; his brother, Andrews J. Childress, Jr.; his sister, Joy G. (née Childress) Spencer; his nephews, Curtis Childress, Ronald and Timothy Spencer, and; his grandchildren, Jordan, Kaylyn and Cydnee Bradley. He served in the United States Navy from December 1968 until June 1980. He served two tours of duty in Vietnam. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Ocala Chapter #1085**. He was formerly the Chapter President. He was also a member of the Marion County Veterans Council. He was laid to rest at the Florida National Cemetery in Bushnell, Florida. Arrangements were made by Roberts Bruce Chapel East in Ocala, Florida.



ROBERT GEORGE CIAMETTI, SR. – Died Tuesday, March 3, 2009 in Oak Lawn, Illinois at the age of 55. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on November 19, 1953. He served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War. He was an *At-Large Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Illinois**. He is interred in the Abraham Lincoln Cemetery.



DAVID L. CONBOY - Died Friday, April 10, 2015 at his residence in Saint Cloud, Florida surrounded by his loving family. He was 82 years of age. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on August 14, 1932 to the late Harry and Dimple (née Wilson) Conboy in New York City, New York. Dave was of the Baptist Faith and worked as an automobile painter. Dave served his country in the United States Army during the Korean War. He was a longtime devoted member of the Osceola County Veterans Council, a group of local Veterans that provide Military Honors to all local Veterans. He was a member **Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America – Kissimmee Chapter #755**. Dave is survived by his loving family; his wife of 56 years Anne Conboy; Two Sons, Donald J. (Chris) Yeisley of Kissimmee, FL, Richard D. Yeisley of Saint Cloud, FL; Five Daughters, Roxanne J. (Angelo) Benedetti of Queens Village, NY, Annamaria Conboy of Saint Cloud, FL, Patricia Conboy of Saint Cloud, FL, Bethann (Hubert) Mines of Saint Cloud, FL, Susann Conboy of Saint Cloud, FL; Sister, Delores (Ron) Deguard of GA; Brother, Danny Conboy of Long Island, NY; three Grandsons, Mario, Joseph, Michael; Four Granddaughters, Stephanie, Diane, Alycia, Lisa; Great-grandson, Harper Wade. A memorial service was conducted on Saturday April 18, 2015 beginning at 1:00 PM in the funeral home chapel, with his brother-in-law, Ronald Deguard officiating which was followed by Full Military Honors conducted by the Osceola County Veterans Council. The family received friends from 11:00 AM until service time also in the funeral home chapel. Arrangements were under the care of Osceola Memory Gardens, Cemetery, Funeral Home and Crematory, 2000 13th Street, Saint Cloud, FL 34769.

ALBERT H. CORBIN – Died Saturday, October 4, 2014 in Yigo, Guam at the age of 65. The cause of death is unknown. He was born September 28, 1949. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Hagatna Chapter #668**.



DOUGLAS M. COWLES - Died Friday, September 19, 2014 in the VA Medical Center of Huntington, West Virginia after a courageous battle with an extended illness. He was 67 years of age and a resident of Gallipolis, Ohio. He was born May 27, 1947 in Painesville, Ohio to the late Charles M. and Marilyn (née Greenwood) Cowles. He served in the United States Army and is a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a local attorney. Doug was a member of the American Bar Association and past chairman of the Gallia County Democratic Party. His greatest passion was his family. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Gallipolis Chapter #709**. He is survived by his wife Angela Cowles of Gallipolis; a son, Michael Cowles of Austin, TX; six daughters, Kristen Trout of Huntington, WV, Megan Cowles of Kong, Alaska, Amanda Trout of Gallipolis, Jessica Cowles of Gallipolis, Oliva (Eric) Freeman of Apple Grove, WV, Victoria Cowles of Gallipolis; a grandson, Charles Corbitt; two brothers, David (Pulesi) Cowles of San Francisco, CA, Charles Cowles of Petaluma, CA; one sister, Susan (Bob) Collier of Cleveland, Ohio. Calling Hours were from 5:00-7:00 PM on Monday, September 22, 2014 with a memorial service following at 7:00 PM at Willis Funeral Home with Chaplain Bob Hood officiating. At the time of the service there was a flag presentation by local military volunteers.



PEDRO BABAUTA CRUZ – Died Wednesday, October 8, 2014 in Merizo, Guam at the age of 78. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Guam on June 29, 1936. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Hagatna Chapter #668**. There was a nightly Rosary, followed by Mass of Intention offered and prayed Monday, Wednesday, and Friday at San Dimas Catholic Church in Malesso at 5:30 PM on Tuesday, no Mass, Rosary at 6:00 PM and 9th night on Thursday, October 16, 2014 – Mass at 6:00 AM and Rosary at 6:00 PM. Last Respects for Pedro were held on Saturday, October 18th from 9:00 AM to 11:15 AM at San Dimas Catholic Church in Malesso, Guam. The Mass for Christian Burial was celebrated at 12:00 Noon. Interment was at the Malesso Cemetery where everyone bid him farewell and a peaceful rest.

RAYMOND EUGENE “Ray” CUVILJE - Died Saturday, May 30, 2015 at his residence in Harrells, North Carolina at the age of 60. The cause of death was acute myocardial infarction and diabetes mellitus type II. He was born November 4, 1954 in Fairfield, Connecticut. He was a veteran in the United States Marine Corps from 1974-1980. He retired from the North Carolina Department of Corrections and also worked with the Sampson County Animal Control Unit. He was a member of Taylor's-Bridge Fire Department and a member of Fire Honor Guard. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Wilmington Chapter #885**. He is survived by his wife, Cassandra M. Cuvilje; one son Raymond E. Cuvilje, Jr.; his mother-in-law, Lottie M. Fowler; his sister-in-law, Darlene F. Maynor (Nicholas); special nieces, Kiswana Peterson, Quanocia Peterson; special nephew, JaQuanta Peterson; aunts, Barbara Cuvilje, Margaret Smalls; uncle, William Cuvilje, and; a host of cousins, other relatives and friends. The public was received from 1:00 PM-7:00 PM on Wednesday, June 03, 2015 at Carter Funeral Home in Garland. Funeral service was held at 1:00 PM on Thursday, June 04, 2015 at Ward's Chapel Missionary Baptist Church 2291 Delway Highway, Rose Hill, North Carolina by the Reverend James C. Canty, Jr. Burial was in the Allen Community Cemetery 2269 Herring Road, Rose Hill, North Carolina.

GEORGE F. DACORTE – Died recently in 2015 in Santa Ana, California at the age of 78. The cause of death is unknown. He was born April 26, 1937. He married Lannie Masi on December 26, 1974 in Orange County, California. He served in the United States Marine Corps during the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Yorba Linda Chapter #785**.



THOMAS CRAIG DAVIES - Died Thursday, April 17, 2008 in Madison, Wisconsin at the age of 60. He was a resident of Lake Mills, Wisconsin. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Milwaukee on May 29, 1947 to the late Ruth (née Zamzow) Davies. In addition to his mother, he was also predeceased by two brothers, Gary Davies and James Davies. He married Wendy Catalani on October 5, 1968. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Fort Atkinson Chapter #409**. Survivors include his wife, Wendy Catalani-Davies; daughter, Ginger Davies Shirley (Adam); granddaughter, Calista Shirley of Madison; and daughter, Allison Davies of Poynette. He is also survived by a close nephew, Marcus Davies (Kathryn) of Richfield; sister, Lorna Davies Fox (John) of Denver, Colo. and Kay Davies Lesh (Steven) of Tucson Ariz. Other survivors include nieces, nephews, family and friends. He is interred in Rock Lane Cemetery in Lake Mills, Wisconsin.

DANIEL JACKSON “Dan” DAVIS - Died Friday, March 22, 2013 in Dahlonega, Georgia at the age of 73. The cause of death is unknown. He was born August 19, 1939. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Dawsonville Chapter #970**. The funeral service was at 3:00 PM on Monday, March 25th at the funeral home chapel. Banister Funeral Home, Dahlonega was in charge of the arrangements.

CHARLES DENNIS “Denny” DEARDORFF – Died Thursday evening, July 9, 2015 at the Pocono Medical Center in East Stroudsburg, Pennsylvania at the age of 69. He was a resident of Smithfield Township, Pennsylvania. The cause of death was Agent Orange-related cancer, cardiac and respiratory arrest. He was born May 23, 1946 in York, Pennsylvania to Lorraine J. (née Smith) Deardorff and the late Charles H. Deardorff. He was the husband of Joanne E. (née Freed) Deardorff with whom he shared 46 years of marriage. He lived in Monroe County for most of his life and served in the United States Marine Corps from 1967 to 1971 and did a tour in Vietnam from 1970 to 1971. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Stroudsburg Chapter #678**. He attended East Stroudsburg State Teacher's College where he played football from 1964 to 1966 and was recently inducted into the ESU Hall of Fame. Denny owned and operated Rudy's Tavern in East Stroudsburg upon his mentor, Rudy Manheim's death in 1981. He could always be found at the end of the bar telling jokes and old stories and he was a big supporter of numerous community charities. In addition to his wife and mother, surviving are two daughters, Kelly Quaresimo and her husband, Joseph and Abigail D. Deardorff all of East Stroudsburg; a sister, Beth Mohler and her husband, Rick of Vermont; and nephew, C. Jason Mohler and his wife, Krystle of Philadelphia. Viewing hours were from 1:00 to 4:00 and 6:00 to 8:30 PM on Tuesday, July 14th, at the William H. Clark Funeral Home, 1003 Main Street, Stroudsburg. The funeral service was at 11:00 AM on Wednesday, July 15th, at the funeral home with the Reverend Robert Shank officiating. Burial was at the Laurelwood Cemetery in Stroudsburg. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that memorial remembrances be made at

Acme Hose Company No. 1 of East Stroudsburg, 380 Chestnut Grove, East Stroudsburg, PA 18301.



TIMOTHY PETER "Tim" DEVLIN – Died Saturday, July 4, 2015 in Livonia, Michigan at the age of 68. The cause of death is unknown. He was born March 15, 1947 in Detroit, Michigan. He was the beloved husband of Mary; dear father of Tim (Kathryn) Devlin, Theresa (Darcy) Linne and Bridget (Gary) Przybyla; loving grandfather of Reagan, Scarlett, Esme & Gavin, and; dear brother of Terry, Anne and the late Jack and Pat. He was a United States Army veteran from April 1966 to April 1968 with a tour in Vietnam from April 1967 to April 1968. He was an electrician and a volunteer at the Freedom Center, a military lounge at Detroit Metro Airport. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Plymouth Chapter #528**. Visiting hours were on Wednesday from 9:00 AM until the 9:30 AM Mass at Saint Aidan Church, 17500 Farmington (btw 6-7 Mile). A memorial celebration was on Thursday from 5:00-8:00 PM at Burton Manor 27777 Schoolcraft (West of Inkster). In lieu of flowers, donations to the Freedom Center appreciated (mifreedomcenter.org or 2581 World Gateway Place, Detroit, MI 48242).



ALBERT DOUGLAS DIEKMANN - Died Friday, June 12, 2015 in Leander, Texas at the age of 77. The cause of death was a heart attack. He was born in Covington, Kentucky on August 2, 1937 to the late Albert B. and Sarah Alene (née McNabb) Diekmann. After graduating from high school, Albert joined the United States Air Force. Upon completion of basic training, Albert married the love of his life on January 21, 1957, Shirley Ann Ptak. Albert served two tours in Vietnam and served his country honorably for 24 years before retiring in 1978. Albert and Shirley settled in San Angelo, Texas where they lived until 2008 when they moved to Leander. He worked for the City of San Angelo at the Water Treatment Plant and retired in 2000. Always having a serving heart, Albert was a long time member of the Shriners and the Masonic Lodge 1260 AF & AM of San Angelo. Living in Leander, he became very involved in his community again, working as a Pastoral Care Minister and a volunteer at Cedar Park Regional Medical Center and with the Leander Citizens Police Academy. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – San Angelo Chapter #457**. As members of Saint Margaret Mary Catholic Church, Albert served as a lay minister to the parish. His loving care and spiritual guidance will be truly missed. His parents, Albert and Sarah Diekmann and his grandson, James Anthony Diekmann Jr. preceded Albert in death. Albert is survived by his loving wife of over 58 years, Shirley Diekmann; his children Tamy Lynn Summers and her husband Kenton, Albert Douglas Diekmann, Jr. and his wife Natalie, and James Anthony Diekmann and his wife Sabine; his siblings Mary Ann Wilson and her husband Don, Sandy Steckfuss and her husband Kevin, and Robert Diekmann; his grandchildren Elizabeth, Christopher, Sabrina, Leane, Marie, David, James III and John; great grandchildren Leah and Anthony; his beloved dogs Maggie Mae, Little Man and Zoelina; and his cat, Sam; along with numerous other loving family members and friends. Albert's family gathered for visitation and a rosary which was recited on Tuesday, June 16th from 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM with a rosary at 7:00 PM at the Beck Funeral Home, 1700 East Whitestone Boulevard, Cedar Park, Texas. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on Wednesday, June 17th at Saint Margaret Mary Catholic Church, 1101 West New Hope Drive, Cedar Park, Texas. Interment was at the

Bagdad Cemetery. Honoring Albert, pallbearers were James Diekmann, Albert Douglas Diekmann, Jr., David Summers, James Diekmann III, John Diekmann, and Joe Galica. The United States Air Force Honor Guard performed military honors to honor Albert's long service to his country. Personal words of comfort and memories may be shared with the Diekmann family at our online guestbook at beckchapels.com.



MARK J. DOLIBER, SR. - Died Friday, March 27, 2015, at the VA Maine Health Care System in Augusta, Maine at the age of 62. He was a resident of Lebanon, Maine. The cause of death is cancer. He was born on July 3, 1952 at the Chelsea Naval Hospital in Massachusetts to the late Earl L. Doliber, Jr. and Mary Louise (née Boggis) Doliber. During his youth, Mark was an Army Brat who lived in Japan, Italy and Germany as well as several states in the USA. Mr. Doliber joined the United States Army at the age of 17 and served from February 2, 1970 to November 3, 1971. Mark was a Veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Sanford Chapter #1044**. In recent years, Mark enjoyed his motor cycle and riding with several of his fellow Veteran friends. He was also an avid stamp and coin collector. Mark was a devoted father; he adored his children and made sure they had what they needed. Throughout his life, Mark possessed a strong work ethic, integrity in his relationship with others and developed a strong spiritual life; respecting and practicing his faith through many cultures and customs. Mark is survived by his children, Mark J. Doliber, Jr. of Newmarket, NH; Samantha Downer of Danville, NH; Matthew E. Doliber of Wilsonville, OR; Serena Doliber of Lebanon, Maine and Amanda Perry of Rochester, NH; also by his grandchildren, two paternal aunts and several cousins; and by his former wife and friend, Diane Doliber. In addition, Mark is survived by a brother, Dana E. Doliber (Jean) of Sanford, Maine and his sisters, Sandra Campbell (David) of Sanford, Maine; Julie Doliber Ingram (Roy) of Newport, NC; and Shelley Moon (Michael) of Laceys Spring, AL and many nieces and nephews. Family and friends were invited to call on Friday, April 3, 2015 from 6:00 – 8:00 PM at the Autumn Green Funeral Home, 47 Oak Street, in Alfred, Maine. A Graveside Service with military honors was held later at the Southern Maine Veterans Cemetery in Springvale. To leave a message of condolence for the family, please visit www.autumngreenfuneralhome.com. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Hospice Program at Togus VA Hospital, at 1 VA CTR, Augusta, Maine 04330. The Autumn Green Funeral Home is respectfully handling arrangements.



GEORGE C. DREW - Died Wednesday, July 1, 2015 in Canandaigua, New York at the age of 64. The cause of death is unknown. He was born August 1, 1950 in Rochester, New York to the late Robert and Rosemary Drew. He was a veteran who was a Sergeant in the United States Marine Corps and joined via the delayed entry program in 1968 and served active duty until March 14, 1973. He was a graduate of Cornell University class of 1977. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Rochester Chapter #20**. He is survived by his children, Linda (Ruben) Rodriguez, Michelle Drew and David (Lajennifer) Drew; grandchildren, Christopher, Alonzo, Alfonzo, Michael, Isaiah, Giavanna and Anubis. Services were private. Interment took place at White Haven memorial Park. In lieu of

flowers, contributions in his memory may be made to Veteran's Outreach Center, 447 South Avenue, Rochester, NY 14620.

BILLY GENE DUNCAN (USA, CSM-Ret.) - Died Monday, June 1, 2015 in Athens, Alabama at the age of 81. The cause of death was cardiopulmonary respiratory arrest and coronary atherosclerotic cardiovascular disease. He was born March 21, 1934 to the late Jesse James and Grace (née Haney) Duncan in Limestone County, Alabama. He was a soldier's soldier. He enlisted in the United States Army in 1950, one day before he turned 17 and retired 27 years later as Command Sergeant Major, the highest non-commissioned rank in service. He was a member of the all-Volunteer "Sky Soldiers" of the famed 173rd Airborne Brigade and served three tours in Vietnam. Seventeen hundred and ninety names on the 173rd Airborne are chiseled in a black granite wall in Washington, D.C. They never surrendered, and they never left anyone behind. Fourteen men received the Congressional Medal of Honor - three recipients were from Duncan's Company. He was in the battle of Dak To, one of the bloodiest fights during the war. "We had so many dead, we couldn't find a pair of boots for each dead man" Duncan said. "So we put one boot to a man." Duncan, who made 2,300 jumps, holds Parachute Wings from U.S., England, France, Norway and Germany. He is the recipient of nine Bronze Stars for heroism and meritorious achievement in a combat zone. He was a founding member of the Alabama Veterans Museum and Archives and sat on the board of directors on two occasions. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Athens Chapter #511**. He is survived by his wife, Helen Duncan; sister, Betty Ann Smith, of Athens; daughters, Carma Barksdale and husband, Tim, of Springhill, Tennessee, Debra Porter and husband, Kenny, Jo Clem and husband, Dennis, Julie Moudy, Candace Perry and husband, Russ; and one son, Victor Duncan and his wife, Lorraine, all of Athens; 12 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. Services were held at the Spry Funeral Home on June 3, 2015 at 2:00 PM. Visitation was prior to the service from 11:00 AM to 1:45 PM with Brother Pat Lawrence of Berea Baptist Church officiating. Burial was in Roselawn Cemetery with full military honors.



BARRY J. DUSSAULT, SR. - Died Saturday, April 25, 2015 in Acton, Massachusetts at the age of 68. He was formerly of Billerica, Massachusetts. The cause of death was multiple sclerosis and pneumonia. He was born in Boston, Massachusetts on February 28, 1947 to the late Paul and Gwen (née Bulger) Dussault. He was the beloved husband of 46 years to Marsha B. (née Sawyer) of Acton; the loving father of Barry Dussault, Jr. and his wife, Allisa Starr of NC, Kristine Dussault of North Andover, and Andrea Newell and her husband, Sean of Dracut; cherished Papa of Daniel and Ryan Perry, Jared Dussault, and Alexa Newell; great-grandfather of Jackson Perry; dear brother of Paul Dussault, of ME, and the late Philip and David Dussault. He is also survived by many relatives and friends. Barry proudly enjoyed teaching veterans computer skills at the Bedford VA for over 26 years. He was an avid fan of all of the Boston sports teams. He was a Vietnam United States Army Veteran, member of the 101st Airborne Division. He was an *At-Large Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Massachusetts**. The funeral was from the Keefe Funeral Home, 2175 Mass Avenue, North Cambridge, MA on Tuesday at 10:00 AM. Funeral Mass was in Saint John Church, Cambridge at 11:00 AM. Relatives and friends were invited. Visitation was on Monday from 4:00-7:00 PM. Interment was private. In lieu of flowers

donations may be made to the Wounded Warrior Project, 150 Cambridge Park Drive, Suite #202, Cambridge, Massachusetts 02140.



JEFFREY ALAN FALK - Died Thursday, May 15, 2015 at Vassar Brothers Medical Center in Poughkeepsie, New York at the age of 73. He was a resident of Highland, New York. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in New York City, New York on June 14, 1940 to late Morton and Harriet (née Volk) Falk. He was a graduate of the University of Vermont, and later in life earned his Master's Degree. At the time of his passing, he was a registered nurse and the owner of Senior Healthcare Solutions, Highland, NY. He served in the United States Army from 1963 to 1966, and obtained the rank of First Lieutenant. He was a member of the VFW, Brannen-van den Berg, Post #8645 for over 30 years, the American Legion, Post #36, Fort Lauderdale, FL, New Paltz B.P.O.E., Lodge #2568, New Paltz, NY, New Paltz Rotary Club, and was on the Board of Directors at the New Paltz Rescue Squad. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Newburgh Chapter #537**. He was a member of the rescue squad for thirty years. Jeff was a valued member and leader of the New York State Nurse Association, District 11, serving as President and also as a legislative representative in Albany for District 11 Nurse Association. In addition to his life partner, Diane Sterling and his brother, John Henry Falk, Jeffrey is survived by Diane's daughter and her husband, Kelly Maroney and Todd Benjamin, and Diane's son, John Maroney and his wife Holly, and he was Pop Pop to Gia and Cameron Maroney. In addition to his parents, he was predeceased by a sister, Helene Falk Liebowitz. Graveside funeral services were held on Friday, May 22, 2015 at 11:00 AM at the Ulster County Veterans Cemetery at New Paltz Rural Cemetery with full military honors. Cremation already took place at Poughkeepsie Rural Cemetery. Donations may be made to New Paltz Rescue Squad, 74 North Putt Corners Road, New Paltz, NY 12561 or the Wounded Warrior Project, Post Office Box 758517, Topeka, Kansas 66675 or online at <http://www.woundedwarriorproject.org>. Arrangements were under the direction of Copeland Funeral Home, Inc., 162 South Putt Corners Road, New Paltz, NY. Condolences may be made to the family at www.copelandfhnp.com.



RICHARD GAIL FINDLEY (USAF, Senior MSG, Ret.) - Died Thursday, March 26, 2015 at the Bristol Regional Medical Center in Abingdon, Virginia at the age of 77. He was a resident of Abingdon. The cause of death was ischemic cardiomyopathy. He was born and raised in Meadowview, Virginia to the late Gail Vincent Findley and Regina Mae (née Blackwell) Findley. He enlisted in the United States Air Force at the age of 18 and served in the Vietnam War before retiring after 21 years of service. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Abingdon Chapter #1042**. Richard later became the production manager at Terry's Potato Chip plant. He was a man of strong faith and a very active member of St. John Lutheran Church. Mr. Findley enjoyed helping with Faith-In-Action and was instrumental in its formation. Richard will be remembered as a wonderful and loving husband, father, grandfather, and great grandfather. He was an avid outdoorsman and enjoyed gardening, hunting, raising fox hounds, shooting and reloading, all of which interests he shared with his grandchildren. He is survived by his wife of 57 years, Helen Findley; daughter, Ann Findley of Roanoke, VA; son, Larry Findley and wife Sandy of Radford,

VA; brother, Tommy Findley and friend Caroline Keesee of Meadowview, VA; five sisters, Elizabeth Findley Tilson Gray and husband Eddie of Meadowview, VA, Elaine Counts and husband Claude, Jr. of Meadowview, VA, Judy Wilson and friend Preston Blackwell of Abingdon, VA, Billie Snyder and friend Mack Boyd of Meadowview, VA, and Betty Nickles and husband Jimmy of Bluefield, WV; four grandchildren, Heather Sheppard and fiancé Brandon McKee, Emily Claire Findley, 2LT U.S. Army Lukas Findley and fiancée Janelle Filbert, and Cadet Caleb Andrew Findley; one great grandson, Riley Jo Sheppard; two great aunts; and several nieces, nephews, and cousins. A memorial service was held at 1:00 PM on Monday, April 6, 2015 at Saint John Lutheran Church with Pastor G. Scott Homesley officiating. Military rites were conducted by the U.S. Air Force. Honorary pallbearers were members of the James E. Peters Chapter #57 of Disabled American Veterans. Visitation with the family was held from 2:00-4:00 PM following the service at the church. A graveside committal service was held at 10:00 AM on Tuesday at the Southwest Virginia Veterans Cemetery in Dublin, Virginia. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Saint John Lutheran Church, 807 East Main Street, Abingdon, VA 24210; James E. Peters Chapter #57 of the Disabled American Veterans, P.O. Box 646, Abingdon, VA 24212; or to the charity of your choice, in Mr. Findley's name. Those wishing to express sympathy online may do so by visiting www.farrisfuneralservice.com and signing the online guest register. The Findley family was cared for by the Farris Funeral Service & Crematory, 427 East Main Street, Abingdon, VA 24210.

KEVIN MICHAEL BRENDAN FINN - Died suddenly and unexpectedly on Tuesday, May 12, 2015 in Pleasantville, New Jersey at the age of 59. He was formerly of Keansburg, New Jersey. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in the Bronx, New York on May 26, 1955 to the late John and Eleanor Finn. Kevin moved from the Bronx to Keansburg in 1969, and was a graduate of Keansburg High School 1973. He was the oldest of six children born to John and Eleanor Finn. Kevin served in the United States Air Force as a Sergeant during the Vietnam War. He was an *At-Large Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Minnesota**. He was a member of the Knights of Columbus and active in his community and church. He was a friend with Bill W. for 21 years, thus enabling him to develop a loving relationship with Jesus Christ that enabled him to continue to build both loving and lasting relationships with many friends both past and present as a result of working "The Twelve Steps" and phenomenal fellowship he enjoyed with so many. Kevin was also extremely grateful and fond of his boy-hood friend Mauro. Both Kevin and his family (especially Kevin's siblings) were grateful to Mauro for his love and support of our brother!!! Many thanks to his good friend and sponsor John for all your support of Kevin throughout the years!!! John you meant so much to him!!! The relationship with Bill W. enabled Kevin to live a relatively serene and fulfilling life. Going to the beach in Ventnor with his children was one of his favorite pastimes. He was a loving husband, father, and grandfather. Kevin is survived by his wife, Julieta; his son, Kevin; his daughter, Katie Ann; and his granddaughter, Jemma. Kevin is also survived by his five siblings: his brothers, John, James, and Daniel as well as his sisters, Roseanne and Elizabeth. Kevin was also an uncle to many nieces and nephews. He is loved, and will be deeply missed by his family and friends. Relatives and friends were invited to attend his viewing from 5:00 to 7:00 PM on Sunday evening, May 17, 2015 at the Gormley Funeral Home, 2706 Atlantic Avenue, Atlantic City; and again from 10:00 AM on Monday morning, May 18, 2015 at the church. A Mass of resurrection will be celebrated

for Kevin Finn at 11:00 AM on Monday, May 18, 2015 at Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton Church, 591 New Jersey Avenue, Absecon, NJ. A Military Honor Guard Ceremony and burial was held at the Brigadier General William C. Doyle Veterans Memorial Cemetery in Wrightstown, NJ at the convenience (later date) by the family. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to Saint Jude Children's Research Hospital in Kevin's memory and are welcomed. All the arrangements were by the Gormley Funeral Home LLC, Atlantic City.



MICHAEL PAUL FORBES - Died Saturday, December 20, 2014 at the University of Virginia Hospital in Charlottesville, Virginia at the age of 66. He was a resident of Princeton, West Virginia. The cause of death was Agent Orange related non-Hodgkins mantle cell lymphoma. He was born in Princeton on February 2, 1948 to the late Paul I. and Marjorie (née Onks) Forbes, Jr. Mike was currently serving as Chaplain for the Mercer County Sheriff's Department, East River Volunteer Fire Department, Green Valley Volunteer Fire Department and the 911 Center in Princeton. He formerly served in the Child Support Enforcement Division of the Virginia Department of Social Services, as a Deputy in the Mercer County Sheriff's Department and as a Patrolmen and Investigator for the Princeton Police Department. Mike was a faithful member of the Church of Christ at Maple View where he formerly served as a Deacon and sat on the Building Committee. He also enjoyed singing and participating in worship services at the church. Mike was a decorated United States Army veteran of the Vietnam War where he received the Army Commendation Medal and Vietnam Service and Campaign Medals with one Bronze Service Star and one Bronze Star Medal. He was without question a great role model for all who knew and loved him. Mike dearly loved his family, his church, his country and all of his friends who served the community as policemen, firemen and emergency responders. He was always available to assist them with their needs as well as the needs of the many families they all served daily often times under tragic circumstances. He will be sadly missed by all who knew him. Mike was also a member of the Fraternal Order of Police, Federation of Fire Chaplains, International Conference of Police Chaplains and Princeton Masonic Lodge #134. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Princeton Chapter #628**. Survivors include his wife of 42 years, Annabelle "Ann" McCarter Forbes of Princeton; two daughters, Dawn Michelle Wriston and her husband Ronnie, Lesley Ann Reeves and her husband Adam and one grandson Dillan Paul Reeves all of Princeton; two sisters, Ellen Caroline Marr and her husband David of Yorktown, VA and Dorothy "Dottie" Russell and her husband Leo of Fredericksburg, VA; two nephews, Billy Marr and Timothy Marr and his wife Katie and also left to cherish his memory, Brother-in-Law, Dr. Dan McCarter and his wife, Jenny of Nellysford, VA. Funeral services to celebrate the life of Mike were conducted at 1:00 PM on Saturday, December 27, 2014 at the Church of Christ at Maple View with Minister Tony Reed and Minister Caleb Penwell officiating. Burial was in the Resthaven Park Cemetery in Princeton where the West Virginia National Guard Honor Guard conducted Military Graveside Rites. Members of the Mercer County Sheriff's Department, East River Volunteer Fire Department and Glenwood Volunteer Fire Department served as pallbearers. Friends came calling at the church on Saturday, December 27, 2014 from 11:00 AM to the service hour. Memorial contributions may be made to the Church of Christ at Maple View, 194 Robins Rest Road, Bluefield, WV 24701.

CHARLES "Van" FORD - Died Thursday, May 14, 2015 at the Charles George VA Valor Hospice at the age of 69. He was a resident of Waynesville, North Carolina. The cause of death is unknown. He was a native and lifelong resident of Haywood County born on March 20, 1946 to the late Claude and Gladys (née Hall) Ford who survives him. He was a Vietnam Veteran and spiritual mentor to many and a member of New Covenant Church in Clyde, North Carolina. In addition to his mother, he is survived by his wife of 36 years Janice Ford; his daughters Cynthia Ford, Ilyana Cable (Donny), Sabrina Whitaker, and Jennifer Henry (Allen); and his brother Benny Ford and sister in law Diane; sister in laws Jeaneal Whitted, Juanita Cook, and a special niece Kisha Cook; twelve grandchildren and one great grandchild; and several nieces and nephews. He will be remembered as a man who loved many, had many jokes, and loved to tell a story. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Clyde Chapter #980**. Visitation for family and friends was held on Monday, May 18th from 1:00-2:00 PM at the New Covenant Church, 767 Lee Road, Clyde, NC and a Memorial Service at 2:00 PM. Memorials to be given to New Covenant Church/Mission Fund. Crawford / Ray Funeral Home were honored to be caring for the Ford family.



IRENE WESTBROOK FRANKLIN - Died Tuesday, May 26, 2015 at her residence in Ringgold, Georgia at the age of 92. The cause of death is unknown. She was a native of Trion, Georgia born on October 27, 1922 to the late Felton and Addie (née Hollis) Westbrook. Mrs. Franklin was the oldest member of the Fort Oglethorpe Church of Christ and was a member of the Gold Star Mothers. She was a member of **Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America – Chattanooga (Tennessee) Chapter #203**. She was preceded in death by her loving husband, John Albert Franklin; sons, Johnny Franklin and George Franklin. Survivors are daughters, Sandra (Lamar) Harris, of Fort Oglethorpe, Susan Franklin, of Ringgold and Ellen Mock, of Rossville; sisters, Bonnie Clowdis, Menlo, Paula Walker, of LaFayette, and Marie Houser of Summerville; five grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren and four great- great-grandchildren. Funeral services were at 12:30 PM on Friday in the funeral home chapel with Minister C.G. Griffith officiating. Interment was in the Chattanooga National Cemetery. Visit www.heritagebattlefield.com to share condolences and view the memorial tribute. The family received friends from 4:00-8:00 PM at the Heritage Funeral Home and Crematory, Battlefield Parkway.

LEONARD L. FREDERICK - Died Monday, March 2, 2015 Norfolk, Virginia at the age of 80. The cause of death is unknown. He was born January 19, 1935 in Jackson, Michigan to the late Leonard C. Frederick and Arlene Frederick. He was retired EMC of the United States Navy serving our country for 30 years and he retired after 20 years from Sentara Norfolk General Hospital. Leonard was preceded in death by his wife, Doris Y. Frederick. He is survived by his sister, Betty J. Mellon; his daughters, Stacey L. Hempfer (Raymond, Jr.), Amy J. Frederick (Nathan Razza); granddaughter, Krystal M. Razza; grandson, Joshua Jordan; great grandson, Keagan "Red" Jordan; several nieces, nephews and other loving family members. He was a devoted member for 39 years of the American Legion Tidewater Post #327 where he had served as Commander and held several elected positions within the Post. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Virginia Beach Chapter #48**. In his younger years, he was an avid football player for his high school. He enjoyed watching football, baseball and Nascar. He

was a dedicated fan. A memorial service was held on Saturday, March 7, 2015 at 2:00 PM at The American Legion Post #327, 705 Lesner Avenue, Norfolk, VA. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Wounded Warrior Project in Leonard's name. Arrangements were by the Hollomon-Brown Funeral Home, Tidewater Drive Chapel. Condolences may be offered to the family at www.hollomon-brown.com.



DEBORAH SUE "Debbie" FRIEDRICH - Died Friday, March 13, 2015 at Good Samaritan Regional Health Center in Mt. Vernon, Illinois at the age of 63. She was a resident of Centralia, Illinois. The cause of death is unknown. She was born August 22, 1951 in Woodriver Township, Madison County, Illinois to the late James L. "Dewey" Wolverton and Dorothy Leota (née Stone) Wolverton who survives. She married Larry D. Friedrich, on April 3, 1971, in Douglas County and he survives in Centralia. In addition to her husband of 43 years, she is also survived by her mother, two daughters: Shannon McDaneld and husband Chris of Kell and Rebecka Wacker and husband Jon of Hoyleton; five grandchildren: Dustin Friedrich and wife Rachel of Fort Benning, GA, Dakota McDaneld of Kell, Jacob, Joseph and Kortney Wacker all of Hoyleton; two great-granddaughters: Madalyn and Harper; three sisters: Donna Miller of Broadlands, Teresa Carney and husband Will of Monticello, and Tracey Pankau and husband David of Effingham; several nieces, nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews; two special friends: Becky Pearce and Shawn Morado. She was preceded in death by her father, a sister: Bonnie Wiese-Logan and a friend, Pat Perry. Debbie was a *Life Member* of **Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America – Centralia Chapter #176**. Her hobbies include fishing, deer hunting, loved to pick blackberries and pecans, watch old movies, her dry humor and quick wit, connect with friends on Facebook, made the best fudge, and especially enjoyed spending time with her family. A Celebration of Life Service was held on Saturday, March 21, 2015 at 1:00 PM at the Sutherland-Garnier Funeral Home in Centralia with Pastor Kyle Emery officiating. Visitation was held from 11:00 A. to 1:00 PM on Saturday at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to the Zion Hill Cemetery Fund, Relay for Life Team: Friends for Life, or the Donor's Choice and will be accepted at the Sutherland-Garnier Funeral Home in Centralia, which is in charge of arrangements. Online condolences may be made to the family by visiting www.sutherlandfuneralhome.com.



MICHAEL STEPHEN GALE – Died Sunday, December 8, 2013 in Hurricane, Utah at the age of 69. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Ogden Utah on December 14, 1945 to the late Myron C Gale and Lavern (née Sloan) Gale. Michael was raised and attended school in Midway, Utah. His service to his country and his community took him from the United States Army front lines in Vietnam to the highways of Arizona. After high school he enlisted in the United States Army, and proudly served in the 459th Signal Battalion, 111st Signal Brigade. His army postings began in Korea from 1964 to 1965, and his first tour in Vietnam was from 1966 to 1967. Michael spent his next year in Germany, returned to Vietnam in 1970, and he finally came home in 1971. He was honorably

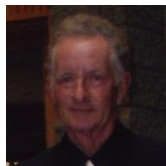
discharged on the 22nd day of April, 1971. After his military time, Michael joined the State of Arizona, working in the Vehicle Division from 1977 to 1987. He then transferred to the Department of Public Safety (Highway Patrol) until his retirement in 2003. He was a *Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Saint George Chapter #961*. His personal life was filled with family and friends. Michael married his best friend, and love of his life, Cheryl K. DeMille. He is survived by his wife Cheryl and his children; his sons, Michael (Mischelle) Webb, Michael Bruce (Rechelle) Gale, and Steven Webb; and his daughters, Linda (Eric) Stidham, Rebecca Ann (Scott) Johnson, Laini (Howard) Devore, and Libbi (Lynn) Richardson. Michael also leaves behind twenty grandchildren and thirty-seven great-grandchildren, and his sisters Jane Churchfield, Tammy Allman, and Peggy Giles. Michael was a very loving husband, dad, grandpa, and great-grandpa. He was preceded in death by his parents, and his son Kenneth D. Webb. Funeral services were held at the Hurricane LDS church, 274 South 100 West on his birthday, December 14, 2013 at 11:00 AM. Viewings with the family were held at Spilsbury Hurricane Valley Mortuary, 25 North 2000 West, Hurricane, UT on December 13, 2013 from 6:00-8:00 PM and on Saturday, December 14th from 9:30 AM to 10:30 AM at the church. Interment and Military Honors were at the Hurricane City Cemetery following the service. Arrangements were under the direction of Spilsbury Mortuary, Saint George, UT. Family and friends were invited to sign his guest book at www.spilsburymortuary.com.



RICHARD A. "Rich" GEORGE – Died Friday, July 24, 2015 in Springfield Illinois during the National Convention of Vietnam Veterans of America. He was 65 years of age a resident of Morton Grove, Illinois. The cause of death was a massive heart attack. He was born January 26, 1950. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a proud active *Life Member* and *Vice-President* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Island Lake Chapter #242** and VFW Post #1284. He was the beloved husband of Janet (née Dallman) George; loving son of the late Richard G. and the late Margaret; devoted brother of Robert (Michele) and Jacqueline Mills; fond brother-in-law of Jean (Victor) Alesi and Joan (Dan) Prena; cherished uncle of Jennifer, Lauren, Kathryn, Joe, Stefanie and Jaclyn, and; also loving friend of many. The visitation was on Tuesday, July 28, 2015 from 3:00 - 9:00 PM at the Colonial-Wojciechowski Funeral Home, 6250 North Milwaukee Avenue, Chicago, Illinois. Funeral services were on Wednesday, July 29th, at 10:00 AM at the funeral home. Interment was in the Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery, Elwood, Illinois. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Vietnam Veterans of America, 8719 Colesville Road, Suite #100, Silver Spring Maryland 20910.

FLORENCE MAE GRANATA - Died Monday, January 26, 2015 at her home in Belleville, New Jersey at the age of 75 surrounded by her family. The cause of death was pancreatic cancer. She was born in 1939 to the late Theresa and Clarence Hadley and raised in Newark, New Jersey. Florence lived in Irvington, New Jersey from 1967 to 2001 when she moved to Belleville. She worked as a store detective for Bonwit Teller in Short Hills, New Jersey retiring 24 years ago. She was a member of the Benevolent Protective order of Elks - Does Essex Drove #51 in Livingston, New Jersey. She was a *Life Member* of **Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America – Cedar Grove Chapter #510**. Florence went home to be with her parents, Theresa and Clarence Hadley, as well as her rock, her sister Jane, and her brothers, Russell and George. She is survived by her beloved husband, Michael, to whom she was married for 55 years, together

for 60; her children Theresa, Michael Jr., and Georgette; grandchildren, Danielle, Ciara, Cedric, Michael III, Zoe, Domenico, Domani, and Kanani; great-grandchildren, Jonahs, Celina, and Joeliz; sisters-in-law, Marie Hynes and Rose Granata, and many nieces and nephews. A stay-at-home grandma, she loved her family more than life itself and never missed evening teatime with her granddaughter, Zoe. A funeral service was held on Saturday, January 31, 2015 at 10:00 AM at the Bradley, Smith & Smith Funeral Home, 415 Morris Avenue, Springfield, New Jersey. Interment was at the Glendale Cemetery, Bloomfield, New Jersey. There was a visitation on Friday from 4:00 to 9:00 PM at the funeral home. For more information or to send condolences to the family, please visit bradleyfuneralhomes.com. Known as a diva with impeccable fashion sense, she is irreplaceable to all who knew and loved her. Those who wish to make a contribution in Florence's memory may do so to the Pancreatic Cancer Action Network, 1500 Rosecrans Avenue, Manhattan Beach, Calif. 90266 or the Cancer Center at Saint Barnabas Medical Center, 95 Old Short Hills Road, West Orange, N.J. 07052.



TOMMY GENE "Tom" GRAY – Died Monday, June 22, 2015 in Visalia, California at the age of 73. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Wright City, Oklahoma in 1942. He was a class of 1960 Orosi High School graduate, and worked as a general contractor for 52 years. He also served in the United States Army and was a Vietnam Veteran. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Dinuba Chapter #643**. He is survived by his wife, Maria S. Gray; his daughter, Yasmin Holbert and her husband, Patrick; two grandchildren, Marissa and Teal Holbert; his sisters, Mary Zwetzig, Betty Jo Peacock, and Doris Kroeker and her husband, Ken; a brother-in-law, Jorge Jalil; and numerous nephews, nieces, cousins and family living in Texas. Tommy's family is grateful to the staff of Kaweah Delta Hospice for their loving care. Visitation was held at Dopkins Funeral Chapel in Dinuba from 4:00 PM to 8:00 PM on Sunday, June 28th, with the Rosary being recited at 6:00 PM. A graveside service was held at 10:00 AM on Monday, June 29th, at the Smith Mountain Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations can be sent to Kaweah Delta Hospice, 900 West Oak Avenue, Visalia, California 93291; or to Vietnam Veterans of America, Dinuba Chapter, Post Office Box 745, Dinuba, CA 93618. Dopkins Funeral Chapel 189 South J Street, Dinuba, CA 93618 was in charge of arrangements.



PATRICK L. "Pat" GUALTIERI – Died Tuesday, July 21, 2015 in Brooklyn, New York at the age of 70. The cause of death was lung cancer. He was born May 13, 1945 in Brooklyn. He was the beloved life partner of Marleen "Molly" Levi for 15+ years; loving father of Tara Mendelson and Gayla Gualtieri; dear grandfather of Jacob (13) and Sacha (8), and; fond brother of Joseph Gualtieri. He served in the United States Army from 1966-68 including a one-year tour in Vietnam during the Tet Offense. He once described lying in the jungle watching as "Puff" an American gunship, rained fire on North Vietnamese regulars during Tet. "I had mixed feelings, happy to be alive, yet saddened that so many would die". He was a United States Army veteran of Vietnam who helped propel the NYC Veterans Day Parade on November 11th, into America's parade as the largest celebration of service in America. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam**

Veterans of America – Brooklyn Chapter #72. After his service, Patrick moved to California where he lived/worked for 20+ years. He returned to NYC in 2000 where he successfully applied his event production talents to elevate the Veterans Day Parade. As Executive Director of the United War Veterans Council, producers of the annual parade; Pat built the event into America's Parade the largest celebration of service in the nation. His dedicated efforts, creative vision, hard work and commitment to service earned him much recognition and respect within the veteran community and beyond. The parade now includes more than 25,000 participants, active duty military units, veteran organizations, high school marching bands from around the nation, dignitaries and top elected officials from NYC and NYS and the highest ranking U.S military commanders. The veteran community mourns the loss of a giant, who devoted his life to honoring those who served, said Vincent McGown, founding president of the United War Veterans Council "Pat's boundless energy and unflagging good will helped drive our efforts to shape a world class effort to honor service on November 11th and every day of the year". In addition to the parade, Pat produced other year round events that honor service such as the Goodwill Valentine's Caravan; Vietnam Veterans recognition day and resource fair; and partnered with other organizations to participate in Memorial Day ceremonies in the Tri-State area. "Paddy had a larger-than-life presence and will forever be remembered in the hearts and minds of those he touched in his unique ways", remarks Molly. "We lived together and worked together- sharing a very special bond and boundless love in playful ways that kept us young at heart....I am devastated by his passing and cannot imagine life without him" adds a saddened Molly. Patrick was very much a people person, always wanting to help someone in need and he did! He shared his life stories and brought smiles and laughter to many a meeting. A gifted speaker with a natural style, Pat was so comfortable in front of the camera, microphones, stage and life at large. Molly always told him he wasn't just a ham-but a ham and cheese and very much "media magnet"-they always found him! Pat enjoyed writing, creating, music, movies, reading, public speaking, event production and beyond. He had a great voice - a natural talent for singing - and was once told he had a perfect pitch. Memorial visitation was on Saturday from 2:00-5:00 and 7:00-10:00 PM. The memorial service was on Sunday from 11:00 AM – 2:00 PM (collation was at the Fort Hamilton Army Base Brooklyn, New York and all were welcome to honor Pat) at Cusimano & Russo Funeral Home 2005 West 6th Street, Brooklyn, NY 11223.



JIMMY LEON HALE - Died Sunday, May 3, 2015 from the Cleveland Clinic following a brief illness at the age of 67. He was a resident of New Philadelphia, Ohio. The cause of death was uncontrollable blood pressure and a massive heart attack. A son of the late John and Mary (née Ramsey) Hale he was born January 22, 1948 at Dante, Virginia. Jim was a veteran of the United States Army and served in the Vietnam War where he was wounded in combat. He ultimately served nine years and completed his career with the Army as a Drill Sergeant. He was a past president of the American Legion Post #139 and also served in various positions with other service organizations over the years. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – New Philadelphia Chapter #857**. Jim as the founding pastor of Shepherd Baptist Church at Clintwood, Virginia and was a former administrator of Clintwood Christian Academy and in 2013 he received his Doctorate of

Theology from Anderson Theological Seminary. Jim enjoyed his service as a member of the New Philadelphia VFW Funeral Honor Guard; a duty he was almost as passionate about as he was for serving his Lord. He will be greatly missed by his loving wife of three years, Pat (née Mullins) Hale whom he married on December 29, 2011; his siblings, Ruth Hillman, Betty Hileman, Sharon (Jim) Rymes, Steve Hale and Randy (Patty) Hale and numerous loving nieces and nephews. Jim was preceded in death by his parents; his first wife, Kay Buchanan; a brother Glynn and a sister, Loretta. Visitation was held on Thursday, May 14, 2015 from 4:00 to 7:00 PM in the Linn-Hert-Geib Funeral Home & Crematory at New Philadelphia. A funeral service celebrating Jim's life followed at 7:00 PM in the funeral home with Pastor Mike O'Guin officiating. Burial with military honors took place on Friday, May 15, 2015 at 10:00 AM in the Ohio Western Reserve National Cemetery at Rittman. Those wishing to do so may send the family a personal condolence by visiting the funeral home website, www.geibcares.com. Contributions may be made in Jimmy's memory to Straitgate Baptist Church, 6580 Edie Hill Road, Uhrichsville, OH 44683 or to a church of one's choice.

WILLIAM THOMAS "Tom" HALL - Died Saturday, November 1, 2014 in Gallatin, Tennessee at the age of 71. The cause of death was Agent Orange-related cancer and a massive stroke. He was born August 28, 1943 in Elkton, Kentucky to the late Madie Ethel (née Brown) Hall and Elbert C. Hall. He was also predeceased by his brother, Robert Hall. He is survived by his wife of 45 years, Donna Hall; children, Chad Hall (Laciana) & Kimberly Strong (Billy); 3 grandchildren, Casey Hall, Alexis Hall & Jacob Hall, Miranda Morgan; 2 great-grandchildren, Quinton Morgan & Seth Morgan; brother, Joe C. Hall (Trish); sister, Edith Ault; several extended family members and friends. He served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War 11 August 1965 to 10 August 1967. He was an *At-Large Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Tennessee**. A Life Celebration was held at 1:00 PM on Tuesday at the Cornerstone Church in Madison, Tennessee with burial in the Sumner Memorial Gardens. Family and friends served as Pallbearers. Visitation was from 4:00-8:00 PM on Monday at the funeral home and from 12:00 Noon-1:00 PM on Tuesday at the church. Arrangements were made by the Crestview Funeral Home, 1623 Hwy 109 North, Gallatin, TN 37066, crestviewfh.com.

JOHN JACOB HAND, JR. – Died Thursday, April 23, 2015 in Thornton, Colorado at the age of 69. The cause of death was cancer. He was born in Denver, Colorado on January 12, 1945. He served in the United States Army from 24 January 1963 to September 1965 with a tour of duty in Vietnam from 1964 to 1965. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Denver Chapter #1071**. Graveside services with full military honors were held at the Fort Logan National Cemetery on Wednesday, April 29, 2015 at 2:15 PM in Denver.



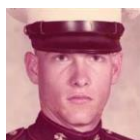
STEPHEN FRANKLIN "Steve" HANOLD - Died Tuesday, May 7, 2013 at Samaritan Albany General Hospital in Albany, Oregon at the age of 67. He was a resident of Albany. The cause of death is unknown. He was born June 7, 1945 in Stillwater, Oklahoma to the late Lois Ruth Hanold and Charles Franklin Hanold. He attended grade school in Stillwater; graduated from Tolt High School in Carnation, Washington; and graduated from Northwest Bible College with a Master's Degree in Theology and Religion. Steve was raised in Oklahoma through the eighth grade and moved to Duvall, Washington with

his family in 1959. He was drafted to the United States Army and fought the front lines in the Vietnam War from May of 1966 to May of 1968. SGT Stephen F. Hanold was a Combat Infantryman and Sharpshooter in Vietnam. Decorations, medals and honors he received were the Combat Infantryman Badge, the Sharpshooter Badge (rifle), the National Defense Service Medal and the Vietnam Service Medal. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Albany Chapter #585**. Steve also was awarded Veteran-of-the-Year in Albany in 1982. Steve and his wife and children moved from Washington to Albany in 1982. He was pastor of Stillwater Hill Church in Duvall for 10 years, was the Bible teacher at Santiam Christian School for eight years, and officiated high school and college volleyball, basketball and softball. Steve and his wife, Billie were married for 48 years. Survivors include his wife, Billie Hanold; children, Linnea Baker and husband Jonathan, David F. Hanold, and Stephen P. Hanold and wife Mikaila; four grandchildren, Cole and Noah Baker, and Jordan and Peyton Hanold; and Steve's two sisters, Francina Foster and Elizabeth Jo Atwood. A funeral service with full military honors took place at 11:00 AM on Thursday, May 16th, at Willamette National Cemetery in Portland. Online condolences for the family can be posted at www.fisherfuneralhome.com.

JOSEPH VICTOR HARDY (USN, ADJC-Ret.)- Died Saturday, April 18, 2015 at his home in Mountain Rest, South Carolina at the age of 81. The cause of death was cerebral hemorrhage, Alzheimer's disease and bladder cancer. He was born in New Smyrna Beach, Florida to the late Victor Roy and Jeanne (née Raudaut) Hardy. He was a Christian patriot serving in both Korea and Vietnam in the United States Navy as an Aviation Machinist's Mate (Jet Engine Mechanic) Chief Petty Officer. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – West Union Chapter 1017**. Survivors include his wife, Mary Jo (née Land) Hardy; one son, William Joseph Hardy (wife Sandra); four grandchildren, Katherine Brown (husband Kris), Bradley Torrence (wife Caitlyn), Evan Hardy, and Tyler Hardy; one great – grandchild Samantha Brown and many nieces and nephews. A celebration of his life was held at a later date. Condolences may be expressed online by visiting www.sandiferfuneralhome.com.



BOBBY RAY HAZEN - Died peacefully at his home in Louisville, Kentucky at the age of 81. The cause of death was heart disease. He was born October 26, 1933. He lived a life of service to others. He served proudly in the United States Air Force during the Korean and Vietnam Wars. He was a member in good standing of American Legion Post #180, a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Louisville Chapter #454**, 40/8, AFSA #482 and DAV Chapter #89, where he served as Commander 2006-2014. He is survived by his wife, Carol Hazen; his children, Dr. Ray Hazen (Suzan); Bobby D. Hazen (Terry), Anita LeVan (Jim), Gloria Gill (Robb), Julie Mattingly (Paul); sisters, Della Pierce (G.W.) and Doris Ratzlaff (Roy); brothers, Ed Hazen (Judy) and Elvin Hazen (Lynda); many grandchildren, and; great-grandchildren - the newest Connor Allen (Jenny and David Quinn). A graveside memorial service was conducted at 10:00 AM on Friday, June 26, 2015 at Valley of Rest Cemetery in LaGrange, Kentucky. Arch L. Heady and Son at Westport Village were entrusted with arrangements.



ROBERT SAMUEL HENDRIX – Died Thursday, May 14, 2015 in Chattanooga, Tennessee at the age of 58. The cause of death is unknown. He passed away peacefully in his home in the arms of his loving wife, Deborah. He was born in

Chattanooga on May 16, 1956 to the late James and Marlene Hendrix. Sam was a Vietnam veteran serving in both the United States Marine Corps and the United States Army National Guard proudly retiring after a total of 20 years of service to our country. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Chattanooga Chapter #203**. In addition to his parents, he was also predeceased by his older brother, Jerry. His surviving family includes his brothers, Ronnie and Lisa, Brian and Elizabeth; twin sons, Robert and (Brandy) and John; grandchildren, Rheanna, Madison, Kellum, Dean, Hope, Ella, Annabelle and Hunter. Sam will be sorely missed by countless other friends and family. Visitation was from 6:00-8:00 PM on Monday at the Lane Funeral Home, Ashland Terrace. Funeral services were at 11:00 AM on Tuesday in the Chapel. Interment was at 12:30 PM in the Chattanooga National Cemetery. Visit www.lanefh.com to share condolences. Arrangements were made by Lane Funeral Home, 601 Ashland Terrace.



GARY JAMES HILLGER, SR. - Died Sunday, March 22, 2015 in Kimball Township, Michigan at the age of 68. The cause of death is cancer. He was born July 21, 1946 in Port Huron, Michigan to the late James and Betty Hillger. He married Elaine Atkins on December 7, 1968 in Port Huron. He was employed with Chrysler Corporation and was Vice President of his Local Union. He served in the United States Army in Germany during the Vietnam War. He was Past Commander of VFW May

O'Brien Post #8465. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Marysville Chapter #1083**. Gary enjoyed golfing, travelling and going up north to their cottage in Caseville. He loved watching his children play sports and shared a passion for cars and racing with his grandson. He is survived by his wife, Elaine; two children, Gary J. (Christine) Hillger Jr. and Tracy Lynn Hillger; a grandson, Jonathan Hillger; three brothers, Terry (Kathy) Hillger, Randy (Mary Fran) Hillger and Greg Hillger; an aunt, Cleo Deising; and several nieces, nephews and cousins. Visitation was from 2:00-4:00 and 6:00-9:00 PM on Wednesday in the Pollock-Randall Funeral Home. VFW May O'Brien Post #8465 and Auxiliary performed a post ceremony at 6:00 PM. Funeral services were held at 11:00 AM on Thursday, March 26, 2015 in Pollock-Randall Funeral Home with Pastor Dennis Cook of the Restoration Station officiating. Burial was in the Woodland Cemetery, Port Huron Township. Military honors were conducted under the auspices of the U.S. Army and the Veterans Honor Guard Alliance. Pallbearers were Ed and Dave Atkins, Robert Leslie, Larry Schwark, Rich Kippen and Don St. Clair. Memorial contributions may be made to VFW May O'Brien Post #8465 or the Restoration Station.



SAMUEL JOHN "Kip" HINES - Died Monday, May 12, 2015 in Jacksonville, Florida at the age of 65. The cause was Ischemic Heart Disease due to Agent Orange exposure during his tour of duty in Vietnam. He was born to the late Samuel and June M. Hines on July 27, 1949 in Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania. Kip attended Upper Merion High School in King of Prussia, PA where he met his future wife, Judith K. McAuliffe. Soul mates from the age of 16, they married on May 20, 1972. Kip enlisted in the United States Army on September 20, 1966. Too young to serve in

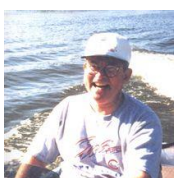
Vietnam, he was sent to Germany. Upon reaching the minimum age requirement, Kip volunteered for Vietnam and served in-country from 1968-69, during the Tet Offensive, as a

tank commander with the 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment, also known as the Blackhorse regiment. He received the National Defense Service Medal, Vietnam Service Medal with 2 Bronze Stars, the Vietnam Campaign Medal, 2 Overseas Service bars and designation as a Sharpshooter. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Jacksonville Chapter #1046**. Kip, an entrepreneur, was the Owner of HINES III INC for 34 years. He designed and manufactured site furniture for hundreds of shopping malls and movie theatres around the country, including the Mall of America, the Atlanta Dome, the Pan Am Games, the White House, the Jacksonville Suns baseball stadium, just to name a few. He employed up to 70 people from the Jacksonville area. Kip was known for his devotion to his wife, children, friends and fellow vets, his passion for life, his loving spirit, generous heart and sense of humor. He touched many lives with his generosity, and untiring encouragement during tough times. He mentored many people over the years and those whose lives he touched were grateful to have known him. Kip is survived by two children, Travis John (Jacksonville) and Lauren Kyle Hines-Gilmore (Robert) of Stratford, CT. He is also survived by his extended family, his many loving friends, the Middle District of Florida United States Probation Office, Jacksonville and most notably, his brothers of the Vietnam Chapter #1046, Jacksonville. Visitation was from 6:00 to 8:00 PM on Sunday, May 17th in Quinn-Shalz Funeral Home of Jacksonville Beach. The Funeral Service was held in the Chapel of Quinn-Shalz at 11:00 AM on Monday, May 18th with The Reverend Justin Yawn officiating. Casual attire was requested by the family. Interment was at 1:30 PM in the Jacksonville National Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, Kip requested donations in his name to the K-9 Warrior Project in Jacksonville. He asked that when you see a veteran, thank them for their service and welcome them home.



RICHARD G. HIRSCHHEY – Died Thursday, April 23, 2015 in Coon Rapids, Minnesota at the age of 80. The cause of death was asbestosis. He was born in Minneapolis, Minnesota on January 1, 1946. He was a proud Korean War veteran from July 1953 to November 1954. He was a *Life Member* of **Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America – Anoka Chapter #470**. He was a long-time member of the Sheet Metal Workers Local #10. He is survived by his loving wife, Karen, of 59 years; sons, David (Colleen), Scott (Diane) and Robert; grandchildren, Sawyer, Taylor, Daniel, Andrew, Katie and Danielle; sister, Rose (Fred) Dukatz; many other relatives and friends. The funeral service was at 11:00 AM on Tuesday, April 28th at the Zion Lutheran Church, 1601 4th Avenue South, Anoka. Visitation was one hour prior to the service at the church. Interment was in the Morningside Memorial Gardens.

RAYMOND JERRY HOUTTEKIER – Died Thursday, July 26, 2012 in Burke, Virginia at the age of 72. The cause of death is unknown. He was born May 21, 1940. He is survived by his wife, Judy. He served in the United States Coast Guard during the Vietnam War and retired at the rank of Commander. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Arlington Chapter #227**. He was interred at Arlington National Cemetery.



WILLIAM RAY "Bill" HUGHES - Died Saturday, June 27, 2015 in Woodruff, Wisconsin at the age of 67. He was a resident of Minocqua, Wisconsin. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on June 11, 1948 in Louisville, Kentucky. He was a 20-year veteran of the United States Navy, retiring with the rank of Commander. He continued his working career at DeVry Institute of

Technology in Illinois as Dean of Evening Programs. In 2004, Bill and his wife Marge pursued their dream of living "Up North", and retired to Minocqua, where they enjoyed eleven happy years living their Up-North dream. Bill kept busy driving for Lakeland Bus Company in Woodruff during the school year. Summers were enjoyed fishing, camping, and enjoying the woods and lakes of the area. His favorite event each year was the annual gathering of the family on the Fourth of July for a brat cookout, back porch partying, snowshoe baseball and the Lake Tomahawk firework display. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Minocqua Chapter #256**. He was also a member of Island City Masonic Lodge in Minocqua, Wisconsin. Bill is survived by his wife Marge, his sons Mike and Travis, daughter-in-law Jenny, and his beloved grandchildren Riley and Bryson, who were the light of his life. Upon his request, cremation has taken place and no services were planned. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that donations be made to the Vietnam Veterans of America, or the Island City Masonic Lodge in his memory.

THOMAS LEE HUNT - Died Tuesday, December 2, 2014 at the North Hardin Health and Rehab in Radcliff, Kentucky at the age of 71. He was a resident of Vine Grove, Kentucky. The cause of death is unknown. He was predeceased by his loving wife Donna Mae (née Petty) Hunt, an angel gift from God; his parents, John Dewey and Bessie Leona (née Bennett) Hunt; two sisters, Faye Smith and husband Glen and Susan Bolin and husband Jack; and brother, Robert Hunt. He is survived by his son, Troy Daniel Hunt of West Liberty, Kentucky, and a daughter, Terina Ann (née Hunt) McKinney and husband Guy of Louisville, Kentucky; five granddaughters: Jessica and Charlene Hunt, Cassandra, Tiffany and Marisa J.C. McKinney; and four grandsons: Eric Jameson, Jason McKinney, Aaron McKinney, and Leighton Jameson. He is also survived by three brothers: Dean Hunt and wife Judith, and Carroll Hunt; sister-in-law, Lita; and many other relatives and friends. He was retired from the United States Army (experienced combat in Vietnam) and as a retired US Treasury/US Mint Police Officer. He was a Kentucky Colonel, active member of the Fraternal Order of Police and active member of the Disabled American Veterans - Chapter #3 serving as an Assistant Chaplain and the Association of the US Army (AUSA). He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Elizabethtown Chapter #1051**. He also actively supported a number of charities over the years. A couple of his passions were his church, the St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital in Memphis, Tennessee, and the St. Joseph's Indian School in South Dakota for the children of the Lakota Indian Tribe. He was always busy with these as well as living his own faith as a Church Elder and Bible Study Leader. Thomas made a profession of faith early in life at 9 years 3 months of age and knew his Lord well. Now, he has joined his beloved angel in Heaven with their Lord and Savior. Funeral services were held on Thursday, December 11, 2014 at 1:00 PM at the Hoggard and Sons Funeral Home in Piggott, Arkansas. Burial was in the Piggott Cemetery in Piggott, Arkansas. Visitation was on Thursday at 11:00 AM until service time. A memorial service was held on Saturday, December 13, 2014 at 1:00 PM at the Radcliff Christian Church in Radcliff, Kentucky.



LARRY E. "L.J." JACKSON - Died Wednesday, July 1, 2015 in Asheville, North Carolina at the age of 68. He was formerly of Troy, Ohio. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Troy on May 13, 1947 to the late Martin W. and Elsie M. (née Shane) Jackson. He had worked at the Montgomery County Veterans Service Office, and most recently, was President of Avatara Services, LLC. He

served in the United States Marine Corps during the Vietnam War and was a *Charter Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Dayton Chapter #97** where he served as a past President and Color Guard Commander. L.J. was also a past member of the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Park Board in Dayton, OH. He is survived by his beloved wife of 25 years, Patti; his daughter, Buffi; his son, Steven; His step-children, Eric (Buffi), Stephanie (Chris) and John (Kellie); his grandchildren, Caroline, Olivia, Justin, Savannah, Marissa, Lola, John, Alicia & one on the way (Jaxon); his sister, Nancy; his brother, Martin, and; numerous nieces, nephews, other relatives & many friends. The funeral service was at 12:30 PM on Monday, July 13, 2015 at the George C. Martin Funeral Home, "Northridge Chapel," 5040 Frederick Pike at Needmore Road with the Reverend Wayne Woody, officiating. The interment was in the Dayton National Cemetery. The family received friends on Sunday from 1:00-4:00 PM at the George C. Martin Funeral Home. If desired, memorials may be made to the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Park, P.O. Box 131221, Dayton, OH 45413. Condolences can be shared at www.georgemartinfuneralhome.com.



RONALD CHARLES JOHNSON - Died Saturday, October 4, 2014 at home in Watertown, New York at the age of 71. The cause of death is unknown. He was born May 8, 1943 to the late William Charles and Martha Ann Johnson in Columbus, Georgia. Later Ronald was adopted by his paternal grandparents, William and Sally Ruth Johnson of Huntington Station, New York. Ronald graduated from Huntington High School in 1961. He moved to Santa Monica, California and worked for the U.S. Postal Service. In March 1963, Ron enlisted in the United States Air Force and was stationed at Griffiths Air Force Base, Rome, New York. He volunteered to serve in Vietnam. Ronald was a SGT with the 12th Air Police Squadron Cam Rahn Bay Air Base, 366th Air Police Squadron, Danang Air Base from January 1966 to January 1967. During his military service Ronald was exposed to Agent Orange. Ronald was awarded many medals and citations. He was especially proud of receiving the Air Force Small Guns Expert Marksmanship Ribbon. Ronald received the United States Army Superior Civilian Service Award, the State of New York Conspicuous Service Star, and the State of New York Medal for Merit. After his Honorable Discharge he was invited to move to this area by his Air Force friends, William S. Palmer, Jr. of Evans Mills to live with his family. Ron is a graduate of JCC and the University of Missouri. He was a member of the football team at the University of Missouri. Ronald was employed at the Fort Drum Commissary for a few years before moving to the Contracting Office. In February 2001 Ronald retired as a Contracting Specialist and Contracting Officer for the Federal Government at Fort Drum. Ron had many interests. In August of 2001 he traveled to Zimbabwe, Southern Africa for a hunting expedition with Collins and Ann Kellogg, Croghan and Craig Ferguson, Carthage as the photographer. Ronald was a charter member of Kimball Creek Hunting Club, Harrisville. He was a member of the Honor Guard for the original Antwerp Drum and Bugle Corps. He enjoyed white water kayaking, trap shooting, hunting, and model trains. He held memberships in the Carthage Rod and Gun Club and the Sackets Harbor Rod and Gun Club. His memberships included the Civil Air Parole, the NRA, American Legion Post #61, Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #1400, Masons Philadelphia Lodge #916, the Elks BPOE Lodge #496. He was a life member of the Air Force Security Forces Association. He was on the Selective Service Board for the north country. He was also a member of the Watertown Area Model Railroad Club. He was an *At-Large Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – New York**. Ronald was the owner of the

North Country Hobby Shop with Jan Keen. He enjoyed watching TV, especially the western movies, in addition to World and American history programs. Ronald is survived by his wife Jill, brother-in-law and sister-in-law, John "Jack" and Janice Hewett Santa Barbara, California and his former sister-in-law, Diana Pietch Hewett, Sun Valley, Idaho. The funeral service was on Sunday, October 12th, at 2:00 PM at the Reed & Benoit Funeral Home. Calling hours were on Saturday, October 11th from 3:00 PM-5:00PM at the funeral home. Burial with military honors was on Friday, October 17th, at 10:30 AM at the Brookside Cemetery. Contributions may be made in his name to a charity of one's choosing. Arrangements were with the Reed & Benoit Funeral Home, Inc.

JAMES P. "Jimmy" JONES - Died Wednesday, February 18, 2015 in the emergency room at Holzer Medical Center at the age of 64. He was a resident of Crown City, Ohio. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on October 28, 1950 in Columbus, Ohio, son of John Paul Jones, Sr. who survives in Jackson, Ohio and the late Betty (née Stephens) Jones who preceded him in 1961. James was also preceded in death by a brother John Paul Jones, Jr. and a niece Jillian P. Jones. James was a highly decorated Vietnam veteran serving two tours. He was a lifetime member of the VFW, American Legion, DAV, AMVETS, a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Gallipolis Chapter #709**, and the NRA. He strongly believed in the 2nd Amendment supporting the right to keep and bear arms. James worked as farmer, helping area farmers; he enjoyed hunting and fishing. James attended North Gallia High School and was a member of Saint Louis Catholic Church. He is survived by a daughter, Betty Jones of Bidwell, Ohio; a son, James Weiss of North Carolina; two grandsons, Josh Marcum of Bidwell and Remington Weiss of Texas; his father, John Paul Jones, Sr. of Jackson; four sisters, Joan Wolf of Delaware, Jackie Jones of Gallipolis, Joyce Jones of Jackson, Juanita Rickgauer of Colorado Springs; one brother, Jeff (Cindy) Jones of Gallipolis; three nephews, Travis Taylor, Jay (Susan) Wolf and Jack and Sydney, and Scott (Alicia) Wolf and Bobby and Meg; two great nieces; two great nephews; and long-time friend Tim Davis and family. "The Lord is my strength, my forgiveness, and my salvation of whom shall I fear." A funeral mass was celebrated at 11:00 AM on Monday, February 23, 2015 at Saint Louis Catholic Church with Father Tom Hamm officiating. Burial was in the Mount Tabor Cemetery. There were any calling hours. Willis Funeral Home was in charge of the arrangements. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation in Jimmy's memory to our local veteran organizations. There were military rites accorded at the cemetery by the Gallia County Funeral Detail.

KENNETH J. JONES - Died Thursday, June 11, 2015 in Pine Hill, New Jersey at the age of 73. The cause of death was lung and heart disease. He was born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania on February 12, 1942. He was the beloved husband of Elizabeth "Alice" (née Marshall) Jones; loving brother of the late John (Carol) Jones and the late Peggy (Barrie) Tolbert; brother-in-law of Mary (Mark) Fiducioso, Ed (Cathy) Marshall, and George (Kristin) Marshall, and; also survived by many loving nieces and nephews. Kenneth served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War and worked as a Maintenance Mechanic for Owens Corning Fiberglass in Barrington. He was a former member of VFW Post #6253 in Berlin and a *Life Member* of South Jersey **Vietnam Veterans of America – Somerdale Chapter #1068**. Relatives and friends were invited to attend his viewing on Wednesday morning from 10:00-11:00 AM at the Ora L.

Wooster Funeral Home, 51 Park Boulevard, Clementon, NJ 08021. Funeral Services began at 11:00 AM. Interment was in the New Jersey Veterans Cemetery, Wrightstown. In lieu of flowers, the family requested memorial donations to the Deborah Hospital Foundation, P.O. Box 820, Browns Mills, NJ 08105.



JOHNNIE ALLAN KIMMONS – Died Saturday, February 8, 2014 in Yigo, Guam at the age of 71. The cause of death is unknown. He was born February 2, 1941. He served in the United States Marine Corps and also served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War. In the Army he attained the rank of Sergeant (E-5) and in the Marine Corps he attained the rank of Gunny Sergeant. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Hagatna Chapter #668**. He is interred in the Rosecrans National Cemetery in San Diego, California.

STEVEN PETER KINCAID - Died Wednesday, July 3, 2013 at the Fort Atkinson Memorial Hospital in Fort Atkinson, Wisconsin, surrounded by his family. He was 69 years of age. He was a lifelong resident of Whitewater, Wisconsin and Fort Atkinson. The cause of death resulted from a fall at his home. He was born on April 16, 1944 at the Edgerton Hospital to the late of Peter and Catherine (née McCarthy) Kincaid of Whitewater. Following High School, Steve joined the Wisconsin National Guard and put in 30 years of dedicated service with the National Guard. He received Honorable Discharge and retired Sergeant First Class (E-7) in 2004. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Fort Atkinson Chapter #409**. He is survived by his Alyssa and Trevor of Wisconsin Rapids; Rowan and Declan of Baraboo; Daniel (Debra) Kincaid of Fort Atkinson, and; his sister, Anita (Kincaid) Luebke of Whitewater. In addition to his parents, he was predeceased by his beloved dog, Cheyenne, and; his brother-in-law, Bud Luebke. He is interred in the Cold Spring Union Cemetery in Cold Spring, Wisconsin.



JUSTINA “Tina” KIRKLAND - Died Wednesday, April 8, 2015 in Murfreesboro, Tennessee at the age of 63. The cause of death was a heart attack. She was born August 30, 1951 a native of Sweetwater, Tennessee, and was daughter of the late Homer Sweeton and Valrie June Byars. She was preceded in death by her husband, Harold Kirkland. Mrs. Kirkland attended Impact Church and was a retired Education Assistant for Rutherford County Schools, having worked at Smyrna Middle School and Stewarts Creek Elementary School. She was a member of **Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America – Smyrna Chapter #1089**. She is survived by her daughter, Tabatha Kirkland Hollaway and husband Guy of Texas; sister, Phyllis Bellamy and husband Gary of Sweetwater, TN; brothers, Garry Sweeton and wife Coleen of Murfreesboro, Darrell Sweeton and wife Robin of South Carolina, Bruce Sweeton and wife Julie of Maryland; companion, Larry Dale of Murfreesboro, and a host of nieces, nephews and other family and friends. The funeral service was at 1:00 PM on Monday at the Woodfin Memorial Chapel. Bill Adcock officiated. Burial was in the Evergreen Cemetery. Visitation was from 2:00 PM until 6:00 PM on Sunday at the Woodfin Memorial Chapel.



STEVE KISH III - Died Wednesday, April 29, 2015 at his home in Morgantown, West Virginia at the age of 75. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Rivesville,

West Virginia on November 18, 1939 to the late Steve and Julia (née Coby) Kish, Jr. Steve proudly served his country in the United States Marine Corps and was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Morgantown Chapter #306** and the Mon County Marine Corps League #342. Steve worked as a supervisor for Allegheny Power and attended Laurel Point Methodist Church. He was a loving father and grandfather who will be dearly missed. Steve is survived by his daughter, Lacy Kish and husband Craig Hatfield of Fairmont; sons, Jarrad Kish and wife Chanda Kish of Morgantown, and Steven Kish IV of OH; sister, Maryann Kish of TN; and grandchildren, Lydia Hatfield, Marcus Hatfield, Nathan Kish, and Nick Kish. In addition to his parents, Steve was preceded in death by his brother, Edward C. Kish. Friends called at the McCulla Funeral Home on Saturday, May 2, 2015 from 4:00 PM until the 7:00 PM funeral service with Pastor Tammy Phillips officiating. In honoring Steve's wishes, McCulla Funeral Home provided the cremation services after the funeral. Online condolences may be sent to the family at www.McCulla.com.



RICHARD GERARD "Jerry" KISLING - Died Thursday, July 2, 2015 in the Reading Hospital, where he had been a patient. He was a resident of West Reading, Pennsylvania and was 84 years of age. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Reading to late John and Ruth (née Houck) Kisling. He was the husband of the late Ruth (née Nagle) Kisling who died in October 1998. Jerry was a supply sergeant in the United States Army for 27 years. He served during the Korean and Vietnam wars. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Reading Chapter #131**, a member of Isaac Hiester Lodge No. 660 F & AM and a former member of both the Reading Consistory and Rajah Shrine. He lived for his son, Jay. He is survived by his sister-in-law, Marie S. Kisling, Reading; nephew, Tom E. Kisling Jr, Reading; nieces: Jayne Sproesser, Kutztown, Jo Cohn, Fleetwood and Jodi Readinger, Birdsboro. There are also five great-nieces and great-nephews. Masonic services by Isaac Hiester Lodge No. 660 F & AM were held on Friday, July 10, 2015 at 12:30 PM in Klee Funeral Home & Cremation Services, Inc., 1 East Lancaster Avenue, Shillington followed by his funeral service. Interment with full military honors was in the Indiantown Gap National Cemetery, Annville. Viewing was on Friday from 12:00-12:30 PM at the funeral home. Please remember Jerry by making contributions to the Wounded Warrior Project, 4899 Belfort Road, Suite #300, Jacksonville, FL, 32256.



KERMIT A. KOEHLER - Died Saturday, June 20, 2015 in St. Joseph Medical Center at the age of 80. He was a resident of Cumru Township, Pennsylvania. The cause of death was cancer. He was born in Nazareth, Northampton County, Pennsylvania to late Earl D. and Mazie I. (née Stout) Koehler. He was the loving husband of Thelma G. (née Kincaid) Koehler - together, they celebrated 56 years of marriage. Mr. Koehler was a graduate of Nazareth High School in 1952. He proudly served two TET offensive missions in the United States Navy during the Vietnam War. In 1973, he retired from the Navy and went on to be Supervisor of Lab Technicians at St. Joseph Medical Center. He officially retired in 2010, working more than 40 years at SJMC. Kermit was past president of the Muhlenberg Lions Club, served on the Board of Directors of

the Muhlenberg Ambulance; Life member of VFW Post #8795, Adamstown; member and Chaplain of Laureldale American Legion; Life member of Disabled American Veterans; a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America - Reading Chapter #131** and of the Fleet Reserve. Surviving in addition to his loving wife, Thelma, is a sister, Renee E. Williams, Asheville, NC; several nieces and nephews; and special friends, Bill, Karon and Colin Brosey, Reading. He was predeceased by siblings, Kenneth Koehler and Marion I. Shook. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made in Mr. Koehler's memory to American Cancer Society, 498 Bellevue Avenue, Reading, PA 19605. Funeral Services were held in Bean Funeral Homes, North 16th and Rockland Streets, Hampden Heights on Friday, June 26, 2015 at 11:00 AM with the Reverend Michael Snedeker, officiating. Burial with military honors was in the Laureldale Cemetery. The family received relatives and friends from 10:00–11:00 AM.

EDWARD CHARLES "Ed" KOENIG, JR. - Died Sunday, September 7, 2014 at home in Thornton, Colorado with his wife Bernadette Theresa Marie Guadalupe (née Abeyta) Koenig at his side. He was 73 years of age. The cause of death was metastatic bladder cancer. He was born March 9, 1941. He served in the United States Navy during the Vietnam War from December 15, 1960 to November 16, 1962 aboard the USS Carpenter until June 1963. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America - Denver Chapter #1071**. Edward is survived by two sons, Glen (Jill) Koenig and Todd Koenig, both of the Denver area. There are five sisters surviving, Kay (Harold) LaPlante of Tucson, Ariz., Anita (Gary) Stumpf of Wabasha, Laurein (Russ) Welsh of Buena Park, Calif., Theresa Johnson of St. Peter and Monica (Tom) Nederhoff, of Rochester; one brother, Mark (Debbie) Koenig of Wabasha; and several nieces and nephews. Edward's parents, Edward C. and Elsie (Cragg) Koenig, and brother-in-law, Robert Johnson, all, of Plainview, preceded him in death. He was interred in Fort Logan National Cemetery in Denver, Colorado on Friday, September 26th at 12:30 PM. In addition to his wife, he is survived by his sons and sister-in-law, Glen and Joy and Todd Koenig; five sisters, and; one brother.



RANDALL "Poppy" KOPENY - Died Wednesday, April 29, 2015 in Denton, Texas at the age of 72. The cause of death was a heart attack. He was born December 26, 1942 in Chicago, Illinois to the late Clarence and Alvina Kopeny. He served bravely in the United States Merchant Marines during the Vietnam War. He married Nancy Polley on May 22, 1987 in Denton. He worked for American Eagle and was a *Life Member* and secretary of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Denton Chapter #920**. He touched countless lives with his warm smile and will never be forgotten. Visitation was on Saturday, May 2, 2015 from 2:00 – 4:00 PM at the DeBerry Funeral Directors. A memorial service was held on Sunday, May 3, 2015 at 3:00 PM in the chapel of DeBerry Funeral Directors with Chaplain Tom Silva officiating. Randall is survived by his wife, Nancy of Denton; daughters, Kellie Szachury of Pepper Pike, OH and Ronda and husband, Colby Meyer of Tuscola, TX; son, Brian and wife Cynthia Kopeny of Cincinnati, OH and grandchildren, Chase Meyer, Kenzie Szachury, Landin Meyer, Jillian Szachury and Logan Szachury. He is preceded in death by his parents and brother, James Kopeny.



JOSE SABLAN LAGUANA, SR. (USA, 1SG-Ret.) - Died Thursday, March 5, 2015 in at Tripler Medical Center, Honolulu, Hawaii. He was a resident of Barrigada, Guam and was 80 years of age. The cause of death is unknown. He was born October 17, 1934. In Guam he was known as "Familián Gadi" and José fondly known as "Peling" of Yigo, formerly Barrigada, Guam. He served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War and retired after a long career. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Hagatna Chapter #668**. Nightly rosaries were offered for three days beginning on March 18th following a 6:00 PM Mass on March 19th at 6:00 PM on March 20th after the 6:00 PM Mass at the San Vicente Church in Barrigada. Last respects were on Saturday, March 21, 2015 at San Vicente Church in Barrigada commencing at 9:00 AM to 11:50 AM. A Mass of Christian Burial will be offered at 12:00 PM. Following Mass, interment services with full Military Honors were rendered at the Guam Veterans Cemetery in Piti, Guam.



ROGER HENRY LAROCQUE - Died Tuesday, April 28, 2015, at the University of Vermont Medical Center surrounded by loved ones. He was 70 years of age and a resident of Ripton, Vermont. The cause of death is unknown. He was born March 3, 1945 in Salisbury, Vermont to the late Omer and Yvonne (née Quenneville) Larocque. He grew up in Salisbury, where he attended school and worked on the family farm. In 1968 he was drafted into the United States Army and honorably served in the Vietnam War. After returning to the United States, he worked as a roofer for 21 years and then was employed by the Ripton Elementary and North Branch schools until his retirement. He was very proud to have served in the military and flew the American flag at his house. He enjoyed volunteering with the VFW and American Legion in Middlebury. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Bristol Chapter #926**. The family said he was hardworking and preferred to stay busy, enjoying anything that kept him outside, particularly gardening and landscaping. On his down time, family said, he loved to visit with family and friends and play with his grandchildren. From the time his oldest granddaughter, Mckenna, was four years old, he would spend mornings with her playing cards, feeding her and bringing her to school. On weekends he enjoyed having grandchildren Mckenna, Logan and Emerson with him as much as possible, taking them to Cornwall to show the children the gardens, pond and occasionally take them for rides on the tractor and Gator on the property owned by his close family friends Rick and Martie Fritz. With all of these special outings, family said he passed on his love for the outdoors. He was extremely proud of oldest grandchild, Seth, and looked forward to his graduation from the University of Massachusetts, Dartmouth in May. He was also proud of his four children and the hardworking, thoughtful, independent and loving people they have become. He is survived by his loving wife of 29 years, Debra (Desjadon) Larocque; his children, Jonas Larocque and his wife Cheryl, Leah Larocque, Tinaya (Larocque) Raymond and husband Brent, and Isaac Larocque and wife Marsha; and his siblings, Jeanette (Larocque) Jackson, Marcel Larocque, Paul Larocque, Morris Larocque and wife Vivian, Susan (Larocque) Homick and husband Steve, Leo Larocque and wife Penny, Anita Larocque and Pauline (Larocque) LaPlant. He is predeceased by his parents, brother Harris Larocque, sister-in-law Diane Larocque, brother-in-law Russel Jackson, brother-in-law Charles LaPlant, nephew Bucky Jackson and nephew David Volker. Memorial contributions may be made to the Middlebury VFW Post #7823. A private burial for family was held at Farmingdale

Veterans Cemetery on Three Mile Bridge Road in Middlebury on Saturday, May 2nd, at 11:30 AM. Following the burial, everyone was invited to celebrate his life at the VFW Post #7823 on Exchange Street at 1:00 PM. Arrangements were under the direction of Sanderson-Ducharme Funeral Home. Online condolences www.sandersonfuneralservice.com.



ROBERT TARENCE "Terry" LEE - Died Friday, May 16, 2015 in Minocqua, Wisconsin at the age of 74. The cause of death was a heart attack. He was born in Tomahawk, Wisconsin to the late Robert Sheldon Lee and Dorothy Mae (née Knuth) Lee. He was a life-long resident of Minocqua. He was in the first graduating class of Lakeland Union High School in 1958 and a member of the high school ski team. He served in the United States Army from 1959-1962 in the 148th Transportation Company, "The Chopper Doctors", in Nelligan Germany. He became a member of the Minocqua Police Department in 1965. Terry was known for walking the beat throughout his 28-year career. He was a Sergeant and eventually named Chief of Police in 1993. Terry was instrumental in starting many programs within the police force; liaison officer at the high school, boat patrol, 911 system, K-9 Unit and so much more. He also was a volunteer for many organizations. He was in the ski patrol at Squirrel Hill, he was on the Harley Davidson Snowmobile Test Team with the headquarters at Bonneau's Harbor (Lakeside Landing), Minocqua Fire Department Member, Deputize Warden with the DNR, area horse club Horsemise, Minocqua Musky Hunt. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Minocqua Chapter #256**. He loved hunting and fishing with his family and friends and spending time with his horses in the pasture. Many trips cross country on his Honda Goldwing & hunting trips to Colorado with his horses. Terry loved to tell a good story as he had many from all of the adventures. He is survived by his wife, Connie; his children, Donna Lee-Ryan (Randy), Dick Lee (Karen) and Terri Howard (Greg); six grandchildren, Kyle Howard (Katie), Kent Howard (Jenny), Abby Lee, Jamie Lee, Niki Lee and Bobby Lee; three great-grandchildren, Kallen Howard, Kennedy Howard and Maggie Howard; two sisters, Karen Johnson and Jackie Ridderbush, and; several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents; brother, James Lee and sister, Lucy Kempka. Visitation was on Thursday, May 21st from 5:00-8:00 PM and on Friday, May 22nd from 9:00-11:00 AM at Ascension Lutheran Church in Minocqua with Funeral Services at 11:00 AM. Interment with military honors was at the Minocqua Memorial Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be sent to the family and will be donated to the Minocqua Rescue Squad, K-9 Unit, Police and Fire Departments. Bolger Funeral and Cremation Services assisted the family or visit www.bolgerfuneral.com to share condolences.



PHILIP DAVID "Phil" LEGER – Died Monday, March 2, 2015 in Monterey, California at the age of 65. The cause of death is unknown. He was born June 17, 1949 in New Bedford, Massachusetts to the late Annette and Norman Leger. When Phil was 1 year old, the family moved to Milwaukee, Wisconsin. In 1965 the family moved to Riverside, California where he attended John North High School and met his high school sweetheart, Janis. After graduation Phil joined the United States Army and was sent to Vietnam. Returning safely he became a Drill Sergeant at Fort Ord, California. His goal was to prepare future soldiers for their possible tours in Vietnam. Upon his discharge, Phil and Janis married and moved to Monterey, California where they spent the next 43 years happily

married. Phil worked as a truck driver for a local delivery service and later for an agricultural seed company. During this time, their son Jeff was born and Phil instilled his values of love, respect, honesty and patriotism. As a family, they had many happy vacations to Hawaii, Victoria, British Columbia, Seattle, Colorado Springs, the Grand Canyon and Washington, DC. Phil and Janis formed lasting memories on their trips to Scotland and Ireland. Phil was a great fan of the 49ers, Giants, Nascar and had a love for all kinds of movies, especially classic black and whites from the 40's. Being a voracious reader, he always had a book on his lap, especially if it was historical fiction and would often read the same book multiple times. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Redwood City #464**. Phil is survived by his wife Janis, son Jeff and wife Marie, and grandson Collin of Seaside CA, father Norman, sister Beth (Leger) Hites and husband Scott of Redlands, CA., sister Frances Elgas of Encinitas, CA, brother Robert of Covina, CA. and numerous nieces and nephews along with multiple friends and family. He was interred in Monterey, California.

ALAN R. "Big Al" LINDSTROM - Died unexpectedly at Kent County Hospital on Wednesday, July 6, 2005 at the age of 59. He was a resident of Coventry, Rhode Island. The cause of death was cancer and heart failure. He was born on August 4, 1945 in Providence, Rhode Island to the late Rudolph and Martha (née Gustafson) Lindstrom. He is survived by his wife Brenda (née Anthony). Al was a 41-year member of IBEW Local 99. He was also a Veteran of the Vietnam War as a United States Navy Sea Bee. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Wakefield Chapter #325**. Al enjoyed camping and cribbage and was an avid canoeist. Al is also survived by his sister, Naomi Sawyer of Center Ossipee, NH, nieces Karen Kuhn and Janine Anthony, and nephews David, Ronald, and Gary Kuhn. The funeral was in the Butterfield Funeral Home, 500 Pontiac Avenue, Cranston on Monday, July 11th at 10:00 AM. Interment was in the Bethany Lutheran Cemetery, Cranston, Rhode Island. Visiting hours were held on Sunday from 4:00-7:00 PM at the Butterfield Funeral Home. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to The American Cancer Society or a charity of your choice. For online guestbook and directions visit www.thebutterfieldhome.com.



ALLEN F. LYND - Died Sunday, February 1, 2015 at his home in Lake Mills, Wisconsin at the age of 68. The cause of death was Diabetes Mellitus Type II and Renal Failure. He was born on March 25, 1946 in Hustisford, Wisconsin to the late Raymond and Una (née Mercale) Lynd. He was a graduate of Jefferson High School, class of 1965. Allen married Margaret Hillebrand on June 15, 1967. He had been employed by APV Crepaco. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War, serving in the United States Army. Allen was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Fort Atkinson Chapter #409**. Survivors include his wife, Margaret of Lake Mills; one daughter, Julie (Dan) Uebelacker of Belleville, WI; one son, Steven (Sally) Lynd of Lake Mills; four grandchildren, Alex and Rachel Uebelacker, Ashley Strieter, Erin Lynd; other relatives and friends. He was also preceded in death by one sister, Pat Morgan, one brother, Roger Lynd, and a half-brother, Dennis Powers. Memorial services were held at 11:00 AM on Saturday, February 14, 2015 at the Lake Mills Moravian Church with Reverend Bruce Nelson officiating. Friends called after 10:00 AM on Saturday at the church until the time of services. If desired, memorials may be made to Vietnam Veterans of America or the American Diabetes Association.

THOMAS COLYARD LYON – Died Sunday, April 19, 2015 in Winnemucca, Nevada at the age of 68. The cause of death was neuro-endocrine cancer. He was born in Neptune, New Jersey on April 17, 1947. He is survived by his wife, Elizabeth, and; his children, Christopher, Nicole and Camille. He was predeceased by his daughter, Naomi. He served in the United States Army from June 26, 1966 to June 15, 1968 with a tour of duty in Vietnam from December 1967 to July 1968. He was a *Charter Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Winnemucca Chapter #744**. A memorial service was held on Sunday, May 17th at 1:30 PM at Saint Paul Catholic Church in Winnemucca.

DOUGLAS E. MADISON – Died Friday, April 24, 2015 in Vancouver, Washington at the age of 72. The cause of death was pancreatic cancer. He was born March 6, 1943. He is survived by his wife, Diane, of the home. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Saint Louis (Missouri) Chapter #1028**.



JAMES CHARLES MATANANE - Died Thursday, February, 19, 2015 in Barrigada, Guam at the age of 69 years. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Guam on July 21, 1945. He was fondly known as "Jim, Jimmy" of Mangilao. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Hagatna Chapter #668**. Mass intentions and rosaries were offered at Santa Teresita Church in Mangilao, Guam with schedules as follow: Saturday & Sunday Mass at 6:00 PM, rosary at 7:15 PM and on Monday Mass at 6:00 PM, rosary at 6:45 PM. Last respects were paid on Tuesday, March 1, 2015 at Santa Teresita Church in Mangilao beginning at 9:00 AM-12:30 PM. A Mass of Christian burial was celebrated at 1:00 PM and burial with military honors were rendered at the Guam Veterans Cemetery in Piti, Guam.



CLEMENS EUGENE "Gene" MAY, JR. - Died Saturday, August 31, 2013 in his home in Rockford, Illinois at the age of 64. The cause of death was emphysema. He was born on November 7, 1948, in Dixon, Illinois to the late Clemens Eugene, Sr. and Lovina (née Shelton) May. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War, serving in the United States Air Force. He earned a B.S. in Mechanical Engineering and spent most of his life working as a Tool and Die Maker. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Rockford Chapter #984**. He married Karen Verano on March 11, 2000. He is survived by his wife, Karen; daughters, Tanya (Tom) Shank and Stephanie May; grandchildren, Abigayle, Sarah and Michael; stepson, Jade; step-granddaughter, Jachelkhar; siblings, Michael May and Deborah (Steven) Bergeson; and lifelong friend, Bob Jerome. In addition to his parents, he was also predeceased by Russell May. The funeral service was at 3:00 PM on Thursday, September 5, 2013 at the Fitzgerald Funeral Home and Crematory, Mulford Chapel, 1860 South Mulford Road. Visitation was from 2:00 PM until the time of the service on Thursday at the funeral home.

LEE MCKEAN – Died Sunday, March 22, 2015 in Sugar Land, Texas at the age of 69. The cause of death was complications from surgery. He was born in Shelbyville, Illinois on March 6, 1946. He is survived by his daughter, Nicole McKean. He served in the United States Navy from

August 1966 to July 1972 and while service in Vietnam on the USS Tripoli and USS White River. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Houston Chapter #343**.

ABBIE GENEVA CORNELL McKENZIE – Died Sunday, May 24, 2015 in Hollywood, Florida at the age of 88. The cause of death is unknown. She was born in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania on December 4, 1926 to the late John Bishop Cornell and Mildred (née Law). She is survived by her daughter-in-law, Marilyn McKenzie; her grandson, Michael McKenzie; her granddaughter, Jennifer McKenzie; grandson-in-law, Thomas Mudd, and; two great-grandsons, Samuel and Ethan Mudd. She was a member of **Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America – Fort Lauderdale Chapter #23**. Graveside services were held at the Southern Memorial Park in North Miami on Saturday, June 27, 2015 at 11:30 AM.

RICHARD DEWEY McLAUGHLIN, JR. - Died Monday, May 25, 2015 at the Western Maryland Regional Medical Center at the age of 75. He was a resident of Cumberland, Maryland. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on March 7, 1940 in Cumberland to the late Richard Dewey McLaughlin, Sr., and Margaret Arbutus (née Clark) McLaughlin. He was also preceded in death by a sister, Kathy. Richard attended Oldtown High School and retired from the United States Marine Corps serving two tours in Vietnam as a Staff Sergeant. He was a member of the Mountainside Marine Corps League and was very proud of the Marine Corps and being a veteran. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Cumberland Chapter #172**. Richard is survived by his daughters, Margie Resseger, Cumberland, and Maria Redinger and husband, Ray, Lonaconing; and a son, Richard D. McLaughlin, III, Cumberland. He also leaves behind a sister, Linda Weitzell, Cumberland; his grandchildren whom he dearly loved, Jimmy Mead, Kevin McLaughlin, Marcus Stuart, Brian Resseger, Ryan Redinger, Dylan Redinger, Peytyn Resseger, and Caidyn Redinger; three special nephews whom looked at him as their father, Victor Livengood, George Cousins, and Johnnie Cousins; as well as four great-grandchildren. Friends were received at the Adams Family Funeral Home, P.A., 404 Decatur Street, Cumberland, (www.AdamsFamilyFuneralHome.com) on Wednesday, May 27, 2015 from 4:00 to 7:00 PM. A funeral service was conducted at the funeral home on Thursday, May 28, 2015 at 10:00 AM. Interment was in the Maryland Veterans Cemetery at Rocky Gap, Maryland. Military honors were accorded at the cemetery by the Post #13 Veterans Honor Guard.



JERRY CLAUD “Bear” MEDLEY - Died Sunday, June 14, 2015 in Reno, Nevada at the age of 67. The cause of death is unknown. He was born July 7, 1947 in Auburn, California to the late Joe and Alta Medley. While growing up in Foresthill, California, Jerry enjoyed Little League baseball and jalopy racing as a teenager. After graduating from Placer High School in Auburn, he worked for California Department of Forestry as a seasonal firefighter. In the fall of 1966 Jerry enlisted in the United States Marine Corps. Shortly after graduating boot camp he was deployed to Vietnam immediately facing combat. Upon returning to the states he carried heavy physical and mental burdens. He was awarded the Purple Heart as well as many other military honors. His sacrifice is greatly honored and appreciated. Jerry married Jan, the love of his life, on August 3, 1968 and together they spent the remainder of his tour in Twenty Nine Palms, California. In his free time he was a volunteer with the Twenty Nine Palms Fire Department as an engineer. After being discharged

from the military Jan and Jerry returned to their hometown of Foresthill, where they had their two sons, Mike and Matt. Jerry worked at the lumber mill and was a volunteer firefighter as well as a reserve deputy with the Placer County Sheriff's Department. After the lumber mill closed Jerry found his passion in corrections. With a nickname like "Bear" it's easy to see why he excelled. In 1995 Jerry along with his wife moved to Susanville, where he worked as a correctional officer at the California Correctional Center. He thoroughly enjoyed working the correction camp system. He retired in 2004. Jerry enjoyed Harley Davidson motorcycles, always riding his bike with Jan in parades and on long trips. They both loved Hawaii and visited frequently. Jerry also loved shooting and collecting guns, he was an active member of the Patriot Guard Riders, Iron Warriors MC and a H.O.G. member. He was also very active with the **Vietnam Veterans of America – Santa Rosa Chapter #223** and the Marine Corps League of Susanville. As Bear's health declined his spirit and personality shone as bright as ever. Even from a wheelchair he was always the boss. Jerry will be remembered for his patriotism and honor in serving our country. He will be remembered as a wonderful family man, motorcycle enthusiast and car junkie. He will be deeply missed. He is survived by his sister, Sandra Ford (Larry); his loving wife, Jan; his sons, Mike (Rachel) and Matt (Sarah); granddaughters, Andrea (Adam), Kayla, Bobbielynn and Lilly; and his great-grandsons, Dallas and Eric; as well as many nieces and nephews. A memorial service was held at 2:00 PM on July 11, 2015 at the Susan River Fire Department Main Station on US 395. We love you and miss you! Semper Fi, rest at ease Marine. In lieu of flowers the family requests donations may be made to the Vietnam Veterans of America, PO Box 38499, Sacramento, CA 95838.



CRAIG HOWARD MORTON - Died Thursday, May 14, 2015 at his residence in Moline Illinois at the age of 68. He suffered a courageous 11 ½ year battle with Multiple Myeloma. He was born May 5, 1947 in Chicago, Illinois to the late Howard John and Laurel Ann (née Klima) Morton. He married Shirley Anne LeBeau on July 24, 1971, in the Savanna Army Depot Chapel in Savanna, Illinois. He started school in Tulsa, Oklahoma, and moved with his family to Moline when he was ten years old. He attended Moline schools until early in his senior year of high school and then moved to Iowa City, where he graduated from City High School in 1965. After graduating from the University of Iowa in 1970 with a B.A. in History, he was commissioned a Second Lieutenant in the United States Army Military Police Corps, serving as a criminologist. He served two years on active duty and one year of Active Reserve. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Rock Island Chapter #299**. In 1972, Craig started civil service as a budget analyst in the Weapons Command on the Rock Island Arsenal. After a year, he was transferred to the Missile Command on Redstone Arsenal in Huntsville, Alabama, and in 1979 he transferred back to Rock Island. He retired in 2001 as the Budget Officer for the Engineering Support Directorate. Craig's hobbies were golfing, reading, country western dancing, and traveling, especially to tropical locations. Craig and Shirley's usual highlight of the year always came early with their annual trip to Maui, Hawaii, in January. Craig was also an avid Iowa Hawkeye fan and had season football tickets for many years. He was a member of First Congregational Church, Moline and the Mississippi Valley Country Dance Association. Surviving are his wife, Shirley, of Moline; a daughter, Lotus Vortex of Richmond, Virginia; a son, Tyler Morton of Camarillo, California; his aunt, Beth Koeppen of Hutchinson, Minnesota; cousins, Tom (Sandy) Koeppen of Chanhassen, Minnesota, Kelly

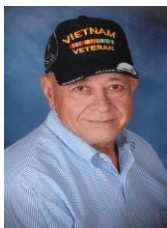
Boehmer of Wayzata, Minnesota, Rich (Dolly) Koeppen of Hutchinson, and Annie (Jerry) Portele of Issaquah, Washington; his mother-in-law, Luci LeBeau of Rock Island, a brother-in-law, Bill (Beverly) LeBeau of Syracuse, New York, and a sister-in-law, Michele (Doug) O'Reilly of Villa Park, Illinois. He was preceded in death by two brothers, Mark and Brent. Craig's family would like to thank Dr. Stewart Garneau and his wonderful staff for their help over the years. Also, the family would like to thank all of his friends for their concerns, prayers, and words of encouragement. Services were at 10:30 AM on Monday at First Congregational Church, Moline, with The Reverend Craig Jan-McMahon officiating. Burial was in Rock Island National Cemetery where Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter #299 was present to render military honors. Visitation was from 2:00 to 5:00 PM on Sunday at the Trimble Funeral Home at Trimble Pointe, 701 12th Street, Moline. Memorials may be made to the Russell and Ann Gerdin American Cancer Society Hope Lodge, 750 Hawkins Drive, Iowa City, IA 52246, or the Multiple Myeloma Research Fund. Visit Craig's personal tribute page at www.TrimbleFuneralHomes.com to share stories, condolences, and pictures, and light a free candle in his memory.



WILFRED ROYAL "Moose" MOUSSEAU - Died Friday, June 19, 2015 at McLaren-Northern Michigan in Petoskey, Michigan at the age of 85. He was a resident of Cheboygan, Michigan. The cause of death was Parkinson's disease. A resident of the area most of his adult life, Royal was born March 6, 1930 in Detroit, the son of Wilford and Helen (née Kelly) Mousseau. He served in the United States Army from 1945-1967 and served in World War II, Korea, and during the Vietnam War, in Laos and Indochina, with the Special Forces, attaining the rank of Sergeant First Class. On August 14, 1998, he married his wife of 17 years, his life and love, Molly Bur. After serving in the Army, he was employed as an electrical line worker. He was a member of the Cross in the Woods Catholic Church in Indian River, and was a former Knights of Columbus member, a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Cheboygan Chapter #274**, the Veteran's Underage Military Service, and the Special Forces Chapter LV. Surviving are his wife, Molly, ten children, Royale (Sheila) Mousseau, Gil Mousseau, Glenn (Patricia) Mousseau, Diane Ougel, Sheila (Andy) Leboeuf, Shay (Gwen) Mousseau, Roger Mousseau, Gerine (Ronnie) Stevens, Andrew (Amy) Mousseau, and Anastasia (Joel) Deguzman, many grandchildren and great-grandchildren, and several great-great-grandchildren, a sister, Tlanda McDonald, a brother Robert Mousseau, and several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents, three sons, David, and two sons in infancy, and a brother, Roamer. A funeral mass was celebrated on Wednesday, June 24, 2015 at 11:00 AM, with the family greeting friends beginning at 10:00 AM, at the Cross in the Woods Catholic Shrine in Indian River. The Reverend Father Mike Haney officiated and the burial was at the Sacred Heart Cemetery in Riggsville, Michigan. Memorials may be made to Bishop Baraga School or the Parkinson's Association. Online condolences may be made at www.stonefuneralhomeinc.com. The Nordman-Christian Funeral Home was in charge of the arrangements.

ROBERT LEONARD "Rob" MUNDAY - Died Thursday, May 7, 2015 at his home in Cumberland, Maryland at the age of 62. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on March 18, 1953 to the late John and Beulah Ann (née Faith) Munday. Besides his mother, he was preceded in death by his wife, Jackie Munday; a sister, Jeannie Turner; two brothers, Larry Munday and

Johnnie Munday; and a step-mother, Betty Grace Munday. Rob attended Fort Hill High School. He served in the United States Army and later retired from Chessie System Railroad. He was a member of the VFW, the Loyal Order of the Moose, the American Legion Post #13, and **Vietnam Veterans of America – Cumberland Chapter #172**. He is survived by his daughter, April Budrecki; grandson, Cameron; two granddaughters, Caylee and Mikia; great-granddaughter, Harmony; one sister, Marie Raynor and husband Cecil, Cumberland; and two brothers, Scott Munday and wife Peggy, Oldtown, and Roger Fuller and wife Pam, Chambersburg, Pa. Friends were received at the Scarpelli Funeral Home, P.A., 108 Virginia Avenue, Cumberland, on Wednesday, May 13, 2015 from Noon to 1:00 PM. Services were held at the funeral home on Wednesday at 1:00 PM. Interment was at the Maryland State Veterans Cemetery, Rocky Gap, Maryland.



MARIO OCTAVIO MUNIZ - Died Monday, December 22, 2014 in Victoria, Texas at the age of 70. He was a resident of Beeville, Texas. The cause of death is cancer. He was born on May 5, 1944 in East Chicago, Indiana to the late Bonifacio & Anna Maria (née Ybarra) Muniz. He graduated high school in 1963 from Washington High School in East Chicago, and served his country during the Vietnam War in the United States Army. Mr. Muniz served his community in Beeville as a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Beeville Chapter #929**, Knights of Columbus #1653, VFW, American Legion, and the City of Beeville Zoning Committee. He was also a part-time employee at Trevino Funeral Home, where he humbly assisted whenever he was asked, providing service unselfishly. His heart was lived with compassionate care for others, and before his passing he even provided for a family that was in need during this Christmas season. Survivors include his wife of 29 years, Dolores Vidaurri Muniz of Beeville; children, Jacklin Cheri Muniz (Matilde Moreno, III) of Beeville, Theresa (John) Griffin of Houston, Jerry Guerrero (Gloria) of Beeville, Edward (Amy) Guerrero of LaPorte; brothers, Sergio (Beatriz) Muniz of California, Luis Manual (Ellen) Muniz of West Virginia; grandchildren, Tristan and Troy Smith of Houston, Juan Ricardo Ramirez of Dickinson, HeavenLeigh Rae Benavidez, Alex Mario of Beeville, Lucas and Matthew Guerrero of LaPorte; niece, Tracie (William) Hyatt and son; nephew, Sergio (Samantha) Muniz and sons. Visitation was held at Trevino Funeral Home on Sunday, December 28th from 1:00 PM – 9:00 PM with a Rosary beginning at 7:00 PM. Mr. Muniz laid-in-state from 9:00 AM – 9:55 AM on Monday, December 29th at Saint Joseph Catholic Church where Mass was at 10:00 AM with Father Richard Gonzales, officiating. Interment was at Coastal Bend Veterans Cemetery in Corpus Christi with full military honors at 12:00 PM – Noon. Active Pallbearers were HeavenLeigh Rae Benavidez, Tristan Smith, Troy Smith, Juan Ricardo Ramirez, Alex Mario Guerrero, Lucas Guerrero, Matthew Guerrero, Dajohn Griffin, Kaitlyn Tanner, and Damian Nunley. Honorary Pallbearers were Knights of Columbus Members, VVA Members, VFW Members, American Legion, John Schneider, Joe Lopez, Mr. T. Flores, Jerry Coffin, Ralph Garza, Ben Sandoval, Domingo Salinas, Bob Zemburski and Gabriel Flores.

GEORGE R. MURPHY – Died Sunday, July 19, 2015 in Angeles City, The Philippines at the age of 71. The cause of death was diabetes mellitus type II. He was born on December 19, 1943. He served in the United States Air Force during the Vietnam War and retired after 20 years of

service. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Angeles City Chapter #887**. He served as past Chapter Chaplain. He was also a member of DAV Chapter #3, the VFW Post #2485 and a member of the Beagles Organization. He was laid-in-state in the Indiongco Funeral Home in Angeles City. Burial was to be at a later date.

WAYNE CLEMON MYATT - Died Monday, May 4, 2015 at VA Medical Center in Nashville, Tennessee at the age of 79. He was a resident of Bon Aqua, Tennessee. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Dickson County, Tennessee on January 3, 1936 to the late Clarence Myatt and Vida May (née Brown) Myatt. He is survived by his son, Jonathan Wayne (Alisha) Myatt; his daughter, Anita Palmer; his sister, Leona Flowers, as well as three grandchildren. In addition to his parents, he was also predeceased by his children, Barry Dean and Donna Jeannette Myatt; his three sisters, Louise Davidson, Eleanor Hill and Doris Brown; one brother, Glynn Myatt. He served in the United States Army with a tour of duty in Vietnam from 3 May 1968 to 2 May 1969. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Dickson Chapter #950**. Arrangements were made by the Dickson Funeral Home.



TERRY LEE MYERS - Died Wednesday, July 15, 2015 in Rapid City, South Dakota due to complications associated with Agent Orange from the Vietnam War and the Chronic Fatigue Syndrome (same as the Gulf War Syndrome only his was a result of the Vietnam War). He was 70 years of age. He was born on March 4, 1945 in Wichita, Kansas. He was raised, loved and cared for by a very courageous mother, Hazel (née Rather) Myers and grandmother, Jessee Rather, in the small rural community of Kiowa, Kansas where he also graduated from High School in 1963. Living was always bigger than life to Terry who enjoyed many things especially athletics where he was selected as an All-State basketball player during his senior year. After spending one last summer on the beloved 'Butler Farm,' Terry enlisted in the United States Air Force, where he spent the remainder of his working life. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Rapid City Chapter #463**. While he was in the Air Force, Terry met his wife Martha and they were married in Chapel Number 13 at Fitzsimmons Army Medical Center in Denver, Colorado on March 18, 1967. Born to this union were two beautiful children, Rebecca Marie and Robert Michael. Although Terry had many exciting adventures throughout his lifetime, his overwhelming joy came from working with the young kids in their Little League and Scouting endeavors. Later in life his grandchildren, Stephen, Alexandria, Kailynn, Patrick, Janessa, Nathan, Duke and Remington captured his life and could always put a shining gleam in his eye. "In closing, I would like to thank my mother, grandmother, Aunt Jean and my own family for giving me such a good life, even through the desperate years. I would also like to take this opportunity to thank 'The Bob and Ellen Butler' family for their additional guidance, support and love, all which was very gratifying to a young kid growing up without a father or grandfather. They are why I am asking for a small contribution to the closest chapter of 'Big Brothers and Big Sisters' that supports your area in place of any other acknowledgements. Thank You!" Memorial services were at 10:00 AM on Saturday, July 18th, at the Behrens-Wilson Funeral Home with Pastor Paul Winkler officiating. Condolences may be conveyed to the family at behrenswilson.com.



JOHN DEE MYKINES – Died at his home in Evans, Washington on Flag Day, June 14, 2015 at the age of 69. The cause of death was head injuries pursuant to a fall. He was born in Lone, Washington on January 12, 1946 to the late Earl D. and Mary (née Koontz) Mykines. John worked hard, drove hard, drank hard and left a beautiful memory. In his youth, John played and lettered in high school baseball, basketball and football. After graduation, he entered the United States Navy with four of his high school friends. During his time in the service, he became an Electronic Technician (ET2) and was known to his Shipmates often as J-Stach and The Mad Russian. John served three tours in Vietnam on The USS Okanagan and the USS Cabildo, and was stationed in DaNang. That took him through the Mekong and other rivers in the region protected by Patrol Boats. "J-Stach" was also a participant in Special Ops. He was married December 7, 1968 one week after his Navy Honorable Discharge, to Earlene, his wife of 46 years, six-month and one week. After service in the Navy, John worked in the woods and for Lehigh Portland Cement before he began driving long haul trucks. That allowed him to experience people and places from many walks of life. Putting his family first, John left long hauling and began driving logging trucks locally. Once his days of trucking were over, he moved to his brother's ranch, where he enjoyed living for 17 years before moving to his home in Evans. He had a very strong work ethic that he passed on to his children. John was a *Life Member* of the American Legion, VFW, Disabled American Veterans and **Vietnam Veterans of America – Spokane Chapter #879**. He was preceded in death by his parents; brother, Earl Jay "Buster"; an infant sister; beloved cat Lil Bit and Border Collie, Jake. John is survived by his wife, Earlene Mykines, Evans; a son, Shane Mykines, Priest River, ID; a daughter, Brooke Holter, Sedro-Woolley, and 12 grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; a sister, Colleen Langford; his dog, Boo and three cats, Pippi, Trots and Yoda. A graveside service was held at 11:00 AM on Saturday, June 27th at Mountain View Park Cemetery, Colville. A celebration of his life followed at their home in Evans. If one wishes, memorial contributions may be given to the Colville Valley Animal Sanctuary. Please visit the online memorial and sign the guestbook at www.danekasfuneralchapel.com. Danekas Funeral Chapel & Crematory was entrusted with the arrangements.

GREG L. NELSON - Died at home in Machesney Park, Illinois on Saturday, November 15, 2014 at the age of 65. The cause of death was diabetes mellitus and heart disease. He was born in Rockford, Illinois on March 26, 1949. Gregg served in the United States Army with a tour of duty in Vietnam from July 1968 to July 1969 and received the Silver Star. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Rockford Chapter #984**. He is survived by his wife, Charlotte; two sons, Kam and Travis; daughter-in-law, Amanda; three grandchildren, Garrett, Addisyn and Christine; two sisters, Audrey (Hal) Sherburne and Debbie; brother, Ron (Denise) Nelson. Memorial visitation was from 10:00 to 11:00 AM on Wednesday, November 19, 2014 followed by memorial services at 11:00 AM in the Chapel of Cremation Society of Illinois, 6825 Weaver Road. Military Honors were at 11:30 AM. It was a private family inurnment. Condolences can be sent to Cremation Society-Com.



MANUEL NIZ - Died Friday, March 6, 2015, of renal failure. He was 85 years of age and a resident of Visalia, California. He was born on February 6, 1930 to the late Ruth and Manuel Niz and lived in Farmersville, California. Manuel married Pearl

Saldivar in the late 1940's, though it ended in divorce, they had a loving son Manuel Ronald in 1951. Manuel married Mary Louise on October 5th, 1956, and gained two beautiful children Diane (born 1950) and Shirley (born 1953), they had two children together Rosemary (born 1957) and Robert (born 1961). Manuel graduated, from Visalia High School in 1947. He joined the United States Navy that year, and served for 3 years, before transferring to the United States Army in 1950, just before serving duty in Korea, during the police action there. He was a corpsman in the Navy and a combat medic in the Army. He returned to the states and later after his divorce met his childhood sweetheart again and love was sparked that would last to his death 61 years later. He admitted there were times when he truly expected her to leave him, but love, children and friendship tied them to each other through thick and thin. Manuel was returned to another police action in 1966 in Vietnam where he served with the 25th Infantry, 2nd Division Wolfhounds in the iron triangle. While there, he received a Bronze Star for Valor, for running out into an open field under machine fire and rescued several men. He was awarded several more Bronze Stars during his time in the Army, but always said, he was most proud of the one for valor. Manuel retired in 1971, and moved his family to Visalia, California. He spent many years as a guard, until retiring again at 65. Manuel loved to fish and to go bowling, he had the luck of the Irish with him and spent a lot on the lottery and games of chance. Manuel won a decent amount on the lottery, which allowed him to help pay off a vacation spot and help his children and grandchildren through some tough times. Manuel was a member of the Moose Lodge in Visalia for many years, time that he said "he remembered, fondly." Manuel was also a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Farmersville Chapter #441** and in the last years of his life was a member of The Wounded Warrior Project. Surviving with his wife are his daughters, Diane and her husband Butch (deceased), Shirley and her ex-husband Bob, who was also a friend, and Rosemary, and her husband Bobby, his son's, Manuel, and his wife Elvira, Robert and his wife Kimberly, and his sister Isabel. Also surviving are his eleven grandchildren, sixteen great-grandchildren, and a great-great-grandchild. He was predeceased by his parents and his sisters' Dora, and Ester, a young brother Angelo, and his grandchildren Lisa Mechealle and Mary Patricia. A remembrance memorial service was held on Saturday, April 25, 2015 at 2:00 PM at the Millers Funeral Home in Visalia, with a reception after for family and friends. In lieu of flowers, gifts may be made to the Wounded Warriors Project.

ALLEN J. NORGAARD - Died at home in Dingmans Ferry, Pennsylvania on Saturday, May 23, 2015 at the age of 70. The cause of death is unknown. The son of the late Gilman and Ellen (née Passoni) Norgaard, he was born in Bronx, New York on December 4, 1944. He was married to Rea (née Gag) Norgaard. He was a United States Navy Vietnam veteran and a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – New Hampton Chapter #140** in Middletown, New York and Tri-State Naval Ship, Port Jervis, New York. Survivors include his wife, eight children, numerous grandchildren and great grandchildren and two sisters. A Memorial service was held at Tri-State Naval Ship, 46 Barcelow Street, Port Jervis, New York on June 1, 2015 at 1:00 PM. Memorial donations may be made to Pike County Humane Society, 186 Lee Road, Shohola, PA 18458. Arrangements were by the Stroyan Funeral Home, 405 West Harford Street, Milford, PA.



EUGENE THOMAS "Gene" O'NEIL - Died Saturday, September 20, 2014 at the University Hospital and Clinics in Madison, Wisconsin at the age of 77. He was a resident of Fort Atkinson, Wisconsin. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Nekoosa, Wisconsin on September 19, 1937 to the late John and Lorena (née Hardy) O'Neil. Gene served his country for 20 years in the United States Navy from December 1954 until June 1975, seeing duty during the Vietnam War. Following his military service, Gene worked as a custodian for 24 years at the University of Wisconsin-Whitewater. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veteran of America – Fort Atkinson Chapter #409**. On Dec. 25, 1965, Gene married Helen Jean Kube in Fort Atkinson. Gene was a member of St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church in Fort Atkinson. He also was a member of the Paul Frank Florine Post #166 of the American Legion in Fort Atkinson, the Edwin Frohmader Post #1879 of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, and the Military Order of the Cooties, Fleet Reserves. Gene served on the team providing the honor guard for military funerals for local veterans. Surviving are his wife, Helen O'Neil of Fort Atkinson; daughter, Julie (Steven) Williams of San Antonio, Texas; grandchildren, Hannah Jean and Luke Alan; two brothers, Kenneth O'Neil and Francis O'Neil, both of Fort Atkinson; sister, Patricia Brandt of Paragould, Ark.; sister-in-law, Violet O'Neil of Stratford, Iowa; and many nieces and nephews. Gene was preceded in death by his parents; a son, Alan J. O'Neil, who was killed in a military helicopter in Arizona in 1988; and a brother, LeRoy O'Neil. Funeral services were held on Thursday, September 25 at 11:00 AM at Saint Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church, 301 South High Street in Fort Atkinson, with the Reverend Michael Duncan and the Reverend Paul Scharrer as co-officiants. Burial was in the Lakeview Cemetery in Fort Atkinson. Visitation was from 4:00 to 8:00 PM on Wednesday, September 24th, at Saint Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church, and on Thursday at the church from 10:00 AM until the time of the service. Those planning an expression of sympathy may wish to consider a memorial to Saint Paul Evangelical Lutheran Church in Fort Atkinson.

ROBERT L. ORDON – Died Monday, March 11, 2013 at the Northport VA Medical Center in Northport, New York. The cause of death was Multiple Sclerosis. His wife Lyndra C. Ordon predeceased him in 2007. He is survived by his daughter Rebecca Ordon and his sister Bonnie Cummings. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Farmingville Chapter #11**. Visiting hours were on Friday from 2:00-4:00 and 7:00-9:00 PM at the Robertaccio Funeral Home, Inc., 85 Route 112, Patchogue, NY 11772. The Religious Service was on Friday at 8:00 PM at the Funeral Home. Burial was private. Memorial contributions can be made to National Multiple Sclerosis Society Long Island Chapter, 40 Marcus Drive, Suite #100, Melville, NY 11747 or Disabled American Veterans, 162 Atlantic Avenue, Lynbrook, NY 11563.



JULIO E. ORTIZ-VALDES - Died Saturday, June 6, 2015 in Tecumseh, Kansas at the age of 73. The cause of death was heart disease. He was born November 25, 1941 in Caguas, Puerto Rico to the late Julio and Isabel (née Valdes) Ortiz-Carrion. He was a graduate of Gautier Benitez High School, Caguas, Puerto Rico. He served in the United States Army. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Topeka Chapter #604**. Julio was an over the road truck driver and owned and operated the D & J Dump Trucking Service. He was also a Certified Electrician and Air

Conditioner Technician and worked for Griffith and Blair. Julio married Dessie L. Warren on March 13, 1980 in Junction City, Kansas. She survives of the home. Other survivors include nine children, Julio (Tana) Ortiz, Jr., Tecumseh, John Gordon, Topeka, Edward Joseph Ortiz, Texas, Mary Elizabeth (John) Chavez, Wichita, KS, Leon McBroom, Topeka, David Anderson, Topeka, Jeffrey Marmon, Topeka, Christopher Braden, Tecumseh, Brandon Boyd, Tecumseh; six grandchildren, Scott, T.J., Julian, Michael, Victoria and Ray-vun, ; and five great-grandchildren, J.C., Nancy, Marion, Cody and Edward. In addition to his parents, he was also predeceased by an infant son, Michael Ortiz; son, William Gordon; several brothers and a sister. Julio was cremated. A family gathering was from 1:00 to 3:00 PM on Friday, June 12, 2015 at Penwell-Gabel Southeast Chapel, 2843 SE Minnesota Avenue, Topeka. Memorial contributions may be made to Disabled American Veterans or to Wounded Warriors Project. To share your memories of Julio or leave a special condolence message for his family, please click the Share Memories button above.

CHARLES WALTER OSENTOSKI – Died Saturday, March 9, 2013 in Tennessee at the age of 67. The cause of death was complications from Agent Orange but otherwise unknown. He was born May 17, 1947 in Badaze, Michigan. He served in the United States Army with a tour of duty in Vietnam from December 1966 to December 1967. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Chattanooga Chapter #203**.



LARRY MARSHALL OWEN - Died Friday, February 27, 2015 in Black Mountain, North Carolina at the age of 67. The cause of death is unknown. He was born December 30, 1947 in Buncombe County, North Carolina to Helen (née Owen) Stines and the late Burnice Stines where he lived most of his life. He was retired from the United States Navy with over 20 years of service serving during the Vietnam War. Larry was a Veterans Advocate and served on the Buncombe County Veterans Memorial Team for many years. He was a member of the Amvets Post #333 and The Masonic Lodge of Black Mountain. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Asheville Chapter #124**. Larry is preceded in death by his father, Burnice Stines; niece, Cheryl Cooper and great-nephew, Dustin Cooper. He is survived by his loving wife of 43 years, Judy Oplinger Owen; daughter, Pam Owen; son, Joe Owen and wife, Deborah; mother, Hazel Owen Stines; sisters, Lorraine Brewer (Tommy), Gail Rayburn (Tim), and Beth Conner (Junior); brothers, Tom Owen (Sandra) and Robert Rice (Karen); grandson, Alex Owen; many beloved nieces and nephews; special niece, Stephanie Jones; and family friend, Christi Whisnant, whom he loved as a daughter. A Celebration of Life service was held on Tuesday, March 3, 2015 at 2:00 PM in the chapel of the Western Carolina State Veterans Cemetery. The family received friends on Monday, March 2, 2015 from 6:00 to 8:00 PM at the Harwood Home for Funerals.

MICHAEL PARKS – Died recently in 2015 in Centerville, Indiana at the age of 65. The cause of death is unknown. He was born November 8, 1949. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Richmond Chapter #777**.



DAVID S. PENNIMAN (USAF, COL-Ret.) - Died Sunday, May 24, 2015 in The Villages, Florida at the age of 79. The cause of death is unknown. He was born July 16, 1935

in Claremont, New Hampshire to the late Harold Smith and Pansy Pearl (née Plummer) Penniman. He was a Pilot with the United States Air Force. He moved to The Villages in 2011 and was a member of The Community United Methodist Church in Fruitland Park. David belonged to and was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Oxford Chapter #1036**. He was also a bicycle enthusiast riding with the Sumter Landing Bike Club. Survivors include his daughters, Linda French (Rob) of Dothan, AL and Karen Moring (Keith) of Tucson, AZ; sister, Joyce Brassaw of Claremont, NH and 4 grandchildren. David's life was celebrated at 10:30 AM on Friday, July 17, 2015 in the New Hampshire State Veterans Cemetery, Boscawen, New Hampshire with Full Military Honors. In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to Community Methodist Church, 309 College Avenue, Fruitland Park, FL 34731.



PHILIP JOE PETTERSEN – Died Friday, February 7, 2014 in Portland, Oregon at the age of 66. The cause of death is unknown. He was born April 29, 1948. He served in the United States Navy during the Vietnam War. He was an *At-Large Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Oregon**. He is interred in the Willamette National Cemetery in Portland, Oregon.

GERARD EDWARD PICKLE - Died Monday, February 23, 2015 in Elgin, South Carolina at the age of 65. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Wilson, Arkansas December 1, 1949 to late Melvin and Dora (née Miller) Pickle and his second mother, Nora Mae Pickle. He retired after 22 years of service from the United States Army 63 Bravo Unit as a heavy wheel mechanic. He was a member of Sawney's Creek Baptist Church and a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Columbia Chapter #303**. He enjoyed fishing, talking on his CB radio, and was an excellent mechanic. Surviving are his wife of 42 years, Helen Ann Miller Pickle; children, Jacqualine Makowski (James) and Randy Pickle (Heather); brothers, Jessie Pickle, Jerry Pickle, David Pickle and Melvin Pickle; sisters, Jesse Blackwell, Tessie West, and Tammy Pickle; and 4 grandchildren. He was predeceased by a brother, James Pickle. Funeral services were held on Thursday at 12:30 PM at the Powers Funeral Home. Burial was in the Fort Jackson National Cemetery. The Rev. Dean Reynolds officiated. The family received friends on Wednesday from 5:30-7:30 PM at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Sawney's Creek Baptist Church, Golden Hearts, at 14603 Highway 34 East, Ridgeway, SC 29130.

ROBERT ELLIS PINKARD - Died Tuesday, October 29, 2013 in Hamilton, Alabama at the age of 59. The cause of death is unknown. He was born June 17, 1954 to the late Albert Pinkard and Norma Pinkard who survives him. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Alabama Chapter #190**. In addition to his mother he is survived by his two brothers, Ralph and Keith Pinkard; two sons, Shilo and Jason Pinkard and three grandchildren, Zackery, Kira, and Pamela. In addition to his father, he is predeceased by his brother, Kenneth Pinkard and his sister, Pamela Pinkard. A private graveside service was at a later date.

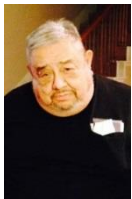


DONALD RAY "Don" PORTER - Died Sunday, November 30, 2014 in Central, South Carolina at the age of 68. The cause of death was prostate cancer. His loving, devoted wife was by his side. He was born in Hinton, Oklahoma on

November 23, 1946 to Helen (née McDaniel) Porter of Seneca, South Carolina and the late Seymour A. Porter. Don was a graduate of D. W. Daniel High School, Class of 1965. He then served his country in the United States Air Force serving in 2 campaigns during the Vietnam-era. He was honorably discharged from the Air Force in October, 1968. Mr. Porter was an active member of the Senior Follies for four years, a member of the American Legion where he has served as Commander. He was also a member of Disabled American Veteran Chapter #40. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – West Union Chapter #1017**. Don was an avid outdoorsman and loved hunting, fishing, and golfing. One of his great achievements was earning the rank of Eagle Scout. He was a member of Living Hope Baptist Church. Mr. Porter is survived by his devoted wife, Joyce (née Durham) Porter of the residence; a son, Jason Powell of Norris, SC; his mother, Helen (née McDaniel) Porter of Seneca; his twin sister, Deana K. Bowden of Seneca; a daughter-in-law, Andrea Powell of Liberty; mother-in-law, Edith Durham of Pendleton; a nephew, Chris Bowden of Easley, and three grandchildren, Jacob, Brantley and Hunter Powell. Also surviving is Don's very special devoted pet and baby boy, his Shih-Tzu, "Riggs." In addition to his father, Don was preceded in death by a son, Jeff Powell; a father-in-law, Tom Durham. The funeral service to celebrate and honor the life of Don Porter was held on Wednesday, December 3, 2014 at 3:00 PM at the Chapel of The McDougald Funeral Home with Pastor Brad Hanks officiating. Interment was at the Memory Gardens, Clemson. The family was at the residence and received friends at The McDougald Funeral Home on Wednesday from 1:00 PM until 2:30 PM. Contributions in memory of Mr. Porter may be made to Living Hope Baptist Church, 7615 Liberty Highway, Liberty, SC 29657.



GAIL ALLEN RAFFERTY - Died Saturday, November 8, 2014 in Denver, Colorado at the age of 71. The cause of death is unknown. He was born November 29, 1942 in Rocky Ford, Colorado to the late Clyde and Beulah (née Cornwell) Rafferty. He was a graduate of La Junta High School. He attended Palomar Junior College. On August 13, 1963 he married Janett Moore, of Denver, Colorado. He served in the United States Navy during the Vietnam War. He was an *At-Large Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Colorado**. Gail is survived by his wife; children, Kirk W. (Natasha) Rafferty, Sheli (Hector) Suarez, Dane A. Rafferty; seven grandchildren, William (Cara) Rafferty, Heather Rafferty, Nicklaus Rafferty, Masha Safronova, Megan Suarez, Allen Suarez, Quentin Suarez; one great-grandchild, Colin Rafferty; sisters, Clydell (Carl) Steinert, and Kathy Foss. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made in Gail's name to Wounded Warrior Project, P.O. Box 758517, Topeka, Kansas 66675. To share a memory of Gail or leave a special condolence message for his family, please click the Share Memories button above.



EMIDIO M. RAMIREZ - Died Sunday, November 2, 2014 in Denton, Texas at the age of 74. He was a resident of Cross Roads, Texas. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on October 12, 1940 to the late Lupe (née) Martinez Ramirez and Luis Gonzalez Ramirez in Detroit, Michigan. On August 6, 1969, Emidio married Paz DeLeon in Chicago, Illinois. Emidio served in the United States Army. He was a Probation Officer in Law Enforcement for Tom Green and Runnels County as a Division Supervisor. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – San Angelo Chapter #457**. Emidio is survived by his wife, Paz Ramirez of Cross Roads, Texas; five children, Frank L. Ramirez

(Jenny) of Cincinnati, Ohio, Anita L. Beauregard (John) of Frisco, Texas, Angelita P. Wright (Tony) of Frisco, Texas, Emidio W.G. Ramirez (Samantha) of San Angelo, Texas and Margarita P. Ramirez of Oak Point, Texas; twelve grandchildren, Krystal Beauregard, Brandon Ramirez, Alura Ramirez, Emidio Ramirez, III, Maia Ramirez, Natalie Wright, Sterling Torres, Jennie Ramirez, Autumn Wright, James Puckett, Amanda Beauregard and Matthew Beauregard; two sisters, Louisa DeLeon (Severo) and Pauline Mish (David); brother, Frank Ramirez (Draxie) and several nieces, nephews, cousins and a host of friends. Emidio is preceded in death by two sisters, Anna Yackey and Phyllis Mish and parents Lupe Martinez and Luis Ramirez. A Mass of Christian Burial was held at Immaculate Conception Catholic Church on Friday, November 7, 2014 at 10:30 AM with Father Tim Thompson presiding. Interment was at DFW National Cemetery in Dallas at 1:00 PM. Family and friends were invited to a Visitation that was held at the Turrentine-Jackson-Morrow Funeral Home in Frisco on Thursday, November 6, 2014 from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM with a Rosary beginning at 7:00 PM.



NORRIS WADE "Butch" ROBERTS - Died Wednesday, May 20, 2015 in Fletcher, Oklahoma at the age of 67. The cause of death is unknown. He was born December 26, 1947 in Seminole, Oklahoma to the late Thomas Steve Roberts and Wilma Faye Roberts. After moving to Lawton, he was baptized at First Baptist Church. After attending Lawton High School, he joined the United States Army and served in Vietnam. Following his time in the Army, he served as a military police officer, a San Francisco police officer, a U.S. Marshal, a DEA agent and an ATF agent. Butch finished his career working in civil service at Reynolds Army Community Hospital at Fort Sill. Butch was an active participant in many organizations including: 32nd Degree Mason, a member of the Elgin lodge; Order of the Sacred White Buffalo; Eastern Star Lawton Chapter No. 82; dual member of Elgin Chapter #255; Past Patron of Lawton and Elgin; board member of Rainbow Assembly SJ; Knights Templar; a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Lawton Chapter #751**; and the American Legion. He had great admiration and respect for the American bald eagle the symbol of self-sufficiency, independence and freedom. He found his greatest joy spending time outdoors and being with his family. Those left to honor his memory are his mother, Wilma Roberts, Maquoketa, Iowa; his very special friend, Wendy Guthrie, Fletcher; sisters: Pamela Hald Mansker, Maquoketa, Iowa; Debi and Bryan Pipes, Kaufman, Texas; and Anita Jo and Daniel Enriquez, Seattle, Wash.; children: Gaye and Jeffery Schmidt, Norman; Michelle and Jeremy Brown, Oklahoma City; Stacey and Flint Nobles, Ardmore; and Steven and Malorie Roberts, Dalhart, Texas; the mother of his children, Paula Roberts, Cache; four grandsons: Braden and Gannon Sayers, Creed Nobles and Owen Brown; three granddaughters: Bonnie Kayte Thrasher, Katey Nobles and Maddie Lou Roberts; nephews: David Hald and Steven Breckenridge; nieces: Cathryn Marshall, Alejandra Enriquez and Analeigh Enriquez; great-niece, Ciara Ellis; great-nephew, Daymon Ellis; great-great-niece, Payton Ellis; great-great-nephew, Caden Ellis; and numerous cousins. Butch was preceded in death by his father, Thomas Steve Roberts; two brothers-in-law: Gary Allen Hald and James "Doc" Mansker; and several beloved aunts and uncles. Funeral was at 1:30 PM on Thursday at the Becker-Rabon Funeral Home Chapel, Lawton. The family greeted friends from 6:00-8:00 PM on Wednesday at the funeral home. He was interred with military honors in a family plot at the Highland Cemetery in

Lawton. The family asks that any memorials made in Butch's honor be made to the Wounded Vets Association, and the American Heart Association.

WAYNE E. ROGERS - Died Saturday, June 6, 2015 in North Kingstown, Rhode Island at the age of 72. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in South Kingstown, Rhode Island on April 4, 1943 to the late Samuel G. Rogers and Florence E. (née Carron) Rogers. Mr. Rogers worked as a Quahogger and Bartender at the Oak Hill Tavern for many years. He proudly served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Wakefield Chapter #325**. He leaves his son, Marvin W. Rogers and his wife Nancy of West Warwick; cherished grandfather of Jessica, David, Hope, and Sarah Rogers all of West Warwick, and; great-grandfather of Tristin O'Shaughnessey and Zoey Homes. Calling Hours were held on Wednesday from 5:00-7:00 PM in the Cranston-Murphy Funeral Home of Wickford. Burial was private in the Elm Grove Cemetery.

WILLIAM NELSON “Will” ROGERS – Died Friday, August 7, 2015 in Creedmor, Texas at the age of 74. The cause of death is cancer. He was born in San Antonio, Texas on December 18, 1940. He is survived by his wife, “Happy” Rogers; several children, and; grandchildren. He served in the United States Navy. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Austin Chapter #915**.



SAMMY J. ROLLER - Died Tuesday, July 14, 2015 in Lebanon, Tennessee at the age of 67. The cause of death is unknown. He was born June 5, 1948 in Saint Paul, Virginia to the late Solomon Rhea Roller and Vena Monda (née Jessee) Roller. In addition to his parents, he was also predeceased by his son, Joey Roller; five brothers and two sisters. He is survived by his wife of 45 years, Neddie Roller; grandson, Sam Roller; loving grandchildren, Collin, Hanna, Riley, Stephen & Dean; brothers, Henry Roller & Tommy(Dottie) Roller; sisters, Betty Tate, Sue(Bill) Ranson & Peggy Tribble; his son Joey's best friend, Andy Willis; & numerous other loving family & friends. He was a United States Vietnam Army veteran receiving the Bronze Star, was a 32nd Degree Mason Arlington Centennial-Glebe Lodge No. 81 in Arlington, Virginia, and a supervisor with TRW Ross Gear. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Lebanon Chapter #1004**. Visitation was held on Thursday, July 16th from 9:00 AM until 10:45 AM in the Partlow Funeral Chapel. Graveside services with military honors were at 11:00 AM in the Wilson County Memorial Gardens. Myron Lasater officiated at the service. Family and friends served as active pallbearers. In lieu of flowers contributions may be made in Mr. Roller's memory to the Wilson County Veterans Park & Museum. Checks can be made to Wilson County Government in Care of Sammy Roller and mailed to 228 East Main Street; Room #106, Lebanon TN 37087.

EDITH MARIE “Edie” ROSE – Died Tuesday, June 30, 2015 in Saline, Michigan at the age of 60. The cause of death was respiratory arrest, a stroke and cardiac arrest. She was born March 8, 1955 in Detroit, Michigan. She was an *At-Large Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Michigan**. She was the beloved wife of Patrick Tajak; dear sister of Charles, Carol (Bill) Walk, Barbara and the late Eugene, Gary, John and Bernard. The Funeral Service was on Tuesday at 11:00 AM at the Dearborn Chapel of the Howe-Peterson Funeral Home, 22546 Michigan Avenue. Visitation was on Monday from 1:00-9:00 PM. Memorial donations may be made to

Vietnam Veterans of America, Agent Orange Committee, 8719 Colesville Road, Suite #100; Silver Springs, MD 20910.



HARRY K. RUSHING – Died Saturday, October 5, 2013 in North Miami, Florida at the age of 71. The cause of death was cancer. He was born in Miami Beach, Florida on January 8, 1942 to the late Kenneth and Edna Rushing. He is survived by his wife, Elizabeth of 43 years, his two sons Daniel and LeRoy, daughter-in-laws Becki and Jackie, 3 grandchildren- Delaney, Grant, & Michael, his brothers and sisters, Raymond, Smiley, Dimple, and Margie, many nieces, nephews, and cousins. In addition to his parents, he was also predeceased by his father-in-law and mother-in-law, Arthur and Louise Edwards. He graduated from North Miami Senior High School in 1961. A lifelong resident of Miami, he was heavily involved in volunteer work with the South Florida Council, Boy Scouts of America, Boy Scout Troop #236, American Legion Post #67, VFW Post #471, a *Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Miami Chapter #620* and the Miami Central Church of the Nazarene. He has received many awards for service to this community in these capacities. He served valiantly in the Vietnam War, and was a true and proud patriot of the United States. He worked at Burdines for 28 years, and then at North Miami Elementary School as a security guard for 19 years. He was a strong and gentle man who loved his family and was friends with everybody he met. He will be deeply missed, and forever in our hearts. A public viewing was held on Wednesday, October 9, 2013 from 6:00-10:00 PM. A public service was held on Thursday, October 10, 2013 at 11:00 AM. Both took place at the Southern Memorial Funeral Home, 15011 West Dixie Highway, North Miami, FL 33181.



PATSY JOE "Pat" RUTH (USN, CPO-Ret.) – Died Monday, May 11, 2015 in Chickasha, Oklahoma at the age of 74. The cause of death is unknown. He was born September 6, 1940 in Coalgate, Oklahoma to the late Homer Ennis and Bertha Esteller (née Snead) Ruth. Pat married Cheryl Ann Mix on July 14, 1967 in Monterey, California. Pat enlisted in the United States Army National Guard in December of 1957 and transferred to the United States Navy on April 22nd 1958. Pat completed basic training at RTC- San Diego on June 25th 1958 and began his Navy career aboard the air craft carrier USS Bennington (CVS-20) in the ships navigation department. On January 5, 1962 Pat was transferred to the Submarine Tender USS Sperry (AS-12). Pat later served as supervisor of port control at Pearl Harbor Hawaii. Then to Navy Post Graduate School in Monterey, California for duty aboard a Navy oceanographic research vessel as a craft-master. Later duties include Skipper of a Navy tug boat at NAVSTA Treasure Island, Ca. In October of 1969 Pat was transferred to the Vietnam Theater where he saw combat on river patrol boats and on logistics and support craft in the Mekong Delta. He then served aboard the destroyer USS George K. Mackenzie (DD-836) for four years as an assistant navigator where he saw more combat action in Vietnam. Chief Pat Ruth QMC (USN-RET) retired from the Navy in 1978 after 21 years on active duty and then retired in 2003 from his career as an automotive technician. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Enid Chapter #940**. He is preceded in death by his parents and four brothers and three sisters. Pat is survived by his wife Cheryl Ruth of Chickasha, OK; two sons, Mark Ruth and Michael Ruth and his wife, Elizabeth; two daughters,

Sharon Ruth and Connie Farley of Chickasha, OK; multiple grandchildren; great grandchildren; a sister, Angie Friskel of Chickasha, OK, and; many nieces, nephews, relatives and friends



ANTONIO CAMACHO SANCHEZ – Died Friday, November 21, 2014 in Barrigada, Guam at the age of 77. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Guam on October 14, 1937. He was also known as "Tony the Bugler." He served and retired from the United States Army and was a retiree from the Government of Guam Superior Court. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Hagatna**

Chapter #668. Mass of Intention is offered at 6:00 PM at Santa Teresita Church in Mangilao, Guam. Thanksgiving Day Mass was at 9:00 AM. Last respects were held on Friday, November 28th at Santa Teresita Church in Mangilao beginning at 9:00 AM. The Mass of Christian Burial was at 12:00 Noon. Burial with full military honors was at Our Lady of Peace Memorial Gardens in Windward Hills in Yona, Guam.

JUAN P. SANCHEZ - Died Thursday, January 22, 2015 at the Good Shepherd Specialty Hospital of Bethlehem, Pennsylvania at the age of 68. He was a resident of Easton, Pennsylvania. The cause of death was heart disease and cancer. He was born on May 5, 1946 and raised in Juncos, Puerto Rico to the late Juann and Marta (née Garcia) Sanchez. He resided in South Brunswick, New Jersey from 1994 to 2013 and for the past two years has resided in Easton, Pennsylvania. He was employed by South Beach Psychiatric Hospital in Staten Island. He retired from Brooklyn Development Center in Brooklyn. A United States Army Veteran of the Vietnam War, he was a recipient of the Purple Heart, and awarded a Bronze Star among many other medals. He was a member of VFW Post #9111 of Kendall Park. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Easton Chapter #415.** He was the father of the late Juan G. Sanchez, brother of the late Eddie, Juan O., Carlos A. and Rosa A. Sanchez. He is survived by his wife Rita J. (Perez) Sanchez, a daughter Rita N. Cuenca, six brothers Victor, George L., Feliz Z., Jose A., Luis A., Pedro J., Sanchez, and five sisters Alejandrina, Delia V., Aglael, Damaris and Lillian Sanchez, four grandchildren and two great grandchildren. Calling hours were held from 2:00 to 4:00 PM and 7:00 to 8:30 PM on Thursday, January 29, 2015 at the M.J. Murphy Funeral Home, 616 Ridge Road at New Road, Monmouth Junction. The Funeral Service was held at 8:30 PM on Thursday, January 29, 2015 following calling hours at the funeral home. Burial with full military honors was held at 1:00 PM on Friday, January 30, 2015 at the Calverton National Cemetery, Calverton, Long Island, NY.

JOSE P. SAN NICOLAS – Died Monday, June 15, 2015 in Dededo, Guam at the age of 79. The cause of death is unknown. He was born April 3, 1936 in Guam. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Hagatna Chapter #668.**



ROBERT D. SAUER, SR. - Died Friday, February 6, 2015 in Baltimore, Maryland at the age of 68. The cause of death is unknown. He was born December 15, 1946 to the late Henry Sauer, Sr. and Lorraine Sauer. He was the beloved husband of Diane Sauer; devoted father of BJ Sauer and his wife Stacy; cherished poppy of Hailey Sauer; dear brother of Henry Sauer, Jr., Sally Unverzagt, Germaine Johnson and the late

Lorraine Jordan. Bob enjoyed crabbing and fishing throughout his life. He was also an avid motorcyclist and boater with his wife Diane. Bob was most proud of his service in the United States Army and serving his country in the Vietnam War. He was also a member of the Edgemere VFW and a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Baltimore Chapter #451**. During the past five years, he loved to spend his time with his precious granddaughter, Hailey Girl. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at Saint Luke Catholic Church on Thursday at 10:00 AM. Interment was in the Sacred Heart of Jesus Cemetery. Friends came calling at the family-owned Duda-Ruck Funeral Home of Dundalk, Inc., 7922 Wise Avenue, Baltimore, Maryland on Wednesday from 3:00 to 5:00 and 7:00 to 9:00 PM. In Lieu flowers contributions in his name can be made to the Wounded Warrior Project P.O. Box 758517 Topeka, KS 66675.



MERLIN J. "Butch" SCHALLER, JR. - Died Tuesday, January 8, 2013 at his home in Fort Atkinson, Wisconsin at the age of 64. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Waukesha, Wisconsin on June 26, 1948 to the late Merlin and Mildred (née Gildemeister) Schaller. He attended Lake Mills High School. Merlin served his country in the United States Army Artillery in Vietnam during 1968 and 1969. On June 21, 2000, Merlin married Linda S. Stasch Maasz in Reno, Nevada. Merlin worked as a machinist/grinder for 31 years at Crepaco in Lake Mills, WI and then worked for 5 years at Tyson Foods in Jefferson prior to his retirement. Merlin was a member of Saint Joseph Catholic Church, Fort Atkinson. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Fort Atkinson Chapter #409**, the Wisconsin Vietnam Veterans Chapter 7, Paul Frank Florine American Legion Post #166, the Disabled American Veterans Post #39, and the Edwin Frohmader VFW Post #1879. Surviving are: Wife: Linda S Maasz-Schaller, Fort Atkinson, WI, Children: Adam Schaller, Fort Atkinson, WI, Leslie (Adam) Johnson, Lake Mills, WI, Billy (Melissa) Maasz, Fort Atkinson, WI, and Cindy (Harvey) Hephner, Chilton, WI, Grandchildren: Mika Kolodzne, Jefferson, WI, Dylan Johnson, Lake Mills, WI, Danny & Kelly Hephner, Chilton, WI and Hudson Maasz, Fort Atkinson, WI, Siblings: Nancy Benson, Rick (Sandy) Schaller, Johnson Creek, WI, Barb (John) Firkus, Fort Atkinson, WI, Fern (Dale) Dehnert, Waupun, WI, Kathy (Greg) Newkirk, Jefferson, WI, Nick Schaller, Black River Falls, WI, and Ann Wachal, Jefferson, WI. He is further survived by nieces and nephews, other relatives, friends, and his dog Buster. A Mass of Christian Burial was held on Friday, January 11, 2013 at 12:00 PM at Saint Joseph Catholic Church, 1660 Endl Boulevard, Fort Atkinson, WI with Father Brian Wilk celebrating. Interment was in the Evergreen Cemetery, Fort Atkinson, Wisconsin. Friends called from 4:00-7:00 PM on Thursday, January 10, 2013 at the Nitardy Funeral Home, Fort Atkinson, WI, and after 11:00 AM on Friday at the church until Mass.

CHARLES EDWIN "Scottie" "Charlie" SCOTT - Died Monday, April 27, 2015 in Saint Petersburg, Florida at the age of 82. The cause of death was a massive stroke. He was born January 23, 1933 in Benton Harbor, Michigan. He is survived by his loving family. He had served proudly in and retired from the United States Army. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Indian Rocks Beach Chapter #522**. Memorial Park Funeral Home in Saint Petersburg was in charge of the arrangements.



JOHN T. SENKA – Died Monday morning, July 13, 2015 at his home in Wayland (Town of Dansville) New York following a brief illness. He was 68 years of age. The cause of death was cancer. He was born in Weehawken, New Jersey on July 12, 1947 to the late John and Julia (née Jurkovic) Senka. He was raised in Arkport, New York when his widowed mother married his stepfather, Joseph Katsur. He was a graduate of Arkport Central School (class of 1965). He attended Alfred State College where he met the love of his life, Sandy Nikl. John served in the United States Army Infantry from 1967-1969, including a combat tour of duty in South Vietnam. He received numerous decorations — among them the Combat Infantryman's Badge, Purple Heart, Bronze Star and Army Commendation for Valor Medal. He was severely wounded in December of 1968. He was a *Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Elmira Chapter #803*. Following his Honorable Discharge, he returned home to marry his college sweetheart, Sandy. They married on November 15, 1969 in Endwell, New York. John began his career in the insurance business in 1969 as a debit agent with Metropolitan Life Insurance Company. He became manager of the Dansville, New York office. Throughout the years he helped many young men and women get started in insurance careers. In 1983, he and his family moved to Montour Falls, New York where he became a Principal/President of the Senka agency. John loved the insurance business — especially helping families at the time of a loss. He taught insurance classes for many years at Corning Community College in an effort to help young people and to “give back” to the insurance industry. John's greatest love and proudest achievement was his family — his wife, Sandy and his children, Debbie, Johnny and Jeff along with their spouses and his grandchildren. He and Sandy developed “Oak Tree Farm” throughout their marriage and spent weekends mowing the meadows and enjoying nature. In 2004, John authored the book “Wounded Body-Healing Spirit” which dealt with his combat experiences as well as his struggles with Post Traumatic Stress Disorder and Clinical Depression. It was an unselfish endeavor to help others. He truly enjoyed helping veterans at the Bath VA Hospital and would often supply them with some of the things that they needed — sometimes as simple as a suitcase in which to carry their clothing. John was a spiritual man who believed strongly in God and cherished his personal relationship with Him. He was a member of many service and fraternal groups, including the VFW, American Legion, DAV, Moose and Lions. He served on many boards, including Livingston Mutual Insurance Company, Schuyler County Chamber and St. Joseph's School Board. In 2012, John was the recipient of the Watkins Glen chamber of Commerce's Prestigious Catholic Award. He was a Roman Catholic. Surviving are his wife, Sandy; sons, Johnny (Carola) Senka of Arkport and Jeff Senka of Odessa, NY; his daughter, Debbie (Don) Ames of Montour Falls, NY; his sister, Jean (Mike) Howe of Bloomfield, NY; his brothers, Joe (Kim) Katsur of Wayland and Bob (Bonita) Katsur of Wasilla, AK; his grandchildren, Grace Ames, Everett Ames, Ava Senka and Johnny Senka; many nieces, nephews and valued friends. The family of John T. Senka received friends on Monday from 3:00 PM until 7:00 PM at the Dagon Funeral Home, 38 Church Street, Hornell, New York. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on Tuesday at 11:00 AM at Saint Ann Church in Hornell, NY. Burial with full military honors was at the Bath VA Cemetery, Bath, NY at 1:00 PM. John's life was, in many ways, about service. He used his time, resources and faith to serve those in need. He would love to inspire others to be of service and make a difference in the life of a family member, friend or stranger, a person, a fellow human being. So, we ask that, in lieu of flowers, you decide where you can best serve

the needs of others and do that in honor of John's spirit of concern and generosity. In honor of John's military service, the American Flag at the Dagon Funeral Home was flown at half-staff.



MICHAEL W. SEYMOUR - Died at 9:23 AM on Wednesday, November 12, 2014 at the Adena Regional Medical Center, following a courageous battle with lung cancer. He was 65 years of age and a resident of Chillicothe, Ohio. He was born May 23, 1949 in Chillicothe to the late Willard and Vera (née McCorkle) Seymour who survives him. On July 8, 1989, he married Fhaletta S. Nichols, who survives. Also surviving are his mother, Vera McCorkle, Chillicothe; sons and daughter-in-law Michael Timothy (Erin) Seymour, of Cedar Rapids, IA; Stephen Seymour, of Washington C.H.; grandchildren: Kayla, Hayley and Cole Seymour, all of Cedar Rapids, IA; the mother of his sons, Carolyn Long, of Frankfort; his sister and brother-in-law Carolyn (Steve) Harrington; brothers and sisters-in-law Allen (Patty) Seymour; Ken (Maria) Seymour; Keith (Terri) Seymour, all of Chillicothe; his mother-in-law and father-in-law Carlene and Jack Nichols; brothers-in-law Mark (Pam) Nichols; Matthew Nichols; Charles Nichols; sister-in-law Myscenea Nichols, all of Chillicothe; numerous nieces and nephews; and many special friends, including Kim Townsend. He was predeceased by his father. He served in the United States Air Force during the Vietnam War. He was a graduate of Zane Trace High School, Class of 1967. He retired from the VA Medical Center in December of 2011, where he worked as an exterminator. He was a member of the Ross County Veterans Council; the VFW, Post #108; the American Legion, Post #62; Fraternal Order of Eagles, Aerie #600; the Loyal Order of the Moose; the Ross County and Ohio Archeological Societies; and the Ross County Conservation League. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Chillicothe Chapter #810**. He loved the outdoors, enjoyed golfing, canoeing and hiking, hunting arrowheads, and especially loved spending time with his grandchildren. He served his country in the US Air Force during Vietnam. The family would like to give special thanks to Dr. Zoran Naumovski of Adena Regional Medical Center for his care. Funeral services were held at 10:30 AM on Saturday, November 15th, at the Haller Funeral Home with the Reverend Steven J. Schmidt officiating. Military graveside services were conducted by the Ross County Veterans Honor Guard in the Greenlawn Cemetery. Friends called on Friday from 6:00-8:00 PM at Haller's. Memorial contributions may be made in his honor to any reputable veteran's organization of the donor's choice.



DENNIS G. SHANNON - Died at his home in Gold Beach, Oregon, surrounded by his family on Thursday, June 4, 2015 at the age of 66. The cause of death was cancer. He was born December 22, 1948 in Salinas, California to the late Frederick and Laura (née Roybal) Shannon. At the age of 20, Dennis enlisted in the United States Army where he served honorably in Vietnam. Among his military commendations was the Purple Heart, which he earned after stepping on a land mine. Most of his career was spent in law enforcement, including 18 years with the Curry County Sheriff's Office. He retired in 2012. Dennis married Andrea in Gold Beach on August 23, 2008. They enjoyed camping, traveling and spending time with family. Dennis also had a fondness for classic cars and writing poetry. He was also active and a *Life Member* and Chapter President of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Brookings Chapter #757**. He had a heart of grace and courage – he loved his family and was especially proud of his son's military service in Iraq, his daughter's marriage and the birth of his grandchild. Dennis will be missed by all who knew

him. Survivors include his wife, Andrea of Gold Beach; daughter, Heather Valdovinos of Parker, Colo., son, Garrett Shannon of Gold Beach, stepdaughter, Kendra Stone of Gold Beach, “honorary daughter”, Alyssa Stalcup of Gold Beach, brothers, Don Mortensen of Portland, Ore., Douglas Dischner of Fountain Valley, Calif., sister, Sheryl Richardson of Wilsonville, Ore., one grandchild and one “on the way.” Dennis was preceded in death by his sister, Sharon Mortensen. A memorial service was held on June 6, 2015. Redwood Memorial Chapel assisted the family. Condolences may be expressed online at www.redwoodmemorial.net.



DALE RICHARD SIMONS - Died Thursday, February 26, 2015 in San Angelo, Texas at the age of 77. The cause of death was Parkinson’s disease and atherosclerotic heart disease. He was born November 28, 1937 in Bradford, Pennsylvania to the late David Jerome and Myrtle (née Enis) Simons. He graduated high school in 1954, in Bradford and went directly into the United States Air Force, serving two years of duty in Vietnam and retiring from the military after serving his country for 22 years. He was a *Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – San Angelo Chapter #457*. After his retirement, he worked as a dispatcher for the San Angelo Police Department and for Timely Finance. Dale met the love of his life, Gloria Hall and they were married October 18, 1968 in San Angelo. He was an avid military gun collector and loved to buy and trade cars and trucks. He loved to travel and was an RV enthusiast. Dale was preceded in death by his mother; father; one brother; and stepson Dale Bowen Jr. Left to cherish his memories are his wife of 46 years, Gloria Simons; daughter Melissa Smetana and her husband, Clyde, of Veribest, Texas; and 5 other children from a previous marriage; 13 grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren; sister Mary Nichols of New York; and brother Ralph Simons of California. Visitation was from 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM on Friday, February 27, 2015 at Johnson's Funeral Home. Graveside services were held at 1:00 PM on Saturday, February 28, 2015 in Lawnhaven Memorial Gardens with full military honors. Family and friends may express condolences and sign the online guest book at johnsonsfuneralhome.com.



RONALD SIMMONS – Died Tuesday, February 10, 2015 in Saint Louis, Missouri at the age of 67. The cause of death is unknown. He was born January 4, 1942 in Saint Louis, Missouri to the late Harry and Mildred Simmons. Ronald attended Saint Louis Public Schools and graduated from Hadley Technical High School. He continued his education and earned a Bachelor’s degree from Tarkio College and Master’s from Saint Louis University. He fell in love and married Sandra Davis in 1963 and to this union one son, Darryl Ronald, was born. Ronald was drafted into the United States Army in April 1967 and served in the Vietnam War. He is the recipient of Vietnam Service Medal, two Bronze Stars, National Defense Medal, and Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal. Ronald was honorably discharged in January 1969. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Florissant Chapter #794**. Thereafter, he worked many years for the federal government and retired in December 2006. On December 11, 1971, Ronald married Jacqueline Barnes and to this union two daughters, Stephanie Renee and Christina Simone, were born. He was added to the Lord’s Church and baptized at Page Blvd. Church of Christ. He served as the

Educational Director at Page Blvd. and most recently was the Educational Community Outreach Chairman at West Central Church of Christ. His passion for education was evident and he has shared that passion with the giving of scholarships for academic excellence to students and schools within the St. Louis area for the last seven years. He leaves to cherish his memory, one son, Darryl Ronald (April); two daughters, Stephanie Renee (Tarron) and Christina Simone; nine grandchildren, Dominique, Taylor, Sierra, Whitney, Brittany, Terrence, Darryl Jr., Noah and Christian; two sisters, Harriett Jackson and Juanita Simmons, and; a special friend, Michelle West; and a host of extended family and friends.



CHARLES H. "Chuck" SLATER – Died Monday, December 29, 2014 at Saint Joseph Hospital after an extended illness. He was Age 73 of Elmira, NY. He was born September 28, 1941 in Elmira to the late Claude E. and Jane Christine (née Miller) Slater. In addition to his parents, he was predeceased by his sister Agnes Webster.

Chuck is survived by his wife Gloria; sons Charles Wheeler (Suzette) of Elmira, NY and Jason Slater (Ashton) of Syracuse, NY; stepsons Ralph (Lynette) Nichols and Fred (Becky) Nichols; daughters Doreen (Ed) Miller of Tucson, AZ; Patricia (Chad) Reeves of Wilmington, NC, Robin White (Bill) of Owego, NY, Kari Wheeler (fiancé Bill White) and Tammy Martin (Jim) both of Elmira, NY; 2 favorite nieces Ellen Benjamin and Mandy Meck; several grandchildren, great grandchildren, nieces, nephews, brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law. Chuck was a former employee of Corning, Inc., Jack's Taxi (dispatcher), Glider City Cab, Arnot Ogden Medical Center where he formed the Arnot Credit Union and was the president. He retired as a security officer from Schweizer Aircraft and was a veteran of the United States Army serving during Vietnam. Mr. Slater was past commander of VFW Post #901, commander of the Chemung County Emergency Protective Force, Ex-officer for the Auxiliary Police and Elmira Emergency Assistance Force under John Ellison; 1st Vice-Commander of American Legion Post #443 under Charlie Trumble. He also held other positions in the VFW. He was a *Charter Member* and *Past Secretary* and *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Liverpool Chapter #803**. For his service in the Vietnam War, Chuck was awarded the Purple Heart. Family and friends were invited to visit the Walter J. Kent Funeral Home, 858 Lake Street at Washington Avenue, Elmira on Sunday, January 4th from 2:00 to 4:00 and 7:00 to 9:00 PM. His funeral service was held there on Monday, January 5th at 12:00 Noon. Committal prayers and interment, with military honors, were in the Woodlawn Cemetery.

DANNY EARL SPENCER – Died Tuesday, May 13, 2014 in Grants Pass, Oregon at the age of 67. The cause of death is unknown. He was born August 11, 1948. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – San Jose (California) Chapter #201**. Arrangements were under the direction of Rogue Valley Funeral Alternatives, Medford, OR.

RONALD DEAN STEVENS - Died Friday, July 10, 2015 in Cumberland, Maryland at the age of 81. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on March 16, 1934 to the late Virgil and Lucille Stevens. He married Linda Lee Stevens on October 27, 1979. In addition to this parents he was predeceased by his brother, Don Stevens, and son Michael Stevens. He is survived by his devoted, loving wife and best friend Linda Stevens and survived by seven children, Debra

Shagogue, Gary Stevens, Rhonda Kimes, Angie Thomas and husband Gerald, Christina Bales and husband Nick, Shane Hallford and wife Kelly, Michelle Murphy and husband Scott; siblings, Larry Stevens and wife Millie, Carol Palmer and Sharon Whatley; grandchildren, Steven, Tim, Mike, Max, Eli, Brittany, Ethan, Gary Jr., Elizabeth, Danny, Tristin, Desiree, Jessie, Kaylee, Max, Christian, Jack and 10 great-grandchildren. Ronald served his country in the United States Army, served several tours of combat in Korea and Vietnam, receiving several medals of merit and accommodations. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Cumberland Chapter #172**. After serving his country he went on to continue his career in communications and computer programming retiring from Honeywell and Contel Telephone. Ron loved camping, writing computer programs, traveling, politics and spending time with his family. He is loved by many and will be missed by us all. The funeral service was officiated by the Reverend Ron Stivala on Saturday, July 18, 2015 at 11:00 AM, at the Central Assembly of God Church. Memorial contributions can be sent to Central Assembly of God located at 2020 Bedford Street, Cumberland.

CHARLES E. STEWART - Died Monday, December 22, 2014 at Virtua Memorial Hospital in Mount Holly, New Jersey at the age of 86. He was a resident of Westampton, New Jersey. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Riverside, New Jersey on October 30, 1928 to the late Samuel and Anna Stewart. He was a longtime Westampton resident. He was a United States Army Veteran and after his retirement from the service worked as a bartender. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Bordentown Chapter #899**. He was predeceased by his wife, Ingrid in 1980. He is survived by three daughters, Heide and Bruce Corrington of Westampton, Anna Paige of Georgia, and Rita & Charles Kay of Mt. Holly; eight grandchildren, Sarah, Erin, Dylan, Brian, Travis, Tabitha, Christine and Charleen; eleven great-grandchildren, and; also survived by his brothers, Joseph and Robert and his sisters Kathleen and Dolores. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on Monday at 10:30 AM at Sacred Heart Church, 260 High Street, Mount Holly. Interment was in Saint Peter Cemetery in Riverside, New Jersey. Friends were invited to his viewing on Monday from 9:30 – 10:15 AM at the Church. Contributions in his memory may be made to either Sacred Heart Church at the address above or to the charity of the donor's choice. Arrangements were made by the Perinchief Chapels, Mount Holly.



DOROTHY JEAN (née McNeely) STILES - Died Friday, March 20, 2015, after a brief illness at the age of 81. She was a resident of San Angelo, Texas. The cause of death is unknown. She was born on June 2, 1933 at Cisco, Texas to the late Winfrey H. and Jessie Mae (née Volker) McNeely. After graduating from Corpus Christi Roy Miller High School she was united in holy matrimony with the love of her life, Bobby Stiles, at the Methodist Church of Corpus Christi. This union would last 64 years, interrupted only by her passing. Dorothy soon became a United States Air Force wife, faithfully following Bobby on his various assignments around the world. Along the way they became the parents of three daughters and one son. They saw many wonderful sights together, her favorite being Okinawa. Dorothy and Bobby's last duty assignment was at Goodfellow Air Force Base in San Angelo, Texas, where they decided to finally put down roots in 1970. While in San Angelo Dorothy began her career teaching special needs children, which

brought her great personal and professional satisfaction. She truly loved helping mentor the children, and retired after 17 years of dedicated service. Dorothy also served many years as district manager for the Sarah Coventry Jewelry Company. Dorothy also dedicated herself to her family, various hobbies and organizations. She enjoyed cake decorating, so much so that she taught cake decorating classes at San Angelo State University. She also loved sewing and fancy embroidering, making numerous special gifts for her family and friends. Dorothy was an avid member of **Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America – San Angelo Chapter #457** as well as the TOPS dietary management club, where she served as president for one year. Dorothy considered many TOPS members close friends. She was a faithful member of the Sierra Vista United Methodist Church in San Angelo as well. Dorothy Jean was preceded in death by her parents. She is survived by her husband Bobby; sister Virginia Lee Land of San Antonio, Texas; children: Katherine (Robert) Hargrove of Canton, Texas, Linda (Pat) Wade of San Antonio, Texas, Nancy (Rudi) Wallace of Midland, Texas, and Robert (Gwen) Stiles of Huntington Woods, Michigan; grandchildren: Stacey (Lio) Obregon, Stephen Hargrove, Robert Hillin, Daniel Hillin, Nicholas Wallace, and Benjamin Stiles; great-grandchildren: Carson Obregon, Emma Obregon, Danae Hargrove, Aydan Hargrove; numerous nieces, nephews, cousins, friends, and best friend Louise Rhodes; and numerous other nieces and nephews. Family visitation was from 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM on Monday, March 23, 2015 at Johnson's Funeral Home. The Church service was at 11:00 AM on Tuesday, March 24, 2015 at Sierra Vista United Methodist Church with the Reverend Dr. Ken Dahlberg officiating. Burial was in the Lawnhaven Memorial Gardens. In lieu of flowers, donations in her name can be made to Sierra Vista United Methodist Church.

SHERRY L. STILGER - Died Saturday, May 27, 2015 in Morgantown, Kentucky at the age of 54. The cause of death is unknown. She was born April 27, 1958. She was a *Life Member* of **Associate of Vietnam Veterans of America – Louisville Chapter #454**. She is survived by her loving husband of 11 years, Burton Stilger; daughter, Jennifer White; son, Jamie Tilley; two grandchildren, Grace and Julieanne; mother, Shirley Eads; father, Bobby Maxberry; and two sisters, Stacy McCullum and Sheila Pierce. A memorial of her life was on Tuesday, June 2, 2015 at 6318 River Forest Drive, Louisville, KY 40258 from 1:00-5:00 PM.

RICHARD STOWELL – Died recently in 2015 in Athol, Massachusetts. The cause of death is unknown. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Athol Chapter #340**.



JAMES L. STUDER - Died Thursday, June 18, 2015 in Rockford, Illinois at the age of 70, due to a lengthy illness resulting from exposure of Agent Orange, while serving in the Vietnam War. The cause of death is unknown. He was born February 18, 1945 in Sioux City, Iowa to the late Lloyd and Elizabeth Studer. While serving in the United States Army he was sent overseas to Vietnam, returning home on May 17, 1967. Although glad to be back in the states again, thoughts of the turmoil of war, along with his comrades left behind were never far from his mind. He had a huge heart for homeless Veterans. Jim was a member of, participated in, and volunteered for several Veterans organizations including **Vietnam Veterans of America – Rockford Chapter #984**, VietNow of Rockford, and the American Legion. Jim was married over 47 years to his only true love, Betty

Perdue. Their love and commitment to each other was absolutely extraordinary. Jim was an avid sports fan, he helped coach his children's baseball teams, and loved his Washington Redskins, Chicago Blackhawks and especially, along with many other family members, the Chicago Cubs. Go Cubbies! He is survived by his wife, Betty; children, Timothy (Patricia) Studer of Rockford, IL, Tamara (Christopher) Griffin of Middlebury, IN, and Tina Studer of Rockford, IL; grandchildren, Amanda Griffin, Brannon (Rebecca) Griffin, Katrina (Joseph) Neal, Mariah Studer, Cameron Studer, Marlaina Studer, Kaylee Naugle; and newest joy, great-grandson, Hezekiah Griffin; sister Kathy (Richard) Schulz; brother-in-law, Vernon (Mary) Perdue; and several nieces and nephews. Predeceased by his parents; brother, Michael Studer; two infant sisters, father and mother-in-law John and Mona Perdue; and brother-in-law, David Wilson. The family wishes to thank the Northern Illinois Hospice Team, Rockford VA Clinic, UW Madison Hospital and the Madison VA Hospital & Clinic for the outstanding care they provided. Services were held Thursday, June 25th, at the Riverside Assembly of God Church, 4242 West Riverside Boulevard, Rockford, IL. Visitation was from 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM with the funeral beginning at 11:00 AM. Pastor James Moore officiated. Burial was at the Willwood Burial Park. Memorials can be made to the family. Online condolences may be submitted at advantagerockford.com.



RAFAEL MENDIOLA SUKOLA – Died Saturday, April 25, 2015 in Dededo, Guan at the age of 84. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Guam on November 4, 1930. He was affectionately known to his family and friends as: "Ralph" "Papa" "Top" of Agana Heights and lately of Dededo. He served in the United States Army during the Vietnam and Korean Wars and retired after 24 years at the rank of First Sergeant (E-8). He also retired from the United States Postal Service. He was a *Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Hagatna Chapter #668*. Nightly Mass was offered at 6:00 PM and rosaries for Ralph followed at Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church in Agana Heights at 6:30 PM except on Friday, May 8th, when the rosary was said at the Guam Memorial Park Chapel in Barrigada at 6:00 PM. Final Respects were paid at Our Lady of the Blessed Sacrament Catholic Church in Agana Heights on Saturday, May 9th, with a Mass for Christian Burial offered at 12:00 PM. After the Mass, Ralph was laid to rest at the Guam Veterans Cemetery in Piti, Guam.



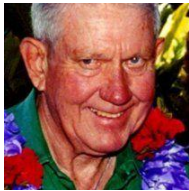
PAUL H. SUSCINSKI - Died Thursday, June 18, 2015 after a long and courageous fight with pulmonary fibrosis. He was 67 years of age and a resident of Norton, Ohio. He was surrounded by the love and dedication of his adoring family until the end. He was born on August 15, 1947 to the late Beatrice and Edward Suscinski in Akron, Ohio. He attended St. Vincent's, St. Sebastian's and Archbishop Hoban before joining the United States Marine Corps on January 4, 1966. Paul served two tours of duty during the Vietnam War and earned two Purple Hearts. He graduated from The University of Akron with two degrees and spent most of his career as the Regional Claims Director for U-Haul where he oversaw the claims department for ten states. In his enormous heart, Paul carried the faces, stories and experiences from his time in Vietnam, every second of every day. He struggled with PTSD throughout his life, but never stopped trying to heal from the trauma of the war. At the

age of 50, Paul retired and focused exclusively on advocating for himself and other veterans. He became an expert on veteran's benefits and resources. During the last 18 years of his life, Paul helped hundreds of his fellow veterans access services and supports. His work helped to ease the burden of the war so that he could laugh again, create beautiful necklaces, become a jelly bean connoisseur and enjoy time with his family and friends. Paul was very proud to be the Commander of the Military Order of the Purple Heart, Chapter #699 until his health no longer allowed him to continue. Under his leadership, Chapter #699 distributed thousands of free copies of the book, *Tears of a Warrior*, participated in Operation Stand Down and helped to bring the Dignity moving Vietnam Wall to Akron. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Freedom Chapter #862**. Paul is survived by his adoring wife of 45 years, Donna, who lovingly cared for him in sickness and in health throughout their marriage. He is also survived by his son, Benjamin Paul Suscinski of Akron, Ohio; his daughter, Sarah Rose Suscinski and her partner Bradley S. Miller of Vermont. With his wife, Paul worked very hard to ensure that both his children had every opportunity in life, including a Catholic school education. Sarah and Ben are both incredibly grateful and know that they could not have had a better father. Paul also leaves behind, his brother, Edward B. Suscinski, his wife Jane; his sister, Susie VanDetta, her husband Mickey, his sister, Julie Hall and her husband Jeff; as well as his nieces and nephews, Michael, Judy, Phyllis, Edward, Jennifer, Kit and Saige. He is also survived by his life-long friend, David Pulizzi who was with him until the very end. The family would like to express their deepest gratitude to the staff of the Wade Park VA Medical Center. They are especially grateful to Brent Duffield, Elaina Marshall, Mary Lambert-Washburn and Andrea Logue. The kindness they bestowed on Paul and the family during his last days is something they will never forget. They would like each of them to know that they will hold a place in their hearts forever. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that you make a donation to a charity of your choice or do something kind for someone else. A Mass of Christian Burial was held on Friday, June 26th, at 10:00 AM at Saint Augustine Catholic Church, 204 6th Street, NW, Barberton. The family received friends at the Catavolos Funeral Home, 3653 West Market Street, Fairlawn on Thursday from 6:00 to 8:00 PM. Military Honors were held on Monday, June 29th, at 11:00 AM at the Ohio Western Reserve National Cemetery, Rittman, Ohio. The procession began at the Catavolos Funeral Home promptly at 9:30 AM. Online tributes and condolences may be viewed or expressed at: catavolosfuneralhome.com.



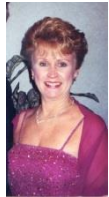
JACK WAYNE “Big Jack” SUSIE, SR. - Died Thursday, June 18, 2015 at the Rochester Manor in Rochester, Pennsylvania at the age of 72. He was a resident of Vanport, Pennsylvania. The cause of death was diabetes, cancer and heart disease. He was born October 8, 1942 in Beaver Falls, Pennsylvania to the late Stephen and Ruth (née Boehm) Susie. A graduate of Monaca High School, Class of 1960, Jack served in the United States Marine Corps during the Vietnam-era. He was employed at Colonial Steel before finding work as a mixer at Keystone Bakery. He was a member of Rochester Faith Community United Methodist Church. Currently Jack was serving as president of Van Buren Homes, Inc. and also the president of the Men’s Club of Van Buren Homes and was a member of Rochester Turners, Butler VFW Post #249, and **Vietnam Veterans of America – Pennsylvania Chapter 962**, and Monaca American Legion Post #580, where he enjoyed the morning coffee hour. An avid and loyal Steelers fan, Jack’s greatest joy was spending time with

his grandchildren. He leaves his wife, Beverly A. Anderson, with whom he just celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in May; three sons, Jack Jr. (Marty) Susie of Savannah, GA, Richard (Dawn) Susie of Titusville, FL, and David (Melissa) Susie of Hopewell Twp.; seven beloved and adored grandchildren, Trey, Kristina and Leah Susie of Savannah, Richellie and Trevor Susie of Titusville and Cameron and Madeline Susie of Hopewell; a sister, Valla (Wayne) Dishler of Rochester and several nieces and nephews. In addition to his parents Jack was preceded in death by a brother, Steven Susie and Gail Relich Friends were received on Monday from 1:00 to 3:00 PM and 5:00 to 7:00 PM in the Simpson Funeral & Cremation Services, 1119 Washington Avenue, Monaca. In lieu of flowers the family has suggested memorial contributions may be made, if desired, to Beaver County Heart & Cancer Association, 3582 Brodhead Road #201, Monaca, PA 15061, or American Diabetes Association, 100 West Station Square Drive #1900, Pittsburgh, PA 15219. To share online condolences, get directions and other information, please visit simpsonfuneralhome.com.



DONALD L. SWIDERSKI - Died Tuesday, November 12, 2013 in The Villages, Florida at the age of 77. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Toledo, Ohio on January 18, 1936 to the late Louis and Julia Swiderski. He attended the University of Notre Dame and graduated from the University of Dayton with a Master's Degree in Electrical Engineering. Donald joined the United States Air Force in 1956. He attained the rank of Major and was a navigational Weapons Officer flying the Air Force B58 aircraft. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War and retired from active military service in 1976. Following military retirement he worked for GTE and General Dynamics. Donald came to The Villages from Toledo, OH in 2006. He was of the Catholic faith and was a member and lector at Saint Vincent de Paul Catholic Church, Wildwood. He was a member of The Villages Memorial Honor Guard, the VFW, the Villages Polka Lovers Club and the Notre Dame Club. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Oxford Chapter #1036**. He enjoyed golf, traveling, reading, Notre Dame football and polka music. Donald leaves his wife, Donna (née Baggett) Swiderski, children, Donald L. Swiderski(Miriam), of Ann Arbor, MI, Ruth Anne Dorado, Oceanside, CA, Paul J. Mahoney (Vivian)Redlands, CA, Philip J. Swiderski (Lupita) Redlands, CA, Mary A. Llauro, Joan Marie Woods, Newbury Park, CA, Catherine Anne Lloyd (Chris) Scottsdale, AZ, brother, George Swiderski of Las Vegas, NV , stepchildren, Linda Mohr, Sylvania, OH, Kathy (Ed) Wilcox, Toledo, OH, Ed(Kay) Poskarbiewicz, Fort Pierce, FL, Steven (Shirley) Poskarbiewicz, Fort Pierce, FL and Larry Poskarbiewicz, Lambertville, MI, also stepsons, Rick Navarre, Toledo, Oh, Todd Navarre, Bay, Ohio and Peter Navarre, Toledo, Ohio, brother-in-law and sister-in-law, David and Rosemary Baggett of Ohio, also 14 grandchildren. He was predeceased by his son David A. Swiderski and a sister Angeline and his former wife, Rosemary. The family received relatives and friends at a visitation on Sunday, November 17, 2013 at the Hiers-Baxley Funeral Services, 1511 Buenos Aires Boulevard, The Villages from 2:00-5:00 PM. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on Monday, November 18, 2013 at Saint Vincent de Paul Catholic Church, 5195 East County Road 462, Wildwood, FL 36785 at 9:30 AM. Burial was in the Florida National Cemetery, Bushnell, FL. In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made Saint Vincent de Paul Catholic Church. For on-line sentiments visit www.hiers-baxley.com. Arrangements were made by the Hiers-Baxley Funeral Services, The Villages, FL.

WILLIAM CALVIN TACKETT- Died Tuesday, February 3, 2015 in Pensacola, Florida at the age of 64. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Wyandotte, Michigan on July 18, 1950. He served in the United States Army from October 1967 to October 1970 with a tour of duty in Vietnam from July 1968 to October 1970. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Plymouth Chapter #528**.



SHARON ELIZABETH THEROUX - Died Friday, April 17, 2015 after a sudden illness at the age of 66. She was a resident of Rockford, Illinois. The cause of death was pancreatic cancer. She was born on May 10, 1948 in Rockford to the late William and Genevieve Sanford who survives her. She was married over 46 years to her loving and faithful husband, Robert Theroux. She has 3 children, Scott, Laura (Rob), and Patti; 7 grandchildren, Joseph, Austin (Allyson), Cody, Lacy, Abigail, Angelica, and Alison and 3 great-granddaughters, Sannia, Ameila and April. She was a chairperson and board member of Circle of Love Foundation, a member and former president of Ostende Ballroom Dance Club, and a member of Cotillion Dance Club. She was a *Life Member* of **Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America – Rockford Chapter #984**. She served with her husband as a Pastor and a Chaplain. Co-chair of the Christmas for Vets with her husband, an associate member of Vietnam Veterans of America, a volunteer at Heartland Hospice to minister to veterans with her husband. Sharon and her husband taught “New Believers Classes” at several churches, and lead Bible studies at several places including Carpenter’s Place and at Collier Apartments. Other survivors include her mother; siblings, Chris (Jerry) Wilhauck, Terry (Sue) Sanford, and Lynn Sanford; and several nieces and nephews. She was predeceased by father; grandmother; and several aunts. The funeral service was held at 10:00 AM on Saturday, April 25, 2015 in Central Christian Church, 6595 Guilford Road. Burial was in Arlington Memorial Park Cemetery. A visitation was held on Friday, April 24, 2015 from 4:00 - 9:00 PM in the Honquest Family Funeral Home with Crematory - Mulford Chapel, 4311 North Mulford Road, Loves Park, and again from 9:00 AM until the time of the service on Saturday in the Church. In lieu of flowers memorials may be given to the family, and will be divided and sent to Circle of Love Foundation, Carpenter’s Place, and VietNow. She will remain in our spirits and hearts forever.



LAWRENCE EDWARD “Larry” TOMASIK – Died Monday, May 25, 2015 in Ragley, Louisiana at the age of 66. The cause of death is unknown. He was born December 17, 1948 to Alice Mae (née Griffith) and George Tomasik, Sr. in Baltimore, Maryland. He joined the military right out of high school, and went to Vietnam, where he was a United States Navy Seal. He moved here to Sulphur, Louisiana in 1978, where he worked many jobs until he found an operators position with Conoco in which he retired. He worked for the unemployment office and also as a benefit counselor for Veterans’ Affairs. His hobby was bowling, where he held many positions throughout the years. He was a member of the Masons, Eastern Star, the American Legion and the Shriners. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Sulphur Chapter #1098**. Larry is survived by his daughter, Tina LeBoeuf and husband Chuck; his son, Larry Tomasik, Jr.; his granddaughters, Kinsey LeDoux, Kelsey and Kourtlin LeBoeuf; his grandson, Elijah Taylor; 2 great-granddaughters, Addyson LeDoux and Audri Jumonville; his brother, George “Butch” Tomasik, Jr.; his sister, Dawna Summers; a sister-in-law, Sue Hughes; and his faithful

companions, Lucky, Baby and Alex, and; also his grand-pups, Baby Gurl, Shadow, and Hank; and numerous nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his mother, Alice Menefee; his life-long stepfather, Charles Menefee; his father, George Tomasik, Sr., three brothers, Edward "Russell" Menefee, Charles "Chuck" Menefee, Jr. and Lee Hughes; his sister, Angie "Ruth" Tamberelo and a son, Michael James Tomasik. A Masonic Service was held on Thursday, May 28, 2015 at 1:30 PM at the Johnson and Robison Funeral Home Chapel followed by a funeral service at 2:00 PM with the Reverend Steve Shirley officiating. The family received friends on Wednesday, May 27, 2015 from 4:00-9:00 PM at the Johnson and Robison Funeral Home with an Eastern Star service beginning at 6:00 PM with visitation continuing on Thursday at 9:00 AM until time of the service. Cremation was entrusted to the Johnson and Robison Home.



ANGELO TORRES - Died Friday, June 12, 2015 in the comfort of his home in Reading, Pennsylvania at the age of 68, surrounded by his wife, Frances, his two youngest daughters, Michelle and Angela, his son-in-law, Jose, and Army brother, Hank "Tiny" Farley. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Bronx, New York, to the late Angel Torres and Alicia R. (née Alomar) Torres. Mr. Torres was a United States Army Veteran, proudly serving his country for 11 years, including in the Vietnam Conflict. He attained the rank of Sergeant in 1975. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Reading Chapter #131**. He was predeceased by his brother, William Torres. He is survived by his wife, Frances (née Luna) Torres; his children, Angelo Torres Jr., Luis U. Ruiz, Carmen L. Luna, Minerva F. Luna, Michelle C. Ruiz and Angela J. Torres; thirteen grandchildren; two great-grandchildren, and; his sisters, Miriam, Jenny, Rachael and Betsy. A graveside service was held at Indiantown Gap National Cemetery on Friday, June 19, 2015 at 2:00 PM. Whelan-Schwartz Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements - online condolences may be made at www.WhelanSchwartz.com.



FRANK CHARLES VOZENILEK, SR. - Died Tuesday, February 17, 2015 at his home in Whitesboro, Iowa at the age of 62. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on June 19, 1952 to the late Frank and Frances (née Lockhart) Vozenilek in Cedar Rapids, Iowa. He served in the United States Army during the Vietnam-era, retiring after 20 years of service. He was an *At-Large Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Iowa**. He was a nurse and a minister. Frank was also an outpost leader for Point Man International Ministries, helping others with PTSD. Frank enjoyed playing guitar, making jewelry, drawing and writing books. He married Jamie Dolezalek in Mesquite, Texas on August 29, 2001. He is survived by his wife, Jamie Vozenilek of Southmayd; 2 daughters, Michelle Smith and husband Charlie of Kentucky and Kathrine Colleen Petroff of Cedar Rapids, Iowa; 2 sons, Frank Charles Vozenilek, Jr. and wife Fawn of Cedar Rapids, Iowa and Frank Charles (Tre) Vozenilek, III of Southmayd; Grandchildren, Billy Joe Skaggs, Charlie Skaggs, Jordan Vozenilek, Mariah Vozenilek and Gabriel Petroff; 1 great-granddaughter; 2 brothers, James Clark and Mike Clark; sister, Colleen Karr and father, Frank Vozenilek. Funeral services were held at 10:00 AM on Saturday, February 21, 2015 at Meador Funeral Home Chapel in Whitesboro with Reverend Jody Dyer officiating. Interment was at the Dixie Cemetery in Whitesboro. Family visitation was held on Friday, February 20, 2015 from 6:00 PM until 8:00 PM at the funeral home.

NILES H. WALTERS - Died Monday, April 13, 2015 in Marietta, Ohio at the age of 71. The cause of death was Agent Orange-related cardiac arrest, ischemic heart disease and prostate cancer. He was born May 21, 1943 in Clairton, Pennsylvania. He is survived by his wife, Kathy of the home. He served in the United States Army with a tour of duty in Vietnam from 1966 to 1967. He was an *At-Large Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Ohio**. Abiding with his wishes, there were no services. The Marietta Chapel of Cawley & Peoples Funeral Home was honored to assist Niles' family with arrangements.

SAM JOE WATRIDGE – Died Friday, April 24, 2015 in Humboldt, Tennessee at the age of 71, after a very brief and unexpected illness. The cause of death was cardio-respiratory failure due to sepsis and also had Agent Orange-related Diabetes Mellitus Type II. He was born December 6, 1943 to the late Joe B. and Thelma T. Watridge. He was a graduate of Union University and Nashville School of Law, formerly working as editor of the Humboldt Chronicle for several years in the 1970's and in various positions of management in the Department of Employment Security for the State of Tennessee. He left TDES in 1986 as Deputy Commissioner of the Department, working in Nashville, to return to West Tennessee and open his law practice in Humboldt. Mr. Watridge always believed in the potential of Humboldt and had served as City Attorney and currently as City Judge. Mr. Watridge had been active in many civic organizations and community initiatives over his life in Humboldt. Sam had many friends within the legal community and had a deep respect for his clients regardless of their circumstances, always saying that most people really wanted to do the best they could. His was a life cut short, because he still strongly felt there was much still to be accomplished in the community and through his law practice. Mr. Watridge respected all who served in the U.S. military services regardless of his or her service classification or duty assignment. All service mattered and if someone served, he or she was to be honored. Sam joined the United States Air Force during his second year at Union University and would serve a year tour plus an extension of six months in Vietnam before returning to graduate from Union. He was proud of the Bronze Star he earned but always deferred to those who earned that honor in direct combat. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Jackson Chapter #995**. Many of his most trusted and enduring friendships are Vietnam Veterans, especially Roy Pierce and his wife Judy, and David Wray and his wife Ann. Sam loved and respected "Miss Catherine" Forsythe, his first grade teacher and long-time Humboldt educator and community leader because of her strong patriotism and respect of country which she instilled in her students and they remained close friends until her death. Mr. Watridge is survived by his wife, Jean who also worked with him; his sister and brother-in-law, Syrena and LTC (Ret.) Tom West of Richmond, VA; his brother and sister-in-law, Dr. Clarence and Christy Watridge of Memphis, TN; his mother-in-law, "Mama Merle" Everett of Humboldt, TN; uncle, Jack Turner and his wife Beverly of Jackson, TN. He enjoyed keeping up with the many varied accomplishments of his five nieces and nephews and their growing families. He was especially fond of his associate, Joseph E. Tubbs and his paralegal Toye Reasons who are like family to him. Mr. Watridge's family has deep gratitude for all the medical professionals who tried so hard to find a way to recovery for Sam, from the Gibson County EMS teams who transported him to Emergency Care. To the many doctors, RN's, and to other nursing and support staff at Jackson-Madison County General Hospital who concentrated their efforts 24 hours each day for six days. Special thanks go to the nursing staff on the 6th

floor, the "crash team" who revived him there, and the caring and considerate ICU staff who in addition to trying so hard to successfully treat Sam's illness found time for kindness, compassion and courtesies for Jean and the family. We could not have asked for more and we offer our most sincere thanks. The funeral service was held on Monday, April 27, 2015 at 3:30 PM at the graveside in Antioch Baptist Church Cemetery, 425 Antioch Road, Humboldt, TN with Military Honors. Visitation with the family was on Monday, April 27, 2015 from Noon until 3:00 PM in the chapel of the Shelton-Hunt Funeral Home. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests memorials to any of several West Tennessee charities Sam liked, including West Tennessee Regional Arts in Humboldt; Gibson County EMS; Antioch Church Cemetery Fund or West Tennessee Health Care Foundation.



ROBERT A. "Bob" "Seabob" WEILER - Died Thursday, October 21, 2014 in Somers Point, New Jersey at the age of 66. The cause of death was Agent Orange-related embolism of the lung. He was born on April 12, 1948 to the late Charles and Ruth Weiler. Bob served in the United States Army First Cavalry Division in Vietnam. He was an avid fisherman; lifelong Yankees and Notre Dame fan, and loved going to MRHS basketball and football games. His family was a top priority. He was an *At-Large Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – New Jersey**. In addition to his parents, he was predeceased by his brothers Michael Weiler and Denis Weiler. He worked for his dad at Weiler Chevrolet in Egg Harbor City on his return from the military. His love of fishing and the ocean took him to the FV Jacqueline and Joseph out of Cape May and on to Coos Bay, Oregon and Kodiak, Alaska. Bob then combined his jobs at Merit Marine, Somers Point, in Yacht Sales. Leading groups of boaters on outings was a very special time. Bob is survived by his loving wife, Sue, of almost 44 years; daughter, Kimberlee Catino (granddaughters Kaela and Cassidy) of EHT; son, Scott (Jessie) with grandson, Mason, and granddaughter, Trinity of Cobleskill, New York; brother, Charles Weiler of Haddonfield; sisters Barbara Doctorman (Wayne) of Ocean City; and Nancy Weiler of Mays Landing; and many nieces and nephews. Viewings were held on Friday, October 24th from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM at the George H. Wimberg Funeral Home, 1707 New Road, Linwood and on Saturday, October 25th from 10:30 AM to 11:00 AM at Saint Joseph Church, 606 Shore Road, Somers Point followed by Mass of Christian Burial was at 11:00 AM. Interment was at the Laurel Memorial Park, Egg Harbor Township.

DALE JOSEPHE "D.J." WEIMER - Died Friday morning, June 5, 2015 at his daughter's home in Janesville, Wisconsin with his daughter, Crystal, and his best friend, Kevin Schroeder, by his side. He was 63 years of age and a resident of Dawsonville, Georgia. The cause of death was emphysema. He was born February 28, 1952, in Elkhorn, Wisconsin to the late Joseph and Florence (née Stauffacher) Weimer. D.J. enlisted in the United States Marine Corps and served his country in Vietnam. He was honorably discharged as a Corporal. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Dawsonville (Georgia) Chapter #970**. D.J. owned and operated a concrete/excavating company, and then spent time as an over-the-road truck driver, until ill health forced him to retire. D.J. is survived by his three children: Crystal (Travis) Weimer Kropf of Janesville, Dawn (Joey) DiBernard, of Florida, and Nathan Powers, who is serving in the United States Army in Kansas. He is further survived by his brother, Rodney (Ellie) Weimer; his two granddaughters; and by nieces, nephews, in-laws, and friends. Besides his

parents, he was preceded in death by two brothers, Eugene Weimer and Duane Weimer. Funeral services were held at 11:00 AM on Thursday, June 11, 2015 at the Whitcomb-Lynch Funeral Home and Cremation Services with the Reverend James Melvin officiating. Burial with full military rites took place in Southern Wisconsin Veterans Memorial Cemetery in Union Grove, Wisconsin at 2:00 PM on Thursday. Friends came calling from 10:00 until 11:00 AM on Thursday at the Funeral Home. Whitcomb-Lynch Funeral Home and Cremation Services were in charge of the arrangements.

ROBERT C. WELLS – Died in 2014 in Lucasville, Ohio at the age of 67. The cause of death was cancer. He was born June 12, 1947. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – South Shore (Kentucky) Chapter #1006**.



WILLIAM R. "Bill" WIGGINTON - Died peacefully Friday, July 17, 2015 at his residence in Lexington, Kentucky at the age of 64. The cause of death was Agent Orange-related cancer. He was born September 23, 1950 in Louisville to the late Ray M. and Ruth (née Bell) Wigginton. He was the owner of Wigginton Vending Company and a United States Vietnam Army Veteran. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Louisville Chapter #454**. He is survived by his wife, Debbie, of the home; two sons, David Wigginton and Steven (Deanna) Wigginton, both of Lexington; two grandchildren, Brianna and Bryce; two brothers, Jim Paul (Annis) Wigginton, Bowling Green, KY and Steve Wigginton, Louisville, KY. Funeral services were held at 7:00 PM on Monday, July 20, 2015 at the Kerr Brothers Funeral Home on Harrodsburg Road officiated by Brother Mike Brady. Visitation hours were from 4:00-7:00 PM on Monday at the funeral home. Burial was at 11:00 AM on Tuesday, July 21, 2015 at Camp Nelson National Cemetery. Contributions were suggested to be given to the Salvation Army, 736 West Main Street, Lexington, KY. 40508.



EDWARD CARRUTH WILSON – Died Sunday, July 5, 2015 at 12:44 AM at his residence in Smithville, Mississippi at the age of 67. The cause of death was Agent Orange-related Diabetes Mellitus Type II, cardiopulmonary arrest and Alzheimer's Disease. He had lived there for the last seven years. Known far and wide by his nickname, "Fruit Loop", Carruth was born in Tupelo, Mississippi on September 20, 1947 to the late Edward Lee and Ozella (née Hinton) Wilson. He graduated from Shannon High School in 1966. He attended Itawamba Junior College and was drafted in the United States Army in 1968. His basic training was at Fort Benning, Georgia and afterwards, he served at tour of duty in Vietnam where he was critically injured in combat. For his patriotism, valor and bravery as a Drill Sergeant, he was awarded 4 Purple Hearts and 3 Bronze Stars with Oak Leaf Clusters in addition to other honors including being nominated for the Congressional Medal of Honor. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Easton Chapter #415**. Fruit Loop worked for 27 years at Krueger Metal in Tupelo retiring as Warehouse Foreman. He was the owner/operator of Fruit Loop Used Cars for 18 years. Carruth was a longtime member of Doty Chapel Baptist Church and, at his death, Pleasant Grove Baptist Church west of Shannon serving both Churches as a deacon and lay speaker. He was a 32 degree Scottish Rite Mason and Shriner and served as Chaplain for the Vietnam Veterans of America – Easton Chapter #415. Always proud of his military service, Carruth was first and foremost a Christian and man

of God who raised his family in a Godly home. He never met a stranger, was an avid conversationalist and always shared his faith with whomever he met. He loved horses and cows and roaming his land and being outdoors in God's beautiful creation. Survivors include his wife of almost 49 years; Patricia Christopher "Pat" Wilson, his son, Ryan Wilson (Nicole); His daughter, Amber Wilson Little (Timmy). His 8 grandchildren; Kaylee Grace (Ethan Frederick) and T.J. Holland, Laycee Little, Rylan Little, Zack Lamb (Stephanie)-U. S. Navy, Nick Lamb, Anthony Little (Tiffany), Nathan Little, his great granddaughter, Kaylin Little all of Smithville; A special niece, Melissa Christopher Pitts, special cousins, Jimmy and Pam Carter and his brother and sister in law, David and Mary Christopher of the Brewer Community; A host of other relatives and many friends. He was preceded in death by his parents, a still born sister, a son, Shane Wilson, and a son in law, Don Holland.



JOSEPH "Mickey" WILSON – Died Friday, July 10, 2015 Baltimore, Maryland at the age of 67. The cause of death is unknown. He was born February 13, 1948 to Marion Wilson and the late Joseph Wilson. He was the beloved husband of Joan C. Wilson; devoted father of Dawn Wilson; dear brother of Diana Bittner; loving grandfather of 2 grand-dogs, Jackson and Chance, and; he is also survived by his beloved best friend Star. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was an *At-Large Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Maryland**. Relatives and friends gathered at the Miller-Dippel Funeral Home, Inc. on Sunday from 2:00-4:00 and 6:00-8:00 PM where a funeral service was held on Monday at 12:30 PM. Interment was in the Most Holy Redeemer Cemetery.

RUSSELL A. WOLFE - Died Saturday, June 6, 2015 at Saint Luke's Hospital in Fountain Hill, Pennsylvania at the age of 71. He was a resident of Bethlehem, Pennsylvania. The cause of death was lung failure. He was born July 9, 1943 to the late Corareidis (née Weiland) and Gilbert T. Wolfe. Russell was a graduate of Southern Lehigh High School where he was the captain of the varsity basketball team. He then joined the United States Army where he served his country proudly during the Vietnam War in the 82nd Airborne Division. He also served in the United States Navy Reserves. He retired as a letter carrier from the U.S. Postal service. Russell loved the military and was a *Life Member* and the *Vice-President* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Easton Chapter #415** and was a member of the 504/509 Parachute Company. He was also a member of several American Legions throughout the Lehigh Valley. Russell volunteered much of his time with the Northeast Little League where he was a manager and devoted umpire. He will be lovingly remembered by his daughter, Rhonda Geiselman wife of Scott and their two daughters Abby and Emma. He was preceded in death by his sister, Virginia D. Wolfe. Services: According to Russell's wishes there were no services. Arrangements were by the Connell Funeral Home, Inc.



DAVID E. WOOD - Died Tuesday, December 9, 2014 in Palmyra, New York at age of 68. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on December 2, 1946 in Rochester, New York to the late Herman and Marie Wood. David was an honorable man and a kind soul. He was well respected in the Homebuilders community. David will always be loved and truly missed. He served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of**

America – Rochester Chapter #20. In addition to his parents, he was also predeceased by his brother, Richard Wood; father-in-law, Gary MacMillan. He is survived by his wife Debbie Wood, with whom he shared a very beautiful and blessed life together. Their loving journey will never end. David is also survived by his loving children and their spouses; 10 grandchildren, they were each the apple of his eye; siblings, Barb, Ernie and Bob; in-laws, Tal (Sandy) Cloud; loyal dogs, Zooey and Frank; and many friends. Friends were invited to join the family on Monday, December 15th from 2:00-4:00 PM and 6:00-8:00 PM at the Murphy Funeral & Cremation Chapels, 1040 Route 31, Macedon, NY 14519. David's funeral service was held on Tuesday, December 16th at 1:00 PM at the Palmyra First United Methodist Church, 109 Church Street, Palmyra, NY 14522. Interment was in the Macedon Village Cemetery. Contributions may be directed to the Veterans Outreach Center Inc., 791 South Avenue, Rochester, NY 14620 or Wounded Warrior Project, in David's memory.

VINCENT H. WOOD - Died Monday September 22, 2014 in New burgh, New York at the age of 71. The cause of death was cancer. He was born on June 8, 1943 in Warwick, New York to the late Harvard and Marie Wood. He is survived by his nephews, John, Mike, and Joe Costigan. In addition to his parents, he was predeceased by his wife Sharon, and a sister Katherine Costigan. Vincent served in the United States Navy during the Vietnam War. He was a member of the American Legion and the VFW. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Newburgh Chapter #537**. A Funeral Mass was held on Monday September 29, 2014 at 11:00 AM at Saint Patrick Church, Grand Street, Newburgh with entombment in the Cedar Hill Mausoleum. Donations in Vincent's name may be made to the American Cancer Society at www.cancer.org.



DANIEL JOSEPH WUNCH - Died Wednesday, May 27, 2015 at the Baystate Medical Center, with his loving family at his side. He was a resident of Springfield, Massachusetts and 68 years of age. The cause of death was septic shock, splenic abscess and necrotizing pancreatitis. He was born on February 21, 1947 in Springfield to the late Edward and Josephine (née Zaczek) Wunch. He was a graduate of the former Springfield Technical High School, Class of 1965. Dan continued his education at Springfield Technical Community College (STCC), and worked as a truck driver for Sweet Life Foods, retiring after thirty years of service. A United States Navy veteran of the Vietnam War, he served aboard the USS Rexburg and the USS Frank Knox. He was awarded the National Defense Medal, Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal, and the Vietnam Service Medal with 2 Bronze Stars. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Springfield Chapter #111**. Dan was a well-known artist and a handyman always willing to help others. Above all else he loved his family, especially times with his grandsons, with those times always including his treasured granddog, Copper. Dan is survived by his beloved wife of forty-two years, Marcia A. (Bartyzel) Wunch; his loving sons, David J. Wunch and his wife Christine of Enfield and Matthew E. Wunch of Enfield; cherished grandsons, Adam, Brandon, Carter and Eric Wunch; mother-in-law, Stella Bartyzel; and brother-in-law, Larry Bartyzel and his wife, Gretchen, and their son, Jon. Funeral services for Dan were held on Tuesday at 8:30 AM at the Kozikowski Funeral Home,

565 Front Street, Chicopee, followed by a committal service with military honors at 10:00 AM in the Chapel of the Massachusetts State Veterans Memorial Cemetery, 1390 Main Street, Agawam. Calling hours were on Monday from 4:00-7:00 PM. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the SICU Unit of Baystate Medical Center, 759 Chestnut Street, Springfield, MA 01104.

WILLIAM SAM ZARYCKI - Died Tuesday, June 2, 2015 in Lady Lake, Florida at the age of 75. The cause of death is unknown. He was born November 27, 1939 in Ohio. He is survived by his wife, Maggie; three children, Glenda, Nancy, and Bryan; four brothers, John, Andy, George, and Bob of Ohio, and; his sisters, Ann of Ohio and Betty of Arizona. He moved to The Villages full time in 2007, but had been snow bird for many years. He was The Villages Santa Claus. He was a Veteran of the United States Army, serving in Vietnam from 1963 to 1965. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Oxford Chapter #1036**. Services were held on June 12th at The Florida National Cemetery at 11:00 AM.

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

FATHER PHILIP G. SALOIS, M.S.

National Chaplain