

VIETNAM VETERANS OF AMERICA

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ARCHIE ADAMS – Died Tuesday, July 22, 2008 in Baltimore, Maryland at the age of 63. The cause of death is cancer. He was born November 24, 1944 in Saint George, South Carolina to the late Mattie Mae Adams and the late Quincy Cook. He is survived by three sisters and one brother-in-law, Janet Virginia Adams and Charles Rudolph Jenkins, Naomi Cook Savage and Gloria Cook, and; several nieces and nephews. He served in the United States Army with four tours of duty in Vietnam from 1965 to 1968. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Baltimore Chapter #451**. Internment with full military honors was in the Garrison Forest Veterans Cemetery in Owings Mills, Maryland with the Reverend Leroy Jackson, officiating.

NOAH DAVID AVERY - age 73, of Northport, Alabama died Monday, February 5, 2007. The cause of death was cancer. He was born June 21, 1933. Services will be 1 p.m. Wednesday at the Sunset Funeral Home Chapel. Burial will follow with American Legion Graveside rites at Sunset Memorial Park with Rev. Larry Bonner officiating and Sunset Funeral Home, a Dignity Memorial Provider, directing. Visitation will be tonight from 6 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home. U.S. Army Retired SSG Noah D. Avery went home to be with Jesus on February 5, 2007 after extended illness. Preceding him in death are: Collier and Dana Avery, parents; Marvin Avery, Troy Avery, Herbert Avery, brothers and sister, Trevena Ponds. He is survived by: Faye Avery, wife; Dianna Holliman (Jimmy), Theresa Hampton (Ray), daughters; Misty Holliman and Joshua Smith (Sarah), grandchildren; John Avery of Toxley; Paul Avery of Elrod, brothers; Velma Chaney of Texarkana, Texas, Alma Kizziah of Samantha, sisters; Bettie Price of Brookwood, mother-in-law. Pallbearers are Jimmy Ponds, Joe Ponds, Pat Ponds, Travis Ponds, Harold Chaney, Brad Avery, Keith Avery and Eugene Price. Honorary pallbearers are employees of Northport Medical Center, staff and students of ACA, Employees of Southeast Cancer Network and Cancer Care Center of Tuscaloosa, employees of Northport Internal Medicine, Dr. Stephen Browne, Hospice of West Alabama, Mr. and Mrs. James Holliman, Mrs. Birdie Hampton, LPN Chapter No. 6, Rev. Jerry Montgomery, Members of Piney Grove Baptist Church and Pine Grove Community and members of Chapel Hill Baptist Church. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Tuscaloosa Chapter #301**. He was a loving husband, father and grandfather. He will always be remembered for his warm smile and sense of humor. He will be greatly missed. In lieu of flowers the family asks that donations be made to Hospice of West Alabama.

RAYMOND PAUL AVERY - age 72, of Elrod, Alabama, died Friday, March 14, 2008, at home. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on June 21, 1933. Services will be 1 p.m. Wednesday at Memory Chapel Funeral Home, a Dignity Memorial Provider. Visitation will be tonight from 6 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home. He was preceded in death by his wife, Kay Avery; his parents, Collier and Dana Avery; his brothers, Marvin, Troy, Herbert, and Noah Avery; and his sister, Trevena Ponds. Survivors include his son, John Haggerty (Mitae); his sisters, Alma Kizziah of Samantha and Velma Chaney (Jim) of Texarkana, Texas; his brother, John D. Avery (Wretha) of

Toney; and a host of nieces and nephews. He was retired from the U. S. Navy and from the VA Hospital. He was always willing to give a helping hand. He loved to travel all over, especially in Japan. He loved his family as well as his pets. He will be greatly missed by family and friends. Honorary pallbearers are American Legion, Ed Harless, Commander Mr. and Mrs. Lee Allen Hallman, friends at the Athletic Department at The University of Alabama, his domino playing friends, Bobby Sneed, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Watkins, and all of his friends too numerous to list. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Tuscaloosa Chapter #301**.

MARGARET RITA “Midge” BAUGHN – Died Saturday, May 24, 2008 in Tulsa, Oklahoma at the age of 62. The cause of death was metastatic small cell carcinoma of the lungs. He was born May 25, 1945 in Bremerton, Washington to the late Theodor Stephen Rackoski and Margaret Quinlan Rackoski. She is survived by her husband, James Baughn. She was a *Life Member* of **Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America – Tulsa Chapter #524**.

THOMAS L. BLAIR – Died recently in July 2008 in Royal Oak, Michigan. The cause of death is unknown. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Pontiac Chapter #133**.

GARY G. BOGGS – Died in 2006 in Enid, Oklahoma at the age of 55. The cause of death is unknown. He was born July 10, 1949. He is survived by his wife, Jean Boggs, of the home. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Enid Chapter #940**.

NANCY LEE BORGER - 62, of Gilbert, passed away Saturday, Aug. 2, at her home of cancer. Nancy was the wife of Dale Borger. They had been married 42 years. Born in Palmerton on Sept. 17, 1945, she was the daughter of Esther (Kresge) Temple of Saylorburg and the late Clark Smith. For many years Nancy had worked as a prep cook at the Effort Diner in Effort. She was a U.S. Marine Corps veteran and a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Stroudsburg Chapter #678**. She was a member of the Victory Baptist Church in Brodheadsville. In addition to her husband, Dale, and mother, Esther, she is survived by two children, Bryan Borger and his wife, Hazel, of Gilbert and Tonya Kemp and her husband, Richard, of Leighton; a sister, Emma Van Stone of Saylorburg; a brother-in-law, John Lynn of Kunkletown; four grandchildren, Carissa and Sara Kemp of Leighton, Christina Borger of Savannah, Ga., and Cierra Borger of Gilbert; a stepgranddaughter, Ashley Erie of Nazareth; a nephew, John Paul Lynn of Kunkletown; and many aunts, uncles and cousins. She was preceded in death by a son, Jarrod Clark Borger; a brother, Jimmy Smith; and a sister, Donna Lynn. Funeral services will be held at 8 p.m. Tuesday, Aug. 5, at the Donald N. Gower Funeral Home, Route 209, Gilbert, with Pastor Lloyd Stevens and Pastor Gerald Miller officiating. Viewing will be held from 6 p.m. until time of services Tuesday, Aug. 5, at the funeral home. Interment will be private and at the convenience of the family. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to St. Jude's Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude's Place, Memphis, TN 38101.

BRIAN R. BRANNON – Died on Thursday, December 28, 2006 in Grand Junction, Colorado at the age of 62. The cause of death was a seizure disorder. Brian was born March 5, 1944 in New

Hampton, IA to Raymond and Andrea Brannon. He spent his childhood in New Hampton, where he also graduated from high school. Following graduation, he attended Loris College in Dubuque, IA, and received his undergraduate degree from University of Iowa in 1966. Brian served as an Army Platoon leader in Vietnam from 1966 to 1968 and was awarded the Bronze Star and the Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross. In 1973, Brian received his J.D. from the University of Iowa. Brian was a Grand Junction resident for 28 years, where he retired as a Trust Officer and Attorney. He was married to Jody Brinier. They divorced in 1997. Brian was a member of Immaculate Heart of Mary Catholic Church and volunteered for many years at the Grand Valley Catholic Outreach soup kitchen. He was a member of the Grand Junction Rotary Club for 21 years and was a Paul Harris Fellow. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Grand Junction Chapter #57**. His other interests included listening to classical music, researching Epilepsy Neuroscience, reading and skiing. He loved to pass out \$2 bills! Survivors include his son, J. Douglas Kent; and daughter, Shannon Christine Kent both of San Francisco, CA; mother Andrea Y. Brannon of Cedar Falls, IA ; sisters, Maryellen Carr (William) of Rochester, MN; Audrey Sweiter (Raymond) of Cedar Falls, IA; and Alissa Wilke (Joseph) of Springboro, OH and numerous nieces and nephews. A memorial service will be held Tuesday, January 2, 2007 at 10:00 am at Callahan-Edfast Mortuary. Cremation has taken place. Memorial contributions may be made to Grand Valley Catholic Outreach Soup Kitchen, 243 So. 1st St, Grand Junction, CO, 81501.

CHARLES S. BROWN 58, of Briarwood Lane, Branford, died in New Haven on Aug. 14, 2008. He was the husband of Jane Brown and the father of Charles Brown, T.J. Levesque and Nicole Brown. He is also survived by three grandchildren, Shawna Brown, T.J. Charles Brown and Jonathon Levesque, and a sister, Darlene. Born Feb. 22, 1950, in Elmira, N.Y., he was a son of the late Charles and Mimi Brown. He was a combat veteran of the Vietnam War, serving with the Marine Corps. Mr. Brown was employed for many years as a chef at various restaurants. He was a member of the Vietnam Veterans Association of America, the Marine Corps League, the DAV and the Nam Vets Association of the Cape and Islands. Friends may call at the Clancy Funeral Home, 43 Kirkham Ave., East Haven, on Tuesday, Aug. 19, from 5 to 7 p.m. Interment will be private. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Hyannis Chapter #388**.

WARREN MICHAEL BROWN – Died Wednesday, August 27, 2008 at his home in Buffalo, Minnesota at the age of 63. The cause of death is unknown. He was born April 30, 1945 in Saint Cloud, Minnesota to the late Roy and Martha (Dufficy) Brown. He married Julie Ring on August 23, 1969 at Saint Timothy Roman Catholic Church in Maple Lake, Minnesota. He is survived by his wife, Julie, of the home; his children, Wanda Brown (Mike McParland), of Saint Cloud, Jeff and his wife Kris Brown, of Farmington, Minnesota and Martha and Steve Broyles, of Austin, Texas; his grandchildren, Ashley, William, Julia, Robert Brandi, Evan and Alex, and; four brothers and sisters-in-law, Richard and Sue Brown, of California, Tom and Sharon Brown, of Iowa, Roy Brown, of Iowa and Patrick and Theresa Brown, of Lewiston Minnesota. In addition to his parents, he was predeceased by his granddaughter, Grace Rose Brown. He served in the United States Navy during the Vietnam War. He was a member of Saint Francis Xavier Roman Catholic Church in Buffalo. He was a member of the Buffalo American Legion, the Buffalo Veterans of Foreign Wars and the Buffalo Knights of Columbus. He was a *Life Member* of

Vietnam Veterans of America – Lindstrom Chapter #684. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated in Saint Timothy Catholic Church with the Reverend Father Michael Izen as main celebrant. Interment with full military honors was in Fort Snelling National Cemetery.

ROBERT C. BUBON - Died Wednesday, December 22, 2004 in Sparta, Wisconsin at the age of 59. The cause of death is unknown. Loving husband and friend of Cynthia Krantz (nee Wencka). Loving father and step-father of Heather (Craig) Dann, Christian Bubon, William Bubon, David Krantz and Pamela Krantz. Grandfather of C. Hunter Dann and Alec Krantz. Sweet brother of Roxanne (Larry) Hensley and Shangri-La Holdren. Also survived by nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends. Visitation Tuesday morning at ST. ROMANS' CHURCH, 1810 W. Bolivar Ave. from 9AM until Mass of Christian Burial at 11AM. Interment Southern Wisconsin Veterans Memorial Cemetery. Life member of the DAV, the Tomah VFW and American Legion Posts. Vietnam Veteran the USS Repose, Republic of Vietnam 1965-1967. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Sparta Chapter #462.**

THEODORE T. "Ted" BUDERMAN – Died Tuesday, July 22, 2008 in Port Chester, New York at the age of 64. The cause of death was cancer. He was born June 28, 1944 in New Rochelle, New York to Pat Buderman MacLeod and the late Theodore Buderman. In addition to his mother, he is survived by his wife of 25 years, Pat Buderman; his stepsons, Vincent, Michael Jay and Daniel Vetri; his brother and sister-in-law, Peter and Ellen Buderman; his sister and brother-in-law, Jeannie and Don Preziosi, and; several nieces, nephews and grand-niece and grand-nephew. He served in the United States Navy during the Vietnam War as a Boatswain Mate on the USS Bigelow. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Pleasantville Chapter #49.** A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated in Our Lady of Sorrows Roman Catholic Church in White Plains, New York.

STANLEY BURNS – Died Sunday, August 10, 2008 in Palermo, West Virginia. The cause of death is unknown. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Mount Gay Chapter #308.**

RANDY CALLISON – Died Tuesday, February 5, 2008 in Oconomowoc, Wisconsin. The cause of death is unknown. He is survived by his wife, Laura Callison, of the home. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Oconomowoc Chapter #635,**

DANIEL CEDILLOS - a loving father, grandfather, brother, and friend passed away on Wednesday, May 14, 2008 at the age of 60. He proudly served his country in the U.S. Army and as an active member of the **Vietnam Veterans of America – El Paso Chapter #574.** Mr. Cedillos' greatest pride and joy was to spend time with his grandson, play his keyboard and sing. He is preceded in death by his father Manuel Cedillos, Sr. Mr. Cedillos is survived by his loving mother; Esperanza Montes Cedillos, son; Daniel John Cedillos (Angelita Ortega), grandson; D'erick John Cedillos, brothers; Manuel, Jr. and Andres Cedillos, sisters; Anita Leticia Siegel and Patricia Herrera, godson; Adrian Cisneros, as well as numerous family members and friends.

Visitation will be held on Monday, May 19, 2008 from 4:00 P.M. to 9:00 P.M. at Mt. Carmel Funeral Home Chapel with recitation of the rosary at 7:00 P.M. Funeral Mass will be held on Tuesday, May 20, 2008 at 9:30 A.M. at Corpus Christi Catholic Church, interment to follow with military honors at Ft. Bliss National Cemetery.

JAMES S. CIARA – Died Tuesday, July 29, 2008 in Fairview Park, Ohio at the age of 63. The cause of death was multiple myeloma and congestive heart failure. He was born January 16, 1945 in North Tonawanda, New York. Dearly beloved husband of Sandra (nee Santell); loving father of James, Michelle (Brian) Ward, Sherry (Joseph) Sanfilippo, and Christina; dearest grandfather of Kyle, Taylor, Christopher and Joseph. He served in the United States Army with a tour of duty in Vietnam from April 1966 to April 1967 with the First Air Cavalry. He was a *Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Bay Villega Chapter #249*. Private Services were held. Interment Ohio Western Reserve National Cemetery. Arrangements CRACIUN FUNERAL HOME.

BILLY A. CLARK - Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m. Sunday at Collier-Butler Chapel for Mr. Billy A. Clark, 74, Gadsden, Alabama, who passed away Wednesday, Sept. 3, 2008. He was a resident of Rainbow City, Alabama. The cause of death was natural causes. Burial will take place in Rainbow Memorial Gardens. The Rev. Kenneth Mostella will be officiating the services. Collier-Butler Funeral and Cremation Services directing. Billy was a retired Command Sgt. Major in the Army and served his country for 27 years. He worked at the United States Post Office in Gadsden and the ROTC program in Gadsden. Mr. Clark was a lifetime member of the 8600 VFW Post, Disabled Veterans of America, Knights of the York Cross of Honor, Knight Masons and Military Order of the Cootie. He was a *Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Gadsden Chapter #637*. He was a four-time commander of the 8600 VFW Post and a member of the Gadsden York Rite Masons, Dwight Lodge No. 550, American Legion Post 322 and the Queen City Chapter No. 135 of the Eastern Star. He was also a Worthy Past Patron of the Queen City Eastern Star and a Past Master of Bertchesgaden Lodge in Germany. Billy was the secretary of the Gadsden York Rite, a member of McCauley's UM Chapel and a loving husband and father. Mr. Clark was preceded in death by his parents, Frank and Beulah Clark; brother, Bobby Clark, West Virginia; and sister, Pat Chapman-Reedy, West Virginia. He is survived by his wife, Peggy Clark; daughters, Barbara Mostella (Kenneth), Dora, and Michelle Head (Michael), Gadsden; grandchildren, Jennifer and Katie Mostella and John Head; brother, Stanley Clark (Becky), Midland, Mich.; brother-in-law, Ricky Vaughan, Gadsden; sisters, Betty Whittbrodt (Al), Tallahassee, Fla., Ruth Witt (Bob), Wendell, N.C., Judy Griffith (Tony), Reedy, West Virginia; and sister-in-law, Donna Jenkins, Rainbow City. Pallbearers will be John Head, Daniel Vines, Rick Vaughan, Shane Jenkins, Michael Head, Sean Clark, Stanley Clark and Michael Jenkins. Honorary pallbearers will be Dwight 550 Mason Lodge, American Legion Post 322 and VFW Post 8600. In lieu of flowers donations can be made to Knights Templar Eye Foundation in care of the City of Gadsden York Rite Masons, 1102 Lakemont Drive, Southside, AL 35907. Special thanks to the VA Medical Center in Tuscaloosa, McGuffey's Healthcare, Dr. H. Patel and Alacare Hospice. A visitation will be held from 5 to 7 p.m. Saturday at Collier-Butler Funeral Home.

RAYMOND "Pete" CLAY – Died Wednesday, July 23, 2008 in Longview, Texas at the age of 65. The cause of death is unknown. Services are scheduled for noon Tuesday, July 28, 2008 at Chapel Hill Baptist Church, Chapel Hill community, Tatum, with the Revs. Kenneth L. Palmer Sr. and H. C. Rockmore officiating. Burial will be in Trammell Cemetery, Tatum, under the direction of Jenkins-Garmon Funeral Home, Henderson. Mr. Clay died July 23, 2008. He was born Nov. 17, 1942, in Rusk County to the late Argolia and Stella Mapps Clay in Rusk County. He attended the Mayflower school, graduated from high school in 1961 and served in the Army during the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Longview Chapter #987**. He worked at LeTourneau Tech for a short time, and retired as a park ranger for the state of Texas at Martin Creek Park. Survivors include sisters, Margene Nelson, Tatum, and Emma Hendrix, Longview; brothers, Johnny Ray Clay, Henderson, Richard Clay and Curtis C. Clay, both of Longview, Texas; nieces, nephews and other relatives. Viewing will be held 1-7 p.m. and family will receive friends 7-8 p.m. today at the funeral home.

DONALD COLLINS - age 61, went home to be with the Lord, Wednesday, August 15, 2007, at his residence. Member of Liberty Hill Baptist Church. Member of God's Creation Male Chorus. U.S. Air Force Veteran and retired computer engineer from Honeywell. Predeceased by parents Jess and Anna Garrison Collins, sister Minnie Taylor, brothers Frank Collins, Clarence Collins, Pastor Robert Collins. Survived by loving wife, Bonita G. Prentice-Collins; sons, Lyndon Collins, Christopher Collins, Michael Prentice, Jarron Prentice; daughters, Karla Mattox, Serrita (Balla) Sy, Lorena Collins, Felicia Prentice; brothers, James, Jess (Yvonne), Charles (Mary); sisters, Julia (Willie) Caldwell, Matilda (Cecil) Alston; 5 grandchildren; nieces, nephews, cousins, other relatives and friends. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Akron Chapter #900**. Homegoing celebration 7 p.m. Wednesday, August 22, 2007, at Liberty Hill Baptist Church, 1428 Fairwood Ave. Pastor Henderson Shaw, officiating. Family will receive friends from 6 p.m. until time of service. Interment Glen Rest Estates, 10 a.m. Thursday, August 23, 2007. Arrangements by J MARTIN SMITH MORTUARY, 1173 E. Hudson St., 447-9383.

THOMAS J. DEMPSEY, - 59, Blue Springs, MO, passed away Thursday, April 7, 2005, at St. Mary's Hospital, Blue Springs, MO. The cause of death was Diabetes Mellitus Type II and end stage renal failure. He was born August 12, 1945 in Dixon, Illinois to the late Gordon Dempsey and Etha Morris. There will be a Memorial Service 11 a.m. Saturday, April 16 at Cornerstone Community of Christ Church, 1316 S. Osage St., Independence, MO. After serving in the Air Force for 17 years, Tom worked for Research Medical Center for 25 years before retiring in 2000. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Kansas City Chapter #317**. VFW of Blue Springs, and the Sugar Creek Moose Lodge. He was also a member of Community of Christ Church. Among his survivors, his wife of 32 years, Joan Dempsey and daughter Jennifer Dempsey, both of the home; daughter-in-law Gail Dempsey, Leadmine, MO; grandchildren Erin Dempsey, Joshua Dempsey, and Julie Beckley. He was preceded in death by son Russell Dempsey in 1993, and his brother Ron Dempsey in 2003. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Wound Care Center of St. Mary's Hospital, or the American Diabetes Association. (Arr. Mt. Washington Forever Funeral Home, 816252-4141)

ROBERT L. DILLER – Died recently in 2008 in Port Huron, Michigan at the age of 74. The cause of death is unknown. He was born April 29, 1934. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Port Huron Chapter #284**.

KAROLY “Karl” DOBI – Died Monday, August 18, 2008 in Negaunee, Michigan at the age of 70. The cause of death was metastatic lung cancer. He was born November 27, 1937 in Debrecen, Hungary to the late Gabor and Elizabeth (Kallai) Dobi. He is survived by his wife, Judith M. Dobi, of the home and many relatives in Hungary and Canada. He came to the United States from Hungary on the heels of the Hungarian revolution in 1956. He served in the United States Army from 1961 until he retired in 1987 as a Sergeant Major (E-9). He served in the Vietnam War. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Negaunee Chapter #380**. Funeral services were conducted in the Koskey Funeral Home with the Reverend Charles M. Tooman, officiating. Interment was in the Negaunee Cemetery.

JAMES EDWARD “Jim” DOLLAR - Died on Saturday, October 7, 2006 in Kent, Washington at the age of 60. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on August 8, 1946 in Seattle, Washington to William and Bobbye Jo Dollar. Survived by his loving and devoted wife, Sandra Joy, of 20 years, two daughters, Deanna (Henry) Driesen and Marneye Dollar, grandchildren Jordan, Ricky, and Katelyn, and two brothers, Bob Parker and Bill Dollar. He served as a medic in the Marine Corps in Vietnam and had been active in Point Man Ministries. He was an *At-Large Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Washington**. He was a successful business consultant and financial advisor. His hobbies included baseball, fishing, beekeeping and gardening. The family would like to thank everyone for all their time, love, support and especially prayers. We will miss his charm, quick wit and honesty. Jim's legacy of great courage and a giving spirit leave wonderful lessons for all who knew him. Graveside service with military honors Thursday, October 12, 2006, 10:00AM, Greenwood Memorial Park, Renton. Memorial service Thursday afternoon, 1:00PM, Northwest Church, located at 34800 21st Ave SW, Federal Way. Memorials can be made in Jim's honor to Point Man International, an organization of veterans dedicated to helping veterans healing from the trauma of war, POB 45413, Tacoma, WA 98448 Arrangements entrusted to Greenwood Funeral Home.

LONNIE AUBREY ELKINS – Died Wednesday, April 28, 2008 in Gadsden, Alabama at the age of 62. The cause of death was chronic obstructive pulmonary disorder. He was born September 14, 1941 in Gadsden to the late Aubrey Lee Elkins and Margie Winters Elkins. He is survived by his wife, Joyce (Fervais) Elkins. He served in the United States Navy during the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Gadsden Chapter #637**.

SANDRA ELTZROTH – Died Friday, August 22, 2008 in Indianapolis, Indiana at the age of 61. The cause of death is unknown. She was born November 15, 1946. She was a *Life Member* of **Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America – Merrillville Chapter #295**.

LAVERN GARRISON “Duke” FOOTIT, SR. - 65, of Sciota, passed away on Monday, April 30, 2008 at the VA Medical Center in Wilkes-Barre. The cause of death is unknown. Born July 23, 1941, in Oshkosh, Wis., he was the son of Gwendolyn Beth Steede Footit of Jamesville, Wis., and the

late Lavern Frank Footit. He graduated from high school in 1959 in Wisconsin. Prior to his retirement in 2004, he was employed by Alcan of Washington, N.J., for the previous 16 years. Prior to that, he worked for Banner Metals in Stroudsburg for 15 years. He was a veteran of the U. S. Army, serving during the Vietnam War; he was a platoon leader, served in artillery and was a sharpshooter. Lavern was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Pocono Chapter #678** and the North American Hunting and Fishing Club and the NRA.

JOSEPH E. FOREMNY – Died Tuesday, May 6, 2008 in Gwinn, Michigan at the age of 73. The cause of death was emphysema. He was born January 3, 1935 in Chester, Pennsylvania to the late Joseph and Anne (Kalinowski) Foremny. He is survived by his wife, Rose-Marie “Lily” Foremny, whom he married in France in 1959; one daughter and son-in-law, Peggy-Lynne and Alan St. Aubin, of Gwinn; one son, Steve Foremny, of Chadd Fords, Pennsylvania; four grandchildren, Keffer and Keenan St. Aubin and Chantal and Alexander Foremny; three sisters, Madeline Cech, of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, Gerry Burke, of Wilmington, Delaware and Joanne Viehman, of Magnolia, Texas, and; several nieces and nephews. He served in the United States Air Force from 1956 until he retired in 1977 with a tour of duty in Vietnam. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Negaunee Chapter #380**. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated in Saint Anthony Roman Catholic Church with Reverend Father Ben Paris as Main Celebrant. Interment was in Gwinn Cemetery with full military honors.

LARRY DEE FOSTER - 64, Nampa, passed away on Monday, April 21, 2008 at a Boise VA care center. The cause of death was Agent Orange-related Diabetes Mellitus Type II. Larry was born Jan. 1, 1944 in Provo Utah. Larry was the second child of four siblings: Sterling Jay Foster, Shirley Ann Roost and Clarine May Roost. As a young man, he enjoyed singing in the choir, play fighting, and clowning around. Larry loved to make others laugh and had a wonderful sense of humor. It was his dream to become a clown named "Fiddles De Clown". Larry graduated from Paramount High in Los Angeles, Calif. He attended California State Univ. where he earned his Bachelors Degree in Criminal Justice as well as Weber State College graduating with and Associates Degree. While living in Arizona he attended the Police Academy and became a police officer. He later moved to Mt. View, Wyo. where he became the city's Chief of Police. He also worked as a security guard in various locations and as an apprentice embalmer for Palmer's Mortuary in Globe, Ariz. Larry served in several branches of the Armed Forces. This included a two year period in the Marine Corps where he served in Vietnam. He was assigned as a Secret Control Clerk. Larry also served in the Naval Reserve and the Army Reserves. Larry's accomplishments in life included being the President of Criminal Justice Students Association; Treasurer for the student council for the School of Applied Arts and Science (CSULB) and received a letter of accommodation from the U.S. Senator Lorin Hatch. He was a member of the Marine Corps League, Vietnam Veterans of America, and the DAV. Larry served as the interim Treasurer and charter member of the forming chapter 897 of the **Vietnam Veterans of America - Nampa Chapter 897** and later was elected to the office of President serving two terms in his position as President. Larry has also served as the State Treasurer for the DAV and as the treasurer for local Chapter #1 and is currently the treasurer for Chapter #13 in Nampa. Larry was a Lay Pastor for the Hope Chapel in Hermosa Beach, Calif. and has held many ranks in the LDS church. He deeply loved studying the Bible and his close relationship with his Maker. Many

of the life stories Larry would share with his family and friends included the time he and Sterling were chased by bees. They had to keep running around the house because their mom wouldn't open the door for fear that the bees would get in the house or the times he would help his stepdad, Clarence, with driving the tractor and Larry would sit on the bumper over the back wheel. Good memories were built during the time spent on the tractor drives. As a young man, Larry was a member of the Future Farmers of America. His project was to raise a baby calf. Larry and his calf created such a loving bond while he was working with and training the calf that he could lead it with a rope and it would come running from the end of the pasture when Larry would come home from school to meet him. As a family, many more memories have been made while camping, going on picnics, 4-wheeling through Arizona, and at family gatherings. Once during a family exploring trip, Larry was trying to set up a scene of what the countryside may have looked like back in the "Old Days". He gazed over the landscape and explained that over 100 years ago the land was filled with bears, Indians, and horses. He pointed out the cows that were grazing and asked his children to imagine that the cows were the bears, the kids just laughed. From that day on all cows were called "Daddy Bears". That was one of the best days ever and will be remembered fondly. Larry's interests in life included archery, handguns, collecting knives, anything country and western, John Deere Tractors, computer and research work, performing advocacy work for veterans, and spending time with his family and friends. Larry is survived by his current wife, Cathryn as well as by his first wife, Marion; his children: son, James Allen Foster and his wife, Eren; and daughter Raelynn Gifford and her husband, Steven; son, Stephen Glen Foster and his wife, Becky; and daughter, Sherylee Portrey and her husband, Joseph. His grandchildren include Kevin, Kyle, Madlin, Rhyanne, Dylan, Naomi, Emily, and Andrew; and his aunt, Lurene Foster. Arrangements are under the direction of Cloverdale Funeral Home.

LEROY E. GANUNG - Age 66, of Delafield, passed away Saturday, June 28, 2008. The cause of death is unknown. He was born March 18, 1942 in Marinette, Wisconsin. The cause of death was a heart attack. Survived by wife Nancy Ganung, children Steven (Vanessa) Ganung of Texas, Michael Ganung of California and Christopher (Luisa) Ganung of Texas, sister Florence Adams, grandchildren Brittney, Hunter, Seanna and Ariel Ganung. Predeceased by his parents. He served in the United States Air Force during the Vietnam-era. He was a *Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Oconomowoc Chapter #635*. Funeral services 12:00 PM Saturday, July 5, 2008, at Christ the King Lutheran Church Delafield. Interment Pine Lawn Cemetery, Milwaukee, WI. Visitation from 10:00AM-Noon. Memorials suggested to Christ the King Church or Lutheran World Relief Fund. PAGENKOPF FUNERAL HOME 1165 Summit Ave., Hwy 67 Oconomowoc.

GERALD F. "Jerry" GOODE – Died Saturday, August 23, 2008 in Randolph, New York at the age of 59. The cause of death was Agent Orange-related cancer. He was born March 18, 1949 in Salamanca, New York to the late, Harold Eugene and Ida May Champlin Goode. In addition to his parents, he was also predeceased by two brothers, Richard (Mary) Waite and Leroy (Cindy) Goode. He is survived by his caretaker, Shirley Shields Anderson, of Frewsburg, New York; two sons, Justin Mealy and Jason Craumer, both of Randolph; six brothers and sisters-in-law, Don Waite, of North Carolina, Delbert and Margaret Waite, of New Hampshire, Bob and Sharon

Waite, of Buffalo, New York, Tom Goode, of Grand Island, New York, Rodney and Sandy Goode and Scott and Theresa Goode, both of Great Valley, New York, and; eight sisters and brothers-in-law, Frieda and Bill Brisley and Shirley Greene, both of Springville, New York, Doris Stalcup, of Franklinville, New York, Judy Waite, of Buffalo, Becky Green, of Ellicottville, New York, Linda McClune, Donna and Pat Mahaney and Lorna and Pat Dawson, all three of Salamanca. He served in the United States Army from August 18, 1969 to April 23, 1974 with a tour in the Vietnam War with the 196th Light Infantry Brigade, 23rd (Americal) Infantry Division. He was a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars – Randolph Post #6533. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Jamestown Chapter #865**. Funeral services were conducted in the Van Rensselaer and Son Funeral Home in Randolph with the Reverend Joe Pascoe, pastor of the Napoli United Methodist Church, officiating. Interment with full military honors was in the Green Cemetery in Great Valley.

KENT E. HAMPTON – Died Monday, August 13, 2007 in Athens, Illinois at the age of 64. The cause of death is unknown. He was November 21, 1942. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Silvis Chapter #669**.

PHIL FREDERICK “Fred” HARRIS – Died Thursday, August 28, 2008 in Soddy-Daisy, Tennessee at the age of 61. The cause of death was the result of a motorcycle accident. He was born June 24, 1947 to the late Phil and Maude Harris. He is survived by his daughter and son-in-law, Chaise and Gene Ricketts, of Soddy-Daisy; his son, Daniel Anthony Harris, of Stuart, Florida; his sister, Martha Gentry Shahan, of Hixson, Tennessee, and; two grandchildren, Paige Ricketts and Payton Harris. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Chattanooga Chapter #203**. Graveside services were conducted at the Chattanooga National Cemetery with full military honors.

RICHARD A. HATCH – Died Sunday, August 17, 2008 in Virginia Beach, Virginia at the age of 61. The cause of death is unknown. He was born February 21, 1947. He is survived by his wife, Alice, of the home. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Hicksville (New York) Chapter #82**.

GERALD B. HEATON – Died recently in 2008 in Grand Junction, Colorado at the age of 65. He was formerly of Rocklin, California. The cause of death is unknown. He was born February 16, 1943. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Grand Junction Chapter #57**, formerly a *Life Member* of Vietnam Veterans of America – Sacramento (*California*) Chapter #500.

MARJORIE HERRICK - 87, passed away Thursday May 15, 2008, at North Kansas City Hospital. The cause of death was a stroke. She was born in 1921. Funeral services will be 1 p.m. Monday, May 19, at McGilley Antioch Chapel, burial in White Chapel Cemetery. Friends may call from 12 to 1 p.m. Monday, at the chapel. In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made the Benny and Dennis Herrick Scholarship Fund. Marjorie was a WWII veteran. She was a two star Gold Mother and was a member of the Vietnam Veterans Association working with veterans concerns. In 1969 she, along with her husband, established the Benny and Dennis

Herrick Scholarship Fund in memory of her sons for the Oak Park High School drama program. She was a member of the Hillside Christian Church, the American Legion, the VFW Auxiliary and served as President of the Northland Art League. She was an accomplished artist and displayed her paintings in several art galleries in the metro area. She also donated her work annually to the KCPT auctions. Marjorie was preceded in death by her husband, Loren Herrick; sons, Bennett and Dennis Herrick; granddaughter, Linn Morris; brother, Victor Jacobs; sister, Frances Jacobs. Survivors include her daughter, Lynette Maxwell; brother, Joe Jacobs; grandchildren, Larry, Leanora, and Margie; seven great-grandchildren; two great-great-grandchildren; and many nieces and nephews. She was a *Life Member* of **Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America – Kansas City Chapter #317**.

JAMES D. "Jim" HOLT - One of Oklahoma's favorite sons, went to be with the Lord, on Saturday, September 13, 2008 at the age of 67. A life-long resident of Ponca City, Jim served the people of this great state for 22 years before retiring from the Oklahoma State Legislature in 1996. Jim served Oklahoma as a statesman, his friends as a truly respectable and remarkable man, his family as an amazing husband and father, his country as a patriot and his God as a faithful believer. He will be missed. Jim, born on October 12, 1940, was one of two sons born to Esther and Smith Holt of Ponca City. The family can trace their roots back to the Oklahoma Land Run of 1893 when they established a homestead west of the city. Jim served in the United States Marine Corps Reserves from 1959 to 1991 and was a Vietnam Veteran. During his military career, Jim flew F-4 Phantoms, and served the nation as a summer foreign liaison officer at the Marine Corps Command and Staff College in Quantico, Virginia. Jim loved the outdoors and traveling, and he was active in the First Presbyterian Church of Ponca City. Jim is survived by his wife, Mary Ann his son, Creighton and daughter-in-law, Jennifer Holt of Norfolk Virginia his daughter, Jaime Holt of Fresno, California his two grandsons, Creighton Alexander Holt (9) and Chapman Holt (6) also of Norfolk his brother, Smith Holt of Angel Fire, New Mexico and various nieces, nephews and cousins. Jim was preceded in death by his parents. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Ponca City Chapter #750**. Services will be held on Thursday, September 18, at 10am, at the First Presbyterian Church in Ponca City. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in Jim's name to the First Presbyterian Church of Ponca City. Donations can also be made to the Marine Corps Scholarship Foundation at www.mcsf.com located at 121 South St. Asaph, St., Alexandria, VA 22314. Please reference "In Memory of Lt. Col. James D. Holt." Jim's was a life well-lived.

STEPHEN C. HUGGARD – Died Saturday, June 9, 2007 in Scarborough, Maine at the age of 57. The cause of death is unknown. He was born May 25, 1950. He is survived by his sister, Sharon Huggard. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Roseburg (Oregon) Chapter #805**.

TOMMY EARL JAMES – Died Monday, May 28, 2007 in Tuscaloosa, Alabama at the age of 58. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on February 18, 1948 in Tuscaloosa to the late Bethel and Maverine James. In addition to his parents, he was predeceased by his brother, Jimmy James. He is survived by his son, Dustin James, of Northport; two brothers and sisters-in-law, Jerry W. and Marilyn James and Cecil and Patsy Faulkner, and; a sister-in-law, Sandra

James. He served in the United States Navy during the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Tuscaloosa Chapter #301**. He was named Vietnam Veteran of the Year in 2006 by the Vietnam Veterans of America – Alabama State Council. Funeral services were conducted in the Memory Chapel Funeral Home. Interment with full military honors was in Memory Hill Gardens.

MICHAEL H. JOHNSON – Died Monday, December 9, 2002 in Oconomowoc, Wisconsin at the age of 49. The cause of death was metastatic melanoma (skin cancer). He was born October 6, 1953 in Waukesha, Wisconsin to Donald and Elsie (Berg) Johnson, of Oconomowoc. He married Barbara Bruce on August 2, 1975. In addition to his parents and his wife, he is survived by two daughters and one son-in-law, Rebecca and Dan Chapman, of Shakopee, Minnesota and Kristin, Johnson, of Oshkosh, Wisconsin; three brothers and sisters-in-law, John and Joannie Johnson, of Watertown, Wisconsin, Sam and Maggie Johnson, of Winona, Minnesota and Ted and Darlene Johnson, of Oconomowoc; one sister and brother-in-law, Jolene and Thomas Andres, of Colville, Washington; his mother-in-law, Esther Bruce, of Oconomowoc; his brother-in-law and wife, Jim and Bonnie Bruce, of Oconomowoc, and; his sister-in-law, Jane Bruce, of Oconomowoc. In addition to his father-in-law, Henry Bruce, he was also predeceased by his niece, Erin Bruce. He served in the United States Navy as a pilot in Vietnam. He was a member of Dr. Martin Luther church in Oconomowoc. He was a member of Veterans of Foreign Wars – Oconomowoc Post. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Oconomowoc Chapter #635**. Funeral services were conducted in the Dr. Martin Luther Church with Reverend Kenneth Soderlund, officiating. Interment was in LaBelle Cemetery in Oconomowoc.

DONALD L. JONES – Died peacefully the evening of Thursday, June 19th, 2008 at the Veteran's Affairs Hospital in Phoenix at the age of 79, surrounded by family. Don, aka Santa, was born in Miami, Florida, on August 24th, 1929. Moving to Phoenix, Arizona at the age of eight, he grew up around 32nd St. and McDowell Rd. surrounded by ranch and farmlands. During his 7th grade year at Wilson School, adjacent to Sky Harbor Airport, Don began his many years of devotion to the community. While he was helping as a school crossing guard, a plane crashed at Sky Harbor knocking down power lines. As the lines snapped and sparked toward him and the other children waiting to cross the street, Don used his crossing guard stick to flick away the power lines before they struck the children. Don entered the military at the age of sixteen serving in the Marine Corp. After completing 30 years of active and reserve service, including two tours of active duty in Vietnam, he retired as a Master Sergeant. He worked for Mountain Bell Phone Company as a lineman for the next 33 years before complete retirement. However, Don did anything but retire. He devoted his time to his fellow veterans, volunteering 43,376 hours at the VA hospital. Don touched as many hearts of vets here in Phoenix, as hours he gave of himself. From purchasing a trunk full of cigarettes to give to those without, taking home several of the guys laundry for his dear wife to wash, to making sure he was up by 3:30 A.M. and down to the hospital by 4:30 A.M. to make coffee for the guys before the Cantina opened. Don thought of his men as family. Many will miss his jolly face, as he was well known as Santa. For 56 years Don has voluntarily been Santa to children of all ages, even the 90-year-old kids. Living his life as Santa, Don spread his kindness from St. Joseph's Hospital children's unit, Boy Scouts of America, State Nursing Home, Arizona School of Education, Thunderbird Hospital, West

Valley Crisis Center, El Mirage-SVDP, Luke Air Force Base, Elks Club, VWA, Scottish Rites, VA Hospital and Nursing Home, several Native American Tribes, half times at Roadrunner hockey events, Larkspur Christian Church, and of course, his family and grandchildren. Don was a member of many organizations: Masonic Lodge (33rd Degree Mason), Scottish Rites, Grotto, Wayfarers Lodge #50, Masonic Service Organization, El Zaribah Shrine, Marine Corp League, D.A.V., 1st Marine Division, 3rd Marine Division, AMVETS, a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Phoenix Chapter #432**, Veterans of Underage Military Service, Korean War Veteran Association, SRA, Military Devil Dogs and VFW. He was awarded the Hon Kachina award by 12 Who Care, Humanitarian Award, VA Volunteer Services Award for 43,376 hours and numerous other awards. He was inducted into the Arizona Veterans Hall of Fame. Don truly was a simple man, and he would say his passing deserves the same recognition as any other veteran. But he made such a difference by helping so many, and he would tell you it was his privilege to do so. Don exemplified unselfish compassion. Donald L. Jones is and was one of a kind. Survived by his beloved wife of 57 years, Marion, sons Rick (Alyssa) and Greg (Deb), grandchildren, Rob (23), Julie (19), Cameron (17), Hunter (10) and Morgan (5) and sister Naomi M. Jones. *Memorial Services will be held on Thursday, June 26th, 2008 at 1 P.M. at the VA Hospital 650 E. Indian School Rd., Phoenix, AZ 85012. Funeral Services to be held on Saturday, June 28th, 2008 at 11 A.M. at Larkspur Christian Church, 3302 W. Larkspur Dr, Phoenix AZ 85029. Internment at Veteran's National Memorial Cemetery on Monday, June 30th, 2008, promptly at 11 A.M. at 23029 N. Cave Creek Rd, Phoenix, AZ 85024.* In lieu of flowers, memorial donations can be made to Larkspur Christian Church, 3302 W. Larkspur Dr., Phoenix, AZ 85029 or VSA, Inc.

JOHNNY EDWARD JONES - age 60, died Tuesday, August 5, 2008 at his home in Sutherlin, Virginia. The cause of death was heart failure. He was born April 29, 1948 in Halifax County, Virginia. He was a veteran of the US Army. He is survived by his daughter, Jillian Elizabeth Jones; a special friend Candace Lynn Slayton; brothers, Cecil Jones and wife, Tammy, and Daniel Jones; a sister Arlene Stevens; a nephew, Thomas Edward Jones and other nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his wife Wanda Gail Watson Jones; Parents Johnny Kent and Susie Conner Jones and a sister Shirley Jones. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Halifax Chapter #840**. Graveside services will be held on Friday at 11:00 A.M. at Arbor Baptist Church Cemetery. The family will receive friends at Brooks Funeral Home Thursday night from 7 to 8:30 pm, and at other times at the home of Elmer and Patricia Watson, 1234 Kerns Mill Rd., Sutherlin.

ARNOLD "Arnie" KAUFMAN – Died on Wednesday, February 6, 2008 in Baltimore, Maryland at the age of 71. The cause of death was sepsis, lung cancer and asbestosis. He was born August 6, 1936 in Germany. He served in the United States Navy in Vietnam from 1966 to 1967. YNC, USN, RET beloved husband of Beverley Kaufman (nee Harris), devoted brother of Ellen Kodish, loving uncle of Wendy Schlossman, Pamie Wise, Susie Schoenenberger, Nancy Koerner and the late Terri Randall. He is also survived by a large extended family. He was member of the Lt. Peter G. Zouck VFW Post 521, Paul D. Savanuck JWV Post 888, USS Forrestal Association, Secretary/Treasurer USS Forrestal Museum and Mount Ararat Masonic Lodge 44. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Baltimore Chapter #451**. Funeral services and

interment will be held at Maryland Veterans Cemetery - Garrison Forest Road, on Tuesday, February 12, at 11:30 AM. Please omit flowers. Contributions in his memory may be sent to The Maryland SPCA, 3300 Falls Road, Baltimore, MD 21211, or Our Daily Bread, 725 Fallsway, Balt., MD., 21202. Arrangements by SOL LEVINSON & BROS., INC.

H. HARRISON KEPPEL – Died in October 2007 in Bandon, Oregon at the age of 59. The cause of death is unknown. He was born June 26, 1948. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was an *At-Large Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Idaho**.

THOMAS LEE KERLEY – Died recently in 2008 in Florissant, Missouri at the age of 60. The cause of death is unknown. He was born July 17, 1948. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Florissant Chapter #794**.

FRANCIS W. KERR – Died Saturday, August 16, 2008 in the Bronx, New York at the age of 62. The cause of death is unknown. He was born April 12, 1944. He is survived by his sister. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was an *At-Large Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – New York**.

CHARLES HENRY KREINER - age 66, of Dale City, Virginia died at his residence on May 4, 2003. The cause of death is unknown. He is survived by his beloved wife, Marie Louise; children, Yvonne Scholl, Michael and Robert Kreiner; grandchildren, Kristina, Stephan, Justin, Evan and Logan; as well as his brother, Peter Kreiner. Charles served in the U.S. Army for over 30 years, including two tours in Korea and Vietnam, before retiring in 1985 as a CW-4, Aircraft Maintenance Technician at Davison Airfield, Ft. Belvoir. Receiving many medals, awards and citations including the Legion of Merit and two Bronze Stars. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Arlington Chapter #227**. The family will receive friends on Friday, May 9, from 6 to 9 p.m. at Mountcastle Funeral Home, 4143 Dale Blvd., Dale City, where funeral services will be held on Saturday beginning at 11 a.m. A reception will follow at the VFW Hall, Dale City. A private burial, with military honors, will be held on Monday, May 12, at Quantico National Cemetery. Charles will be sorely missed by his family and friends.

WINFORD DEWAYNE LAMB – Died Friday, August 8, 2008 at the Veterans Home in Yountville, California. The cause of death was Crohn's Disease. He was the youngest of ten children born to the late Mr. and Mrs. Roy Lamb. He enlisted in the United States Army in 1966 and was a Second Lieutenant in the Armored Corps. He is survived by four sisters, Thelma Brown, of Napa, California, Juanita Hays, of Marionville, Missouri, Margie Gilpin, of Yakima, Washington and Betty Kerns, of British Columbia, Canada, and; many nieces and nephews. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Yountville Chapter #702**. Funeral services were celebrated at the New Life Tabernacle in Napa and another one in the Veterans Home Chapel.

FRANCIS "Bob" LEICHEY – Died in August 2007 in Spencer, Wisconsin. The cause of death is unknown. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Marshfield Chapter #549**.

THOMAS M. LeMAY – Died Tuesday, July 22, 2008 in Victor, Montana at the age of 61. The cause of death was renal failure. He was born in Boyers Springs, California on April 23, 1947. He is survived by his daughter, Courtney Claud, of Lincoln, California. He served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War from 1966 to 1968. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Hamilton Chapter #938**.

CHARLES E. LEWIS, SR. – Died Friday, August 22, 2008 at his home in Dunlap, Tennessee at the age of 67. The cause of death is lung cancer. He was born August 28, 1940 in Chattanooga, Tennessee. He was predeceased by his parents and two brothers and two sisters. He is survived by his wife, Marsha Tribble Lewis; his daughter, Mimra Lewis, of Rhea County, Tennessee; two sons, Anthony Lewis, of Rhea County and Eddie Lewis, of the United States Air Force in Clovis, New Mexico, and; nine grandchildren, several nieces, nephews and cousins. He served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Chattanooga Chapter #203**. Funeral services were conducted in the Putnam-Standefor-Reed Funeral Home Chapel in Dunlap with the Reverend David Swanner, officiating.

OSBORNE JACK MARSH, JR. - 60, retired mail handler passed away Monday, August 4, 2008 in Wichita, Kansas. The cause of death was congestive heart failure. He was born November 22, 1947 in Perth Amboy, New Jersey to the late Osborn Jack Marsh, Sr. and Shirley Dawdry Marsh. He is survived by his wife, Faith Ruth LaGarra Marsh. He served in the United States Navy during the Vietnam War from 1968 to 1970. He was an *At-Large* Member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Kansas**. Service is 3:00 pm Monday, Aug. 11 at Resthaven Mortuary. Survivors are wife Faith R.; daughters Jennifer R. Marsh, Ginger M. Marsh; brother Russell J.; grandson Everett Osborne Marsh-Ackermann.

MICHAEL LEE MARSHALL, SR. – 64, of Titusville, Florida passed away Sunday, August 10, 2008. The cause of death is unknown. He was born June 8, 1944 in Covington, Kentucky, he moved to Titusville in 1998. He served in the U.S. Navy for seventeen years including three tours in Vietnam, was a Navy Chaplain and was awarded numerous medals. After his retirement from the Navy, he went into the Ministry pastoring in several different churches in many different denominations and never refused help to anyone. Michael's main focus was that everyone that he touched and came into contact with knew of the love of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. He is survived by his wife of 36 years, Juanita Marshall of Titusville, sons, Jeff B. Marshall Sr. of Mesa, Arizona and Michael L. Marshall Jr., of Titusville; mother, Anna Mae Clark of Lebanon, Ohio and several grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his father and brother. He was an *At-Large Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Florida**. Visitation will be held from 6:00-8:00 PM on Thursday, August 14, 2008 with the service at 8:00 PM at Newcomer Funeral Home, 2400 S. Washington Avenue, Titusville, Florida. Interment with full Military honors will be held at 2:00 PM on Friday, August 15, 2008 at Florida National Cemetery, Bushnell, Florida.

THOMAS G. "Tom" MARZ - Wonderful Husband, Father Brother & Friend, died Tuesday, July 15, 2008 of South St. Paul, Minnesota at the age of 61. The cause of death is unknown.

Preceded in death by parents & brother Ken. Survived by wife Pamela, daughters Nikki Marz (Fiancé Nate Lotton), Ana Soliel Nessuno. Siblings James (Sharon), Butch, Fritz (Vicki), Wally (Carol), Helen Marz & Rollo (Brenda). Fellow brother Wolfhounds of the 27th Infantry, nieces, nephews other relatives and friends. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – South Saint Paul Chapter #639**. Funeral Service 11:00 a.m. Tuesday at ENGLISH-MEEKER & KANDT FUNERAL HOME 140 8th Ave No. South St. Paul. Interment Ft. Snelling National Cemetery. Visitation 4 to 8 p.m. Monday and 1 hour before service on Tuesday.

KIRK D. "Corky" MATHEWS, SR. – Died Tuesday, July 22, 2008 in his home in Jamestown, New York at the age of 55. The cause of death is unknown. He was born October 18, 1952 in Jamestown to Sarah Mathews Todaro and the late Kenneth W. Mathews. Besides his mother, he is survived by two sons, Todd A. Mathews and Kirk D. Mathews, Jr., both of Rocky Mount, North Carolina; his grandchildren; four sisters and brothers-in-law, Rebecca and Edward Roberson, of Vina, Alabama, Donna Mathews, of Brocton, New York, Patricia and Larry Schupp and Darla R. Mathews, all of Jamestown; one brother and sister-in-law, Kenneth and Diane Mathews, Jr., of Jamestown; three stepbrothers, Gerald and Barbara Todaro, of Columbus, Ohio, Thomas and Beth Todaro, of Westerville, Ohio and Frank and Melinda Todaro, of Dublin, Ohio, and; several nieces, nephews, aunts and uncles. In addition to his father, he was also predeceased by his stepfather, Thomas A. Todaro. He served in the United States Navy during the Vietnam War. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Jamestown Chapter #865**. A memorial service was celebrated in the Lind Funeral Home with full military honors. Interment was in the Maple Grove Cemetery in Ashville, New York.

JAY C. McCORMACK - August 22, 1955 - December 12, 2007 age 52, of Fruita, CO, passed away unexpectedly at his home on Wednesday, December 12, 2007. The cause of death is unknown. He was born August 22, 1955 in Carlsbad, NM, the son of Charles and Lena Smith McCormack. Jay married Oralia "Lalie" McCormack on May 28, 1974 in Carlsbad, NM. He was employed at Minova USA Inc. for 29 years prior to starting his own HotShot delivery company, DK Transport, which he named after his grandsons. Jay was a United States Marine veteran serving during the Vietnam War and a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Grand Junction Chapter #57**. He was a member of Sacred Heart Catholic Church in Fruita where he was assistant Youth Director and a member of the Knights of Columbus, Fourth Degree. Jay will be remembered for his great sense of humor and endless joke telling ability. He loved music and collecting photos of family and friends. Jay will be dearly missed by his wife, Lalie of Fruita; his daughter and son-in-law, Andrea and Jeff Johnson of Utica, NY; two beloved grandchildren, Derek and Kaleb Johnson; his mother, Lena McCormack of Carlsbad, NM; two brothers, Charles McCormack, Jr. and Jerry McCormack both of Tucson, AZ; three sisters, Peggy Armendariz, Janie (Ronald) Grandi and Nancy McCormack all of Carlsbad, NM; several other relatives and friends. He was preceded in death by his father, Charles, a sister, JoAnn and her husband Mike Hartman and a brother-in-law, Juan Armendariz. Mass of Christian Burial will be held at 11:00 a.m. on Tuesday, December 18, 2007 at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Grand Junction, CO. A visitation will be from 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. at Callahan-Edfast Mortuary on Monday with a rosary service at 7:00 p.m. Burial will follow at New Elmwood Cemetery in Fruita, Colorado. Military honors will be provided by the Grand Valley Combined Honor Guard, I&I Staff Marines from New River, Utah

and the Marine Corp Recruiting Station in Grand Junction, CO. Memorial contributions may be given in Jay's name to the Sacred Heart Catholic Church Building Fund, 513 E. Aspen , Fruita, CO 81521.

DENNIS R. McCracken – Died Saturday, May 3, 2008 in Santa Clarita, California. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Ellensburg, Washington on January 13, 1947, the first son born to David and Jane McCracken. His birth made international news since his father was serving as an officer in the Antarctic on a Japanese whaling vessel. That is how his father found out about his birth, since it was in every AP newspaper in the world as well as on every radio station. Dennis graduated from high school in Bozeman, MT in 1965. He served two voluntary tours in Vietnam with the U.S. Army. As a medic in the 1st Cavalry, he received a purple heart for having been wounded in action. He was also awarded a bronze star for service above and beyond the call of duty. On July 6, 1973, Dennis married the love of his life, Hilda Vik, in Sidney, MT. They were married two months short of 35 years. Dennis' entire career was in aviation. He earned his aviation mechanics license in Helena, MT, then moved to Fairbanks, AK, where he earned his commercial pilot's license and taught in the A & P mechanics department at the Tanana Valley Community College. While in Alaska, Dennis and Hilda were also house parents in a home for children. His career took them from Helena to Fairbanks to Santa Ynez, CA, to Kentucky and to Van Nuys, CA, where he had been for about 10 years. Dennis was preceded in death by his parents and brother. He was an *At-Large Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – California**. A celebration of his life will be held Saturday, May 10, 2008 at First Christian Church of Canyon Country at 2:00 p.m. Flowers may be sent to the church or in lieu of flowers, donations may be made to any organizations or ministries serving wounded servicemen. Dennis' family wrote, "Dennis was loved and appreciated by all. He was a loving husband, son, brother-in-law and a very special uncle. "

WHILLIS A. "Mac" McGINNIS – Died on Friday, October 10, 2008 in Masontown, West Virginia at the age of 61. The cause of death was Agent Orange-related cancer. He was born October 27, 1946. He was predeceased by his wife, in August 2007. He is survived by his son, Calvin McGinnis, of Masontown. He served in the United States Army in the 5th Special Forces serving two tours in Vietnam from 1965 to 1966 and 1969 to 1970 at the rank of Staff Sergeant (E-6). He was a *Founding Member and Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Preston County Chapter #977**. He was also the West Virginia VVA State Council Secretary. Interment with full military honors was in Grafton National Cemetery in West Virginia.

KENNETH HOWARD "Ken" McMILLIAN - estimator, died Thursday, July 31, 2008 in Wichita, Kansas at the age of 67. The cause of death was lung cancer resulting from mesothelioma. He was born January 5, 1941 Sand Springs, Oklahoma. He served in the United States Navy during the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Wichita Chapter #934**. Visitation 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Mon., All Faiths Mortuary; service 11 a.m. Tues., White Chapel Memorial Gardens. Survivors: wife, Janett "Bean"; sons, Roger, Larry, Steven; daughters, Sandy Stadelbacher, Debra Ineista, Lisa Rul; 15 grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren.

DANIEL GEORGE McPHIE - Our beloved husband, father, and friend Daniel was born on September 28, 1948 in Denver, Colorado and gracefully passed away at home in Tacoma on Friday, May 9, 2008. The cause of death is unknown. He is survived by his loving wife of 35 years, Maria Isabel McPhie; Children-Carlos, Joe, and Michelle; Son-in-law-Dago; Grandchildren-Shanelle, Joey, Carlos, Sheyanne, Emilio, Isabella; and an extensive family in Boise, Idaho, and the West Coast. Daniel is a Vietnam Veteran who proudly served his country and retired from the Army with 23 years of service. He enjoyed fishing, teaching, preaching, but most of all serenading his family with his guitar. He will be missed and remembered as "Dan the Man with the Plan." He was an *At-Large Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Washington**. Viewing to be held 1 hour prior to service. Funeral Service to be held at 10:00a.m Friday, 5/16/2008 at the Parkland Ward of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, 11212 17th Ave E., Tacoma, WA 98445. Interment was in the Tahoma National Cemetery with full military honors.

LUTHER HAYDEN MORELAND – Died on Saturday, August 16, 2008 at his home in Booneville, Mississippi at the age of 59. The cause of death is unknown. He was born May 18, 1949 in Prentiss County, Mississippi to Agnes Vaughn Caviness Moreland and the late Kenneth Ray Moreland. He married Beverly on May 23, 1981. In addition to his wife and his mother, he is survived by two sons and one daughter-in-law, Jeffery and Cindy Moreland, of Corinth, Mississippi and Roy Moreland, Booneville; two daughters and sons-in-law, Christy and Wesley Horn and Bethany and Wayne Nix, all of Booneville; two brothers, Wayne Moreland and Michael Lewis, both of Booneville; one sister and brother-in-law, Cathy and Mark Miller, of Booneville, and; nine grandchildren, Taylor McVey, Jordan Horn, Skylar Horn, MaKenzie Nix, Payton Nix, Hailey Moreland, Sierra Thompson, Christian Thompson and Kaitlin Moreland. He served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Tupelo Chapter #842**. Funeral services were conducted in the Booneville Funeral Home Chapel with Brother Jerry Mitchell and Brother Pete McCoy, as co-officiants. Interment was in Little Brown Cemetery.

JOHN S. MORRISON – Died recently in 2008 in Greensboro, North Carolina. The cause of death is unknown. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was an *At-Large Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – North Carolina**.

ROBERT "Bob" MOWERY - Died Sunday, June 22, 2008 in Kennard, Nebraska at the age of 63. The cause of death was hepatocellular cancer and cirrhosis of the liver. Funeral services for Robert Mowery will be held Thursday, June 26, 2008, at 10:30 a.m at Emmaus Lutheran Church in Kennard, Neb. Burial will be in the Kennard Cemetery. Visitation will begin 12:00 p.m., noon, Wednesday with the family present from 6:00-8:00 p.m. He was born to William and Nora (Fox) Mowery of Council Bluffs, Iowa, on July 20, 1944. He served in the United States Army from 1968 to 1973 doing duty in the Vietnam War. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Council Bluffs Chapter #798**. He owned a trucking company, Mowery Trucking. On April 8, 2005, he married Mary Reeh in Kennard. He was preceded in death by his father. Survivors include his wife, Mary; children, Sharon Morgan, Sandy and Kent Long, Keith Reeh, Colista and Mike Martin, Duane Reeh, Josh Reeh, Mindy Mowery and Sherry Fricke; 13

grandchildren; mother, Nora; brothers, Dave, Steve, Tim, Bill and Tom; sisters, Anita, Peggy, LaNora and Gaye.

BRUCE ROBERT OLIVER – Died on Sunday, July 22, 2001, Bruce Robert Oliver, of Joppa, died at home. He was 55, born in Washington D.C. and the Director of Hospital Cost Reporting Policy at the Health Care Financing Administration in Woodlawn. He is the son of Diane Podlesney Anderson and the late Robert W. Oliver and the step-son of the late Russell S. Anderson. Mr. Oliver is survived by his wife, Linda Parlett Oliver, two daughters, Ellen R. Gross of Bel Air and Heather A. Davis of Belcamp; a sister, Diane J. Spear of Forest Hill; two brothers, Martin R. Anderson of Aberdeen and P. Scott Anderson of Churchville; and four grandchildren. Funeral Service will be held the E.F. Lassahn Funeral Home, P.A. 11750 Belair Road (Kingsville) on Wednesday at 11:00 AM. Visiting Monday and Tuesday 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 PM. Entombment Bel Air Memorial Gardens. In lieu of flowers, contributions to the American Cancer Society will be most appreciated. He served in the United States Navy during the Vietnam War. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Bel Air Chapter #588**.

FRED J. PAPHENHAUSEN, JR. – Died Sunday, March 6, 2005 in Haysville, Kansas at the age of 60. He was a retired Boeing Aircraft employee. The cause of death was cancer. Visitation 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. Wednesday, with family present from 5 to 6 p.m.; service 10 a.m. Thursday, both at Smith Mortuary. Survivors: wife, Suzanne; son, Fred III; daughter and son-in-law, Susie and Rich Nighswonger of Wichita; brothers, Jim Lay and Henry Papenhausen of California; sister, Pam Cunningham of Arizona; 2 grandchildren. Preceded in death by two children, Cindy and Tommy; parents, Fred and Mildred; sisters, Betty Freeman and Rosalie Lorange. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Wichita Chapter #934**. Memorial to Harry Hynes Memorial Hospice.

GARY J. PHELAN – Died Monday, September 29, 2008 in Corning, Arkansas at the age of 60. The cause of death is unknown. He was born April 9, 1948. He is survived by nephew. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was an *At-Large Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Arkansas**.

WILLIAM S. PIERCE – Died in September 2008 in Beaver Falls, Pennsylvania at the age of 60. The cause of death is unknown. He was born February 8, 1947. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Beaver County Chapter #865**.

HORACIO F. REYES - Died of natural causes on Tuesday, July 22, 2008 in Yuma, Arizona at the age of 79. He was born in Douglas, Arizona on May 4, 1929. Horacio entered the US Navy at the age of 14 and served 32 years and 8 months of service. He served in WWII, the Korean War and Vietnam War. He earned a Battle Star on his Asiatic Pacific Campaign Medal, one star on his Philippines Liberation Ribbon during WWII and four Battle Stars on his Vietnam Service Medal. He received a number of other awards including the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal. During his service he served aboard the USS Copahee (CVE-12), USS Butternut (YN-4), USS Tarawa (CV-40), USS Weeden, USS Spangler, USS Coral Sea (CVA-43), USS Midway (CVA-41),

USS Ranger (CVA-61), USS Hancock (CVA-19), additional duty stations included NAS, Norfolk, Virginia; US Navy and Marine Corps Reserve Center, Chavez Ravine, Los Angeles, California; US Naval Station, Guam, Mariana Islands; US Marine Corps Air Stations, Yuma; Operation Deep Freeze, Antarctic Support Activities, McMurdo Sound, Antarctica; US Naval Communications Station, Balboa Canal Zone; Navy Food Service Team, Norfolk; and NAS, Oceana, Virginia. Horacio was a compassionate man, dedicated to the US Navy, his country, but above all to his family. Horacio retired a Master Chief Petty Officer on April 12, 1976. He attended Arizona Western College. He went on to work as an administrative assistant for the Senior Nutrition Home Care Program, and as human resource planner for Western Arizona Council of Governments. He was a member of the National Chief Petty Officer Association, Vietnam Veterans of America, Veterans of Underage Military Service, Veterans of Foreign War, American Legion and Fleet Reserve Association. Horacio is survived by his wife of 58 years, Lydia Reyes; daughters, Diana (George) Smith and Cynthia (Paul) Hirth; and brothers, Lucas F., Ignacio F. and Arnoldo F. Reyes. He was preceded in death by his parents, Ignacio and Maria F. Reyes; and brother, Robert Reyes. Pallbearers will be Diana Smith, Cynthia Hirth, Paul Hirth George Smith, Joseph Garcia, Robert Lucero, Ramon Lucero, and Alex Trujillo. Honorary pallbearers are Bernardo Lucero, Arnoldo Lucero, Arnoldo Lucero Jr., and Eloy Lucero. He was a *Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Yuma Chapter #835*. Visitation will be held at Johnson Mortuary Monday, July 28, 2008 from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. with services beginning at 10 a.m. Pastor Don Fugate will officiate. The eulogy will be given by Arnold Trujillo and music provided by Kerry and Eloy Lucero. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Assistance League of Yuma, 1054 S. 4th Ave., Yuma, AZ 85364.

THEODORE J. RIGGIN, SR. – Died Wednesday, June 13, 2007 in Royersford, Pennsylvania at the age of 57. The cause of death is unknown. He was born April 18, 1950. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was an *At-Large Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Pennsylvania*.

DENNIS C. ROBERTSON - 61, of Edwardsville, Kan., passed away Sunday, June 1, 2008, in an automobile accident. He was born November 8, 1946 in Washington, DC. Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Thursday, June 5, at the Alden-Harrington Funeral Home in Bonner Springs, Kan., with burial to follow in the Leavenworth National Veteran's Administration Cemetery in Leavenworth, Kan. The family will receive friends at the visitation on Wednesday June 4, from 6 to 8 p.m. at the funeral home. The family suggests memorial contributions to the Haven Baptist Church 10638 Parallel Pkwy., Kansas City, KS 66109. He was a member of Haven Baptist Church in Kansas City, Kan., and had served in the U.S. Marines as a Sgt. in Vietnam. He was a past Chief of Police in Edwardsville where he had served for over 14 years. He more recently was a State Investigator for the Kansas Department of Social and Rehabilitative Services until his retirement. He is survived by his wife of 29 years, Pamela Robertson, of the home. And is survived by two daughters, Cindi Wallace (Josh) of Piper, Kan., and Lori Harmon (Jack) of Lee's Summit, Mo.; five grandchildren, Taylor, Rebekah, Madyson, Logan and Nolan. Arrangements: Alden-Harrington Funeral Home, 214 Oak St., Bonner Springs, KS 66012. He was a member of ***Vietnam Veterans of America – Kansas City Chapter #317***.

ELIU RODRIGUEZ – Died on Wednesday, March 19th, 2008 in Mission, Texas at the age of 65. Eliu Rodriguez passed away after a long hard battle with leukemia. He was born on December 25, 1942. He was a great husband, father, brother, uncle, and friend. We were blessed to have him in our lives. He lived a proud and honorable life. He served his country well in the U.S. Army during the Vietnam War and was a Purple Heart recipient. He retired from the federal government after 14 years of service with the Social Security Administration. He spent his retired years traveling with his wife, working around the house, and visiting with family and friends. He was an *At-Large Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Texas*. He is preceded in death by his parents, Bonifacio and Hercilia Rodriguez, his brothers, Raul and Pedro Rodriguez, and his sisters, Flora Ortega and Noelia Landez. He is survived by his loving wife of 33 years, Maria Magdalena, his son Roberto Eliu married to Maria del Rosario, son Samuel, and daughter Norma Iris. He was a proud grandfather of Juliet Rose. He is also survived by his sisters, Melida Longoria and Amelda Jimenez as well as his sisters-in-law, Dora and Terry Rodriguez. He loved his nieces, nephews, and all of his extended family. Visitations will be held from 1 to 9 p.m. Sunday, March 23, 2008 with a rosary being recited at 7 p.m. at Flores Chapel. Funeral mass will be said at 10 a.m. Monday, March 24, 2008, at St. Paul's Catholic Church in Mission. Interment will follow at 11:30 a.m. at Rio Grande Valley State Veterans Cemetery in Mission. Funeral arrangements have been entrusted to the care of Flores Funeral Home of Mission.

MARTY F. ROWE, JR. - 64, Overland Park, Kansas died Tuesday, April 22, 2008. The cause of death was cancer. He was born August 17, 1943 in Kansas City, Missouri. He is survived by wife Susan, children Jamie Maddux, Sunman and Martin Rowe, father Marty Floyd Rowe, Sr., sister Sherry Sue Delano. He served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Kansas City Chapter #317**. Memorial service Tuesday, May 13, at 6:30 p.m. at the South Platte Baptist Church, 7310 N.W. Hampton, Kansas City, Mo.

GARY PAUL “Porky” RYSKA - went home to meet his father on April 26, 2008 at the age of 69. The cause of death was heart failure. He was born June 12, 1938, to Jerry and Vera Ryska of Kuna. He lived in Kuna until they moved to Eagle, where they owned the Eagle Merc. He attended Eagle Schools and then Meridian High School. Gary was a member of the Liberty Grange and the Turtle Club. His big thing was to say, "Are you a turtle?" Gary joined the Army National Guard in May 1957. He served several years in the regular army, serving in Korea twice, Vietnam and Germany. He married Song Pun "Debbie" in 1969 in Korea. They returned to the States in 1971 and lived in Nampa, where they both worked at the Idaho State School until retiring. He belonged to the DAV, VFW and a *Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Nampa Chapter #897*. Gary loved his country and served it well. He will be missed by everyone. We love you, Gary. Gary is survived by his wife Song Pun and a brother Le Roy Ryska and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his father Jerry and mother Vera Ryska and his sister Janet. Funeral services will be held at 1 p.m. Tuesday, May 6, at the Nampa Funeral Home, Yraguen Chapel. Burial will follow in the Kuna Cemetery with military honors from the U.S. Army. A viewing will be held on Monday from 4 to 7 p.m. at the Nampa Funeral Home, Yraguen Chapel.

JOHN STEPHEN "Steve" SCHUDER – Died Wednesday, July 9, 2008 in Rockford, Illinois at the age of 63. The cause of death was cancer and a heart attack. He was born July 26, 1944 in Rockford, Illinois to the late John Kemp and Anne (Schrader) Schuder, who survives him. In addition to his mother, he is survived by two sisters and brothers-in-law, Ellen and Bruce Olson, of Roscoe, Illinois and Karen and Jack Leatherbarrow, of Las Vegas, Nevada. In addition to his father, he was predeceased by his brother, Gary Schuder. He served in the United States Navy during the Vietnam War from November 29, 1965 to September 2, 1969. He was a member of the Disabled American Veterans, VietNow and The American Legion. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Rockford Chapter #984**. Memorial services were conducted in the Olseon Funeral and Cremation Services Chapel. Interment was in Greenwood Cemetery.

ROBERT ALLAN SCHWALENBERG – Died on Monday, September 22, 2003, of Bel Air, MD. Beloved husband of Lois Schwalenberg; devoted father of John and his wife, Lita and Daniel Schwalenberg; and loving grandfather of Sloane and Skyelyn Schwalenberg. Family will receive friends at the family owned EVANS FUNERAL CHAPEL - Bel Air, 3 Newport Dr. (Rts. 23 & 24 - Forest Hills) on Thursday (today), 2 to 4 and 7 to 9 p.m. A funeral liturgy will be held at Friday, 10 a.m. at St. Margaret's Catholic Church. Interment private. Memorial contributions may be made in Robert's name to the Mason Dixon Community Services. He served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War with the First Cavalry Division. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Bel Air Chapter #588**.

NICHOLAS P. SCHWARTZ, JR. – Died in March 2008 in Beaver, Pennsylvania at the age of 62. The cause of death is unknown. He was born July 13, 1945. He is survived by his sister. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Beaver County Chapter #865**.

HOWARD D. SHERWOOD – Died Friday, June 20, 2008 in Oakdale California at the age of 60. The cause of death is unknown. He was born January 13, 1948. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Sonoma Chapter #391**.

DAVID G. SIMPSON – Died Sunday, October 27, 2007 in Fort Madison, Iowa at the age of 71. The cause of death was esophageal and lung cancer. He was born May 21, 1936. He is survived by his wife, of the home. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Fort Madison Chapter #947**.

KENNETH C. SORTOR – Died recently in 2008 in Saint Louis, Missouri at the age of 56. The cause of death is unknown. He was born August 14, 1952. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Florissant Chapter #794**.

ANTHONY SPEIGHT – Died Saturday, August 23, 2008 in Baltimore, Maryland at the age of 60. The cause of death is unknown. He was born August 3, 1948. He is survived by his wife, Christine of the home. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was an *At-Large Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Maryland**.

WILL E. STEWART – Died recently in 2008 in Crayne, Kentucky at the age of 57. The cause of death is unknown. He was born August 9, 1950. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Paducah Chapter #337**.

JAMES D. STROUD, JR. - 66, of Cape Coral, Fla., passed away on Friday, July 16, 2005 at his home. The cause of death is unknown. Born on August 18, 1938 in Wilmington, Del., he lived in Bushkill before moving to Cape Coral, Fla. He leaves his wife Marie; two sons, James and Joseph; and five grandchildren. Jim was a life member of several veterans organizations. He served in the U.S. Air Force and was very active in the American Legion in Bushkill and then the Veterans of Foreign Wars in East Stroudsburg. At the request of the family, contributions can be made to these organizations in memory of Jim. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Stroudsburg (Pennsylvania) Council #678**.

GROVE M. TAYLOR – Died recently in August 2008 in Jacksonville, Florida at the age of 61. The cause of death is unknown. He was born December 7, 1946. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Ashtabula (Ohio) Chapter #231**.

JAMES ALBERT TREASURE – Died Monday, August 4, 2008 in Baytown, Texas at the age of 66. The cause of death is unknown. He was born July 24, 1942 in Illinois to the late Albert and Mable Treasure. He is survived by his loving wife of 34 years, Treva Treasure, of the home; his sister and brother-in-law, Nancy and Larry Phillips, of Alvin, Texas, and; his brother, Charles Treasure, of Houston, Texas. He served in the United States Navy aboard the USAA Arnold J. Isbell – DD #869 during the Vietnam War. He was a life member of Veterans of Foreign Wars – Post #912. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Baytown Chapter #922**. Interment was in Coleman, Texas.

STEPHEN J. “Steve” WAMELING – Died Sunday, September 21, 2008 in North Utica, New York at the age of 58. The cause of death was a heart attack. Born in Utica on September 16, 1950, Stephen is the son of Helen (Burns) Wameling and the late Joseph Wameling. He was raised and educated in Utica and was a 1968 graduate of Notre Dame High School. Upon graduation he entered the U. S. Army, proudly serving his country during the Vietnam War. He received numerous citations and commendations for valor among other honors, especially noting the Bronze Star, N.Y. State Conspicuous Service Cross, and the Distinguished Service Medal. He was honorably discharged in 1971, and his patriotism prevailed as the basis for the loyalty and love he held for his country. On December 7, 1974 he married the former Susan Catinella with whom he shared 33 years; they loved each other throughout their relationship and focused on the well-being of their family. Steve was first employed at Chicago Pneumatic Tool Co. until its closing. As a reservist with the U. S. Army, he obtained the position as unit administrator at Elihu Root Reserve Center on Burrstone Road. He subsequently worked for the U. S. Postal Service, where he began as a carrier and currently served as a clerk at the Pitcher St. Office. He was a member of the American Postal Workers Union, and the National Association of Letter Carriers. Steve was a joker at heart, and delivered his humor with great style, but he was serious about his support of the New York Yankees. After his time in the service, he always

remembered his civic affiliations, and valued his memberships in the American Legion #229, Knights of Columbus, Malfan-Jones Post of the Whitestown Veterans of Foreign Wars, past commander of the VFW Post #368. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Utica Chapter #944**. Steve loved his home and attended to details to make it perfect, and he was meticulous in his work. He was so proud of his boys, and he honored the fine young men they have become. He held them to high standards and they respected him for that. He was also a passionate fisherman who frequented his favorite spots at West Winfield, Unadilla Forks, and West Canada Creek, especially with his sons. Steve is survived by his wife, Susan; his sons, Stephen J. Wameling II of Utica, and Daniel J. “D.J.” Wameling and Jacqueline Sessa of Roanoke, VA; and his mother, Helen Wameling of Utica. Survivors also include his brothers and sister-in-law, Michael and Sherry Wameling of Rome, Joseph Wameling of Whitesboro, and Peter Wameling of Rome; his nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, cousins, and in-laws, including Robert Catinella of Las Vegas. He was blessed with many friends, with special mention of Larry Williams, John Griffith, and James Caldwell. He was predeceased by his brothers and sister-in-law, Thomas and Mary Jane Wameling, John R. Wameling, and David Wameling. Visitation will be held Wednesday (today) from 4:00-7:00 at the Eannace Funeral Home, Inc., 932 South St., corner of Hammond Ave. The VFW Malfan-Jones Post #7393 will perform ritualistic services at 6:30 at the funeral home. Steve’s funeral service will commence on Thursday morning at 9:30 from the funeral home and at 10:30 at the Church of Our Lady of Lourdes where his Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated. Interment will follow in St. Agnes Cemetery graveside with Military Honors. Online tributes at: www.EannaceFuneralHome.com
Stephen Wameling

JAMES C. “J.C.” WATSON – Died Wednesday, September 3, 2008 in Dothan, Alabama at the age of 68. The cause of death is unknown. He was born October 2, 1939 in Skipperville, Alabama to the late John C. and Ethel Outlaw Watson. In addition to his parents, he was predeceased by his son, Jay Lee Watson and four brothers, B. Floyd Watson, Jack Watson, Jim Joyce Watson and John C. Watson. He is survived by his Jackie S. Watson, of the home; three daughters and sons-in-law, Alita Kimberly and Richard Watson, of Joplin, Missouri, Wendy and Lowell Smith, of Dothan and Stephanie and Phillip Wilson, of Dothan; nine grandchildren, Chesley, Amber, Robert, Binky, Desiré, Destiny, Isaac, Chase and Noah; three great-grandchildren, and; several nieces and nephews. He served in the United States Army and retired at the rank CWO3. In Vietnam, he piloted UH-1 Iroquois (Huey) Helicopters. He served as a Pilot Instructor at Fort Rucker for many years after his Vietnam tour. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Enterprise Chapter #373**. Funeral services were conducted in the Clearman Chapel at the Southern Heritage Funeral Home with Pastor H.D. Shumake, officiating. Interment was in Woodlawn Memory Gardens with full military honors in Ozark, Alabama.

JAMES “Jim” “Rich” RICHMOND WEBB, JR. – Died Wednesday, March 26, 2008 in Baltimore, Maryland at the age of 59. The cause of death is Agent Orange-related colon cancer. He was born July 15, 1948 to Ines Toler Webb and the late James Richmond Webb, Sr. He married Gilda Gross on November 28, 1992 in Baltimore, Maryland. In addition to his wife, Gloria, of the home and his mother, Ines, of Maryland, he is survived by two stepsons and their wives, Elmando “Tim” and Antoinette Gross and Damion and Coral Gross, all of Maryland; two sisters,

Renea A. Webb, of New Jersey and Charlotte W. Collins, of Maryland; his uncle, John Streat, of Virginia; brothers and sisters-in-law, two grandchildren, two great grandchildren and many nephews, nieces and cousins. He served in the United States Army with a tour in Vietnam from 1971 to 1972. He retired with 20 years of service at the rank of Major. He was a *Life Member* and member of the *Board of Directors* for **Vietnam Veterans of America – Baltimore Chapter #451**. Funeral services were conducted in the Vaughn C. Greene Funeral Home with Deacon Robert Williams of the Concord Baptist Church, officiating. Internment with full military honors was in Garrison Forest Veterans Cemetery in Owings Mills, Maryland.

JERRY DYNE “Irontail” “J.D.,” WRIGHT - 51, Independence, Missouri passed away, April 13, 2008. The cause of death was heart disease and lung cancer. He was born January 14, 1957 in Tacoma, Washington. He is survived by his parents, two daughters, one son and four grandchildren. He served in the United States Army during the Vietnam-era in 1975. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Kansas City Chapter #317**. Visitation 9- 10:30 am, with memorial service 10:30 am Friday, April 19, at Heartland Cremation & Burial Society. Military graveside 12:30 pm Friday at Leavenworth Nat. Cemetery.

THOMAS A. ZANETTI – Died Friday, August 29. 2008 in Carson City, Nevada at the age of 60. The cause of death is unknown. He was born February 5, 1948. He was a member of the **Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America – Carson City Chapter #719**.

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

FATHER PHIL SALOIS, M.S.