

## VIETNAM VETERANS OF AMERICA

Office of the National Chaplain

**JOHNNY RAY ABLES** - Died Friday, August 13, 2010 in Whitwell, Tennessee at the age of 63 after a long hard struggle with cancer. He was born in Whitwell on July 30, 1947 to Dorothy Griffith Ables and the late James Henry Ables. In addition to his father, he was also predeceased by his brothers Jim and Pete Ables, niece Terri Ables. In addition to his Mother he is survived by his wife, Carolyn Ables; daughters Donna (Jason) Morrison; Tracy (Lee) Campbell; three grandchildren Logan, Trent and Emma Grace Campbell; mother Dorothy Griffith Ables; brothers Darrell (Barbara) Ables; Wayland (Reba) Ables; sister Susie Masters; sisters-in-laws Linda and Betty Ables, all of Powell's crossroads; Anita Bennett, Las Vega, NV; Yvonne Blevins, Douglasville, Georgia; Sue Billingsley, Jasper; several nieces and nephews. He was employed at Signal Mt. Cement for 43 years and was a Vietnam Veteran, having served in the United States Army from 1966 to 1968. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America - Chattanooga Chapter #203**. Services will be Monday at 11:00 am CDT in the funeral home chapel with Rev. Cecil Baxter and Brad Davis officiating. Burial will follow in Sequatchie Valley Memorial Garden. Online condolences can be made at [www.reedfamilyfh.com](http://www.reedfamilyfh.com). Arrangements were by Reed Funeral Home, 11657 Hwy 28, Whitwell, Tennessee.

**THOMAS WILLIAM ACHENBACH** - Died Saturday, August 7, 2010 in Jacksonville, Florida at the age of 70. He was a resident of Orange Park, Florida. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on June 6, 1940 to parents Thomas and Martha Achenbach, Jr. Thomas served his country honorably and retired from the United States Army. While serving his country in the US Army, he was the bandleader and brass group leader. He also was an expert with the M-14 and M-16 rifles. Thomas was a member of the NRA and enjoyed going to the shooting range and collecting guns. He was a very patriotic man who enjoyed reading history books especially ones about WWII. Thomas was a true lover of cats, dogs and birds, he and his wife spent the last five years feeding the birds every afternoon. He enjoyed listening to jazz music in his quiet time. In Thomas's early years he enjoyed traveling and fishing with his wife. He was a loving and devoted husband who will be dearly missed by his loving wife of 30 years Yoshiko Achenbach; sons, Thomas, Gary and Jeffrey Gold; step-daughters, Angela DeSenze, Toni DeSenze and Jennifer Nelowet and her husband Scott; aunt, Virginia Gumm and granddaughter, Abigail Pham. A graveside service will be held at 10:30 am on Friday, August 13, 2010 at the Jacksonville National Cemetery with full military honors. He was an *At-Large Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Pennsylvania**. The family asks that in lieu of flowers donations be made in his memory to Vietnam Veterans of America 8605 Cameron Street Suite 400 Silver Springs, MD 20910-3710 Please sign the family's online guest book at [www.broadusraines.com](http://www.broadusraines.com) Arrangements are under the care of Broadus-Raines Funeral Home, 501 Spring St., Green Cove Springs, FL (904) 284-4000.

**THEODORE "Ted" J. AMATO** - Died Tuesday morning, October 12, 2010, in his home in Leominster, after a courageous battle with cancer. He was 61 years of age. Ted was born in

Brooklyn, New York on April 13, 1949, the son of Salvatore and Helen (Carlsen) Amato and had lived in Leominster for the past 33 years. He is survived by his daughter and caregiver, Kristina H. Caridi and her husband, Dominick of Leominster; a son, Thomas W. Amato and his wife, Cathleen of The Woodlands, Texas; his mother, Helen (Carlsen) Amato Lazarek of Staten Island, New York; a sister, Patricia DeMattis, also of Staten Island; three grandchildren: Christopher and Anna Caridi, and Adrianna Amato, Ted's longtime friend Robert "Uncle Bob" Reilly, and many nieces and nephews. Ted was predeceased by his wife, Joanne C. (LaMountain) Amato in April of this year, and a brother, Joe Amato in 2003. He served his country as a United States Marine with Hotel Co. 233, during the Vietnam War (1967-68) and later in the Army. Ted was the recipient of two Purple Heart Medals during his two tours in Vietnam. Ted loved the Marines which inspired him to start the first area chapter of the Marine Corp League now known as the North Central Detachment #1076, which he served for a time as the chapter's Vice Commandant. Over the years, Ted had been a regular visitor at the Veterans' Center here in Leominster and enjoyed working with other veterans making sure they were up to date with their Veterans' benefits. As an active Veteran in the area, Ted also participated in the "Adopt a Vet" program sponsored by Crocker Elementary School in Fitchburg. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Leominster Chapter #116**. For over 20 years, Ted enjoyed coaching Little League Baseball at Leominster National Field, and also for several years coached in the Leominster Babe Ruth program. In 1986, Ted received two Associate of Arts degrees from Mount Wachusett Community College. For many years, Ted worked for the City of Leominster Health Department, as an inspector. Also many years ago, as a civilian, he worked at the former Cutler Hospital on Fort Devens as an EMT and ambulance supervisor. Services were held on Monday, October 18, 2010, from the Silas F. Richardson & Son Funeral Home, 106 West Street, Leominster, with a funeral Mass at 11:00 a.m. in St. Leo's Church, 128 Main St., Leominster. Burial with full military honors will follow in the Mass. Veterans' Memorial Cemetery, 111 Glenallen St., Winchendon, MA. Calling hours are on Sunday, October 17, 3-7 p.m. in the funeral home. Flowers will be accepted, or in lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to either: Leominster National Little League, Arlington Street, Leominster, MA 01453 or American Cancer Society, 30 Speen Street, Framingham, MA 01701



**BURLENA JUNE BALL** - Died Wednesday, August 18, 2010 at Texas Health Presbyterian-WNJ Hospital in Sherman, Texas at the age of 79. She was a resident of Bells, Texas. She was born January 22, 1931. She was a member of **Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America – Sherman Chapter #973**. Waldo Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements. A

celebration of her life will be held at a later date. June was cremated according to her wishes. Interment will be at St. Steven's Columbarium where she was a member. June is survived by her husband of 48 years Chester Ball of Bells; daughters, Susan Roberts and husband Dean of Bells, Ann Malone and partner Tony Sulsar of Denison; sister, Becky Wheless and husband Gene of Colbert, Okla.; brother, Jimmy Rose and wife Roselee; grandchildren, Jared Roberts, Ashleigh Roberts, Justin Roberts, Hunter Malone, Breeonna Overman and Katelyn Kybruz and husband Samuel; great-granddaughter, Isley Quinn Kybruz; nieces, Rhonda Crawford and Sheila Mihelek; and nephews, Billy Crawford and Mark Shanbeck. June is also survived by her close friends Kay

"Skeeter" Hamilton, Ray and Nellie Flood and the many, many people whose hearts she touched through her tireless passion of sorting the military troops, past and present and their families. The VFW Auxiliary, AMVETS Auxiliary, American Legion Auxiliary, MOPH Auxiliary and many more organizations were a much a part of her life and she was in theirs. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the American Society.

**ROBERT R. "Bob" BLEVINS, SR.** - Died Tuesday, September 21, 2010 in Chattanooga, Tennessee at the age of 63. The cause of death was prostate cancer. Mr. Blevins was born in Dade County, Georgia on March 10, 1947 to Claude and Dorothy Blevins. He was a member of Sonrise Community Church and a graduate of Dade County High School. He was a United States Army Veteran of the Vietnam War and retired from Tennessee American Water Company as a Supervisor. He was also a member of the Lookout Valley Masonic Lodge #673, Riverside VFW Post 4848, and a *Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Chattanooga Chapter #203*. He was preceded in death by his parents and sister, Wynelle Byers. Survivors include his wife of 30 years, Malinda Blevins; son, Bobby (Tracey) Blevins, Jr.; daughters, Rhonda (Ben) Rogers; and Shelly Boatner; grandchildren, John and McKenzie Blevins, Tennille Rogers, and Trace Boatner; brothers, Buddy Blevins and Jim Byers; brothers-in-law, Eddie (Lynn) Eddington and Robert Eddington; and several nieces and nephews. Visitation will be from 4 to 8 PM on Wednesday, September 22nd at the funeral home. Funeral Services will be at 11 AM on Thursday at the funeral home with Pastor Phillip Anderson officiating. Burial will follow at Lakewood Memory Gardens West. The family would like to thank the Memorial Hospital Hospice Unit for their care that they have given and Hospice of Chattanooga. Memorial donations may be made to Hospice of Chattanooga (4411 Oakwood Drive, Chattanooga, TN 37416). Arrangements are by the East Chapel of Chattanooga Funeral Home, Crematory, and Florist. 404 South Moore Road.

**DAVID C. BRADSHAW** - Died on Saturday, September 4, 2010 at 8:56 a.m. from Western Baptist Hospital in Paducah, Kentucky at the age of 70. He was a resident of Paducah. The cause of death was complications from Diabetes Mellitus Type II. He was born in Toledo, Ohio on January 3, 1940 to his parents, the late Ray C. Bradshaw and Fredia Augusta Faulks Bradshaw. After high school, he attended Rose State University and finished his degree in business at Paducah Community College in Paducah. He also attended the Oklahoma Military Academy, graduating in 1958. He was a very proud veteran of the United States Army serving two tours in Vietnam and retiring after 20 years of service to his country. He was a *Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Paducah Chapter #337*. He was a member of the D.A.V., V.F.W. American Legion and AMVETS, order of the Silver Rose. He was a member of the Potter's House Worship Center. While living in Oklahoma he served as an assistant Chief of Police and as a Deputy Sheriff for Apache, Okla. He also served as an EMT, a Boy Scout and Girl Scout Leader and was a Youth Specialist working with battered and abused children. He served as a Service Officer for Veterans for several years through the D.A.V. in Paducah and was a Veterans Advocate for many Veterans in applying for benefits. He was a Duke of Paducah and was a Kentucky Colonel. He will be greatly missed by all the Veterans and Friends who knew him. He leaves behind his loving and caring wife Rayma Quertermous Bradshaw, two daughters, TammiSu Bell and husband Darren of Chelsea, Okla., and Crystal Larae Gossett and husband James Martin Gossett of Paducah; two sons, Raymond Frederick Bradshaw and wife Carol

Peters of Denton, Texas and David Scott Davidson and wife Diane of Brookport, Ill.; two uncles, Paul Faulks of St. Louis, Mo., and William Faulks of Oklahoma City, Okla.; and six grandchildren, James Dean Gossett, Brandon Ray Gossett, Katelyn Larae Gossett, Jaden Patrick Bell, Christopher Davidson and Dillon Davidson. A memorial service will be held Thursday, September 9, 2010, at 1:00 p.m. at Keeling Family Funeral Home at 2410 Jackson Street in Paducah, Ky., with the Rev. Fred Lowrance officiating and full military rites. Friends may visit the family from 11:00 a.m. till funeral hour Thursday.

**STEPHEN RAY "Rusty" BRANDENBURG** - Died Saturday, December 22, 2007, at his home in Denison, Kansas at the age of 60. The cause of death is unknown. He was born May 9, 1947, in Topeka, Kansas. He served in the United States Army's 130th Field Artillery of the 5<sup>th</sup> Division. Steve was retired from Goodyear Tire & Rubber Company's Topeka plant. Steve was married to Jackie Martin on August 4, 1967, in Topeka. He is survived by his wife, Jackie Brandenburg of the home; 2 sons: Stephen "Matt" Brandenburg of Topeka and Eric (Mary Kai) Brandenburg of Coffeyville; 2 grandchildren: Alexander and Grayson; and 3 half sisters. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Topeka Chapter #604**. Funeral services were at 10:00 a.m., Monday, December 31, 2007 at Penwell-Gabel Parker-Price Chapel. Philip Billard Post # 1650, V.F.W. conducted military graveside honors at Rochester Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to Society of the Fifth Division, 12 Rossie Street, Mystic, Connecticut. To leave a special message for the family online, visit [www.PenwellGabel.com](http://www.PenwellGabel.com).



**JAMES D. BROWER** - Died at his residence in Oregon, Ohio, surrounded by his loving family on Friday, September 10, 2010. He was 62 years of age. The cause of death was pancreatic cancer. He was born on February 20, 1948, to Ernest and Helen in Oregon, Ohio. Jim was a graduate of Clay High School class of 1966 and Wittenberg University 1971. He was employed as a manager with the Oregon Banquet Room for over 14 years and more recent, a substitute teacher with the Oregon City Schools. Jim enjoyed singing, sailing and traveling and was a member of Toledo Sailing Club, Bavarian Sports Club, 1st St. Mark's Church, the Oregon Community Theater, Oregon-Jerusalem Historical Society, Mason

Paragon Lodge #0788 Scottish Rite, Clay High School Alumni Committee and a member of **Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America – Toledo Chapter #35** and various other civic projects. Jim was preceded in death by his parents, and is survived by his beloved wife of 39 years, Randi Brower; children, Erica (Jared McElmurry) Brower and Andrew (Mia) Brower; grandson, Bryce Brower; sister, Karen Benjey, nephew, Christian Briner; as well as other relatives and friends. His family will receive guests on Monday, September 13, 2010, from 2:00 - 9:00 pm at the Hoeflinger-Bolander Funeral Home, 3500 Navarre Ave., Oregon, Ohio 43616. Funeral services on Tuesday, September 14, 2010, will be held 11:00 am at First St. Mark's Lutheran Church, 1121 Grasser Road, Oregon, Ohio. Memorial contributions to St. Charles Mercy Cancer Center and Hospice of Northwest Ohio would be greatly appreciated. For more information please visit us at [www.hoeflingerfuneralhome.com](http://www.hoeflingerfuneralhome.com)

**DANIEL WESTLEY BRYAN, SR.** - Died at home in Somers Point, New Jersey with his loving family by his side on Monday, September 27, 2010 at the age of 77. The cause of death was cancer. He was born February 7, 1933 and raised in Ringgold, Louisiana and had lived in Somers Point for the past 51 years. He was a veteran of the United States Air Force, where he served in the Korean War, The Cuban Missile Crisis and the Vietnam War. He retired after 36 years of service as a Senior Master Sergeant from the 177th Fighter Interceptor Group. He was the past commander of the V.F.W Post 2189 and also a member of the American Legion and the EHT Elks. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Somers Point Chapter #228**. He is survived by his loving wife, JoAnn, of 55 years. His three loving children, Michael L. (Jan) Bryan of Egg Harbor Twp., Anna Marie (David) Myers of Somers Point, Daniel W. Bryan Jr. of Somers Point, his brother Ronald (Mary) Bryan of Louisiana. His seven grandchildren: Nicole, Leanne, Justin, Westley, Nickolaus, A.J., Mark, three great grandchildren and his four legged constant companion, Roxy. Mass will be celebrated 10am Friday the St Joseph's R.C. Church 606 Shore Road, Somers Point. Burial Private. Relatives and friends are invited to attend his viewing Thursday evening from 7:00-9:00pm at the Middleton-Stroble & Zale Funeral Home 304 Shore Road, Somers Point. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to: The VFW Post 2189, 500 Bethel Road, Somers Point, N.J. 08244.

**JERRY LEWAYNE COOLEY** - Died Tuesday, June 15, 2010 at Marshall Medical Center North, in Arab, Alabama at the age of 61. The cause of death is unknown. He was born June 30, 1948 in Alabama to Orville H. and Pauline Lafarlett Cooley. He is survived by his daughters, Angie Beckwith-Watts of Illinois and Andrea Cooley, of Illinois; his stepdaughter, Deborah Thompson, of Arab; his stepson, David Thompson, of Albertville, Alabama; his brothers, Larry Cooley, of Arab, Randall Snow, of Randolph, Alabama, Danny Snow, of Snowpoint, Alabama and Donnie Snow, of Randolph; his sisters, Carolyn Austin, Sybil Evans, of Indiana and Paula Snow, of Randolph; ten grandchildren, and; one great-grandchild. He served in the United States Marine Corps during the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Gadsden Chapter #637**. Graveside services were conducted at 11 a.m. Tuesday, 22, 2010 at Alabama National Cemetery in Montevallo, Alabama. Arrangements are under the direction of Gober Funeral Chapel.

**HAL FRANKLIN CRANKSHAW** – Died recently in 2010 in Greenville, Michigan at the age of 61. The cause of death is unknown. He was born January 20, 1950. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Hermansville Chapter #571**.

**CHARLES WESLEY “Son” DANIELS, SR.** - Died on Monday, February 25, 2008 in Lawton, Oklahoma at the age of 85. The cause of death is unknown. He was born December 17, 1922 in Magnolia, Mississippi to the late Henry and Iona (Magee) Daniels. Services are scheduled for 11:00 A.M. on Monday, March 3, 2008 at Galilee Missionary Baptist Church with Rev. Michael Logan officiating. Burial will follow at Ft Sill Post Cemetery with Full Military Honors. Visitation is scheduled for Saturday, March 1, 2008 from 9AM-5PM with the family in attendance from 3-5PM, and on Sunday, March 2, 2008 from 1-5PM. Charles was born and raised in Magnolia, Mississippi where he graduated from High School. He joined the United

States Army in May 1942 and rose to the rank of Master Sgt. by the time of his retirement in November 1963. He married Ethel M. "Jackie" Porter on April 1, 1945. After he retired from the Army, Charles was employed with the Civil Service at Fort Sill for 20 plus years. He was a *Permanently Hospitalized Veteran Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Lawton Chapter #751*. He was a past Worshipful Master at the Rising Star Masonic Lodge #18. Charles was an avid reader, and was able to further his education by spending a great amount of time improving himself through books. He also enjoyed time with his family, and was especially proud of his grandchildren. He is preceded in death by his parents, 3 sons, Charles W. Daniels, Jr., Henry Daniels and Ronald M. Daniels; and 2 sisters, Nell Fletcher and Mable Isaac. He is survived by his wife of the home; 3 daughters, Patricia A. Marshall and her husband Arnold, and Janet M. Daniels, both of Austin, Texas, and Gwen Daniels Miles of Lawton; 4 sons, James R. Daniels and his wife Charlie Mae of Midwest City, Oklahoma, Billie C. Daniels and his wife Aletha of Kennedale, Texas, Mark A. Daniels and his wife Vanessa of Mansfield, Texas, Jessie R. Daniels and his wife Annette of Grand Prairie, Texas; 2 sisters, Rose Maudlin of Lake Charles, LA, and Mary Daniels Lee and her husband Augusta of Marietta, Georgia; one daughter-in-law, Helen Daniels of San Antonio, Texas; 17 grandchildren, 14 great grandchildren, and a host of other relatives and friends.

**SILVIO DATO** – Died Thursday, July 29, 2010 in Chicago Illinois at the age of 60. The cause of death was pancreatic cancer. He was born in Cosanza, Italy on September 3, 1949. He served in the United States Army from September 1967 to September 1970 with a tour of duty in Vietnam from March 4, 1968 to March 1, 1969. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Des Plaines Chapter #311**. He was the beloved husband of Maria (née Taormina), loving father of Frank (Sandy) Oudin, Nicole (Jim) Puschek-Naselli, Denelle, Debbie, Gina, Tommy, and Jennifer Pantano, proud and loving grandfather of Nick, Bria, Brandon, Tyler, and Dominick, dearest brother of Frank (late Maria), Anna (late John) Lamantavich, Maria (Eugene) DeRango, Orlando (Adelina), Louis (Mary Ellen), Mario (Elaine), and the late Cristofaro (Estera). Visitation Sunday, 2:00 to 8:00 p.m. at Salerno's Galewood Chapel, 1857 N. Harlem Ave, Chicago, IL - John Rago Sons F.D. for info [www.RagoSons.com](http://www.RagoSons.com). Funeral Mass was Monday, 10:00 a.m. at St. Vincent Ferrer Church. Entombment was in St. Joseph Cemetery.



**KENNETH E. DAVID** - Died Saturday, July 31, 2010, in Las Vegas, Nevada at the age of 74. He was a 39-year resident of Bullhead City, Arizona. Kenneth was born on August 9, 1935 in Yorktown, Indiana to the late Atha and Angy David. He retired after 20 years in the United States Marine Corps, 1st Battalion, 1st Marines, and also retired after working for Southern California Edison. He also worked for 5 years with the Bullhead City Fire Department. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Kingman Chapter #975**. He is survived by his wife, Susan K. David of Bullhead City; two daughters, Rebecca Lynn Breaux (Edward) of Needles, Calif. and Elizabeth Anne Lysne of Juliaetta, Idaho; two sons, William Roy Huntington IV of Bullhead City, and Kenneth E. David of Oregon; four siblings, Jackie (Richard) Clock of Tucson, Ariz., Ron (Alice) Rhoades of Geneva, Ind., David (Ingrid) Brown of Myrtle Beach, S.C., and Tommy (Marsha) Brown of Muncie, Ind.; nine grandchildren (Kenneth E. David III recently returned from his 2nd tour in Iraq); seven great-grandchildren; and Kenny's mother, Cyndee David, who is like a

daughter to us. A memorial service will be at 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, August 7, 2010, at Dimond & Sons Silver Bell Chapel, 2630 Silver Creek Road, Bullhead City. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Kenneth's memory to: Wounded Warriors Project, P.O. Box 758516, Topeka, Kansas 66675-8516.

**DANIEL J. DENAULT** - Died Wednesday, August 26, 2009 at his home in Adams, Massachusetts at the age of 61, surrounded by his family, after a courageous battle with cancer. He was born in North Adams, Massachusetts on April 7, 1948, son of the late Lawrence and Alice Chalifoux Denault, he graduated from McCann High School and was a decorated veteran of the Vietnam War, serving with the United States Army. He was employed at Beloit Jones as a machinist. He served for 20 years as the Executive Director of the Veteran's Outreach Center in Pittsfield, retiring in 2006. At the time of his death, he served as the Lanesboro Veteran's Service Officer. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – North Adams Chapter #54**. He was a charter member of the Clarksburg VFW and a member of the Adams Elks Lodge. He was past commander and member of both the Adams American Legion and North Adams VFW and he served as the VFW commander All State for Massachusetts. He received the Massachusetts Veteran of Month award for September of 2009 by Massachusetts State Treasurer Timothy Cahill. He was a member of the Nite Cruzers and was well known for his Go-Mango colored 1970 Dodge Challenger which is featured in the September 2009 edition of Hemmings magazine. He loved fishing with his best friend and daughter, Lisa. He leaves his wife, Mary J. Gwozdz Denault, whom he married November 29, 1975, in Adams; one daughter, Lisa Denault Viale, and her husband, Thomas; beloved dog, Brownie; three sisters, Patricia Rondeau of Bennington, Vermont, Sandra Torchia and Debbie Kushnet of Clarksburg; six brothers, Lawrence Denault of San Diego, Calif., William Denault of Middlefield, Alfred Denault of Clarksburg, Ronald Denault of Adams, Edward Denault of Clarksburg and Gary Denault of Utica, N.Y.; sister-in-law Carol Denault, and cousin, Bert Davignon. He was predeceased by a brother, Francis "Pete" Denault. Funeral services will take place Saturday at 9 a.m. at the First Baptist Church of North Adams. Burial with full military honors will follow in Southview Cemetery. Calling hours at the Flynn & Dagnoli-Montagna Home for Funerals, West Chapels, 521 West Main St., North Adams, are Friday from 4 to 7 p.m. Memorial Donations are suggested for the Albany Veteran Hospital through the funeral home.

**FRANK EDWARD "Frankie" DINGFELDER** – Died Thursday, July 1, 2010 in Pembroke Pines, Florida at the age of 67. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in New York City, New York on June 14, 1943. He served in the United States Army from July 26, 1963 to July 25, 1969 with a tour of duty in Vietnam from January 1, 1967 to January 24, 1968. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Hicksville (New York) Chapter #82**. He generously volunteered his time to the VA. Funeral service to be held on 7/6/10 at 1 pm at Palm Beach National Chapel Funeral Home, 10055 Heritage Farms Rd., Lake Worth, (Hypoluxo Rd. & 441). Burial at 2 pm was at South Florida VA National Cemetery. All of his loving family & friends will love & miss you always.

**THOMAS J. DONEY** - Died at the Wisconsin Veterans' Home on Wednesday, June 23, 2010, after a brief battle with cancer at the age of 60. He was a resident of Waupaca, Wisconsin and

formerly of Green Bay. He was born in Green Bay, on October 5, 1949, to the late Albert and Elizabeth (Cormier) Doney. He served in the United States Marine Corps as a Private E-1 in the Vietnam War participating in Operation Pegasus. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Green Bay Chapter #224**. Tom enjoyed hunting, fishing, gardening and writing poetry. He was a lifelong Packer fan. His favorite Packer memory was after the Ice Bowl when he assisted in bringing down the goal post. Tom was a great story teller and had a unique sense of humor that will be greatly missed. He is survived by his daughters and son-in law, Allison (Ron) Fronsee, De Pere; and April Doney, Denver, Colo.; two sisters, Susan Smith and Betty (Don) Herber; one brother, Peter (Pam) Doney; two grandchildren, Alexis and Andrew; and his mother Elizabeth; seven nieces and nephews, Jeff Herber, Candy Herber, Shanan Bayerl, Tricia Doney, Holly Smith, Jennifer Welhouse, and Denise Curtis. He is preceded in death by his father, Albert; grandson, Isaiah; his brother, Bob; brother-in-law, Ken Smith; and best friend and brother-in-law, Jeff Hermes. Friends may call after 4 p.m. at Lyndahl Funeral Home, 1350 Lombardi Ave., on Friday, June 25, 2010, until time of funeral services at 6 p.m. Military honors will follow the funeral service at the funeral home. Interment will take place in Fort Howard Memorial Park on Monday, June 28, 2010, at 10 a.m. Online condolences may be expressed at [www.lyndahl.com](http://www.lyndahl.com).

**RICHARD DAVID EASON** – Died Thursday, June 24, 2010 in Valparaiso, Indiana at the age of 67. The cause of death was heart failure. He was born in Valparaiso on June 11, 1943. He served in the United States Navy from 1967 to 1968 in the Vietnam War. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Portage Chapter #905**.

**KATHRYNE F. EMERSON** – Died recently in 2010 in Dobson, North Carolina at the age of 56. The cause of death is unknown. She was born November 26, 1953. She was a veteran of the Vietnam War. She was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Dobson Chapter #1021**.



**MICHAEL LEE FABER** - Died Thursday, August 5, 2010, at home in Bells, Texas at the age of 66. The cause of death is unknown. Michael was born on July 28, 1944 to Joseph and Mary Martinek-Faber of Dorchester, Texas. He was nominated into the All-Century Howe Bulldog team, End, 1961. He graduated Howe High School in 1962. He then attended East Texas State University. He later joined the United States Army, serving in the Vietnam War; he received the National Defense Service Medal while working as a Radio Teletype Operator. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, gardening, and cooking but most of all large family get-togethers. When cooking, his favorite saying was "A recipe is only a guideline; they always need fixing." It brought him great enjoyment to listen to the stories of hunting and fishing from his children and his grandchildren. After returning from Vietnam, he was an independent truck driver and later became the owner/operator of "Mike's Grocery, Sherman, Texas; The best \$1.00 old fashion hamburgers in town," until he retired. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Sherman Chapter #973**. Mr. Faber is survived by his wife, Kathy Little-Faber; a daughter Misty and Douglas Lichnovsky, of Sherman; a son Joe Michael Faber and Ashley Liston, of Denison; a son John Faber and Elizabeth Ponder, of Tom Bean; a sister Jeannette and Bobby Scott, a sister Judy and Ronnie Whiteley, and a brother Rick and Donna



Faber, all of Dorchester; 5 grandchildren, Michelle and Chandler Lichnovsky, Bryce and Kailynn Faber, and Alicia Liston, and one on the way. He is preceded in death by his parents and cousin, Marvin Jaresh, Edward Collins, brother-in-law. Visitation will be Sunday, August 8, 2010 from 3 to 5 p.m. at Waldo Funeral Home. Services will be held Monday at 10 a.m. at Waldo Funeral Home, with Dr. Lowell Howard officiating; Cowboy Church of Savoy. Interment will follow in Akers Cemetery. Pallbearers will be Joe and Justyn Davis, Rusty and Jeffery Collins, Kriss and Kody Ballard, Randy Faber and Dan Smith. Honorary pallbearers are Bill Crumby and Freddy Holcomb. Waldo Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements. The register book can be signed online at [www.waldofuneralhome.com](http://www.waldofuneralhome.com).

**LARRY R. FETTERS** - Lost his battle with sarcoma cancer on Wednesday, September 1, 2010 at the Veterans Hospital at the age of 66. He was a resident of Sioux Falls, South Dakota. He was born May 2, 1944 to the late Oren and Clara (née Koepp) Fetters. He served in the United States Army from July 20, 1965 to July 19, 1967 with a year in Vietnam. He was honorably discharged with a bronze star. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Sioux Falls Chapter #959**. Larry spent many summers having fun, laughing, and socializing with family and friends at his place on Lake Brandt. He is survived by his wife Phyllis, five children, Carla, Carrie, Chad (Connie) Travis (Karmen), Teresa and seven grandchildren, Cody, Katlyn, Chase, Kole, Savanna, Shelby, and Trenton; three siblings, Viola McTague, Ervin (Shelley) Fetters, and Verna (George) McKay. He was preceded in death by his parents, Oren and Clara (Koepp) Fetters and one grandson, Joseph Fetters. Funeral services will begin at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, September 4, 2010 at Heritage Funeral Home. Visitation will begin at 2:00 p.m. Friday with the family present from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. The family will be holding a Celebration of Life Service at their Lake Brandt cabin on Sunday at 2:00 pm [www.heritagesfsd.com](http://www.heritagesfsd.com).

**GEORGE PAUL FIEDLER** - Died unexpectedly Sunday, May 16, 2010, at his residence in Burkhardt, Wisconsin at the age of 61. The cause of death was complications from Chron's Disease. George was born on May 20, 1948, in Tomah, Wisconsin, the son of Charles and Ann (Gondrezick) Fiedler. He worked several years in Tomah and Minneapolis for the railroad. He proudly served his country from 1968 to 1969 in the United States Army during the Vietnam War. Besides the National Defense Service Medal and Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal, he was awarded the Vietnam Service Medal with two Bronze Service Stars. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – River Falls Chapter #331**. George had a great love for his family and his country. He enjoyed his many friends and his faithful canine companions throughout his years. He served his country and never stopped serving his family and friends, who he treated as extended family his entire life. He was loved and will be missed by many. George is survived by his siblings, Jim and Donna Fiedler of Hancock, Wis., Bob and MaryAnne Fiedler of Arkansas, Jane and William Wojta of Manitowoc, Wis., Greg and Sue Fiedler of North Carolina, many nieces and nephews, and special family friends, Joey and Tyler Halverson. A special thanks to Veteran Service Officer Wanda Plourde for having been God's Angel in his life. A time to celebrate George's life will be from 4-6 p.m. Friday, May 21, at the O'Connell Family Funeral Home of Hudson. Interment will be private. Full military honors will be provided by the Hudson VFW and American Legion Posts.



**CHRISTOPHER A. "Chris" FLANDERA** – Died Friday, November 6, 2009, quietly in his home in Strongsville, Ohio, after a heroic battle with cancer in the arms of his wife Daniela. He was 73 years of age. He was born August 10, 1936 to the late Charlene and Lawrence Flandera. In addition to numerous awards and commendations, Christopher earned four bronze stars during two tours in Vietnam with the 25th infantry for acts of heroism. He was a retired chief warrant officer in the United States Army. Christopher had a second career from which he also retired as a civil servant for the Dept. of Defense. He was a supply officer for the Fort Huachuca Commissary in Sierra Vista, Arizona. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Tucson Chapter #106**. Chris was a 32nd degree Mason, a Shriner's Clown and a proud member of the D.A.V. He leaves to mourn him his devoted wife Daniela Flandera (nee Dieter), dear sister Katherine of WY, best friend Robert Putnam of AZ, and friends Brian, Drew, Cindie and Rick. He also leaves his "Fantastic Furry Five", puppies Goldie, Peanut and kitties Tulip, Mitzi and Chuchi. He was predeceased by his high school sweet heart and first wife of 51 years Elaine Flandera (nee Kohut), his son Keith, brother Larry and parents Charlene and Lawrence. Arrangements were handled by the Baker, Osinski, Kensinger Funeral Home, Berea, Ohio on November 9, 2009. Services were conducted by Fr. Dan DeVore. Interment with military honors and bagpipes were held at Holy Cross Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to the Shriner's Hospital for Children or the D.A.V. Chapter 116. Online condolences at [www.bakerfuneralbera.com](http://www.bakerfuneralbera.com).

**GEORGE FORSYTH** – Died Tuesday, October 5, 2010 in The Villages, Florida at the age of 65. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Bossier City, Louisiana on April 9, 1945. He served in the United States Air Force during the Vietnam War. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Oxford Chapter #1036**.

**ARTHUR T. "Art" FOSS, SR.** - Died Sunday, September 12, 2010 in Woodbridge, Virginia at the age of 62. The cause of death was Agent Orange-related lung cancer. Art was preceded in death by his father, the late Arthur J. Foss of Rochester, New York. Art is survived by his wife, Molly Kay; son, Arthur, Jr., daughters; Michelle (Josh) Morrow and Jamie Rock. Grandchildren; Allie, Autumn, Jason, Brody, Hayley, Kyrstin and Gerard of Woodbridge, VA, Mother, Frances Foss of Rochester, NY, brothers Thomas (Joyce) of Rochester, NY and Steven of Fulton, NY. Art Foss was proud of his 27 year career in the United States Army, which included two tours of duty in Vietnam. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Woodbridge Chapter #617**. Even after he retired from the Army, Art wanted to continue to serve the military families. With that in mind, in August 1999, Art became a Charter Member and the President of Rolling Thunder - Virginia Chapter 3. Art was dedicated to Never Forgetting the POW/MIAs and an advocate for the needs of today's military veterans and their families. He diligently served as the Senior State Director for Rolling Thunder, Inc. and was instrumental in starting additional Chapters in Virginia and Maryland. Art was committed to bringing government awareness to our POW/MIAs and to educate the children and the public on the need to support our veterans. Under Art's straight-forward, no-nonsense leadership of Rolling Thunder Virginia Chapter 3 it raised funds and sponsored several veterans' events such as a Father's Day Cookout at McGuire

VA Hospital in Richmond; Thanksgiving and Christmas food baskets for active duty military families; and "The Ride Home," which is a special weekend to honor all former Prisoners of War and remember those still Missing in Action. Although he had a gruff-look and a no-nonsense approach to life, Art will be remembered most for his compassionate understanding of fellow veterans; care for his brothers and sisters of Rolling Thunder; and his strong love for family. Services are scheduled for 12 noon, Tuesday, September 21st, at Miller Funeral Home, 3200 Golansky Blvd, Woodbridge, VA. Interment will be Tuesday October 12th 11 a.m. Arlington National Cemetery. The family will receive visitors from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. and 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. Monday and again at 11 a.m. on Tuesday at the funeral home. The family has requested contributions in lieu of flowers to be sent to Rolling Thunder VA Chapter 3, PO Box 265, Dumfries, VA 22026.

**CHARLES E. "Charlie" FOURNIER, JR.** - Died suddenly at home in Holyoke, Massachusetts on Sunday, September 19, 2010 at the age of 63. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Holyoke on August 7, 1947, son of Lucy A. (DeDeurwaerder) and the late Charles E. Fournier, Sr. Charlie was educated in the Holyoke schools and graduated from Holyoke High School in 1965. He was a 29-year employee of the telephone company, retiring in 2001. He worked as a Central Office Technician, a job he truly loved. He served honorably in the United States Navy from 1966-1970. Charlie was a member of the Air National Guard and was a 20-year reservist in the United States Air Force. He was a proud veteran of the Vietnam War and of Desert Storm. Charlie was also a member of the Auxiliary Police, the Holyoke Revolver Club, the American Legion, and the Knights of Columbus Council 4044. In addition, he was a longtime supporter and member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Springfield Chapter #111** and the Springfield Rescue Mission in addition to countless charities that he was passionate about. Charlie enjoyed golf, old movies, playing cribbage and cards, and he always loved a good joke. He loved engaging in conversations with friends about things that were near and dear to his heart. He was a big fan of old country music, the oldies and he enjoyed making CD's of his favorite songs for his family and close friends. Elvis and Patsy Cline will never be heard again without thinking of Charlie. He would drop anything if a friend or loved one called needing his help. He really enjoyed being able to do that. Charlie most enjoyed woodworking at home and two of his greatest pieces of work were his daughters' first baby cradles. He loved spending time with all five of his grandchildren. We considered him a jack of all trades and he always seemed to know a little bit about everything. Charlie is survived by his beloved wife of 41 years, Helen M. (Kukawka) Fournier. He leaves two daughters Michelle Libby and her husband Greg, of Ludlow and Nicholle Lewis, and her husband Paul, of Braintree, MA. He always considered Greg and Paul the "sons he never had." He will be greatly missed by his treasured grandchildren: Evan and Natalie Libby and Charlie, Meridith and Laura Lewis. Charlie also leaves his mother, Lucy Fournier, of Holyoke; his sister, Joanne Swanson, of South Hadley; his mother-in-law, Wieslawa Kukawka, of South Hadley and his brothers-in-law Michael of South Hadley, and Steve and his wife Tracy (Magistri) and their son, Kyle, of Fort Worth, Texas; and many aunts, uncles, cousins and close family friends. Charlie's wish was to have a small memorial service only. Family and friends are invited to attend a 2:00 p.m. service at the Massachusetts Veterans' Memorial Cemetery, 1290 Main St., Agawam, MA on Friday, September 24th. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Charlie's name to the Vietnam Veterans of America, CHAPTER #111, P.O. Box

2671, Springfield, MA 01101 or to the Springfield Rescue Mission, P.O. Box 9045, 19 Bliss Street, Springfield, MA 01102-9045. Ryder Funeral Home.



**WILLIAM DEMPSEY FRANKLIN** - Died Sunday, October 10, 2010 in Webster, Texas at the age of 88. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on October 31, 1921 in Thorndale, Texas to the late William and Hallie Franklin. William was a retired Warrant Officer of 30 years serving with the United States Coast Guard during World War II, Korea and Vietnam. He was a member of VFW Post #8248, Disabled American Veterans and American Legion Post #89. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Dickinson Chapter #685**. He was also a member of Mainland Church of Christ. William is survived by his wife, Nancy Franklin, step-daughter, Celicia Gay McGraw, close friends Michael Cruser, George and Laurel Knadler, Frankie and Jessie Gentile and friends and comrades of VFW post 8248 and Ladies Auxiliary. He was preceded in death by his first wife, Wanda Yvonne Franklin. Visitation was held from 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, October 13, 2010 at James Crowder Funeral Home in La Marque, Texas. Funeral service will be held at 2 p.m. Thursday, October 14, 2010 at James Crowder Funeral Home in La Marque with Pastor Tom Medlin officiating. Interment will follow at Forest Park East Cemetery in Webster, Texas. In lieu of flowers the family request memorials be made in William's name to the ASPCA or the charity of your choice.

**CHARLES HARVEY “Chuck” GILBERT** - Died Wednesday, September 1, 2010, in Lexington, Kentucky at the age of 67. He was a resident of Rossville, Georgia. The cause of death was the long term result of a hit-and-run accident. He was born in Calhoun, Georgia on March 22, 1943. He was retired from the United States Air Force with 23 ½ years of service. Mr. Gilbert was a member of the Frawley Road Baptist Church. He was a member of the Rossville Masonic Lodge #397, the Alhambra Temple, VFW, where he was Past Commander at Post #3679, member of the American Legion Post #40, and a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Chattanooga Chapter #203**. He is survived by his wife, Priscilla Long Gilbert; sons, Larry (Sandy) Gilbert, Calhoun, Ga., Mike (Sherri) Gilbert, Moreno Valley, California; mother Orzell Gilbert, Calhoun, Georgia step-daughters, Lunette Murphy, East Ridge, Sondra (Nathan) Port wood, Ringgold, Ga. Funeral services will be 12 Noon Friday at Frawley Road Baptist Church with Rev. Billy Dean officiating. Interment in National Cemetery in Chattanooga, Tennessee with full military honors. Masonic services will be in the parlor at 8 p.m. Thursday conducted by the Rossville Masonic Lodge #397 F&AM. Visit [www.heritagefh.com](http://www.heritagefh.com) to share words of comfort with the family and view the memorial tribute. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the Frawley Road Baptist Church. The body will lie in state at the church from 9 a.m. until 12 Noon Friday. Arrangements by Heritage Funeral Home, Battlefield Parkway.

**MARVIN T. GILL** – Died Friday, October 9, 2009 in Sterling Heights, Michigan. The cause of death was Agent Orange-related lung cancer. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Sterling Chapter #390**.

**EDWARD GENE GOTTSCHALK** - Died Thursday, July 29, 2010 in Enroll, North Carolina at the age of 59. The cause of death was lung and liver cancer. He was born December 10, 1950, a native of Minneapolis, Minnesota, he was a United States Marine Corps veteran of Vietnam, having served three tours and retiring after 18 years of faithful service. He was an active member of VFW Post 2514, Dixon-Condemn. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Donnelly Chapter #832**. He was also an auto mechanic. Funeral services will be at 7 p.m., Tuesday, Aug. 3, 2010, at Pollock-Best Chapel with the Rev. Rex Allen Bennett officiating. Burial, with military honors, will be at 10 a.m., Wednesday, Aug. 4, 2010, at Coastal Carolina State Veterans Cemetery in Jacksonville. He is survived by his wife, Pam Spence Gottschalk; father, Edward Walter Gottschalk of Mounds View, Minn.; daughters, Lisa Poirier of New Bern and Kristen Foster of San Francisco, Calif.; and sisters, Marla G. Wahlquist, of Blaine, Minn., Nancy G. Roberts of Andover, Minn., and Norene G. Callahan of Shoreview, Minn.; three stepchildren; and nine grandchildren. The family will receive friends from 6 to 7 p.m., Tuesday, prior to the service and other times at the home. Memorials may be made to Dixon-Conderman Post No. 2514, 5 Butler Road, New Bern, NC 28560, or the Leo Jenkins Cancer Center, 600 Moye Blvd., Greenville, NC 27834-4300. Those wishing to offer condolences may visit [pollockbest.com](http://pollockbest.com). Arrangements are by Pollock-Best Funerals & Cremations.

**LARRY J. GOUINE** - Died Sunday, September 5, 2010 in Green Bay, Wisconsin at the age of 68. He was a resident of Shawano, Wisconsin and formerly of Detroit, Michigan. The cause of death was respiratory failure due to non-cardiogenic pulmonary edema due to end-stage liver disease with hepatic renal failure due to chronic alcohol abuse. He was born on November 28, 1941 in Troy, Michigan to the late Leo and Dorothy (Horton) Gouine. On February 24, 1968, Larry married Dorothy Zander of Shawano and they shared 42 years of marriage. In November 1961, Larry signed up to serve in the United States Army and served a total of 26 years at many different posts. He took his basic training at Fort Jackson, South Carolina, AIT at Ft. Sill, Oklahoma, nine years at various bases in Germany and 22 days after marrying Dorothy, he was sent to Vietnam where he served a tour of duty. He finished out his years of service at Ft. Riley, Kan., Ft. Hood, Texas, and in the reserves. Larry and Dorothy finally settled in Shawano after traveling around the world while he was in the service. Larry worked for various companies in Shawano, including Montour's Roofing, Pannawall, The Hotz Company and Woodline Industries. Larry's favorite pastime was watching TV and his favorite thing to watch was the Green Bay Packers. Every game day you would find him with the game on the TV or the radio while driving down the road. He also enjoyed westerns and old war movies. Other things he enjoyed were bowling, darts, and spending time with his fellow veterans. Larry was a life member of the Shawano AMVETS Post #10, the Bonduel VFW Post #10622 and the Shawano DAV Chapter 22. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Shawano Chapter #206**. Larry is survived by: his wife, Dorothy of 42 years; a son, Tim (Tina) Gouine; and a granddaughter, Sandie Gouine. He is further survived by: one sister, Dorothy (Chuck) Ahrent of Michigan; two brothers, Robert (Arlena) Gouine of California, Roger Gouine of Green Bay; three sister-in-laws, Elise Karen, Shirley Elise, and Kay of various locations. Larry was preceded in death by: his parents; sisters, Megan and Joan; brothers, Dale, Dennis, Richard, James; and two brothers-in-law, Eldor Zander and Carl Keller. A memorial service will be held at 11 a.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 15, 2010 at the Swedberg Funeral Home in Shawano with the Rev. Fred Zimmermann

officiating. Military Rites will be conducted by the Shawano AMVETS at the funeral home following the service. Family and friends may call at the funeral home on Wednesday after 9 a.m. until the time of the service. In lieu of other expressions of sympathy, monetary gifts would be appreciated and will be given to an organization of Larry's wishes. The Family wishes to thank all of the wonderful doctors and staff at the Bellin Hospital in Green Bay for their wonderful care and concern during Larry's final days.

**JOHNNY W. GRAVLEY** - Died Saturday, September 11, 2010 in Odum, Georgia at the age of 62. The cause of death is unknown. He was born August 26, 1948. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Baxley Chapter #981**. He is survived by his wife, Betty Miles Gravley of Baxley, Ga.; a son: Jon Gravley of Odum; one granddaughter: Erica Gravley; sister: Maxine G. Bennett; 4 brothers: Harold Gravley, David Gravley, Donnie Gravley, and Jack Gravley. Visitation: 10 - 11 am Wednesday, at the funeral home. Funeral: 11am Wednesday at the funeral home. Interment: Georgia Veteran's Memorial Cemetery in Glennville, Georgia. Rinehart and Sons Funeral Home Savannah Morning News September 13, 2010.

**WILLIAM PETER HALL** - Funeral service for William Peter Hall, 85, of Lawton, Oklahoma will be at 10:00 a.m., on Tuesday, August 17, 2010 at Lawton Ritter Gray Funeral Home Chapel with Pastor Danny Elkouri, of Word Alive Church, Lawton, Oklahoma, officiating. Mr. Hall passed away on Saturday, August 14th, 2010 in Lawton. The cause of death is unknown. Burial will be at Fort Sill National Cemetery under the direction of Lawton Ritter Gray Funeral Home. A special visitation will be from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. on Monday, August 16, 2010 at Lawton Ritter Gray Funeral Home Chapel. William was born on July 1, 1925 in Covington, Ohio to George D. and Cecile N. (Starr) Hall. He grew up in Ohio attending local schools. He joined the United States Navy on November 1, 1943, serving in WWII. He was honorably discharged on May 25, 1946. He married Virginia Rose Hughes on September 30, 1951 in Piqua, Ohio. He worked for B & O Railroad and Pioneer Electric Company in Ohio. He joined the United States Army in 1957, serving in Korea and Vietnam, receiving numerous awards before his retirement in April 30, 1982 with 26 years of service to his country. He attended Cameron University and worked for Lawton Public Schools in the maintenance department. He volunteered at the Fort Sill Veterans Clinic. He was also a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, the American Legion, and was a 32nd degree Mason. He was a member of Holy Family Catholic Church. He was a *Permanently Hospitalized Veteran* Member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Lawton Chapter #751**. Mr. Hall is survived by his son, Jim Hall and his wife, Beverly, of Tulsa, Oklahoma; his daughter, Melody Moyer and her husband, Charles, of Lawton, Oklahoma; his sisters, Ann Kolker, of Palm Bay, Florida, and Alice Mullenix, of Piqua, Ohio; seven grandchildren, Rene' and Richard Trahan, of Bixby, Oklahoma, Jason and Christy Hall, of Norman, Oklahoma, Keri and Steve McKinney, of Yukon, Oklahoma, Matt and Noelle Hall, of Broken Arrow, Oklahoma, Allison and William Hammonds, of Albuquerque, New Mexico, Sarah Moyer, and Anna Moyer, both of Lawton, Oklahoma; ten great grandchildren, Justus, Noelle, Molly, Savannah, Sydney, Blake, Macie, Sadie, Memphis, and Wesley; his former wife and loving friend, Virginia Hall, of Lawton, Oklahoma; and a host of friends. He was preceded in death by his parents; his sister Bertha

White; his brothers, Louis Hall, Richard Hall, and Douglas Hall. Memorial contributions may be made to Disabled American Veterans, P.O. Box 14301, Cincinnati, OH 45250-0301.

**HOWARD HARTMAN** – Died recently in 2010 in The Villages, Florida at the age of 64. The cause of death is unknown. He was born November 17, 1945 in San Francisco, California. He served in the United States Marine Corps in Vietnam. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Oxford Chapter #1036**.

**ADAM C. HAYS** – Died Sunday, March 7, 2010 in Plymouth, Michigan at the age of 71. The cause of death is unknown. He was born June 6, 1938. He was a member of **Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America – Plymouth Chapter #538**. He was the beloved husband of Bonnie and the late Kathryn; the dear father of Jim (Paula) Hays, Beverly (Steve) Donohue, Karen (Edward) Slowinski, Charles (Virginia) Weaver, Chris (Ora) Weaver and Laura (Ray) Archey; the dearest son of Eva Marie Hays; the dear brother of John Amos (Ann) Hays, Bertha Allene (Danny) Gillum, the late Floyd Ance Hays and Andy Lee (Sue) Hays, and; the dear grandfather of 17. The funeral was Thursday at 11 a.m. from Schrader-Howell Funeral Home, 280 S. Main St., Plymouth. Friends may visit Wednesday 1-9 p.m. To share a special thought or memory, [www.schrader-howell.com](http://www.schrader-howell.com)

**OCCAR HINES** - Died Saturday, October 9, 2010 at the Veterans Affairs Hospital in Palo Alto, California at the age of 86. He was a resident of Jamestown, California. The cause of death is unknown. He was born January 31, 1924. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Sonora Chapter #391**. Heuton Memorial Chapel is handling the arrangements.

**JAMES R. HIRSCHFELD** – Died recently in 2010 in Leesburg, Florida at the age of 69. The cause of death was a heart attack. He was born in Lima, Ohio on October 10, 1941. He served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Oxford Chapter #1036**.

**RONALD WYMAN HOWIE** - Died Monday, September 13, 2010 in a local hospital in Chattanooga, Tennessee at the age of 70. He was a resident of Chattanooga. The cause of death was cancer. He retired from the United States Army after 26 years of service, including two tours of duty in Vietnam at the rank of Sergeant Major (E-9). He taught JROTC for 20 years at Red Bank High School. He was an active member of Love Fellowship Missionary Baptist Church where he served in many capacities. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Soddy-Daisy Chapter #942**. Survivors: wife, Katherine Howie; sons, Roderick (Cheryl) Bugg of Dallas, TX, Reginald Bugg, Jeffery Bugg both of Chattanooga; Scott Rosen of Knoxville and Paul Gardner of Ft. Oglethorpe, GA; daughters, Donna Bugg of Chattanooga, Paula Howie and Andrea Carter both of Louisville, KY; 19 grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; brothers, Douglas (Pat) Howie of Terrell, TX, William Howie of Raleigh, NC, Sanford (Eileen) Howie of Semi Valley, CA and Olin (Martha) Howie of Chattanooga; sisters, Mildred (Curtis) Simpson, Faye Braswell, Canarie Parsons all of Harrisburg, PA, Kay (Arthur) Saxton and Valorie (Donnell) Lasley both of Louisville, KY; a host of nieces; nephews; cousins; other relatives and

friends. Funeral: Friday, September 17, 2010 at 11 a.m. at New City Fellowship Church with Pastor Gerald O'Guinn officiating. Burial: Chattanooga National Cemetery. Visitation: Thursday, September 16, 2010 from 6-8 p.m. at Taylor Funeral Home. In lieu of flowers, please make contributions to: Multiple Myeloma Foundation.

**GEORGE F. HUMPHREYS** – Died in July 2008 in Stillwater, Oklahoma at the age of 62. The cause of death is unknown. He was born September 18, 1945. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Anoka (Minnesota) Chapter #470**.

**JOSE LUIS “Pepe” IBANEZ** – Died Sunday, July 4, 2010 in Elmore, Minnesota at the age of 71. The cause of death is unknown.

He was born June 17, 1939, in Mexico City, Mexico, the son of Jose Fernandez Somellero and Sofia Huller (Sanchez) Ibanez. He graduated from the Colegio Mexico in Mexico City and later earned his GED in Anchorage, Alaska. Education was very important to Jose; while in the U.S. Air Force he attended Riverbend Community College of Washington State, while stationed in Germany. He continued his education earning his bachelor's degree from Mankato State University in 1986 and his Master's Degree in Arts & Humanities 1993 also through Mankato State University. Jose was a career non-commissioned officer in the United States Air Force, serving from April 1961 to May 1984, where he was a Staff Sgt. in Vietnam. He earned the Air Force Commendation Medal, Presidential Citation, Vietnam Campaign medal, Good Conduct and Longevity medals. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Dunnell Chapter #832**. He attended SS Peter & Paul Catholic Church and was a member of the American Legion Post 89, VFW Post 4580, Disabled American Veterans Chapter 32, Military Retirees Association, Vietnam Veterans Retirees Association and the Mankato State University Alumni Assoc. Jose is survived by his wife, Dessie Ibanez of Elmore, his daughter, Dessie Sofia (Michael) Slater of Jerome, Idaho, his son, Jose Luiz Ibanez, Jr. of Elmore, his daughter, Barbara (Patrick) Homan of Yukon, Oklahoma, his daughter, Donna Swan of Abilene, Texas, his daughter, Maria del Carmen (Brian) Hunt of N. Mankato, his son, Antonio Carlos Ibanez of Elmore, his sister, Teresita (Chet) Sutter of Kalamazoo, MI, 16 grandchildren and 5 great grandchildren. Jose was preceded in death by his parents and grandparents.

**EDWARD GEORGE “Ed” JOHNSON IV** – Died Tuesday, August 24, 2010 in Farmington Hills, Michigan at the age of 61. The cause of death was cancer. He was born April 1, 1949 to Shirl Hamer and the late Edward George Johnson III. Ed is a retired Supervisor from Lear Corp. In addition to his mother, he is survived by his beloved wife, Elaine; step-children, Lisa (Mark) Fetta and Joe Zielinski; grandchildren, Corbin, Turner and McKenna; sisters, Jackie Rosa and Linda Childress; and uncle of Tracy, Richard and Natalie. In addition to his father, Ed was preceded in death by his brother, Les. He served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Pontiac Chapter #133**. A committal service was conducted, Monday, August 30th, 12:30 PM at Great Lakes National Cemetery, 4200 Belford Rd., Holly, Michigan. Following the services at the cemetery, the family is inviting their family and friends to a gathering on Monday, August 30th, from 2:00 until 4:00 PM at Ginopolis Restaurant, 27815 Middlebelt Rd. (NW corner of 12 Mile and Middlebelt



Rds.), Farmington Hills, MI 48334. Those who wish to further honor the memory of Ed Johnson, may do so by making a contribution to the Karmanos Cancer Institute, [www.karmanos.org](http://www.karmanos.org).

**JOE DAVID JOHNSON** - Died Wednesday, September 15, 2010 in Altoona, Alabama at the age of 70. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Chilton County, Alabama on January 1, 1940. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life* Member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Birmingham Chapter #416**. Graveside Services were conducted on Friday, September 24 at 2:30 pm at Alabama National Cemetery, Montevallo, Alabama.

**WILLIAM RALPH “Bill” JOHNSON** - Died Saturday, June 5, 2010 at Emory University Hospital. He was a resident of Lizella, Georgia. The cause of death is unknown. He was born November 27, 1946. Services will be held Wednesday, June 9, 2P.M. at Snow's Memorial Chapel on Pio Nono with entombment to follow in the mausoleum at Glen Haven Memorial Gardens. Visitation will be Tuesday from 7:00 to 9:00 P.M. at Snow's Memorial Chapel, Pio Nono. -Bill was the son of the late Leroy Johnson of Alma, GA and Nadine Crapps McElmurray of Lizella, GA. Bill was retired from Armstrong World Industries after 30 years of service. He was a Vietnam veteran having served with the United States Marine Corps, where he was awarded the National Defense Service Medal, Vietnamese Service Medal, Vietnamese Campaign Medal, Purple Heart, Good Conduct Medal, Combat Action Ribbon, Rifle Sharpshooter and Pistol Expert. Bill was an All American Past State Commander of the Veterans of Foreign Wars (VFW) from 1999-2000, where he was awarded "Mr. VFW" of the year in 2001. He served as Post Commander of VFW Post 658 for over 20 years. -Bill was a Life Legacy member of VFW Post 658, a Life Member of Disabled American Veterans Chapter 9, American Legion Post 3, a member of **Vietnam Veteran of America - Macon Chapter #443**, Life Member of Marine Corps League and Middle Georgia Detachment 970, Life Member of Military Order of the Purple Heart Association, and a member of the MOC and National Rifle Association. -Bill was preceded in death by two brothers, Bobby Johnson and Bennie Johnson. -Bill is survived by his loving wife of forty years, Judy Miller Johnson of Lizella, Georgia; loving daughter, Marsha Lynn Johnson Howell (Rocky), Danville, GA; a grandson whom he loved and cherished and spoiled, Austin-Lee William Howell; stepfather, James McElmurray of Lizella; step-grandchildren, Hunter Howell, Chelsea Howell; half sisters, Natalie Fox of Lizella, Kathy Wilburn (Chas) of Macon, and several nephews and nieces and cousins. -Flowers are accepted or donations may be made to VFW Post 658, 4864 Harrison Road, Macon 31206. Family will receive friends at the daughter's home in Danville. -Visit [www.snowsmacon.com](http://www.snowsmacon.com) to express tributes. -Snow's Memorial Chapel Funeral and Cremation Services, Pio Nono Avenue has charge of arrangements.

**ERNEST HOMER JOSEPH** – Died Saturday, May 22, 2010 in Saint Louis, Missouri at the age of 64. The cause of death is unknown. He was born October 18, 1945. Memorial services for Ernest Homer Joseph, 64-year-old Durant resident, will be held at 10 a.m. Wednesday at the First Baptist Church in Durant with Rev. James Robinson officiating. Surviving are his wife, Marian Jean Hulst Joseph; daughter, Dianna Marie Joseph of Altus, Okla.; sons, Richard Anthony Joseph of Indianapolis, Ind. and Ernest Luchion Joseph II of Seattle, Wash.; sisters, Nona Maloy of Steelville, Mo. and Cecelia Seiber of Irvington, Ill.; five grandchildren and one great-grandchild. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of**

**America – Durant Chapter #986.** Holmes-Coffey-Murray Funeral Home in Durant, Okla. has charge of the arrangements. Online condolences may be sent to [www.coffeemurray.com](http://www.coffeemurray.com).

**RICHARD “Deacon” JEFFREY KELLEY** - Died Wednesday, August 4, 2010, at the Western Maryland Regional Medical Center in Cumberland, Maryland at the age of 56. He was a resident of Cresaptown, Maryland. The cause of death is unknown. He was born August 16, 1953, in Hollidaysburg, Pennsylvania, to the late Robert Gerald Kelley and Evelyn (Wise) Kelley. Deacon retired from the United States Navy and graduated from Pennsylvania State University. He was a member of the **Vietnam Veterans of America – Cumberland Chapter #172**, and the Oldtown V.F.W. Deacon was owner/operator of Doghouse Grooming of Cresaptown for approximately ten years. He was a member of the Christian Motorcycle Club; the ABATE of Western Maryland; and the Vietnam Veterans Motorcycle Club. Deacon is survived by his wife, Sharon M. Kelley; his daughters, Melissa Kelley, Tina Kelley, and Kara Kelley, all of Altoona, Pa.; his sister, Barbara Kelley, of Hollidaysburg, Pa.; and his grandchildren, Sofia, Vance, and Grace. He is also survived by his ex-wife and dear friend, Susan Kelley, of New Jersey. A memorial service will be conducted in the Adams Family Funeral Home, P.A., 404 Decatur St., Cumberland, ([www.AdamsFamilyFuneralHome.com](http://www.AdamsFamilyFuneralHome.com)) on Friday, Aug. 27, 2010, at 10 a.m. with Pastor Randy Crowe officiating. The family will receive friends an hour before the service. Military honors will be accorded at the cemetery by the Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 172 Honor Guard. Interment will be in the Maryland State Veterans’ Cemetery at Rocky Gap.

**CURLEY BRINTON KNEPP** – Died Thursday, August 5, 2010 in Songtan, Pyeongtaek, Korea at the age of 76. The cause of death was septic shock, pneumonia and myelodysplastic syndrome. He was born December 26, 1933 in Clearfield, Pennsylvania. He is survived by his wife, Magnai, of the home. A career soldier rising from E-1 to E-9 and O-1 to O-4, his military service started in Korea in 1951 and ended with retirement in 1977. A second career in Civil Service brought him back to Korea. He served in the United States Army during the Korean War and the Vietnam War and retired June 30, 1976 at the rank of Sergeant Major (E-9). He was a Life Member of Veterans of Foreign Wars – Songtan, Pyeongtaek, Korea Post #10216. He was an *At-Large Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Overseas**.

**EDWARD BERNARD KOLOSVARY** - Died at 3:55 PM Saturday, March 6, 2010 in the Emergency Room of Salem Community Hospital in Salem, Ohio at the age of 67. He was a resident of Salem. He was born on October 6, 1942 in McKeesport, Pennsylvania, to the late Edward A. and Margaret (Evanck) Kolosvary. He retired in 1982 as a Chief Warrant Officer in the United States Army after 22 years of service and was a member of the Victory Life Church in Salem. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Beaver Falls (Pennsylvania) Chapter #862**. He is survived by his wife, the former Glenda Beck; five children; a sister, Eileen Kulczymisky of Nevada; two brothers, Gerry Kolosvary of Maryland, and Mark Kolosvary of Pennsylvania; 13 grandchildren and one great grandchild. Services will be held at Arbaugh-Pearce-Greenisen Funeral Home on Monday, March 15, at 7 p.m. with the Perry Masonic Lodge 185 F&AM service, followed by Pastor Todd Wilhelm of the church. The Salem VFW Post 892 and AMVETS Post 45 will provide full military honors. A time of visitation will be held one hour prior to the service on Monday.

**STANLEY MILTON "Stan" LEHMAN** - Died Wednesday, July 28, 2010 in his residence at Lake Elmo, Minnesota at the age of 72. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Hastings, Minnesota on June 4, 1938 to the late Milton and Marion. In addition to his parents, he was predeceased by his son and daughter-in-law, Bruce and Judee Stern. He is survived by his daughter, Kerri Lehman; his stepson, Tim Stern, and; his grandchildren, Alex and Michelle. He served in the United States Navy from 20 September 1960 to 20 December 1963. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – South Saint Paul Chapter #639**. Graveside services with full military honors were conducted at Ft. Snelling on August 10, 2010 at 1 PM Reception was at Bugg's in South Saint Paul, Minnesota.

**JOHN I. LeJEUNE, JR.** - Died Tuesday, August 24, 2010, from complications of prostate cancer at the age of 65. He was a resident of Weatherford, Texas. He was born in Jennings, Louisiana on July 10, 1945. Funeral: 10 a.m. Saturday at Hallmark Baptist Church in Fort Worth. Interment: 1:30 p.m. Monday in Dallas-Fort Worth National Cemetery. Visitation: 6 to 8 p.m. Friday at Greenwood Funeral Home. He served in the United States Navy from August 1962 to September 1966 with service in Vietnam from 1964 to 1966. He was an *At-Large Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Texas**. Survivors: Wife, Patty; son, John LeJeune III and wife, Katina; daughter, Dawne Schwartz and husband, Kyle; grandchildren, Paige and Julie Schwartz and Johnathan and Joshua LeJeune; mother, Marjorie LeJeune; sisters, Gaynell Rosteet and Bertha Kibodeaux; and brother, William LeJeune.

**RONALD ALLEN MacGREGOR** - Died Monday, September 27, 2010 at Emory University Hospital at the age of 72. He was a resident of Jasper, Georgia and formerly of Dawsonville, Georgia. The cause of death was a heart attack. He was born May 24, 1938. He served in the United States Marine Corps during the Vietnam War. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Dawsonville Chapter #970**. Funeral Services were held at 12PM on Thursday, September 30, 2010 at the Chapel of Cagle Funeral Home. Interment followed at 2:30PM at Georgia National Cemetery near Canton with Chaplain Victor Wallace, Marine Corps, Pickens County DAV Chapter 47 in charge of Military Graveside Services. Serving as Pallbearers were: Troy MacGregor, Lee, Cody and Dalton Malone, Ken Allston and Frank Booth. Survivors include his Son: Troy MacGregor of Eustis, FL; Daughters and Son-In-Law: Tracie and Lee Malone of Chatsworth, Kellie Miller of Jasper and Karrie Williams of Griffin; Brother: Edgar MacGregor of Buffalo, MI; 10 Grandchildren; 2 Great-Grandchildren and Several Nieces and Nephews. In lieu of flowers Memorials may be made to Jasper United Methodist Church in Memory of Mr. Ronald A. MacGregor. Cagle Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements.

**STEPHEN E. "Steve" MASSIE** - Died Tuesday, September 21, 2010 in Wesley Chapel, Florida at the age of 74. The cause of death was cancer. He was born January 27, 1936. He served in the United States Army and retired at the rank of Sergeant Major. He was a Past Commander of Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #9985 and a Past Chapter Commander of his local Disabled American Veteran Chapter. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Philippines Chapter #887**. He also devoted countless hours providing assistance and support to the Holy Trinity Home for the Handicapped in Porac, Philippines. He was cremated and burial

and military services will take place at 1 p.m. Friday, October 1, 2010 at Florida National Cemetery in Bushnell, Florida.

**THOMAS R. McAULEY** – Died Tuesday, September 21, 2010 in Saint Paul, Minnesota at the age of 66. The cause of death was cancer. He was born in Saint Paul to the late Robert E. and Charolette J. McAuley on October 10, 1943. Vietnam Veteran He was also predeceased by his brother, Philip Anthony. He is survived by "adopted" family, Christopher Aguilar & his young children; many other friends & family. He retired from the United States Postal Service. He was a 1961 Johnson High School graduate. He was a lifetime member of USS Yorktown CV10 Assoc. & member of **Vietnam Veterans of America - Anoka Chapter #470**. Funeral service was 11am Tuesday at Arlington Hills Lutheran Church, 1115 Greenbrier St., St. Paul. Visitation was Monday at Anderson Funeral Home, 1401 Arcade St. (Hwy 61), Saint Paul. Interment was in Fort Snelling National Cemetery. Memorials preferred to American Cancer Society. He served in the United States Navy during the Vietnam War.

**WILLIAM EDWARD "Butch" "Will" MCKENZIE** - Died peacefully on Wednesday, August 18, 2010 in Montgomery, Alabama at the age of 61, after a long and courageous battle with cancer. He was born in Fort Deposit, Alabama on December 11, 1948. Funeral services were held on Monday, August 23, 2010, at 11 a.m., from the Chapel of Prattville Memorial, with Reverend Bob Bradley officiating, Max Roberts eulogizing. Interment followed at 2 p.m. in the Alabama National Cemetery of Montevallo, with military honors. Mr. McKenzie was a true patriot and a hero to many who proudly served his country with the United States Marine Corps from November 8, 1966 to June 9, 1969 during the Vietnam War and the Tet Offensive of 1968 for which he earned several commendations and awards. He was the beloved husband of Mary McKenzie for 40 years; a devoted father of Wendy (Rodney) Haddox and Michael McKenzie; a doting grandfather of Ashley and Zach; a loving son of Ruth Kicker; a loving brother of Diane (Bob) Malenson, Virginia (Scottie) Sammons, Constance (Ronnie) Bowden, and Freddy (Hilda) McKenzie, and a supportive friend to many extended family members and friends. He was also a faithful member of the Chisholm Baptist Church; a member in good standing and *Past President* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Montgomery Chapter #607** and a dedicated volunteer with the American Red Cross. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be sent in memory of Will McKenzie to the Joe Lee Griffin Hope Lodge, 1104 Ireland Way, Birmingham, AL 35205 ([www.cancer.org](http://www.cancer.org)).



**FRED ALLEN MELANCON** - Funeral services will be held Friday, August 13, 2010 at 2:00 p.m. in Evangeline Memorial Gardens Chapel in Carencro for Fred Allen Melancon, age 63, a prominent civic and humanitarian leader, who passed away Tuesday, August 10, 2010 at 1:55 p.m. at Our Lady of Lourdes Regional Medical Center in Lafayette. The cause of death was Agent Orange-related brain and throat cancer. Interment will be in Lafayette Memorial Park in Lafayette. The Rev. Keith LaBove, pastor of St. Patrick Catholic Church, will officiate at the services. Readers will be his sister, Brenda DeMette and his niece, Angie Huval. Musical selections will be provided by his

nieces, Brittany Morvant and Scarlet Lofton. The songs will be the Battle Hymn of the Republic, Precious Lord, Take My Hand, How Great Thou Art and On Eagle's Wings. Fred was born on September 28, 1946 in Iowa, Louisiana to the late Necess Melancon and Joycelyn Rabeaux Guidroz and was raised in Lafayette. He was a graduate of Iowa High School in Iowa, LA, Class of 1964. After graduating, he joined the United States Air Force having served in Bien Hoa, Vietnam. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Lafayette Chapter #141**. He was a parishioner of St. Patrick Catholic Church in Lafayette. Fred's walk of life took him down many paths and he wore many hats. He was a parish deputy for Carlo Listi in the late 60's and ranked as Lieutenant. He then began his insurance career in 1971 and made Rookie of the Year for Life of Georgia. This was the 1st of many more accomplishments. He remained there until 1973. Fred then moved on to MFA Insurance in 1973, now Shelter Insurance for eleven years. He was an agent then became District Manager and made Runner Up District Manger of the Year 1976. His good fortune had allowed him to travel from Hawaii to Germany, Austria, to Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, S.A. and Bermuda to San Diego, CA. In 1984, he embarked on yet another phase of insurance as an Independent Insurance Agent, Fred Melancon Insurance Agency, until his time of retirement in 1996 and was a mentor for Melancon/Montesano Insurance for more than three years then finally hung that hat. He was honored by many awards and he then opened a reception facility, Lafayette Hall/Lafayette Receptions and Banquets/Jodi's Café and Catering. It was one of his lifetime dreams of cooking and entertaining. He then retired and gave reins to his beautiful daughter and son-in-law in 2009. Fred's passion since 1955 had been music, starting off with a guitar and amp that his dad bought him. He played from 1962 until 1971 with various bands over the USA. He gave up music in 1983 when he became a disc jockey. Since that time he had played at thousands of private parties throughout the south. His love for music had extended into a singing pass time in February 2002 when he began to sing at retirement homes. It gave him great satisfaction bringing a smile to the resident's faces. Like the song goes, "Let A Smile Be Your Umbrella." He became a disc jockey on 101.1 KBON at the beginning of 2010. It was a lifelong dream to be a disc jockey on a radio station, but it was short lived due to his illness. Fred served as a past Vice President of the Lafayette Parish Insurance Exchange, the Past President, Secretary and Treasurer of AARP 4197. He was a member of the Chamber of Commerce, past President, Vice President and Honor Guard of VVA Hill 141. Fred also served as Secretary, Treasurer, Vice President and President of Lafayette Optimist Club and Rookie of the Year and Optimist of the Year. He volunteered for the Jerry Lewis Telethon for about ten years. He was very giving of his time to non-profit organizations. He donated his time cooking for the Top 28 Basketball and donated disc jockey services for many organizations in the Lafayette area to help support their needs. He made friends with Lafayette Sertoma Club and would work alongside of them. He would cater and disc jockey when the Blue Angels and Thunderbirds were here. He even would travel to New Orleans and Pensacola, FL just to help. Fred enjoyed traveling. The best times he and his wife spent together were just taking off enjoying sites and taking in all God had created in this great nation. Their travels took them to South America, Hawaii, Germany, Austria, Italy, Mexico and Canada. They covered most of the U.S. from California to New York and Alaska to Florida. Life was good and God blessed him with loving family and friends. No man could ask for more. Survivors include his wife of forty one years, Sandra Johnson Melancon of Lafayette; one son, Joseph D. Melancon of Baton Rouge; one daughter, Jodi Melancon Snelling and her husband, Steven, of Carencro; one precious

grandson, Joshua Allen Snelling; his father, Joseph M. Guidroz; two sisters, Brenda Guidroz DeMette and her husband, Harry, and Gwen Guidroz, all of Lafayette; one brother, Alvin Guidroz and his wife, Linda, of Arnaudville; four half brothers, Anthony Melancon and his wife, Lisa, Carol Melancon and his wife, Crystal, Johnny Melancon and his wife, Tina, all of New Iberia and Tommy Melancon of Shreveport; one half sister, Suzette Melancon Bourque and her husband, Raymond of New Iberia; numerous nieces and nephews; and one very special Godson, Scotty Melancon. He was preceded in death by his parents, Necess Melancon and the former Joycelyn Rabeaux; two brothers, M. James Melancon and Michael Melancon; and one sister, Sandra Melancon Tassin. A rosary will be prayed at 7:00 p.m. Thursday in the funeral home. The family requests that visiting hours be observed from 1:00 p.m. until 10:00 p.m. Thursday and will continue from 8:00 a.m. until service time on Friday. Pallbearers will be Scotty Melancon, Tony Melancon, Carol Melancon, Tommy Melancon, Zachary Johnson and Alvin Guidroz. Honorary pallbearers will be Joseph Melancon, Johnny Melancon, Harry DeMette, Barry Johnson, Earl Ryan, Charles Landry, Kenneth Dempsey, Brandon Albert, Alton Barras, Harry Albert, Gail Broussard and the Honor Guard of Vietnam Veterans Hill 141.

**GARY B. MELANCON** – Died Tuesday, July 4, 2006 in Opelousas, Louisiana at the age of 58. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Opelousas on June 28, 1948. He is survived by Cheryl M. Stoute, of Lafayette, Louisiana. He served in the United States Army from October 7, 1969 to September 3, 1971 as a medic with the 4<sup>th</sup> Medical Company, 6<sup>th</sup> Army, Fort Carson, Colorado. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Lafayette Chapter #141**.

**RONALD E. MILLER** – Died Friday, July 16, 2010 in Minneola, Florida at the age of 63. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Chicago, Illinois on March 24, 1947. He is survived by his wife, Jeanne, of the home. He served in the United States Army for 10 during the Vietnam-era. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Dickinson (Texas) Chapter #685**.

**EUGENE S. “Bugsy” MORAN, SR.** - Died suddenly as a result of an auto accident in Florida on Wednesday, September 8, 2010 at the age of 59. He was a resident of North Cape May, New Jersey. He was born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania on October 5, 1950 and he has been a Cape May area resident for 10 years. Eugene was a driver and maintenance worker with SEPTA for 30 years. He served his country in the United States Army in Vietnam; was a member of the American Legion Post #184 of Wildwood; VFW #386 of Cape May; DAV Chapter 44 of Del Haven; and was involved with the Vietnam Veteran's Memorial at Cape May County Airport. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Wildwood Chapter #955**. Eugene is survived by his wife of 37 years Patricia (nee Hartman) Moran of North Cape May; his son Eugene S Jr.(Jennifer) Moran of Greenville, PA; son Geoffrey M Moran of Philadelphia; and 2 grandchildren: Patrick and Declan. Also surviving are brothers: Steve Moran and Jimmy Moran; and sisters: Dolores Morgan and Geri Sola; all of Florida. Friends may call from 10:00 to 11:00 AM on Tuesday, September 14, 2010 at the Evoy Funeral Home, 3218 Bayshore Rd, North Cape May. Services begin at 11:00 AM. Interment will follow at Cape May County Veteran's Cemetery.

**PHIL MULLER** – Died Friday, January 16, 2009 in a local care center in Lawton, Oklahoma at the age of 61. The cause of death is unknown. He was born December 13, 1947 in Oak Park, Illinois to the late Felix and Vera (née Wellings) Muller. He is survived by four daughters and sons-in-law, Lynda and Bob Huntley, of Lawton, Rachel and Bret Reed, of Broken Arrow, Oklahoma, Sara Venis, of Haskell, Oklahoma and Bethany and Jimmy Johnson, of Haskell; one son, Joshua Muller, of Tulsa, Oklahoma; fifteen grandchildren; one great-grandchild, and; seven brothers and sisters in Rhode Island. He served in the United States Air Force during the Vietnam War. He was a poet. He was a *Permanently Hospitalized Veteran Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Lawton Chapter #751**.

**ANITA A. NEJEDLO** – Died recently in 2010 in Green Bay, Wisconsin. The cause of death is unknown. She was a *Life Member* of **Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America – Green Bay Chapter #224**.

**ALLEN HALLIBURTON NOEL** - Died Friday, April 23, 2010 in Seattle, Washington at the age of 69. He was born in Seattle on July 30, 1941. The cause of death is unknown. Al was a native Seattleite, twice graduate of the University of Washington, and volunteered for the United States Army into enlisted rank. He was decorated for combat in the Vietnam War, wounded and became an officer by receiving the honor of a battlefield commission. He left a distinguished military career to spend more time with his family and served as an educator for the Seattle Fire Dept. for 25 years. He was an *At-Large Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Washington**. He was politically active and championed causes for the disadvantaged. Al was devoted to his country, his local community and his family. He is survived and missed by his son and daughter-in-law Andy and Amy Noel, his grandchildren Zoe and Anders, Sally Noel with whom he was married for 44 years, and his sister and her husband Susan and Sidney Goodwill. Donations may be sent in his memory to Fred Hutchison, Cancer Research, P.O. Box 19024, Mailbox J5-200, Seattle, Washington 98109.

**RICHARD S. OSOWSKI** – Died recently in 2010 in Warren, Michigan at the age of 63. The cause of death is unknown. He was born August 15, 1946. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Newberry Chapter #597**.

**SAMUEL “Sam” PICCIONE** – Died Tuesday, May 25, 2010 in Cheektowaga, New York at the age of 68. The cause of death is unknown. He was born November 13, 1941 to the late George and Carmella (née DiGaetano) Piccione. He is survived by his beloved wife of 19 years Patty (Del Gatto); sons George, Christopher (Natalie); daughter Dawn Marie (fiancé Joe Lopez) Piccione, sister Carol Ann (late Bob) Dickerson; cherished brother-in-law of Michael (Irene) Del Gatto and Kathy (Mike) DiCillo; grandfather of eight also survived by many nieces, nephews and friends; he was preceded in death by his sons Samuel and Michael Piccione. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Buffalo Chapter #77**. Sam was an officer and member of Amici Lodge #255, Italian Sons and Daughters of America. A Memorial Mass will be celebrated on Saturday, June 26, 2010, at 9:00 AM at St. Gabriel Roman Catholic Church, 5211 Clinton Street, Elma, New York.

**DAVID ARTHUR POPE** - Died peacefully on Tuesday, May 3, 2010 at Cape Regional Medical Center, New Jersey at the age of 63. He was a resident of Wildwood, New Jersey. The cause of death was cancer. He was born in Oroville, California on September 8, 1946 and formerly of Atlantic County; he has been a Cape May area resident for eight years. David served his country in the United States Navy during the Vietnam War. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Wildwood Chapter #955**; was an avid Democrat; an artist (especially painting); and photographer. He is survived by his friends: Darren, Lissette, Jose, Isabella, Damaris, Willy and Harry. There will be a graveside service at 10:00 AM on Monday, May 10, 2010 at the Cape May County Veteran's Cemetery, Crest Haven Rd, Cape May Court House, NJ.

**ANDY A. RAY** - Died Sunday, October 3, 2010, at his residence in Mineral Wells, West Virginia at the age of 63. The cause of death was complications from multiple sclerosis. He was born January 14, 1947, in Williamson, West Virginia to Andrew J. and Irene E. Ray. He graduated Kermit High School and attended Texas College. He joined the United States Army to see the world, which he did for years and after his retirement. He was employed by the Louis A. Johnson VA Medical Center where he also retired. He was a combat veteran of Vietnam, Grenada and Panama. He was a member of various organizations and especially enjoyed the Lions Club of Clarksburg and South Charleston. He enjoyed the broom sale, bingo, spaghetti dinner, Christmas with Santa and other functions of the club. He served as a three-year Board of Director at Clarksburg and two-year director at South Charleston. He served in the United States Army and retired at the rank of Command Sergeant Major (E-9). He was a life member of the Veterans of Foreign War Post 573, where he served as Post Commander, District 6 Commander, Junior Vice-Commander and Service Officer for four years. He served as Post Commander at Alum Creek Benny Padilla Post 4768 and was a member of the Color Guard. He served as life member of Veterans of Foreign War National Children's Home. He served as a member of American Legion Post 15 of Parkersburg, Moose Lodge of Clarksburg, Knights of Pythias Lodge 39 and Dokey Lodge 169 of Clarksburg. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – West Virginia**. He was a life member of the Purple Heart Association. He was a man generous of both his resources and his time for friends and neighbors. He was well known in the area, especially at the Louis A. Johnson VA Medical Center and veterans organizations across the state. He recently told his sister what a great life he had enjoyed, having so many friends and experiences. He would like to thank each of them for their friendship. He is survived by his sisters, Donna Pauley of Parkersburg and Ada J. Blankenship and Elliott of Gray, Tenn.; his brothers, Larry Ray and Elmer Ray and wife, Linda, of Parkersburg and Andrew Ray and Tina of Cynthiana, Ky. He was preceded in death by his parents. His family is most grateful for his care at the VA Medical Center. Funeral services will be noon Friday at Davis Funeral Home, One Olen Thomas Drive, Rt. 98, Clarksburg, with the Rev. Tom Blake officiating. Family and friends may from 2-8 p.m. Thursday at the funeral home. Interment will be in the West Virginia National Cemetery where full military graveside rites will be accorded by the Charleston VFW and the West Virginia Honor Guard. The family requests that memorial contributions be made to the Multiple Sclerosis Foundation, 2 Players Club Dr. Suite 104, Charleston, WV 25311. Condolences may be extended to the family at [www.davisfuneralhomewv.com](http://www.davisfuneralhomewv.com).



**JERRY A. REED** – Died recently in 2010 in Georgetown, Pennsylvania at the age of 62. The cause of death is unknown. He was born February 23, 1948. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Beaver Falls Chapter #862**.

**HERBERT B. "Helicopter Herb" RINKEL, SR.** - Died Saturday, September 11, 2010 at his home in Dingman Township, Pennsylvania at the age of 60. The cause of death is unknown. Mr. Rinkel was caretaker for Silver Springs in Dingman Township and was a member of Marsh-Kellor Post 139 American Legion of Milford and **Vietnam Veterans of America – Dingman's Ferry Chapter #623**. "Helicopter Herb" was born in Franklin, New Jersey, on August 7, 1948, the son of Clarence and Margaret (Morgan) Rinkel. He served with the United States Army in Vietnam. He married the former Marjorie Day on August 23, 1969. In addition to his wife, he is survived by a son, Herbert Rinkel Jr., of Milford; two daughters, Melinda Curnkey of Matamoras, Pa., and Jennifer Gould of Dingman's Ferry; two brothers, Herman Rinkel of Montague, N.J., and Ronald Rinkel of Branchville, N.J.; six grandchildren; and nieces and nephews. Friends may call on Wednesday from 2 to 4 and 7 to 8:30 p.m., at the Stroyan Funeral Home, 405 West Harford St., Milford. A funeral service will follow at 8:30 p.m. Wednesday, officiated by the Rev. David Reppenng. Interment will be private. At the family's request, memorials may be given to the Milford Fire Department Ambulance, P.O. Box 1369, Milford, PA, 18337.

**CHARLES RHEA ROBERTSON** – Died Friday, September 17, 2010 in Lebanon, Tennessee at the age of 63. The cause of death was a heart attack. He was born April 26, 1947 in Lebanon, Tennessee. He served in the United States Army with two tours of duty in Vietnam. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Lebanon Chapter 1004**. Family Visitation 12 Noon ~ 1:00 P.M. Services were Friday, 1:00 P.M. September 24, 2010, College Hills Church of Christ 1401 Leeville Pike, Lebanon, Tennessee. He leaves to cherish his memory, Wife: Cornelia, Daughters: Buffy (Anthony) Dilligard and Karla (William) Douglas, Mother: Juanita R. Rhodes, Four Grandchildren: Calais and Milan Dilligard, Jazlyn and Caitlyn Douglas, Sisters: Patricia (Hubert) Seay, Gloria Seay and Brenda G. Rhodes, One Brother: Corey Seay, Devoted: Aunt Mary Wharton, six sisters-in-law, five brothers-in-law and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins and many friends. Bro. David Meek ~ Eulogist - Bro. Melvin Neal ~ Officiant - Interment was in Mount Lebanon Memorial Gardens Lebanon, Tennessee. Funeral services were entrusted to J.C Helling Funeral 107 Stokes Street Lebanon, Tennessee.

**KENNETH LEROY "Ken" ROBBINS** - Died Tuesday, September 28, 2010, in Cox Medical Center South, Springfield, Missouri at the age of 63. He was a resident of Cassville, Missouri. The cause of death is unknown. He was born July 20, 1947, in Wheaton, Missouri, the son of Roy and Ophelia (Bowling) Robbins. On August 5, 1966, he was united in marriage to Sheila Slinkard, who survives. Also surviving are two daughters, Kimberly Harris of Cassville, Missouri and Julie Loveland and her husband, Danny of Cassville, Missouri; two brothers, Bernard Robbins and his wife, Cathy of Blue Springs, Missouri and J.D. Robbins and his wife, Faye of Washburn, Missouri; one sister, Linda Tichenor of Exeter, Missouri and four grandchildren, Zachary and Brooke Harris and Daniel and Mason Loveland. Preceding him in death were his parents and two sisters, Carolyn Robbins and Debra Jo Lewis. Ken, as most people knew him, received his

education at Exeter, where he graduated from high school in 1965. During the Vietnam War he was drafted into the United States Army, serving from July 27, 1967 until July 25, 1969 and received a purple heart and bronze star. For twenty-five years he was employed for the telephone company, retiring from Centurytel in 2003. He was a member of Pythagoras Masonic Lodge #383, where he had been Worshipful Master and Treasurer and was a member of Abou Ben Adhem Shrine in Springfield. He was also a member of American Legion Post #118, having served as Commander and held several other offices. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Eagle Rock Chapter #1023**. His favorite pastime was fishing and he enjoyed fishing tournaments, winning the Shriner's Bass Tournament a couple of times. He was involved in car clubs and organized tractor pulls for the American Legion. Most of all Ken enjoyed spending time with his family and grandchildren. Funeral services will be held at 11:00 A.M. Friday, October 1, 2010, in Fohn Funeral Home, Cassville, Missouri. Reverend James Stewart and Reverend Lieu Smith will conduct the services. Burial with military honors will be in Oak Hill Cemetery, Cassville. The family will receive friends from 6:00 until 8:00 P.M. Thursday with Masonic Services at 5:00 P.M. in Fohn Funeral Home, Cassville. Contributions may be made to Shriners Hospitals for Crippled Children, American Cancer Society or Pythagoras Masonic Lodge #383 in memory of Ken.

**CLIFFORD H. ROGERS, JR.** - Died Thursday, October 14, 2010 in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho at the age of 73. The cause of death is unknown. He was born September 8, 1937 to the late Clifford H. Rogers Sr. and Beatrice Davis Rogers. A former resident of Longview, Texas, Cliff graduated from Longview High School in 1955 and subsequently from Kentucky Wesleyan College with a degree in accounting. He served six years in the United States Army and was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Sandpoint Chapter #890** and a past State President of the Idaho VVA State Council. He is survived by his wife Ellen Rogers of Coeur d'Alene; daughter Shannon Lindsey of Slaughters, Kentucky; brother, Lloyd Rogers of Coeur d'Alene; three grandchildren; and numerous nieces and nephews. Cliff was predeceased by his parents; his son, Christopher Rogers; and his brother, James Warren Rogers. Services were held October 16, 2010, in Coeur d'Alene, Idaho Services provided by English Funeral Chapel, Coeur d'Alene, Idaho.

**LARRY PAUL ROUCH** - Died Saturday, August 28, 2010 at home in Cadiz, Kentucky at the age of 61. He was formerly of Valparaiso, Indiana. The cause of death was heart failure. He was born December 14, 1948 in Valparaiso to William and Rosemary (Ketchmark) Rouch. Larry graduated from Valparaiso High School and served in the United States Air Force in Vietnam. He had been the owner of Rouch's TV and Appliance in Valparaiso until moving to Lake Barkley in 2007. He was a member and twice Past Commander of the Kouts American Legion Post 301, a Life Member of the VFW Post 988 in Valparaiso, active in the American Legion Post 94 in Valparaiso, member of the American Legion 40/8 Club and a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Portage Chapter #905**. He was also a member of the Porter Masonic Lodge #137, F&AM; Orak Shrine of Michigan City and the Scottish Rite, Valley of South Bend. Larry enjoyed fishing and Model "A" cars. On September 17, 1983 in Valparaiso he married Julie Sanders, who survives, along with three children: Jennifer (Joe) Metro of Charlotte, NC, June Jones of Augusta, GA and Lucas (Beth) Rouch of Valparaiso; his parents: Bill and Rosemary Rouch of Cadiz, KY; one

brother, Bill (Penni) Rouch of Valparaiso; and seven grandchildren: Alexis, Levi, and Jacob Metro, Megan and Grace Jones, Madisyn Rouch and Bryce Compton. A funeral service will be held Wednesday at 10:30 AM at Moeller Funeral Home, Valparaiso, conducted by members of the VFW and American Legion. Burial will follow at Angelcrest Cemetery. Visitation will be Tuesday, 4:00-8:00 PM with a Masonic Memorial Service at 7:30 PM. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the Shriner's Children's Hospital in Chicago, Kouts American Legion Post 301, or VFW Post 988.



**EDWARD EARL ROYSE** - Died Saturday evening, January 30, 2010 at age 66, in the Heroes Section of the Veterans Hospital in Prescott, Arizona, with his beloved wife Sharon at his side. Ed was born during World War II in 1943 at Tempe, Arizona, where his father Edward N. Royse, worked at a defense plant. His mother was Helen Louise Wilson Royse from the Frederick, Oklahoma area, where her family were wheat farmers. Ed's formative years were spent in Elk City, Oklahoma, which had been settled by his paternal great grandparents, John Henry and Sarah Elizabeth Royse, his grandparents Lloyd and Barbara Royse, and several other great uncles and aunts, before it became a city. The family returned to Tempe, Arizona in 1956. Ed graduated from Tempe Union High School in 1961, where he made many lifelong friends, including Alfred E. Newman of "What, Me Worry?" fame. He was a graduate of the University of Arizona, where he was a member of Sigma Alpha Epsilon fraternity. He was United States Army Artillery retired. Army tours took him to Korea in the winter, twice to Vietnam, the Pentagon, Fort Bliss Texas in the hot summer, and Fort Sill Oklahoma in the cold of winter and the heat of summer. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Prescott Chapter #95**. He served the Arizona National Guard in Phoenix for about eight years. He was a huge fan of the Indianapolis 500 and loved to take family and friends with him. To go with Ed was an unforgettable experience. Ed studied history and earned his master's degree as a museum curator at Texas Tech University. His business card described him as an "inveterate collector of eclectic and seemingly priceless objects," so this degree surprised no one. Ed could intelligently discuss almost any subject. Those close to him knew he could also cuss at particular topics such as politics, human nature and individual foibles. He had a dry wit and often asserted about himself that comedian Rodney Dangerfield "gets no respect" less than I do. Ed is preceded in death by his stepson, Scott, his parents, and his brothers, Larry and Tim of Tempe, Arizona. He is survived by his wife Sharon of the home and stepson Alex of Texas. He is also survived by his brothers Robb, Doug and Brad, his sister Sue Royse Melaney of San Diego, California, their spouses and numerous nephews, nieces, cousins, beloved neighbors, and friends young and old. Ed loved us all. Ed donated his body to the University of Arizona Medical Center for cancer research. Ultimately his ashes will be interred at Arlington National Cemetery. An informal memorial will be held at a family gathering at a later date.

**ARDELL RUETHER** – Died recently in 2010 in Moberly, Missouri at the age of 58. The cause of death is unknown. He was born March 9, 1952. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Moberly Chapter #70**.

**DANIEL R. SAALI** - Died on Wednesday, September 1, 2010 in Saint Peters, Missouri at the age of 66. The cause of death was cancer. He was born October 31, 1943 in Saint Louis, Missouri. He was the loving husband of Susan Saali (née Paglus); beloved son of the late Julius and Violet Saali; devoted father of Lisa (Paul) Mosley, Mark (Rikki) Saali, Brian (Marnie) Saali; cherished grandfather of Stephanie, Kyle, Heather, Jordan, Dakota, Jimmie, Abbey, Drake, Harley Sue, Benjamin and Brenna; treasured great-grandfather of Natalia and Alex; dear brother of Helen Kammer, James Saali, Phillip Saali; survived by many nieces, nephews, relatives and friends. He is preceded in death by his grandson, Jacob Mosley and brothers, David Saali and Joseph Saali. He was employed as a Crew Chief at TWA for 35 years. He was a Veteran of the United States Navy, serving in Vietnam. He was a member of the VFW, a *Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America –Saint Peters Chapter #458* and Calvary Church. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to Friends of Kids With Cancer.

**RALPH A. SAMBUCHI (CPT-Ret.)** - Died suddenly, Tuesday, May 18, 2010 at his home in Gardner, Massachusetts at the age of 68. The cause of death was a heart attack. He was born in Lackawanna, New York on January 5, 1942, son of the late Enrico and Stephny (Szychowski) Sambuchi. He was formerly a 30 year resident of Maynard. 'Capt. Sam', served in the United States Army for over eleven years and retired honorably as Captain after incurring near fatal injuries. His bravery during the Vietnam War earned him the Silver Order of Mercury, Silver Star, Bronze Star, Air Medal, Vietnam Cross of Gallantry, Distinguished Service Cross and Purple Heart for which he was wounded eight times. Upon retiring from the army, he earned his bachelor degree from Curry College and his Masters in Sociology from Boston College. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Gardner Chapter #904**. He continued to serve his community as a member of the School Committee, American Legion, VFW, The Military Association of the Purple Heart, The Retired Officers Association, as a Veteran's Advocate, a Peer Counselor, Sports Coach, College Lecturer, and a member of several committees. Ralph was an avid coin collector, and had an active zeal for fishing, hunting, sports and raising pets. He was predeceased by his wife Diana (Horstkotte) Sambuchi who died in 2002. He leaves his loving friend Joan Quinn of Lunenburg, three daughters: Antoinette Meakin and her husband Neal, TerryAnn Fitzgerald and her husband Bob all of Hudson, and Stephny Halstead and her husband Aaron of Leominster; two sons: John Sambuchi and his wife Sandra of Clinton and Daniel Sambuchi and his wife Marcia of Northborough; nine grandchildren and three brothers: Arthur Sambuchi of Lackawanna, NY, Edward Sambuchi of Carefree, AZ and David Sambuchi of Jacksonville, FL. A funeral mass will be celebrated Wednesday, May 26 at 9:00 AM in St. Bridget's Church, corner of Sudbury and Percival Streets, Maynard. Burial will be in Glenwood Cemetery, Maynard. Visiting hours will be from 5 – 8 PM Monday, May 24 in Fowler-Kennedy Funeral Home, 42 Concord Street, Maynard.

**LUIS SAUD** – Died Monday, June 28, 2010 in Miami, Florida at the age of 77. The cause of death was Diabetes Mellitus and Heart Failure. He was born in Havana, Cuba on August 25, 1932. He served in the United States Army from 1963 to 1968. He was a *Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Miami Chapter #620*.

**THOMAS E. "Tom" SHEIL** - Died Monday, September 27, 2010 at Mercy Hospice in Johnston, Iowa at the age of 63. He was a resident of Urbandale, Iowa. The cause of death was cancer. He was born March 21, 1947. The body has been cremated and graveside memorial services will be held 11 a.m. Thursday, September 30, at the Iowa Veterans Cemetery near Van Meter, Iowa. Tom was an addiction counselor at the VA Medical Center in Des Moines for over 30 years, retiring in 2009. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Des Moines Chapter #490**. Tom is survived by his daughter Jamie (Troy) Webber of Johnston, his grandchildren, Jessica, Jordan, and Tyler Webber, his sister, Linda Jeambey of Urbandale, and his nephew, Jason Jeambey of Urbandale. The family will receive friends from 5 to 7 p.m. Wednesday at Iles Funeral Homes-Westover Chapel. Memorial contributions may be made to Mercy Hospice in Johnston.

**DENNIS "Suitcase" SIMPSON** - Died unexpectedly on Thursday, December 3, 2009 in Cutlerville, Michigan at the age of 72. The cause of death is unknown. Dennis lived life to the fullest and pushed it to the edge. He retired from the United States Navy after 20 years of service, including time served in the Vietnam War. He was a four-tour Vietnam "Brown Water" sailor with TF 115. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Holland Chapter #73**. Dennis was a very loving and giving husband, father and grandfather. He had no enemies and was a friend to many. His sister, Sherry Miller, preceded him in death. Surviving are his wife of 10 years, Anne; children, Bet Simpson, Shawn (Alison) Eddy, Trang (Eric) Martin; grandchildren, Jessica, Krystalle, Luke, Lily, and Xavier; a brother, Brian (Sheryl) Simpson; brother-in-law, Daryl Miller; many nieces and nephews. The Funeral Service will be held 11 a.m. Monday, December 7, at Stroo Funeral Home. The family will greet visitors on Sunday from 1 to 4 p.m. at: Stroo Funeral Home 1095 68<sup>th</sup> Street, SE. A memorial service was held for him at the annual Howard County Vietnam Veterans Reunion in Kokomo, Indiana in September 2010 and his ashes were interred there.

**LCDR LANCE D. SIRMANS, SR.** - Died Sunday, August 22, 2010 in Ooltewah, Tennessee, at the age of 66, after battling brain cancer. He was born in Nashville, Georgia on May 18, 1944. He served honorably for 20 years in the United States Navy, retiring at the rank of Lieutenant Commander. He was the recipient of the Air Medal for aerial combat (2 awards) the Navy Commendation Medal (2 awards) the Navy Achievement Medal (5 awards) the Presidential Unit Citation, Navy Unit Commendation, Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal, Nation Defense Service Medal, Sea Service (4 awards) Vietnam Service Medal (5 awards) and the Vietnam Campaign Medal. After his military retirement Lance became an ordained minister, as well as a Licensed Practical Nurse. He was employed as a nurse by Stratford House Geriatric Care Center, Life Care Centers of America, Valley Hospital, HCA Health Systems and PPS Infusion Pharmacy. Lance was past president and chaplain of the Chattanooga Chapter of the Christian Motorcyclists Association and a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Chattanooga Chapter #203**. He was preceded in death by his father, Lance J. "Cowboy" Sirmans; mother, Mildred Sirmans; and two brothers, Bob Folds and Wayne Sirmans. He is survived by his loving wife Sonja, Ooltewah; son, Lance David Sirmans Jr., Ellijay, Ga.; daughter, Lisa Sirmans, Cleveland, Tenn.; brother, James Sirmans, Nashville, Ga.; sisters, Joan Sirmans, Nashville, Ga., Lettie Revels, Chatsworth, Ga., June Taylor, Perry, Ga., and Faye Patterson, Hahira, Ga.; five grandsons and

two granddaughters. Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Thursday, Aug. 26, in the funeral home chapel with Rev. Wayne Lowery and Rev. Harold Swaggerty officiating. Interment will follow in Chattanooga National Cemetery with military honors being provided by the Vietnam Vets, Chapter 203. Visit [www.heritagefh.com](http://www.heritagefh.com) to share words of comfort to the family and view the memorial tribute. The family will receive friends from 4-8 p.m. today, Aug. 25, at Heritage Funeral Home, 7454 East Brainerd Road, Chattanooga, TN 37421.



**MICHAEL JOSEPH SOMERVILLE** - Died Thursday, June 7, 2007 in Chicago, Illinois at the age of 55. The cause of death is unknown. He was born October 27, 1949 in Chicago. He is survived by his devoted wife of 38 years, Mary A. Valdez (Kitty) Somerville; son, Sean Michael Somerville; daughter, Kristen Marie Somerville Naal (and Rene Naal her spouse and Suede and Cody); and grandson, Michael Sean Somerville; parents, Patrick Dean Somerville and Darlene Anne Somerville; brothers, Ricky Dean Somerville (Kathy M. Somerville and Justin Somerville), Brian Dean Somerville, Patrick Dean Somerville (Joshua Dean); sisters, Dixie Lee Somerville (Johnny Ray, Jason and Carmen and Anna), Lynda M. Somerville Evers (Bruce and Todd, Nicole, Regan, Lexis, Kaleb, Samantha and Tyson), Kathlene J. (Kate) Somerville (Sarah A. Romero) and Mary Loretta Somerville (Banyon). Michael served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War and was employed with the United States Postal Service in Park Ridge, IL for 36 years. He was a *Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Chicago Chapter #209*. Michael was, and always shall be remembered as a hero and a mentor to many who will miss him including his numerous nieces, nephews, friends, neighbors, co-workers and entire family. His legacy is one of honesty and the utmost in integrity among all who knew him. We ask that you keep him in your prayers and pray for the family to heal after this unimaginable loss. Services were conducted at Stermer Funeral Home, 3653-59 W. Fullerton Ave., Chicago, IL 60647 on Sunday, June 10, 2007, between 2:00 p.m. and 8:00 p.m.

**SAMUEL LEON “Sam” SOURS** – Died Thursday, July 8, 2010 in Linton, Indiana at the age of 62. The cause of death was cancer. He was born in Norfolk, Virginia on August 29, 1947. He served in the United States Army from July 20, 1967 to April 22, 1980 attaining the rank of Staff Sergeant (E-6). He served two tours of duty in Vietnam from 1968 to 1970 as a Helicopter Crew Chief. He was a *Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Quad Cities (Illinois) Chapter #299*.

**RICK STEWART** – Died Tuesday, October 6, 2009 in Tenmile, Oregon at the age of 62. The cause of death was bladder cancer. He was born June 20, 1947. He is survived by his wife, Diana, of the home. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a member of ***Vietnam Veterans of America – Winston Chapter #805***.

**FRANCIS JOHN JOSEPH “Skip” STINNER** - Died on Sunday, May 16, 2010, in Manor Care in Mountainside surrounded by his loving family at the age of 64. He was a resident of Clark, New Jersey. Mr. Stinner was born on April 1, 1946, in Plainfield, New Jersey. After attending Dunellen High School, he joined the Army and served two tours of duty in Vietnam with the

11th ACR "Black Stallion" Unit. He received the Bronze Star and the Purple Heart for his outstanding service. He was a true patriot and continued to serve his country by enlisting with the National Guard 5/117th CAV and later transferring to the Army Reserve 1/309th 78th Division. He was activated for Iraqi Freedom. He retired from service in 2006 at age 60. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Westfield Chapter #688**. Mr. Stinner was an avid traveler and after his tour of active duty was complete, he traveled extensively for the next few years throughout Europe. Upon his return to the U.S., he was employed by the ShopRite Corporation and remained in their employ for the next 30 years. He initially worked in the Passaic ShopRite store and then transferred to their Clark location. He became the meat manager and shop steward and served on the executive board of Local 464A through 2009. Mr. Stinner married Vicki Lombardi in 1982. He was a devoted husband until her death in 1990. He then met Donna Miller in 1994, and they married in 2003. He loved her and loved and assisted in the caring of her four children. He was an avid Green Bay Packers fan and enjoyed traveling, fishing, hunting, attending theater, fine dining and reading. Surviving him are his beloved wife, Donna; son, Michael Stinner and his wife, Sherri, of Dunellen; stepdaughters, Rachele McCann and her husband, Bill, of Clark, and Alysha Miller of Clark; stepsons, Michael Opperman and his wife, Kristin, of Clark and Mark Miller and his wife, Kira, of Clark; sisters, Rosemary Deene and Louanne Stebor of Dunellen; brothers, Gerard of Bridgewater and Dennis of Stockton; beloved grandchildren, Naomi, Mikey, Billy, CJ, and Aviana. In addition, Skip leaves behind many nieces and nephews and dear friends. In lieu of flowers, please make a donation in his memory to the Disabled American Veterans, P.O. Box 14301, Cincinnati, Ohio 45250. Relatives and friends are kindly invited to attend the funeral from the Walter J. Johnson Funeral Home, 803 Raritan Rd., Clark, on Thursday, May 20, at 9 a.m., thence to Osceola Presbyterian Church, Clark, where a funeral service will be offered at 10 a.m. Interment will follow in Greenwood Cemetery, Brielle.

**LAUREN A. "Stucky" STUCKENSCHMIDT** - Died Friday, June 4, 2010 in Lincoln, Nebraska at the age of 61. The cause of death is unknown. He was born June 15, 1948 in West Point, Nebraska. Stucky was a member of Trinity Lutheran Church, VFW Post 131, American Legion, Post 3, Military Order Purple Heart, **Vietnam Veteran of America – Lincoln Chapter #727** and retired from LES in 2006. He was a Vietnam Veteran, serving from 1968-1969 with Alpha Company 1st Battalion 5th Marine Corps. He was awarded the Bronze Star, two Purple Hearts and the Presidential Unit Citation. Stucky a beloved husband, father and grandfather is survived by wife Chris Stuckenschmidt; son & daughter-in-law, Matthew and Julie Stuckenschmidt, Lincoln; daughter & son-in-law, Stacy and Jason Leimbach, Lincoln; daughter & son-in-law, Alicia and Jerrid Oates, Denver, Colo.; granddaughters, Hope, Kate, Keri Leimbach; sisters, Janice Woerner & Judy Kramer, West Point, Neb. He was preceded in death by parents, Alvin & Hildegard Stuckenschmidt. A Memorial Service will be held at Trinity Lutheran Church at 12th and "H" St. in Lincoln, Wednesday, June 9, 2010, at 1 p.m. The family will remember Stucky with military honors at Roper and Sons funeral home in Lincoln, on Tuesday June 8 at 5:45 p.m. Following, the family will greet friends from 6-8 p.m. In lieu of flowers, memorials can be sent to Trinity Lutheran Foundation or Trinity Lutheran School. Arrangements were by Roper and Sons Funeral Services. Condolences or personal reflections may be sent online at [www.roperandsons.com](http://www.roperandsons.com).



**KENNETH G. SULLIVAN** – Died Thursday, July 29, 2010 in Chicago, Illinois at the age of 63. The cause of death is unknown. He was born June 9, 1947. He proudly served his country in the United States Army in Vietnam, member of the 82nd Airborne Division and Illinois Army National Guard, retired Chicago Police Department with 34 years of service and member of the VFW Post 3579 and the Ancient Order of the Hibernians. He was the loving husband of Karen (CPD), née Hansen; dear father of Kenneth and Joseph (Siobhan); grandfather of Christian, Anthony and Daniel. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Chicago Chapter #242**. Visitation Sunday, 4 to 9 p.m. at Nelson Funeral Home, 820 Talcott Rd. (at Cumberland), Park Ridge. Family and friends will gather Monday at St. John Cantius Church, 825 N. Carpenter St., Chicago, for a 10:30 a.m. Funeral Mass. Interment All Saints Cemetery, Des Plaines.

**MELVIN SUMMERS** – Died recently in 2010 in Roswell, New Mexico at the age of 65. The cause of death is unknown. He was born December 6, 1944. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Roswell Chapter #968**.

**JOHN J. SWALLIGAN** - Died Monday, August 23, 2010, at Memorial Medical Center in Johnstown, Pennsylvania at the age of 63. He was a resident of Johnstown. The cause of death is unknown. He was born June 7, 1947, in Twin Rocks, Pennsylvania son of the late John and Mary (Baliga) Swalligan. He was preceded in death by sisters, Mary Ann Swalligan and Caroline Swalligan. He is survived by his wife, Kathi Ann (Maier) Swalligan; children, John, married to Karen (Llewellan), Clearfield; Liana, married to Frank Stumpo, Pittsburgh; Kathi, married to Edward McKee, Rockton; Jessica Jeffreys; Morgan, married to Chas Cypher; Joshua; Mary; Joseph; Anna; and Anthony, all of Johnstown; and grandchildren, John and Martina; Olivia and Frank; Josie and Bridget; Jacob, Ina and Nicholas; and Lillian, Hunter and Emma. He was a member St. Andrew Catholic Church. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Johnston Chapter #364**; American Legion, AMVETS, Knights of Columbus and Ferndale Fire Company. He was a retired U.S. Postal employee. He was a graduate of Bishop Carroll High School, Class of 1965. United States Army veteran of the Vietnam War, and most of all was a loving husband, father and grandfather. Friends will be received from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. Wednesday at John Henderson Co. Funeral Home, 215 Central Ave., where vigil for the deceased will be held on Wednesday afternoon. The Funeral Mass was at 10 a.m. Thursday at St. Andrew Catholic Church, the Rev. Angelo Patti, officiating. Interment was in Grandview Cemetery. The family suggests memorial contributions to St. Andrew School.

**WILLIAM TAMI** – Died Friday, June 25, 2010 in Saint Marys, Pennsylvania at the age of 60. The cause of death was cancer. He was born April 11, 1950 in Ridgway, Pennsylvania. He served in the United States Marine Corps with a tour in Vietnam from Jul7 1970 to July 1971 with C Company, 9<sup>th</sup> MT BN, 3<sup>rd</sup> Marine Division. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Saint Marys Chapter #720**.

**MARK JOHN VANDENBUSH** – Died Monday, March 22, 2010, after a long battle with cancer at the Oscar G. Johnson VA Medical Center, Iron Mountain at the age of 58. He was a resident of Beecher, Wisconsin. The cause of death was pancreatic cancer. He was born May 2, 1951, in



Green Bay, Wisconsin, son of the late Ralph and Doris (Rentmeester) VandenBush. Mark served in the United States Marine Corps from 1969 until 1971. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Green Bay Chapter #224**. He married the former Sue A. Schoen on May 1, 1987, in Green Bay. They resided in Green Bay until 2008, when they moved to Beecher. Mark owned and operated Duck Creek Windows and Doors in Green Bay for 15 years, until his retirement in 2008. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, gardening, painting, welding, and especially spending time with his wife, kids, and grandchildren. He is survived by his wife, Sue VandenBush, Beecher; his children, Tony (Jane) VandenBush, Iowa City, Iowa, Lisa (Greg) Propich, Paw Paw, Mich., Jake (Kelly) VandenBush, Eau Claire, Wis., Mike Nys, Jr. (Gyla Morgan), Green Bay, Dawn (Phil) Baker, Green Bay; 11 grandchildren; four brothers, Darrell (Laurie) VandenBush, Green Bay, Doug (Barb) VandenBush, New Franken, Wis., Ron (Jackie) VandenBush, Green Bay, David (Lynn) VandenBush, Wrightstown, Wis.; four sisters, Linda (Dave) Carlson, Phillips, Wis., Theresa (Red) Hegnet, Green Bay, Mary (Terry) Zellner, Luxemburg, Wis., Jodi (Rob) Stowe, Green Bay; four brothers-in-law, Bill (Ginny) Schoen, Appleton, Wis., Richard (JoAnn) Schoen, Mike (Darlene) Schoen, both of Green Bay, Randy (Dorothy) Schoen, Niagara, Wis.; seven sisters-in-law, Berdeen (John) Snyder, Las Vegas, Nev., Karen Lyng, Winter Springs, Fla., Mary (Horace) Morris, Terri (Marvin) Schmude, Patti (Scott) Lepp, all of Green Bay, Tina (Scott) Belongia, Beecher, Joan VandenBush, Luxemburg; many nieces and nephews. Mark was preceded in death by one brother, Kelly VandenBush. Mark's family would like to extend a special thank you to the Oscar G. Johnson VA Medical Center Oncology department for their care and support. You may light a candle in remembrance of Mark or leave a condolence for his family online at [www.JacobsFuneralHomes.com](http://www.JacobsFuneralHomes.com). The Jacobs Funeral Home, Niagara Chapel, is serving the family. Visitation will be Saturday, March 27, 2010, from 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. at Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church, Pembine. The memorial service will be 11:00 a.m. Saturday, at the church. Rev. Gene Wickman will officiate. American Legion Post No. 461, of Pembine, will accord military honors at 11:30 a.m. Saturday, at the church.

**PETER T. VENECHANOS** – Died recently in 2010 in Hawley, Pennsylvania at the age of 68. The cause of death is unknown. He was born January 19, 1942. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Dingman's Ferry Chapter #623**.

**GREGORY J. "Greg" VERBER** – Died peacefully Saturday, April 19, 2008 at his home in Green Bay, Wisconsin at the age of 53. The cause of death was esophageal cancer. He was born in Green Bay on May 25, 1954 to Robert and Joyce (Charles) Verber. Gregory served his country in the United States Coast Guard during the Vietnam-era from November 1971 to November 1975. He had been employed as a welder fabricator for many years. Survivors include his parents; sister, Boni (Joe) Bruun, FL; brother, Rick (Anna) Verber, Green Bay; six nephews and other relatives and friends. Friends may call after 3 p.m. Monday, April 28, at Grace Lutheran Church, 321 S. Madison St. where a memorial service will take place at 5 p.m. with the Rev. Larry Lange officiating. The family would like to thank Unity Hospice for all their care given to Greg. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Green Bay Chapter #224**.

**RALPH ALLEN VINJE** – Died Thursday, October 1, 2009, of complications stemming from a car accident two days prior in Bismarck, North Dakota. He was 67 years of age and a resident of Hazelton, North Dakota. The cause of death was blunt head and chest injuries resulting from the other vehicle failing to yield. He was surrounded by his loving family at the time of his death. Services will be held at 2:00 p.m. Monday at McCabe United Methodist Church, Bismarck, with Rev. Art Scanson officiating. Ralph Allen was born September 13, 1942, in Bismarck, N.D., the son of Dr. Ralph and Evangeline (Kelley) Vinje. He graduated from Bismarck High School in 1960. Ralph served with the United States Army in Vietnam, where he earned a Bronze Star in 1968. He entered the service August 23, 1967 and was discharged August 14, 1969. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Bismarck Chapter #150**. He married Bernetta (Bernie) Boser on August 9, 1974, in Grand Forks, N.D. Ralph graduated from the University of North Dakota School of Law in 1977, went on to pass the bar exam and moved to Bismarck, where he opened his law practice. Ralph, the ex-air traffic controller, ex-highway department draftsman, ex-bartender, ex-truck driver, ex-gas station attendant, was once told “you’ll never make it,” by a college counselor when he announced his intention at the age of “about 30” to pursue a law degree. “I decided to drop the counselor and go ahead on my own,” Ralph said. “It worked.” Ralph was a truthful man, and his word meant everything to him. He tried to deal fairly with everyone. He made countless contributions in the field of law and was commonly referred to as a crusader for justice. Ralph’s gentle demeanor was a trademark that could be seen in and out of court. He said, “There are things I prize very highly and one of them is my word. I value my family very highly and my friends very highly.” Ralph planned to be mostly retired in December. It is so unfortunate he got an early retirement date. Although Ralph was a member of numerous professional and service organizations, he preferred to think of himself as a rancher first and an attorney second. It was a common sight out on the family ranch to see him moving hay for the horses in his tractor, beer in hand, golden retriever riding shotgun. The ranch rituals of fixing fence, checking cattle, and hauling bales were relaxing for him. He loved being outdoors, whether fishing or riding horse with Bernie, hunting at the old farm with Justin and Tyler or friends, riding motorcycle on his Wednesday rides, or simply sitting on the porch petting his prized golden retrievers. Dogs were special friends to Ralph, especially Smokey, Rufus, Jake and Rugby. Ralph loved teasing his children when they were younger, tickling them until they managed to utter the magic words, “I hate it, I hate it, I hate it,” through the laughter. That was more difficult than it may seem. Ralph was proud of his children and the fine young adults they have become. Also special to him was a new daughter-in-law added to the family. Most people would have imagined him making his exit robbing a train atop a wild bronco in true outlaw fashion. It wasn’t meant to be. He would have appreciated all the love and support that has been directed towards his memory and his family. The corneas from Ralph’s twinkling blue eyes have been donated to the Lions Eye Bank. We can’t guarantee they will see things as Ralph did, but we hope so. He is survived by his beautiful wife, Bernie; loving and handsome sons, Justin (married to Tiffany), and Tyler (single, wink); his sister, Mary (Steve) Shenk; his brothers, Tom (Laura) Vinje, Steven (Blanca) Vinje, and Kent Vinje; and many nieces and nephews and more friends than anyone could keep track of. In lieu of flowers, the family prefers that memorials are given to the N.D. POW/MIA Memorial Fund or to N.D. Teen Challenge, 1406 2nd St. N.W., Mandan, N.D. 58554.

**DENNIS WARD** - Died Tuesday, Aug. 3, 2010 in his home, in Lawton, Oklahoma at the age of 70. The cause of death is unknown. Funeral for retired Lt. Col. Dennis Ward will be at 10 a.m. Monday in Centenary United Methodist Church with the Rev. Phil Jones and Dr. Norma Quinn, officiating. Lt. Col. Ward will be buried with full military honors at 1 p.m. Monday at Fort Sill National Cemetery, Elgin, under the direction of Becker Funeral Home & Cremation Service. He was born December 22, 1939, in Ramona, Oklahoma to Willis H. Ward and Vivian V. Adcock. He was a 1958 graduate of Bartlesville College High, Bartlesville. Dennis was an All-American tackle at the University of Oklahoma, playing for Bud Wilkinson from 1958 to 1963 before being drafted by the Philadelphia Eagles and subsequently traded to the Houston Oilers in 1964. Dennis then returned to OU to complete his Master of Business Administration Degree. He received his regular commission in the Army at OU beginning a 27-year career that included assignments at Fort Bliss, Fort Benning, Fort Leavenworth, Fort Benjamin Harrison, Germany, Vietnam, and Korea. He finished as the commander of Headquarters Command at Fort Sill. Dennis was a highly decorated officer, receiving awards such as Bronze Star Medal with First Oak Leaf Cluster, Meritorious Service Medal with Second Oak Leaf Cluster, Air Medal, Army Commendation Medal with First Oak Leaf Cluster, National Defense Service Medal, Vietnam Service Medal with One Silver Service Star, Army Service Ribbon, Overseas Service Ribbon with Numeral Two, Parachutist, Airborne, and the Vietnam Campaign Medal. He was a member of the Order of Saint Barbara. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Lawton Chapter #751**. Dennis married Sandra Kay Caswell on December 27, 1963 in Bartlesville, Oklahoma. He was a member and the head of ushers at Centenary United Methodist Church. He was a member of the Varsity "O" Club, and The Touchdown Club at The University of Oklahoma. He was an avid genealogist, and passionate for his work as a career specialist for the Great Plains Technology Center at Fort Sill's Harry S. Truman Education Center. He is survived by his wife, of the home; a daughter and son-in-law, Heidi and Joel Ramos, Mililani, Hawaii; a son, Brett L. Ward, CFI, Houston; two grandchildren: Drew Roderick Ward, Houston; and Ava Sanlin Ramos, Mililani, Hawaii; and a brother, Karl W. Ward, of Ochelata. He was preceded in death by his parents; a brother, Curt M. Ward; and his father-in-law, Ernest W. Caswell. Memorial contributions may be made to Centenary United Methodist Church, 704 SW "D", Lawton 73501 or Southwest Comanche County Memorial Foundation, 3401 NW Gore, Lawton 73505. Visitation for family and friends will be from 6 to 8 p.m. Sunday at the funeral home. An online guest book and sympathy cards are available at [www.beckerfuneral.com](http://www.beckerfuneral.com).

**FRANK D. WHALEY** - Died Wednesday morning, September 22, 2010 in Lower Cape Fear Hospice Care Center in Whiteville, North Carolina at the age of 62. He was a resident of Nakina, North Carolina. The cause of death was cancer. He was born April 9, 1948 in Robeson County, North Carolina, the son of Pearl Elizabeth Ward Whaley and the late Norman Austin Whaley. He was a Vietnam Veteran of the United States Army and member of the Whiteville Masonic Lodge. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Whiteville Chapter #962**. He is survived by his wife, Barbara G. Whaley of Nakina, N.C.; two daughters: Rhonda Duncan & husband Eric of Charlotte, N.C.; Andrea Skipper & husband Bryan of Whiteville, N.C.; one son: Bradley Whaley of Chicago; Mother: Pearl Whaley of Nakina, N.C.; one brother: Gene Whaley of Georgia; three sisters: Norma Suggs of North Myrtle Beach, S.C.; Lucille Long of Nakina, N.C.;

Teresa Register of Whiteville; five grandchildren: Amber Duncan, Jason Duncan, Douglas Skipper, Briley Skipper and Camryn Skipper. Funeral services will be Friday (Sept. 24, 2010) at 3 PM in the Church of Jesus Christ Latter Day Saints in Tabor City, with burial in the Reeves/Whaley Cemetery at Nakina. Visitation will be Thursday night from 7 until 9 PM at Inman Funeral Home. Memorials may be made to The Lower Cape Fear Hospice Care Center, 206 Warrior Trail, Whiteville, NC 28472. This was a Service of Inman Funeral Home of Tabor City.



**RONALD "Tiny" ALLAN WHITE** - Died Sunday, August 15, 2010 in Milton, Vermont, after a long battle with many illnesses and other health issues. He was 60 years of age. Tiny was born on August 28, 1949, the son of Allan J. and Carol I. (Martin) White. He lived in Milton most of his life, and he studied the Civil War time period of 1861-1865. During the Vietnam conflict, Ron served in the United States Army from November 4, 1968 to November 3, 1971, stationed at Ft. Hood in Texas. Ron also belonged to many patriotic / Veterans groups, which included **Vietnam Veterans of America – Saint Albans Chapter #753** and he was founder of Chapters 829 and 881 of Montpelier. He was a member of Chapter 753 of St. Albans, The Vietnam Veterans Assoc. in Plattsburgh, N.Y., RVA Post 514 in Winooski, American Legion Post #100, and of the Milton Historical Society. He was an avid van rally member, attending over 300 meets. He loved meeting and making friends nationwide. He was well known for his sense of humor and the practical jokes he played on others. Tiny is survived by his half sister, Sylvia, and her children; and several other relatives. Funeral and burial arrangements are incomplete at this time and will run in a later edition of the Burlington Free Press.

**JAMES HENRY WINKLE** - Died Thursday, May 27, 2010, at the Rogue Valley Medical Center in Grants Pass, Oregon at the age of 70. He was a resident of Grants Pass. The cause of death is unknown. He was born July 10, 1939. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Grants Pass Chapter #867**. Arrangements were conducted by the Chapel of the Valley - L.B. Hall Funeral Home, 541-479-7581.

**ROBERT HOWARD WINGER** - Died Saturday, November 7, 2009 in New Cumberland, Pennsylvania at the age of 79. The cause of death is unknown. He was born October 17, 1930 to the late Ralph and Stella Winger. Robert attended Penn State University and served in the United States Army during his 20 years military service earned the following awards: The Bronze Star, a Meritorious Service, Vietnam Campaign and Vietnam Service medals, Two Overseas Bars, and the National Defense Service medal. He retired at the rank of Major (O-4). He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Harrisburg Chapter #542**. His wife, Priscilla Fox Winger, survives him, as well as Rose Chunik, Susan Yasalonis, Karen Hill, Robert H. Winger, Jr., Michael Winger, Eric Winger, Konrad Winger, nine grandchildren and five great grandchildren. A self-made man of many talents, Robert tried to slip the surly bounds of earth during his military flight training. Back on earth, he spent many hours in his workshop repairing almost anything which needed his touch with tools. He helped his father build their family home in Mechanicsburg, Pennsylvania. As a private general contractor he built several homes

and helped his children build their own homes in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, and Williamsburg, Virginia. He was also employed by The Lemoyne Sleeper Company where he used his talents to make significant manufacturing improvements for over 15 years. People who knew Robert well understood that he had the mind of an engineer and the hands of a mechanic. In his spare time, he relaxed by watching faces of every kind and knew the participants and their histories. Funeral services will be held November 10th, 10 AM at St. Theresa's Catholic Church, 1300 Bridge Street, New Cumberland. Burial will be held at Mt. Lebanon Cemetery, 235 Maple Street, Lebanon, PA. A quote from St. Augustine concludes this obituary: "Our loved ones only go from us to God, and God is very near."

**JESSIE A. YORK** – Died recently in 2010 in Vanceboro, North Carolina at the age of 63. The cause of death is unknown. He was born December 26, 1946 in Kennett, Missouri. He served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – New Bern Chapter #886*.

**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.