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PAULINE CECELIA "Polly" ANDERSON - Died Wednesday, September 11, 2013 in Wilmington, Delaware at the age of 90. The cause of death is unknown. She was born on January 28, 1923 to the late Zeke and Pauline Barnard of Woodside, Delaware and a devoted sister to the late Dr. John Barnard and Zeke Barnard, Jr. of Vermont. Her loving husband of 58 years, Charles (Charlie) Anderson passed away 12 ½ years ago. Her eldest son, 1st LT. Charles Richard Anderson, served our country and gave the ultimate sacrifice in 1971 as a helicopter pilot in the Vietnam War. Pauline dedicated her life to him as president of the Gold Star Mothers of Delaware and supported all veterans for more than 40 years of her life. She was a member of **Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America – Wilmington Chapter #83**. The Vietnam vets knew her as "Mom" Pauline was an accomplished artist, having attended both the Moore College of Art Design and the Philadelphia Academy of Fine Arts. She used her artistic talent in everything she did, from housewife to den mother and Girl Scout leader. Both she and Charlie were very active members of St. Barnabas Episcopal Church, Mill Creek Hundred. They gave their lives to serving others. Pauline is survived by her son, John A. Anderson of North East, MD; daughter, Paula A. Trout; 7 grandchildren; Chuck Clifton, Melissa Jane, Alfred Eric, Sarah Patricia, Christopher Charles, Vladyslav, Caitlyn Mitchell; and 3 great grandchildren: CJ, Nathan and Willow Arya. A service was held for Polly on Wednesday, September 18th at 11:00 AM at Saint Barnabas Episcopal Church, 2800 Duncan Road, Wilmington, Delaware. Friends were welcome for visitation from 10:00-11:00 AM. Burial was in Gracelawn Memorial Park, New Castle. In lieu of flowers contributions may be made to Memorial Fund, Saint Barnabas Episcopal Church to the above address or American Gold Star Mothers, Inc. 2128 Leroy Place NW, Washington, DC 20008-1893.

RAY ELMER ANGEL – Died Saturday, June 15, 2013 in London, Ohio at the age of 65. The cause of death was chronic obstructive pulmonary disease and cirrhosis. He was born in Columbus, Ohio on September 24, 1947. He served in the United States Army from July 25, 1967 to July 24, 1973 with service in the Vietnam War. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – London Chapter #746**.



MAX T. ARMIJO, JR. - age 76 of Houston, Died on Thursday, June 13, 2012 in Houston, Texas at the age of 76. The cause of death is unknown. He was born May 11, 1936. He is survived by his wife Carolyn; his daughter; three sons; sisters; and brothers. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a Fourth Degree Knight of Columbus. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Houston**

Chapter #343. Services and Burial took place in Albuquerque, New Mexico.

PHILIP BAILEY - Died Friday, October 12, 2012 at the University of Cincinnati Hospital in Cincinnati, Ohio at the age of 64. He was a resident of Jackson, Ohio. The cause of death was cancer. He was born November 13, 1947 in Chillicothe, Ohio to the late Hersel and Kathren Prater Bailey. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He loved to attend church and was a member of the Deercreek Freewill Baptist Church, Co-owned and operated the Bailey Shoe Store in Jackson, a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Jackson Chapter #634** and was a member of the American Legion, Jefferson Howell Post 81 of Jackson. He is survived by his wife Sandra Arthur Bailey; daughters Kendra (Kevin) Shope and Kathy Bennington; brother Patrick (Carol) Bailey; sister, Marsha (Jim) Butler; great-grandchildren; Courtney Long and Philip Bennington; nieces, Tami Fletcher, Ashley Bailey and Laura Worthington; nephews, Scott Bailey, Adam Bailey and Mathew Butler. In addition to his parents, he was predeceased his sister Polly Larson and his brother Paul Livingston. Funeral services were held at 11:00 AM on Monday, October 15th, at the Mayhew-Brown Funeral Home with Brother Mickey Maynard officiating and burial was in the Bethel Ridge Cemetery. Calling hours were held from 2:00-8:00 PM on Sunday, October 14th, at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, the family is requesting donation be made to the Deercreek Freewill Baptist Church, c/o Mickey Maynard, 24 Lee Road, Gallipolis, Ohio 45631 or the American Cancer Society, Central Region Office-JACK, 5555 Frantz Rd, Dublin, Ohio 43017.



REVEREND DAVID LOUIS BROWN - Died Friday, August 31, 2012 in Saucier, Mississippi at the age of 64. The cause of death is unknown. He was born January 23, 1948. Rev. Brown was a member of the United States Navy beginning November, 1965, with an Honorable Discharge in November, 1971. During this time, he served in the Vietnam War, and was the recipient of the Purple Heart for injuries sustained while saving a fellow soldier, as well as numerous other military awards and medals. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Semmes, Alabama Chapter #701**. He was the Pastor at Christian Worship Center of Gulfport, and was a licensed Assembly of God minister. He was predeceased by his father, David Wasson Brown, and his wife of 37 years, Wanda M. Brown. Rev. Brown is survived by his second wife, Shirlene Cuevas Taylor Brown; 7 children, Heidi (Nathan) Golemon, Shannon (Deanna) Brown, Derek (Meigan) Brown, Danny (Michelle) Brown, Tracee (Kris) Taylor, all of Grand Bay, AL, DeAnna (Mike) Welch of Wiggins, MS, Kimberly (Carl) Wilson of Saucier, MS; 16 grandchildren, Hank (Ariana), Ryan, Jordan, Chase, Charity, Dylan, Devin, Dalys, Emma Grace, Ann Marie, Meagan, Shelby, Clark, Morgan, Mason and Skyler; his mother, Fannie Lou Brown; 3 brothers, Harold Brown of Escatawpa, MS, Eugene Brown of Hurley, MS, Michael Roy Brown of Pascagoula, MS; 5 sisters, Donna Kay Rae of Pontotoc, MS, Ree Pierce, Becky Brown, and Sherry Brown, all of Pascagoula, MS, and Terry Brown of Jackson, MS; as well as numerous nieces and nephews. He wore many titles, excelling at them all....pastor, counselor, servant of God, son, husband, father, grandfather (Paw-Paw & Pop-Pop), brother, uncle, neighbor, and friend. All who knew him loved him, and he will be greatly missed. He was actively involved with Cruisin' the Coast, and restored many antique/classic cars, winning numerous awards for his meticulous detailed work on each one. A Celebration of Life service was held Sunday at 11:00 AM, at Christian Worship Center of Gulfport, MS. Funeral

services (officiated by Bro. Scooter Duncan) were Monday at 1:00 PM at Christian Worship Center of Gulfport, MS, with visitation for family and friends beginning at 12:00 PM. There were also funeral services (officiated by Bro. Alton Stokes) on Tuesday at 12:00 PM at Serenity Funeral Home, Theodore, AL, with visitation for family and friends beginning at 10:00 AM. Burial was at Serenity Memorial Gardens, Theodore, AL immediately following the service, with military honors to be performed. Riemann Family Funeral Home, 11280 Three Rivers Road in Gulfport, assisted the family with funeral arrangements.

JAMES C. BROWN – Died recently in 2013 in Falconer, New York at the age of 63. The cause of death is unknown. He was born October 10, 1949. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Jamestown Chapter #865**.

R. D. BROWN – Died in October 2012 in Saint Paul, Minnesota at the age of 66. The cause of death is unknown. He was born January 1, 1946. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was an *At-Large Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Minnesota**.

JAMES H. BURDGE, SR. – Died Tuesday, August 20, 2013 in Lanoka Harbor, New Jersey at the age of 63. The cause of death was Agent Orange-related heart disease. He was born October 29, 1949 in Neptune, New Jersey. He served in the United States Army from August 27, 1969 to March 30, 1971 with a tour in Vietnam from January 1970 to March 1971. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Allenhurst Chapter #12**.

RUSSELL DUANE BURGE – Died unexpectedly on Sunday, July 28, 2013 at his home in Valley, Nebraska at the age of 58. The cause of death was a massive heart attack. He was born January 28, 1955 in Omaha, Nebraska to Melvin Lloyd and the late Mary Ann (née Schwasinger) Burge. He grew up in Omaha, where he attended Edison Grade School, and graduated from Burke High School in 1974. As a young boy, Russell was active in Cub Scouts, the ROTC, and had an interest in tropical fish. Russell served two tours of duty in the United States Navy. He first enlisted in February 1977, and was finally honorably discharged in August 1987, holding the rank of Petty Officer 2nd Class. He served most of his duty as a cook, and was very proud to have served his country. Russell was a lifelong bachelor, but he stayed active with many different organizations and memberships. He was a *Life Member* of **Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America – Council Bluffs (Iowa) Chapter #279**. He was a member of the Benson VFW Post #2503, American Legion Post #1, Forty and Eight, and the Knights of Columbus. He was also a member of a 12 step program for many years. Russell enjoyed cooking, gardening, coin collecting, and stamp collecting. He liked the color red, and was an avid Nebraska Cornhuskers fan. He was a country music fan, and his favorite song was “Wild Fire” by Michael Murphy. He was content to spend time riding his bicycle, and was always ready for a meal at Church Street Café in Valley, or Anthony’s Steakhouse in Omaha. He could often be heard saying “whatever”, “What’s up dude/dudette?”, or “Easy does it”. He didn’t take kindly to people being tardy, or being disrespectful of others. He will be remembered as a giving, punctual, holy, humble, and independent man, who never gave up in the face of intimidation, and a man who was patriotic, and loved spending time with his family. In addition to his mother, he was predeceased by his sister Sheryl Lee Burge. Russell is survived by his brothers:

Keith & his wife Maggie of Waterloo, NE, and Steve "Grizz" Burge of Drumright, OK, his sister Karen Lucht of Gretna, NE, his father Melvin Burge of Plattsmouth, NE, and many nieces and nephews. The Funeral service was Saturday, August 3, 2013 at 11:00 AM at the funeral home. Interment was in the Prospect Hill Cemetery, Elkhorn, with military honors by American Legion Post 1. Visitation was from 3:00-8:00 PM with the family receiving friends from 6:00-8:00 PM. Memorials to the family were distributed to several of Russell's favorite charities.

ROBERT DON CARNES - Died Saturday, July 27, 2013 at the Elk Regional Health Center at the age of 89. He had been a resident of Pinecrest Manor and formerly of Silver Creek Terrace in Saint Marys, Pennsylvania. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on April 23, 1924 in Allegany, New York to the late Clell and Cora (née Shoemaker) Randolph Carnes. He attended Olean, New York, area schools and resided in St. Marys since 1960. On August 6, 1949, he married Margaret K. Kahle, who survives. Bob was a professional roller skater and they were married at the Colosseum in Ceres, N.Y., on roller skates. Also surviving are a son, Robert Dee (Patricia) Carnes of St. Marys; two grandchildren, Michele Weisner and Martin Weis; five great-grandchildren; and several nieces and nephews. Besides his parents he was preceded in death by three sisters, Gay, Virginia and Frances; and by a brother, William. He was the last member of his immediate family. He was a member of the Shiloh Presbyterian Church and was head of the ushers and served on the Board of Deacons. He also served on the Board of Session and the Board of Trustees and served as treasurer and financial secretary of the church. He was a veteran of World War II and served in the Army in France. In 1960 he moved to St. Marys to operate the DeLullo's Shoe Store and eventually purchased the business. He sold the business and went to work for the Department of Environmental Resources, Bureau of State Parks. Later, he transferred to the Department of Labor and Industry. In 1986 he retired but was soon called out of retirement in May of 1987 to work for the Fifty-Ninth Judicial District, Bureau of County Courts, Domestic Relations Section, as an enforcement officer. He eventually left this employment to work for the St. Marys Tax Service. He was also employed for a long period of time on a part-time basis for DePrator's Beverage Inc. He was an "Over Fifty Years" member of the George E. Wagner Lodge #639, F&AM., and served as its secretary since 1972. He was also a member of the Past Masters Club of the George E. Wagner Lodge #639, F&AM., also serving as its secretary. He was also a member of the Scottish Rite Bodies, Valley of Coudersport; A.A.O.N.M.S.-Jaffa Temple, Altoona, PA; Tri-County Shrine Club of Western Pennsylvania and Pennsylvania Association of Retired State Employees. Bob was a member of the Pennsylvania Allegany Valley Square and Round Dance Federation Inc., serving on their Executive Board. He was a charter member of the Bells of St. Marys Square Dance Club Inc. and founder of the Elk County Cloggers Inc. He was a *Life Member* of **Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America – Saint Marys Chapter #720**. He assisted with the "Moving Wall" project during its visit to St. Marys in 1997. He was also a life member of the VFW National Home. Bob was instrumental in bringing George Jones and Patsy Cline to the area. He also was a volunteer for the Hospital Resale Shop and the Meals-on-Wheels Program. There were no visitation hours. Family and friends were invited to attend a memorial service to be held at 11:00 AM Friday at Shiloh Presbyterian Church with the Reverend Scott Wiest, pastor, officiating. Full military rites were accorded by the St. Marys Servicemen's Burial Detail. Burial was in the McKean Memorial Park,

Lafayette. Memorials, if desired, can be made to the Shiloh Presbyterian Church Abiding Memorial Fund, 217 Washington Street, Saint Marys, PA 15857.

BRUCE EDWARD COFFELT - Died Saturday July 27, 2013 in Gruetli-Laager, Tennessee at the age of 64. The cause of death was a ruptured gall bladder. He was born in McMinnville, Tennessee on October 7, 1948 to the late Dan and Rosa Nell (née Brewer) Coffelt. He served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Chattanooga Chapter #203**. He is survived by his wife, Gail Coffelt; brothers, Rev. Danny (Karen) and Lebron (Stacey) Coffelt; sisters, Sheila (Donnie) Stewart, Sherry (Jerry) Layne and Shasta (Scott) Floyd; loving nieces and nephews. Funeral services were at 2:00 PM on Tuesday, July 30 in the funeral home chapel with burial was in the Fall Creek Cemetery with military honors provided by the Sequatchie Valley Honor Guard. Visitation hours were 5:00-10:00 PM on Monday, July 29th at the Layne Funeral Home, Palmer, Tennessee.

HECTOR R. COLON-CRUZ – Died recently in 2013 in Juana Diaz, Puerto Rico. The cause of death is unknown. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Ponce Chapter #556**.

WILLIAM LAWRENCE COLONTRELLE – Died in January 2013 in Vero Beach, Florida at the age of 69. The cause of death is unknown. He was born February 28, 1944. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Vero Beach Chapter #1038**.



GARY MILES CONDON - Died Wednesday, August 28, 2013 at the New London Family Medical Center at the age of 64. He was a resident of Clintonville, Wisconsin. The cause of death is unknown. He was born August 3, 1949 in Laurium, Michigan to the late George and Helen (née Lake) Condon. He was raised and attended school in the Crystal Falls, MI. area. Gary entered the United States Marines and served in Vietnam from 1967 to 1970. After the military, he lived in California where he owned & operated a concrete trucking business for several years. Then Gary moved to Arizona and later settled in Wisconsin. He was united in marriage on May 18, 2002 to Carla M. Watters in the Town of Bear Creek, Waupaca County. Gary worked for some time in receiving at Sturm Foods, Manawa, and was also employed at Wohlt Cheese Corporation, New London. He is a member of the VFW Post #664 of Clintonville and a proud member of the Military Honors Gun Salute Team. Gary is a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Shawano County Chapter #206**. His other memberships included the Clintonville Family Moose Lodge #1502. One of Gary's favorite pastimes was restoring a 1953 Willys Jeep to excellent condition sporting a patriotic theme. His other interests included taking care of his yard, going fishing, camping, and trips up north to their cottage. The couple loved going on road trips with friends and the question was simply asked "where are we going and who's driving?" Survivors include his wife, Carla, and five children, Christopher Condon, Jimmy Condon, and Kristy Melton, all of California; Kelly (Nathan) Schreiber of Clintonville, and Chris Young of Symco. There are 5 grandchildren; Hannah & Ryan Condon, Abbey, Brady, and Laney Schreiber. There are 5 siblings; James (Ione) Condon of Crystal Falls, MI, Gene Salasti of Hayward, Francis Salasti of Hayward, Jean (Melvin "Chum")

Beyer of Clintonville, and Garth (Barbara) Condon of Clintonville. He is further survived by his mother-in-law, Vera Watters of New London, a sister-in-law, Carol (Craig) Koplin of Bear Creek, a brother-in-law, Gary (Terry) Watters of New London, and many nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends. Gary is preceded in death by his parents, a brother, George, and his father-in-law, Nile Watters. Funeral service was held on Friday, August 30, 2013 at 7:00 PM at the Beil-Didier Funeral Home, Clintonville. Rev. Brian Crocker officiated and Military Honors will be provided by members of the VFW #664 and American Legion Post #63, both of Clintonville. Friends called on Friday from 4:00 to 7:00 PM at the funeral home.

PATRICK JEREMIAH CONNORS, SR. – Died Friday, February 11, 2011 in Houston, Texas at the age of 66. The cause of death is unknown. He was born April 14, 1947. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Houston Chapter #343**.



ANTHONY D. CORNETTO, JR. - Died Thursday, September 12, 2013 in his residence in Macungie, Pennsylvania surrounded by his family. He was 63 years of age. He was born in Easton, Pennsylvania on October 21, 1949 to the late Grace (née Carey) and Anthony D. Cornetto, Sr. He was the husband of Elaine (née Eppel) Cornetto. His experience over 40 years in the transportation industry ranged from a shop mechanic to the director of parts and service departments for manufacturers, retiring in 2012. He was a member of St. Johns United Church of Christ in Emmaus, Pennsylvania. Tony loved hunting and fishing and was a member of the Alburtis Rod and Gun Club, North American Fishing Club, and the Macungie VFW. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Easton Chapter #415**. He honorably served his country as a medic in the United States Army during Vietnam. He earned a Purple Heart, the Army Commendation Medal, the National Defense Service Medal, Vietnam Service Medal, and the Vietnam Campaign Medal with 2 OS Bars. Survivors: Wife; son, Anthony D. Cornetto, III and wife, Courtney, of Severna Park, MD; daughter, Paulette, wife of Brent Labenberg, of Emmaus; brothers, Carmen Cornetto and wife, Freda, of Baltimore, MD and Samuel Cornetto and wife, Lori, of Allentown; sisters, Rose, wife of Matthew Gualano, of Allentown and Santa, wife of Pete LeVance, of Easton; grandchildren, Drew, Darren, Dylana, Isabella, Sylvie, and Lilia. Memorial services with military honors were held Monday, September 16, 2013, at 6:30 PM at St. Johns United Church of Christ, 139 North 4th Street, Emmaus. Friends called from 5:30 to 6:30 PM in the church. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the Wounded Warrior Project or to the Easton Area High School Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund, both c/o Schantz Funeral Home, P.C., 250 Main Street, Emmaus, PA 18049.

CHARLES EDGAR “Chuck” DANGERFIELD - Died Saturday, July 28, 2012 in Saint Louis, Michigan at the age of 59. The cause of death was complications from surgery. He was born January 9, 1953 in Charleston, West Virginia to Geraldine and the Late Edgar Dangerfield. He served in the United States Army during the Vietnam-era. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Saint Louis Chapter #576**. He was the loving father of David; dearest brother of Terry (Jill), Rick (Carmon), Carolyn Johnson, Tim (Renee), and Betty (David) LePone.

Arrangements were entrusted to the Taylor Chapel of Voran Funeral Home, 23750 Goddard Road in Taylor, Michigan.

JACK B. DAVIS – Died recently in 2013 in Randolph, New Jersey at the age of 67. The cause of death is unknown. He was born August 4, 1946. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Lodi Chapter #800**.

ANTHONY DELLANNO - Died Friday, August 9, 2013, at The Mountainside Hospital in Montclair, New Jersey at the age of 66. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Newark, New Jersey on September 15, 1946. He grew up in East Orange, New Jersey, and had resided in Garfield, New Jersey and North Caldwell, New Jersey for many years before recently moving to East Hanover, New Jersey. He received a Bachelor's degree from NJIT in engineering and later a Master's degree in civil engineering from NJIT. He was the founder of Dellanno Construction, Inc., a commercial construction company in North Jersey that he ran for 35 years. He served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War and earned the Bronze Star with valor medal. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America - Cedar Grove Chapter #510**. He was also a driving force in the design, funding and construction of the New Jersey Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Holmdel, New Jersey. He was an avid golfer but most of all he loved spending time with his four grandchildren. He was predeceased by two brothers, Dennis and Perry Dellanno, and a son-in-law, Adam Sackett. He is survived by his wife of 42 years, Joan (McNair) Dellanno; three daughters, Stacy Sackett, of Warren, N.J.; Robyn Ivey and her husband, Anthony, of Clifton, N.J., and Lori Dellanno and her fiancé, Sherman Vargas, of East Hanover, N.J.; four grandchildren, Carly, Ryan, Madelyn and Dylann. He is also survived by a brother, Ronnie Dellanno, and many extended family and friends. Visitation hours were held on Monday, August 12, 2013, from 4:00 to 8:00 PM at Higgins Home for Funerals, 752 Mountain Boulevard, Watchung, New Jersey. Cremation services were private. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made in his memory to a charity of your choice.



ROBERT EARL DIVELBLISS - Died Wednesday, August 14, 2013 at the Martinsburg VA Hospital, Martinsburg, West Virginia at the age of 66. He was a resident of Cumberland, Maryland. The cause of death is unknown. He was born May 13, 1947 in Hancock, Maryland to the late Merrill Edward Divelbliss, Sr. and Ethel Mae (née Munday) Divelbliss. He was also preceded in death a brother, Merrill E. Divelbliss, Jr. A United States Army Veteran during Vietnam, Mr. Divelbliss was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Cumberland Chapter #172** and the Redman Club. Mr. Divelbliss is survived by three sisters, Patricia A. Layton and husband, Pat, Cumberland, Gail L. Divelbliss-Sauer and husband, Jeff, Las Vegas, Nev., Lorraine M. Knotts and husband, Phil, Cumberland; his nephews, Jamie Layton and Kris Divelbliss; and his nieces, Rachel Knotts, Elisha Knotts, Zoe Knotts, and Shawna Layton. Friends were received at the Adams Family Funeral Home, P.A., 404 Decatur Street, Cumberland, (www.AdamsFamilyFuneralHome.com) on Friday, August 16, 2013, from 2:00 to 4:00 and from 6:00 to 8:00 PM. A funeral service was conducted at the funeral home on Saturday, August 17, 2013, at 11:00 AM, with the Reverend Ted Marsh officiating. Interment was in the Mount Hermon Cemetery. Military honors were accorded at the cemetery by the Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 172 Honor Guard.



WILLIAM DALE "Bill" DOBSON - Died Friday, May 31, 2013, at Barnes Jewish Hospital in St. Louis, Missouri at the age of 61. He was a resident of Springfield, Illinois. The cause of death was cancer. He was born December 18, 1951, in Springfield to the late James and Juanita (née Courtwright) Dobson who survives him. In addition to his mother, Juanita Lockhart of Springfield, he is survived by his two brothers, Gary Dobson of Mt. Pleasant, S.C. and Larry (Joyce) Dobson of Springfield; one sister-in-law, Linda Dobson of New Berlin; one uncle, Charles (Shirley) Courtwright of Springfield; and several nieces, nephews, and cousins. In addition to his father, he was also predeceased by his brother, Robert Dobson, and his stepfather. Bill was a United States Marine, a Veteran of the Vietnam Era; he was a firefighter paramedic and a lab technician for N.A.B.I., both located in Memphis, Tenn. He was a member of the DAV, American Legion, a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Springfield Chapter #534**, North American Sporting Club, and he was a life member of the NRA. A graveside service was held at 2:00 PM on Monday, June 3, 2013, at Camp Butler National Cemetery where the Inter-Veterans Burial Detail of Sangamon County conducted military honors. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society.

RIGGIE G. DOVE - Died Tuesday, June 18, 2013 at Baptist Memorial Healthcare – Golden Triangle in Columbus, Mississippi from an aggressive, but short battle with lung cancer. He was a resident of Columbus and 66 years of age. The son of the late Will D. Dove and Joanne Potter Dove, Riggie was born March 6, 1947 in Columbus. He attended Caledonia High School, enlisted in the United States Army in August, 1967 and completed a tour of duty in Vietnam as a gunner in an Artillery Battery. He received an Honorable Discharge with the rank of SGT in August, 1973. A roofing contractor, he was the owner of Riggie Dove Roofing for many years and was a member of Mt. Vernon Church. He was also a member of American Legion Post #69 and a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America Columbus Chapter #997**. In addition to his father, he was predeceased by his sister Pamela Dove Moss and his wife of 21 years Ann Hargrove Dove, who died in 1992. He is survived by his mother Joanne Potter Dove, his son and daughter-in-law Allen and Jessie Dove of Webster, FL and daughter and son-in-law Gena and Chad Dehner of Orlando, FL. He is also survived by his brother Clay Dove of Dallas, TX and his sister Scarlett Dove of Columbus. Funeral arrangements were entrusted to Gunter & Peel Funeral Home. Visitation hours were on Saturday, June 22, 2013 beginning at 1:00 PM at Gunter & Peel. The funeral service was at 3:00 PM in the chapel of Gunter & Peel Funeral Home with Reverend Don Harding, officiating. Burial was in the Mt. Vernon Church Cemetery. Pallbearers were Spurgeon Moss, Spurgeon Moss, Jr., Ron Moss, Al Lawton, Jordan Payne and David Dove. Honorary pallbearers were Herman Dove, The T.A. Caldwell family, Dudley and Angie Reeves, the Randy Broome family, members of American Legion Post #69 and Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter #997, Baptist Memorial Hospice and nurses and staff of 3rd Floor, Baptist Memorial Healthcare. Memorials may be made Palmer Home for Children, P.O. Box 746, Columbus, MS 39703 or to the donor's favorite charity.

STEPHEN S. DUDEK – Died Thursday, December 1, 2011 in Buffalo, New York at the age of 63. The cause of death is unknown. He was born January 17, 1948 the adopted son of the late John

and Eva (née Servon) Dudek. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Niagara Falls Chapter #681**. He is survived by his stepbrother Edward (Dorothy), Stanley (Thelma), late Raymond (Alice), Richard, Chester (Patricia) Dudek and his stepsister Helen (late George) Werner, and; several nieces and nephews. Relatives and friends were invited to attend a Mass of Christian Burial on Saturday, January 14, 2012 at 10:00 AM in Holy Mother of the Rosary Cathedral, 6298 Broadway, Lancaster, New York. Arrangements were made by the Barron-Miller Funeral Home, Inc.



JAMES C. DULL – Died Tuesday, February 5, 2013 in Faribault, Minnesota at the age of 66. The cause of death was Agent Orange-related cancer. He was born September 29, 1946 to his mother, Norma Dull who survives him. After serving the citizens of the United States as a career non-commissioned officer in the United States Air Force, achieving the rank of Master Sergeant, Jim served the citizens of Minnesota as the finance director at the veteran's home in Luverne and at the correctional facility in Faribault. Upon retirement, Jim focused his service by affiliating with a non-profit veteran's organization, the In Country Vietnam Motorcycle Club: An international organization whose motto is "Vets Helping Vets." As a member of ICVMC, Jim (club name: Wingnut) distinguished himself by serving in leadership roles including, until his death, president of the Minnesota chapter. Jim liked to point out that "Motorcycle clubs aren't gangs." He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – South Saint Paul Chapter #639**. At Jim's request, his remains were laid to rest at the Fort Snelling National Cemetery after a brief memorial service. Those in attendance included immediate family and members of the ICVMC from Minnesota and from the surrounding states. Military honors were provided by the Minnesota Patriot Guard. In addition to his mother, Jim is survived by two daughters Stacy and Kimberly and his son Chase.

PETER PAUL EISNER – Died Sunday, August 4, 2013 in Berlin, Germany at the age of 85. The cause of death is unknown. He was born December 1, 1927. He is survived by two sons, Peter and Chris. He served in the United States Army and retired at the rank of First Sergeant (E-8). He served during World War II, Korea and Vietnam. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Kissimmee (Florida) Chapter #755**. Funeral services and burial with full Military Honors were held on August 30, 2013 in Berlin.



JOHN CARMON ELLISON - Died Thursday, May 30, 2013 in Allen, Texas at the age of 57. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on September 3, 1955, in Fort Stewart, Georgia, to the late John and Dee Ellison. On November 28, 1995, John married Phyllis Taylor in Great Bend, Kansas. He proudly served his country in the United States Army. He was an *At-Large Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Texas**. John was also very proud of his police work; he started the SWAT program in Great Bend. John loved barbeque and cooking out; but most of all, he loved his family. He had a great sense of humor and loved to laugh. He is survived by his wife, Phyllis Ellison of Allen, Texas; children, Joel Ellison and wife Debbie of Silverthorne, Colorado, Chris Ellison of Great Bend, Kansas, Kevin Doll and Jennifer Connor of St. Paul, Minnesota, Nicole Doll of Manhattan, New York; grandchildren, Lila and Logan Ellison of Silverthorne, Colorado; sister, Sue Morgan and

husband Rick of Athens, Tennessee and Connie Ellison of Columbia, South Carolina; many other loving family members and friends. A graveside service was held at 10:00 AM, on Thursday, June 6, 2013, at Leavenworth National Cemetery, in Leavenworth, Kansas. The family received friends during a visitation being held Tuesday evening, from 6:00 PM until 8:00 PM, at Turrentine-Jackson-Morrow Funeral Home in Allen, Texas.



DENNIS K. EPLER – Died Sunday July 7, 2013 at the Robert Packer Hospital, Sayre, Pennsylvania at the age of 56. He was a resident of Elmira Heights, New York. The cause of death was cancer. He was born October 18, 1956 to Ruth A. Johnson and the late Ken Epler. In addition to his mother, he is survived by his wife, Jacqueline Epler; brother David (Peggy) Epler; sister Laurie (Norm) Schoener; step children, Herb (Kathy) Hatch, Ben (Audrey) Hatch, Peter (Melissa) Hatch, and Martha (Josh) Alinovi; one special grandson, Hunter; his mother in-law; Phyllis Greene; brothers in-law, Robert (Melody) Greene, and Matthew (Stacey) Greene; several nieces, nephews and grandchildren; special companions, "Cricket" "Coco" "Molly" "Jake" and "Princess". In addition to his father he is predeceased by his first wife Karen Epler, and his grandparents. Retired as a Master Sergeant from the United States Air Force, Dennis was Commander of the Clarence B. Oliver Post #154 of American Legion, Lay Leader at Our Saviours Lutheran Church, member of the Chemung County Board of Elections, member of the Chemung County Honor Guard, and a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Elmira Chapter #803**. In lieu of flowers those wishing may make memorials to Our Saviors Lutheran Church, 2872 Westinghouse Road, Horseheads, NY 14845, Chemung County ASPCA, 2435 State Route 352, Elmira, NY 14903 or the charity of one's choice. Family and Friends were invited to attend a Memorial Service to honor Dennis on Tuesday, July 16, 2013 at Our Saviours Lutheran Church, 2872 Westinghouse Road, Horseheads, NY, 14845, at 11:00 AM. Guest book may be signed in obituaries at www.olthof.com. Arrangements have been entrusted to Olthof Funeral Home, Inc.

JAMES GEORGE "Jim" ERICKSON, SR. - Died Monday, August 19, 2013 in Lake Wales, Florida at the age of 75. The cause of death was heart failure. He was born July 10, 1938 in Milwaukee, Wisconsin to the late Roy and Rose (née Simonson) Erickson. Jim retired from the United States Coast Guard after 21 years of service, having served in Lampang, Thailand and Vietnam. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Auburndale Chapter #1040**. He served as commander of the VFW Post 4289 three times. He was founder of the Honor Guard and served as captain until his passing. He was awarded Coast Guard Member of the Year (2013). In addition to his parents, Jim was preceded in death by his wife, of 52 years Marguerite "Marge" Alta (Tate) Erickson. He is survived by his brothers: Joel and Jack Erickson, daughters: Cynthia Anne Gramlich and husband Kenneth of Middletown, PA, and Debra Jean Boone and husband Randall of Mobile, AL, son: James George Erickson, Jr. of Mobile, AL, grandchildren Randall, Melissa, Ryan and Christine and great grandchildren Kaeden, Blakely, Aldora, Mollie, Raelyn, Dexter, Michael, Emily and Dalton. Memorial Services were on Monday, August 26, 2013 at 1:00 PM at the VFW Post 4289 in Winter Haven. Inurnment was in the Florida National Cemetery, Bushnell, Florida at 1:00 PM on Tuesday, August 27, 2013.

JOAN I. FEY - Died Tuesday, August 20, 2013, at Allegheny General Hospital at the age of 60. He was a resident of Moxham, Pennsylvania and formerly from Roxbury, Pennsylvania. The cause of death is unknown. He was born January 6, 1953, in Johnstown, Pennsylvania to the late Stanford J. Fey and Nancie W. (née Wharrier) Fey Shank. She is survived by children, Ryan Kleitches; Heather Kleitches, and her partner, Andy Esslinger; and Laura Kleitches, and her partner, Tim Killian; sister of Clare Fey; Peggie, married to Guy Delparte; Jerrie Cope; Jack, married to Tina; Tracie, married to Chester Ziemba; and Gary Fey, all of Johnstown, and; also survived by five nieces, two nephews, four great-nephews; and one great-niece. She was a *Life Member of Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America – Johnstown Chapter #364*. She was also a member of Park Avenue United Methodist Church. She was a 1970 graduate of Johnstown High School and a 1993 graduate from St. Francis University with an MBA. There was no viewing; however, a memorial service was held at 1:00 PM on Saturday, September 7th, at the Park Avenue United Methodist Church with the Reverend Kathleen Schoeneck officiating. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Park Avenue United Methodist Church in memory of Joan Fey. Arrangements were by John Henderson Co. Funeral Home.



JOHN CLYDE “Jack” FICHTNER – Died Saturday, May 11, 2013 in Blair, South Carolina at the age of 58. The cause of death was cancer and heart disease. He was born April 29, 1955 in Los Angeles, California to the late George and Gwenn Fichtner. He served in the United States Army in Vietnam and Turkey. He was a *Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Union Chapter #644*. He was their Chaplain and elected President of the Chapter. He was an avid Motorcycle Rider and was a member of The American Legion Riders Post #34 in Rock Hill, South Carolina and also the Patriot Guard Riders. He is survived by his wife, Debbie; three daughters, Taurea Hope Fichtner, of Vancouver, Washington, Kathy McCall, of Blair, South Carolina and Maradee Fichtner of Texas; three sons, Lance “Smitty” Smith and Ricky Foreman, both of Arlington, Texas and Blake Williams, of Blair, South Carolina; six grandchildren, Lira, Libra, Rainey, Methias, Chelsey and Jason, and; one great-granddaughter, Beyla. His memorial service was held on Friday, May 17, 2013 at 6:00 PM at the Pollard Funeral Home in Chester, South Carolina.

MELVIN G. FORREST – Died Thursday, September 19, 2013 in Lincoln, California at the age of 68. The cause of death is unknown. He was born November 22, 1941. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was an *At-Large Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – California*.



DAVID L. FRANK – Died Wednesday, October 10, 2012 in Harvest, Alabama at the age of 70. The cause of death is unknown. He was born December 19, 1941. His loving presence will be missed greatly by his wife of 34 years, Lindsay; children, Curtiss, Charla, Scott, and Wendy; grandchildren, Trevor, Amanda, and Mitchell; great-grandchildren, Brayson and Amarah; and siblings, Sharon, Fred, and Michael. David loved flying and was an active member of the aircraft associations APOA and EAA and the Redstone Flying Club. An avid fly-fisherman, he treasured fishing trips with his brothers. David was a retired United States Army officer (CW3) and proudly served his country in Vietnam. He was an *At-Large Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Alabama*. He was with Raytheon for 30 years. David was a believer in Jesus Christ and a member of Whitesburg Baptist Church. A

Memorial service was held on Saturday, October 13, at 3:00 PM in the Chapel at the Whitesburg South Campus, with visitation at 2:00 PM. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Whitesburg Baptist Church Missions Fund or Redstone Flying Club.

RAYMOND WILLIAM FRAZIER, JR. - Died Thursday, June 13, 2013 Baltimore, Maryland at the age of 87. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Towson, Maryland on March 9, 1926 to the late Raymond William Frazier, Sr. and Helen (née Johnson) Frazier. He married Vanessa Jackson on June 29, 2007. He served in the United States Army. He was a member of The American Legion Post #19 for over 50 years. He was a member of **Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America – Baltimore Chapter #451**. He is survived by his wife, Vanessa; three daughters and two sons-in-law, Ranjanie “Cookie” and Terrell Young, Vanessa and William Holley and Latonya Brooks; four sons and two daughters-in-law, Norman Jenkins, Sr., Reginald and Carla Frazier, Sr., Rodney Frazier and Timothy and Latonya Kelley; one cousin, Joan Johnson, and; several grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Friends called at the Carlton C. Douglass Funeral Service, P.A., 1701 McCulloh Street on Sunday 1:00-7:00 PM. Family received friends Monday 11:00 – 12:00 Noon at the Sharon Baptist Church, 1373-75 North Stricker at Presstman with services following. Interment was in the Garrison Forest Veteran Cemetery.



MIKE GARCIA - Died Friday, January 18, 2013 in Phoenix, Arizona at the age of 62. The cause of death is unknown. He was born June 4, 1950. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Phoenix Chapter #432**. He is survived by his true love Susanna, son Michael, daughter Brenda, brothers Mark and Arthur, sisters Anna, Mary, Irma and Santos, grandchildren Salvatore, Jonathan and Josiah and numerous nieces and nephew. Services for Mike were held Monday, February 4, 2013 at 10:30 AM at the National Memorial Cemetery of Arizona, 23029 North Cave Creek Road, Phoenix, Arizona 85024.

WILLIAM GEORGE GARNER - Died Tuesday morning, August 6, 2013, at D. J. Jacobetti Home for Veterans in Marquette, Michigan at the age of 69. He was formerly a resident of Skandia, Michigan. The cause of death was congestive heart failure. He was born August 1, 1944 in Racine, Wisconsin to the late George Joseph and Caroline Viola (née Combs) Garner. Bill was raised in Racine until entering the US military. He served in the United States Army for four years prior to his honorable discharge. Returning to Racine, he married the former Judy Westlake on June 25, 1966, and together the couple established their first home and began raising a family. While residing in Racine, Bill was employed as executive chef with the Racine Golf and Country Club, catering twice for Bart Starr and the Green Bay Packers. In 1969, he helped open the Lake Bluff Country Club near Escanaba, serving as executive chef, and in 1971 moved to Marquette where he accepted the position of food director at the Marquette Branch Prison, serving 12 years, before retiring due to disability. Bill and Judy moved to the Skandia area in 1976. Bill's accomplishments were many and later in life he completed his high school education through the Adult Education Program offered through the Marquette Senior High School. He received his Associate Degree in Culinary Arts through the Jacobetti Skill Center. Besides being a phenomenal cook, Bill's other interests throughout the years included being a member of the prison employees bowling league, enjoying pinochle, cribbage, yahtzee, bingo,

and the game tournaments provided at Jacobetti. While raising his family, Bill enjoyed attending his son's sporting events, attending all football, basketball, wrestling matches, and band concerts. He was a *Permanently Hospitalized Veteran Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Negaunee Chapter #380*. Bill is survived by his daughter, Sarah Griffith of Rapid River; son, Charles Garner of Skandia; his grandchildren, William, David, and Caleb Garner, Leila Morris-Garner, and Abigail Dani; his sisters, Janice Colvin of Tennessee, "Boots" (Clark) Borth of Tucson, AZ; brother, Timothy "Buck" (Tammy) Garner of Washington State; very special family friend, Randall Just of Skandia; several nieces and nephews. In addition to his parents, Bill was preceded in death by his wife, Judith Garner in 2009; son-in-law, Brian Griffith in 2011; sisters, Sandy Sharkey and Sis Bradshaw; and a nephew, Geoffrey Colvin. The family received relatives and friends in the chapel of the D.J. Jacobetti Home for Veterans on Saturday, August 10, beginning at 3:00 PM. A memorial service followed at 4:00 PM with Bill's daughter, Sarah, leading the service. Inurnment was in the Emanuel Lutheran Church Cemetery, Skandia. The Fassbender Funeral Home is serving the family, where condolences may be expressed online at fassbenderfuneralhome.com.



KAY A. GORDON - Died unexpectedly on Saturday, July 20, 2013, at her residence in Manitowoc, Wisconsin at the age of 53. The cause of death is unknown. She was born December 26, 1959, in Two Rivers, Wisconsin to the late Jerome Crabb and Judith (née Liebert) Crabb. She graduated from Sheboygan North High School with the class of 1978, attended nursing school in Madison and earned her associates degree in accounting from LTC. Kay volunteered as a candy striper at St. Nicholas Hospital and then worked as a CNA at North Ridge Medical & Rehabilitation Center and other nursing homes. She also prepared taxes at H&R Block in the Manitowoc area and was most recently employed with Advance America Cash Advance. Kay enjoyed spending time with her family, traveling, the Packers, her dogs and her many collections. She was a member of ***Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America – Manitowoc Chapter #731***. Survivors include one sister and brother-in-law: Brenda (Gerry) Steinbeck, Sheboygan; two brothers: Corey Crabb and Dale Crabb and special friend, Robin, all of Sheboygan; nieces and nephew: Leslie Mueller, Justin Crabb, Alyssa Crabb, and Alexis Sather; a great nephew: Connor; her step mother: Nancy Crabb; along with many cousins, other relatives and friends. In addition to her parents, she was also preceded in death by a sister: Christine Marie Crabb. A memorial service was held at 6:00 PM on Friday, July 26, 2013, at Deja & Martin Funeral Chapels, 1506 18th Street, Two Rivers. Officiating at the service was the Reverend Scott Stevens. Burial of her cremated remains will take place in Holy Cross Cemetery, Two Rivers. The family greeted relatives and friends at the funeral home on Friday, July 26, 2013, from 4:00 PM until the time of service at 6:00 PM.



RONALD ARTHUR HAMLIN - Died peacefully Friday, January 25, 2013 at 2:16 PM at the age of 65. He was a resident of North Yarmouth, Maine. Ron had chosen to make the most of his last months by refusing treatment for recurring cancer. During that time he held a celebration of life party with hundreds of his friends, traveled to the Maritimes with his daughter and her family, vacationed with his son, went on boat rides and dined out with numerous friends and family. He was feeling so well, that at the beginning of January Ron left for his Florida rental home in Zephyrhills near his sister and

brother-in-law, where he enjoyed warm sunny days away from the snow. His son, daughter, wife and stepdaughter all had great visits with Ron while he was there. In his final week, Ron began to feel progressively worse and on the early morning of January 24th he was taken to a local hospice center. On the morning of January 25th friends came to visit and Ron spent time sitting outside in the Florida sun. At 1:00 PM when his sister and brother-in law stopped in, Ron indicated that he wanted to be in bed. He passed calmly an hour later with his wife, Darla by his side. Ron met death just as he did life: head on. Ron was born in Milo, Maine, August 16, 1947, the son of Dwight L. and Irma B. Hamlin, and was a graduate of Milo High School where he served as senior class president. He earned an Associate's degree in Architectural Engineering Technology from Wentworth Institute in Boston, graduating in the class of 1967. While in Boston, Ron met and married his first wife, Roxie M. Black, of Rockland, Maine. Hamlin then served three years in the United States Army, graduating number one in his Basic Training class at Fort Bragg, North Carolina. A high achiever, Ron was the top graduate in his Topographic Survey class at the US Army Engineer School, and earned the rank of Specialist 5 before being sent to Europe for two years. While stationed in Nurnberg, Germany, Hamlin served one year as Survey Party Chief with the 1st battalion, 22nd Artillery, 4th Armored Division; during his last year he serviced as the Battalion S2 NCO. Hamlin was honored to be one of 25 US soldiers chosen to represent the United States at the 25th anniversary celebration of NATO in a parade and ceremony before the King and Queen in Brussels, Belgium. In later years, as a proud veteran, Hamlin joined the American Legion, serving 5 years as Adjutant and 4 years as Post Commander of Anderson-Mayberry Post #91, Yarmouth, ME. He was a life member of AMVETS Robert W. Boyd Post #2 in Yarmouth, ME where he served two years as Post Adjutant and was also a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Sanford Chapter #1044**. In 1973 Ron started his long-standing career at Brown Construction, Inc. in Portland. During his 28 years with Brown, he worked as a draftsman, salesman, estimator, and project manager, before stepping in as President/Treasurer for 11 years and eventually becoming the sole owner of the firm before his retirement in 2001. A strong advocate of the construction industry, Hamlin was an active member of the Downeast Chapter of Associated Builders and Contractors, Inc. (ABC); serving both as Chapter Chairman and as a local and national board member over the years. For his contribution to the local construction industry, Hamlin was voted to become the first Life Member of the Downeast Chapter of ABC. On July 5th, 1992 Ron married high school sweetheart, Darla P. Clukey. Ron was a proponent of small town values, and was fiercely loyal to his community and loved ones. He was active in the town of North Yarmouth, serving as chairman of the town Republican Committee for a number of years, and as a volunteer working on the town's Events Committee, Fun Day, the Flag Project, and various other town projects. Hamlin also served four years as President of the Milo High School Alumni Association and was a generous supporter of the Boy Scouts of America. Ron was a devoted family man and he especially loved spending time with his grandchildren. He loved to travel and felt fortunate to have visited 49 states and 29 countries on 5 continents. He was also a skilled woodworker, often making toys and gifts for Christmas, and later in life found satisfaction in reading and writing, with several of his poems having been published. He took pleasure in eating, especially with loved ones, and was particularly pleased when his stepdaughter prepared his favorite meals for him during his final months. Hamlin was pre-deceased by his parents and a brother, Dwight Richard Hamlin. He is survived by his wife, Darla Perry Hamlin of North Yarmouth; a

daughter, Mrs. Heather Jean (Hamlin) Litchfield and husband Dan of Holderness, New Hampshire, and a son, Ronald Andrew Hamlin of Los Angeles, California, both from his previous marriage; a stepdaughter, Ashley E. (Clukey) Durgin and her husband Greg, of Auburn; and a stepson, Kevin M. Clukey and his wife Rochelle of Thornton, Colorado; six grandchildren: Devin Knight and Jeffrey Clukey of Thornton, Colorado, and Caleb, Emma, Micah and Aliza Litchfield of Holderness, New Hampshire; a sister, Nancy H. Ehrlenbach and her husband Dick, of Trenton, Maine; a brother, Morton E. Hamlin and his wife Diane of Brunswick, Maine; sisters-in-law, Sandra B. Hamlin, of Corinth, Maine, and Brenda Schneider of Tampa, FL; and several nieces and nephews. A "Remembrance of his life" service was held at the Congregational Church in North Yarmouth on Saturday, February 2nd at 11:00 AM. Burial will be in the Evergreen Cemetery in Milo with Military Honors on Saturday May 25 at 11:00 AM. Please visit www.lindquistfuneralhome.com to view a video collage of Ron's life and to share your condolences, memories and tributes with his family. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the Ronald A. Hamlin Scholarship Trust Fund for the benefit of his Litchfield grandchildren, 63 New Gloucester Road, North Yarmouth, ME 04097.

WILLIAM A. HARTMANN – Died recently in Saint Petersburg, Florida at the age of 70. The cause of death is unknown. He was born August 22, 1943. He is survived by his wife, Linda Hartmann, of the home. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Farmingville (New York) Chapter #11**.

ALAN J. HASSIG - Died Saturday, May 5, 2012, at Anna Jacques Hospital in Newburyport, Massachusetts at the age of 63. He was a resident of Merrimac, Massachusetts. The cause of death was multiple sclerosis. He was born in New York City, New York on June 27, 1949 to the late Albert J. and Marguerite B. (née Bissell) Hassig and was a Vietnam War veteran in the United States Coast Guard. Alan was a life member and past commander of the VFW Post #129 in Haverhill, a life member of The American Legion Post #134 in Merrimac, AMVETS Post #147 of Haverhill, D. A. V. of Amesbury, Paralyzed Veterans of America, New England Chapter, and the VFW National Home for children. He was also very active with the Merrimac Soccer Club. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Stoneham Chapter #837**. He is survived by two daughters, Jennifer Maynard and Christine Cressey, both of Amesbury; a sister Ann Marie Lynam of Texas; two grandchildren and two nieces. Calling hours at the Highland Chapel of Paul C. Rogers & Sons Family Funeral Home, 2 Hillside Avenue, Amesbury were on Wednesday from 5:00-8:00 PM. A funeral Mass was held Thursday at 10:30 AM at Holy Redeemer Church of the Nativity, Green Street, Merrimac, followed by burial in Locust Grove Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to The Veterans Northeast Outreach Center, 65 Cedar Street, Haverhill, MA 01830 or to National Multiple Sclerosis Society, 101A First Ave, Suite 6, Waltham, MA 02451.

DRURY NAT HELMS – Died Wednesday, June 19, 2013 in Fort Mill, South Carolina at the age of 71. The cause of death was leukemia. He was born June 30, 1940 in Fort Mill, North Carolina. He served in the United States Air Force during the Vietnam War. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Union Chapter #644**. Whether he was driving to Charlotte, Rock Hill, or any other place beyond Fort Mill, Drury "Nat" Helms always chose the route that

took him past the Veteran's Memorial Park in downtown Fort Mill. It was a park that Helms was instrumental in creating. On the day the park was dedicated in 2011, Helms was "as proud as on the day his babies were born," said his wife, Phyllis Helms. Nat Helms, 71, died Wednesday from complications caused by leukemia. The funeral will be held at 11 a.m. today, at St. John's United Methodist Church in Fort Mill with burial following at nearby Unity Cemetery. Helms' dream of a veteran's park in Fort Mill began when he visited the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Wall in Washington, D.C. He was a veteran who served in Vietnam. "He wanted to bring that experience home," said Helms' daughter, Becky Helms. "He wanted people to recognize veterans' sacrifices," added Phyllis Helms. Photos and memorabilia are often left at the memorial wall in D.C. Similarly, in the days since Helms' passing, flowers and photos have appeared in the park to honor him. A photo of Helms was propped up next to the paver honoring him. Nat Helms hoped the park would be a place "people can go and sit. They can reminisce. They can see their loved one's names on the walk of honor," he said shortly after the park opened nearly one year ago. The park has become for his family exactly what he had hoped it would be for so many people in Fort Mill. "More than a cemetery or a grave, more than anywhere, the park is where my dad is," Becky Helms said. "That's my dad's legacy. He put everything he had into that park." A helm served 22 years with the United States Air Force and the North Carolina Air National Guard and was a Vietnam veteran. He worked for the Department of Social Services as a child protection worker from 1971 until he retired in 1997. He was an avid golfer and worked part time at the Fort Mill Golf Course. Nat Helms met his bride, Phyllis, in the lab at Celanese in Rock Hill more than 42 years ago. Phyllis remembers that after a few dates Nat told her, "You're too smart to be here. Go back to college." "I told him, 'If I'm too smart to be here, so are you,'" Phyllis Helms said. They both went back to school. A year before they graduated from Winthrop University, they were married. Nat Helms became one of the first men to graduate from Winthrop, which before then was a women-only teachers college. Helms lived in Fort Mill from the time he was 1 year old until his death. In addition to being involved with the creation of the Veteran's park, Helms was also a member of St. John's United Methodist Church and the St. John's Men's Club. "He was a true patriot and a great Fort Millian," said Fort Mill Mayor Danny Funderburk. "He really is the kind of citizen we'd all like to be like. We'd all like to be like him, the way he approached what was good for the town and then he took the lead and got involved."



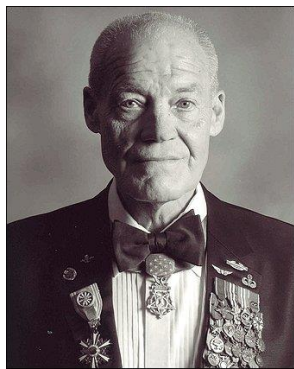
CHARLES C. "Roach" HICKS, SR. - Died unexpectedly on Monday, September 30, 2013, at his home in Quarry Crossing, New York at the age of 66. The cause of death was a heart attack. He was born November 7, 1946 in Lebanon, New Hampshire to the late William and Grace (née Stimets) Hicks. He graduated from Hanover, New Hampshire High School and continued his education at Castleton State College in Vermont and then attended Adirondack Community College. While attending Castleton State College, Charles met his future wife, Nancy Chickering. They were married on June 6, 1970 in Bradford, Vermont. Charles will be best remembered for his service to his country in the United States Army. He enlisted on February 1966 Airborne, Infantry, Vietnam. Charles went to Basic, A.I.T, Jump School and then to the 173rd Infantry Division as a Private First Class. He arrived in Vietnam on September 6, 1966. Charles was sent to T.D.Y. to Cam Rahn Bay for 30 or so days. He was held at Brigade Headquarters Co. A. Admin as a P.X. clerk for a while, until finally

he got his wish to go to B Co. 1/503 where he served with the 1st Platoon and Co. Headquarters as Forward Supply. Charles was wounded March 11, 1967. He initiated the action in defense on their perimeter of an estimated battalion of N.V. Regulars. After he was hospitalized, he returned to B 1/503 and Doc to from June 1966 to September 1967. He was then reassigned to the 82nd 3rd Brigade and deployed with them in 1968 back to Nam. Finally in January 1969 he was discharge with no interest in reenlistment. He had many jobs and traveled most of the U.S.A.. He was a patch holder of "The Jury Motorcycle Club" for over 25 years. He was employed by the N.Y.S Department of Corrections at Great Meadows Correctional Facility as a clerk. At one time he owned and operated a propane gas company, Action Gasers, in Argyle. Charles was hard loving, fast living, and dauntless defender of integrity. He obtained two Purple Hearts, a Bronze Star with "V" and NO Good Conduct Medal. Charles belonged to several organizations, which included the following; Disabled American Veterans, Hudson Falls American Legion Post 574, Glens Falls VFW, **Vietnam Veterans of America – Hudson Falls Chapter #79**, Military Order of Purple Heart, 173rd Airborne Brigade Association, 82nd Airborne Division Association, Combat Infantryman's Association, and The Jury Motorcycle Club. Survivors include his tolerant and loving wife of 43 years, Nancy (née Chickering) Hicks of Hudson Falls; his children, Crystal Hay and her husband, Dean, of Pennsylvania, Heidi McCauliffe and her husband, Jason, of Salem, Charles C. Hicks Jr. and his wife, Huimin, of Loudenville and Robert B. Hicks and his wife, Robin, of Queensbury; his grandchildren, Caleb and Gabriel Hay, Sarah, Kayla, and Jenna McCauliffe, and Clark Hicks; his brother, William Hicks and his wife, Dianna, of Panama; his sisters, Linda Simbartl and her husband, Karel, of Ohio, Susan Leonard of Florida; several nieces, nephews, and cousins. Our gratitude goes out to his longtime helper and housemate of 15 years, Erin Powell. Friends and family called on Thursday, October 3, 2013, from 2:00 PM to 4:00 PM and 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM at the Carleton Funeral Home Inc., 68 Main Street, Hudson Falls. Funeral Services were conducted on Friday, October 4, 2013, 11:00 AM at Carleton Funeral Home Inc., with the Reverend Randy Gross, pastor of New Beginnings Church, officiating. Burial was in the North Argyle Cemetery with full military honors, provided by the Hudson Falls American Legion Post #574. Donations in memory of Charles can be made to Samuel S. Stratton VA Medical Center, Voluntary Services, 113 Holland Avenue, Albany, NY 12208, Adirondack Vets House Inc., 26 Pine Street, Glens Falls, NY 12801, or Cornerstone Soup Kitchen, 293 1/2 Main Street, Hudson Falls, NY 12839.

JAMES LARUE HOPKINS - Died Sunday, January 20, 2013, at the Soldiers and Sailors Memorial Hospital, Wellsboro, Pennsylvania at the age of 63. He was a resident of Mansfield, Pennsylvania. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on October 16, 1949, in Wellsboro to the late Harry E. and Locady A. (née Short) Hopkins. James was predeceased by his wife, Shannon Hopkins. James had been employed as a groundskeeper for a cemetery. He was a United States Marine Corps veteran, and served two tours of duty in the Vietnam War. James was a member of the Mansfield VFW and the Blossburg American Legion. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Erie Chapter #435**. He lived in Erie, prior to his recent return to Tioga County. He enjoyed crossword puzzles, bead crafts depicting the different conflicts during service in Vietnam, and according to his brother, a great athlete. James is survived by three sons, James Jr., Shawn, Joshua, and a daughter Cassandra Hopkins. He had one brother and sister-in-law, John and Marietta Hopkins of Lakeland, Fla. and several

nieces, nephews, and great- nieces and nephews. In addition to his wife, he was also predeceased by four sisters, Marie Butler, Irene Carson, Virgie Knapp and Helen Hopkins. In keeping with James' wishes, there were no services. Burial was in the Veterans National Cemetery in Bath New York. Buckheit Funeral Chapel and Crematory, Inc., 637 South Main Street, Mansfield, assisted the family.

CHARLES FAIRBANKS "Chuck" HOWARD, JR. – Died Tuesday, December 18, 2012 in Sanford, North Carolina at the age of 80. The cause of death was multiple myeloma. He was born in Charleston, West Virginia to the late Charles and Nanne (née Shel) Howard on July 21, 1932. He served in the United States Air Force in Vietnam as a decorated C-130 pilot retiring at the rank of Lieutenant Colonel. He is survived by his wife of 55 years, Carolyn; his daughter Carrie (Carolyn Elizabeth); his two sons, Skip (Charles Fairbanks III) and Mac (Colin McClain) and their families and children: Tanner, Grayson and Kaya. He was an *At-Large Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – North Carolina*.



ROBERT LEWIS HOWARD - 70, one of the Vietnam War's most highly decorated servicemen who received the Medal of Honor for leading fellow soldiers out of an ambush and fending off more than 250 troops during a two-day siege deep in enemy territory, died Sunday, December 23, 2012 of pancreatic cancer at a hospice in Waco, Texas. He had been living in the San Antonio area since retiring from the Army in 1992 at the rank of colonel. In addition to the Medal of Honor -- the military's highest award for valor -- Col. Howard received two awards of the Distinguished Service Cross, the Silver Star, the Defense Superior Service Medal, four awards of the Legion of Merit, four Bronze Star Medals and eight Purple Hearts. Col. Howard, an Army Green Beret, served five tours in Vietnam. During one 13-month period, he was nominated for the Medal of Honor for three separate acts of heroism. In December 1968, then-Sgt. 1st Class Howard was part of a platoon tasked with going into North Vietnam in search of a fellow Green Beret whose rescue beacon reported him missing in action. While leading the patrol, Sgt. Howard and his lieutenant were blown back by an anti-personnel mine that signaled a 250-man ambush on their platoon. The blast knocked Sgt. Howard unconscious, and the shrapnel wounded his hands and destroyed his rifle. When he came to, Sgt. Howard smelled the stench of burning flesh as a North Vietnamese soldier was using a flamethrower to torch the bodies of the American and South Vietnamese casualties, as Peter Collier wrote in "Medal of Honor: Portraits of Valor Beyond the Call of Duty." As Collier described it, Sgt. Howard lobbed a grenade in the direction of the North Vietnamese soldier and made his way toward his lieutenant, who had been badly injured in the mêlée. While he was administering aid to the wounded officer, a bullet struck Sgt. Howard's ammunition pouch, detonating several magazines and knocking him back. After regaining his composure, the badly injured sergeant moved back to the lieutenant and began dragging him toward the remaining Special Forces soldiers, shooting several North Vietnamese troops along the way. Sgt. Howard took charge of the battered platoon and helped organize the overpowered and outnumbered troops into defensive emplacements along a ravine. Sgt. Howard crawled from position to position, resupplying his men with ammunition and directing

fire toward the encircling enemy while radioing in fire support from airborne gunships. After two days of constant firefights with North Vietnamese troops, the stranded platoon was evacuated by U.S. helicopters. Ensuring that all of his men had made it on to the choppers, Sgt. Howard climbed aboard and was the last man to leave the battlefield, according to his Medal of Honor citation. As a result of his actions, Sgt. Howard received a direct appointment to officer status as a first lieutenant. President Richard M. Nixon presented him with the Medal of Honor in 1971. Robert Lewis Howard was born July 11, 1939, in Opelika, Ala. He enlisted in the Army in 1956 and joined the 101st Airborne Division. In 1965, during his first tour of duty in Vietnam, he was wounded by a bullet that ricocheted and glazed his face. While recuperating in a hospital, he was recruited by a Special Forces soldier to join the Green Berets. He received a bachelor's degree in police administration from Texas Christian University in 1973 and received two master's degrees from Central Michigan University, one in management in 1980 and the other in public administration in 1981. After retiring from the military, he worked at the Department of Veterans Affairs as a liaison to other veterans. He frequently made trips around the country and abroad to battle zones such as Iraq and Afghanistan to speak with troops about his experiences. From 2007 to 2009, he was president of the Congressional Medal of Honor Society. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Houston Chapter #343**. Col. Howard's marriages to Tina Dickinson and Rona Redfern ended in divorce. Survivors include two daughters from his first marriage, Melissa Gentsch of Waco and Denicia Howard of Fort Lauderdale, Fla.; two children from his second marriage, Army Sgt. Robert L. Howard Jr. of Fort Bragg, N.C., and Roslyn Howard of Hawaii; and four grandchildren.

HOWARD N. HUNT – Died recently in 2013 at the Hines VA Medical Center in Hines, Illinois at the age of 65. The cause of death is unknown. He was born November 5, 1947. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Permanently Hospitalized Veteran Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Geneva Chapter #693**.



JAMES JOHNSON, SR. (USA – SFC-Ret.) – Died Sunday, August 25, 2013 in Lawton, Oklahoma at the age of 83. The cause of death is unknown. He was born October 12, 1929 in Kenosha, Wisconsin to the late Fred and Clara Johnson. He was united in marriage to the “Love of his Life”, Miss Emma Ruth Graham on November 14, 1954 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. He served honorably in the United States Army from 1951-1975. He completed two tours in Vietnam. James had been stationed in Frankfurt and Geinhausen, Germany, Fort Sill, Oklahoma, Fort Benning, Georgia, Okinawa, Japan and Fort Ord, California. While serving his country he was awarded the Vietnam Service Medal, National Defense Service Medal, Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal, and the Bronze Star Medal. After retiring from the Army he worked as a licensed carpenter. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Lawton Chapter #751**. He was a devoted member of Central Baptist Church, Lawton, where he used these skills on various church projects. James also used his knowledge to help his neighbors with home repair projects, without having to be asked. James’ legacy lives on through his wife Emma, of the home; son, James Johnson, Jr. and wife Vivien, Oklahoma City; daughters, Judy Harris and husband Earl, Tulsa, Patrice Johnson and Toni Barnes, both of Lawton; granddaughter, Stephanie Berry and husband Brian, Fort Worth, Texas; grandsons, Earl L. Harris, Jr. and wife LaKisha, Lawton, Jarred Johnson and Jalin Johnson, both of

Oklahoma City; great granddaughter, Nicole Berry, Fort Worth, Texas; step great grandchildren, Allegra Brewer, D'vante Brayboy and Ke'shaun Brayboy; niece, Patricia Williams, Ninety Six, South Carolina; nephews, George "Skip" Williams and wife Susan, Alexandria, Virginia, and Willie Williams, Coeymans, New York; and a host of family and friends. "Papa" Johnson was preceded in death by his parents, a brother and a cousin Evelyn Palmer who raised him. Funeral services were at 10:00 AM Friday, August 30, 2013 at Central Baptist Church with Dr. Keith Miles, Pastor, officiating. Burial with full military honors was at 1:00 PM Friday, August 30th at the Fort Sill National Cemetery under the direction of the Becker-Rabon Funeral Home. Memorial contributions may be made to the Veteran Family Services, 243 West Wilshire Boulevard, Suite C, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma 73116.



REVEREND FATHER HENRY L. JOLY - Died Friday morning August 9, 22013 at Garvey Manor Nursing Home, Hollidaysburg, Pennsylvania at the age of 83. The cause of death is unknown. He was born February 5, 1930 in Athol, Massachusetts, one of 17 children to bless the late William Charles and Diana (née Savoie) Joly. Surviving are a sister, Vicky Janik of Athol, Mass.; and three brothers: Francis and Robert, both of Athol, and Omer John of Lompoc, Calif. The Rev. Joly was a 1948 graduate of Assumption Preparatory School, Worcester, Mass., and received a B.A. from Assumption in 1954, an S.T.B. from Catholic University of Paris in 1958 and an M.A. from Anna Maria College, Worcester, in 1977. He was ordained on March 22, 1958, in Lormoy (STO), France. He was a member of the Augustinians of the Assumption from 1949-61 and served as a priest in the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown from 1961 to the present; pastor of St. Michael Parish, West Salisbury, from 1977-81; pastor of Holy Family Church, Colver, from 1981-88; pastor of St. Michael the Archangel Catholic Church, Brownstown, from 1988-89; and pastor of St. Thomas More Church, Roaring Spring, from 1989-95. He retired June 25, 1995. The Rev. Joly served as a chaplain and captain in the United State Air Force from 1969-72 and received the National Defense Service Medal and Republic of Vietnam Commendation Medal. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Hollidaysburg Chapter #967**. Friends were received from 6:00 to 8:00 PM Monday at St. Mary Roman Catholic Church, 312 Clark Street, Hollidaysburg, where a vigil service was held at 7:00 PM. A funeral Mass was celebrated at 10:00 AM Tuesday, August 13, 2013, at St. Mary Church by Bishop Mark Bartchak, celebrant, and the Rev. Angelo Patti, homilist. Committal was at St. Anne's Cemetery, Sturbridge, Mass. Arrangements were by Sorge Funeral Home Inc., Hollidaysburg.

KARL McMASTER JONES, JR. (USAF – COL-Ret.) – Died Thursday, June 27, 2013, after a short and courageous fight. He was 74 years of age and a resident of Niceville, Florida. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Glen Ridge, New Jersey on December 28, 1938 to the late Karl McMaster Jones, Sr. and Elizabeth Jones. He attended the USAF Academy where he received a bachelor's degree in Engineering Sciences. He later attended the University of Colorado graduating with a master's degree in Aerospace Engineering. Karl served his country in the United States Air Force at a variety of assignments, including a tour in Vietnam as a F-4 fighter pilot, assignment as a test pilot at Edwards Air Force Base, followed by Command of a classified installation. After he retired from the U.S. Air Force, he enjoyed his second career as an adjunct professor of mathematics at Northwest Florida State College and Pensacola State

College. He was an *At-Large Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Florida**. He was also a grateful friend of Bill W. for over 24 years. He is survived by his loving wife, Mary Ann of Niceville, Fla.; his sons, Karl, Kurt, and Lane; his stepsons, Clay and Butch; and his stepdaughters, Karla and Charlsie. He also leaves behind his feline companions Chiangmai and Taunggyi. Visitation was on Tuesday, July 2nd, from 5:00 to 7:00 PM, at Heritage Gardens Funeral Home in Niceville. Funeral services were held at Saint Simon's on the Sound Episcopal Church, on U.S. Highway 98 in Fort Walton Beach, Florida, on Wednesday, July 3rd, at 10:00 AM. The funeral service was followed by a reception at the church. The family would like to extend a Special Thanks to the doctors, nurses and "angels" at White Wilson Medical Center, Twin Cities Hospital, Fort Walton Beach Medical Center, and UAB Hospital. In lieu of flowers, we kindly request a donation to Disabled American Veterans. You may sign a guest book and offer the family condolences at www.heritagegardensfuneralhome.com. Heritage Gardens Funeral Home of Niceville, is entrusted with arrangements.



ROBERT T. "Scottie" KOT - Died Friday, July 12, 2013 in Windber, Pennsylvania at the age of 64. The cause of death is unknown. He was born November 10, 1948, in Windber to the late John and Elizabeth (née Slavik) Kot. He is survived by his brothers, Michael Kot, and wife, Vicki Martini, California; James Kot, and wife, Joanne, Windber; and John Kot, and wife, Linda, Schellsburg; by his aunt, Eleanor Esdinsky, Windber; three nephews; and a niece. Robert joined the United States Army on January 16, 1968, having served with the 9th Infantry Division, Mekong Delta IV Corps, 9th Military Intelligence as an intelligence analyst and was an IPW chief interrogator. Memorable experience was during a firefight when he carried seven wounded men through land mines and booby traps to safety. For this, he received a Bronze Star with "V" device for Valor. Kot was discharged on January 15, 1971 at the rank of Sergeant E-5. His awards include the Vietnam Service Medal, Silver Service Star, National Defense Medal, Bronze Star with two Oak Leaf Clusters and "V" device, Sharpshooter Medal, Vietnam Cross of Gallantry with Palm, Army Commendation Medal, Civic Action Medal with Oak Leaf Cluster, two Air Medals and the Good Conduct Medal. He was a 100 percent disabled veteran. He was a member of Disabled American Veterans and a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Johnstown Chapter #364**. He was also a member of Saints Cyril & Methodius Catholic Church, Windber, where a funeral Mass was celebrated at 10:00 AM on Friday with Reverend Father George M. Gulash as the Main Celebrant. The Committal Service was in the Saint John Cantius Catholic Cemetery, Windber, with graveside military honors by Windber VFW Ritual Team. Friends were received from 6:00 to 8:30 PM on Thursday at the William Kisiel Funeral Home, Windber, where vigil for the deceased will be held.

DAVID SCOTT LARE – Died Sunday, September 2, 2012 at his home in Henderson, Tennessee at the age of 62. He was formerly of Memphis, Tennessee. The cause of death is unknown. He was born September 28, 1949 in Denver, Colorado to the late Frederick M. and Florence D. Lare. In addition to his parents, he was predeceased by his sister, Carol F. Cote. He is survived by his wife, Celia (née Horton) Lare; a daughter, Samantha Christine Lare; a sister, Laurel Lare Griffin, and; nieces, one nephew and cousins. He served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War. He served a tour of duty with the 1st Battalion, 27th Infantry, 25th Infantry Division – the "Wolfhounds". He attained the rank of Staff Sergeant. He served from 1969 to

1976. He was also assigned to C Company, 1st Battalion, 3rd Infantry Regiment "The Old Guard" based at Fort Myer, Virginia. He was awarded the Bronze Star with "V" Device, the Purple Heart, the Air Medal, Presidential Unit Citation and many other medals and ribbons. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Jackson Chapter #995**. A Memorial Service was held on November 24, 2012 at Oak Grove Presbyterian Church.



CHARLIE "Keith" LITCHFIELD - Died Friday, August 30, 2013 in Longview, Texas at the age of 67. The cause of death was a motor vehicle accident, death resulting. He was born in Palestine, Texas, to the late Foster and Lois Litchfield. He grew up around the Cayuga/Cross Roads area and graduated from Cayuga High School in 1964. He married Gretta (née Glasgow) in the summer of 1965. They were married 48 years and lived most of their lives in the East Texas area. He was raised in the Baptist church and was a member of the Winfield Baptist Church, Winfield, Texas. Keith was a veteran of the United States Air Force and served one tour in Vietnam 67-68. After leaving the Air Force he started work for Texas Utilities, where he found his love for building and working on large machines. In his spare time he loved to fish, watch the Rangers, woodwork and grill. He was very active and a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Longview Chapter #987** and enjoyed volunteering for their many events. Keith was known for his story telling and his ability to make everyone laugh and have a good time. Keith is survived by his immediate family, Gretta (née Glasgow) Litchfield of Longview and Lori Litchfield of Flower Mound and family friend John Richardson of Flower Mound. He is also survived by his brother, Royce Litchfield and sister-in-law, Linda Litchfield of Greenville; brother-in-law and sister-in-law, Royal Ray and Jean Glasgow of Malakoff; brother-in-law and sister-in-law, Jimmy Dean and Joanne Glasgow of Athens; as well as numerous nieces, nephews and cousins. Memorial services were at 2:00 PM on Monday, September 2, 2013, at Saint Michael and All Angels' Episcopal Church of Longview with Jeff Richardson. Interment was at a later date in the Dallas-Fort Worth National Cemetery. Visitation was from 1:00-2:00 PM Monday prior to the memorial service. Donations can be made in Keith's memory to the Vietnam Veterans Memorial Fund. A memorial guestbook may be signed at www.raderfh.com.



SAMUEL L. LOIBL - Died Tuesday morning, August 6, 2013 in his home in New Philadelphia, Ohio, following an extended illness. He was 65 years of age. The cause of death was Agent Orange-related cancer. He was born February 16, 1948 in Dover, Ohio to the late John and Alma (née Feutz) Loibl. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his grandson, Jory Loibl. Sam was a retired employee of Fleming Foods in Navarre and had previously worked for Associated Grocers in Dennison. Sam was a member of the St. Joseph Catholic Church in Dover and the St. Joseph Seniors group. He proudly served his country in the United States Marine Corps having completed three tours in Vietnam. He was a member of the Marine Corps League, Life Member of the D.A.V., and a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – New Philadelphia Chapter #857**. He was an avid supporter of the Marine Corps Heritage Foundation. Sam enjoyed working on his small block Chevy powered Jeep Wrangler and enjoyed fishing and camping with his boys. His grandchildren were the apple of his eye and he loved spending time with them. He was also an avid Pittsburgh Steeler fan. He will be sadly missed by his family including his wife of 43 years, Patricia (Maurer) Loibl with whom he

married on May 2, 1970; three sons, James (Irene) Swisher of Prattville, Alabama, Kevin (Lisa) Swisher of New Philadelphia and Brian (Jackie) Loibl of Bolivar; four grandchildren, Alyssa, Makaila, Riley and Lucas; five brothers, Andrew (Judy) Loibl of Dover, John (Jeanette) Loibl of Dover, Daniel (Linda) Loibl of Dover, David Loibl of Apex, North Carolina and Jim Loibl of Dover; and a sister, Ann Marie (Fred) Pope of Dundee. A funeral mass was celebrated Friday, August 9, 2013 beginning at 10:30 AM in the St. Joseph Catholic Church at Dover with Fr. Jimmy Hatfield officiating. Interment was in the Calvary Cemetery at Dover where the Dover VFW will conduct military graveside honors. A reception followed in the St. Joseph Family Life Center. Friends called at the Toland-Herzig Funeral Home & Crematory at Dover on Thursday from 1:00-3:00 & 6:00-8:00 PM with Christian Wake services at 7:45 PM. The Marine Corps League also honored him Thursday evening. Those unable to attend or who may wish to express a fond memory of Sam may sign the online guestbook by visiting the "obituaries and flowers" link on the funeral home website at www.tolandherzig.com Because of Sam's love and devotion to the Marine Corps, in lieu of flowers, memorials may be made in his name to the Marine Corps Heritage Foundation, 3800 Fetter Park Drive Suite 104, Dumfries, Virginia 22025 to support the Marine Corps Museum.



JOSEPH DAVID MACKLIN – Died Tuesday, May 14, 2013 in Ferndale, Washington at the age of 81. The cause of death was cancer. He was better known to friends and family as "Dave" or "The Colonel." He was born on December 24, 1931 and is survived by his 5 children, Pauline (Dennis) Evanosky, Joe (Karen) Macklin, Mike (Lynn) Macklin, Betsy (Bob) Thompson, and Chuck (Denise) Macklin, his 11 grandchildren, and 8 great-grandchildren. He was predeceased by his loving wife, Patsy. During his extensive United States Army military career, Joseph served as both a Senior Level Staff Officer and a Battalion Commander, as well as the Intelligence Briefer for the President and Secretary of Defense. After receiving numerous awards and honors, Joseph retired from the Army in 1978, and relocated to Ferndale, Washington in 1987, with his wife Patsy, where he became an active member of the community with memberships with the American Red Cross, Knights of Columbus, and Veterans of Foreign Wars, devoting much of his retirement to being a math tutor within the Ferndale School District, and an Assistant Football Coach at Bellingham and Squalicum High School. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Bellingham Chapter #165**. A memorial service was held at Greenacres Memorial Park, 5700 Northwest Drive, Ferndale, on Wednesday May 22nd, at 10:00 AM. In lieu of flowers, the family has asked that donations be made in the Colonels name to the Whatcom Hospice Foundation, 2901 Squalicum Pkwy, Bellingham, WA 98225.

EUGENE W. MARTINEZ, JR. – Died Tuesday, November 20, 2012 in Colorado Springs, Colorado at the age of 59. The cause of death is unknown. He was born May 2, 1953. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was an *At-Large Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Colorado**.

DARRELL E. MATLOCK – Died Saturday, June 29, 2013 in Bowling Green, Missouri at the age of 57. The cause of death is unknown. He was born June 16, 1956. He was a veteran of the

Vietnam War. He was a *Founding Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Bowling Green Chapter #833**.

WILLIAM J. "Bill" McCOY - Died recently in 2013 in Covina, California at the age of 71. The cause of death is unknown. He was born December 22, 1941. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Riverside Chapter #47**.

JAMES W. McDERMOTT - Died unexpectedly Sunday, July 28, 2013 in Lima, New York at the age of 69. The cause of death is unknown. He was born February 3, 1944 to the late Walter and Margaret McDermott. He is survived by his wife, Kathy McDermott; children, James (Wendy) McDermott, Kelly McDermott, Michelle (Curtis) Laraby; sister, Barbara White; brother, Dick (Diane) McDermott; grandchildren, Caleb Sutton, Drew, Cleo McDermott, Rileigh Laraby; several nieces and nephews. In addition to his parents he was also predeceased by his brother, Elmer McDermott. He was a United States Vietnam Army Veteran. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Rochester Chapter #20**. Family and friends were invited to call Thursday 4:00-7:00 PM at the O'Connell-Dougherty Funeral Home, 2041 Lake Avenue, Lima. On Friday at 10:00 AM his Funeral Service was held at the Episcopal Church of the Incarnation, 1957 Five Mile Line Road, Penfield. Interment was in the Bath National Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorials may be made to the VA Medical Center, c/o Volunteering Services, Recreation Supplies and Services account, 400 Fort Hill Avenue, Canandaigua, NY 14424.

MAURICE EDWARD McKEE - Died Saturday, February 16, 2013 in Seneca, South Carolina at the age of 71. The cause of death was a massive stroke. He was born in Seneca on September 4, 1942 to the late Lawrence W. and Pauline (née Polly) B. McKee. He is survived by his wife, Patricia Palmer McKee of the home, son Marty McKee and wife Robin, grandson, Joshua McKee and granddaughter, Hannah McKee all of Seneca, SC. Also surviving is sister, Shelby Lee and husband Robert of Seneca, SC. In addition to his parents, Mr. McKee was preceded in death by grandson, Marshall Lee McKee, brothers, Bobby McKee and Benny McKee. Mr. McKee served two tours of duty in the Vietnam War as a United States Navy Seabee. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – West Union Chapter #1017**, American Legion Post, Lifetime Member of the Courtney Masonic Lodge and member of Corinth Baptist Church in Seneca. A celebration of Mr. McKee's life was conducted Wednesday at the Corinth Baptist Church, 530 Old Clemson Highway, Seneca, SC. Visitation was from 1:00-2:00 PM with service to immediately follow. Mr. McKee's service was officiated by his son, the Reverend Marty McKee. Flowers are accepted or memorials may be made to the Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 1017, 245 Quail Hollow Lane, Walhalla, SC 29691. The family is at the home of Mr. McKee. Brown-Oglesby Funeral Home assisted the family.



E. KEITH McMURRAY - Died Tuesday, August 20, 2013 at Indian Path Medical Center following a period of declining health at the age of 66. He was a resident of Kingsport, Tennessee. The cause of death was melanoma. He was born in Kingsport on April 17, 1947 to the late Ervin Samuel and Verna Irene (née Litton) McMurray. He had resided in this area most of his life. Keith was a 1965 graduate of Gate City High School, graduated from Steed Business College and finished with a degree in Business and Accounting from East Tennessee State University in 1969. He was a former cost accountant

and plant manager for Federal Pacific Transformers in Bristol, VA and had also been employed at Sperry in Bristol, TN and Intergraph in Huntsville, AL. Mr. McMurray was a veteran of the Vietnam War having served in the United States Army and was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Kingsport Chapter #979**. Keith was a member of Holy Trinity Lutheran Church. In addition to his parents he was preceded in death by a sister, Beverly Anne McMurray and by a brother, Samuel Michael McMurray. Survivors include his former wife of 40 years, Jo Rita Light McMurray of Kingsport; aunt, Etna Faulk of Kingsport; several cousins; his fur buddies, Mollie and Emma. The family received friends from 5:00-7:00 PM on Thursday, August 22, 2013 at Hamlett-Dobson, Downtown. An Appreciation Service was conducted prior to visitation hours on Thursday by Vietnam Veterans of America, Kingsport, TN Chapter # 979. Services followed at 7:00 PM on Thursday in the chapel with Pastor Steve Counts officiating. Entombment services were held at 10:00 AM on Friday, August 23, 2013 in Mausoleum #4 at Oak Hill Memorial Park. Military Honors were accorded by The American Legion, Hammond Post #3 and Gate City Post #265. Honorary pallbearers were Gary Vanzant, Denny Hayes, Jerry Larkey, Ron Carter, Steve Patrick and members of the Vietnam Veterans of America. Those attending committal services were asked to assemble at the mausoleum by 9:45 AM Friday. In lieu of flowers the family requests memorial contributions may be made to Holy Trinity Lutheran Church, Worship and Music Fund or the Organ Fund, 800 Broad Street, Kingsport, TN 37660.



MICHAEL C. McWATT - Died at his residence in Port Charlotte, Florida on Monday, September 9, 2013 at the age of 62. The cause of death was an aortic aneurysm. He was born on February 13, 1951 in New York City, New York to the late Ronald C. McWatt and T  r  se (n  e Gardner) McWatt. He came to Port Charlotte, Florida in 1990 from Warminster, Pennsylvania. Michael was a United States Navy veteran, retiring after 20 years of service. He was also an employee at Truly Nolan for 20 years. Michael was a member of the American Legion Post#110 of Port Charlotte, Florida, VFW Post# 8203 of North Port, Florida, a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Murdock Chapter #1037**, the Moose Lodge # 2121 of Port Charlotte, Florida and a member of the Saint Charles Borromeo Catholic Church; where he was head usher for the 11:00 AM service. Survivors include his wife, of 42 years of Janette L. McWatt of Port Charlotte, Florida; his 2 daughters, Heather (Matt) Stevens of Orlando, Florida and Cherise (Scott) Gibbs of Atlanta, Georgia; his parents, Ronald C. and Terese McWatt; 2 granddaughters, Hailee Stevens and Cydnee Gibbs; 2 grandsons, Michael and Cooper Gibbs; his brother, Andrew (Marsha) McWatt, and his sisters, Kathy-Pouk-Jacobsen (Bill); and June McWatt; 9 nephews and 9 nieces also surviving. Michael was preceded in death by his infant son, Christopher Michael McWatt. Visitation was on Thursday, September 12, 2013 from 6:00 PM until 8:00 PM at the Kays-Ponger & Uselton Funeral Home 2405 Harbor Boulevard, Port Charlotte, Florida. The Funeral Mass was celebrated on Friday, September 13, 2013 at 11:00 AM at Saint Charles Borromeo Catholic Church. Burial was on Monday, September 16, 2013 at 10:00 AM at Sarasota National Cemetery 9810 State Road 72 Sarasota, Florida, with full Military Honors. Arrangements were made by Kays-Ponger & Uselton Funeral Home and cremation services. Port Charlotte Chapel.

GARY C. MILLER - Died at his home in Levels, West Virginia on Saturday, August 10, 2013 at the age of 71. The cause of death was cancer. He was born on August 21, 1941 in Cumberland, Maryland to the late Wilbur Earl Miller. Besides his father, Gary is also preceded in death by his grandfather, Lawrence Jessie Miller. Gary was retired from the United States Army having served time in Vietnam as a Squad Leader. He then went to work for the Western Maryland Health System, Memorial Campus, in Security and retired after 25 years of service. Gary is survived by his wife of 33 years, Debra "Debbie" Ann (Dickens) Miller; one daughter, Alana Nail and husband, Kim; three grandchildren, Joshua Loy, Jeremy Williams and Josey Nail; one step-granddaughter, Angelique Arrington and husband, Matthew; two sisters-in-law, Susan Dickens and friend, Steve, Janie Dickens Bowman and husband, Greg; several special nieces, namely, Danielle Seib, Alexis Seib, Isabella Dickens Bowman and Olivia Dickens Bowman; and friends, Dan Abernathy and Bobby Loy. At Gary's request, his body was cremated. A memorial service was held at the Shaffer Funeral Home, Romney, West Virginia, on Thursday, August 15, 2013 at 7:00 PM with military honors. The Reverend Steve Davis and the Reverend Harold George co-officiated. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to the American Cancer Society, West Virginia Division. Arrangements were under the direction of the Shaffer Funeral Home, Romney.



MAURICE L. MONTY - Died Wednesday, October 2, 2013 at his home in North Smithfield, Rhode Island at the age of 61. He was the husband of Michele E. (née Woodworth) Gerber Monty. He was born June 1, 1952 in New Bedford, Massachusetts to the late Maurice A. Monty and Jeannette (née Paquette) Lockwood of Marion, Massachusetts. He worked as a rater for the Veterans Administration Regional Office of Rhode Island. Mr. Monty served in the United States Marine Corps during the Vietnam War. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – James Michael Ray (North Smithfield) Memorial Chapter #818**. Besides his wife and his mother, he is survived by their daughter Mandy Hervieux of Arizona; two step daughters, Jessica and Laura Gerber both of North Smithfield; five brothers and two sisters all of whom live in Massachusetts; his granddaughter, Raquel and several nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by one sister. His burial with full military honors was held at a later date in Massachusetts National Cemetery in Bourne, Massachusetts. Calling hours were Friday, October 4, 2013 from 4:00-8:00 PM in the Holt Funeral Home, 510 South Main Street, Woonsocket, Rhode Island.



WAYNE ALLEN MORGAN, SR. - Died Wednesday, September 11, 2013 at the Aurora Sinai Medical Center in Milwaukee, Wisconsin at the age of 72. He was a resident of Milwaukee. The cause of death is unknown. He was born March 31, 1941 in Grand Marsh, Wisconsin to the late Frank and Modjeska (née Mink) Morgan. He grew up in Grand Marsh, attending Grand Marsh Elementary School and graduated from Adams-Friendship High School in 1959. He moved to Milwaukee in 1962 and served in the United States Army from 1963-1964 and was honorably discharged in 1964 due to health. He married Shirley Cavanaugh on November 19, 1966 in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Wayne was employed at Milwaukee Die Casting Co. for 37 ½ years before retiring to White Creek. Wayne

enjoyed taking care of his animals, hunting, fishing, traveling, and most of all country music. Wayne was member of American Legion Post# 331 in Shorewood, WI; Sons of the American Legion #273; and a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Castle Rock (Adams) Chapter #729**. In addition to his parents, he was also predeceased by his brother-in-law, Leonard Hamman. He is survived by his wife, Shirley Morgan of Milwaukee, Wisconsin; his son and daughter-in-law, Wayne A. (Renée) Morgan Jr. of Oshkosh, Wisconsin; his daughter and son-in-law, Kandi (James) Phelps of Milwaukee, Wisconsin; his daughter and son-in-law, Michaela (Charles) McNeil of Milwaukee, Wisconsin; his sister, Lorraine Hamman of Grand Marsh, Wisconsin; his nephew, Tracy Hamman of Grand Marsh, Wisconsin; his nephew, Leonard (Paula) Hamman of Medford, Wisconsin; his grandson, Alexander Morgan of Oshkosh, Wisconsin; his granddaughter, Olivia Phelps of Milwaukee, Wisconsin; his grandson, James Phelps of Milwaukee, Wisconsin; his granddaughter, Autumn Grunwald of Oshkosh, Wisconsin, and; his grandson, Noah Grunwald of Oshkosh, Wisconsin. Wayne had a love of bright colors, please join us in celebrating his life by wearing something bright and colorful. Funeral services were at 1:00 PM on Monday, September 16, 2013 at the Roseberry's Funeral Home in Friendship, Wisconsin with Pastor Barbara Merwin / Reverend John Stake officiating. Interment was at the Easton Cemetery, Easton, Wisconsin. Military Honors were presented by the Adams County Honor Guard. Visitation was at 11:00 AM until the time of service on Monday at Roseberry's Funeral Home. Roseberry's Funeral Home assisted the family.

JOSEPH J. MOSCARITOLO - 75, of Medford Died Thursday, August 26, 2010 in Lawrence Memorial Hospital, Medford, Massachusetts at the age of 75. He was a resident of Medford. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Boston, Massachusetts on September 16, 1934 to the late Joseph and Mary (née Triano) Moscaritolo.. He was the husband of Josephine (née Parisi) Moscaritolo with whom he shared more than 54 years of marriage. He is a veteran of the United States Army and served during the Vietnam Era. He was a Technician, and worked for RCA. He and his wife loved to travel and took many cruises together. An advocate and active member of several veteran organizations, he served as Commander of the D.A.V of Medford Chapter #21, Past Commander of D.A.V. District #3, Past Commander of AMVET Post #21 Melrose, Past Golden Rodent–National Order of Trench Rats- Dugout #103, *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Stoneham Chapter #837**, D.A.V. State Representative for the Soldier's Home in Chelsea for over 30 years. In addition to his wife, he is survived by nephews Nicholas & his wife Angela Grassa; Louis & his wife Rhonda Grassa; grand uncle of Christopher & Anthony Grassa; beloved cousin of Sally Mancuso; cousin of Patty and Joe Ferringio and several other cousins, aunts and uncles. Brother of the late Connie Ciampa. The funeral from the Dello Russo Funeral Home 306 Main Street, Medford on Monday at 9:00 AM followed by a Funeral Mass in Saint Francis of Assisi Church 441 Fellsway West, Medford at 10:00 AM. Visiting hours were on Sunday 4:00-8:00 PM. Interment in Holy Cross Cemetery Malden.



THOMAS F. MYERS (USA - 1SG-Ret.) - Died Sunday, September 8, 2013 at his home in Lawton, Oklahoma at the age of 81. The cause of death is unknown. He was born July 12, 1932 in Sligo, Pennsylvania to the late Russell E. and Ruth L. (née Karnes) Myers. He joined the United States Army in November of 1951, and retired on November 30, 1972 at Fort Hood, Texas. He served with the Army of

Occupation – Germany, served a tour in Korea, and two tours in Vietnam, from August of 1968 to August of 1969 in Lai Khe and from 1971 to 1972 in Long Binh. He earned the following awards during his career in the Army, Army of Occupation Medal (Germany), National Defense Service Medal w/ Oak Leaf Cluster, Good Conduct Medal w/ 4 Bronze Loops, Bronze Star Medal, Vietnam Service Medal w/One Silver Service and Two Bronze Service Stars, Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal w/60 Device, Army Commendation Medal w/Oak Leaf Cluster, and the Republic of Vietnam Cross of Gallantry. He also earned the Marksman (Rifle), Sharpshooter (Carbine) and the Marksman (Pistol .45 Cal). He married Sarah Louise Chambers on December 22, 1951 in Pennsylvania. She died March 28, 1981. He then married Dorothea A. Elender on July 12, 1983 in Wichita Falls, TX. Following his retirement from the Army, he worked ten years at TG&Y, and then worked Civil Service at Fort Sill until he retired from there in December of 1992. He was a Master Mason, with Lodge #540, earned his 32 Degree Mason, McAllister Lodge, and was a Shriner in Oklahoma City. Thomas was a member of Emmanuel Lutheran Church. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Lawton Chapter #751**. Survivors include his wife Doris “Oma” Myers of the home, 2 sons and their wives, Mark and Lisa Myers of Winchester, VA, Mike and Jacqueline Myers of Lawton, OK, 5 step-children and their spouses, Virginia Thomas and Don of Ponca City, OK, Tom Allen and Claire of Denver, CO, Mitch Allen and Carol of New Hampshire, Vicky Allen and Ricky of Lexington, OK, Lynn Jones and Larry of Granbury, TX, a brother Edward Myers and his wife Beverly of Sligo, PA, sister Lula Lehrman of Youngstown, OH, 6 grandchildren, Alicia, Michelle, Amy, Lindsey, David, Joseph, 12 step-grandchildren, Jeff, Ricky, Deanna, Shawn, Ronnie, Meghan, Jennifer, Kristen, George, Ashley, Michael and Amanda. He is also survived by many great and step-great grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents, first wife Sarah, siblings: Irene, Bernard, Ruth Ann, Donnie, Russie, and a step-son Butch Allen. The Funeral service was at 2:00 PM on Wednesday, September 11, 2013 at Emmanuel Lutheran Church with Pastor Rod Ozmun officiating. Burial with Full Military Honors and Masonic Rites was in the Sunset Memorial Gardens under the direction of Becker-Rabon Funeral Home. The family greeted friends Tuesday evening at the funeral home from 6:00 PM until 8:00 PM.

THOMAS W. NEELY - Died recently in 2013 in Walls, Mississippi. The cause of death is unknown. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Lowell (Indiana) Chapter #285**.

ANGELO ANTONIO NICOLosi - 83, of Satellite Beach, Died Thursday, October 18, 2012 in Satellite Beach, Florida at the age of 83. The cause of death is unknown. He was born March 2, 1929. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was an *At-Large Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Florida**. Arrangements were made by Brownlie-Maxwell Funeral Home, Melbourne, Florida.

EDWARD WILLIAM “Ed” NORRIS – Died Saturday, June 8, 2013 in Winchester, Virginia at the age of 66. The cause of death is unknown. He was born March 4, 1947. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Winchester Chapter #1019**.

JEROME E. "Jerry O" ORCHOLSKI - Died Wednesday, May 15, 2013 in Cordova, Tennessee at the age of 65. The cause of death is unknown. He was born December 9, 1947. He is survived by his loving wife of 41 years Sandy Orcholski, children Joe (Jane) Orcholski, Jamie (Chuk) Cole, and Jim Orcholski, grandchildren Kayla, Ava, Sailor, Bo, Olivia, and Crimson, and siblings Sandy Orcholski, Patty (Leif) Nesheim, and Bob (Sandy) Orcholski. He proudly served in the United States Army and is a Veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a member at Saint Francis of Assisi Catholic Church, a member of the Knights of Columbus, and an avid sports fan (Go Pack Go!). He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Memphis Chapter #875**. The family received friends on Tuesday, May 21st, from 9:00-10:00 AM at Saint Francis of Assisi Catholic Church, 8151 Chimney Rock Boulevard, Cordova, Tennessee, 38016 with a Funeral Mass at 10:00 AM. Burial was at 1:30 PM at West Tennessee Veterans Cemetery, 4000 Forest Hill Irene, Memphis, TN. Memorial contributions may be made to St. Francis of Assisi Catholic Church in his honor. Online condolences may be made by visiting www.memphisfuneralhome.net. Memphis Funeral Home And Memorial Gardens 3700 N. Germantown Road.

THOMAS "Tom" PAQUIN - Died Monday, March 24, 2008 in Muskegon, Michigan at the age of 60. The cause of death was brain cancer. He was born in Muskegon on September 24, 1947. He is survived by his wife, Susan, of the home. He served in the United States Marine Corps with a 13 month tour of duty in Vietnam from 1967-1968. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Muskegon Chapter #31**.

LANCE S. PAULK - Died Monday, May 20, 2013, in Lancaster, California at the age of 59. He was formerly of Amarillo, Texas. He passed away after an extended illness. The cause of death is unknown. He was born June 28, 1953. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was an *At-Large Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – California**. Survivors include his wife, Ruth Ann; a son, Steven; a stepdaughter, Karen; a granddaughter; and a brother, Kenneth. Graveside services were at 1:00 PM on Friday, May 24th in Llano Cemetery. Arrangements were by LaGrone-Blackburn-Shaw Funeral Directors, Coulter Road Chapel, 8310 South Coulter Street, Lancaster, California.



GENE DUANE PAULUS - Died Thursday, April 11, 2013 in Denton, Texas at the age of 63. The cause of death was Agent Orange-related heart disease. He was born on June 18, 1949 in Kendallville, Indiana to the late Carlton Gene Paulus and Betty Eileen (née Kintz) Paulus. He married Karen Sue Mieras on April 21, 1972. He served in the United States Marines during Vietnam, was a member of the Denton Bible Church, and was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Denton Chapter #920**. The family received friends from 3:00-4:00 PM on Tuesday, April 16, 2013 with the service starting at 4:00 PM in the Chapel of DeBerry Funeral Directors. Gene is survived by his wife, Karen; daughter, Stacy Paulus; son, Tommy Paulus and wife Tina; mother, Betty Paulus; sisters, Debbie Godsell and Suzi Gleeson-Howe; brother, Steve Paulus; and one grandson, Ryan Maxwell.

RICHARD BLAINE PENCE - Died Tuesday, April 30, 2013 at his residence in Broadway, Virginia at the age of 63. The cause of death was cancer. He was born November 8, 1949 in Baltimore,

Maryland to Helen (née Dellinger) Pence Proctor of Florida and the late Alfred Stover Pence. He worked for Walker Manufacturing for over 30 years, and Amerigas for 5 years before retiring. He was a United States Army Vietnam veteran. He was a member of the New Market American Legion, and the **Shenandoah Valley Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter #1061**. Surviving in addition to his mother, are his wife, Bobbie Jenkins of Broadway; his sister, Karen B. Batten of Florida; two nieces; a number of cousins. Ron McPherson, Tim Conley, and Doug Harpine conducted a funeral service 10:00 A.M. Saturday at Grandle Funeral Home Chapel in Broadway. Burial was in the Bethel cemetery in Maryland. The family received friends from 6:00 – 8:00 PM Friday at the Grandle Funeral Home.



WILLIAM A. PERKINS - Died Friday afternoon, September 13, 2013 in a local hospital at the age of 69. He was a resident of Longview, Texas. The cause of death was cancer. He was born in Longview, Texas at Markham Hospital on the 10th of June 1944 to the late Enola and William I. Perkins of Hawkins. He was raised in East Texas all of his life, attending Kilgore, Hawkins, and Longview schools. He was avid in all sports but excelled in football. Mr. Perkins went into the United States Army in 1967 and served in Viet Nam in '68 during the TET offensive. He was past Commander of the VFW Post 1183 and *President and Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Longview Chapter #987**. He avidly supported veterans and their causes, helping many younger veterans get the help that they needed in the VA system. He is survived by his wife, Shirley Perkins; his children and their spouses Chad and Angie, Tami and Glyn, Danny, Connie and Jim, and Cindy and Melvin; sister and brother-in-law Segayle and Jerb McConnell; grandchildren and their spouses Leslie and Jeremiah, Jason and Lauren; Chris, Kelly and Josiah, Michael and Miranda, Landon, Tifani and Bob, Lillian, and Daisy; seven great grandchildren, Addison, Emme, Shepherd, Layken, Asher, Haven and Morrigan; and nephews Theron, Shane, and Byron. Funeral services were held at 10:00 AM Monday, September 16, 2013 in the Chapel of Rader Funeral Home of Longview with Brother Don Beebe and Brother Scott Darby co-officiating. Burial followed in Grace Hill Cemetery. Services were under the direction of Rader Funeral Home of Longview. The family received friends Sunday evening from 6:00-8:00 PM at the funeral home.

DAVID L. PICKETT - Died Thursday, August 8, 2013 in Lee's Summit, Missouri at the age of 68. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on January 25, 1945 in Council Grove, Kansas to the late Lloyd and Frances Pickett. He later was moved to Americus, Kansas with his family. He graduated from Americus High School and joined the United States Navy. He served two tours of duty in Vietnam. After a lapse of several years, he joined the Navy Reserves as a Storekeeper 1. During this time he served in Desert Storm, and helped at Guantanamo Bay with the Haitian Relief effort. He served in the reserves until his health made him medically discharged after 15 1/2 years of service. He worked several types of jobs before retiring from Honeywell FM&T in 2000. He had been a laborer and electronic assembler at Honeywell. He was a member of American Legion Post 21, VFW Post 5789, was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Lee's Summit Chapter #243**, and the NRA. He belonged to the First Baptist Church of Lee's Summit. He was a wonderful husband, step-father, father, grandfather, and great-grandfather. He loved his family and cared for them deeply. He was preceded in death by his parents, Gloyd

Pickett and Francis Harris Pickett, and grandson Brandon Haner. He is survived by his wife, Linda Lee Pickett of the home; step-son, Michael W. Born (Lee's Summit); daughter, Lauri Chapman, (Troutdale, OR); son, Michael Scott Pickett (Boise, ID); sister, Maureen Coleman (Clearwater, KS), 2 grandchildren, and 5 great-grandchildren. Visitation was held on Monday, August 12th from 6:00-9:00 PM at the Langsford Funeral Home. Funeral service was on Tuesday, August 13th at 10:00 AM at the Funeral Home. Burial was at the Floral Hills Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to the First Baptist Church of Lee's Summit or to VFW Post 5789. Online condolences may be left for the family at langsfordfuneralhome.com Arrangements were by Langsford Funeral Home 115 SW 3rd Street, Lee's Summit, MO 64063.

WILLIAM MID RAY, JR. – Died Thursday, October 11, 2012 at Wesley Medical Center in Hattiesburg, Mississippi at the age of 64. He was a resident of Richland, Mississippi. The cause of death was acidosis, malper fusion syndrome, right heart failure and type A aortic dissection. He was born on July 22, 1948, in Grenada, Mississippi to the late William and Nancy Ray. His family moved to Richland at the age of 12. Midray graduated from Florence High School and served his country in Vietnam as a member of the United States Army with a tour of duty in Vietnam from August 4, 1969 to August 3, 1970. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America - Brandon Chapter #1057**. Midray worked for 16 years at the Chuck Wagon on Hwy 49 S. and currently was employed with the US Postal Service and had 22 years of service. He was a faithful member of Parkway Pentecostal Church. Midray loved people and never met a stranger. He enjoyed spending time with his family. He will most be remembered as a loving husband, a beloved father, a devoted grandfather, brother and friend. Survivors include his wife Sharon Ruthie Ray of Richland; daughter, Nancy Roberts and husband Lee of Virginia; son, Alex Ray and wife Crystal of Richland; son, Reuben Ray of Richland; grandchildren, Adam Manchester, Hunter Ray and Donavan Roberts; mother, Nancy B. Ray of Richland; sisters, Reba Langford of Richland and Katherine Robson of Michigan. He is also survived by Angie, Crystal, Brooklynn and Marie. A funeral service was held at 1:00 PM on Monday, October 15, 2012 at the Parkway Pentecostal Church in Madison, Mississippi. Burial was in the Jesus Name Tabernacle Cemetery in Richland. Visitation was held from 4:30 PM to 9:00 PM on Sunday, October 14, 2012 and 11:30 AM Monday, October 15, 2012. All visitations were held at the church.

MERLE HALLAM RIGGLE - Died Monday, May 27, 2013 at his residence in Columbus, Mississippi at the age of 67. The cause of death was heart failure. He was born April 28, 1946, in Dallas, Texas to the late Merle Hallam Riggle, Sr. and Waller (née Pierce) Riggle. He was a resident of Columbus since 1989 having moved from Hendersonville, Tennessee. Mr. Riggle retired as an air craft mechanic with the United States Air Force after 23 years of service. He was a member of the American Legion #69 and loved motorcycle riding and helping others. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Columbus Chapter #997**. Mr. Riggle is survived by his wife - Pearl Grace Riggle, Columbus, MS; step-children - Denice C. King, Tampa, FL, Dennis E. (Lynne) Burks, Mountain Home, ID, Chloe G. (Tom) Steininger, Zemmer, Germany, Mary K. (Jim) Nossett, Huachuca City, AZ, Sharon M. (Greg) Alexander, Columbus, MS, Shana Riggle, and Micha Riggle; sister - Karen Kilgore, Gallatin, TN; brother - John Riggle, Dallas, TX; grandchildren - Nick King, Sean King, Chris Burk, Jenni Andrews, Thomas Bettis, Kim Neu, Amanda Michell,

Serigo Michell, Kristy Alexander, Sherrie Alexander; great-grandchildren - Kadin Diaz, Devin Diaz, Brody Andrews. Honorary Pallbearers were Malcolm Parker, Johnny Kelly, Carl Locke, Phil Long, Cheezeburger (Greg) Jackson, Steve Douglas, Dennis Burks, and the Dyncorp unscheduled 38 maintenance crew. Funeral services were held at a later date.

DAVID WAYNE SCOTT – Died Friday, July 5, 2013 in Union, South Carolina at the age of 66. The cause of death was chronic obstructive pulmonary disease. He was born in Haywood, North Carolina on December 23, 1946 to the late Charles Edward and Nellie (née Sorrells) Scott. He is survived by his wife, Debra (née Sams) Scott; two daughters and sons-in-law, Aleshia S. and Joseph “Jank” Gruver and Andrea and Jason Scott, all of Union, South Carolina; one sister and brother-in-law, Diana and David Buckner, of Canton, North Carolina, and; two grandchildren, Hayden Meadows and Breana Proctor. He served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War. He was a member of The American Legion Post #22. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Union Chapter #644**.

GEORGEAN ANN SEESE - Died Tuesday, July 30, 2013 in Johnstown, Pennsylvania at the age of 57. The cause of death is unknown. She was born September 7, 1955 in Mount Pleasant, Pennsylvania to late George W. Jr. and Dorothy Catherine (née Jezewski) Yasko. She was preceded in death by husband, Christopher Seese; and granddaughter, Alexis. She is survived by daughters, Catherine, married to James Carmichael, and their son and daughter, Killeen, Texas; Robin, married to Andrew Smith, and their daughter, Punxsutawney; and Brande, married to Daniel Conway, and their soon-to-be daughter and puppy, Johnstown; stepsons, William Seese, Indiana; Shawn Seese, and his son and two daughters, Sacramento, Calif.; David (Missy) Seese, and their son and daughter; and Richard (Jolene) Seese, and their son and daughter, Indiana, Pa.; and brothers and sister, John (Janet) Yasko, Harmony, Pa.; Rhonda, married to Perry Welling, Connellsville, Pa.; Rodney (Karen) Yasko, Fairchance, Pa.; and Joseph, and his significant other, Debra Baker, Mount Pleasant, Pa. She is also survived by significant other, Robert Hahn, Anchorage, Alaska, and numerous nieces and nephews. Georgean was a business education instructor for Hiram G. Andrews Center; a United States Air Force veteran, having served during the Vietnam War; and a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Johnstown Chapter #364**, Air Force Association and Business and Professional Women. She liked to crochet, loved American Indians and loved to go to the Pow Wow and Ethnic festivals. She also did fashion shows at Fashion Bug and was very proud to be an Air Force veteran. She was a 1973 graduate of Geibel High School and a member of Resurrection Parish Catholic Church. Friends were received from 2:00 to 6:00 PM Sunday at Hindman Funeral Homes & Crematory Inc., 146 Chandler Ave. A Funeral Mass was celebrated at 11:00 AM Monday at Resurrection Parish, Father Alan Thomas, officiating. Interment was in the Oak Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, family requests donations to Diabetes Association or VVA Chapter 364, P.O. Box 5237, Johnstown, Pa. 15904. Arrangements were in care of Hindman Funeral Homes & Crematory Inc., exclusive provider of “Veterans and Family Memorial Care.” Condolences may be made at HindmanFuneralHomes.com.

STANLEY JACKIE SELKIRK - Died Friday, August 23, 2013 in Cowpens, South Carolina at the age of 74. The cause of death was a stroke. He was born in Cincinnati, Ohio on July 20, 1939. He served in the

United States Army during the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Lawton (Oklahoma) Chapter #751**. The Gilmore Mortuary – Gaffney, South Carolina were in charge of the arrangements.

NATALIE PEEL SIMMS - Died on Monday, June 1, 2009, at The Carpenter House in Baton Rouge at the age of 76. She was resident of Denham Springs, Louisiana. She was born in Baton Rouge on April 28, 1933 to the late Donald and Susie (née Seegers) Peel. She was a graduate of Istrouma High School and Southeastern Louisiana University and a retired teacher with the East Baton Rouge Parish school system. Natalie also competed in the Transplant Olympics and medaled in table tennis. She was a *Life Member* of **Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America – St. Amant Chapter #725**. She is survived by her children, William Simms, Cheryl Nolan and Debbie Henson; grandchildren, Billy and Derek Simms, Michael and Amanda Nolan and Nathan and Christy Henson; step-grandchildren, Chris Kesler and Amanda Babin; seven great-grandchildren; four step-great-grandchildren; and sister, Sue Don Kinsley. She was preceded in death by her husband, Lyle William Simms; and sisters and brother, Mary Alice "Allie" Young, Daisy White and John Peel. The family would like to extend a special thank you to those who cared for and loved Mrs. Natalie, including DSI Dialysis, Sunrise Assisted Living and The Carpenter House. Visitation at Seale Funeral Home, Denham Springs was on Wednesday, June 3rd, from 5:00 PM to 9:00 PM and Thursday from Noon until the service at 1:00 PM, officiated by the Reverend Paul Dickson. The burial was in Evergreen Memorial Park.

LARRY JOHN SIMPSON - Died Wednesday, September 18, 2013, at University Hospital, in Columbia, Missouri at the age of 62. He was a resident of Branson, Missouri. The cause of death was pancreatic cancer. He was born March 17, 1951. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Branson Chapter #913**. Memorial services were held at 3:00 PM on September 21, 2013 at the Greenlawn Funeral Home, in Branson, with Pastor Dave Hamner officiating.

JEAN SLATER – Died Friday, August 23, 2013 in Milan, Michigan. The cause of death is unknown. She is survived by her husband, James Slater. She was a member of **Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America – Ann Arbor Chapter #310**.

JERRY SPENCER SMEAD - Died Sunday, July 20, 2008 in Hendersonville, Tennessee at the age of 77. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Cedarville, Michigan on January 3, 1931 to the late Gerald and Jane Smead. He served in the United States Air Force where he served in the Korean and Vietnam Wars. He was awarded the Bronze Star, Air Medal with 3 Oak Leaf Clusters, and the Air Force Commendation Medal with One Oak Leaf Cluster. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Gallatin Chapter #240**. In addition to his parents, he was predeceased by his wife of 43 years, Brigitta P. Smead. He is survived by his great aunt, Shirley Jellison; his cousins, Erin Broadstreet, Brooke Grimes, J. "Mike" Jellison and Evan Michael Jellison; and many loving friends. Honorary Pallbearers will be Stan Hahn, Don Dallenbach, Sr. and Jr., Mel Ledbetter, Dean Allen, Ed Steinhauser, Bill Jernigan, Dick Trapp and Steve Fitzhugh. Funeral services were conducted 10:00 AM Friday, July 25, 2008 from the St. Joseph of Arimathea Episcopal Church, with Mother Jill Zook Jones officiating. Interment with

Full Military Honors were in the Hendersonville Memory Gardens. Visitation hours were from 5:00 PM until 8:00 PM on Thursday, July 24, 2008 at the Hendersonville Funeral Home.

JOE ELDRIGE SMITH - Died Wednesday, August 8, 2012 at the Lauderdale Community Hospital in Ripley, Tennessee at the age of 69. He was a resident of Ripley, Tennessee. The cause of death was an vehicular accident, death resulting. He was born February 8, 1943 in Lenox, Tennessee to the late Price and Martha (née Poole) Smith. He was a retired bricklayer, a veteran of the United States Army and a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Jackson Chapter #995**. Mr. Smith is being cremated and no services are planned at this time. Dyersburg Funeral Home is in charge of the arrangements. survivors include his son, Joseph Smith of Ripley; a sister, Joan Dormanen of Howell, MI; and two brothers, Terry Gene Smith of Ripley and William Anthony Smith of Westland, MI.



JOHN ELBERT SNITZEL - Died Tuesday, February 19, 2013 in Marathon, Florida at the age of 65. The cause of death is unknown. He was born January 21, 1948 in Rochester, New York. He served in the United States Marine Corps and was a Vietnam Veteran who did two tours in Vietnam, earning him two Purple Hearts. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Miami Chapter #620**. He will be missed by his family and many friends in the Keys. He is survived by his mother, Doris Snitzel residing in Ft. Myers, his two sisters, Barbara Moore, Cheryl Fausel, and four brothers, Charles Snitzel, Gary Snitzel, Richard Snitzel and Donald Snitzel, as well as three daughters, Carrie Ashley, Sharon Owen and Johanna Burns and their families. His remains were interned at Arlington National Cemetery in Washington, DC.

JOHN M. SROKA - Died Friday, August 23, 2013 in Fleming, New York at the age of 65. The cause of death is unknown. He was born September 19, 1947. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Auburn Chapter #704**. The services were held on Friday in Saint Mary's Church. Calling hours were on Thursday from 4:00 to 7:00 PM at the Pettigross Funeral Home, 196 Genesee Street, Auburn, New York.

DONALD R. "Don" STEELE - Died Tuesday evening, August 13, 2013 in Mount Carmel West Medical Center at the age of 77. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Connersville, Indiana on April 21, 1936 to the late Andrew and Ruth (née Ramsey) Steele. Don was a veteran of the United States Army, was retired as a safety inspector for Conrail, was also a member of the Fraternal Order of Eagles London Aerie #950; the American Legion Madison Memorial Post #105, and the former H.V. Christopher Post # 1176 Veterans of Foreign Wars. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – London Chapter #746**. He is survived by his brother Paul Steele of Fairfield, Ohio, and several nieces, nephews and cousins. In addition to his parents he is predeceased by his wife Vivian P. (née Rigsby) Steele in 2008, sister Esther Whissel on Sunday August 11, 2013, and sister in law Judith Steele in 2005. Friends were invited to a celebration of Don's life on Monday August 19th at 12:00 Noon, at the Rader-Lynch and Dodds Funeral Home and Cremation Service, 124 East High Street, London. Visitation was held one hour prior to the service. Interment was in the Deercreek Township Cemetery.



ALBERT EARL STONE - Died Wednesday, August 28, 2013 at Campbell County Memorial Hospital after a courageous battle due to a long-term illness. He was 85 years of age and a resident of Gillette, Wyoming. The cause of death was cancer. Earl was born January 16, 1928 to the late Clifford & Bessie Stone in Baltimore, Maryland. They traveled & lived along the East coast for the duration of his childhood. In 1945, at 17 years of age, he enlisted in the United States Marine Corps. His service included World War II, Korea, & Vietnam. He was a man of few words when it came to talking about his service but felt it was an honor to serve and defend as a United States Marine. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Gillette Chapter #99**. He married Bess Powell and together they had two sons, Patrick Stone & Brian Stone. The couple later divorced. After his retirement he moved to Gillette, WY in 1976 where he went to work for his brother, Harold, in the oil fields. In 1980 he met Kay Stone and they were married a year later in 1981. Earl had a special love for anything with four tires and an engine, but the love of his life was his grandchildren. With this love he gave each of them a special memory of their beloved grandpa. His enjoyments in life included driving cars for Great Western Auto Brokers earning his rank as "The General". He was an avid pilot until he ended his flying career in a swamp outside of Spearfish. He loved riding his motorcycle with a passenger in the side cart, and driving lessons for his underage grandchildren around Collins Heights Subdivision. While he was still able, he was an avid participant in Gillette Masonic Lodge, Gillette Shrine Club, Order of the Jesters, and the American Legion Club. He is survived by his wife, Kay of 32 years; sons, Brian (Jeanie) Stone of Trenton Georgia, Patrick (Eileen) Stone of Rising Fawn, GA; stepsons, Charles (Gwen) Andrews of Gillette, Jim (Susie) Andrews of Gillette, Brad Andrews of Phoenix, AZ; grandchildren, Jade Stone, Haley (Shaun) Underhill, P.J. (Caitlin) Stone James Stone, Amanda (Chris) Pasek, Ken Andrews, Michael Andrews, David Andrews, Chris Andrews, Pat Andrews, Dillon Andrews, Ryan Andrews; & 4 great grandchildren. He is preceded in death by his parents, three brothers, & one sister. A memorial has been established to benefit Wounded Warriors, donations may be made at www.woundedwarriorproject.org. Memorial services were held Tuesday, September 3, 2013 at 10:00 AM at the Walker Funeral Home with a luncheon to follow at the American Legion. Visitation was Monday, September 2, 2013 from 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM at Walker Funeral Home. Memorials and Condolences may be sent in Ron's name in care of Walker Funeral Home 410 Medical Arts Court Gillette, Wyoming 82716.

GEORGE W. STONE, JR. – Died Monday, June 24, 2013 in Castalian Springs, Tennessee at the age of 67. The cause of death was cancer. He was born June 20, 1946. He served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Gallatin Chapter #240**. Visitation hours were on Tuesday & Wednesday, 400-800 PM and on Thursday, 10:00 AM until the service at 11:00 AM. Alexander Funeral Home were in charge of the arrangements.

ROBERT M. STOUCH - Died Tuesday, July 23, 2013 at Pottstown Memorial Medical Center in Pottstown, Pennsylvania at the age of 60. He was a resident of East Coventry, Pennsylvania. The cause of death was end-stage liver disease. He was born in Pottstown, on January 17, 1953 to Robert A. and Barbara A. Stouch. Bob was a graduate of Pottstown High School, and served as an Airborne Ranger with the 101st Airborne Division May to August 1970 in the United States Army during the Vietnam War.

He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Pottstown Chapter #565**, the 75th Ranger Regiment Assoc., and St. Paul's United Church of Christ in Pottstown. Bob was also an enthusiastic sports fan of Owen J. Roberts athletics as well as Philadelphia sports teams. Surviving along with his wife, Carol A. (née Hunter) Hunter-Stouch and parents is his daughter, Paige M. Stouch; sons, Jason M. and Lee D. Stouch; brother, Richard Stouch, husband of Linda; sisters-in-law, Susan Stouch and Beth Brendlinger, wife of Brian; and many nieces, nephews, and great nieces and nephews. Bob was predeceased by his brother David Stouch. A memorial service was held on Monday, July 29, at 4:00 PM at St. Paul's UCC, 927 North Franklin Street, Pottstown, PA 19464. An honor guard service followed at the Vietnam Memorial at Memorial Park in Pottstown. Catagnus Funeral Home & Cremation Center, Inc., 711 North Franklin Street, Pottstown, was in charge of arrangements. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in Bob's memory to the Vietnam Veterans of America, Chapter 565, PO Box 472, Pottstown, PA, 19464, Attention: Frank Strunk, or the Wounded Warriors Project, PO Box 758517 Topeka, KS 66675, or St. Paul's United Church of Christ, 927 North Franklin Street, Pottstown, PA 19464.



PHILLIP H. STUBBS - Died Wednesday, May 15, 2013 at home in Smyrna, Delaware at the age of 71. The cause of death was cancer. He was born on March 13, 1942, in Fayetteville, North Carolina. He retired with honors as an Aircraft Mechanic from the United States Air Force and then worked as a Truck Driver for many years. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Dover Chapter #850**. Phillip loved fishing and his truck. He was preceded in death by his son, Phillip Blake Stubbs. He is survived by his wife of 51 years, Helen; a son, Marvin Dale Stubbs; 3 grandchildren, Jessica, Adrian, and Dylan Stubbs; 3 great grandchildren, Aiden, Kylie, and Blake; and his best friend, Bruce Carroll. A memorial service was held on Monday, May, 20, 2013 at 7:00 PM in the Faries Funeral Chapel, located at 29 South Main Street in Smyrna, where friends called at 6:00 PM. Burial with full military honors was held at a later date. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to Delaware Hospice, 911 South DuPont Highway, Dover, DE 19901. Condolence letters may be sent by visiting www.fariesfuneralhome.com.



GREGORY TAYLOR STUCH, SR. - Died Sunday, March 10, 2013 in Jacksonville, Florida at the age of 62. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Allegan, Michigan on August 28, 1950 to the late Lafayette and Marian J. Stuch. He was a humble man who possessed great Faith and boundless compassion. Greg was a Vietnam Veteran, a talented Sign Artist, a gifted Builder and above all, a True Friend. He enjoyed memorizing the Holy KJV Scriptures, restoring antique automobiles, painting exquisite murals and building anything his loved-ones could dream up. He was not afraid to cry and his prayers were coveted by all who knew him. His most earnest prayer was that all whom he loved would give their hearts to Jesus and live Holy, Godly lives so that they would one day live eternally with him in Heaven. His undying example of Faith, Patience and Compassion will guide and comfort all whose hearts are shattered by his passing and all future generations. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Atlantic Beach Chapter #1046**. He is survived by his adoring wife of 29 years, Laura, and his beloved children Kristie (Neal) Johnson, Angel D. Stuch and Gregory T. Stuch, Jr... His beloved siblings: Roger Stuch, Ann Taylor, Robert Stuch, Brian Stuch, Barbara Sprout, Nancy D'Epiro, Thomas Stuch and Cathy Binford and multitudes of beloved nieces, nephews and in-laws. He was preceded in death by his parents, Lafayette and Marian Stuch and his brother Jon Stuch. A Funeral Service was held on Thursday,

March 14th at 2:00 PM at the Jacksonville National Cemetery. Condolences may be expressed by signing the guest book at www.nassaufh.com. Arrangements were under the direction of Nassau Funeral Home 541720 US Highway 1, Callahan, Florida.

GARY DAVID SWANSON – Died recently in 2013 in Tempe, Arizona at the age of 63. The cause of death is unknown. He was born March 22, 1950. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Mesa Chapter #1011**.



EDWIN BRYAN TAYLOR – Died Saturday, July 27, 2013, in Hendersonville, Tennessee at the age of 72, after a courageous battle against ALS. He was born Feb. 23, 1941, in Tyler, Texas to the late Melvin and Ruth Taylor. He served 33 years in the United States Army, being the first to achieve the rank of Chief Warrant Officer 5. He served in both the Vietnam War and Desert Storm, earning a Distinguished Flying Cross and Bronze Star in battle. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Gallatin Chapter #240**. He is survived by his wife of 47 years, Darlene Taylor; daughter, Stephanie Acevedo (Kevin); son, Chris Taylor (Lorie); and four loving grandchildren, all of Hendersonville, Tenn.; and son, Tom Taylor, of Tucker, Ga. He is survived by sister, Janis Taylor Higgins (Pat), of Austin, and brother, John W. Taylor (Norma), of Tyler. In lieu of flowers, a donation may be made to their church, The Church of Indian Lake, www.thechurchatindianlake.com.



WILLIAM DURRELL TEAGUE - Died Tuesday, July 23, 2013, at his residence in Vinemont, Alabama at the age of 77. The cause of death was heart failure. He was born in Cullman, Alabama on August 12, 1935 to the late William Alexander Teague and Louise (née Moon) Teague. Mr. Teague was retired from the United States Air Force. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Pleasant Grove Chapter #416**. Survivors include his wife, Dolores Friedrich Teague; son, George (Billie Jean) Teague; daughters: Fharis (Ted) Richter and Jacqueline (Jeff) Hill; sister, Deatrice Teague Mahler; grandchildren: Quintin Richter and Morganne Richter. Funeral services were at 2:00 PM on Friday, July 26, 2013, at 7th Street Baptist Church, with the Reverend Kerry Cleghorn officiating. Interment was in Memory Gardens Cemetery. Mr. Teague will lie in state at the church from 1:00-2:00 PM. Moss-Service Funeral Home was in charge of arrangements. Visitation hours were from 6:00-9:00 PM on Thursday at the funeral home. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations be made to 7th Street Baptist Church or Veterans Park in care of Merchants Bank.



THOMAS D. TETTE – Died Tuesday, August 13, 2013 in Bloomfield, New York at the age of 70. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in 1943 to Constance Tette and the late Michael A. Tette. In addition to his mother, he is survived by his loving wife of 40 years, Carol Tette of Bloomfield; his children, Stephen (Joyce) Tette of Pulteney and Renae (Paul) Smith of Arkansas; siblings, Carolyn (Kent) DeHond of Rochester, Michelle (Randal) Christenson of Penfield and Nicholas (Joanne) Tette of Rochester; brothers-in-law, Richard (Sandy) Morgan of Lima and William (Patricia) Morgan of Springwater; sisters-in-law, Marcia Sparks of Hemlock, Marilyn (Junior) Ellis of Tampa, Fla., and

Cheryl (Dale) VanKuren of Bloomfield; eight grandchildren; many nieces and nephews; and canine companions, Pixie Rose and Gracie Ann. Tom was a veteran of the United States Army, where he served as a medic in Vietnam. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Rochester Chapter #20**. Tom was self-employed and operated his own vending company, Showcase Amusement, in Rochester. Family and friends called on Friday from 5:00 to 7:00 PM and Saturday from 2:00 to 4:00 PM at the Kevin W. Dougherty Funeral Home Inc., 8624 Main Street, Honeoye. Services followed calling hours on Saturday at 4:00 PM at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be made to Wounded Warrior Project, P.O. Box 758517, Topeka, KS 66675; or Lollypop Farm, 99 Fairport Victor Road, Fairport, NY 14450. To send a condolence, please visit www.doughertyfuneralhomes.com.



PAUL EVANS THOMAS - Died Sunday night, August 4th, 2013 at his home in Cleveland, Tennessee at the age of 61. The cause of death was esophageal cancer, cardiomyopathy and chronic obstructive pulmonary disease. He was born October 13, 1951 in Knoxville, Tennessee to the late John and Eva Thomas. He was an honorably discharged veteran of the United States Army have faithfully served his country during the Vietnam War. Paul was a member of the First Baptist Church of Cleveland. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Cleveland Chapter #596**. In addition to his parents Paul is preceded in death by one sister Phyllis Pittman one niece Melody Parker and one nephew Robbie Croley. Paul leaves behind to cherish his memory his loving and devoted wife of nineteen years Wilma Jean Thomas, two sisters Patricia Croley and husband Robert of Knoxville, TN and Peggy Parker (Jim Waggoner) of Cleveland, TN and his three four legged companions Buffy Mae, Mitzi Jean and Cindy Lou. He is also survived by several nieces, nephew, extended family members and a host of special friends. The family is planning a private memorial service at a later date. The family ask that in lieu of flowers memorial donations be made to Hospice of Chattanooga at 4411 Oakwood Chattanooga, TN 37416 in Paul's memory. You are encouraged to share a memory of Paul and/or your personal condolences by visiting his memorial web page and guestbook at www.companionfunerals.com. Companion Funeral & Cremation Service and the Cody family were honored to assist the Thomas family with these arrangements.

LAWRENCE WALDEN THOMPSON – Died Wednesday, August 14, 2013 in Snellville, Georgia at the age of 60. The cause of death was multiple myeloma and cardiac arrest. He was born January 23, 1953 in Elmira, New York to the late Craig and Lucille Thompson. In addition to his parents, he was predeceased by his brother, David Thompson. He is survived by his wife of 39 years, of the home, Patricia “Pat” (née Bec) Thompson; children, Nichole (Mike) Thompson, Corning, New York, Heather (Don) Upton, of Tucker, Georgia, Matthew (Erin) Thompson, of Snellville, Georgia, Andrew (Laurie) Thompson, of Elmira, Kathleen Thompson, of Decatur, Georgia, and Rachel Thompson, of Snellville, Georgia; grandchildren, Walden Thompson and Kylie Accardi; two sisters, Carol Thompson, of Fort Myers, Florida and Margaret Thompson, of Chapel Hill, North Carolina, and; several nieces, nephews and cousins. He served in the United States Navy from 1970 to 1976 with service in the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Elmira (New York) Chapter #803**.



JEFFREY C. TRELFA – Died Friday, September 6, 2013 in Alpena, Michigan at the age of 67. The cause of death was esophageal and brain cancer. He was born in Kalamazoo, Michigan on April 14, 1946 to the late Richard and Elizabeth (née Hine) Trelfa. Jeff served his country in the United States Marine Corps during the Vietnam War from 1965-1969. After dating for many years, to make sure she was the right one, Jeff married his best friend, soul mate, and love of his life, Annette J. Benac Minton on December 5, 1998. Jeff will be deeply missed by his children Sunny Trelfa, Jonathon (Jodi) Trelfa, Lindsay Trelfa, Jennifer Trelfa, and Stefanie Minton. Jeff is extremely proud and full of love for his grandchildren, Katie Fowler, Lacey Trelfa, Alexander Trelfa, Jobe Trelfa, Samantha Trelfa, Lauren Heath, Elizabeth Heath, Jacob Kade, and his great-grandchild, Damon. He is survived by his step-mum, Jennifer (Thorlby) Trelfa; brother, Michael F Trelfa; and sister-in-law, Phyllis Trelfa. Waiting to greet Jeff in Heaven are his parents, Richard and Elizabeth (Hine) Trelfa; his best friend and sister, Barbara Armagost; a brother, Thomas Trelfa; and his mother-in-law, Joanne H. Benac. Jeff's love for teaching the students at AHS was evident where ever he went. Students went out of their way to stop for a hug, to say hi, or to ask for the ever famous "mint" candy he carried with him always. Teaching, mentoring, counselling, advising, dedicated, positive, sincere, trustworthy are words he practiced, believed, and followed every day. He didn't do things for glory or for recognition; he did it out of pure, genuine love. He hopes others will "pass it on" and "pay it forward." Jeff was a hard man to keep down. His competitive side kept him active and going, from looking for golf balls in the woods, to his killer serve on the tennis courts. For over 20 years he was a MI High School Athlete Official for Basketball and Volleyball, coached TBBA and AHS girls' golf and tennis. While working, he served on various committee boards: AAACU, American Legion, a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Alpena Chapter #583**, Community Bible Study, First Congregational Church, NE MI Marriage Encounter, and belonged to several associations, American Motorcycle Association, and Gold Wing Road Riders Association. Jeff was sought out for his charm, quick wit, crazy/dry sense of humor that brought smiles to so many, whether at APS, CBS, AAACU, grocery store, golf course, gas station, restaurant, or the tennis courts, if you were feeling blue and having a bad day, he had a cure! We all have a "Trelfa Story" to share. Jeff made memories and left a positive imprint in the hearts of many people young and old. Memorial visitation took place at the Bannan Funeral Home on Thursday from 2:00-8:00 PM with military honors accorded him by VFW Alpena Post #2496 at 5:00 PM, a prayer service at 7:00 PM. Memorial visitation continued on Friday at Immanuel Lutheran Church from 10:00 AM until time of the memorial service at 11:00 AM with Reverend James Erickson officiating. Inurnment was in the Evergreen Cemetery. In lieu of flowers and in tribute to Jeff's adventure with esophageal and then brain cancer, memorials may be made to Alpena Cancer Center, Friends Together and Hospice of Michigan.



HARRY COLUMBUS "Junior" TROUTMAN, JR. - 68, Died Friday evening, March 29, 2013 in Salisbury, North Carolina at the age of 68. The cause of death was Ischemic Heart Disease. He was born October 16, 1944 in Rowan County, North Carolina to the late Harry Troutman, Sr. and Helen (née Kluttz) Troutman. A 1964 graduate of East Rowan High, Harry had honorably served his country with the United States Army during the Vietnam Era, where he had earned service distinction with the 4th Infantry Division. Harry had worked the family farm most of his life and had also worked in the construction and estate

auction businesses. Known to many as "Junior", he was an active life member of VFW #9134 in Rockwell, a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Concord Chapter #909**, Disabled American Veterans Chapter #27 the Rowan Veterans Association, AMVETS. Junior was a retired volunteer life member of Bostian Heights Fire Department, where he loved working with their fundraisers and BBQ benefits. He also enjoyed fishing in the NC Outer Banks. Family members left to cherish his memory include his wife, Nancy Ann Anthony Troutman; his three sisters, Dr. Kay Brawley and husband, John Hakemian, of Ponce Inlet, FL and Havre de Grace, MD, Carol Ludwick and husband, John, of Woodleaf and Jackie Griffiths and husband, Jimmy, of Norfolk, VA; his mother-in-law, Mary Anthony, brother-in-law, Marshall, Jr. both of Gold Hill, sister-in-law, Wanda Anthony of Rockwell, nieces and nephews, DavaLyn Snider, of MD, Michelle Stafford and Daniel Ludwick of NC, and Christian and Jesse Anthony, Mike, CJ and Alicia (deceased) and Sienerth, grandnephews and nieces Gavin and Peyton Snider of Md. Cory Stafford and Brittney Daniels, Gage and Taylor Sienerth, Layla Ingram plus 6 great grandnephews and niece of NC. Family received friends Monday evening, April 1, 2013 from 6:00-8:00 PM at Linn Honeycutt Funeral Home in China Grove. Harry Jr.'s celebration of life funeral service was on Tuesday, April 2, 2013 at 10:00 AM conducted by Reverend Harold Bumby and Bruce Sheeks. Burial was at 12:00 Noon at the Salisbury National Cemetery with military rights by RC and NC Honor Guards. Memorials may be made to Bostian Heights Fire Department 8211 Old Concord Road, Salisbury, North Carolina 28146. Online condolences may be made to the family at www.linnhoneycuttfuneralhhome.com.

ROBERT VALERI – Died Wednesday, July 17, 2013 in South Lyon, Michigan at the age of 63. The cause of death is unknown. He was born February 26, 1950 in Detroit, Michigan. He served in the United States Marine Corps during the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Plymouth Chapter #528**. He was the beloved husband of Helena; loving father of Amerigo (Kerry), Robert (Petra), Gina (Jerry) McKague, Dominic, Destinee and the late Nicco, Dominik and Erik, and; dear grandfather of Bobby, Jewlia, Antonio, Mariana, Kyle, Victoria, Allisandra and Isabelle. He was predeceased by siblings Jack and Judy. Visitation was Sunday, July 21st and Monday, July 22nd from 2:00-8:00 PM at the John N. Santeiu & Son, Funeral Home, 1139 Inkster Road (between Ford Rd. and Cherry Hill.). In state Tuesday, July 23rd at 10:30 AM followed by the 11:00 AM Funeral Mass at Saint Joseph Catholic Church, 830 South Lafayette Street, South Lyon (Between 9 Mile and 10 Mile Rds.). Burial was at the Great Lakes National Cemetery at 2:30 PM, Holly, Michigan.

LUCIEN W. VANASSE - Died Saturday, August 17, 2013 at Rhode Island Hospital, Providence, Rhode Island at the age of 63. He was a resident of Manville, Rhode Island. The cause of death was Agent Orange-related leukemia and staff infection. He was born in Woonsocket, Rhode Island to Yvonne (née L'Esperance) Carpentier, of Woonsocket and the late Lucien Vanasse. He had lived in Lincoln and Manville for over 20 years. He was the beloved husband of Denise (née Durand) Vanasse. Mr. Vanasse was the owner of the former Lou's Auto Repair in Woonsocket for 20 years and later was the owner of Perfect Painting by Lou in Manville for 7 years. He was a United States Army Vietnam War veteran and a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – James Michael Ray Memorial (North Smithfield) Chapter #818**. Besides his wife and mother, he is survived by his three loving daughters, Erin Major of Lincoln, and Tracy Crossley and her

husband, Kenneth and Alicia Goddu and her husband, Teddy Woods, all of Manville; four sisters, Susan Desmarais of West Warwick, Rachel Chase of Slatersville, and Renee Cole and Liz Jones, both of Woonsocket; one brother, Richard Tellier of Woonsocket; his six beloved grandchildren, Karissa Amador, Evan W. Goddu, Talia Steele, Carson Crossley, Ayden and Kyra Woods; and several nieces and nephews including Noelani and Lorelei Richmond. His funeral was held Friday, August 23 at 10:00 AM at Bellows Funeral Chapel, 160 River Road, Lincoln. Burial, with military honors, was in Resurrection Cemetery, Cumberland. Relatives and friends were invited to call Thursday from 4:00-8:00 PM.

BERNARD V. VANDERZWAAG – Died recently in 2013 in Holland, Michigan at the age of 68. The cause of death is unknown. He was born May 12, 1945. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was an *At-Large Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Michigan**.



DAVID TAYLOR WALTERS - Died Saturday, May 25, 2013, at the Western Maryland Regional Medical Center after a brief illness at the age of 77. He was a resident of Cresaptown, Maryland. The cause of death is unknown. He was born April 13, 1936 in Altoona, Pennsylvania to the late Howard and Leona (née Taylor) Walters. Besides his parents, he is preceded in death by a brother, John Walters. David was a graduate of Altoona High School, class of 1954 and a United States Army veteran of the Vietnam-era. He was the night foreman of the composing room at the Cumberland Times-News. He was an avid Penn State football and Pittsburgh Steelers fan. He was Protestant by faith. He was a member of the Cresaptown Eagles, a member of the Wednesday afternoon bowling league, an avid collector of pre-World War II radios, and he enjoyed buying and selling antiques. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Cumberland Chapter #172**. He loved his grandchildren very much. David is survived by his wife, Norma Jean (Blontz) Walters; a daughter, Robin McKee and husband Wayne Jr., of Big Run, Pa.; a brother, Howard “Pete” Walters, of Altoona, Pa.; two grandchildren, Patrick McKee and fiancée Lindsey Andrekovich, of Pittsburgh and Lauren Taylor McKee, a student at Slippery Rock University. He will be sadly missed by his kitty cats, Mew-Mew, Tom and Andy. At Mr. Walters’ request, he was cremated and there was no funeral service. Scarpelli Funeral Home, 108 Virginia Ave. (www.scarpellifh.com) was in charge of arrangements.

WILLIAM JOHN “Bill” WATSON – Died Friday, December 28, 2012 in Walhalla, South Carolina at the age of 68. The cause of death was pancreatitis, renal failure, respiratory failure and diabetes. He was born in Jacksonville, Florida on March 21, 1944 to the late William John Watson, Sr. and Barbara (née DeBerry) Watson. He served in the United States Army with Army Corps of Engineers. He served in Vietnam from December 1968 to December 1969. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – West Union Chapter #1017**. He is survived by his wife, Nancy (née Phillips) Watson; his son and daughter-in-law, David and Tonia Watson; Rebeka Glenn and Emily Watson; his sister and brother-in-law, Donna Justus and Eddie Morris, of Vero Beach, Florida. He was a member of Saint Luke Methodist Church. The funeral service was held at 11:00 AM on Monday, December 31, 2012 at Saint Luke Methodist Church with burial in Oconee Memorial Park.



PAUL EDWARD "Pete" WEBSTER - Died Sunday, March 3, 2013 in Jacksonville, Florida at the age of 68. The cause of death is unknown. He was born September 13, 1944. Pete served multiple tours of duty in Vietnam as a United States Navy Diving Officer. He left the Navy in 1972 to pursue a legal career, and after graduating from law school he served as an assistant prosecutor and a defense attorney in Columbus, Ohio, along the way becoming a United States Army Legal Officer serving in the Ohio National Guard. The law had become his profession, and he eventually assumed a federal judgeship in Peoria, Illinois before settling in Jacksonville in 1992. A Master Mason, he was a lifelong member of the Society for Creative Anachronism and had a penchant for the great outdoors - taking his family on many adventures into the Canadian wilderness. He was a *Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Atlantic Beach Chapter #1046*. He is survived by his wife Patricia, daughters Shevaun Fennell of Peoria, Illinois and Angela Reed of Silver Spring, Maryland, and four grandchildren. The family received friends from 10:30-11:00 AM on Friday, March 8th, followed by the funeral service at 11:00 AM in the Chapel of Hardage-Giddens Funeral Home, 1701 Beach Boulevard, Jacksonville Beach, Florida. Interment was at 2:00 PM, with military honors, at the Jacksonville National Cemetery.

CHARLES LEON WHITEHEAD - Died recently Sunday, August 18, 2013 in Broken Arrow, Oklahoma at the age of 74. The cause of death is unknown. He was born December 27, 1938. He served in the United States Army in the Vietnam War and retired at the rank of Major. He was an *At-Large Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Oklahoma*. Graveside Military Services were held in the Fort Gibson National Cemetery, Fort Gibson, Oklahoma, at 11:00 AM on Wednesday, August 21, 2013. Condolences may be sent to the family at www.mobley-dodsonfuneralservice.com. Arrangements were entrusted to the care of Mobley-Dodson Funeral Service of Sand Springs, Oklahoma.



BERNHARD FRANZ "Bernie" WILSON - Died peacefully Tuesday morning August 13, 2013 surrounded by family and friends in Driftwood, Texas at the age of 63. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Uetze, Hannover, Germany on November 3, 1949 to the late William Frederick Wilson and Theodora (née Mollmann) Wilson. He served his country as a chemical equipment specialist in the United States Army and was honorably discharged in December of 1969. While in the Army he received a Vietnam Service Medal with four Bronze service stars; Sharpshooter (Rifle); Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal; National Defense Service Medal. Bernie served the United States Army as a German citizen and received his U.S. citizenship in November of 1969. He retired from US Foods Service in May of 1995 after 25 years of truck driving. He was an *At-Large Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Texas*. He was preceded in death by his parents, William Frederick Wilson and Theodora Mollmann Wilson and his sister Thea Garrison. Bernie is survived by his wife Audrey Darlene Wilson of 43 years; three children: son Dean Wilson and wife Vinh of Cedar Park; Christopher Wilson and wife Lori of Red Rock; daughter Tammy Dube and husband Clint, of McDade. He is also survived by seven grandchildren: Logan Dube; Curtis Wilson; Clayton Dube; Kara Wilson; Corbin Dube; Luke Wilson; Chloe Wilson. Bernie loved and was so grateful for his wife Darlene who cared for him the last 20 years as his health declined. A viewing was held at 6:00 PM until 8:00 PM on

Monday August 19th at Harrell Funeral Home in Kyle. Funeral services were conducted at 10:00 AM Tuesday August 20th at Harrell Funeral Home. Burial was at 1:45 PM at the Fort Sam Houston, San Antonio with full, military honors.

CHARLES B. WITTE - Died Friday, May 3, 2013, at Indian River Medical Center in Vero Beach, Florida at the age of 70. The cause of death is unknown. He was born March 16, 1943 in Queens, New York to the late William and Christine Witte, Jr., and lived in Vero Beach for two years, coming from Lawton, Oklahoma. He was a veteran of the United States Army, serving in the Vietnam War. Before retiring, he was the owner and operator of Witte Automotive in Lawton for 32 years. He was a member of First Baptist Church, Lawton, and attended Cornerstone Christian Church, Vero Beach. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Vero Beach Chapter #1038**. Survivors include his wife of 45 years, Janet R. Witte of Vero Beach; son, Dr. Charles H. Witte of Citrus Springs; daughter, Cindy Forbis of Tulsa, Okla.; sisters, Irene Baker of Bennington, Vt., and Margaret Flower of Bayville, N.Y.; two grandsons; and a granddaughter. He was preceded in death by his brother, William K. Witte. Memorial contributions may be made to Cornerstone Christian Church, 5950 12th Street, Vero Beach, FL 32966. Services: A memorial service was celebrated at 11:00 AM on May 6th at the Cornerstone Christian Church with the Reverend Kent Hawkins officiating. Arrangements were by Strunk Funeral Home and Crematory, Vero Beach. A guestbook is available at www.strunkfuneralhome.com.



WILLIAM MICHAEL WOLTER - Died suddenly on Friday, August 31, 2012 at his home in Hanover, Illinois at the age of 71. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on June 25, 1941 to the late Michael and June (née Jacobs) Wolter in Guttenberg, Iowa. He attended Saint Mary High School and graduated with the Class of 1959. After graduation, Bill served his country in the United States Navy for four years. He married Irene Cecelia Mussmann on January 12, 1962 in the Saint Agnes Catholic Church, Clinton, Iowa. He was a *Life Member* of **Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America – Elizabeth Chapter #928**. Bill moved to Hanover in 1965 after purchasing the local grocery store. He operated Bill's Royal Blue until 1985. While working at the grocery store, Bill started helping local folks with their taxes in the back of the store. Bill later purchased the building next door and turned it into office space in 1975. He operated Bill Wolter's Tax Service, Hanover Realty and was an insurance agent with Country Companies. Bill was community minded and was an advocate for the town of Hanover. He belonged to several community and civic organizations. Bill loved to golf and play cards, especially Euchre. Most of all, Bill loved spending time with his family and friends. Bill will be dearly missed by his wife, Irene; three sons, Francis (Denise) Wolter of Hanover, Robert (Jodi) Wolter of Orlando, Florida and Raymond (Kristy) Wolter of Hanover; two foster children, Angel Garcia of Galena, Illinois and Maria Garcia of Freeport, Illinois; four grandchildren, Christopher, Bruce, Kimberly and Riley Wolter; two foster grandchildren, Bailey and Edward; one sister, Patricia Wolter of Stockton, Illinois; two brothers, Gabe (Cheryl) Wolter of Denton, Texas and David (Belva) Wolter of Myrtle Beach, South Carolina and several nieces and nephews. Bill was preceded in death by his parents; one brother, Leo and one infant brother, Tex. A funeral mass was held at 10:00 AM on Thursday, September 6, 2012 at Saint John the Evangelist Catholic Church, Hanover with Father Noel

Jacob as Celebrant. Burial took place in the Evergreen Cemetery, Hanover. A visitation was held from 2:00 – 8:00 PM on Wednesday, September 5, 2012 at the Law-Jones Funeral Home, Hanover. A Rosary Service was held at 1:30 PM prior to the visitation at the funeral home. A memorial fund has been established in Bill's memory.

HARRY WYNNE – Died recently in the Hines VA Medical Center in Hines, Illinois at the age of 62. The cause of death is unknown. He was born April 12, 1951. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Permanently Hospitalized Veteran Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Geneva Chapter #693**.

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

FATHER PHILIP G. SALOIS, M.S.

National Chaplain