

# VIETNAM VETERANS OF AMERICA

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**JOSEPH ARTHUR ALLEN** - Died Friday, September 30, 2011 in Harrison, Tennessee at the age of 61. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Chattanooga, Tennessee of Irene Staley, of Chattanooga and the late J. B. Allen. A lifelong resident of the Chattanooga area, he was a member of the Bayside Baptist Church and retired in January 2010 as an Engineer with Southern Railroad with 36 years of service. He was a graduate of Tyner High School, Class of 68, and was a veteran of the United States Army, serving in the Vietnam War. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Chattanooga Chapter #203**. In addition to his father, he was preceded in death by his brother, Donnie Allen. In addition to his mother, he is survived by his wife, Janet L. Allen; two daughters, Sheri and husband Thomas Patrick, Charlotte, North Carolina and Anna and husband Donald Linam, Ooltewah, Tennessee; son, Dustin

Whitley, Chattanooga; five grandchildren, Ingrid Patrick, Mac Patrick, Josie Linam, Jake Linam and Jenna Linam; two sisters, Brenda Burns, Ooltewah and Judy McDaniel, Chattanooga. Graveside funeral services were held at 10:30 AM Tuesday in the Chattanooga National Cemetery with the Rev. Bob Stitts, officiating. The family received friends from 2-4 PM Sunday at the Valley View Chapel of Chattanooga Funeral Home, Crematory & Florist, 7414 Old Lee Highway.



**ANTHONY AVERELLA** - Died Saturday, July 16, 2011 of ALS at Baltimore Washington Medical Center in Glen Burnie, Maryland at the age of 56. He was a resident of Glen Burnie. He was born on August 15, 1954 in Baltimore, Maryland raised in Randallstown, Maryland and previously lived in Arnold, Maryland prior to moving to Glen Burnie. He graduated from Milford High School in 1973 and Shepherd University. He served in the United States Navy from 1975-1997, the

Maryland National Guard from 1997-2005, and Operation Enduring Freedom. He was a *Life Member* of **Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America – Baltimore Chapter #451**. Mr. Averella worked for Bollinger Roofing; BWI Fueler; was District Manager with Baltimore Sun; Driver for the Capital Newspaper; and a Truck Driver for local produce company. He was a member of the Paralyzed Veterans, the ALS Association, and the SPCA. He enjoyed working out, watching movies, traveling, Redskins football, Orioles baseball, golf (Tiger Woods), basketball, NASCAR, and spending time with his family. Survivors include his wife of 35 years, Florence Averella (née Aust) of Glen Burnie; one daughter, Vicki Averella Mundell of Arnold; two stepdaughters, Kathy Barbato of Arnold and Debbie Schafer of Hatboro, PA; two stepsons, Ray Lauer of Warminster, PA and David Lauer of PA; one brother, John Averella of NC; one sister,

Annalyn Long of Texas; seven grandchildren, Andy, Kelly, Leslie, Bobby, Josh, David, and Ericka; and four great grandchildren, Jordan, Aniya, Shayne, and Christian. Family and friends may visit on Thursday, July 21, 2011 from 2 to 4 PM and 6 to 8 PM at Barranco & Sons, P.A. Severna Park Funeral Home, 495 Ritchie Hwy in Severna Park. A Funeral Service will be held on Friday, July 22, 2011 at the funeral home. Interment will be in Lakemont Memorial Gardens in Davidsonville, MD. Memorial Contributions may be made to: ALS Association DC/MD/VA Chapter, 7507 Standish Place, Rockville, MD 20855. (Tony's Angels) Online condolences may be made at [www.barrancofuneralhome.com](http://www.barrancofuneralhome.com).

**JOHN WRIGHT “Jack” BAILEY** - Died Tuesday, July 19, 2011 in London, Ohio at the age of 69. The cause of death was cancer. He was born in London on May 14, 1942. He served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – London Chapter #746**. Memorial services were conducted at 1:00 PM, Saturday, July 23<sup>rd</sup> at the Eberle-Fisher Funeral Home, London.

**CHARLES RAY BEBEE** – Died Tuesday, December 7, 2010 in the VA Eastern Kansas Healthcare System in Topeka, Kansas at the age of 65. The cause of death is unknown. He was born September 14, 1945. He served in the United States Navy from February 13, 1958 to June 9, 1970. He was a *Permanently Hospitalized Veteran* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Topeka Chapter #604**.



**CURLEY BISHOP (SFC-USA, Ret.)** - Died Thursday, September 22, 2011 in Lawton, Oklahoma at the age of 77. The cause of death is unknown. He was born October 7, 1933 in Taylor, Texas to the late John and Marie Bishop. He attended school at V.L. Price High School and Bishop College. He married Betty Jean Robinson on December 30, 1959 in Louisville, Kentucky. “My Husband, Curley Bishop, a honorable, loving and devoted man that stayed by my side, cared and loved me unconditionally as he promised God he would do until the Lord called him home. Rest in peace your job is done here on earth. God must need an angel and indeed my love, you are a special angel. “Bishop”, I thank you for a love so rare! Your loving wife, Betty Jean Bishop.” A Vietnam veteran, he entered the United States Army October 1954 with tours of duty in Vietnam from 1968 to 1969,

Germany and Ft. Knox, KY. During military service he received numerous awards to include the National Defense Service Medal, Good Conduct Medal, 8th Award, Bronze Star Medal, Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal, Vietnam Service Medal w/4-Service Stars, Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross, Unit Citation w/Palm, 2-Overseas Service Bars, Humanitarian Service Medal, Army Commendation Medal, Army Service Ribbon, Overseas Service Ribbon 2nd Award, Noncommissioned Officers Professional Development Ribbon-3rd Award, Expert (hand grenade), expert (Rifle M-16), Meritorious Service Medal. He retired at Fort Sill in 1982. After military retirement, he worked in Security for Local Federal, which is now IBC Bank for 21 years. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Lawton Chapter #751**. SURVIVORS

INCLUDE: His wife, Betty Jean Bishop, of the home; five (5) sons: Curtis Bishop, Jerome Bishop, Steven Bishop, all of Louisville, KY, Ricky Bishop, and Billie Helon, of Lawton, OK; six (6) daughters: Theresa Bishop, of Florida, Danita Bishop, of Louisville, KY, Janet Thomas and Floretta Stevens, of Lawton, Carolyn Phillips, of Killen, Texas, and Damita Jean Bishop, of Atlanta, GA; twenty-one (21) grandchildren; thirty plus (30) great grandchildren, and several great-great grandchildren. He is preceded in death by his parents; three (3) brothers, John, Sam, and Billy, and a sister, Gloria; two (2) grandsons, Jerome, Jr., and Jason Griffin. Funeral services for Retired SFC Curley Bishop, age 77, will be 10:00 A.M.-Friday, September 30, 2011, in Galilee Missionary Baptist Church (#7 NE Dr. Louis K. Jones Avenue), Lawton, with the pastor, Rev. Michael Logan, officiating. Family Visitation and Viewing: 2:00 PM to 6:00 PM—Thursday, September 29, 2011 at the Jefferson Funeral Home (101 West Gore Boulevard) in Lawton. Wake Services: 7:00 PM-10:00 PM—Thursday, September 29, 2011 at Galilee Missionary Baptist Church (#7 NE. Dr. Louis K. Jones Avenue), in Lawton. Burial will be Fort Sill National Cemetery, in Elgin, under the directions of Jefferson Funeral Home, Inc.—Lawton.



**JOHN DUANE BLUHM** - Died Thursday, November 25, 2010, at his home in Manning, South Carolina at the age of 57. The cause of death is unknown. He was born December 17, 1953, in Washington State, to the late Delvina May (née Lizzotte) Bluhm and Donald Benjamin Bluhm. He was self-employed in automotive repair, a United States Army veteran, and was of the Catholic faith. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Manning Chapter #960**. Surviving in addition to his father of Washington State and his wife Betty (née Stevens) Bluhm, of Manning are a daughter, Kristin Stout of Harrisonburg, Virginia; a son, John Anthony Bluhm of Texas; a stepson, Michael James Stevens of Manning; and two grandchildren. A memorial service was held at 4:00 PM Sunday, November 28, 2010, in the chapel of Stephens

Funeral Home in Manning, with the Reverend Nick Erickson officiating. Stephens Funeral Home & Crematory, 304 North Church Street, Manning, was in charge of arrangements.

**ROBERT LEE BOLDEN, SR.** – Died Wednesday, June 10, 2009 in Wilmington, Delaware at the age of 68. The cause of death was Agent Orange-related Diabetes Mellitus Type II, cardiac arrest, anoxic brain injury and chronic renal failure. He was born January 23, 1941 in Federalsburg, Maryland to the late William and Pearl (née Cannon) Bolden. After his parents' death, he was raised by his loving aunt, Annie E. Spry. He is survived by his wife, Mary, of the home; three daughters and one son-in-law, Lisa M. Bolden, of Wilmington, Angela Bolden, of Fayetteville, North Carolina and Jacqueline D and Alfred Adams, of Rochester Hills, Michigan; one stepdaughter, Valerie Dollard (Gerald), of Townsend, Delaware; one stepson, Stephen Parker, of Wilmington, Delaware; 20 grandchildren (one of whom he raised, Amirya); four great-grandchildren; five brothers-in-law; six sisters-in-law, and; many nieces, nephews and cousins.

He was predeceased by his son, Robert Lee Bolden, Jr. He served in the United States Army from 1967 to 1969 with a tour of duty in Vietnam. He was awarded the Bronze Star and the Army Commendation Medal for exceptional meritorious achievement in Vietnam. He was a *Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Wilmington Chapter #83*. Funeral services were conducted in the Mount Zion, The Mother African Union Methodist Protestant Church in Wilmington with the Most Reverend Doctor Delbert L. Jackson, presiding Bishop, officiating. Interment was in the Veterans Memorial Cemetery in Bear, Delaware.



**WILLIAM L. "Bill" BOWEN, SR.** - Died Sunday, October 2, 2011 at his home in Atchison, Kansas at the age of 77. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on November 20, 1933 in Atchison, Kansas to the late William Jessie Bowen, Sr., and Mae (née Burgeman) Bowen. He attended school in Cherokee, Kansas and moved back to Atchison in 1950 where he began working at the L.F.M. Foundry and on the Missouri River. Bill joined the United States Navy on January 18, 1951 where he served for two years and then he joined the United States Army and served until February 18, 1973. Most of his time in the Army was spent in Germany and two tours in Vietnam. Bill retired as a Staff Sergeant. He was a lifetime member of the Disabled American Veterans, V.F.W. Post 1360, Phillipsburg, Kansas, where he had served as the Junior Vice Commander, American Legion Post #6, where he had been the Past Commander and he was a board member for the Atchison Housing Authority. He was a *Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Leavenworth Chapter #75*. Bill was very active volunteering for the Leavenworth VA Hospital. He enjoyed going to the casino, camping, fishing and playing Bingo at the VA. He loved spending time with his family and telling stories. Bill married Naomi Elizabeth Meranda on July 5, 1956. She preceded him in death on February 4, 1996. He later married Rosemary Pantle and she preceded him in death on October 21, 2010. He was also preceded in death by his parents; two sons, James Bowen and Johnny Williams; daughter, Diane Wright; a brother, Tom Bowen; and sisters, Mary Bell Bertella and Maxine Montee. Survivors include his mother, Antonia Bowen-Cameron, Atchison, KS; sons, Mark Bowen, Hutchinson, KS; William Jr. (Teresa) Bowen, Brooklet, GA; Thomas (Nelda) Bowen, Phillipsburg, KS; Tony (Therese) Bowen, Killeen, TX; Kenny (Amy) Jerby, Colorado Springs, CO; George Snopak, Bonner Springs, KS; daughters, Beverly Bowen-Eller and her husband, Vernon, Gaylord, KS; Mary Bowen-Mosher, Atchison, KS; Joy (Tim) Lackey, Phillipsburg, KS; Cheryl Bohl, Phillipsburg, KS; Valerie Bowen-Thompson, Atchison, KS; brother, William 'Jazz' Bowen, Jr., Belleville, KS; 24 grandchildren, 57 great-grandchildren and several great-great grandchildren. Graveside services were held at 11:00 AM Saturday, October 8, 2011 at the Mt. Vernon Cemetery. The family received friends from 7:00-9:00 PM, Friday at the Becker-Dyer-Stanton Funeral Home. Memorials in honor of Bill are suggested to the Leavenworth Veteran's Administration Recreation Activities Fund or the Leavenworth Veteran's Administration Patient Needs Fund and may be sent in care of the funeral home. Condolences to the family may be left online at [www.beckerdyer.com](http://www.beckerdyer.com).





**JOHN NELSON "Buz" BROUSSARD** - Retired Captain, United States Marine Corps, veteran of WWII, Korean War, Cold War, and Vietnam War with 20 years active military service, died Saturday, September 25, 2010 at his residence in Lafayette, Louisiana at the age of 80. The cause of death was cancer from radiation exposure during the April 1953 Atomic Bomb testing. Memorial services will be held on Saturday, October 2, 2010 at 10:00 AM in La Chapelle de Martin & Castille on St. Landry Street, Downtown Lafayette. Visitation will be observed on Saturday from 9:00 AM until the time of

service. Born in Port Néches, Texas August 4, 1930, Buz was a graduate of Scott High School Class of 1947, and University of the State of New York (Excelsior College), Albany, and also attended the University of Maryland, Nicholls State University and LSU Law School in Baton Rouge. Buz entered the Navy at the age of 15 during WWII and served on Guam. He was a Telegrapher-Agent with Southern Pacific Railroad before joining the Marine Corps during the Korean War. He was the Warden of the Naval Prison in Sasebo, Kyushu, Japan (1956-57), retired from the United States Marine Corps in 1969, and retired as a Supervisor at the Shell Chemical Refinery in Geismar, Louisiana in 1990. He was former Deputy Chief of Campus Police for LSU Medical and Dental Schools in New Orleans, and had been a Sunday School teacher at Mount Zion Baptist Church in Prairieville and at Community Baptist Church in Lafayette. He is survived by his wife, Mary Verna Sonnier (Norton) Broussard of Lafayette; one son, Guillaume Henri Broussard, and his wife Angela C. Broussard of Saucier, Mississippi; one daughter, Cynthia Fox of San Marcos, Texas; four grandchildren, Israel, Aubrey, and Keller St. John Broussard of Saucier, Mississippi; and Lauren Nesbitt and her husband, Kenneth of San Marcos, Texas; and two great grand children, Alexander McKeever Nesbitt and Arabel Yvette Nesbitt of San Marcos, Texas. He is survived by one sister, Nola B. Guidry of Lafayette; three stepchildren, Howard Daniel Hernandez of Brevard, North Carolina, Cheri Norton Broussard of New Iberia, and Stacey L. Bigner of Baton Rouge. He was preceded in death by his parents, Guillaume and Bertha Mouton Broussard of Scott; two brothers, Antoine Eli "Leroy" Broussard, and Wilbert Joseph Broussard, and one sister, Martha Broussard Wimberly; his first wife, Mary Belle Mire Broussard; grandson, James Wheeler Jones; great-grandson, Sterling Archer Nesbitt; and one stepson, Gene Thomas Hernandez. His paternal grandparents were Joseph Clément Broussard and Marcélide Légère Broussard of Ossun; and his maternal grandparents were Alcide Mouton and Alzina Préjean Mouton of Vatican/Carencro. Buz loved genealogy and traced his ancestry to Jean-Baptiste Broussard (1732-1825) who served in the American Revolutionary War. Buz was a Life Member of the Sons of the American Revolution. He was a Life Member of the Disabled American Veterans, Military Officers Association of America, A *Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Lafayette Chapter #141*, National Association of Atomic Veterans, Marine Corps League, Veterans of Underage Military Service, American Legion, Charter Member of the Marine Corps Cryptologic Association, Third Marine Division Association, Fleet Reserve Association, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Veterans Coalition of Acadiana, Past National Commander of the Three War Veterans Association. He was a member of the Prostate Cancer Survivors Group at Lourdes Hospital, the Shell Employees Retiree Group in Baton Rouge, and the "Table Française" at Dwyers. In April 1953 Buz participated in the above-ground atomic bomb test codenamed "Upshot-Knothole: Badger" at Area 2 of the Nevada Test Site. Buz was a member of the elite 2nd Marine Corps Provisional Atomic Exercise

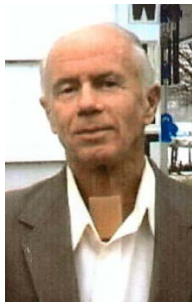
Brigade commanded by Brigadier-General Wilbur "Bigfoot" Brown. After the shock wave passed his position in an open trench 2.27 miles from ground zero, Buz's company advanced toward ground zero until their dosimeters exceeded the radiation exposure limit. His decorations include the World War II Victory Medal, Korean Service Medal with 3 battle stars, Vietnam Service Medal with 2 battle stars, National Defense Medal with 1 star, Presidential Unit Citation with one star, Korean Presidential Unit Citation, Joint Service Commendation Medal, Meritorious Unit Commendation Medal, Combat Action Ribbon, Marine Corps Good Conduct Medal with four stars, Cross of Gallantry with Palm, Republic of Vietnam, and the United Nations Medal, Sons of the American Revolution War Service Medal with three devices. He received a citation for Cold War activities while on special intelligence flight aircrew missions with Squadron VQ-2 (EA3B aircraft) aboard the CVA-59 USS Forrestal in 1965-66. Eulogists will be Gil Broussard, Charles McGowen II, Gary Funderburk and Rev. Kenneth J. Domingue. "Where, O death, is your victory? Where O death is your sting? But thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord, Jesus Christ." (1 Corinthians 15:55-56) In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Building Fund of Community Baptist Church, 800 Rue du Belier, Lafayette, LA 70506, or SNAP Network at [www.snapnetwork.org](http://www.snapnetwork.org).

**ARTHUR ROBERT "Artie" BROWN** - Died Tuesday, August 30, 2011 at the Philip Hulitar Hospice Inpatient Center, Providence, Rhode Island at the age of 62. He was a resident of Pawtucket, Rhode Island. The cause of death was glioblastoma. He was the fiancé of Robbin Mackinnon. He was born July 4, 1949 in Providence, Rhode Island, to Arthur Brown of Cumberland and the late Eileen (Walsh) Brown. He is also survived by his daughter Jessica Brown and her husband Ralph of Cumberland, his brother Donald Brown of Lincoln, his sister Pamela Morgan of Lincoln and 4 grandchildren. He was the brother of the late Scott Brown and Paula McMann. He had been employed as a truck driver for Jet Electric Motor Co. Mr. Brown was a United States Air Force veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a member of the American Legion Post #14 of Cumberland and a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – James Michael Ray Memorial (North Smithfield) Chapter #818**. He was an avid Yankees and Giants fan. He enjoyed fishing. Visiting hours will be held on Sunday from 1-3 at Lincoln Funeral Home, 1501 Lonsdale Ave., Lincoln. In lieu of flowers, donations in his memory to Disabled American Veterans Post Office Box 14301 Cincinnati, Ohio 45250-0301 Attn: Gift Processing would be appreciated.

**ANTHONY S. BRUTSCHE** – Died recently in 2011 in Norwalk, Ohio. The cause of death is unknown. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was an *At-Large Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Ohio**.

**RICHARD DAVID "Rick" BUCHANAN** – Died Sunday, July 31, 2011 in Boston, Massachusetts at the age of 80. The cause of death was cancer. He was born May 26, 1931 in Cambridge Massachusetts to the late Robert Ross Buchanan and Esther Bond DeMerritt, and lived most of his life in Massachusetts. He was a decorated Veteran of the Korean-era and a member of numerous Veteran organizations and was an officer of the New England Gay, Lesbian, Bisexual and Transgendered Veterans. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Athol Chapter #340**. In addition to his parents, he was also predeceased by his brothers, Charles and

Robert, his sister, Virginia (Melvin) Hayden and his niece Debra Buchanan, and is survived by his sister Barbara Buchanan, his sister-in-law Pauline Buchanan, his nieces and nephews Amy (Matthew) Cabana, Robert (Jean) Buchanan, and Gary (Kathy) Hayden, and all of their children. His life was one of service, he fought tirelessly for human and civil rights. He will be fondly remembered by his family, friends and comrades for whom he made a difference. There was a Memorial Service at Trinity Episcopal Church in Boston on Tuesday, September 20, 2011 at 11:00 AM.



**DEAN PAUL BUHLE** - Died after a long battle with cancer, on Wednesday, August 3, 2011, at his home in Leisure Lake, rural Bernard, Iowa at the age of 63. He was formerly of Moline, Illinois. He was born on August 18, 1947 in Moline, Illinois, to Paul and Marie (Lentz) Buhle. He was a 1965 graduate of Moline High School, and a Vietnam War veteran serving as a medic in the United States Army. He married Barbara Johnston on February 1, 1975 in Coal Valley, Illinois. Upon being honorably discharged, Dean owned and operated Dean Buhle Decorating in Moline, Illinois for 28 years, retiring due to ill health in 2004. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America - Bettendorf Chapter #776**. He enjoyed traveling through the country with his wife on their motorcycles, and fishing with his fishing companion, Captain Johnny Duccini. He also enjoyed deer hunting, especially with a bow, and watching NASCAR, cheering for his favorite driver, Kyle Busch. He especially enjoyed spending time with his grandsons. He had lived in Moline until 2003, when he moved to his present home on Leisure Lake. Dean is survived by his wife, Barbara Buhle; daughters, Paula (Adam) Pettifer of Atkinson, IL, and Melissa (Courtney) Huff of Chicago Heights, IL; 3 grandsons, Derek, Caleb and Cameron Pettifer; and a sister, Bonnie Jefferies of Blue Grass, IA. He was preceded in death by his parents. Public graveside services and burial with military honors were held at 10:00 AM, Friday, August 12, 2011, from the Rock Island National Cemetery. A gathering of family and friends celebrating Dean's life will follow the service from 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM at the Rock Island VFW, 3715 9th Street, Rock Island, Illinois. Anyone wishing to process to the cemetery prior to the service should meet at the Rock Island VFW by 9:30 AM. In lieu of other expressions of sympathy, a Dean P. Buhle memorial fund has been established. Carson & Son Funeral and Cremation Services in Maquoketa is caring for the family and online condolences may be left at [www.CarsonAndSon.com](http://www.CarsonAndSon.com).

**EDWARD J. BURRIS** – Died Tuesday, April 5, 2011 in Streamwood, Illinois at the age of 62. The cause of death is unknown. Edward Burris was born October 20, 1948, in Chicago, Illinois. He was the beloved husband of Rosie (née Palmer) and dear brother of Jean (John) Martin and Dan (Karen) Burris. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Des Plaines Chapter #311**. Visitation was 3 to 9 PM on Monday, April 11<sup>th</sup> at the Countryside Funeral Home & Crematory, 1640 Greenmeadows Boulevard (at Barrington Road), Streamwood/Schaumburg. Family and friends are to gather Tuesday, 12:45 PM, at Abraham Lincoln National Cemetery, 27034 S. Diagonal Road, Elwood, Illinois, for the 1:00 PM graveside services.

**MARK ELIS CARLSTROM** - Died Friday, August 12, 2011 at the Huron Medical Center in Bad Axe, Michigan at the age of 49. He was a resident of Harrison, Michigan. The cause of death was a heart attack. He was born the son of Walter John and Jean Louise (Ward) Carlstrom on April 5, 1962 in Royal Oak, Michigan. He married Tamara Beadle on July 16, 1983 in Harrison, Michigan. MSG Carlstrom retired from the United States Marine Corps after twenty-three years of service and was also a partner in Mid Michigan Bail Bonds and Carlstrom Enterprises. He also served as the Harrison JROTC instructor for five and a half years. Mark was also a member of the Harrison and Clare V.F.W. Posts, Harrison



American Legion Post, Leathernecks Motorcycle Club, and the Patriot Guard. He was a member of **Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America – Harrison Chapter #1047**. In his spare time, he enjoyed golfing and playing darts. His ultimate enjoyment was being able to spend time with his family and friends ~ especially his grandchildren. He is survived by his wife, Tamara, of Harrison; his three children, Linzi Kae Carlstrom and Todd Kirchen of Harrison, Marcus Jae Carlstrom, and Bradley Rae Carlstrom and wife Stacy of Harrison; his brothers, John Carlstrom of Harrison, Edward Packard and wife Janet of Gaylord, and Kelly Packard of East Jordan; his sisters, Colleen Brooks and husband Rick of Virginia and Jayne LaPointe of Arizona; five grandchildren: Jayven, Haydin, Todd, Talan, and Kelton; and his in-laws, Mike and Darla Beadle. He was preceded in death by his parents, Edward (Buzz) and Jean Packard and Walter John Carlstrom. Funeral services were held on Tuesday, August 16, 2011, at 1:00 PM from the St. Athanasius Catholic Church with Pastor Rockney Wing officiating. Visitation was held on Monday, August 15, from 2:00 – 8:00 PM at the Stocking Funeral Home in Harrison and on Tuesday from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM at the church prior to the service. Memorial contributions may be considered to the Aleda E. Lutz Veterans Hospital of Saginaw. In keeping with Mark's wishes, cremation will follow his funeral services.



**ROBERT A. CENZI** - Died Monday, July 11, 2011 in Greece, New York at the age of 70. The cause of death was cancer. He was born in Rochester, New York on May 11, 1941 to the late Louis and Mamie Cenzi. In addition to his parents, he was also predeceased by his brother, Louis Cenzi. He is survived by his aunts, Julie Viviani, Mary Lamendola, Rachel Cenzi, Jean (Sam) Valenti; uncle, Pat (Connie) Cenzi; several cousins and close friends. Bob was a United States Marine Corps Veteran, Past Commander of the American Legion Post #0474, a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Rochester Chapter #20** and a Monroe County Veteran's Court Mentor. Family received friends 4:00-

7:00 PM Sunday, July 17<sup>th</sup> at New Comer Funeral Home, 2636 Ridgeway Avenue, Rochester, New York. A Memorial Mass will be celebrated 9:30 AM Monday at Saint John the Evangelist Church, 2400 Ridge Road, West. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to the American Cancer Society or Veteran's Outreach.





**GREGORY SCOTT CHALOUX** - Died Thursday, January 7, 2010, at the VA Medical Center in White River Junction, Vermont at the age of 59. He was a resident of Barre, Vermont. The cause of death is unknown. He was born February 16, 1950, in Barre, the son of William George Chaloux and Lucille Scott Chaloux. He graduated from Spaulding High School in 1968. He attended Vermont Technical College prior to joining the military. He received an associate degree in criminal justice from Champlain College in 1973. In 1995, he went back to school to become a licensed practical nurse, graduating from Fanny Allen School of Nursing in 1997. He was a veteran of the United States Army from 1969 to 1971 and served with the 27th

Infantry, 25th Division including serving in Vietnam from January to November of 1970. He was at *At-Large Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Vermont**. He worked as an assembler for IBM and Digital Equipment. He was a draftsman in the granite industry and also operated a portable sandblast business. His interests were hunting, fishing, all types of sports, and doing any project that required the use of his John Deere tractor. He especially treasured conversations with his friends. Memberships included the Veterans of Foreign Wars and Vietnam Veterans Association. He is survived by his parents, William and Lucille Chaloux of Lincoln House in Barre; his sister Linda Saliba and her husband, Robert, of Spring Hill, Tenn.; his nieces Jody Jordan of Barre and Regan Dougall and her husband, Mark, of Franklin, Tenn. and their children, Ryleigh and William Destin Dougall. He is also survived by his longtime companion, Sandra Doyle of Barre. There are no calling hours. Services will be held at 1 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 12, 2010, at the Universalist Church in Barre. A reception will follow at the church. A graveside service with military honors will be held in May. In lieu of flowers, contributions benefiting military veterans should be made to the charity of one's choice. The family is in charge of the arrangements.



**LAWRENCE EDWARD "Ed/Eddie" CLARK** - Died Saturday, September 3, 2011 at the VA Regional Medical Center in Sioux Falls, South Dakota at the age of 65. He was a resident of Sioux Falls. The cause of death is unknown. Lawrence "Eddie" Clark, was born on September 29, 1945, in Winner, South Dakota, to the late J.C. and Corkie Clark. Eddie served in the United States Army, which took him to combat duty in Vietnam to serve his country as a combat medic. Before he became ill, Eddie was a past president of the Sioux Falls Chapter **Vietnam Veterans of America – Sioux Falls Chapter #959** and also a volunteer driver for the DAV. He was also a Boy Scout Master which he was actively involved in with all of his boys for many years as they were growing up. Throughout the years Eddie was a man of many

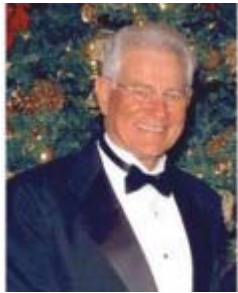
hats: husband, dad, grandpa, papa, brother, uncle, cousin, nephew and friend to many. He drove semi-truck over the road and worked hard doing construction, which led him to the position of being truck foreman for Sweetman Construction as his final job before being forced

to his retirement due to his health. He was proud of all of his life accomplishments. In his lifetime he had the chance to know and love not only one but two wonderful women. He first married Janet (née Kenobbie) Swenby in 1965, and they were blessed with Gail Marie and Dean Edward. In 1977 he married Ellie (née Anderson) Mechals and they were blessed with Nolan James. From this marriage Eddie was proud to gain two more sons Stephen Warren and Thomas David Somerville. Eddie's home was Sioux Falls, SD, where he made many friends and enjoyed every one of them. Past times for Eddie that he enjoyed were camping and fishing when he was able to go. He shared this with his "best friend", his big brother Dick, life-long friend and "brother" Red Shannon, and good friend and fishing buddy Lavern Lutz. Eddie loved every minute he could of spending time with his children, grandchildren, and friends. He especially loved the family reunions in July. Eddie had a passion for reading and always had a book with him. He loved his Westerns whether by book or on TV. Eddie is survived by his children Gail Marie, Dean Edward and Nolan James Clark, Stephen Warren and Thomas David Somerville. Daughter-in-laws Leanne and Meagen; grandchildren Josh, Christopher, Samantha, McKenzie, Walker, Brie, Alex, and Maryn; great-grandsons Brandon and Sage; brother Dick and wife Connie Hesper; sister Dellanne DeRosier; as well as host of nieces, nephews, cousins, aunts, uncles, and many friends. Funeral Services was at 1:00 PM on Saturday, September 10, 2011 at Miller West Funeral Chapel in Sioux Falls. Burial was at Black Hills National Cemetery in Sturgis, South Dakota on Monday, September 12, 2011 at 1:00 PM. The family was present to greet friends from 6:00 to 7:30 PM on Friday, September 9, 2011 at Miller West Funeral Chapel.

**EARL LAWRENCE "Larry" CLUTE** – Died Wednesday, August 24, 2011, at the Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Buffalo, New York at the age of 65. He was a resident of Niagara Falls, New York. The cause of death is unknown. Larry was born January 21, 1946 in Port Allegany, Pennsylvania to the late Elmer and Mary Clute. He was the beloved husband of Debra (Hubbard) Clute. He graduated from Niagara Falls High School in 1964. He proudly served his country in the United States Army from 1964 to 1967, with a tour of duty in Vietnam in the 1st Cavalry Air Mobility. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Tonawanda Chapter #77**. Larry was most recently employed at Niagara Rehabilitation and Nursing Center as a security guard. Prior employment was at Kimberly Clark and other Niagara Frontier factories. Other than his wife, he is survived by a brother, James Clute (Pauline) of Hamburg, New York; a sister-in-law, Mary Clute of Niagara Falls; nephews and nieces, Christopher, Linda, Kristen, Gary, Michelle, Lori, Scott, Shannon and cousins. He was "Daddy, Pops and Grampy" to the family of his heart, Andrea Carson and James Colwell of Franklin, Pennsylvania, and Krista Johnson of Niagara Falls. Special friends include Harriet Mastropoll, Mary Lou Stephens and Terri Mudd. He was predeceased by his parents and brothers, Richard and Charles. Memorial service will be determined at a later date. Memorials may be made to Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 77, 57 Main St., Tonawanda, NY 14150; or to Western New York VA Healthcare System, Department 135 Voluntary Service, 3495 Bailey Avenue, Buffalo, New York 14215.

**PAUL J. COLEMAN** – Died Friday, September 18, 2009 in Dearborn, Michigan at the age of 60. The cause of death is unknown. He was born October 26, 1948. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Dearborn Chapter #267**.

**GENE AUTRY COOK, SR.** – Died Wednesday, August 26, 2009 in Parsonsburg, Maryland at the age of 68. The cause of death was Agent Orange-related Diabetes Mellitus Type II, Chronic Obstructive Pulmonary Disorder, Congestive Heart Failure, Respiratory Failure and Acute Coronary Artery Disease. He was born December 19, 1940 in Eldorado, Maryland to the late Frank B. and Ethel E. (née Marvel) Cook. He is survived by his wife, Beverly. He served in the United States Army from 29 September 1962 to 10 November 1965 with a two-year tour of duty in Germany guarding the Berlin Wall. He was an *At-Large Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Maryland**.



**LARRY LEE COOK** - Died peacefully surrounded by family on Tuesday, May 31, 2011 at Charlton Hospital after a gallant battle with lung disease at the age of 78. He was a resident of Grand Prairie, Texas. He was born July 15, 1932. COL Cook is survived by his wife, Jan, and their three children: Pamela Tait, Jeffrey Lee Cook and Karen Cook. Larry, a war veteran of the Korean War and Vietnam War, earned several medals, including the Purple Heart, Vietnam Service Medal with 4-Bronze Services Stars, Vietnam Campaign Medal, Vietnam Cross of Gallantry with Palm-unit, Master Parachutist Badge, the Legion of Merit, with 1-Oak Leaf Cluster, Bronze Star medal, Air Medal - 9 awards, Meritorious Service Medal, Army Commendation medal with 1-Oak Leaf Cluster, and the National Defense Service Medal with 1-Oak Leaf Cluster. Some of his tours of duty included; The Pentagon in Washington, DC, The Army War College in Carlisle, PA, Snow Hall in Ft. Sill, OK where he is inducted into the Ft. Sill Hall of Fame, 11th Airborne Division in Augsburg Germany and Chief of Staff of the 82nd Airborne Division in Fayetteville, NC where he is honored in the 82nd Airborne Division Museum. He retired from the Army life in 1980 and settled in Grand Prairie, TX where he worked for Lockheed Martin for 17 years as Project Engineer. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Grand Prairie Chapter #1013**. He was laid to rest at the Dallas-Ft. Worth National Cemetery Monday, June 13, 2011 at 3:00 PM. A Celebration of life was held at The Courtyard Villa, 1801 West Division Street, in Arlington, Texas for friends and family following service until 7:00 PM. In lieu of flowers, the family suggests donations in memory of Larry to: The Army Historical Foundation at [www.usarmyregistry.org](http://www.usarmyregistry.org) or Meals on Wheels at [www.vnatexas.org](http://www.vnatexas.org).

**ROBERT T. DAVIS** – Died recently in 2011 in Nelsonville, Ohio. The cause of death is unknown. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Nelsonville Chapter #676**.

**RONALD “Peanut” DAVIS** - Died Thursday morning, September 29, 2011 at the Jacobetti Home for Veterans in Marquette, Michigan following a lengthy and courageous battle with pancreatic cancer at the age of 62. He was a resident of Munising, Michigan. Peanut’s endurance and will to live amazed family, friends and many medical professionals for over ten years. He was born in Munising on January



4, 1949 to Victor and Lois (née Carlson) Davis. Peanut graduated from William G. Mather High School in 1967. He moved to Holland, Michigan and worked for Holland Dye Cast before entering the United States Army from October 2, 1968 until May 6, 1970. Peanut served in Vietnam and earned the National Defense, Vietnam Service, Vietnam Campaign and Good Conduct Medals. He was awarded a Bronze Star Medal for heroism in ground combat on the 29th of September while serving in Vietnam. In 1969, he married Sandra L. Bernard and later that year, their son Bruce Michael was born. After being honorably discharged in 1970, Peanut and Sandy moved back to Holland and Peanut continued to work for Holland Dye Cast until 1974 when they returned back home to Munising. Their daughter, Angela Shay was born in 1974. Peanut worked different jobs through the years. He cut pulp, was a ski hill operator, worked for Boneville construction and then AMCAB. He was a co-owner of K & D Kitchens and owned and operated Davis Construction and Purofirst / Ron's Restoration. Peanut was a member of the American Legion and life member of the VVA and DAV. He was a *Co-founder and Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Munising Chapter #237**. He served as President, Chaplain and started, wrote and published the monthly VVA newsletter "Sit Rep." Peanut had a wonderful sense of humor and he loved jokes and to laugh. If there was a party, you could count on him to be the "Music Man" and share his love of music with his huge speakers. He enjoyed bowling (in three leagues), playing ping pong and pool, cooking, boating, camping, his "grand dog" and cheering on his Green Bay Packers football team. He is survived by his loving wife and best friend of over forty-two years – Sandy Davis of Munising; children – Bruce Michael (Renee) Davis and Angela Shay Davis; mother – Lois Davis; siblings – Arlene (Bob) Nickerson, Janet Vaughn, Larry (Nancy) Davis, Betty Jo (Joe) Schell, and Pam (Rick) Kammeraad; parents-in-law – Russ and Bonnie Bernard; in-laws – Lynne Bowerman, Jake (Donna) Bernard, Jude Holloway, Russ Bernard, Sheryl (Tim) Anderson, Sue (Mark) Jokela and Georgia "Carol" Davis; numerous nieces, nephews, aunts, uncles, cousins and good friends. Peanut was preceded in death by his father - Victor Davis; brothers – Victor "Bill" Davis and Ken "Cashew" Davis; mother-in-law – Mary "Molly" Bernard; brothers-in-law – Scott Stelmaszek Bernard, Bob Bowerman, Dave "Doc" Holloway and Bob Vaughn; nieces – Stephanie (Bernard) Kincade and Carrie Davis; and his family's longtime companion – Gizmo. Visitation was held at the Bowerman Funeral Home on Monday, October 3, 2011 from 5:00 until 8:00 PM. The Alger County Veterans and American Legion Honor Guard conducted military honors beginning at 8:00 PM. Immediately following the Veterans, a sharing time of memories and stories took place. Friends and family were encouraged to take part in the service. On Wednesday, October 5, 2011 at 3:00 PM there was a military graveside service held at the Maple Grove Cemetery in Munising. A luncheon took place at the American Legion at 4:00 PM.



**JAMES "Jim" KEITH DENISON** - Died on Tuesday, August 23, 2011 at 12:26 AM at the Fort Madison Community Hospital in Fort Madison, Iowa at the age of 72. He was a resident of Fort Madison. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on April 26, 1939 in Monmouth, Illinois to the late Eddie L. and Mallie (née Buckingham) Denison. On December 19, 1964 he married Gladys "Carolyn" Woodall in Denmark. Jim was a graduate of Monmouth High School. He retired from the United States Air Force in 1976 as a MSG and then was a

supervisor for AT & T for twenty three years before retiring on October 1, 1998. He was a Vietnam Veteran earning the Bronze Star and Presidential Unit Award for Valor. Jim was a member of Our Savior Lutheran Church, **Vietnam Veterans of America – Fort Madison Chapter #947**, the Telephone Pioneers of America and the Air Force Sergeants Association. He enjoyed playing golf and coin and stamp collecting. Survivors include his wife, Carolyn Denison of Ft. Madison, a daughter, Tamara Denison of Ft. Madison; two sisters, Helen “Elaine” Mason and Betty Sage of Monmouth, IL; two sisters in law, Mary Denison of Monmouth, IL and Nellie Denison of Kirkwood, IL; several nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents; a son, Michael Lee Denison; four brothers and two sisters. Visiting hours were on Thursday, August 25, 2011 at King-Lynk Funeral Home & Crematory where the family received friends from 500 to 700 PM. The funeral service was held at 10:30 AM on Friday, August 26, 2011 at Our Savior Lutheran Church with Rev. Stephen Rassmussen officiating. Burial with full Military Rites performed by the Ft. Madison Veterans Honor Guard were in Claypoole Cemetery, rural Wever. A memorial has been established for Our Savior Lutheran Church or Claypoole Cemetery Association. Online condolences may be left at [www.kinglynk.com](http://www.kinglynk.com).

**DUANE MATHEW DEUTSCH** - Died Sunday, August 7, 2011 in Inver Grove Heights, Minnesota after a short illness of esophagus cancer the age of 59. He was born March 20, 1952 in Briton, South Dakota to Alice and the late Robert Deutsch. He was predeceased by his wife Linda, his brother David and his sisters Joyce & Donna. In addition to his mother Alice, he is survived by two sisters Jane and Julie, two step daughters Michelle & Jody Kraklau, nieces, nephews, in-laws, relatives & friends. He served in the United States Army from October 11, 1971 through September 11, 1973 with a tour of duty in Vietnam from May 4, 1972 to December 15, 1972. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – South Saint Paul Chapter #639**. He retired from Northwestern Fruit. A private service and interment was conducted on Monday, August 15<sup>th</sup> at Fort Snelling National Cemetery. In lieu of flowers memorials are preferred to the Minneapolis VA Medical Center.

**RICHARD G. DYKEMAN** – Died recently in 2011 in East Alton, Illinois at the age of 74. The cause of death is unknown. He was born April 10, 1937. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Geneva Chapter #693**.

**RAYMOND R. “Ray” ELLIOTT** - Died Saturday, February 5, 2011 at Hartford Hospital, Hartford, Connecticut at the age of 63. He was a resident of Canterbury, Connecticut. Raymond was born April 8, 1947, in Willimantic, Connecticut the late Raymond and Lucille (née Tormey) Elliott. On May 20, 1989 he was married to Patricia E. (née Nagle) Elliott. Raymond worked for thirty years in maintenance for the Mansfield Board of Education before retiring in 2007. Prior to that Raymond served his country honorably in the United States Army during the Vietnam War. Throughout his life Ray was very active within his community. He was active within the Willimantic Little League, coaching both boys baseball and girls softball. He loved sports and was a dedicated fan of the New York Yankees and UCONN Athletics. Raymond was a past Commander at the VFW Post #10004 in Jewett City. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Niantic Chapter #270**. He felt a dedication to helping others and volunteered his time driving veterans to medical appointments and volunteering as a mentor at the Windham

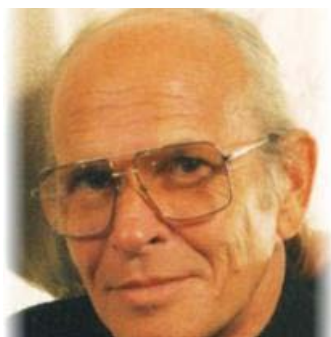


Center School. Ray was a good friend to so many people and was a very devoted husband, father and grandfather, affectionately known as "Pop Pop". He is survived by his wife Patricia E. Elliott; sons Raymond Elliott and wife Lisa of Wallingford, James Armstrong and wife Michelle of Woodstock; daughter Jennifer Kamoen and husband Clement of Killingworth; brothers Thomas Spector and Howard Spector; sisters Gloria LaBarre, Patricia Underwood, and Connie Kellogg; grandchildren Shane and Noah Elliott, Evan, Lucas and Blake Kamoen, and Livia and Abigail Armstrong. Calling hours will be held on Tuesday at the Gagne-Piechowski Funeral Home, 490 Voluntown Road, Jewett City from 5-8 P.M. The funeral will held at 10:00 A.M. on Wednesday at the funeral home with visitation from 9:00 A.M. to 10:00 A.M., prior to the funeral service. A committal service will held at the convenience of the family. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the VFW Post #10004 Ray Elliott Scholarship Fund.



**JESSE CROSS ETHERIDGE** - Died Thursday, August 18, 2011 at his home in Midway, Georgia at the age of 78 while under the care of Hospice with family by his side. The cause of death was cancer. He was born October 17, 1932 in Channing, Texas and had lived in Liberty County since 1983 having moved here from Port Wentworth, Georgia. He was a veteran of the United States Army having served during the Korean Conflict and the Vietnam Era, where he received numerous awards, ribbons and medals including the Purple Heart and the Bronze Star. He retired after more than 20 years of service. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Hinesville Chapter #789**. Mr. Etheridge was an avid reader. He was preceded in death by his wife of 57 years Julia Eloise Etheridge. Survivors: daughter and son in law Linda Faye Etheridge and Thomas Wright of Midway; daughter Cheryl E. Etheridge Clark of Midway; sons and daughters in law Michael T. and Nancy Etheridge of Midway and Tracy and Ruby Etheridge of Colorado; 8 grandchildren; 6 great grandchildren and several nieces and nephews. Visitation: The family will receive friends Thursday, September 1, 2011 at the Thomas L. Carter Funeral Home Chapel in Flemington from 9:30 am until 10:00 am. Full military honors will be rendered. Burial will be in the Smith Family Cemetery in Olanta, South Carolina. Remembrances: The family has requested that remembrances be made to Hospice Savannah. Thomas L. Carter Funeral Home Chapel Savannah Morning News August 28, 2011.

**RICHARD L. FINCH** – Died in August 2010 in La Pine, Oregon at the age of 61. The cause of death is unknown. He was born February 1, 1949. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – La Pine Chapter #821**.



**ELBERT LEBRON "Butch" GATLIN** - Died Friday, August 26, 2011 in a local hospital at the age of 65. He was a resident of Lookout Valley in Chattanooga, Tennessee. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Birmingham, Alabama on June 26, 1946. Mr. Gatlin served his country with the United States Marine Corps for fourteen years earning the rank of Sergeant while serving during Vietnam and in the Reserves. He received the Navy Commendation Medal with Valor

and was retired as a Master Tool & Die Maker. Butch was a member of the Cherokee Tribe of Northeast Alabama and his tribal name was "Iron Buffalo." He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Chattanooga Chapter #203**. He was preceded in death by his wife of 42 years, Brenda Gatlin in 2009, his parents, Ed & Lena Gatlin, father, Elbert "Junior" White, and daughter, Mary Gatlin. Survivors include his children, Annette (Darian) Barnes, Eric Lebron Gatlin, Laura (Jerry) Leonard, & Rachel Lynn Gatlin; mother, Ella "Betty" Ellis; brothers, Bill & David Friar; sister, Pat Walker; eight grandchildren, one great-grandchild; nieces, nephews and father-in-law, Bill Little, of Chickamauga. Funeral services were held Wednesday, August 31, 2011 at 1:00 PM in the South Crest Chapel with burial to follow in Head Springs Cemetery, Hammondville, Alabama. Please visit [www.lane-southcrestchapel.com](http://www.lane-southcrestchapel.com) to share your memories. The family received friends Tuesday, August 30, 2011 from 4:00 – 8:00 PM at the South Crest Chapel of Lane Funeral Home & Crematory, Rossville.



**ROBERT P. GIANNINI** - Died Wednesday, August 6, 2008 in Melrose, Massachusetts at the age of 62. The cause of death was prostate cancer. He was born October 25, 1949. He was the beloved husband of Frances M. (Larkin) Giannini; loving father of Robert S. Giannini of Hyannis, Massachusetts Laura M. (Giannini) Boutin & her husband Robert of Plymouth, Massachusetts, Andrea L. Giannini & Michael A. Giannini, both of Melrose; cherished grandfather of Riley T. & Olivia G. Boutin of Plymouth; caring brother of Peter Giannini & his wife Ann of Canton, Massachusetts, Phyllis Gill & her husband Charles of California, Maryann Dargon & her husband James of Hampton, New Hampshire, Dolores Giannini of Somerville, Massachusetts, Joseph Omogrosso & his wife Claire of Derry, New Hampshire, Beth Oliveira & her husband Daniel of Woburn, Massachusetts and the late Carmen Giannini; special uncle of Eleanor Giannini-Brittain & her husband Julian of Wakefield, Massachusetts and Jason Oliveira of Clinton & Samantha Oliveira of Woburn, and; also survived by many nieces & nephews. Funeral service was in the Gately Funeral Home 79 West Foster Street, Melrose on Monday August 11, 2011 at 8:00 PM. Family & friends respectfully invited. Visiting hours were from 4:00-8:00 PM. Interment was private. He served in the United States Air Force during the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Stoneham Chapter #837**. In lieu of flowers, donations in Bob's memory may be made to the Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 837 Post Office Box 80187 Stoneham, Massachusetts 02180 or the Claire & John Bertucci for Genitourinary Cancers Attn: Development Dept. 165 Cambridge Street - Suite 600 Boston, Massachusetts 02114.



**SARA A. GIST-BERNASCONI** – Died Friday, September 30, 2011 in Albuquerque, New Mexico at the age of 70. She was a former resident of Pryor, Oklahoma. The cause of death was cancer. Sara was born on March 15, 1941 in Pryor to Wallace Gordon and Caroline Elizabeth (née Cochran) Borum. She Sara grew up and attended school in Pryor, graduating from Pryor High School in 1959. Shortly after graduating, she was married to Tommy Emerson Gist on July 11, 1959 in Pryor and from this union came two sons, Mike and Mark. Tommy was in the U.S. Air Force and stationed

at Kirtland Air Force Base in Albuquerque and this is where they made their home. Tommy was a navigator and in 1968, during deployment in the Vietnam War, his plane was shot down and for many years he was listed as Missing In Action. His status was later changed to Killed-In-Action, but his body was never recovered. In 1975, Sara was married to Louis Bernasconi. After Tommy's death, Sara set out on a quest to help all of the families of fallen airmen that she could. She worked tirelessly, donating her time and energy lobbying for the National League of Families, an organization for families of fallen airmen. She passionately believed that these families deserved a full account of circumstances pertaining to their loved ones. Sara was also the Chairman of the Board of Directors of the New Mexico Veteran's Memorial and was recently recognized by the Governor Susana Martinez of New Mexico for her work and dedication to the MIA's and POW's of New Mexico. She was a *Life Member* of **Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America – New Mexico**. Sara was known to her friends and family as a woman who knew how to get things done. She was self-confident, charming, witty and very intelligent. She enjoyed her life, but most of all she enjoyed making other people the focus of her life. She encountered many things in her own personal life over the years, but chose to use her experiences to be an encouragement to others. She was deeply loved by her sons and grandchildren, and she loved the time she got to spend with them. She will be greatly missed by all of the people whose lives she has touched. She is survived by her two sons, Mike Gist and wife Stephanie of Flower Mound, Texas, Mark Gist and wife Jill of Wallace, Idaho; 5 grandchildren and 1 great grandchild. She was preceded in death by her parents and both of her husbands. Memorial services were held on Thursday, October 6, 2011 at 11:00 AM at The First United Methodist Church in Pryor. Rev. Rob Harris will officiate. Services are under the direction of Key Funeral Home in Pryor. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to: New Mexico Veteran's Memorial: P.O. Box 8389, Albuquerque, New Mexico 87198-8389.



**STEPHEN J. "Steve" GOETSCH** - Died Sunday, September 4, 2011, at Aspirus Wausau Hospital in Wausau, Wisconsin at the age of 66. He was a resident of Schofield, Wisconsin. The cause of death was a blood clot in the lung. He was born February 23, 1945, in Merrill, Wisconsin to the late John and Ada (née Natzke) Goetsch. After graduating from high school, he enrolled in college at the University of Wisconsin-Stevens Point where he graduated with a degree in history. Steve then went into the United States Army where he served in active duty in Vietnam. Shortly upon returning home,

he began working at Domtar (Weyerhaeuser) and worked there for 35 years. Steve was an avid antique car enthusiast and was a member of Studebaker Drivers Club. He traveled across the state and country going to car shows. He was also a member of the Pomeranian Club, the Civil War Round Table discussion group, and the Veterans of Foreign Wars. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Schofield Chapter #479**. Steve placed heavy emphasis on the remembrance of POW-MIAs and organized several events in their honor. He is survived by son, Rob (wife, Michelle) Goetsch, Milwaukee; daughters, Marcia (husband, Robert) Kohnert, Mosinee, and Beth Goetsch, Hatley; brothers, John "Jack" (wife, Joyce) Goetsch, Green Bay, and David (wife, Clara) Goetsch, Deerfield, Ill.; three grandchildren, Gabriel, Nathaniel and Lucille; and other loving family and friends. Evening visitation was from 4:00 PM to 8:00 PM Thursday,

September 8, 2011, at the John J. Buettgen Funeral Home in Schofield. Visitation was at 10:00 AM Friday, September 9, 2011 followed by services at 11:00 AM at Mount Olive Lutheran Church, in Schofield. As a tribute to Steve, any classic car owners attending the service or visitation are kindly invited to drive their antique cars. John J. Buettgen Funeral Home is assisting the family. Memorials will be directed to the Veterans of Foreign Wars organization.



**ALLAN F. GRANT** - Died Saturday, April 30, 2011 at his residence in Glen Burnie, Maryland at the age of 81. He was a 43-year resident of Pasadena, Maryland. The cause of death was lung cancer. He was born June 23, 1929, in Warren, Michigan to the late Russell A. and Catherine Grant. He was raised in Canada but later lived in various locations due to his military career. Mr. Grant was a Master Sergeant in the United States Army with 21 years active duty. He was also a volunteer at the Anne Arundel County

Police Department. He attended Harundale Presbyterian Church. Mr. Grant was a member of the Clan Grant Society, an *At-Large Life Member* of **Vietnam Veteran of America - Maryland**, DAV, World War II Reunion Group, and the St. Andrews Society of Baltimore. His hobbies included riding his motorcycle, reading, listening to music, participating in Scottish games and traveling. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife of 47 years, Eiko Grant; brother, James Grant; and two sisters, Vivian Ross and Donna Worth. He is survived by his son, Russell A. Grant of Belden, MS, two daughters, Sheila G. Ruth of Severn and Carol G. Schwarzenberg of Rapid City, SD; two sisters, Patricia Meredith of Vancouver and Glenna Ogle of Toronto; three grandchildren; and one great-grandchild. A memorial service will be held at 1 p.m. on Wednesday, May 4 at Harundale Presbyterian Church. Interment will be a private service at Arlington National Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to Hospice of the Chesapeake, Disabled American Veterans, or the American Cancer Society. For online condolences, please visit [www.stallingsfh.com](http://www.stallingsfh.com).

**LEONARD THOMAS GULCZEWSKI** – Died Wednesday, July 13, 2011, in Lancaster, New York at the age of 66. The cause of death was unknown. He was born December 22, 1944 in Buffalo, New York to the late Edward and Tillie (née Sobus) Gulczewski. He was the dear brother of Arlene (Raymond) Nowicki and Ronald (Phyllis) Gulczewski; godfather of Kevin Gulczewski and Cindy Stofer; survived by nieces and nephews. He served in the United States Navy from September 1966 to September 1968. Relatives and friends were invited to attend a Memorial Mass on Tuesday, August 2 at 10:00 AM from St. Philip the Apostle Roman Catholic Church, 950 Losson Road, Cheektowaga, New York. Leonard was a proud Navy Vietnam Veteran and received the Bronze Star. He also was a member of the Alden Rod and Gun Club and **Vietnam Veterans of America – Tonawanda Chapter #77**. Interment was in Saint Adalbert Cemetery, Lancaster, New York. Arrangements were by the Daniel R. Smolarek Funeral Home.

**JAMES LEROY HALL** – Died Friday, January 14, 2011 in Jessup, Maryland at the age of 62. The cause of death is unknown. He was born September 5, 1948. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was an *At-Large Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Maryland**.



**FRED T. HARPER** – Died recently in 2011 in Twisp, Washington at the age of 66. The cause of death is unknown. He was born July 22, 1944. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Washington Chapter #212**.

**RICHARD C. HARRIS** - Died Tuesday, July 12, 2011 at home in Baldwinsville, New York at the age of 63. The cause of death was cancer. He was born September 23, 1947, a native of Central Square, New York and attended PV Moore High School. He was a United States Navy Vietnam veteran, a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Liverpool Chapter #103** and a member of American Legion Post 315. He is survived by his loving partner, Sue Ann Rosenow; a son, Richard Jr. and grandson, Bridger, both of Sturgis, SD; two brothers, Bruce (Carol) of Constantia, NY, Scott (Donna) of Kirkville, NY; three sisters, Bonnie (Jim) Townsend of Kissimmee, FL, Nancy (George) Miniaci of Byhalia, MS, Janet (Rick) Dumigan of Brewerton, NY; and several nieces and nephews. He will be greatly missed. Donations can be sent to Hospice of CNY, 990 7th North Street, Liverpool, New York 13088 or Online at [www.hospicecny.org](http://www.hospicecny.org) No calling hours. Please sign the guestbook at [www.hollisfuneralhome.com](http://www.hollisfuneralhome.com) Hollis Funeral Home 422-7966 [www.hollisfuneralhome.com](http://www.hollisfuneralhome.com).



**REVEREND KENNETH HARTWELL HART** - Died Monday, October 3, 2011 in Rossville, Georgia at the age of 65. The cause of death is non-Hodgkins Lymphoma and multiple myeloma. He was born and raised in Granite City, Illinois, but has lived in the North Georgia area for the last 43 years and was a Former Associate Pastor of Mountain View Baptist Church in Rossville. He was a current member and Sunday School Teacher at Chattanooga Valley Baptist Church in Flintstone, Georgia. He was a United States Navy Veteran having served on the USS Oriskany CV 34 during the Vietnam War, where he received the National Defense Service Medal, Vietnam Campaign Medal and the Vietnam Service Medal. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Chattanooga Chapter #203**, the American Legion Post 40, as well as the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 3679. He was also a member of the Southern States Police Benevolent Association and was previously employed with the Georgia Department of Corrections for many years. He was preceded in death by his mother, Betty Davis; father, William Harvey Hart; sister, Karen Faye Moffatt; brothers, Calvin, Richard & Aaron Hart and sister-in-law, Paulette James. Survivors include his loving wife of more than 43 years, Peggy Jo Walker Hart; daughter & son-in-law, Angela Faye & (Steve) McCoy; son & daughter-in-law, Kenneth Jeffrey & (Tabitha) Hart all of Rossville, GA; sisters, Minnie Kamacho of Granite City, Illinois, Anita Davis Smith of Cumberland City, TN and Nancy Carrol Combs of Troy, Illinois; sisters-in-law and brothers-in-law, Gloria & (Greg) Boren of Villanow, GA and Christine & (Eddie) Willingham of Soddy Daisy, TN; three grandchildren, Christian Alexander Hart, Zakary Logan Hart and Connor Lee Wooten and several nieces and nephews. Funeral services will be held at 12 Noon on Friday, October 7, 2011 at Chattanooga Valley Baptist Church with Pastor Dewayne Boudreaux and Pastor Terry Chitwood officiating. Burial will follow in the Chattanooga National Cemetery. The family will begin receiving friends after 5 p.m. Wednesday, all day Thursday and prior to leaving for the



church at the funeral home on Friday. Arrangements were by W. L. Wilson & Sons Funeral Home, Fort Oglethorpe, Georgia.

**JAMES DOUGLAS HASTY** – Died Thursday, August 25, 2011 in Watertown, Tennessee at the age of 67. The cause of death was a heart attack. He was born in Davidson County, Tennessee on March 16, 1944. He served in the United States Army with a tour of duty in Vietnam from 1967 to 1968. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Lebanon Chapter #1004**. Visiting hours were 2:00-8:00 PM on Saturday, August 27, 2011. The funeral was conducted at 2:00 PM on Sunday, August 28, 2011. The Hunter Funeral Home was in charge of the arrangement.



**CALVIN ARTHUR HAYES** – Died on August 1, 2011 at his home in Cache, Oklahoma at the age of 80. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on December 3, 1930 in Ellis County, Oklahoma to the late Pearl H. and Octa Mae (née Childers) Hayes. Services are scheduled for 10:00 AM on Friday, August 5, 2011 in the Whinery-Huddleston Chapel with Rev. John Webb, officiating. Interment will follow at Sunset Memorial Gardens with Full Military Honors and Masonic Rites. Calvin was raised and attended school in Shattuck, Oklahoma. He left school early after his Dad's death to help support his family through the difficult time families faced during World War II. Calvin worked as a bricklayer in Oklahoma City until he was old enough to enlist in the Army. He served a tour of duty in Korea, and while stationed at Fort Rucker, Alabama, met and married Mary Brown on November 6, 1954. Calvin's duty stations included 2 tours of duty in Korea, 2 tours in Vietnam, France, Fort Ord, California, Fort Rucker, Alabama, Fort Bragg, North Carolina, Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri, and Alaska. He retired from the Corps of Engineers in 1970 and moved to Rogers, Arkansas where he and Mary opened a custom jewelry store, and in 1979, they settled in Cache with Calvin teaching at the wood shop on Fort Sill. He retired at the rank of Sergeant First Class (E-7) when the school closed after 8 years in that position. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Lawton Chapter #751**. He was an active Mason most of his life and held a number of positions in the lodge including Worshipful Master and Secretary. He supported Mary in Eastern Star and worked with the speech clinic sponsored by Lodge 540 for many years. Other hobbies included fishing, hunting, training bird dogs, traveling with the Retreads (a group of retired motorcycle buffs), and supporting the Cache Fire Department. He attended Cache Christian Church. In addition to his parents, Calvin was preceded in death by his brothers, Coy Pearl, Leo Gordon and Johnny H. Hayes; a sister Octa Ellen Bailey; and a granddaughter, Samantha Moore. Survivors include his wife of 57 years, Mary Louise; 4 daughters, Carol Ann Deatherage and husband Jimmy of Rogers, AR, Mary Leigh Hardcastle of Corpus Christi, Texas, Julia Lorraine Shroll and husband Vic of Lawton, Oklahoma, and Janet Fay Moore of Elm Springs, Arkansas; 2 sisters, Julia Irene Czarnick and husband Ed, and Lola Mae Furlong and husband Rudy; a brother, Otis Leigh Hayes; 12 grandchildren, 4 great grandchildren, and many friends and extended family members.

**JAMES B. HERRING** - Died Sunday, May 1, 2011 at his home in Claxton, Georgia at the age of 61. The cause of death was cryptogenic organizing pneumonia, pulmonary aspergillosis and congestive heart failure. He was born in Lanier, Georgia on January 25, 1950. He was a native of Bryan County and served four years in the United States Marine Corps and also served in Vietnam. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America - Savannah Chapter #671**. Survivors: wife, Patsy NeSmith Herring of Claxton; one son and daughter in-law Donovan and Jasmene Herring of Athens Ga.; one daughter and son in-law Kristie and Crawford Perkins of St. Simmons Islands Ga.; one sister Gail Brewer of Centerton Ak.; two grandchildren, Allison Rice and Kaitlyn Herring; and several nieces and nephews also survive. Funeral: Will be held at a later date. Remembrances: American Lung Association 2452 Spring Rd. Smyrna Ga. 30080 or Vietnam Veterans Association J Mellie NeSmith Funeral Home "Our Family Serving Your Family" "Since 1917" 912- 739-3338 Savannah Morning News May 3, 2011 Please sign our Obituary Guest Book at [savannahnow.com/obituaries](http://savannahnow.com/obituaries).

**DAVID E. HOOKER** - Died Wednesday, August 10, 2011 in Irondequoit, New York at the age of 63. The cause of death was cancer. He was born August 30, 1947 in Rochester, New York to Caroline Jenny. He was predeceased by his wife, Faye and his brother, Daniel. In addition to his mother, Caroline Jenny, he is survived by his brother, Robert (Marie) Hooker Jr.; sister-in-law, Marilyn Hooker; sister, Rosemarie (Matthew) McDonough; step-sister, Rozanne (Joseph) Pfister; numerous nieces & nephews; dear friends; & faithful dog, Buster. David was one of the founding fathers of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Rochester Chapter #20**, and he was their first historian. David was rewarded many medals for his service in Vietnam. He was an avid hunter and fisherman. The family wishes to extend a special thanks to David's close friends, Phil & Chip. His family will receive friends FRIDAY 6:00 - 9:00pm at the funeral home (570 Kings Hwy South), where his funeral service will be held SATURDAY 11:00 AM. Interment was in Riverside Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be directed to Vets Center of Rochester. To light a candle in David's memory or to send the family a condolence, please visit [www.harrisfuneralhome.com](http://www.harrisfuneralhome.com).

**JAMES S. HOOVER, JR.** – Died Monday, June 13, 2011 in Harriman, Tennessee at the age of 64. The cause of death is unknown. He was born May 25, 1947. He is survived by his wife. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was an *At-Large* member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Tennessee**.



**JOHN M. HRANKOWSKI** - Died Tuesday, March 22, 2011 in Greece, New York at the age of 65. The cause of death was heart failure. He was born December 24, 1946 in Rochester, New York. He is survived by his wife, Mary Ann Natalie-Hrankowski; son, David P. Hrankowski; sister, Mary Ann (Donald) Weather; brother, Robert (Patricia) Hrankowski; in-laws, Matthew (Livia) Natalie; beloved nieces and nephews; faithful pup "Baci". He served in the United States Navy during the Vietnam War. John was a survivor of the assault on the U.S.S. Liberty, and a recipient of the Purple Heart. Anyone who inquired John told the story of the attack on the U.S.S. Liberty and considered all he met his friend. A highlight of his life was the dedication on 6/12/2010 of a Memorial Monument at Ontario Beach Park for

the Ship and crew sponsored by the VFW Healy Post. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Rochester Chapter #20** and Veterans of Foreign Wars Thomas Healy Post 16, Liberty Veterans Association and the Knights of Columbus Cardinal Slipyj Council #10949. John remained faithful to his church, family, with a special devotion to Blessed Pope John Paul II. John retired from the Monroe County Sheriff Office in 1989 Courts Division. The family will receive friends on Thursday 9:30 AM at the lower level of St. Josaphat's Ukrainian Catholic Church, where his Funeral Liturgy will be offered at 10:30 AM. Special gratitude to his great physicians; Drs. Tim Mathew, David Cheeran, Stephen Ettinghausen, Paul Bernstein, G. Oleyourryk, James Maxwell, John Phelan and Thomas Arnone. Donations may be made to St. Josaphat's Church or a charity of your choice in his memory. Interment was in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery.

**MANUEL J. "Sonny" HUERTA** – Died Friday, August 5, 2011 in San Marcos, California at the age of 65. The cause of death was Agent Orange-related lung cancer. He was born October 21, 1945 in National City, California. He is survived by his wife, Monica; his son, Troy; his daughter, Denice, and; four grandchildren, Aundrea, Kyle, Alexis and Mark. He served in the United States Marine Corps during the Vietnam War. He was an *At-Large Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – California**. A Celebration of his life was celebrated at Calvary Chapel in Carlsbad, California. Interment with full military honors was conducted in the Miramar National Cemetery in San Diego, California.

**HARMON C. HUNTLEY** – Died recently in 2011 in Nelsonville, Ohio at the age of 67. The cause of death is unknown. He was born November 28, 1943. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Nelsonville Chapter #676**.



**COL LOIS A. JOHNS (USA-Ret.)** – Died Sunday, August 14, 2011 in San Antonio, Texas at the age of 84. The cause of death was Diabetes, Cardiac problems and renal failure. She was born in Cleveland, Ohio on April 24, 1927 to the late Charles and Marjorie Johns. After graduation from West High School, Cleveland, Ohio in 1944; she attended Ohio State University School of Nursing and received her Bachelor of Science in Nursing, December 1948; attended Ohio State University School of Nursing College of Education, received Bachelor of Science in Education, June 1950; Master of Science in Nursing, August 1957 from Francis Payne Bolton School of Nursing; Master of Science in Nursing, August 1966 from the University of Utah College of Education and where she also achieved her PhD, June 1967. Col. Johns entered the US Army Reserves in August 1950 and gained active duty status in June 1960. She retired from the Army nurse corps, served in the 3rd field hospital in Saigon, was chief nurse of the army hospital in Korea, and worked on the burn unit at Fort Sam Houston. She retired with the rank of Colonel from Fort Sam Houston, Texas in April 1980. She received the following military awards during her service with the military: Armed Forces Reserve Medal X yr Device, Vietnam Service Medal, Army Commendation Medal, Meritorious Service Medal, Military Unit Citation (1OLC), National Defense Service Medal, Legion of Merit, Republic of Vietnam Cross Gallantry with Palm, Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal. One of her most cherished awards

was the "A" prefix award given to Col. Johns for her expertness in field from the American Academy of Nursing. She also received the 'Outstanding Alumni Award' from the Ohio State University College of Nursing. Among the many professional memberships she was associated with, were the American Nurses' Association, Texas Nurses Association, San Antonio Nurses Association, Sigma Theta Tau International, Ohio State University College of the Alumni Association, Army Nurse Corps Association; Veterans of Foreign Wars, Disabled American Veterans, The American Legion, a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – San Antonio Chapter #366**, American Military Society, Ohio State University Alumni Association, Inc., The Fiesta Commission and The San Antonio Conservation Society. She was a big contributor to the education of the children of the Native American community and enjoyed receiving many pictures and thank you notes from the students as they progressed in their education. She is survived by her beloved life partner, Marilyn Becher; numerous cousins; her treasured dogs, Mandy and Scooby; and many wonderful friends and neighbors. Col. Johns left her impression on all those she encountered throughout her life ~ she will be deeply missed. Graveside services with full military honors were Monday, August 29, 2011 at 11:30 AM in the Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the Kidney Foundation, 1919 Oakwell Farms Parkway, Suite 135, San Antonio, TX 78739 or to the American Diabetes Association, 8610 North New Braunfels, Suite 400, San Antonio, Texas 78217.

**JOHN R. JOHNSON** – Died Saturday, August 27, 2011 in Wichita, Kansas at the age of 66. The cause of death is unknown. He was born December 28, 1943. He served in the United States Army. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Wichita Chapter #934**.



**MERVIN RICHARD "Dick" JONES** - Died Monday, August 22, 2011 in the Philippines at the age of 68. The cause of death was a fast moving cancer. He was born February 7, 1943. He is survived by his Mayen, a son and a daughter. He served in the United States Air Force and retired at the rank of Master Sergeant. He was a life member of VFW Post #9892, a Cootie, a member of the American Legion Post #123 and a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Philippines Chapter #887**. He worked around world as a United States National Cemetery Superintendent after his retirement from the Air Force. Funeral service will be held on Monday, August 29, 2011 at 1:00 PM at the Jacksonville National Cemetery. Arrangements under the direction of National Cremation & Burial Society, Jacksonville, Florida.



**THEODORE A. "Ted" JONES, JR.** - Died Wednesday, February 3, 2010, at Palmetto Heart Health Hospital in Columbia, South Carolina. He was a resident of Manning, South Carolina and 85 years of age. The cause of death is unknown. He was born May 3, 1924, in Malden, Massachusetts, to late Theodore A. and Belle (née Hansen) Jones, Sr. He was a retired machinist and security guard, a United States Navy veteran of WWII, a member of Associates of **Vietnam**

**Veterans of America – Manning Chapter #960**, the National Rifle Association, and the Hopedale Pistol and Rifle Club of Massachusetts, and was of the Protestant faith. He is survived by his wife, Debra (née Gosselin) Jones, of Manning; two sons, Theodore Michael Jones of California, and Steven Jones of Manning; a daughter, Marlaina Alker of Manning; several grandchildren; several great grandchildren; a sister-in-law, Marie Gosselin of Massachusetts; a nephew, Raymond Moulton of Massachusetts; adopted son and caregiver, Warren Pillsbury of Manning; and precious baby, Pixie Boo. Funeral services were held at 11:00 AM Monday, February 8, 2010, in the chapel of Stephens Funeral Home in Manning, with the Rev. William Kevin Cribb officiating. Interment was at 11:00 AM Tuesday, February 9, 2010, in the Florence National Cemetery, Florence, South Carolina.



**RICHARD ELWOOD JORDAN** - Died Sunday, August 7, 2011 at his residence in Mountain Lake, Maryland at the age of 63. The cause of death was cancer. He was born January 11, 1948 in Ben Busch, West Virginia, to the late Elsie Jordan Skipper and husband Patrick. He is also preceded in death by his grandparents, Parker and Hallie Jordan and granddaughter, Cassandra Lynn and son-in-law, Walter Fike. Richard was a United States Army Veteran having served in Vietnam and receiving the Bronze Star and Purple Heart. He was a retired truck driver, the Quartermaster of the VFW Post 10077, member of Oakland American Legion Post 71, Purple Heart Club, a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Cumberland Chapter #172** and the New Beginning Church. Surviving are: wife- Marietta (Mary) Welch Jordan; three daughters, Elizabeth Cervi and husband Eugene, McHenry, MD, Sherri Jordan and fiancée- Willy Lucas, Kitzmiller, MD, Laura Bennett and husband Brian, Terra Alta, WV; brothers-Timothy Skipper, Oakland, MD and Thomas Skipper, Mt. Lake Park, MD; grandchildren-six and step-grandchildren-five. Family and friends will be received at the David A. Burdock Funeral Home, P.A., 21 N. 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, Oakland, MD, Monday, August 8, 2011 from 2 -4 p.m. and 6-8 p.m. Funeral services will be held Tuesday, August 9, 2011, 11 a.m. at Mt. Top Christian Assembly, Mt. Lake Park, MD with Rev Russell Liller officiating. Interment will be in the Garrett County Memorial Gardens. Military honors will be accorded at the graveside by local Veteran's Organizations. Memorials can be made to Hospice of Garrett County, P.O. Box 271, Oakland, MD 21550.

**STEVE KEARNS** – Died recently in August 2011 in Colfax, Louisiana. The cause of death is unknown. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Baton Rouge Chapter #488**.

**SHIRL DENISE KELLY** – Died Tuesday, September 13, 2011 in Providence, Rhode Island at the age of 56. The cause of death was a heart attack. She was born January 21, 1955 to James Mooreman and Phyllis (née Pryor) Mooreman. She was predeceased by her husband, Theodore Kelly. In addition to her parents, she is survived by her sisters, Robin Alvarado and Michelle Lawson and her brother-in-law, Tom Kelly and some nieces and nephews. She served in the



United States Army. She was a *Life Member* of **Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America – Providence Chapter #273**. She was also a member of The American Legion and past commander of the Armstrong-Gladding Post #69; 4th County Commandeer American Legion and Auxiliary Post #69. Funeral services were conducted at the Bell Funeral Home on Monday, September 19<sup>th</sup> in Providence. Interment was beside her deceased husband at the Rhode Island State Veteran Cemetery in Exeter, Rhode Island.

**RICHARD O. KIRK** – Died recently in 2011 in Highland Lakes, New Jersey at the age of 62. The cause of death is unknown. He was born October 4, 1948. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Vernon Chapter #1002**.

**EDWARD CHARLES KOTCH** - Died Wednesday, June 29, 2011 after a valiant 18-month fight against brain cancer. He was a resident of Magnolia Greens, Leland, North Carolina at the age of 65. He was born January 2, 1946 in Windber, Pennsylvania to the late Leonard Stephen and Verna (née Buben) Kotch. Ed is survived by his wife Sandy, of Leland, North Carolina and his brothers, Leonard, Jr., John, and Robert, all of Florida. A Vietnam War veteran, Ed proudly served in the United States Army with the 1st Cavalry Division from 1965-1968. He was a retired federal employee. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Wilmington Chapter #885**. The family received friends from 10:00 - 11:00 AM, Tuesday, July 5, 2011 at Andrews Mortuary Market Street Chapel, with a memorial service following at 11:00 AM. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the Lower Cape Fear Hospice and Life Care Center, 1414 Physicians Drive, Wilmington, North Carolina 28401, or to a charity of one's choice.

**ALLEN LEEMON** – Died recently in August 2011 in Green Bay, Wisconsin. The cause of death is unknown. He is survived by his wife, Mary E. Leemon, of the home. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Green Bay Chapter #224**.

**STEPHEN J. LINGG** – Died recently in Rochester, New York at the age of 62. The cause of death is unknown. He was born August 29, 1948. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Rochester Chapter #20**.



**BRUCE D. LINNELL** - Died Friday, September 30, 2011 at UMass/Memorial Healthcare Center, Worcester from injuries suffered in a motorcycle accident. He was 62 years of age. He was a resident of Boylston, Massachusetts, formerly of Marlborough, Massachusetts and Hollis, Maine. Bruce was born July 20, 1949 in Bangor, Maine, to the late Herbert R. Linnell and Ester (née Emmanuel) Linnell. He leaves his wife of 28 years, Theresa (née Schiavone) Linnell of Boylston; two daughters, Sarah and Lorah, Linnell both of Boylston. He also leaves his mother, Ester Linnell of Bradenton, FL; 4 sisters: Karen Linnell and her husband John Hepfner of Hollis, Me; Kit Linnell of South Hiram, Me; Kris Anderson and her husband Kurt of Evanston, IL; Heather Bois of Hollis, Me, and many

beloved nieces and nephews. He graduated from Falmouth High School, Falmouth, Ma., and Framingham State College, Framingham, Ma. He was a United States Air Force Veteran and served in the Vietnam War. For the past 20 years, he was the director of the Veterans Outreach Program-Metrowest. He was a member of the VFW Post 638 of Marlborough, the ITAM Club Post 45, both of Marlborough, an *At-Large Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America - Massachusetts**, and many other veterans groups. Bruce participated in numerous local drum circles and was an avid motorcycle enthusiast who took part in many charity rides. Funeral services were held Wednesday, October 5, 2011 at 9:00 AM at the John P. Rowe Funeral Home Inc., 57 Main Street, Marlborough, Massachusetts. Burial was Massachusetts VA National Cemetery in Bourne, Massachusetts. Visiting hours at the funeral home will be held on Tuesday, October 4, 2011 from 4:00-8:00 PM. The family wishes that in lieu of flowers that donations be made to the Veterans Outreach Program - Metrowest, 255 Main Street, Marlborough, Massachusetts 01752.

**GILES DUNN LOFTIN** - Died very unexpectedly Monday evening, July 25, 2011 at Dearborn County Hospital in Lawrenceburg, Indiana. He was a resident of Dillsboro, Indiana and 71 years of age. The cause of death was a heart attack. Giles was born September 11, 1939 in Beaufort, North Carolina to the late William Loftin and Martha (née Longest) Loftin. Giles spent 22 1/2 years serving his country in the United States Coast Guard, winning several medals and commendations for his service during the Vietnam War. Following his retirement, Giles was employed at the United States Post Office in Fort Lauderdale, Florida for over 10 years. He married his wife, Faye Murray and was devoted to her in every respect. Giles & Faye moved to Dillsboro 16 years ago and Giles immediately became active with American Legion Post 291 in Dillsboro, serving as Post Commander. In recent years he was active with his wife, Faye, in maintaining and managing the bar area of the Post. His wife, Faye and Post 291 were his life for many years. Aside from those duties he enjoyed his Saturday morning cartoons. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Aurora Chapter #71**. Besides his wife Faye, Giles is survived by 3 sons; Giles Loftin Jr. and his wife, Rochelle of New York; Donald Loftin and his wife Xuan, of Belleville, Michigan and Robert W. Loftin of Virginia; 1 step son, Jim, and his wife, Rita, of Tennessee; 1 stepdaughter, Rhonda and her husband, Tim Braun of Cincinnati, Ohio; 19 grandchildren and 6 great grandchildren; 1 brother, Bill Loftin, and 1 sister, Vera Weatherington. He was preceded in death by 1 brother, Brian, and a daughter, Jamie Loftin. In keeping with his family's and with Giles wishes, there will be no funeral service or visitation. For those wishing to make a memorial in Giles memory, please consider the Heart Association. Arrangements have been entrusted to Filter-Devries Funeral Home in Dillsboro.

**HECTOR M. LOPEZ** – Died Sunday, May 15, 2011 in Arecibo, Puerto Rico at the age of 68. The cause of death was colon cancer. He was born December 31, 1942. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Arecibo (Puerto Rico) Chapter #398**.



**ROY J. LOWERY** - Died Saturday, May 28, 2011 at the Wooster Community Hospital in Wooster, Ohio at the age of 75. The cause of death was a heart attack. Roy was born May 14, 1936 in New Reigel, Ohio to the late Harley John and Clara Theresa (née Boes) Lowery. He was the 8<sup>th</sup> son of ten children. He served in the United States Army during Vietnam as a helicopter pilot. Roy received a Masters Degree in Counseling and Guidance. He married Nancy J. Witmore on February 2, 1957, recently celebrating 54 years together. Roy retired after 22 years of service from the U.S. Army and worked for ConAgra Mills for 17 years. Roy taught driving school for the AARP. He was a member of the Vietnam Helicopter Pilots Association, **Vietnam Veterans of America – Barry P. Caruso (Wooster) Chapter #255**, and Borderline Dancers. He enjoyed

woodworking and spending time with his family. Roy will be deeply missed by his wife Nancy; sons Sean Lowery of Nelsonville, Colin (Lori) Lowery of Loudonville; grandsons Drew and Brock Lowery; brothers Dale (Charlotte) Lowery, Raymond (Beatrice) Lowery, Arlen (Sue) Lowery, and Gerald (Joanne) Lowery, all of Fostoria; and sister Gloria Lowery of Temperance, Michigan. He was preceded in death by his parents; and brothers Darrell, Donald, Dean, and Paul Lowery. Friends may call Thursday June 2, 2011 from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. at Roberts Funeral Home-Sherwood Chapel, Wooster. Funeral services will be Thursday at 12:30 p.m. at the funeral home with Pastor Don Doerfer officiating. Burial will be at Ohio Western Reserve National Cemetery, where military rites will be held. Online tributes may be made at [www.robertsfuneralhome.com](http://www.robertsfuneralhome.com). Memorial contributions may be made to The American Heart Association 1689 E. 115 Street Cleveland, Ohio 44106 or The Vietnam Helicopter Pilots Association 407 West College Street Grapevine, Texas 76051.

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**JAMES CHARLES "Jim" MAHLEN** - Died Thursday, September 8, 2011 at a Fort Meade Hospital after suffering an apparent stroke earlier in the week in Sturgis, South Dakota. He was 66 years of age and a resident of Clark, South Dakota. He was born on December 19, 1944 in Webster, South Dakota to the late Julius and Ethel (née Brown) Mahlen. He grew up on a farm west of Roslyn, South Dakota attending country school and then went to high school in Roslyn and graduated in 1962. He joined the United States Air Force on December 31, 1962 and served his country honorably until July 9, 1964. He returned to South Dakota and began employment with Allied Van Lines. He was united in marriage on July 20, 1968 in Willow Lake to Kay Fonken. The couple lived in Webster

where he worked for Fritz Grosek and then they moved to Garden Grove, Calif. and Jim worked for Strand Excavating. They later moved to Sonoma, Calif. where he worked for E. K. Excavating. In 1980 they returned to South Dakota and owned and operated Mahlen Truck Stop. Jim later worked at McCain Foods in Clark and after the plant closed, he semi-retired to do construction/carpentry work. He has been the Clark County Veterans Service Officer for several years. His hobbies included fishing with family and friends, taking an annual motorcycle trip with friends, going to the Sturgis Motorcycle Rally, reading and doing woodworking projects. He was a charter member of the Clark County Riders where he was known as Jose'. Jim will long be remembered as the "Guy in the Purple Truck", being an avid fan of the Minnesota Vikings. He

also enjoyed watching the games on Sunday with his grandsons and spending time with his grandchildren, family and friends. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Watertown Chapter #1054**. He was a member of the St. Paul Lutheran Church in Clark, the American Legion Baker Post 209 of Raymond and the Veterans of Foreign Wars. Mr. Mahlen is survived by his wife Kay of Clark, children, Kacey (Jeff) Hoffman of Clark, Amy Mahlen and Maggie (Tracy) Palmer, all of Sturgis; five grandchildren and two sisters, Marlene Wendelsdorf of Olive Branch, Miss. and Janice (Warren) Brandlee of Clark. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death two sisters. Funeral services were held on Wednesday, September 14, 2011 at 11:00 AM t the St. Paul Lutheran Church in Clark with Reverend Robin Schaunaman, officiating. The organist will be Dorothy Fuller. Urn-bearers will be Gary Kruthoff and Roger Christofferson. Active bearers will be his grandchildren and honorary bearers, all of his family and friends. Full military honors by the American Legion Baker Post #209 - Raymond, VFW Post #750 - Watertown and the South Dakota Army National Honor Guard - Honors Detail Team will be held following the services. Burial will be private. The Furness Funeral Home in Clark was handling the arrangements.



**ALBERT S. MARCIANO, JR.** - Died Thursday, September 1, 2011 in Greece, New York at the age of 63. The cause of death was cancer. He was born October 10, 1947 in Rochester, New York to Irma and the late Albert S. Marciano, Sr. In addition to his father, he was predeceased by his brother, James, mother of Michael, Deborah Booth; niece, Tracy Baumgartner; and nephew, O. David Rist, Jr. In addition to his mother, Irma, he is survived by his "bride" of 17 years, Beth (née Rist) and beloved son, Michael; brothers & sisters in-law, Ed and Chris Baumgartner, Chuck and Gail Rist, O. David & Pat Rist, Val & Sue Vaillancourt, Larry & Kay Anderson, Ray & Gretchen Alves, many adored nieces, nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews; godchildren, Mark Watt, Liz Collichio and Alex Marcello; and many dear friends. Albert was a proud Veteran of the United States Army and served in the Vietnam War. He was the iconic waiter at Mr. Dominic's for 28 years were he had many dear friends, both co-workers and customers. He enjoyed life to the fullest, especially his home, friends on Long Pond, Hockey, Golf and so many great vacations. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Rochester Chapter #20**. Friends may call Sunday, September 4th, 1-4 P.M. at Vay-Schleich & Meeson Funeral Home, Greece Chapel, 1075 Long Pond Road. His Funeral Mass will be celebrated, Monday, September 5th, 11 A.M. at Holy Cross Church, 4492 Lake Avenue. His Committal Service will follow Mass at Riverside Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Vietnam Veterans of America, 8719 Colesville Road, Suite 100, Silver Spring, MD 20910, American Cancer Society, c/o Memorial Processing, PO Box 7, E. Syracuse, NY 13057 or Holy Cross Church, 4492 Lake Ave., Rochester, NY 14612, in his memory. For more information or to sign Albert's online guestbook, please visit: [MeesonFamily.com](http://MeesonFamily.com)

**GERALD A. "Jerry" MARTIN** - Died Wednesday, September 7, 2011 in Lawton, Oklahoma at the age of 62. The cause of death is unknown. He was born October 3, 1948 in Lodi, Ohio, to Carlin and Donna (née Loving) Martin. He grew up a military child and was a 1966 graduate of Lawton High School. He enlisted in the United States Army in October of 1967 and was a Vietnam

veteran. He also served in the United States Army Reserves and the Oklahoma National Guard. His awards include the National Defense Service Medal, Vietnam Service Medal with bronze service star, the Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal with 60-device, Overseas Service Bar, Good Conduct Medal, Bronze Star Medal with V Device, the Bronze Star Medal with oak leaf cluster and the Sharpshooter Qualification Badge. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Lawton Chapter #751**. He married Ann Ryker on December 21, 1967 in Lawton. Jerry retired from the U.S. Postal Service in 2004 after 35 years of service. He was a member of the Vietnam Veterans of America. He was an avid outdoorsman and enjoyed fishing and hunting. He is survived by his wife, of the home; a daughter and son in law, Amy and Scott Reed, Mustang, Oklahoma; a son, Jeff Martin, Lawton; three grandsons, Ryan, Brayden and Dylan Reed, all of Mustang; his mother and step father, Donna and Brad Stromme, Worland, Wyoming; four brothers and two sisters in law, Darrell and Sue Martin, San Pedro, California, Carlyle and Percillia Martin, Rigby, Idaho, and Kenny Martin and Terry Martin, both of Beverly, Ohio; a sister, Carla Martin, Beverly, Ohio; a half brother and his wife, Brian and Tammy Stromme, Belgrade, Montana; a half sister and her husband, Joymle and Brian Hughes, Riverton, Wyoming; his mother in law, Elizabeth Ryker, Lawton; a brother in law and sister in law, Carl and Nicki Ryker, Lawton. His father preceded him in death. A graveside service was conducted at 11:00 AM on Monday, September 12, 2011 at the Fort Sill National Cemetery in Elgin, Oklahoma. Arrangements are under the direction of the Becker Funeral Home & Cremation Service. Memorial contributions may be made to the charity of the donor's choice.

**RONALD DAVIS McCLURE** – Died Wednesday, August 17, 2011 in Baltimore, Maryland at the age of 58. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Rainelle, West Virginia on November 24, 1952 to the late Weaver McClure and Ida McClure. He graduated from Greenbrier High School in West Virginia. He is survived by his wife, Joyce McClure, of the home; his son, Ronald C. McClure; his daughter, Crystal McClure; his brother, Roger McClure; his sister, Wilma Osborne, and; five grandchildren. In addition to his parents, he was predeceased by his brother, Joe McClure. He served in the United States Coast Guard from 1972 to 1976 during the Vietnam War. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Baltimore Chapter #451**. Funeral services were conducted at the Duda-Rock Funeral Home on August 22, 2011. Interment was in Holly Hill Memorial Gardens.

**TERRY "Little Bit" McDANIELS** – Died Saturday, April 2, 2011 in Atmore, Alabama at the age of 60. The cause of death was liver failure due to Hepatitis C. He was born March 13, 1951. He served in the United States Marine Corps during the Vietnam War. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Atmore Chapter #190**.



**NORA MAE McDONALD** - Died Tuesday, September 6, 2011 in Douglasville, Georgia at the age of 62. The cause of death is unknown. She was born October 22, 1948 in Douglasville, Georgia, to the late Roger Warren Davis and Vassie (née Camp) Davis. Mrs. McDonald was the Office Manager for Career and College Institute – Douglas County School System. She was a member of the Church of Christ at Lithia Springs, Georgia. She was a member of **Associates of**



**Vietnam Veterans of America – Douglasville Chapter #935.** She is survived by her husband of 43 years, Joe McDonald of Douglasville, GA; son, Jon McDonald of Douglasville; daughter, Amy McDonald of Douglasville; brother, Roger Warren Davis, Jr. of Villa Rica, Georgia. The family will receive friends at the funeral home on Thursday, September 8, 2011 from 11:00 AM until 1:00 PM with the funeral service following at 1:00 PM in the Rosehaven Chapel with Minister Robbie Eversole, Minister Larry Acuff, and Minister Roger Davis, Jr. officiating. Interment will follow at Mt. Harmony Memorial Gardens. While flowers are accepted the family suggests that donations be made in her memory to the Winship Cancer Center at Emory University. Express condolences online at [www.whitleygarner.com](http://www.whitleygarner.com). The arrangements were by the Whitley Garner at Rosehaven Funeral Home, Douglasville, Georgia.

**RICHARD L. MELLOTT, SR.** – Died Tuesday, June 22, 2004 in Cumberland, Maryland at the age of 65. The cause of death is unknown. He was born October 24, 1945. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Cumberland Chapter #172.**

**CLARENCE LEWIS “Sonny” MINARD** - Died Monday, August 1, 2011, at Geer Nursing and Rehab Center in Canaan, Connecticut following a short illness at the age of 76. He was a resident of Torrington, Connecticut. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Winsted, Connecticut on July 18, 1935, to the late Elzwood and Lillian (née Bishop) Minard and had lived in this area most of his life. Prior to his retirement he had been a self employed carpenter, worked for Torrington Sash & Door and the Torrington Board of Education as a custodian for over 20 years. He was a United States Army veteran having served in Korea and a United States Navy Veteran having served with the Seabees during the Vietnam War. He was a member of the Disabled American Vets, the Morgan-Weir Post, American Legion in Litchfield, Vietnam Veterans of America, Life Member of the Navy Seabee, an *At-Large Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Connecticut**, and VFW Post #296 in Winsted. In addition to his former wife Carolyn (née Coolidge) Minard with whom he made his home, he is survived by his daughter, Sheila Wheelock of Goshen; four grandchildren, Amanda Eckhart of Naugatuck, Ashley Eckhart, Christina Wheelock and Cody Wheelock all from Goshen; two great grandchildren, Sierra Eaton, Michael Kopchick, nieces, a nephew and several cousins. He was predeceased by a granddaughter, Faith Lee and his brother, Elzwood Minard. Funeral services were held on Friday, at 11:30 AM at the Maloney Funeral Home, 55 Walnut Street, Winsted. Friends may call at the funeral home one hour prior to the service. Burial will follow in Goshen Center Cemetery in Goshen, with full military honors. Memorial contributions may be made to FOCUS, Alternative Learning Center for Autism, 126 Dowd Avenue, Canton, Connecticut 06019. To leave an online condolence, please visit [www.maloneyfuneral.com](http://www.maloneyfuneral.com).

**THOMAS J. MURPHY** - Died Monday, August 29, 2011 in his residence in Hamburg, Pennsylvania at the age of 63. The cause of death was Agent Orange-related Diabetes Mellitus Type II, Colon, Liver and Lung Cancer. He was born October 25, 1947 in Carbondale and was the son of the late Thomas J. and Margaret (née Adams) Murphy. He was the husband of Janet E. (née Snyder) Murphy. He was employed as a tractor-trailer truck driver for many years and last worked for R.M. Palmer Company for 14 years, retiring in 2006. He was a 1965 graduate of Carbondale High School and a United States Army veteran of Vietnam. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of**

**America – Reading Chapter #131.** In addition to his wife, he is survived by two sons, Patrick Joseph, husband of Angeline Murphy, Hamburg, and Glen Joseph Murphy, Hamburg. A memorial service will be held on Thursday at 11 a.m. from the Burkey & Driscoll Funeral Home, Inc., Hamburg. A visitation with the family will be held 10:00 to 11:00 AM. Burial will be private in Indiantown Gap National Cemetery. Online condolences may be expressed at [www.burkeydriscoll.com](http://www.burkeydriscoll.com).

**THOMAS J. MURRAY** - Died Saturday, August 20, 2011 at home in West Springfield, Massachusetts at the age of 62. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Springfield, Massachusetts on April 10, 1949 and lived in West Springfield all his life. He worked for the West Springfield Water Department and was a member of the West Springfield VFW, a life member of the DAV, a member of the American Legion and **Vietnam Veterans of America – West Springfield Chapter #866**. He was a Lance Corporal in the United States Marine Corps for four years during the Vietnam War. He was predeceased by his wife Candace Childs in 1993. He leaves two sons, Brendon Murray of Feeding Hills and Brian Murray of West Springfield, two daughters, Allison and Ashley Murray of West Springfield, his partner Darlene Denny, four brothers, Michael, William and Daniel of West Springfield and Timothy of Fredericksburg, VA, four sisters, Sheila Stevens of Pittsfield, Mary Ellen Giroux of Westfield, Patty Suchicwicz of Chesterfield and Noreen Thayer of Holyoke and a granddaughter Grace. He was predeceased by a brother James Murray. The funeral will be Thursday at 9 am from West Springfield Curran-Jones Funeral Home followed by Mass in St. Frances Church at 10 am. Burial in the Massachusetts Veterans Memorial Cemetery. Calling hours are Wednesday 4-7 pm. Memorial contributions may be made to the charity of one's choice. For online condolences please go to [curranjones.com](http://curranjones.com).



**WILLARD C. "Bud" MUSICK** - Died early Friday afternoon October 29, 2010 in New Philadelphia, Ohio at the age of 62. The cause of death was cancer. He was born at Congo, Perry County, Ohio on March 15, 1948, to the late Willard E. and Virginia L. (née Gill) Musick. Bud was a veteran of the United States Navy having honorably served our country from March, 1965 to December, 1967. For many years following, Bud was a maintenance mechanic and ultimately retired from Valerie Management of Houston, Texas. He was a *Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Baytown (Texas) Chapter #922*. Surviving are two daughters, Toni (companion, Jason Smith) and Stacy (Dan) Brea, all of Woodsfield, Ohio; one stepdaughter and two stepsons as well as three grandchildren; two sisters, Darlene (Jack) Ren, Roseann (Charles) Pressely; two brothers, Gary (Brenda) Musick and Mike Musick, all of New Philadelphia; and numerous nieces and nephews complete the family. In addition to his parents, Bud was preceded in death by his wife, Joyce Dixon Musick; four sisters, and one brother. Cremation care will be conducted through Geib's Tuscarawas Valley Crematory at Dover. A private memorial service celebrating Bud's life will be held at a later date. Those wishing to do so may send the family personal condolences by signing the online guest registry located on the funeral home's website. The family would like to express a special thank you the caring staff of Community Hospice for their kindness and concern expressed during Bud's declining health.

Those wishing to do so may direct memorial contributions in his name to Community Hospice, 201 W Third Street, Dover, Ohio 44622.



**HOWARD ELLIS "Chief" NORTON** - Died at his home in Cartersville, Georgia on Wednesday June 8, 2011 at the age of 74. The cause of death is unknown. He was born December 2, 1936 in Opelika, Alabama. Norton enlisted in the United States Navy when he was 17 years old, reaching the rank of Chief Petty Officer. He was a "Charter Member" and *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Anniston Chapter #502** since 1989. He was instrumental in raising funds to make it possible to build Centennial Memorial Park in Anniston. He served on the VVA Chapter #502 Honor Guard for 15 years and also performed the "Fallen Comrade Ceremony" at many funerals and other ceremonial events. He was the "Vietnam Veteran of the Year" in 2000. He was a member of the 55 and older softball team in Oxford. He also enjoyed his Anniston High School Class of 1955 reunions and luncheons with his classmates. The sense of charity was echoed in the many actions of Norton's life. His proudest moment he noted himself was taking up the cause and bringing home Mr. Ben Edwards Brooks, a Korean War veteran, for a proper burial. He is survived by his loving daughter, Melissa Schaus, and son-in-law, Keith Schaus, of Cartersville, Ga.; sons, Ralph Norton, of Newnan, Ga., Jeffrey Dean Norton, of Pensacola, Fla. and H.E. Norton Jr., of St. Petersburg, Fla.; daughters Stephanie Norton, of Pensacola, Fla. and Brenda Norton Bell, of St. Petersburg, Fla.; six grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his son, Randy Norton; father, Harold E. Norton; mother, Elizabeth Louise Fuller Norton Chapman; brother, Billy Norton and sister, Hazel Judah. Honorary pallbearers are Anniston High School Class of 1955, Traylor Chapter 502 Vietnam Veterans, Dr. Clifford Black, Surgeon and Bill Chappell his dearest friend. Funeral services for will be held at Miller Funeral Home in Oxford, Alabama on Saturday, June 25, 2011, at 11 a.m. with Chuck Stricklin officiating. Also, remarks by Ken Rollins. Graveside service to follow at Eulaton United Methodist Church. Military Honors provided by the United States Navy with VVA Chapter #502 performing the Fallen Comrade Ceremony.

**JAMES C. "J.C." PARKS** - Died Saturday September 17, 2011 in Tomahawk, Wisconsin at the age of 64. He was a resident of Reynolds, Illinois. The cause of death is unknown. James was born September 17, 1947, in Davenport, Iowa to the late Will Parks, Jr. and Edythe (née Tomasi) Parks. He was a Vietnam War veteran of the United States Army. He retired from Deere & Co. after many years of service. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Rock Island Chapter #299**. He is survived by his aunt, Anna Laura Mueller; uncle, Robert Parks; and many cousins. Services were held 11:00 AM Saturday at Wheelan-Pressly Funeral Home, 801 West Edgington Street, Reynolds, Illinois, where visitation was one hour prior to services. Burial with military honors was in the Reynolds Cemetery. James was an avid biker and Harley-Davidson enthusiast.

**JOHN THOMAS PAUGH** - Died at the Harris Health Care Center at Bristol Glen in Newton, New Jersey on Tuesday, February 8, 2011 at the age of 69. The cause of death was cancer. He was born in Sussex, New Jersey to the late Percy B. and Helen (née Edsall) Paugh. John was a lifelong

resident of Wantage, New Jersey. He was a veteran of the United States Army and had served his country during the Vietnam War. John was a member of the American Legion Post USA, a *Life Member of New Jersey State Council Vietnam Veterans of America – Vernon Chapter #1002*, and the 716th Military Police BN Vietnam Group. For many years he worked as a quality control inspector for Ames Rubber Corporation in Hamburg. He was an avid outdoorsman who enjoyed fishing, hunting and hiking along the Appalachian Trail, Green Mountain, and numerous other trails. He also enjoyed the time he spent as a regular at the Sussex County Library's Wantage branch using the computer to research his family's genealogy. He is survived by his brothers, Richard Paugh of Green Cove Springs, Florida, James Paugh of San Jose, California, and Terry Paugh of Salem, Oregon; his nieces, Amy Paugh of Mount Sidney, Virginia, and Beth Paugh of Marietta, Georgia; along with four great-nieces and one great-nephew. Relatives and friends were invited to attend his funeral at 11:00 AM on Monday, February 14, 2011 at the Ferguson Funeral Home, 27 Third Street, Sussex. Interment was at Clove Cemetery in Wantage. Visitation was at the funeral home on Sunday, February 13, 2011 from 7:00 to 9:00 PM. Donations in his memory would be preferred, and may be made to the Karen Ann Quinlan Hospice Charitable Foundation, 99 Sparta Ave., Newton, New Jersey 07860.



**LARRY R. PAYNE, SR.** - Died peacefully Friday, September 16, 2011 at his home in Hale, Michigan at the age of 67. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Bay City, Michigan on September 27, 1943 to the late Lawrence and Gloria (née Burdett) Payne. Larry served in the United States Navy and retired from General Motors as a maintenance supervisor. He was an avid motorcycle rider and was a member of the American Legion, the Masonic Lodge and a *Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Hale Chapter #882*. Survivors include his wife of 20 years, the former Yvonne Woods; his

children: Sherry (James) Voss, Shelly Wyzkiewicz and Larry (fiancée, Krystal) Payne, Jr.; a stepson, Terry (Kim) Woods; six grandchildren: Matt, Tim, Jimmy, Lexi, Keely and Kolton, and three brothers: Randy (Donna), Chuck (Virginia) and Joel Payne. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a sister, Susan Zielinski and a brother, Richard Payne. Visitation with the family was on Tuesday, September 21, 2011 from 2:00-8:00 PM at the Penzien-Steele Funeral Home. Cremation will follow. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made to the American Legion.

**DANIEL KENNETH PIER** – Died Wednesday, July 27, 2011 in Roseville, Michigan at the age of 64. The cause of death was arteriosclerotic and hypertensive cardiovascular disease. He was born October 11, 1946 in Detroit, Michigan to the late Edward and Genevieve (née Peyok) Pier. He is survived by his wife, Shurl Pier, of the home. He served in the United States Army from 8 September 1967 to 1 August 1970 with a tour of duty in Vietnam from 23 May 1968 to 1 August 1970 with the 173<sup>rd</sup> Airborne Brigade. He was a *Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Roseville Chapter #154*. He is interred in Great Lakes National Cemetery in Holly, Michigan.

**CHARLES E. PIERCE** – Died Saturday, January 29, 2011 in Sheboygan, Wisconsin at the age of 66. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in La Crosse, Wisconsin on May 26, 1945. He served in the United States Navy from October 14, 1962 to October 1, 1966 during the Vietnam-

era. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Sheboygan Chapter #618**.



**ROBERT "Pope" POWELL** - Died Tuesday, September 6, 2011 at St. Peter's Hospital in Albany, New York at the age of 64. He was a resident of Wynantskill, New York. The cause of death is unknown. Robert was born on June 7, 1947 in Suffern, New York. He served in the United States Marine Corps from July 1967 to September 1968 and attained the rank of corporal. Pope worked for many years as a professional cook prior to joining the Vet Council. He was instrumental in establishing the Homeless Vet Program in Albany, served and cooked in Cooking with Jazz for the Links that sponsored scholarships for seniors. He was substance abuse counselor at the Bridge Center. A room was dedicated to him at Vanderheyden Hall for his lifelong accomplishments. Pope, as he was known to by many, loved spending time with his family, listening to Jazz music. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Cohoes Chapter #8**. Robert is survived by his loving wife of 27 years, Diane M. (Mason) Powell; his loving children, Kelly, Dan, Lori, Lachesha, and Sara; his cherished grandchildren, LaFon (Toya), AJ, Brucey, Brianna, Ray, Jade, Nijah, and Sierra; his cherished great-grandchildren, Xavion and Jae Lon. He is also survived by step grandchildren, a multitude of nieces and nephews, friends and his Vet brothers. He also leaves behind his canine companion, Thor. A funeral service was held at 10:00 AM Saturday, September 10, 2011 at New Comer Cannon Funeral Home, 343 New Karner Road, Colonie. Interment was at Memory Gardens in Colonie, New York. Calling hours were held on Friday, September 9, 2011 from 4:00 to 8:00 PM at the funeral home. To leave a special message for the family online, visit [www.NewcomerAlbany.com](http://www.NewcomerAlbany.com).

**RONALD "Ron" POWERS** – Died in September 2011 in Cambria Heights, Queens, New York at the age of 72. The cause of death is unknown. He was born January 12, 1939. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was *Past-President* and *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America - Queens Chapter #32**. He was waked Sunday, September 11, 2011 at the Woodward Funeral Home in Brooklyn, New York from 2:00 PM to 7:00 PM. On Monday, September 12, 2011 at 11:30 AM there was a service at the same funeral home. After the service he was interred in Calverton National Cemetery. Ron was a veteran, social worker, husband, father, grandfather and friend to many. He will be missed by all.

**CHARLES MELVIN "Charley" PRIEM** - Died Wednesday, June 29, 2011 in Cleveland, Georgia at the age of 79. The cause of death is unknown. Charley was born June 20, 1932, in Lawrenceburg, Indiana, to the late Charles and Agnes Priem. He was the oldest of three siblings. He served as an officer in the United States Army for 26 years with five overseas tours of duty and retired in 1978. He was an *At-Large Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Georgia**. The same year he moved to Gainesville, opening an accounting practice known as Fricks, Priem and Associates, a career he enjoyed for 33 years. Charley was a member of Cornerstone Christian Church and the Gainesville Lions Club, serving both as financial advisor. He is survived by his wife of 57 years, Wanda Lorraine Bentle Priem; sons and daughters-in-law, Charles A. and Marsha Priem of Centreville, Va.; Paul D. and Kristine Priem of Loudonville, N.Y., daughters and son-in-law, Kasey Priem of Phoenix, Ariz., Beth and Randall Powers of Clermont;



grandchildren Angeline and Charles A. Priem, Katey, Paul, and Ty Powers; brother and sister-in-law Andre and Sally Priem; sister and brother-in-law Palmyre and Hart Gleason. A celebration of life service, with full military honors, will be held Saturday, July 9, 2011, at 11 a.m. at Cornerstone Christian Church, 100 Cornerstone Court, Dawsonville, GA. Family will begin receiving visitors at 10 a.m. The family requests, in lieu of flowers, that memorials be directed to Cornerstone Christian Church, P.O. Box 622, Dawsonville, GA., 30534 or Eagle Ranch Children's Home, P.O. Box 7200 Chestnut Mountain, GA., 30502. Those wishing to make online condolences may do so at [littledavenport.com](http://littledavenport.com). Little and Davenport Funeral Home, 355 Dawsonville Highway, Gainesville, GA., is in charge of arrangements.



**JAMES STEPHEN RABIDEAU, SR.** - A resident of the D.J. Jacobetti Home for Veterans since 1984, entered eternal life Saturday morning, June 25, 2011 at Marquette General Hospital in Marquette, Michigan. He was a resident of Marquette and 70 years of age. The cause of death is unknown. He was born March 20, 1941 in Escanaba, Michigan, to the late Stephen P. and Mabel E. (née Leqia) Rabideau. Jim was raised in Rock, Michigan and was a graduate of the Rock High School where he played varsity basketball. He entered the United States Air Force in 1964, serving during the Vietnam Era, until his honorable discharge in 1969. He married the former Arlene R. Souliore and throughout the years the couple resided for a brief time in Sault Ste Marie and then in Rapid River and Gladstone while Jim was employed with

Harnischfeger Corporation for over 15 years. Jim retired due to illness and a few years later moved to the D. J. Jacobetti Home for Veterans in Marquette. There, he loved the bingo games and served in various capacities on the Members Committee, receiving several awards for his services. He always looked forward to the trips to Bay Cliff Health Camp in Big Bay that the members would take and enjoyed the fellowship of his comrades. He was a *Permanent Hospitalized Veteran* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Negaunee Chapter #380**. Jim is survived by his sons, James Rabideau, Jr. of Sault Ste Marie, Michigan, Alan Rabideau of Kinross, Michigan and Robert (Hiroko) Rabideau residing in Japan; his grandson, Russell Rabideau; a sister, Judy (Bill) Brunette of Escanaba; twin brother, John Rabideau of Aurora, Colorado, and Stephen "Pete" (Carol) Rabideau of Kingsford, Michigan; an aunt, Celina (Tony) Crnkovich of Ishpeming, Michigan; several nieces and nephews. In addition to his parents, Jim was preceded by his former wife, Arlene. A memorial mass will be celebrated on Friday, July 1, 2011, at 2:00 pm in the chapel at the D. J. Jacobetti Home for Veterans with Rev. Msgr. Michael Steber as celebrant. Veteran's honors will be accorded by members of the Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 380. The family will receive relatives and friends at the chapel beginning at 1:00 pm Friday until the time of mass. Inurnment will be made in the Rock Cemetery. The Fassbender Funeral Home is serving the family. Condolences may be expressed online at [www.fassbenderfuneralhome.com](http://www.fassbenderfuneralhome.com).

**BERNADETTE M. (née D'ITRI) RAICH** - Died unexpectedly Monday, July 25, 2011 in her home in Industry, Pennsylvania at the age of 61. The cause of death was Multiple Sclerosis. She was born December 25, 1949, in Rochester, Pennsylvania to the late Vincent E. D'Itri, Jr. and Eleanor M. (née Mereskevich) D'Itri. She had been a resident of Midland and Industry all her life. She was a registered nurse and had formerly worked at the Crucible Steel hospital. Bernadette was a member of St. Blaise Roman Catholic Church and had formerly taught CCD. She was a 1967 Mt. Gallitzin Academy graduate and 1970 graduate of the West Penn School of Nursing and was Membership Chairman of the **Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America – Beaver Falls Chapter #862** Beaver County. Surviving are her husband of 40 years, Richard A. Raich; a son, Mark R. and Jennifer Nicholson-Raich, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania; four brothers, James and Celeste D'Itri, Robinson Township, Pennsylvania; Michael and Windy D'Itri, Marietta, Georgia; Daniel and Kim D'Itri, Koppel, and Dennis and Melissa D'Itri, Calcutta Ohio; a sister, Constance and Paul Drozdjibob, Midland, Pennsylvania and her husband's family: a brother-in-law and sister-in-law Michael and Marguerite Raich, Monaca, Pennsylvania; sister-in-law, Georgianna and James Hagey, Manassas, Virginia, and special aunt, Rita Yurich, Midland. Friends will be received Thursday from 2 to 4 and 6 to 8 p.m. in the Schwerha-Noll Funeral Home, 600 Beaver Avenue, Midland. A Mass of Christian burial was celebrated at St. Blaise Church, Friday at 10:00 AM by her pastor, Father Michael Yaksick. Interment was to take place at a later date at the National Cemetery of the Alleghenies. Online condolences may be shared at [nollfuneral.com](http://nollfuneral.com). Memorial contributions may be made, if desired, in Bernadette's name to St. Blaise Parish, 772 Ohio Avenue, Midland, Pennsylvania 15059, or the National Multiple Sclerosis Society, Pittsburgh, Suite 3, 1040 5th Avenue, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15219-6220. Bernadette's family would like to extend a special thanks to Dr. Thomas J. Scott and the staff of Allegheny Neurological Associates for the years of exemplary and personalized care.

**JOHN B. RAK** – Died in August 2010 in Bend, Oregon at the age of 63. The cause of death is unknown. He was born November 6, 1946. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – La Pine Chapter #821**.



**JOE ALBERT RAMOS** - Died Thursday, September 22, 2011 in Austin, Texas at the age of 63. The cause of death was Agent Orange-related Kidney cancer. He was born in Lockhart, Texas on February 4, 1948 to Isidro and Victoria Ramos who survive him. He is also survived by his loving wife of 43 years, Gloria Ramos, children, Jose Alberto Ramos, Angelica Ybarra and husband Lupe, Analisa Ramos, Jaime Andres Ramos and wife Tina, grandchildren, Mark and Lila Ramos; sister-in-law, Diana Ramos and an abundance of beautiful nieces and nephews. He was a loyal friend and a beloved husband, father, grandfather, son, and uncle. He will be greatly missed. Mr. Ramos was preceded in death by his brother Gabriel Ramos. He served in the United States Navy during the Vietnam War. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Austin Chapter #915**. Recitation of the rosary was at 7:00 PM Sunday at the Angel Funeral Home. Funeral mass was celebrated at 10:00 AM Monday at San Jose Catholic Church. Burial was in Assumption Cemetery. Joe Albert was a friend to everyone from a state senator to his co-workers and boyhood friends.

**WILLIAM WAYNE "Bill" REDIKER** - Died Tuesday evening March 17, 2009 at his home on Vermont Route #110 in Turnbridge, Vermont at the age of 59. The cause of death is unknown. He was born November 11, 1949, in Framingham, Massachusetts, the son of William L. and Elizabeth (Fredericks) Rediker. He graduated from Framingham North High School in 1968 and then went to work at Statue Farm in Framingham. He enlisted in the United States Army in March 1970. On Sept. 13, 1970, Bill married the love of his life, Karen Anne Murphy. Their wedding was held just two weeks before Bill was scheduled to deploy to Vietnam where he would serve with the 101st Airborne, Company B "Kingsman" as an aircraft armament specialist during the Vietnam War. His dedication to his company and "the guys" compelled Bill to extend his regular tour of duty. Upon his return to the States, his grandfather helped him find work as a "rewinder" at Wheet Electrical in Framingham. Bill soon mastered the skill of electric motor repair and after a few years he and Karen moved to Vermont where he was employed at T&L Electric of White River Junction. Later he would work at the Lebanon office of Barre Electric and as a mechanic at New England Motor Sports in White River Junction. He was forced to stop working in the early 1990s. He and his wife lived in Turnbridge and South Royalton, later in Wilder and then in 1992 settled in their home on Route 110 back in Turnbridge. Bill was mechanically inclined, very artistic and had an incredible love of the outdoors. He enjoyed hunting, fishing, trapping and tracking. He was an incredible marksman and possessed a wealth of knowledge about shooting, ballistics and gun care. Many people sought out his expert advice and because of this, Bill ended up doing quite a bit of gunsmith work on the side. Another hobby that brought Bill great pleasure was working on cars. He was a real automotive enthusiast. Bill was a life member of the Disabled American Veterans, Chapter 3 of White River Junction, a member at large of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, and the Combat Veterans of New England. He also belonged to the National Rifle Association, the DAV Auxiliary and was an *At-Large Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America - Vermont**. He is survived by his wife, Karen Rediker of Turnbridge; a son, Craig Rediker of Hartland; a daughter, Stacey Britch of South Royalton; four grandchildren; his mother and stepfather, Elizabeth and Anthony Lentini of Natick, Mass.; a brother, Marshall Rediker of South Royalton; two sisters, Diane Gifford of Mansfield, Mass., and Nancy Sperlich of Natick, Mass.; a very special nephew, Jon Kelley, who currently lives with Bill and Karen; as well as many nieces, nephews and cousins. He was predeceased by his dad and a brother, Joseph Rediker. Friends may call Friday evening, March 20, 2009, from 6:00 to 8:00 PM at the Broadway & Cilley Funeral Home in Chelsea. Funeral services will be held Saturday, March 21, at 2:00 PM in the Turnbridge Church in Turnbridge with the Reverend David Wolfe officiating. Burial services with full military honors will be held later in the spring time at the Vermont Veterans Cemetery in Randolph Center. In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to the DAV Transportation Fund, Veterans Administration Medical Center, 215 North Main Street, White River Junction, Vermont 05009.

**GRIFFIN MICHAEL RICE** – Died Thursday, January 20, 2011 in Springdale, Maryland at the age of 60. The cause of death is unknown. He was born September 3, 1950. He is survived by his loving wife, Evelyn (née Lozada) Rice; two sisters, Mary Alice Jackson and Jean Kennedy Lowe; brother-in-law, Robert Rivera; sister-in-law, Gloria Rivera and a host of family and friends. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was an *At-Large Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Maryland**. Viewing was Thursday, January 27<sup>th</sup> from 12:30 PM until time of service

at 1:30 PM at Fort Lincoln Funeral Home, 3401 Bladensburg Road, Brentwood, Maryland. Interment was in the Fort Lincoln Cemetery.



**WILLIAM T. "Bill" RONAGHAN** - Died unexpectedly on Monday, August 29, 2011 at the Cape Regional Medical Center, Cape May, New Jersey surrounded by his family. He was 65 and a resident of Erma, New Jersey. The cause of death was cancer. He was born in Bronx, New York but he has lived in many other locations while serving in the Coast Guard; and has been a Cape May area resident since 1989. Bill served his country in the United States Navy for 2 years, then 29 years in the United States Coast Guard. He has served in Vietnam; Guantanamo Bay Cuba; as well as other installations in the US. Bill received several medals and honors during his military career. He is a retired Coast Guard Company Commander last stationed here in Cape May. He was a member of the Parish of Saint John Neumann Roman Catholic Church; a life member of the DAV in Del Haven; and a *Life Member* of **Vietnam**

**Veterans of America – Erma Chapter #602.** His family is very proud of his service to his country and dedication and devotion to them. He is survived by his wife of 36 years Patricia Ronaghan; his daughters: Dianna Bemis of Erma, Michelle (Craig) Pilczuk Sr. of North Cape May, and Mary (Steven) Miller Sr. of Villas; four grandchildren; two brothers; three nieces; and one nephew. Bill was preceded in death by his parents Edward and Mary (Hughes) Ronaghan; his son-in-law Philip Bemis; and several aunts and uncles. There was a funeral service at 10:00 AM on Friday, September 2, 2011 at the Evoy Funeral Home, 3218 Bayshore Road, North Cape May, New Jersey 08204. Calling hours were from 6:00 to 8:00 PM on Thursday, September 1, 2011 and from 9:30 to 10:00 AM on Friday morning September 2, 2011 at the Evoy Funeral Home. Interment was at Cold Spring Cemetery, 780 Seashore Road, Cold Spring, New Jersey. The family suggests donations in William's memory to the American Cancer Society, 626 North Shore Road, Absecon, New Jersey 08201. To share condolences, please visit [www.evoyfuneralhome.com](http://www.evoyfuneralhome.com).

**JAMES HOWARD ROSS** - Died Saturday, September 3, 2011, at his home in Wooster, Ohio at the age of 64. The cause of death is unknown. He was born April 28, 1947, in Cleveland, Ohio, to the late Ford G. Ross and Anna (née Kropf) Ross who survives him. He grew up in Wooster, graduating in 1965 from Wooster High School. After receiving a B. A. from Muskingum College in 1969, he was drafted and served 2 years in the United States Army with the 173rd Airborne Brigade as an infantry medic stationed in Vietnam. Upon return to civilian life, he worked for Aetna Insurance Company as a claims adjuster in Akron and Toledo, Ohio. While working full time, Jim attended the University of Toledo College of Law at night, receiving a J.D. cum laude in 1981. He then returned to Wooster to enter practice with his father and brother as a third generation attorney in Ross Law Offices. In 1990, he received the William H.H. Wertz Service Award from Wooster-Wayne Legal Aid Society in recognition of his volunteerism on behalf of the Society. Jim's paternal relatives were among the earliest settlers of Wayne County, and he had a strong interest in the Wayne County Historical Society, where he had served as a board

member and treasurer. Following cremation there will be interment at Hopewell Cemetery, which is adjacent to the farm of one of his forebears. Military service had a strong impact on his life, reflected in active membership in the **Barry G. Caruso Chapter #255 of Vietnam Veterans of America** in Wooster, Ohio, where he served as past president and treasurer. Beginning in 1986, he was appointed as a member of the Wayne County Veterans Service Commission and had served as vice president. He was honored to provide legal work for the body that established the Wayne County Veterans Memorial located in Wooster Cemetery. He was a lifelong fan of the Cleveland Indians and devoted free time to collecting books with an emphasis on history and the Civil War, and became an accomplished cook with a flair for developing his own recipes. He played golf on both high school and college teams and enjoyed league play for decades. In later years he enjoyed regular exercise and camaraderie through Wooster Community Hospital's Cardiac Rehabilitation Program. He was preceded in death by his father, who died in 2007. He is survived by his wife, Louise Keating, whom he married in 1999, his mother, brother William (Robbie) Ross, all of Wooster, sister Carolyn (Bill) Spalding, of Springfield, Ohio, niece Cathy Varney, of Lancaster, Ohio, nephew Brian (Suzi) Ross and great-nieces Julia and Mia Ross, all of Columbus, Ohio, numerous cousins, and many wonderful friends who provided great support during his last illness. Appreciation is extended to Trinity Home Care & Assisted Living and to Emma Yoder for all their assistance and friendship. Donations in his memory may be made to James Ross Memorial Fund, which shall be used for incidental expenses at the Wayne County Veterans Memorial, % Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 255, P O Box 324, Wooster, Ohio 44691, or to a cause or charity of the donor's choice. Graveside service at Hopewell Cemetery in Holmes County will be held September 17, at 10:30 AM. McIntire Davis & Greene is assisting the family with arrangements.



**RICHARD R. SCHRANK** – Died Tuesday, August 2, 2011, in Racine, Wisconsin at the age of 63 years. The cause of death was congestive heart failure, pulmonary edema and respiratory failure. He was born November 15, 1947 in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. He was the loving husband of Mary "Poopsie"; caring father of Tony (Samantha) and LeAnn (Bob) Jasinski; proud grandpa of Sarah and Ryan; brother of Linda (Henry) Plouff, and; also survived by nieces,

nephews, other relatives and friends. Richard served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War. He was a retired Teamster, member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Racine Chapter #767** and the Racine Moose Lodge #437. Richard had a larger than life personality and an amazing sense of humor that will be missed by all who knew him. Visitation was Friday, August 5th from 5:00 PM-8:00 PM at the Heritage Funeral Home, with service to follow at 8:00 PM. Interment was in Saint Adalbert's Cemetery on Saturday, August 6<sup>th</sup>. The family gives a special thank you to the staff in the ICU at Clement J. Zablocki VA Medical Center for the wonderful care given to Richard.

**WILLIAM FREDERICK SCHULTZ, SR.** - Died Sunday, August 22, 2010 in Raeford, North Carolina at the age of 78. The cause of death is unknown. He was born April 21, 1932. He served in the United States Army Special Forces, was a veteran of the Korean and Vietnam wars and received the Bronze Star with One Oak Leaf medal. He was a lifelong member of the Special Forces



Association, the 82nd Airborne Association and the American Legion. He graduated from Campbell University with a bachelor of arts in business and was a member of the International Society of Arboriculture and the National Association of Arboriculture. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Raeford Chapter #1033**. He leaves behind to cherish his memory his wife, Gertrude C. Schultz of the home; three sons, Shawn Schultz of Raeford, Hans Schultz of Fayetteville, and William F. Schultz Jr. and wife Shirley also of Fayetteville; two grandchildren, Rudy Schultz and Courtney Schultz; two great-grandchildren, Benjamin and Thomas; close family friend, Mary Morrow; nephew, Larry Kubicek; and niece, Jan-Marie Kubicek. The family will receive friends from 12:45 to 1:45 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 26, 2010, at St. Matthews United Methodist Church. The funeral service will follow at 2 p.m. at the church with Pastor Kong S. Namkung officiating. Mr. Schultz will be laid to rest in Sandhills State Veterans Cemetery in Spring Lake on Monday, Aug. 30, 2010, at noon with full military honors. Memorials may be made to St. Matthew United Methodist Church at 202 Hope Mills Road, Fayetteville, NC 28304; or the Special Forces Scholarship Fund at P.O. Box 41436, Fayetteville, NC 28309-1436. Services entrusted to Rogers and Breece Funeral Home of Fayetteville.

**LAWRENCE D. "Butch" "L.D." SCIBA** - Died Sunday, July 3, 2011 in Hallettsville, Texas at the age of 64. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on September 1, 1946 to the late Victor "Pete" and Doris (née Hoffhines) Sciba who survives in Houston. He married Shirley Herman on May 11, 1974 at St. Peter Lutheran Church. He served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War. He was a member of the V.F.W. and St. Peter Lutheran Church of Hallettsville and a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Hallettsville Chapter #854**. Survivors: his wife, Shirley; mother, Doris of Hallettsville; sons, Eli Sciba of Houston and Zack Sciba of Hallettsville; cousin, Mark Thompson of Alabama; and grandchildren, Draq and Brandan Sciba. Butch was preceded in death by his father. A memorial funeral service will be held at 1 p.m., Saturday, July 9, 2011, at St. Peter Lutheran Church of Hallettsville, the Rev. Dr. Alan Williams officiating. Words of comfort and guest book entry may be shared with the family online at [www.kubenafuneralhome.com](http://www.kubenafuneralhome.com).

**CARL FRANKLIN SHEFFERD** - Died on Monday, August 15, 2011 at St. Joseph Mercy Hospital, Ann Arbor, Michigan at the age of 63. He was a resident of Belleville, Michigan. The cause of death was sudden heart failure. He was born in Denver, Colorado on August 20, 1947. Mr. Shefferd graduated from West High School, Colorado. He proudly served his country in the United States Army during the Vietnam conflict. He was a member of the Patriot Guard, Combat Veterans and Paratroopers. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Plymouth Chapter #528**. He retired from General Motors Powertrain plant after nearly 30 years of loyal service and was a member of the Local #735. He loved hunting, fishing, and most of all, riding motorcycles. He organized many fundraiser rides to benefit local veterans. He also enjoyed making care packages to send to the troops overseas. Carl is survived by 3 daughters; Ellaine Hammontre of Phoenix, Arizona, Sara Shefferd of Avondale, Arizona, and Stacy Shefferd of Belleville, Michigan, 3 grandchildren, and also a sister, Linda (Jim) VanHeesch, of Denver, Colorado. Visitation was 4:00-8:00 PM Monday, August 22, 2011 and 9:00-11:00 AM Tuesday, August 23, 2011 with an 11:00 AM Funeral at David C. Brown Funeral Home, Belleville. Mr. Robert "T-Bone" Tibbals officiated. Interment was at 2:30 PM Tuesday at Great Lakes National Cemetery, Holly, Michigan, with full military honors. Memorial contributions in his honor, may be made to any Veterans organization, and would be appreciated. Please sign his on-line guest book and share a story for his family to cherish.



**PERRON L. SHINNEMAN** – Died recently in Sioux Falls, South Dakota at the age of 76. The cause of death is unknown. He was born July 29, 1935. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was an *At-Large Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – South Dakota**.

**FRANK W. SHOTWELL** – Died Friday, July 22, 2011 in Omaha, Nebraska at the age of 62. The cause of death is unknown. He was born May 21, 1949 to Liselolle and the late Kenneth B. Shotwell. In addition to his father, he was also predeceased by his brother Calvin and his sister Evelyn. In addition to his mother, he is also survived by his stepfather, Bennett Sorensen; his niece Stacy F. Ide, and ; his great nephew, Bradley D. Vines. Frank served in the United States Marine Corps in Vietnam. He was an avid neighborhood watch member and was a member of the VFW #2503 and a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Omaha Chapter #146**. Memorial services were on Wednesday, July 27<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 a.m. at the Kremer Funeral Home, 6302 Maple Street, Omaha, Nebraska.



**DENNIS LEE SMITH** - Died at 7:00 PM on Friday, August 12, 2011, in his home in South Bend, Indiana at the age of 65. The cause of death was a massive heart attack. He was born on January 2, 1946, in La Porte, Indiana to the late Vernon and Katherine (née Weldy) Smith. Dennis had lived in South Bend most of his life. Dennis proudly served his country during the Vietnam War with the United States Air Force. He was awarded the Bronze Star with V Device for Valor and was a recipient of the Purple Heart. Dennis was a member of **Vietnam Veterans**

**of America – South Bend Chapter #1027** and the Veterans of Foreign Wars. Dennis was a hard worker and was self-employed in drywall hanging and finishing. Dennis is survived by his four children, Brian, Jeffrey, Brittany and Benjamin. He is also survived by his six grandchildren, Sam, Conner, Mitchell, Ivey, Landon and Madeline; special friend, Donna Durish of Mishawaka; sisters, Nancy (Mike) Stoutenour of Elkhart and Sharon Kealy of Mishawaka; and his brother, John (Cathy) Sobieski of South Bend. A Memorial Service will be held at 6:00 PM on Thursday, August 18, 2011, at the Palmer Funeral Home-River Park, 2528 Mishawaka Avenue, South Bend. Military honors will follow. Friends may visit with the family from 4:00 - 6:00 PM on Thursday in the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, contributions in memory of Dennis Lee Smith may be donated to the Humane Society of St. Joseph County, 2506 Grape Road, Mishawaka, Indiana 46545; or to Vietnam Veterans of America, Chapter 1027, St. Joseph County, Post Office Box 4, South Bend, Indiana 46624-0004. Online condolences may be sent to the family at [www.palmerfuneralhomes.com](http://www.palmerfuneralhomes.com).

**JULIUS V. “Bud” SPANN, JR** - Died Monday, August 15, 2011, at The North Mississippi Medical Center at the age of 67. He was a resident of Tupelo, Mississippi. The cause of death was cancer. He was born January 15, 1944 in Memphis, Tennessee to the late Julius V. Spann, Sr. and Annie B. (née Monaghan) Spann. He graduated from Central High School in Murfreesboro, Tennessee and then attended The University of Mississippi. While there, he served with the ROTC. After college, he joined the United States Army and served in the Vietnam Conflict as a 1st Lieutenant. He was awarded the Good Conduct Medal, Air Medal, The Silver Star, The Bronze Star and a Purple Heart. He worked for the Mississippi Highway Department. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Tupelo Chapter #842**. He retired from the University of Mississippi. He was an avid golfer and was a member of the Natchez Trace Golf Club. Graveside services with military honors will be 1 p.m., August 17, 2011 at Tupelo Memorial Gardens. W. E. Pegues Funeral Directors is in charge of the arrangements. Survivors include his brother, William "Bill" Watts; special cousins, Jean Christian and Ray Monaghan; many other cousins.

**RANDERSON IVY “Ranny” STEPHENS, SR.** - Died Friday, April 15, 2011, at his home in Manning, South Carolina at the age of 63. The cause of death was cancer. He was born July 8, 1947, in the Barrineau community of Clarendon County, to the late Archie Lee Stephens and the late Ruby (née Bennett) Stephens. He was a graduate of Timmonsville High School, a decorated United States Army Vietnam Veteran having received two Bronze Stars for valor, a graduate of Simmons School of Embalming and Mortuary Science in Syracuse, New York, Clarendon County Coroner from 1984-2004, owner and operator of Stephens Funeral Home & Crematory, a member of the DAV, a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Manning Chapter #960**, VFW, American Legion Williams-Burgess Post 68 and Manning First Baptist Church. He is survived by his wife of over 40 years, Pamela Sue (née Shaw) Stephens, of Manning; two sons, Shayne Stephens (Kitty) of Manning and Ranny Stephens Jr. (Kristi) of Georgetown, South Carolina; a daughter, Randi Lyn Jackson (Chip) of Murrells Inlet, South Carolina; two brothers, Houston Stephens (Diane) and Bill Stephens (Jane), both of Florence, South Carolina; two sisters, Rentha Broad (G.P.) of Manning and Amanda Michaux (Gerald) of Dillon, South Carolina; eight grandchildren, Shaw, Shayne and Bennett Stephens, Mary Margaret, Catie, Byrnes and

Austin Jackson and Anna Rose Stephens; several nieces, nephews and cousins. He was preceded in death by two brothers, C.H. and Ronnie Stephens; and a niece, Tanya Watford. A funeral service was held at 4:00 PM Monday, April 18, 2011, in the chapel of Stephens Funeral Home in Manning with the Rev. Dr. Robert Lewis Alderman officiating. Burial was in Clarendon Memorial Gardens. Pallbearers were Glen Barron, Randy Garrett, Keith Josey, Pat Yates, Hayes Samuels, Jerome McCray, Stuart Moody and Ed Gamble. Visitation was 5:00-7:00 PM Sunday at Stephens Funeral Home and other times at the residence, 1147 Bob White Dr., Manning. Ranny loved his friends, his family and his community. The family would like to thank Jennifer Beasley and staff of Amedisys Hospice and Dr. C. Dorn Smith for their loving attention and kindness. They would also like to thank Chip and Melanie Daniels for their generosity and hospitality. Memorials may be made to Manning First Baptist Church, 49 West Boyce Street, Manning 29102 or to Amedisys Hospice, 2555 Lin-Do Court, Sumter, South Carolina 29150. Stephens Funeral Home & Crematory, 304 North Church Street, Manning, was in charge of arrangements.

**ROBERT A. "Bobbo" STERLING** – Died on Friday, August 12, 2011 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania at the age of 58. The cause of death was heart failure. He was born August 6, 1953 in Philadelphia. He was the beloved husband of Kathryn (née Porch); devoted father of Catherine Hunt (Dustin), Robert II (Christy), Aaron (Emily), Joseph Murphy (Deborah), Michael Murphy (Judy), and Elizabeth; loving grandfather to his 16 grandchildren; dear brother of Joyce Arici (late David), Michael (Marie), Ronald (Trudy), Richard (Elizabeth), Kenneth (Donna), and the late William, and; sadly missed by his many nieces and nephews and adopted children. He served in the United States Army during the Vietnam-era. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Liberty Bell (Philadelphia) Chapter #266**. Relatives and friends are invited to his Funeral Thursday 8:30 to 9:30 AM from the Hubert N. McBride Funeral Home, 2357 East Cumberland Street. The Funeral Mass was at 10:00 A.M. in Saint Anne Church. Viewing was Wednesday, August 17th 7:00 to 9:00 P.M. Interment was in the Washington Crossing National Cemetery.

**RAYMOND C. THOMPSON** - Died Wednesday, October 27, 2010 in West Palm Beach, Florida at the age of 62. The cause of death was septic shock and ischemic bowel. He was born December 18, 1947 in Columbus, Indiana. He is survived by his wife, Patricia "Patty" Thompson. He served in the United States Army with a tour of duty in Vietnam from 1968-1970 as a radioman. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – West Palm Beach Chapter #25**. All County Funeral Home and Crematory, Lake Worth was in charge of the arrangements. The funeral service was conducted on Tuesday, November 2, 2010.

**PEDRO L. TORRADO** – Died Saturday, September 24, 2011 in Camuy, Puerto Rico at the age of 66. The cause of death was pancreatic cancer. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Arecibo (Puerto Rico) Chapter #398**.



**MICHAEL "Mike" VECCHIO** - Died Wednesday, August 17, 2011, at the Hunterdon Care Center in Flemington, New Jersey at the age of 65. He was a resident of Flemington. The cause of death was cancer. He was born on May 22, 1946, in New York City, to the James E. Vecchio and Jennie (née Cass) Vecchio. A Babyboomer and product of the 1960's, he graduated from Hunterdon Central High School in 1964. He joined the United States Navy and served three tours of duty in Vietnam with the U.S. 7th Fleet, achieving the rank of Radarman 2nd Class and was Leading Radarman for Operations Intelligence Division. He was honorably discharged in October

of 1970. Upon his return to civilian life, he remained very active in numerous veterans groups. He was a *Charter Member and Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America - Flemington Chapter #452**, serving in various executive positions, as well as being State Council President for Vietnam Veterans of America. He was also a member of the American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Tin Can Sailors, Destroyer Escort Sailors and the Navy League. Locally, he served as President of the Hunterdon County Veterans Alliance and was project manager for the construction and dedication of the Hunterdon County Veterans Memorial. He was recognized for his efforts within the veteran community with a U.S. Congressional Record in 2000 and was awarded the New Jersey Distinguished Service Medal. He was also a recipient of the Legion of Honor and is a member of the Chapel of Four chaplains. In 2002, he was honored by the Jewish War Veterans for his service as a Vietnam Vet, as well as to the veteran community. He was inducted into Hunterdon Central's first Hall of Fame in 2009. This honor is based on an individual's achievements and service to community and country. He graduated from Raritan Valley College in 1997 with an AA in Business Management and earned a BA in Social Studies and a Minor in Psychology and Political Science from Centenary College in 2000. He did his graduate work at Kean University. He entered the teaching profession and retired in 2010 from Immaculata High School in Somerville, where he was a member of the Social Studies Department and assistant football coach. He was an Adjunct Professor at Centenary College and taught in the Peoples Republic of China in 2003. He was selected to Who's Who Among Teachers in America in 2004 and 2005 and was Teacher of the Year at Immaculata (2003/2004/2006/2007/2008/2009). He was honored with the Mackie "Maxwell Award" in 2011 at the Immaculata Golf Classic in appreciation for his service as history teacher and coach. He was predeceased by his sisters, Marianne Bracco and Rosemarie Frederiks, and his brother, Vincent Vecchio. He is survived by his wife, Irene M. Vecchio; a daughter, Kris Jacobs, and son-in-law, Lance Jacobs; a sister, Dr. Paula Vecchio; a granddaughter, Kylie Marie Jacobs; and nieces, nephews, great-nieces, great-nephews, cousins, brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law. Funeral services was on Saturday, August 20, 2011 at 10:00 AM in the Robert L. Ford Funeral Home, #38 Highway 31, Flemington, New Jersey, followed by a Funeral Liturgy at 11:00 AM in St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church in Three Bridges, New Jersey. Interment was in St. Magdalen's Cemetery. Family and friends were able to call at the funeral home on Friday, August 19 from 2:00-4:00 PM and 7:00-9:00 PM. Memorial contributions may be made to St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Church, 105 Summer Road, Three Bridges, New Jersey 08887. Please visit [www.fordfuneralhome.com](http://www.fordfuneralhome.com) for further information or to send condolences.



**ROBERT M. "Bob" WARD, JR.** - Died Sunday, July 10, 2011 in Malta, Ohio after a courageous battle with lymphoma. He was 67 years of age and a resident of West Jefferson, Ohio. He was born September 17, 1943 in Hetzel, West Virginia. He was a Past Master of Madison Lodge #221 F&AM, a member of the Kentucky Colonels, a United States Navy Veteran (1963-1967), West Jefferson American Legion Posts #201, 40&8 member, London American Legion Post #105, West Jefferson VFW Post #7005, Cooties, and Ohio State Distract 11 Commander. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – London Chapter #746**. Bob was a caring and loving husband, father, grandfather and great-grand-father. He also loved his dog Molly B. He is survived by his wife, Mary K. "Katie" (Wright) Ward; four children; five grandchildren; a great-granddaughter; three brothers, two sisters. Viewing hours were 1:00-3:00 PM and 5:00-7:00 PM on Wednesday, July 13<sup>th</sup> in the Rader-McDonald Funeral Home, West Jefferson, where Funeral Service was conducted at 7:00 PM Wednesday. Military Honors were provided by the West Jefferson American Legion and VFW.



**WILLIAM O. "Bill" WHETSTONE** - Died Saturday, August 13, 2011, at Memorial Hospital in Belleville, Illinois at the age of 72. He was a resident of Fairview Heights, Illinois. The cause of death was acute myocardial infarction. He was born Wednesday, May 10, 1939, in East St. Louis, Illinois. Mr. Whetstone worked as a apprehension specialist for the Illinois Department of Corrections, worked part-time for Kurrus Funeral Home for 41 years and currently worked part-time with Home Detention Techs of Illinois. He served in the United States Army and was a veteran of the Vietnam War and Desert Storm. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Carlyle Chapter #269** and was a life member of the Military Order of the Purple Heart and also a member of HOG. William was preceded in death by his parents, Chauncey and Vivian, nee Hoenig, Whetstone; and brother, Simon Whetstone. Surviving are his wife, Sue, née Loy, Whetstone of Fairview Heights, Ill.; children, Rhonda Whetstone of Fairview Heights, Ill., Richard (Karen) Whetstone of Shiloh, Ill., Randy (Laura) Whetstone of Trenton, Ill., Laura Whetstone of Springfield, Ill., and Keith (Wendy) Whetstone of Belleville, Ill.; good buddy, Missy; twelve grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren. Memorials may be made to the Vietnam Veterans of America. Condolences may be expressed online at [www.kurrusfh.com](http://www.kurrusfh.com). Friends may call from 4 to 8 PM Wednesday, August 17, 2011, at Kurrus Funeral Home in Belleville, Illinois. Funeral services were held at 10 AM Thursday, August 18, 2011, at the funeral home with Father Raymond Schultz and Rick Hodshire officiating. Interment will follow at Jefferson Barracks National Cemetery, St. Louis, Missouri.

**J. ANDREW WHITE** – Died in August 2911 in Albuquerque, New Mexico at the age of 69. The cause of death is unknown. He was born February 6, 1942. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Albuquerque Chapter #318**.

**RICHARD JOSEPH "Dick" WOOD** – Died Saturday, July 30, 2011 in Jacksonville, Illinois at the age of 61. The cause of death was Agent Orange-related adenocarcinoma of the lungs. He was born October 10, 1949 in Jacksonville to the late Donald L. and Genevieve (née Self) Wood. He married Denise Thede on July 6, 1974 in Gladbrook, Iowa. In addition to his wife, Denise, he is survived by his mother of Jacksonville; two daughters and sons-in-law, Cheryn and Nathan

Ramos, of Macomb, Illinois, Amy and Shawn Graves, of Virden, Illinois; one son, Doug Wood, of Macomb; six grandchildren, Micah, Noah, Gabriel and Alexa Ramos, of Macomb and Gavin and Taylor Graves, of Virden; a sister and brother-in-law, Donna and Bernard Ferry, of La Crosse, Wisconsin, and; four nephews, Jeffrey, Brian, Michael and Patrick Ferry. He served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War with a tour of duty in 1971. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Chicago Chapter #242**. He joined the Illinois Department of Veterans Affairs as a service officer and retired in November 2009 as division supervisor. He was also a member of former officer of VFW Post #1379; AMVETS Post #100; and the American Legion Post #279, all of Jacksonville. He served as District Commander of the American Legion in 2009. He was a member of the Central Christian Church in Jacksonville. Funeral services were conducted in the Buchanan and Cody Funeral Home in Jacksonville. Interment was in Diamond Grove Cemetery in Jacksonville.

**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.