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CHARLES ESTER ADAMS – Died recently in 2015 in Zephyrhills, Florida. The cause of death is unknown. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Dade City Chapter #195**.

JACK R. ARRINGDALE – Died Thursday, February 25, 2010 in Springfield, Missouri at the age of 61. The cause of death is unknown. He was born August 30, 1948. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was an *At-Large Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – California**. He was cremated under the direction of Greenlawn South Funeral Home in Springfield, Missouri. The memorial service was held on Tuesday, March 30, 2010 at 1:00 PM at US National Cemetery, Springfield, Missouri.



TERRY RUFUS AVERY - Died Wednesday, September 2, 2015 at the family residence in Cleveland, Tennessee at the age of 66. The cause of death was atherosclerotic cardiovascular disease. He was born in Fernandina Beach, Florida on August 19, 1949 to the late Rufus Avery and Mabel Ann (née Ellington) Avery. He was a member of First Baptist Church. He was loved by everyone he met and was an avid caretaker for others. He was a veteran of the United States Marine Corps and received multiple service awards including two purple hearts, serving in the Vietnam War. He was a member of the VFW, American Legion, 40/8, DAV, and the Marine Corps League. Terry supported all of his fellow veterans. He was an active member of the Bradley County Honor Guard which provides full military honors at funerals when requested as a gift to the veterans' family. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Cleveland Chapter #596**. In addition to his parents, he was also predeceased by his brother, Eric Avery. He is survived by his wife, Gudny (née Jonsdottir) Avery of Cleveland; one daughter, Carrie Ann Avery Rayburn of Cleveland; two stepsons, Samuel "Sammy" Allman of Murfreesboro, TN and Simon Jonthor Allman of Cleveland; two granddaughters, Lacey and Brenna Avery and grandson, Avery Rayburn, all of Cleveland; two great-grandchildren, Braydon Miller and Kaiden Boone both of Cleveland; two step-grandchildren, Malachi and Kaiden Allman both of Riceville, TN; one sister, Janet Ensley and husband, Pat of Cleveland; one brother, Phillip Avery and wife, Evelyn of Charleston, SC; several nieces and nephews also survive. Funeral services were conducted at 12:00 Noon on Tuesday, September 8, 2015 in the chapel of Ralph Buckner Funeral Home with Reverend Gary Sears officiating. Interment was at 1:30 PM at the Chattanooga National Cemetery with Chaplain Bill Norwood officiating. There were military honors and a white dove release ceremony that concluded the service. The family received friends on Monday, September 7, 2015 at the funeral home from 6:00 to 8:00 PM. In lieu of flowers donations can be made to the Bradley County Veterans Honor Guard Funeral Detail c/o American Legion Post #81, James Asbury Drive

NW, Cleveland TN 37312. We invite you to send a message of condolence and view the Avery family guestbook at www.ralphbuckner.com.



PERSHING L. "Jack" AVRITT, JR. - Died at his home in Des Moines, Iowa on Tuesday, March 3, 2012, after a courageous battle with Parkinson's disease. He was 64 years of age. He was born July 9, 1947 in Des Moines to the late Pershing L. and Marjorie Avritt, Sr. He attended Central Texas College and served in the United States Army from 1967 to 1991, retiring as a First Sergeant (E-8). He was attached to Fort Campbell Hospital in Clarksville, Tennessee. He was a member of Saint Joseph Catholic Church, the Masonic Order and Za-Ga-Zig Shrine. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Angeles City Chapter #887** in the Philippines. Jack is survived by his loving wife of 14 years, Angela Avritt; children, Stephanie Thorpe of Ankeny, Sony Steier of Louisville, KY, Peter Avritt of Louisville, KY and Margaret Avritt of Des Moines; brothers, Joe Avritt and Gordon Avritt both of Des Moines; sisters, Barbara Naset, Judy Avritt and Nina Hall, all of Des Moines and Dorothy Avritt of Osceola, IA; and 11 grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents; daughter, Tina Avritt; and brother, Albert Avritt. Funeral services were held at 1:00 PM on Wednesday, March 7, 2012, at Hamilton's Funeral Home, 605 Lyon Street, followed by burial at Glendale Cemetery. Visitation was held from 5:00 to 7:00 PM on Tuesday at the funeral home. Memorial contributions may be made to the Parkinson's disease Foundation.

MARK S. BARTH – Died Monday, March 18, 2013 in Essex, Maryland at the age of 63. The cause of death is unknown. He was born October 28, 1949. He was the beloved husband of Jean Barth (née Merritt); devoted father of Christopher Barth and Nicole Barth; loving grandfather of Silas Barth, and; was also survived by many loving family members and friends. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was an *At-Large Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Maryland**. Funeral services were held at the Connelly Funeral Home of Essex, 300 Mace Avenue on Saturday at 11:00 AM. Visiting hours were on Friday from 3:00 to 5:00 PM and 7:00 to 9:00 PM. Interment was private.



HOLICE BARTON, JR. - Died Sunday, September 13, 2015 at his residence in Fitzgerald, Georgia at the age of 68. The cause of death was cancer. He was born February 28, 1947 in Lenox, Georgia to the late Early Horace and Etta Louise (née Bledsoe) Barton. He served his country honorably in the United States Army during the Vietnam War. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Fitzgerald Chapter #1082**. He earned his GED and later studied plumbing at Ben Hill-Irwin Technical School. He worked for Coachmen Industries for almost 30 years making cabinets and running the saw. Following his retirement, Mr. Barton was a self-employed painter. He loved people and will be remembered for his contagious laugh and the broad smile he always shared. He was an active member of the Fitzgerald Church of God where he served as a greeter. He is survived by his wife of 43 years, Clara Justice Barton of Fitzgerald; two sons: Tony Jacobs of Mesa, Arizona and Patrick Jacobs (Janet Brown) of Fitzgerald; his grandchildren: Shannon Jacobs, McKenzie Jacobs, Melissa Jacobs, Kirstian Semprevivo, Kurtis Hendley, and Kyle Hendley; two brothers: Ottis & Jan Barton and Harvey Barton, all of Tifton; and a sister, Ruth & Joe Marta of Tifton. Also surviving are Diane Touchton and Ida Hendley, mothers of Mr. Barton's

grandchildren. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by four sisters and one brother. Funeral services were at 2:00 PM on Thursday, September 17, 2015 at the Fitzgerald Church of God with the Reverend Dewain Joiner and the Reverend Aubrey Maye co-officiating. Interment was in the Evergreen Cemetery. The family received friends from 7:00-9:00 PM on Wednesday evening at the funeral home in Fitzgerald.



MICHAEL F. BRADLEY - Died Wednesday, July 15, 2015 at Lawnwood Hospital in Fort Pierce, Florida at the age of 67. He was born in He was a resident of Port Sainte Lucie, Florida. Brooklyn and moved to Bayside, New York. He married Luana Milazzo in 1969. Michael served in the United States Army with the 199th Light Infantry Brigade Military Police from 1966-1969, serving in Vietnam. Upon moving to Port Sainte Lucie in 1986, he became a member of Vietnam Veteran of America - Chapter #127, Jensen Beach, Florida. Michael started the **Vietnam Veterans of America – Port Sainte Lucie Chapter #566** to support veterans in Sainte Lucie County. He has been instrumental in establishing a veteran memorial at formerly Rivergate Park, now called Veteran's Memorial Park. He started a veteran wall and future projects for the park. Michael is survived by his wife of 45 years, Lu Bradley; his son Ryan Bradley (Erica Bradley); his sister Eleanor Lawlor, and; his loving granddaughter Emma Joy. A Memorial Service was held at All County Funeral Home and Crematory, Stuart, Florida on Friday, August 7, 2015 from 2:00 to 4:00 PM with the service commencing at 3:00 PM. VVA Chapter #566 performed the military salute to a fallen comrade and also Military Honors were presented by the United States Army Honor Guard.

GILMER S. BRANCH - Died Friday, October 10, 2014 in Dobson, North Carolina at the age of 69. The cause of death was Agent Orange-related lung cancer. He was born on March 5, 1945. He is survived by his wife Linda. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Mount Airy Chapter #1021**. Funeral services were held at 2:00 PM on Monday, October 13, 2014 at Central View Missionary Baptist Church by the Reverend Travis Chipman and the Reverend Cory Shelton. Burial was in the church cemetery with Military Honors by the North Carolina National Guard Honor Guard and Veterans of Foreign Wars Mount Airy Post #2019 and Pilot Mountain Post #9436. The family received friends from 6:00 to 8:00 PM on Sunday at Moody-Davis Funeral Home where his body remained until the time to be carried to the church to lie-in-state thirty minutes prior to the service. Flowers were accepted or memorial contributions made to Saint Jude Children's Hospital, 262 Danny Thomas Place Memphis, TN 38105 in loving memory of Mr. Branch.

WILFORD BRANFORD – Died recently in 2015 in Zephyrhills, Florida at the age of 70. The cause of death is unknown. He was born November 7, 1944. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Dade City Chapter #195**.



ALVIN JUDSON “Jud” “J.B.” “A.J.” BROWN, JR. - Died Saturday, July 25, 2015 in Baton Rouge, Louisiana at the age of 65. The cause of death was myeloma. He was born in Bossier City, Louisiana on July 22, 1950 to the late Alvin and Bernell Brown. He graduated from Istrouma High School in 1969. He proudly served in the United States Marine Corps as a Corporal in the 1st Battalion, 5th Marines Regiment, 1st

Marine Division, from August 1969-March 1971 in Vietnam. He received the Purple Heart, Rifle Expert Badge and Combat Action Ribbon. He was *Past President* of Vietnam Veterans of America – Baton Rouge Chapter #488 and Past Commander of VFW Post #3784 in Baton Rouge. He transferred to and was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Beaumont (Texas) Chapter #292**. He was a retired Private Investigator. He leaves behind many who will miss him dearly. His wife, Lori Meyerer, whom he always gave a strong and steady hand to hold, permanence and an awesome and adventurous life, his children Seth Brown and his wife Sherrill of CA, Ethan Brown, Dayna Brown of CA, step-daughter Shauna Jatho of BR, grandchildren Evan, Noah and Lucas Brown, Joseph and Sophia Jatho, brother Sherman and his wife Maryjayne of Prairieville (remember, Jud had the last laugh), nephews Christopher Brown and Benjamin Brown, sister-in-law Lisa Meyerer, God-son Turner Benard. He also will be missed by his military family, his militia brothers and MS Defense Force brothers. He was a well-respected patriot, a true warrior, always loyal and supportive, and a great friend to those who were blessed to cross his path. We will all miss his huge, contagious laugh. Visitation was held at Resthaven Funeral Home, 11817 Jefferson Highway, BR, on Thursday, July 30, 2015, from 2:30 to 5:30 PM with a rosary at 5:30 PM and military service in the Chapel at 6:00 PM. He was blessed and most proud to be called PaPa Jud/PaPaw by his grandchildren who never knew what he'd do next to make them laugh. They'll be watching for signs that show you are forever watching over them. He loved to travel, cook, dance, enjoy the mountains of Colorado, ride his Harley, and share his expertise of survival and rifle skills. He was a protector of our 2nd Amendment right to bear arms. He always carried a special place in his heart for POW/MIA. The family extends heartfelt thanks to the doctors, nurses and staff of the BR General Hospital Bluebonnet, 3rd and 6th floors and ICU. You are all angels. Contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society, Wounded Warrior Project, VVA or VFW. J.B., you rocked my soul, my sweet man. Ride off into the wind and spread your wings J.B., ride off into the wind! Jud, you fought your last battle of this journey and your reward is before you. PaPaw, you absolutely made an impression on all of your grandchildren. You are our hero for not only what you did on the battlefield, but for what you did when you came home. Welcome home! Semper Fi!



REVEREND BOBBIE BURRIS BURCHAM – Died Thursday, February 19, 2015 in Woodlawn, Virginia at the age of 81. The cause of death was dementia. He was born June 2, 1933 in Woodlawn (Carroll County), Virginia, the youngest of seven surviving children born to the late Wesley R. Burcham and Maude (née Edwards) Burcham. Survivors include his wife of 59 years, Virginia (née Bryant) Burcham; two daughters, Cindy Goad and spouse Leon Goad and Suzy Sauls; five grandchildren, Jessica and Cody Hall, Holly Williams and Daniel, Jared Perry and Michaela Sauls; three great-grandchildren, the first one, Roman Williams was born on Bobbie's birthday, Jade Williams and Gabriel Taylor; three sisters, Kathleen Riddle of Greensboro, Florence Lawson of Galax and Pearl Bartlett of Woodlawn; plus many special nephews and nieces. The grandchildren were the joy of Grandpa's life. Bobbie was preceded in death by his parents; three brothers, Dr. Carnie R. Burcham, Mack J. Burcham and Friel G. Burcham; and infant twin boys. Bobbie had a dry sense of humor and it was rare to see him without a wide smile. He rarely met a stranger and loved friends and family. To know Pastor Burcham was truly to love him. He never met a stranger and liked everyone he ever met. He retired from the United States Navy in 1972. He

was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Galax Chapter #710**. He moved back to this area where he was privileged to pastor three churches. Bobbie was well known for his easygoing personality and great sense of humor and he will be sadly missed by all who knew him. A memorial service and celebration of a well-lived life and homegoing was held March 7, 2015, from 2:00 to 6:00 PM at Cornerstone Church, Main Street, Galax, Virginia. Vaughan-Guynn Funeral Home was in charge of the arrangements.

JOHN J. CALLAHAN – Died in the Spring of 2014 in Wildwood Crest, New Jersey at the age of 90. The cause of death is unknown. He was born May 12, 1924. He was a *Life Member* of **Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America – Wildwood Chapter #955**.

DOUGLAS DEAN CENTER - Died Tuesday June 23, 2015 in Munith, Michigan at the age of 71. The cause of death was cancer. He was born on May 2, 1944 in Hanover Michigan. He married Joyce (née Kohlhoff) Center on August 22, 1967. He served in the United States Navy during the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Jackson Chapter #109**. He enjoyed hunting, fishing and morel mushroom hunting. He was preceded in death by his son Leroy Center. He is survived by his wife Joyce (née Kohlhoff) Center, daughter Christina (Delbert) Kelley, sons Anthony Fex, Dale Fex, Brian (Janine) Fex and Steven (Sherry) Center. A memorial service with full military honors was celebrated at the Pleasant Lake Baptist Church, 10130 Resort Road, Pleasant Lake, Michigan at 10:00 AM on Saturday June 27, 2015.



RONALD A. CHOLEWINSKI - Died suddenly at his South Fayette, Pennsylvania home on Friday, May 22, 2015 at the age of 67. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on October 22, 1947 to the late Stanley and Thelma Cholewinski. Ron served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War as an Artillery Surveyor in the 1st Cavalry Air Mobile Division. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Freedom Chapter #862**. Later, he worked at Universal Cyclops Steel for over 45 years as a certified mechanic in many different fields, and then he worked at Equipco as a forklift mechanic. Surviving Ron is his daughter, Sarah; his stepsons, Jim and Scott (wife Misty) Huff; his grandchildren: Jimmy, OB, Caleb, and Chloe; his brothers, Dennis and Rick; his sisters, Diane and Beverly; his sister-in-law, Rose; and 10 nieces and nephews. Funeral arrangements were made by Beinhauer-Fryer. Friends and family were welcomed at 430 Washington Avenue, Bridgeville on Thursday from 5:00-8:00 PM. Burial with military honors took place on Friday at 1:00 PM in the National Cemetery of the Alleghenies. Memorial contributions may be made to the Wounded Warrior Project, 301 Grant Street, Pittsburgh, PA 15219. Please add and view tributes at www.beinhauer.com.

LOYEL RAY CLARK - Died Tuesday, August 11, 2015 at the Dorminy Medical Center in Fitzgerald, Georgia at the age of 68. He was a resident of Wray, Georgia. The cause of death is unknown. He was born October 17, 1946 in Coldwater, Michigan to the late Loyel Dale and Betty Jane (née Fisher) Clark. He served his country honorably in the United States Army, during the Vietnam War. He moved to the community in 1971 and was a retired truck driver and owner/operator of Clark Trucking. He enjoyed fishing and going to the river. He was a member of the Moose Club and of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Fitzgerald Chapter #1082**. He is

survived by his wife: Peggy Clark of Fitzgerald; a son: Dennis Ray Clark of Colorado; and several grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; two step-daughters: Stephanie Ross of Lee's Summit, Missouri and Crystal Hutchinson of Ocilla; two brothers: Garret Clark of Florida and Donald Clark of Ty Ty; two sisters: Melvina C. Sabala & Gary of Bellflower, California and Dale Jane C. Buchan of Wray and a niece: Deana Sabala of Bellflower, California. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a daughter: Betty Jo Losinski and a step-daughter: Sandra McGlaughn. A private memorial was held at a later date.



WARREN LESLIE CONNORS, JR. – Died Tuesday, July 14, 2015 in Reisterstown, Maryland at the age of 67. The cause of death was heart disease. He was born July 9, 1948. He served in the United States Army. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Baltimore Chapter #451**. He was the beloved husband of Mary Diane Connors; the father of Connie, Rachel and Shannon; the brother of Andy Connors and the late John Connors; also survived by 11 grandchildren, and; 2 great-grandchildren. The family received friends at the Eline Funeral Home, 11824 Reisterstown Road (at Franklin Boulevard) on Tuesday from 3:00-5:00 and 7:00-9:00 PM. The service was held on Wednesday at 10:00 AM at the funeral home. Interment was in the Garrison Forest Veterans Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the American Heart Association, P.O. Box 5216, Glen Allen, VA 23058. Online condolences may be made at www.ElineFuneralHome.com.

GARY DEE COTTRELL - Died Wednesday, November 12, 2014 in Lexington, South Carolina at the age of 68. The cause of death was Agent Orange-related lung cancer. He was born in Troy, Tennessee to the late J.D. and Letha (née Greene) Cottrell. He retired from textiles and was a member of Lexington Church of Christ. He was a veteran of the United States Army and served in Vietnam. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Indian Rocks Beach Chapter #522**. He is survived by his wife, Jean Anita (née Whitacre) Cottrell; two sons, Geoffrey Cottrell and Preston Cottrell (Alana); two brothers, Kenneth Cottrell (Jan) and Philip Cottrell (Jacquie). In addition to his parents, he was predeceased by a sister, Linda C. Holloway. Graveside services were conducted at 11:00 AM on Monday, November 17, 2014 at Fort Jackson National Cemetery. The family received friends from 3:00 PM until 5:00 PM on Sunday, November 16, 2014 at Woodridge Memorial Park and Funeral Home.



WALTER C. "Stormy" CRAWFORD, JR. – Died Friday, July 17 2015 in Saint Louis, Missouri at the age of 70. The cause of death is unknown. He was born Saturday, February 03, 1945 in St. Louis, Missouri to the late Walter and Lucille (née Jokerst) Crawford. He was the Founder and Executive Director of the World Bird Sanctuary, a Vietnam United States Army Veteran, a member of the VFW, the American Legion, Explorers Club, Founder and Vice-President of the National Wildlife Rehabilitators Association, Past President of the International Association of Avian Trainers and Educators, appointed Curator of Ornithology and Avian Research at Guyana Zoo in Georgetown, and recipient of numerous awards for his conservation and wildlife rehabilitation efforts. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Saint Louis Chapter #1025**. He was the dear husband of Patricia (née Curran) Crawford, loving father of Brian (M.J.) Crawford and beloved grandfather to Brendan, Maia, Grace, Brooke, and Brady. Visitation was at the Basler Funeral Home in Saint

Genevieve on Wednesday, July 22, 2015 from 4:00 PM till 8:00 PM. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at the Church of Saint Genevieve on Thursday, July 23, 2015 at 10:00 AM. In lieu of flowers donations can be made to The Walter Crawford Jr. Memorial Fund in care of The World Bird Sanctuary, 125 Bald Eagle Ridge Road, Valley Park, MO 63088.

WILLIAM R. CRIVELLO, JR. - Died unexpectedly Wednesday, March 5, 2014 at the Milford Regional Medical Center in Milford, Massachusetts at the age of 66. He was a resident of Milford. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Milford on August 16, 1947 to the late William and Josephine (née Bavosi) Crivello. He was the husband of forty years to Marie (née DeManche) Crivello. He was a graduate of Milford High School, class of 1966. Mr. Crivello was a Vietnam Veteran serving in the United States Air Force from 1966-71. After his return from serving his country, he was employed by Raytheon Corporation in Wayland and Marlboro for forty years retiring in 2011. He served as a trustee on the Vernon Grove Cemetery Board of Trustees in Milford for twenty years and served as the secretary for the board for much of that time. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America - Auburn Chapter #554**, the American Legion Post #74 in Framingham, the Disabled American Veterans and the Framingham Elks Lodge #1264. In addition to his wife he is survived by a brother Paul Crivello of Westborough, nieces and nephews. He was predeceased by a brother Robert Crivello. His funeral was held on Tuesday, March 11th at 10:00 AM in Sacred Heart of Jesus Church (lower chapel), 5 East Main Street, Milford. Burial was in the Vernon Grove Cemetery. A calling hour was held on Tuesday prior to the funeral from 8:30 to 9:30 AM in the Watson Colonial Funeral Home, 24 Congress Street, Milford.

MELVIN H. CROMEDY - Died Thursday, December 27, 2012 in Frackville, Pennsylvania at the age of 62. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Cross Creek, North Carolina on March 25, 1950 to the late Willie H. Cromedy. He served in the United States Marine Corps in the Vietnam War and attained the rank of Private First Class. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Pennsylvania Chapter**. He is interred in the Cheltenham Veterans Cemetery in Cheltenham, Maryland.



WAYNE B. DIEKEMPER - Died his home in Carlyle, Illinois on Saturday, August 15, 2015 at the age of 68. The cause of death was Diabetes Type II, heart disease and cancer. He was born on February 12, 1947 in Breese, Illinois to the late Joseph B. and Lily (née Ward) Diekemper. He married Dorothy Richter on November 21, 1968 in Breese, and she survives in Carlyle. In addition to his wife Dorothy, Wayne is also survived by his children – Scott Diekemper of Carlyle, Dawn Thomas and husband Brad of Beckemeyer, and Kurt Diekemper and special friend Patty Bansavage-Fenochietti, and her daughter Auriel Patrick, of Largo, Florida; his grandchildren – Megan, Jacob, Molly, and Jaren Diekemper, and Kirsten and Bradon Thomas; a brother – Jerome Diekemper and special friend Gwen Reagen of Carlyle; 2 sisters -- Julia Diekemper of Kansas, and Geraldine Pingsterhaus of Germantown; a step-brother – Jerry Lager and wife Kim of Highland; and his aunts and uncles - Ray Diekemper, Johanna Diekemper, and Ferd and Alice Rehkemper. In addition to his parents, he was also predeceased by his mother and father in law – Benedict and Anna Richter; his step-mother – Mary Lager; 2 nephews – Troy Diekemper

and Jeff Richter; grandniece and grandnephew – Katie Diekemper and Talen Pingsterhaus; and his in-laws – Dr. Ted Little, Larry Pingsterhaus, Elaine Diekemper, and Dave Duing. Mr. Diekemper worked at Luebbers Welding for 15 years, then as a self-employed farmer and welder. He served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Carlyle Chapter #269**, Breese American Legion Post #252, Carlyle VFW Post #3523, and the Carlyle Knights of Columbus Council #1382. He was also a member of the Southern Illinois IH Collectors Chapter #32, a Carlyle FFA Alumni, the American Thresherman Association, the Concordia Singers Club, a former volunteer fireman for the Wheatfield Fire Protection District, and the NRA. Wayne also volunteered to drive fellow veterans to doctor appointments. He loved to cook and barbecue, and was well known for his chili and barbecue sauce. He enjoyed hunting, restoring tractors, and tractor pulls. Wayne loved spending time with his family and attending his grandchildren's sporting events. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at 10:00 AM on Saturday, August 22, 2015 at Saint Mary Church in Carlyle with Father George Mauck, as the Main Celebrant. Interment with military honors was at Saint Mary Cemetery. Visitation was held at the Zieren Funeral Home in Carlyle on Friday, August 21st, from 4:00 – 8:00 PM and on Saturday morning from 8:00 – 9:30 AM. Memorial donations were suggested to be given to the Clinton County Vietnam Veterans Chapter #269, the American Heart Association, or to the American Diabetes Association and will be accepted at Zieren Funeral Home.

CHARLES WILLIAM DOLEN (USA, SFC-Ret.) - Died Thursday, August 6, 2015, in Lawton, Oklahoma at the age of 78. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on January 30, 1937 in Cypress, Texas to the late Johnnie W. and Ida E. (née Coats) Dolen. He grew up in Cypress, where he attended school. He joined the United States Army in 1956 when he was 16 years old and served his country in Korea and Vietnam. While stationed in the Army, he received many awards and medals including the National Defense Service Medal, Vietnam Service Medal with 10 Service Stars, Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal, Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross Unit Citation with Palm, Five Overseas Service Stars, Army Commendation Medal with First Oak Leaf Cluster, Combat Infantryman Badge, and Good Conduct Medal Fourth Award. He retired in 1980 and went to work for Lawton Public Schools Transportation Department as the security coordinator. He married Nelda (née Bisbee) Mansel on March 3, 1995 in Wichita Falls, Texas. Charles was a 32nd Degree Mason, member of the 11th Cavalry Black Horse, 82nd Airborne Unit, a *Life Member* of the DAV and **Vietnam Veterans of America – Lawton Chapter #751**. He was also a member of Trinity Assembly of God. He is survived by his wife, Nelda, of the home; two sons and a daughter-in-law: Richard Mansel, of Hominy; and Joseph Mansel and Leslie Beatty, of Lubbock, Texas; four daughters and two sons-in-law: Evelyn, of France; LaDonna and Eric Haag, of Lawton; Vicki and Harold Hunt, of Lookeba; and Melanie Short, of Elk City; four brothers and sisters-in-law: David and Peggy Dolen, of Mexia, Texas; Bobby and Darlene Dolen, of Grosbeck, Texas; Terry and Terry Dolen, of Mexia, Texas; and Joe Allen and Kathy Dolen, of Dallas; his sister and brother-in-law, Diana and Jim Mullinex, of Frederickberg, Texas; his brother-in-law, Milton Bisbee; his sister-in-law and her husband, Sharon and Ron Ausbun; grandchildren: Ophelie, Florian, Morgan, Heather and husband Paul, Brandon, Michael, and Cody; and four great-grandchildren: Maya, Lakin, Ashton and Makayla. He was preceded in death by his parents; his sister, Betty Pali; two brothers: Johnnie Dolen and Jordan Dolen; his

granddaughter, Michele; and his mother-in-law and father-in-law, Arlo and Thelma Bisbee. The funeral was at 10:00 AM on Monday, August 10, 2015 at the Lawton-Ritter-Gray Funeral Home Chapel with the Reverend Lloyd Grubbs, of Trinity Assembly of God Church, officiating. Burial with full military honors was at the Letitia Cemetery. Memorial contributions may be made to the Wounded Warriors Program, P.O. Box 758517, Topeka, Kan. 66675.



ARTHUR C. "Art" DOVER (USAF, SSG-Ret.) - Died Monday July 27, 2015 at Sonshine Manor following an extended illness. He was 82 years of age and a resident of Dawsonville Georgia. The cause of death was heart disease. He was born May 19, 1933 to the late Roland and Nora Dover. He had been a resident of Dawsonville for over 20 years. A Vietnam veteran, he served as a Staff Sergeant with the United States Air Force Police where he retired after 20 years of service. He was a proud member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Dawsonville Chapter #970** and McKee's Chapel United Methodist Church. Mr. Dover also worked with Dawson County at the cannery, transfer station, and courthouse for a number of years. He enjoyed bluegrass music and square dancing. He is also preceded in death by his wife, Jodie Dover and brothers, Ralph Dover and Herman Dover. Surviving are his wife, Lanelle Dover, Dawsonville; daughter, Tina Dover Edwards, Smyrna; grandchildren, Meaghan Edwards, Amanda King, Jesse Gutierrez; sister, Lenora Murphy, Alabama; sister in law, Delores Dover, Dallas, GA; a number of other relatives. Memorial services were held on Saturday, August 1, 2015 at 1:00 PM at the Bearden Funeral Home Chapel. Chaplain Vic Wallace officiated. Interment was in the McKee's Chapel United Methodist Church Cemetery. In lieu of flowers the family requests donations be made to VVA Chapter #970, P.O. Box 1205, Dawsonville, GA 30534. Condolences may be expressed at www.beardenfuneralhome.com.



RUSSELL D. "Russ" DRESSLER - Died Saturday, March 7, 2015 at his home in Richardton, North Dakota at the age of 64. The cause of death is unknown. He was born September 27, 1950 in Richardton to the late Nick and Frances (née Osterwind) Dressler. Growing up he attended Marshall Country School through the sixth grade. He then entered and graduated from Richardton Public School. Russ continued his education at the North Dakota State School of Science for two years, where he received his associate business degree. He enlisted into the United States Marine Corps in April of 1970 serving two years. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Mayville Chapter #374**. When he returned home, he entered NDSU and received his Bachelor of Science degree in agriculture. On August 1, 1975, Russell married Debra Johnson in Minot, ND. They were blessed with two children, Darcy and Ty. The family made their home on the Dressler ranch in the Knife River community. Russ particularly loved children. He had a gentle touch that could calm even the fussiest of babies, while putting many miles on that old rocking chair. Most of all, Russ had a great love for his grandkids. His smile grew larger every time one came around and he truly cherished their hugs and time together. Russ enjoyed hunting, playing cards, good food, and good times. He also enjoyed his good friends with whom he had a lot of laughs. Russ never met a stranger. He had a warm heart and could always visit with anyone, at any time. Russ enjoyed traveling with his wife to conventions. He also enjoyed one last special trip to Alaska for salmon fishing with Ty. He enjoyed reading as a hobby and seldom sat down

anywhere without a book in his hand. Russ loved driving semi and was quick to speak up for the safety and professionalism of those in the industry. He spent his last years employed with Dunn County and was proud to be a part of the road crew. Russ was an active member of the Angus Association, Marshall Lutheran Church, the Richardton and Dodge saddle clubs, and the Richardton American Legion Post #180. Russ was a simple man who didn't ask for much for himself but wanted the very best for his family, especially his wife. He was very proud of the Dressler Ranch and was his happiest sitting in an old pickup looking out over the Knife River or the "High Hills." He had a knack for creating immediate friendships wherever he went and truly enjoyed socializing with friends, neighbors, or strangers alike. As a proud Marine Corps veteran of the war in Vietnam, he was especially proud of his family who are serving our country today. Russ had an immediate connection to all younger servicemen and servicewomen and would lend an ear or helping hand to anyone in troubled waters. Russell is survived by his wife, Debra; son, Ty (Daneen) and their children, Alayna, Irelynn, Parker; daughter, Darcy and her children, Ariana, Breeana, Cole; brothers, Kent (Mona) and Kelly (Kim) of Richardton; sister, Linda (Don) Staudinger of Dickinson; mother-in-law, Alice Johnson; numerous aunt and uncles; and numerous nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents; step-mother, Lena Dressler; infant sister; nephew, Kelsey Dressler. Funeral services were at 11:00 AM on Friday, March 13, 2015 at Living Word Fellowship in Dickinson, North Dakota with Pastor Tim Voth officiating. Burial took place in Kyseth Memorial Cemetery, Marshall, ND with full military rites presented by Theo R. Zech – American Legion Post #180. Visitation for Russell was from 1:00 PM to 8:00 PM on Thursday, March 12th at Stevenson Funeral Home in Dickinson with a prayer service that was held at 7:00 PM. Remembrances and condolences may be shared with the family at www.stevensonfuneralhome.com. Stevenson Funeral Home of Dickinson, North Dakota was in charge of the arrangements.



JOHN CHARLES DUSINBERRE - Died Friday, September 4, 2015 in Churchville, New York at the age of 67. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Auburn, New York on May 6, 1948 to the late Charles and Marjorie Dusinberre. In addition to his parents, he was also predeceased by his son, Sean and grandson, Dylan Dusinberre; his brother, James Dusinberre, and; his sisters, Ann Hilburger and Nancy Hartgrove. He is survived by his wife of 46 years, Denise (née Boughner) Dusinberre; his daughter, Michelle (Tony) Liberatore; his granddaughters, Morgan and Kalin; his grandsons, Joshua and Brett; his sisters, Mary (Don) White and Diane (Sam) Vann; his brother, Mark Dusinberre; his brothers-in-law, Darrell (Carol) Boughner and Doug Boughner; his father-in-law, Harold Boughner, and; several aunts, uncles, nieces, nephews, cousins, dear friends and his loving companion, Pogo. John was a 32-year employee of Eastman Kodak Company and a 15-year employee of Churchville-Chili Central School District as a bus driver. He was proud to be a United States Navy Vietnam Veteran and was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Rochester Chapter #20**. John was a professional pyrotechnic & enjoyed his side job constructing fireworks displays. There were no prior calling hours. There was a brief, informal Memorial Service on Saturday, September 12th at 11:00 AM at the Anchor Christian Church, 375 Beaver Road, Rochester NY 14624 with an open house/Celebration of Life following at 2:00 PM at 1000 Bromley Road in Churchville, New York.



WILLARD R. EASTMAN, JR. - Died Sunday afternoon, July 5, 2015 while incarcerated at the Maine State Prison in Warren, Maine at the age of 63 according to a news release issued by the Maine Department of Corrections. Deputy Commissioner Jody Breton said 63-year-old Willard Eastman died around 2:45 p.m. at the maximum security prison in Warren. Eastman had served about 21 years of a 50-year sentence for murder, Breton said. Maine State Police are investigating Eastman's death, and the state Medical Examiner's Office has been notified. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was an *At-Large Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Maine**. According to a report in the Kennebec Journal, Eastman and his friend, Dana Craney, were arrested in May 1993 in the slaying of furniture auctioneer Leon Michaud, whose body had been discovered by two woodsmen in a culvert of a rural road in Auburn in December 1990. Michaud had been shot six times. Craney told police that he had killed Michaud and robbed him of about \$2,000 because his rent was due and he had no Christmas presents for his children, according to court records. Eastman and Craney were convicted of murder and robbery in 1994. Their appeals to the Maine Supreme Judicial Court were rejected in 1995, and an appeal to federal court was denied in 2009. Burial was private.

ALFRED EISNER – Died Wednesday, June 10, 2015 in Silver Spring, Maryland at the age of 83. The cause of death was a heart attack. He was born April 5, 1932. He served in the United States Army. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Silver Spring Chapter #641**. He was the beloved husband of Toshiko Eisner. In addition to his wife, he was also survived by a son, a daughter and two grandchildren. Graveside Service and Interment with Military Honors was at Arlington National Cemetery, Arlington, VA on Wednesday, July 8, 2015 at 9:00 AM.



WILLIAM K. "Bill" EWAN - Died Saturday August 22, 2015 at Good Samaritan Hospital at the age of 72. He was a resident of Aurora, Indiana. He was born May 15, 1943 in Maryland to the late Richard and Dorothy (née Spencer) Ewan. Bill was a 1961 graduate of Lawrenceburg High School, a 1964 business graduate from Indiana University, and a 1967 graduate of the Indiana University School of Law. He served in the United States Navy from October 1, 1967, when he enlisted as an E-1, to March 1, 1999, retiring as Captain (O-6). While in the Navy, he received numerous awards, including a Navy Achievement Medal and a Vietnam Service Medal. Bill was an Attorney and sole practitioner at Ewan Law Office. He was very active in the local community, and among other things, served as Salvation Army Kettle Drive Chairman since 1995, Mount Sinai United Methodist Church Lay Pastor, Relay for Life of Dearborn/Ohio Counties Photographer, Board Member of the Dearborn County Retired Teachers, and Board Member of RSVP. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Aurora Chapter #71**. He was a man of God, and a loving husband, father, and friend. He loved his country, hiking the Appalachian Trail, playing golf, dancing, and spending time with family and friends. Bill was preceded in death by his parents. He is survived by his wife of 44 years, Naomi (née Browne) Ewan; daughter, Andrea Ewan (Mike Wallace) of Aurora, IN; sister, Sue (Stephen) Manford of Moores Hill, IN and many other wonderful family and friends. Visitation was from 10:00 AM - 2:00 PM on Saturday August 29, 2015 at Mount Sinai United Methodist Church, 9813 Mount Sinai Road, Aurora, Indiana. A Memorial Service was at 2:00 PM. Memorial Contributions may be made to The

Salvation Army, Mount Sinai United Methodist Church, or Relay For Life of Dearborn/Ohio Counties.

ROBERT E. "Bob" FLIEGER – Died Sunday, June 28, 2015 in Cameron, Missouri at the age of 73. The cause of death was a heart attack. He was born August 7, 1941 in Saint Louis, Missouri. An autopsy was conducted on a Potosi prison inmate who died Sunday, June 28th at Washington County Memorial Hospital. He was serving life without parole for first degree murder from Saint Louis. He was first sent to prison in 1987. An autopsy was conducted but the Department of Corrections says they don't believe foul play was involved in Flieger's death. He served in the United States Marine Corps during the Vietnam War. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Cameron Chapter #848**.

ROBERT G. "Bob" FLYNN – Died Wednesday, May 6, 2015 at the VA Medical Center in Milwaukee, Wisconsin at the age of 65. He was a resident of Saukville, Wisconsin. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Marion, Indiana on April 8, 1950 to the late John and Eudell Flynn. He proudly served his country as a member of the United States Army, serving in Vietnam. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Newburg Chapter #448**. He is survived by his wife Suzanne and his sons Kent (KJ), Christopher, and Robert. He is further survived by his sister Peggy Torre (Tom) and his brother Gregory Zarco (Janette). He was preceded in death by his brother John and his sister Barbara. He is further survived by many nieces and nephews as well as countless friends. A Memorial Service was held on Friday, May 15th at the Landt-Thiel American Legion Post #470, 601 West Dekora Street in Saukville at 7:00 PM with Military Honors at 6:30 PM.

GORDON M. "Four By" FORD - Died Tuesday, October 6, 2015 at Sanctuary Hospice House, Tupelo, Mississippi at the age of 66. The cause of death is unknown. He was born March 24, 1949 in Itawamba County to the late Omar Emory and Velma Rea (née Plunkett) Ford. Gordon attended Itawamba County Schools. He honorably served in the United States Army during Vietnam and was a Purple Heart recipient. On May 14, 1971, Gordon married the love of his life, Mary Ann Tartt. Working for True Temper Sports, he retired after 24 years of service. Gordon was of the Holiness faith. He was proud of owning his own home and land. With life guided by his love for his wife, Gordon enjoyed fishing, hunting, and listening to Country music. He was a life member of the DAV, a life member of the Military Order of the Purple Heart, a life member of the VFW, and a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Tupelo Chapter #842**. Gordon was passionate about Veterans' affairs. Survivors include his wife and best friend of 44 years, Mary Ann Ford, Smithville; sister, Minnie Lou Hamilton, Martin, TN; brothers, Leland Ford and John Ford of Smithville; and a host of nieces and nephews. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his sisters, Mildard Crane and Annette Pope; and brothers, William and Charles Ford. His Funeral Service was held at 1:00 PM on Friday, October 9, 2015 at the E. E. Pickle Funeral Home, Amory with Brother Mike Todd officiating. Burial was in the James Creek Cemetery. Pallbearers were Brandon Sloan, Richard Culver, Timmy Tartt, Charley Tartt, Marty Lyle, Chris Harris, and Rueben Hamilton, Jr. Visitation hours were from 5:00–8:00 PM on Thursday at the funeral home. Memories and condolences may be shared with his family at EEPickleFuneralHome.com.



RICHARD V. FRANSON - Died peacefully on Wednesday, May 27, 2015 in South Minneapolis, Minnesota at the age of 86. The cause of death is unknown. He was born February 14, 1929 in Little Falls, Minnesota to the late Verner and Evangeline Franson. In addition to his parents, he was also predeceased by his brothers, Michael and Gary. He is survived by his sons, Todd (Kathy), Tim (Elizabeth); daughter, Terri (Mark - fiancé); granddaughter, Catherine; sisters, Vernelle Varno and Darlene Brandt; many nieces and nephews. He was a Central High School graduate class of 1947, graduated from Dunwoody Institute, and earned his BA in Public Administration from Metro State University in 1976. He retired as a Chief Appraiser for the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs. Richard spent twenty years in the military retiring as an Army First Sergeant (E8). He served in South Korea with United States Army and South Vietnam as a United States Navy SeaBee. He was a devoted member of the American Legion Post #435, VFW #246, Fraternal Order of the Eagles Club 34 and Knights of Columbus. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Hopkins Chapter #62**. Richard dedicated his whole life to politics. He was a 12th ward Alderman and remained politically active in the State of Minnesota, especially in South Minneapolis. He will always be remembered for his political campaigns, military service and love of his country. May he rest in peace. "God Bless America." Special thanks go to Kevin Brant for all his support and dedication in Dad's life. Visitation was on Thursday, June 4th from 10:00-11:00 AM with a service at 11:00 AM at Bradshaw (McDivitt-Hauge), 3131 Minnehaha Avenue South. Interment was at Fort Snelling National Cemetery, Bradshaw 3131 Minnehaha Ave South.

HARVEY JOSEPH GAGNON, JR. – Died suddenly on Monday, August 24, 2015 in Palm Coast, Florida at the age of 66. The cause of death was a heart attack. He was born in Chicopee, Massachusetts on May 3, 1949 to the late Harvey Joseph Gagnon, Sr. and Virginia (née Taft) Gagnon. He was also predeceased by his wife, Diane (née Jay) Gagnon. Harvey is survived by his son, Jeremy Gagnon and his wife Julie; his daughter, Alyssa Cleveland and her husband Charles; four grandchildren, Breanna, Kiah, Arilyn and Rene, all living in Chicopee, MA, and his wife of 12 years, Linda Gagnon in Palm Coast, FL. He is also survived by his sister Judith Negelein and her husband David A, of Claremore, OK and his sister Ann Mullen and her husband Jim, of Brimfield, MA. Harvey grew up in Chicopee, MA and was a longtime resident of Agawam, MA after his return from his United States Army service. He worked at the Post Office bulk mail facility in Springfield, MA. After retiring, Harvey moved to Maine (2004-2014) and then last year to Palm Coast, FL. Harvey was a deserving recipient of two purple hearts while serving our country during the Vietnam War with the United States Army's 25th Infantry Division. A disabled vet, he was very active with Veterans organizations wherever he was living, being part of the establishment of the Massachusetts Veterans Memorial Cemetery in Agawam, MA, and the establishment of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Springfield Chapter #111**. He was also an active member of the VFW in Bath, Maine. Harvey's desire was to be cremated and there were no scheduled funeral plans at present. Donations may be made in his memory to the Wounded Warrior Project.



LEONARD J. "Lenny" GAMRADT - Died Thursday, July 9, 2015 at his residence in Little Falls, Minnesota at the age of 74. The cause of death is unknown. He was born May 30, 1941 in Little Falls to the late Max and Angeline (née Measure) Gamradt. He graduated from Little Falls High School. While in High

School he worked for Gambles Hardware, in Little Falls and later as Assistant Manager at the Gambles Store in Stillwater, Minnesota. He returned to Little Falls to take a full time job as a Bookkeeper/Parts man at Anton Chevrolet and also worked part time at the Star and Tribune. In 1963 he joined the United States Army and went to Fort Leonard Wood in Missouri for Basic Training. From there he went to AIT for Signal School in Fort Gordon, Georgia; then to Washington, DC to work in Communications. He was present at JFK's funeral where he monitored the Television at Saint Matthew Cathedral. In other stateside duties, Lenny was stationed in Virginia Beach with a Signal unit and in Charlottesville, Virginia where he was in charge of Communication for the USA Foreign Science and Technology Center. He spent three tours of duty in Korea with a Signal Unit, four tours in Vietnam, (69th Signal Battalion, MACV, USARB and First Cavalry Division). He also spent time in Vicenza, Italy, Kaiser Slautern, Germany and Stuttgart, Germany. Lenny retired from the Military after 20 years of service and was proud for receiving the National Defense Service Medal; Vietnam Service Medal (13 Campaigns); Vietnam Campaign Medal; Vietnam Cross of Gallantry w/Palm; Armed Forces Expeditionary Medal; Meritorious Unit Commendation (2nd OLC); Army Commendation Medal (2nd OLC); Bronze Star Medal (1st OLC); 8 O/S Bars; Good Conduct medal (6th Award); NCO Professional Development Ribbon (3); Army Service Ribbon; Overseas Service Ribbon (1) and Marksman (Rifle). After retiring, Lenny returned to Little Falls and participated in numerous Volunteer Organizations. Because of his Volunteer commitment to the community of Little Falls, he received the 1999 State Wide Acts of Kindness Award at the Minnesota State Fair. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Saint Cloud Chapter #290**. In addition to his parents, he was also predeceased by his sister, Marie (née Gamradt) Borash. Lenny is survived by his brother Max (Sharon) Gamradt of Wrenshall, MN; sister, Dotty (Greg) Ploeger, Port Isabel, TX; brother in-law, Bob Borash of Royalton, MN; several nieces, nephews, cousins and friends. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at 11:30 AM on Monday, July 13, 2015 at Saint Mary Catholic Church in Little Falls, with Father Jeremy Ploof officiating. Burial was in the Saint Mary's Cemetery in Little Falls. A visitation was held from 10:30 until 11:30 AM on Monday at Saint Mary Catholic Church in Little Falls.

RICHARD WAYNE GARDNER – Died Sunday, August 2, 2015 in Lebanon, Oregon at the age of 84. The cause of death was a heart attack. He was born in Maywood, Nebraska on April 16, 1931. He served in the United States Air Force from July 13, 1954 to August 30, 1969 with tours in Vietnam from December 1967 to August 1969. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Albany Chapter #585**. His ashes were spread off the coast of Depot Bay, Oregon per his wishes.



DONALD E. GEMBE - Died at 8:34 PM on Saturday, September 5, 2015 at Hershey Medical Center in Hershey, Pennsylvania at the age of 67. He was a resident of Manchester, Pennsylvania. The cause of death was cancer. He was born November 23, 1947 in York County, Pennsylvania to the late Hubert and Bertha (née Glatfelter) Gembe. He was the life companion of Beth Seha of Manchester for over 28 years. He graduated from Northeastern High School in 1965. Donald was trained and certified as a Helicopter Pilot in Gettysburg and was employed by Helicopter Applicators for over 10 years. He was a Helicopter Pilot for over 35 years. He was a member of

the VFW. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – York Chapter #1032**. Don was an accomplished Woodworker. He proudly served his country in the United States Army during the Vietnam War where he served 2 combat tours. Donald most enjoyed and loved his family, friends, dogs and pets. One of his famous sayings was "You Betch Ya"! Was Don well loved by those who knew him? You Betch Ya! Donald is survived by his son, Shawn Hinkle and his wife, Erica of Virginia Beach, Va.; one grandson, Josiah; his sisters, Brenda Weirich of Manchester and Linda Baker of York; six nephews; three nieces; one uncle; and one aunt. He was preceded in death by his brothers, Jeffrey Gembe and Gary Gembe. A Celebration of Life service began at 3:00 PM on Saturday, September 19, 2015 at the Dallastown American Legion Post #605, 57 West Main Street, Dallastown. Burial was private. Military honors were performed by the Dallastown American Legion. Arrangements were entrusted to The Diehl Funeral Home & Cremation Center of Mount Wolf. Those planning an expression of sympathy may wish to consider the Cancer Patient Help Fund, 25 Monument Road, Suite 194, York, PA 17403; Dallastown American Legion Post #605, 57 West Main Street, Dallastown, PA 17313 or to your local VFW. To share memories of Donald, please visit www.diehlfuneralhome.com.

GEORGE A. GRATES, JR. - Died Wednesday, January 10, 2007 at his home in Ford City, Pennsylvania at the age of 57. The cause of death is unknown. He was born April 29, 1949 in Kittanning, Pennsylvania to the late George A., Sr. and Louise (née Brink) Grates. He worked at Eljer Corp. and served in the Pennsylvania United States National Guard. He was a Vietnam veteran, serving in the United States Army, as a crew chief on the helicopter. He was a former Ford City policeman and an EMT. He was a member of St. Paul Highfield Lutheran Church and a lifetime member of the Pattonville VFW. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Freedom Chapter #862**. He was a history buff, liked karaoke and country line dancing. He is survived by his wife of 34 years, Carol Y. (Perdos) Grates; daughters, Corinne L. Riggle and husband, Brad, of Ford City RD3, and Chrissy E. Fishel and husband, Shane, of Vandergrift; a grandchild, Brandy Riggle; and three sisters, Georgia Morris and husband, Wayne, of West Kittanning, Vicki Grates, of Kittanning, and Jean Perrott and husband, Joe, of Kittanning RD1. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by an uncle, Finley Grates. Visitation was from 2:00 to 4:00 and 7:00 to 9:00 PM on Friday at Snyder-Crissman Funeral Home, Kittanning, where services were at noon on Saturday.

JAMES LEE "Butch" GROOMS - Died Friday, July 31, 2015 at the Serenity House of Morristown, Tennessee at the age of 66. He was a resident of Morristown. The cause of death was metastatic cholangiocarcinoma, liver cancer, hypertension and diabetes mellitus type II. He was born in Hamblen County, Tennessee on June 6, 1949 to the late James Bradley and Hazel (née Grooms). In addition to his parents, he was also predeceased by his sister June Thomas, several aunts and uncles. He is survived by his best friend his loving wife, Lisa Renée Grooms; his daughter, Jennifer Nikki Grooms (fiancée Kristen Smith); his son, Jacob Grooms; his stepson, Chris Henderson; his stepdaughter, Maggie Webb; his brother, Jerry (Wanda) Grooms; his brothers-in-law, Steve Thomas and Doug Roach; his mother-in-law, Jean Roach; his nephews, Zack Roach, Brandon Thomas, Derrick Jones; his niece Lisa Peters; two daughters from a

previous marriage and a host of other relatives, and; special friends from the Hamblen County Car Club, The Lions Club, and all the softball families. He served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War from March 6, 1969 to December 1970. He was a member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Morristown Chapter #1073. The family would like to thank the MHHS 3N nursing staff and the Serenity House staff for the care given in this special time. In Lieu of flowers donations may be made to the Serenity House of Morristown TN or the Hamblen County Car Club Angel Tree. Friends and family were received on Monday, August 3, 2015 from 3:00-7:00 PM at Noe's Chapel United Methodist Church on the softball field. The funeral was at 7:30 PM in the Church with the Reverend Dennis Loy as the officiant. Graveside services were on Tuesday, August 4, 2015 at 11:30 AM at Dover Cemetery. Family and friends were asked to meet at Mayes Family Services, Downtown Chapel by 11:00 AM to go to the cemetery. Arrangements were by Mayes Family Services of Morristown, Downtown Chapel.

JEFFREY E. GROSS – Died recently in 2015 in South River, New Jersey at the age of 58. The cause of death is unknown. He was born May 28, 1956. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was an *At-Large Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – New Jersey**.



RICHARD R. N. GRUBB (USAR, MAJ-Ret.) - Died Tuesday September 15, 2015 at Penn State Milton South Hershey Medical Center at the age of 77. He was a resident of Harrisburg, Pennsylvania. The cause of death is unknown. He was born February 25, 1938 in Baltimore, Maryland to the late Ernest and Louise (née Lewis) Grubb. He enlisted in the United States Army in 1965 and accepted an appointment in the Regular Army in 1966. Richard served two tours of duty in Vietnam, was stationed in Germany as well as stateside, and attained the rank of Captain; he retired from the US Army Reserve having earned the rank of Major. He accepted a position with the U.S. Government Supply Service Center in Perry Point, MD following his active military service. Prior to his retirement in 2003, he was responsible for directing shipments of medical supplies throughout the world. Richard served on the Board of Trustees, and was a Gold Legacy Member of the Shellsville VFW Post #9639. He was also a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Harrisburg Chapter #542** and the American Legion Jeff Davis Post #18 in Centreville, MD. A kind and thoughtful man, he possessed the unique ability to talk to anyone at any time. While he was known to be helpful to a fault, and inclined to step in to assist with any need, Richard always placed his primary focus on his family. He enjoyed gardening and cooking; and, never heard a joke - good or bad - he didn't appreciate and share. Throughout the past two years, even with increasing health concerns, he never lost his sense of humor. The next time you see a formation of geese flying overhead, think of him and smile. In addition to his wife of 30 years, Patricia A. (née Oberlin) Grubb, he is survived by four daughters, Carole Eisenstein of Mechanicsburg, Denise Ackley of Harrisburg, Jill (Jim) Walls of Virginia Beach, VA and Jodi (Bill) Schnoor of Middletown. He is also survived by seven grandchildren, Carl Gesell, Justin Carl, Luke Schnoor, Matthew Reed, Nathaniel Reed, Richard Reed III and Vanessa Carl; four great grandchildren, Jenna, Kamrin, Malia and Zachary; a niece, Elizabeth DePalma and nephew, Jonathan Fallowfield, as well as two great nephews and a great niece. He was preceded in

death by his parents and two sisters. A Service to Honor the Life of Richard R.N. Grubb was held at 11:00 AM on Tuesday September 22, 2015 at the Jesse H. Geigle Funeral Home, Inc., 2100 Linglestown Road, Harrisburg with the Reverend Dr. Charles Hiller, officiated. Inurnment in the Columbarium at Fort Indiantown Gap National Cemetery, Annville, was held with Military Honors. Relatives and Friends were invited to his viewing, from 6:00 to 8:00 PM on Monday September 21, 2015 at the Funeral Home. In lieu of flowers, the family requests that you remember Richard with a memorial contribution to Hospice of Central PA, 1320 Linglestown Road, Harrisburg, PA 17110 or through their website at: www.hospiceofcentralpa.org Relatives and friends were invited to share memories and condolences with the family at www.JesseGeigleFuneralHome.com or on Facebook. Arrangements have been entrusted to the Jesse H. Geigle Funeral Home, Inc., Harrisburg.

DR. SCOTT D. HARRINGTON - Died Tuesday, January 20, 2015 in Tucson, Arizona at the age of 51. The cause of death is unknown. He was born February 23, 1963. He was a Tucson pharmacist and an advocate of public healthcare safety. He was a member of: the American Society of Health-System Pharmacists, the American Medical Writers Association, Tucson Men's Social Network and MENSA. He was a member of **Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America – Tucson Chapter #106**. A Celebration of Life was held at the Tiki Club House of Far Horizons Co-Op, 5000 East Grant Road in Tucson on Sunday, February 8, 2015 at 2:00 PM.

ELMER E. HARTMAN – Died recently in 2015 in Northwood, New Hampshire at the age of 77. The cause of death is unknown. He was born September 18, 1937. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Concord Chapter #41**.

JOHN STEPHEN HITE - Died Sunday, October 4, 2015 in Sterling Heights, Michigan at the age of 69. The cause of death is unknown. He was born May 18, 1946. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Detroit Chapter #9**. He was the beloved husband of Gudrun for 48 years; loving father of Ruth-Ann (Bob Giser) Hite and Janet (Lenny) Kaul, and; proud grandfather of Zachary Lambert. Visitation was on Wednesday from 3:00-9:00 PM and on Thursday from 2:00-9:00 PM at the Wujek-Calcaterra and Sons, 36900 Schoenherr at Metro Parkway (16 Mile Road). The Funeral and internment was on Friday at 12:30 PM at Great Lakes National Cemetery, Holly, Michigan. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions were asked to be sent to Vietnam Veterans of America.



DUANE WILLIAM HOFFMAN - Died Thursday, August 20, 2015 in his home in Watertown, South Dakota of pancreatic cancer. He was 80 years of age. He was born to the late William F. and Elsie (née Buss) Hoffman on August 3, 1935, in Redfield, South Dakota. He attended Seivers School in Hillsdale Township, Faulk County. He graduated from Redfield High School in 1953 and attended Northern State Teachers College from 1953 to 1955, majoring in engineering. Duane entered the United States Navy flight training program in November of 1955 and received his commission and aviator wings in August of 1957. He made cruises to the Far East on the USS Hornet and USS Bennington and served as a replacement Airgroup instructor at NAS (Naval Air Station) North Island, Coronado, California. He was honorably discharged in 1961 as a

Lieutenant. After his active duty, he served for two and a half years in the Naval Reserves in Minneapolis, MN. Duane served on the Hand County Board of Education for six years, Redfield School Board for 13 years (7 as chairman), Township Supervisor. Funeral services were at 11:00 AM on Monday August 24, 2015 at the First United Methodist Church in Watertown with Pastor Sara Nelson officiating. Music was furnished by Clark Lunstrum as soloist and Blair Titze as organist. Visitation was from 2:00-5:00 PM, with a prayer service at 5:00 PM on Sunday at the Wight and Comes Funeral Chapel in Watertown. Interment was in Grace Cemetery, Rockham, SD. Military Honors were conducted by local U.S. Navy Reserve Members, John J. Tomson Post #57 of the American Legion of Rockham and Clay Kiser Post #92 of the American Legion of Redfield, SD. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Watertown Chapter #1054**. Pallbearers were Lee Syring, Merlin Jeitz, Cliff Herzog, Wayne Shultz, Carrol Moe and Jim Stoudt. Honorary Pallbearers were Merlin Wookey, Claire Konold, Ron Shimitz and the 9:30 Wheel Inn coffee group.

KEVIN FRANCIS HORAN - Died Sunday, July 5, 2015 in Pulaski, Tennessee at the age of 64. The cause of death was a massive heart attack. He was born in Brooklyn, New York on August 20, 1950. He is survived by his wife, Carolyn Horan, of the home. He served in United States Air Force from September 3, 1968 to October 22, 1971. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Pulaski Chapter #262**. The funeral service was at 12:00 Noon on Wednesday, July 8th at the Chapel of Carr and Erwin Funeral Home in Pulaski.



RICHARD S. JALLAD - Died peacefully on Thursday, August 6, 2015 in Binghamton, New York at the age of 69. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Los Angeles, California on April 10, 1946 but lived most of his life in Binghamton. He was predeceased by his Father Yassin and mother Mary and many close family members. He is survived by many cousins, nieces and nephews as well as a handful of close friends. Richard was a Graduate of Binghamton Central High School and was a former GAF employee. He joined the United States Marine Corps after High School and served for many years thereafter in the reserves and was a proud member of the American Legion Post #1645 in Binghamton. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Endicott Chapter #896**. Richard was an adorable child and was selected as an infant by the Gerber Company to be the Gerber Baby. Throughout his lifetime he touched many with his kindness. Richard had a rare blood type and his greatest satisfaction in life was his donation of over 29 gallons of blood to the American Red Cross. He lived life on his own terms and will surely be missed. The family received friends at the Ernest H. Parsons Funeral Home 71 Main Street, Binghamton, NY on Wednesday August 12th from 4:00 to 6:00 PM, followed by a Funeral Service at 6:00 PM. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made the American Legion Post #1645. Please visit Parsonsfuneral.com to offer your condolences.

ALFRED G. JAMES – Died Sunday, September 13, 2015 in Pistol River, Oregon at the age of 86. The cause of death was Alzheimer's disease. He is survived by his wife, Donna James, of the home. He was born in Fort Worth, Texas on April 15, 1929. He served in the United States Marine Corps from October 1967 to November 1968 in Vietnam. He attained the rank of

Gunny Sergeant. He was also a Korean War Veteran. He was a *Charter Member and Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Brookings Chapter #757**.



RICHARD FRAILEY JORGENSEN - Died Monday, April 20, 2015 at Boise VAMC at the age of 67. He was a resident of Boise, Idaho. He was born on March 3, 1948. He is survived by wife, Shirley; daughter, Kim; and grandchildren, Austin, Louise, and Lestat. Also survived by his father, brother, sister, and nieces and nephews. He served in the United States Navy in Vietnam. He was an *At-Large Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – South Dakota**.



ROBERT W. KALLIO - Died Friday, February 14, 2014 in Appleton, Wisconsin at the age of 66. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Stambaugh, Michigan on October 20, 1947 to the late William and Gisele (née France) Kallio. Robert grew up in Michigan's Upper Peninsula. He moved to Milwaukee with his family in the early 1960's and graduated from Pulaski High School, Milwaukee in 1965. Robert served in the United States Army in Vietnam from 1967-1969. He was united in marriage to Becky L. Larsen in October 12, 1974 in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Robert graduated from UW-Milwaukee in 1975. He worked in Human Resources at Rexnord and Babcock & Wilcox in Milwaukee, then American Can in Menasha. He also worked at Mailboxes Etc. and Sam's Club. Robert loved fishing, ham radio, sheepshead, cribbage and the Packers. He was a member of First English Lutheran Church, a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Appleton Chapter #351**, New Dx Association, and was an AAL Branch Officer. Robert is survived by his wife Becky, Appleton, daughter: Joanne E. (Jason) Springer, Appleton; sons: John R. (Pam) Kallio, MD, and James D. (Holly) Kallio, Appleton; four grandchildren: Jonathon, Nathaniel, Abigail and Valerie; and sister, Jacqueline (Phillip) Euler. He is further survived by nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends. He was preceded in death by his parents, father-in-law and mother-in-law: Harris and Anita Larsen, and nephew Bill Euler. A Funeral Service was held at 11:00 AM on Tuesday, February 18th at First English Lutheran Church, 326 East North Street, with the Reverend Jeff Tengesdahl officiating. Friends visited directly at the church on Tuesday from 9:00 AM until the time of service. Interment took place at the Riverside Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, a memorial fund is being established.

DAVID KEENE – Died recently in Tuckahoe, New Jersey at the age of 67. The cause of death is unknown. He was born September 30, 1948. He served in the United States Marine Corps during the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Wildwood Chapter #955**.



FRANKLIN D. R. KESTNER, SR. (USA, MAJ, Ret.) – Died Monday, August 19, 2013 in Tucson, Arizona at the age of 81. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Point Pleasant, Missouri in 1932. Franklin joined the United States Army at 17 in 1950 and immediately entered service in Korea. He had a distinguished career in the Infantry, surviving the infamous battle of the Chosin Reservoir. He served two tours in each Korea and Vietnam and in addition to having POW status, Franklin earned numerous medals and accommodations, including the Purple Heart. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans**

of America – Tucson Chapter #106. He completed his Bachelor's and Master's degrees while serving in the military. Major Kestner retired to Tucson in 1971 after giving 21 years of service to his country to raise his family. Years after his retirement, he became a member of the "Chosin Few", of which he was extremely proud. He later authored two books, "To The Last Man" and "Dawgs Of War", describing his experiences in the Korean Conflict. He is survived by his beloved wife, Treva; his children, Karla (Todd) Clodfelter, Del (Lorraine) and Philip (Heather); his grandchildren, Kristen (Sam) Douglas, Bryan (Kelsey) Clodfelter, Tyler (Jessica) Clodfelter, Lincoln and Wyatt Kestner and his two great-granddaughters, Grace and Hope. Franklin loved cars, fishing, westerns, the latest technical gadgets, but most importantly, his family and his church and the Lord. He will be greatly missed. The visitation was held on Friday, August 23, 2013 from 5:30-8:00 PM at the East Lawn Palms Mortuary, 5801 East Grant Road, Tucson, AZ 85712. Funeral Services were held on Saturday, August 24, 2013 at 10:00 AM at the Pantano Baptist Church, 225 South Pantano Road, Tucson, AZ 85710. Major Kestner's interment was with full military honors was at East Lawn Palms Cemetery, 5801 East Grant Road. In lieu of flowers contributions in Franklin's name may be made to the Gospel Rescue Mission of Tucson or the Wounded Warriors Project.



ALAN EARL KIRBY - Died Saturday, August 22, 2015 at Saint John's Hospital at the age of 66. He was a resident of Springfield, Illinois. The cause of death was heart disease. He was born July 17, 1949 in Springfield to the late Donald "Bo" and Esther Mae (née Patton) Kirby. Alan married Jeanne Hale. Alan proudly served our country in the United States Army during Vietnam in Da Nang from 1970-1971. After his service to our country, Alan worked for many years as a supervisor for CWLP. He was a member of Northender's VFW Post #10302 where he was a Post Quartermaster, a member of the American Legion, a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Springfield Chapter #534**. He was also an avid Cardinals fan. Surviving Alan are his loving wife, Jeanne Kirby of Springfield; his daughter, Ericka (Mark) Winkler of Springfield; grandchildren: Brandon Winkler, SPC. Austin Bagwell, Lance Winkler, and Alexandria Winkler; great-granddaughter, Joslynn Hart; his mother, Esther Mae Kirby; brothers, Kenneth (Polly) Kirby of Riverton, and Donald (Jacquie) Kirby of Buffalo, IL; sister, Cindy Kirby of Buffalo, IL; as well as numerous nieces, nephews and cousins. Alan was preceded in death by his father, Donald Kirby. Funeral services were under the direction of Bisch & Son Funeral Home, 505 East Allen Street, Springfield, IL. A funeral service officiated by Pastor John Keyes was at 1:00 PM on Tuesday, August 25, 2015 at the funeral home. The family received guests at the funeral home from 11:00 AM until the time of the service. Following services Alan was laid to rest at Camp Butler National Cemetery where military honors were performed by the Inter-Veterans Burial Detail of Sangamon County. Those who wish may leave memorials in Alan's name to: Northender's VFW #10302 or Land of Lincoln Honor Flight.



RONALD W. "Ron" KNAUS - Died Wednesday, June 3, 2015 at a local hospital at the age of 70. He was a resident of Green Bay, Wisconsin. The cause of death was acute cardiac arrhythmia. He was born December 8, 1944 in Oconto Falls, Wisconsin to the late Willard and Shirley (née Lucas) Knaus. He married the former Sandra Wagnitz on May 2, 1970 in Green Bay. Ron proudly served his

country in the United States Army from August 9, 1965-August 8, 1967 with a tour of duty in Vietnam from 1966-1967. He was a member of the DAV Chapter #3 for several years, serving as commander the last two years. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – DePere Chapter #224**. Ron was a very proud "Papa" who absolutely adored his grandchildren. He is survived by his loving wife of 45 years Sandra; three children, Daniel (Shelly) Knaus; Michelle (David) Vlies; and Thomas (fiancée Megan) Knaus; seven grandchildren: Riley, Alexis, Ryan, Ryder, Lauren, William, Tonisa; five brothers: Richard (Sharon) Knaus; Roger (Mary) Knaus; Bill (Becky) Knaus; Don Knaus; and Rusty Knaus; sister, Linda Gallas; brother-in-law, Mike Gilligan; and sister-in-law, Jan Knaus. In addition to his parents, Willard and Shirley, Ron was preceded in death by his brother, Robert Knaus; sister, Vickie Gilligan; mother and father-in-law, Lee and Mercedes Wagnitz. Family and friends were invited to gather at Proko-Wall Funeral Home, 1630 East Mason Street on Sunday, June 7, 2015 from 1:00-4:00 PM. Memorial Service was at 4:00 PM on Sunday at the funeral home. Full Military Honors were accorded at the cemetery. Online condolences may be expressed to Ron's family at www.prokowall.com. In lieu of floral expressions, the family has requested donations be made to the Russell Leicht DAV #3, 1253 Scheuring Road, Suite A, De Pere, WI. The family wishes to extend a special thank you to the Green Bay Paramedics and also the staff at Saint Mary's Hospital for the care and compassion given to Ron.



MICHAEL SALVATORE LAGANELLI – Died while surrounded by his family on Monday, September 7, 2015 in Christiana Care Center for Heart & Vascular Health, Newark, Delaware at the age of 67. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on September 13, 1947 in Chester, Pennsylvania to the late Salvatore "Sam" Laganelli and Rosemary (née Honan) Laganelli. Michael graduated from Saint James High School in Chester, PA in 1965 and enlisted in the United States Army. He served in Vietnam as a Medic, 1966-1967. After an honorable discharge, he attended O.R. Technician School in Philadelphia. Then he enlisted in the United States Navy as a Corpsman and served aboard the USS Forrestal and at multiple naval hospitals. Michael spent his final years in the Navy as a Fleet Marine Force Corpsman or "Doc" in Camp Lejeune, NC until 1978. After that, he joined the PA Army National Guard and served until 1986. Michael graduated with honors from Delaware County Community College with an Associate's Degree in Liberal Arts. While putting himself through college, he was one of the first "Stay at Home Fathers." He also founded and was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Media Chapter #67**. Michael later graduated from Cincinnati College of Mortuary Science and became a Funeral Director in Ohio and PA. He retired in 2009. Before and after retirement, Michael's avid interests were the American Civil War (especially the Gettysburg battle); golfing; model trains; playing guitar; listening to the Moody Blues & the Beatles; watching Fox News; and spoiling his grandsons. He recently moved to West Grove, PA, after living in Oxford, PA for the past twenty years. Michael is survived by his loving wife of 41 years, Paula Kay Holdren Laganelli; his son Nicholas Michael Laganelli; daughter-in-law Sara Beth Wood Laganelli; two beloved grandsons Lucas Samuel Laganelli and Dylan Michael Laganelli, all of Oxford; brother Mark Joseph Laganelli and his wife Ann, of Boothwyn, PA; Stepmother-in-law Arlene and her husband Walter Hartman of Marysville, TN; brother-in-law Terry Holdren and his wife Sharon, of Gahanna, OH; sister Joanne Leonardo, of Media, PA; three nieces and three nephews.

Funeral arrangements were provided by the Ruffenach Family Funeral Home, 224 Penn Avenue, Oxford, PA. Family and friends were invited to celebrate Michael's life from 6:00-8:00 PM on September 13, 2015 at the Ruffenach Family Funeral Home. Michael's graveside service was at 10:30 AM at the Oxford Cemetery with full military honors were on Monday, September 14, 2015, at the Oxford Cemetery, 220 North Third Street, Oxford, PA. You may make contributions in Michael's memory to the Vietnam Veterans of America (www.vva.org) or the Paralyzed Veterans of America (www.pva.org). On line condolences @www.ruffenachfuneralhome.com

MARY KATHLEEN "Kay" LANE - Died Friday, August 14, 2015 in Canton, Ohio at the age of 91. The cause of death is unknown. She was born March 23, 1924 in Dresden, Ohio to the late Joseph and Mae Pauline (née Frey) Buker. Kay was a member of the North Industry United Methodist Church, Gold Star Mothers Club, and a *Life Member* of **Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America – Sharon Lane Memorial Chapter (Canton) #199**. In addition to her parents, she is preceded in death by her husband, John Lane; one daughter, 1LT Sharon A. Lane; son-in-law, David Tritt; three brothers and two sisters. Kay is survived by one daughter, Judy Tritt of Canton; one son and daughter-in-law, Gary and Jeanne Lane of Canton; four grandchildren: Edie Richeson, Tim (Valerie) Tritt, John Lane and Lori (Barry) Nicholson; eight great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren. Funeral services were on Tuesday, August 18, 2015 at 1:30 PM in the Kreighbaum-Sanders Funeral Home with Pastor Jeri K. Johnson officiating. Burial was in Sunset Hills Burial Park. Friends were received one hour before services on Tuesday (12:30-1:30 PM).

GEORGE LOUIS La VALLEY – Died Monday, June 2, 2014 in Angeles City, Philippines at the age of 72. The cause of death was cardiac arrest. He was born in Muskegon, Michigan on March 8, 1942 to the late Allison Eugene La Valley and Geneva Mae (née Deater) La Valley. He is survived by his wife, Concepcion La Valley. He served in the United States Air Force and the United States Army during the Vietnam War entered in 1959 and retired on August 31, 1979 after 20 years of service at the rank of Sergeant First Class (E-7). He served in Vietnam and his last overseas assignment was in Japan from 28 August 1974 to 26 July 1978. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Angeles City Chapter #887**. He was cremated.

HAROLD J. MARKLEY – Died recently in 2015 in Metter, Georgia at the age of 68. The cause of death is unknown. He was born June 21, 1947. He is survived by his wife, Debbie. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Macon Chapter #443**.

CHARLES W. MATTES (USA, SSG Ret.) - Died Monday, March 16, 2015 in Interlachen, Florida at the age of 87. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Germantown, Maryland on November 17, 1927. He served in the United States Army and retired at the rank of Staff Sergeant (E-6). He was an *At-Large Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Florida**. Masters Funeral Home of Interlachen was in charge of the arrangements.

LOUIE RANDOLPH McLANE - Died Friday, June 26, 2015 in Seneca, South Carolina at the age of 79. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on October 13, 1935 in Tokeena Crossroads to the late Jones William Carris "J.C." and Mary Lou (née Ables) McLane. Louie was a twenty-year United States Army veteran, having served two tours in Vietnam. He was a member of Seneca Baptist Church. In addition to his spouse of 48 years, Mary Sue (née Page) McLane, he is survived by his daughter: Thelma Littlejohn; sons: Jason McLane and wife Lori, Noah McLane and wife Melanie, and Joah McLane and wife Stephanie; brothers: Tim McLane and Keith McLane; sisters: Wilma Davis, Audrey Hall, Connie Michaels and Kay King; and three grandchildren: Jordan, Carson and Silas. In addition to his parents, Mr. McLane was preceded in death by a brother: Frank William "Bill" McLane. Funeral services were conducted at 2:00 PM on Sunday, June 28, 2015 at Davenport Funeral Home Chapel with Dr. C. Von Reynolds officiating. Entombment with full military honors was at Heritage Memorial Gardens in Westminster, South Carolina. The family received friends from 1:00-2:00 PM prior to the service at the Davenport Funeral Home. Memorials may be made to Wounded Warrior Project, P.O. Box 758517, Topeka, Kansas 66675 or to Oconee County Veterans Relief Fund, c/o Oconee VA Office, 223 C. Kenneth Street, Walhalla, SC 29691.

ROBERT W. MEIXSELL - Died Tuesday, July 28, 2015 at Good Shepherd Specialty Hospital, Bethlehem, Pennsylvania at the age of 72. He was a resident of State College, Pennsylvania. The cause of death was cancer and kidney disease. He was born August 16, 1942 in Nazareth, Pennsylvania to the late Willard Meixsell and Lillian (née Zellner) Meixsell of Bath, Pennsylvania. He was the husband of the late Patricia (née Kleedorfer) Meixsell who passed away in 2011. He was a maintenance and engineering coordinator for Essroc Cement Corp., Nazareth, PA for 33 years before retiring in 2004. He was a member of St. John's United Church of Christ Church, Nazareth, PA. He honorably served his country in the United States Army during Vietnam as a PFC. He was a former commander of the Veterans of the Vietnam War, Stockertown, PA. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Easton Chapter #415**. He received a BS in Computer Science from DeSales University. He was a 32 degree mason and a member of Whitfield Lodge, No. 622 F&AM, Tatamy. He was a former football coach for the Nazareth Clippers as a former assistant coach, Moore Township Midgets, as the 1969 Championship Nazareth PALS team former head coach. In addition to his mother he is survived by daughters, Diana E. Meixsell of Nazareth, PA. and Stephanie wife of LTC (Ret.) Kenneth Crabtree of State College, PA; brother, Ronnie and wife Julie Anne Meixsell of Northport, Long Island, NY, grandchildren Moria, Jordan and Christian Crabtree, niece Lisa Sommers, nephew Richard Mularick and nephew Ethan Meixsell. The family received friends from 7:00 PM to 8:30 PM on Thursday, July 30, 2015, at Bartholomew-Schisler Funeral Home 211 East Center Street, Nazareth, PA with Masonic services. A Funeral service was held at 11:00AM on Friday, July 31, 2015 with additional calling from 10:00-11:00 AM both at St. John's United Church of Christ, Broad & Prospect Streets, Nazareth, PA. Interment with Military Honors was at the Northampton Memorial Shrine, Easton, PA. Contributions may be made to LM Sarcoma Direct Research Foundation or the Kidney Foundation, both in care of the funeral home. Online condolences may be offered to the family at www.schislerfuneralhomes.com.

HAROLD MESSER – Died Thursday, May 21, 2015 in Canton, Michigan at the age of 79. The cause of death is unknown. He was born October 4, 1935. He was a *Life Member* of **Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America – Plymouth Chapter #528**.

JAMES F. MILLS (USA, SFC-Ret.) – Died Thursday, January 29, 2015 in Pulaski, Tennessee at the age of 79. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Daytona Beach, Florida on July 20, 1935. He served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War and retired at the rank of Sergeant First Class (E-7). He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Pulaski Chapter #262**.

MARY A. MORONEY – Died recently in Wildwood, New Jersey at the age of 75. The cause of death is unknown. She was born January 1, 1940. She was a *Life Member* of **Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America – Wildwood Chapter #955**.



THOMAS EDWARD “Tom” MOSCHELLA - Died at his home in Youngstown, Ohio on Sunday, August 2, 2015 at 10:58 PM at the age of 64. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on March 25, 1950 in Youngstown, Ohio, the son of the late Hubert Moschella and the late Emily (née Rogers) Moschella-Vinion. Tom was both a tank mechanic in the United States Army, and an auto mechanic at BF Goodrich/Goodyear. He loved antiques and auctions and he also refurbished furniture with his brother, Tim Moschella, at Youngstown Furniture Stripping. He was actively involved and a *Life Member* with the **Vietnam Veterans of America – Youngstown Chapter #135**, where he served as *President*, and he was also a member of the American Legion Post #472. Tom was passionate about fixing vehicles and watching western films, especially John Wayne. He enjoyed dancing, and did a heck of a Donald Duck impression. He was also an avid reader of Louis L'Amour novels. Tom will be greatly missed by his friends and family and he will surely never be forgotten! He died as he lived-- everyone's friend. Tom was an honorably discharged United States Army Veteran during the Vietnam War. Survivors include his four daughters, Danielle Diane Moschella of Honolulu, Deanna Denise Moschella of Austintown, Donna Victoria Moschella of Las Vegas, and Nicole Roxanne Moschella of Youngstown; two grandchildren, Ashton Kennedy, and Racole Turney; and two siblings, Hubert Theodore Moschella of Austintown, and Carol Moschella of Boardman. Also surviving is his ex-wife and mother of his children, Mary Alice Moschella of San Jose, CA. Other than his parents, Tom was preceded in death by his step-father, David Vinion, his step-mother, Julie Moschella, and his brother, Timothy Moschella. Family and friends came calling at the Lane Family Funeral Homes-Austintown Chapel from 5:00 – 7:00 PM on Friday, August 7, 2015. Morning prayers began at 9:15 AM at the funeral home on Saturday morning before processing to the Mass. Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at Saint Patrick Catholic Church at 10:00 AM on Saturday, August 8, 2015 where Father Kevin Peters was the main celebrant. Tom was laid to rest at the Belmont Park Cemetery in Youngstown, Ohio.

GARY LEE MYERS - Died Wednesday, July 29, 2015 at Good Samaritan Hospice in Brighton Township, Pennsylvania following a long battle with Leukemia. He was 72 years of age and a resident of Monaca, Center Township, Pennsylvania. He was born March 23, 1943 in Butler,

Pennsylvania to the late Chester and Virginia Myers. He served in the United States Navy from 1961 to 1961 returning to his home to begin his own trucking business. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Freedom Chapter #862**. He was a member of Saint Frances Cabrini Catholic Church in Center Township. He is survived by his longtime companion Mary Malloy of Center Township. Funeral arrangements were made by the Noll Funeral Home, Inc., 333 Third Street, Beaver, Pennsylvania where a blessing service was held on Tuesday, August 4, 2015 at Noon. Interment was at the National Cemetery of the Alleghenies in Bridgeville, Pennsylvania.

FREDERICK H. OSTERMEYER – Died Friday, July 6, 2012 in Crawfordville, Florida at the age of 63. The cause of death is unknown. He was born October 8, 1948. He was married to Denise C. Quesenbery on March 6, 1982 in Pinellas County, Florida. He is survived by his sister, Julie Frazier. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Tallahassee Chapter #96**.

LEWIS E. OWENS – Died recently in 2015 in Zephyrhills, Florida at the age of 74. The cause of death is unknown. He was born June 13, 1941. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Dade City Chapter #195**.



GEORGE D. PATTERSON - Died Thursday, November 27, 2014 in Atlantic Highlands, New Jersey at the age of 73. He was also of Miamisburg, Ohio. The cause of death is unknown. He was born November 11, 1941 in Long Branch, New Jersey to the late Mary Anna Patterson. In addition to his mother, he was also predeceased by his brother, Michael Hemmer; grandmother, Annie Reynolds-Patterson; grandfather, John Stuart-Patterson; and granddaughter, Danielle Maree' Patterson. He is survived by his son, George Patrick Patterson; daughter, Kathleen Coleman; grandchildren, Tara Manor, Kerri Patterson, Kaitlyn Ullrich, Alyssa Hart and Zachary Coleman; great-granddaughter, Stella Christman; sister, Sharon DeHaas; nephews, Christopher and Scott DeHaas; nieces, Cheryl and Kimberly Hemmer; and many other close relatives and friends. George served in the United States Army. He was the founder and president of the Brotherhood U.S. Army Veterans Association. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Allenhurst Chapter #12**. George was an avid fisherman and boater. He was a very outgoing people person and will be most remembered by his vivacious character. The family received friends from 10:00 to 11:00 AM on Wednesday, December 3, 2014 at Newcomer Funeral Home, South Chapel, 3940 Kettering Boulevard, Kettering, OH. The service was at 11:00 AM. Burial was at the Highland Cemetery in Miamisburg, OH. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in George's memory to the Wounded Warrior Project. To send a special message, please visit www.NewcomerDayton.com.

DAVID A. PEACH - Died peacefully on Monday, June 8, 2015 at the Karen Ann Quinlan Hospice in Fredon, New Jersey with his family by his side. He was 66 years of age and a resident of Wantage, New Jersey. The cause of death was cancer. He was born in Teaneck, New Jersey on July 16, 1948 to the late Grace Peach who died in 1995. He lived in Ridgefield Park and Westwood before moving to Wantage in 1986. He was a 1966 graduate of Ridgefield Park High

School and received his Bachelor's degree from Jersey City State College. He proudly served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War and was awarded the Bronze Star. He was honorably discharged in 1970. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Stanhope Chapter #327**. David was a retired captain of the Teaneck Fire Department where he served the township for 35 years before retiring in 2009. He was promoted to lieutenant in 1989, Teaneck Township fire sub code official in 1995, and promoted to captain in 2001. David was a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Sparta since 1989 where he was a Sunday sexton, deacon, co-director of the church bell choir and church staff member. His son, William Peach, preceded him in death in 1995; his sister, Elizabeth Morgen, in 2010; and his mother, Grace Peach, in 1995. David is survived by his devoted daughter, Barbara L. Peach, of Hackettstown; sister, Irene Stepto and husband, John, of Honesdale, Pa.; brother, James and wife, Jill, of Hamilton; and many nieces, nephews and great-nieces and nephews; and in addition, his former wife, Karen Mauro, with whom he remained close friends. Friends were welcomed to visit on Thursday, June 11th from 2:00-4:00 and 6:00-9:00 PM, at the First Presbyterian Church of Sparta, 32 Main Street, followed by a service on Friday, June 12th, at 11:00 AM, also at the First Presbyterian Church of Sparta. In lieu of flowers, the family requested donations be made in David's name to the First Presbyterian Church of Sparta, 32 Main Street, Sparta, NJ 07871. Interment was private.

HARRY M. PICKENS - Died Thursday, June 25, 2015 in his home in London, Ohio at the age of 63. The cause of death was cirrhosis of the liver. He was born in Columbus, Ohio on August 30, 1951 to the late Robert B. and Jepsia O. (née French) Pickens. He was a United States Army veteran, member of the American Legion Post #105, AMVETS Post #19, **Vietnam Veterans of America – London Chapter #746** and F.O.E. Aerie #950. He is survived by his children, Robin Pickens, Michelle (Jason) DeBoard and Jerel Pickens, all of London; 3 grandchildren, 5 great-grandchildren; brothers, Bob (Joyce) Pickens of London, Jim (Sue) Pickens of Minnesota, Dick (Cindy) Daily of London, Tom (Mary Lou) Daily of Columbus; cousin, Bruce (Jeanie) Daily of London; aunt, Betty Lambert of Florida; special friends, Bert and Bonnie Hatfield of London; and several nieces, nephews and cousins. In addition to his parents, he was also predeceased by his brothers, Ernie and Jeff (Head) Daily. Graveside inurnment was at 11:00 AM on Wednesday, July 1, 2015 at Kirkwood Cemetery, with American Legion Post #105 Honor Guard providing military honors. Harry's services were entrusted to the Rader Lynch and Dodds Funeral Home and Cremation Service, 124 East High Street London, Ohio.



JAMES R. PIER – Died Wednesday, April 1, 2015 in Manchester Township, New Jersey at the age of 66. He was born on May 31, 1948. He served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War. He was awarded the Air Medal and attained the rank of Specialist Five. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Brick Chapter #200**. He is interred in the Brigadier General William C. Doyle Veterans Memorial Cemetery in Wrightstown, Burlington County, New Jersey.



LAUD ROLLAND PITT, JR. - Died Tuesday, August 25, 2015 in Seven Lakes, North Carolina at the age of 80. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in

Washington, DC and raised in Silver Spring, Maryland. He obtained his Bachelor's Degree in forest management from Mississippi State University in 1958. He had been a resident of Seven Lakes West since May 2003. Laud is survived by his wife, Anna, of 46 years; his brother Roger Pitt; and three daughters and their families: Michele Stewart and husband, Geoffrey; Natalie Conrad and husband, Chris; and Steffanie Blake and husband, Arthur. Survivors also include seven grandchildren, Brooke, Ashley, Bradley, Andrew, Rachel, Emily and Sofia. Laud retired from the United States Army with 23 years of service as a commissioned officer, attaining the rank of Lieutenant Colonel. He served three overseas tours in Germany and two combat tours in Vietnam. His military career also included several years stationed at Fort Bragg. Commissioned in the Army's Ordnance branch, Laud served in many different units, including a tour with the Special Forces. His qualifications include Airborne School, Ranger training and Special Forces qualification. Among his decorations, he was most proud of earning the Combat Infantryman's Badge (CIB) for his service in Vietnam. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – West End Chapter #966**. After retiring from the Army, he and his wife settled in Northern Virginia, where he worked for the next 15 years as a defense contractor with the intelligence community located on Vint Hill Farms. While living in Virginia he also served as president of the local homeowners association and was in charge of the neighborhood watch for several years. Their time in Virginia began a lifelong love for the mountains, where Laud enjoyed hiking with his family. Upon moving to North Carolina, Laud became active in prison ministry, visiting correctional institutions in Scotland and Hoke Counties several times each month. He enjoyed playing Christian hymns using a piano or keyboard and teaching the word of the Gospel to the inmates in each facility. Laud was an active volunteer providing pastoral care to patients in the local hospital at least once a week. He was also active in his church, where he led classes for the men's group and served as chairman of the Missions Committee. He and his wife also served many years at the Food Pantry in Aberdeen, preparing schedules and training new volunteers. Laud loved music and passionately played the piano at holidays and family gatherings. Above all, he enjoyed being with friends and family, and recently celebrated his 80th birthday in Pinehurst on Sunday, August 23rd. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Chosen People Ministry or Samaritans Purse. A memorial service was held at the Presbyterian Community Church in Pinehurst on Friday, August 28th. Boles Funeral Home of Seven Lakes assisted the family.

ELLA MAE (née Rogers) PITTMAN – Died Monday, May 25, 2015 in Hammond, Louisiana at the age of 73. She was a resident of Independence, Louisiana. The cause of death is unknown. She was born May 14, 1942 in New Orleans, Louisiana to the late Warren and Beatrice (née Pounds) Rogers. In addition to her parents, she was also predeceased by her son, Bart Rogers and son-in-law, John Smith. She was a member of **Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America – Natalbany Chapter #1052**. She is interred in the Ponemah Cemetery in Bogalusa Louisiana.

GARY EDWARD PRICE - Died Sunday, August 30, 2015 at his residence of Trout, Louisiana at the age of 66. He was a resident of Belah, Louisiana. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on October 7, 1948 in Jena, Louisiana to the late Willie Allen and Dottie Beatrice (née

Windham) Price. He was a driller in the oil field and a veteran of the United States Army during the Vietnam War. He was an *At-Large Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Louisiana**. Those left to cherish his memory include his wife, Louise Littleton Price of Belah; daughters, Lana Holton and Kelly Ann Pritchard both of Trout; sons, Gary Michael Price of Livingston and Charles King, Jr. of Trout; sister, Olivia June Marcum of Logan, West Virginia; brother, Willie Kendall Price of Zwolle; 13 grandchildren and 4 great-grandchildren. Funeral services were at 10:00 AM on Wednesday, September 2, 2015 in the Chapel of Hixson Brothers Jena with Brother Joey Grappe who officiated. Interment was in the Price-Jones Cemetery. The family asked that visitation be observed on Tuesday, September 1, 2015 from 5:00 until 9:00 OM and from 8:00 AM until time for service on Wednesday at the funeral home. The pallbearers were Joe Price, Brett Price, Travis Price, Jordan Garrison, Taylor Price, Cody Neucere, Jacob Neucere and Zack King. To extend online condolences to the Price family, please visit us at www.hixsonbrothers.com.

RAY MAC REEVES - Died Saturday, July 18, 2015 at his home in Bradyville, Tennessee after a long illness. He was 66 years of age. The cause of death was chronic obstructive pulmonary disease and a heart attack. He was of Woodbury, Tennessee, formerly of Crossville, Tennessee and Mangrum, Oklahoma. He was born on Monday, August 16, 1948 in Woodbury, Tennessee to the late Thomas Gordon and Sierie Mae (née Flint) Reeves. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War serving in the United States Army. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Smyrna Chapter #1089**. In addition to his parents, he was predeceased by his brothers, Thomas “Tommy” Jr., Steve Reeves and his sister Carrie Reeves Sweats. He is survived by his wife, Jennifer Hayes Reeves of Bradyville; his daughter, Kaitlyn V. Hayes; his sisters, Cherry Reeves, Ruth (Gordon) McNutt; his brother, Gene (Linda) Reeves; his mother-in-law, Jean (née Mullins) Hayes; his special friend, Jim (Pop) Nelson, and; several nieces and nephews. Ray loved to sing and play the guitar. He traveled across the U.S. working different jobs but was an Artist by trade. Always willing to help, Mr. Reeves made many friends during his life. He was easy to love and be with. He always liked a good joke. The memorial service was at 7:00 PM on Friday, July 24, 2015 in the Chapel of Woodbury Funeral Home with visitation from 6:00 PM until the time of the service.

ROBERT G. REID – Died recently in 2015 in Wichita, Kansas at the age of 75. The cause of death is unknown. He was born October 27, 1939. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was an *At-Large Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Kansas**.

ADRIAN THOMAS ROWLEY – Died Thursday, January 10, 2013 in Parksley, Virginia at the age of 68. The cause of death is unknown. He was born July 8, 1946. He married Bonnie Faye Bishop on August 18, 1967 and they divorced April 9, 1975. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Onley Chapter #614**.

ROBERT M. “Bob” SANDBRINK, JR. - A graduate of Granville High School, he died Saturday, August 1, 2015 at the Selma Markowitz Care Center, operated by Hospice of Central Ohio, in Newark, Ohio. He was a resident of Granville, Ohio and 70 years of age. The cause of death was cancer. He was born in Newark on June 21, 1945 to the late Robert M. and Dorothy

Sandbrink. Bob served in Reconnaissance during the Vietnam War in the United States Air Force for seven and a half years. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Newark Chapter #55**. He was a patriotic and forthright man who was not afraid to give it to you straight. He enjoyed golfing, reading, hunting, woodworking and Jamboree in the Hills. Family and friends were most important to him and he will be remembered for his big heart and kindness to those around him. Surviving are his wife of 51 years, Judy (née Sawyer) Sandbrink; daughters, Kat Ferguson and Kim Sandbrink; grandchildren, Kourtney and Kaci Spurling, and Destiny Ferguson; great grandchildren, Kraven, Matthew, and Vega; brothers, Jeff and Joe (Lisa) Sandbrink; sisters, Dot Bachmann, Pat (Bill) Czepiel, and Jan Reid; and several nieces and nephews. A memorial service celebrating his life was held at Noon on Saturday, August 8, 2015 at the Newark Central Christian Church, 587 Mount Vernon Road, Newark with the Reverend Jeff Gill as celebrant. Military honors were rendered by the Licking County Veteran's Alliance. The family received friends from 10:30 AM until the time of the service at the church. Memorial contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society 870 Michigan Avenue, Columbus, OH 43215. Online condolences may be expressed at www.mcpeekhoekstra.com.

OLLIE B. SANDERS, JR. – Died recently in 2015 in Squaw Valley, Fresno County, California at the age of 68. The cause of death is unknown. He was born December 10, 1946 in Fresno, California to the late Ollie B. Sanders, Sr., and Alma Dean (née Kerns) Sanders. He was married to Francesca Rendina and divorced her in April 1969 and married Pamela K. Hoschar (née Kleinknecht) Sanders on 15 May 1971. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was an *At-Large Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – California**.

WHITNEY C. “Whit” SCULLY (USA, LTC, Ret.) – Died Thursday, May 7, 2015 at Sunnyside Retirement Community in Harrisonburg, Virginia at the age of 85. The cause of death was prostate cancer metastasized to the bones. Whit was born in Chicago, Illinois on February 14, 1930 and has been a sweetheart ever since. He received his Bachelor of Science degree from Iowa State College and a Master of Arts in Public Administration from American University. Whit also taught graduate-level courses in Management Information Systems as an adjunct professor at American University. In June of 1955, he was married to Mary Helen Kerr, who survives. The day after they were married, they drove to Texas to begin Whit's Army career. He became a United States Army pilot who flew fixed-wing aircraft in Germany, Greenland and the US. He flew helicopters in Vietnam and the US. During his second tour in Vietnam he was Battalion Commander for Region IV and the Engineer representative on the Army contingent to the Four-Party Military Commission in Region IV; responsible for constructing the facilities that housed the North Vietnamese negotiating team during the last days of the war in Vietnam. Whit retired as a Lieutenant Colonel after 20 years of active service. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Woodstock Chapter #936**. Life in Northern Virginia included being very active in his church where he was a deacon and an elder. He taught Sunday school and was also a church camp counselor. Whit coached little league baseball and participated with the children's PTA. He was the Boy Scout Troop Leader of Troop #993 from 1973-1977. As much as he touched the lives of the boys, they touched his. Whit was also a member and trainer of Adult Training for the Mount Vernon Scouting District. He often talked about how

important the Boy Scout organization is for young men. He was proud of many of the boys who developed into good leaders and citizens. After Army retirement, Whit was involved in consulting, was a partner in a small insulation business, was a Boy Scout Master, and was part of a group of good friends that developed a small piece of land at Lake Anna, Virginia. In 1981 Whit and Helen moved to Woodstock, Virginia. He loved to teach good work ethics as well as to have fun with his grandchildren; using the riding lawn mower and the golf cart as teaching tools. He also loved working with wood and passed that love on to his grandchildren; building birdhouses and forts for GI Joes. He went on to build custom homes for families at Lake Anna. After a major stroke in December 2000, Whit worked very hard in rehabilitation, exercising to stay active in this new chapter of his life. In September 2004, Whit and Helen moved to Sunnyside; where Whit was president of the Village Association and the Veterans Association. He thoroughly enjoyed the "Write Your Story" group. Whit was a loving husband, wonderful father, a great grandfather, and super great-grandfather. In addition to his wife, Whitney is survived by his children, Whitney Scully (Carly) from Maryland, Julie Lama (Luis) from Virginia, Bradley Scully (Carolyn) from Japan, Jeffery Scully (Celinda) from Maryland, and Randy Scully from Mississippi; eleven grandchildren, George Scully; Erin Fleming, Matthew, Daniel, Yulia, and Konstantine Lama; Erica, Katie and Ben Scully; Amanda and Gabriel Scully; and six great-grandchildren, Drake, Asher, Ayla, and Jessa Fleming; Madison and Isaac Lama. The memorial service was held at Meredith Chapel, Sunnyside Community on June 20, 2015 at 10:30 AM and was officiated by Chaplains Paul O'Gorek and Tom Smith. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to your local Boy Scout Troop or to the Sunnyside Fellowship Fund.



BERT THOMAS SELNESS - Died Friday, May 15, 2015 in Hampton, Iowa after a short illness with Cancer at the age of 65. He was born to Harold and Helen (née Dahl) Selness on December 31, 1949 in Decorah, Iowa. Bert grew up on the Selness century farm. His boyhood days were spent playing softball, football and other outdoor activities with his siblings. Bert was baptized and confirmed at the Highland Lutheran Church. He worked alongside Harold on the family farm where his love for tractors came to be. He became an avid collector of miniature tractors throughout his life. Bert was the second, out of what would become sixteen children to graduate from Spring Grove High School, Bert graduated in 1968. He was an active FFA member throughout high school and played football during his senior year. In 1969, Bert was drafted into the United States Army for the Vietnam War where he served one year overseas. After being discharged in 1971 he started farming with his uncle Ronald Selness. Bert became a member of the VA advisory board for Winneshiek County and the Spring Grove American Legion. He was an *At-Large Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Minnesota*. Bert was very patriotic, which lead him to start the annual family Fourth of July celebrations. When not busy celebrating the Fourth of July or farming, Bert enjoyed driving his tractor in the Hesper-Mabel Steam Engine Day parade. Bert is survived by his fifteen siblings Paula (Bob) Vogt, Karen (Alan) Erickson, Sunday (Renn) DeBoer, Barb Lund, Gary (Kristy), Steven, Mark, Diane (Tom) Poirier, Eric, Rolf (Michelle), Caroline (Kevin) Posterick, Todd, Ruth (Dan) Sponsel, David, and Wendy (Mark) Willner; twenty-five nieces and nephews, and three great-nephews and four great-nieces survive. Bert's parents, a niece and a nephew have preceded him in death.



HARVEY R. SHARP – Died Saturday, August 30, 2014 in Hamilton, Montana at the age of 74. The cause of death was renal failure. He was born in Cut Bank, Montana on October 22, 1939 to the late Otis and Ella Sharp. He is survived by his wife Margaret; two sons Eric, of China and Jonathan Kimo, of Portland, Oregon; his brother, Warren, of Palmer, Alaska; five grandchildren, April, Amber, Ethan, Ryan and Alexa, and; numerous nieces and nephews. He served in the United States Navy for 21 years repairing jets and helicopters. Six of those years were spent off the coast of Vietnam. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Hamilton Chapter #938**. A private scattering of ashes was done at a later date. Arrangements were under the care of the Daly-Leach Chapel in Hamilton. If you wish to make a donation, the family suggests; Hospice, Bitterroot Gem and Mineral Scholarship or 4-H Camp Scholarship Fund.



JACK SANTOS SHIMIZU – Died Friday, June 5, 2015 in Honolulu, Hawaii at the age of 75. He was a resident in Latte Plantation, Hagatna, Guam. The cause of death is respiratory failure, interstitial lung disease, ischemic cardiomyopathy and sick sinus syndrome. He was born on March 23, 1940 in Dededo, Guam to the late Joaquin Torres Shimizu and Ana (née Santos) Shimizu. He was also known as "Lencho / Kacha" ~ Mangilao. He served in the United States Navy during the Vietnam War from June 29, 1962 to August 11, 1967. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Hagatna Chapter #668**. He is survived by his wife, Teresita (née Quintanilla) Shimizu; his son and daughter-in-law, David and Mina (née Tran) Shimizu and their children, David, Jr. (Michelle), LaKisha, David (Maria), Keona and Angel; his three daughters and sons-in-law, Sylvia and David Raatz and their children, Rachel and Julian; Annette and Gerard Cabana and their children, Jack (Claressa), Jude, Monique and Geranne; Jacqueline and David Cepeda and their children, Elisha (Billy), Jessica (Dominic) and Amanda (Christopher), and; Tricia and Keith Sekii Adelbai and their daughter Jacia, and; twelve great-grandchildren. Also surviving are many sisters, brothers-in-law, brothers, sisters-in-law, aunts, uncles, cousins, nieces and nephews. Last respects for Jack were held on Saturday, June 20, 2015, at Santa Teresita Catholic Church in Mangilao, beginning at 8:00 AM and concluding at 12:00 Noon. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated at 1:00 PM. Interment was at the Guam Memorial Park in Lembang – Barrigada.

RICHARD D. "Dick" SILVERTHORN - Died Thursday, May 14, 2015 in Islip, New York at the age of 70. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in 1945. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Farmingville Chapter #11**. He was the beloved husband of Karen (née Pedersen); loving father of Kristen Carter (Jack); cherished grandfather of Erica and Charlotte. Visiting hours were on Sunday from 2:00-4:30 PM and from 7:00-9:00 PM at the Overton Funeral Home, Inc., 172 Main Street, Islip. The funeral service was on Monday at 10:00 AM at Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church in Islip Terrace. Interment was in the Oakwood Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations in Dick's name may be made to Christ Evangelical Lutheran Church or to Rusy- Bohm American Legion Hall in Islip. He is interred in the Oakwood Cemetery, Bay Shore, Suffolk County, New York



RICHARD HOWARD "Bucky" SIMPSON - Died Wednesday, June 24, 2015, surrounded by his loving family, at the Carolinas Medical Center in Charlotte, North

Carolina at the age of 72. He was a resident of Concord, North Carolina. The cause of death was an accident, death resulting. He was born in Concord on July 31, 1942 to the late Cora (née Taylor) Simpson and Lester H. Simpson of Concord. A lifelong native of Concord, Bucky graduated from Concord High School, where he was a standout athlete in football and baseball. He is survived by his wife, Susan (née Phillips) Simpson of Concord; two sons, Chad D. Simpson of Concord and Phillip A. Simpson and wife, Jane Blackley Simpson, of Harrisburg; and his number one grandson, Garrett Parker Simpson, whom he loved dearly. He is also survived by his sister, Priscilla Simpson Newton and husband, Pete, of Concord. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a brother, Ronnie M. Simpson. His nephews and nieces include Kenny Simpson, Lisa Faine, and Crystal Starnes Maxwell, along with many cousins and hundreds of kids in Cabarrus County that he mentored and called his own. Pallbearers and Honor Guards will be provided by the Concord Police Department. Bucky was always smiling and loved life. He loved the great outdoors, and spent many hours camping in the mountains with his family, friends and his beloved dog Lilly. He will long be remembered as a dedicated public servant in his career and his community. He was a United States Army Vietnam Veteran and was presented with many awards including the distinguished Purple Heart and Bronze Star. He served from June 29, 1962 to August 11, 1967. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Concord Chapter #909**. He served as a Sergeant with the Concord Police Department for 30 years, working as the juvenile officer for 17 of those years, and also helped to implement the DARE Program in Cabarrus County, which impacted many young lives. Bucky supervised the hiring of school crossing guards who were known as “Bucky’s Angels”. He patiently taught hundreds of kids at Camp Spencer in Bike Safety and BB Gun Safety Training. Faithfully, he served on the Board of Directors at the Boys and Girls Club for many years, where his passion for working with kids was evident, as he won the Boys and Girls Club “Father of the Year Award”. Some of his other accomplishments were Key Stone Advisor, Youth League coach for Concord High girls’ softball team and Pop Warner Football and Grand Marshall of the Concord Christmas Parade. One of his proudest moments was in 1994 when he received the state of North Carolina Officers’ Association “Most Outstanding Juvenile Officer” award (L.T. Williams Award). Though he received many awards and accolades, his greatest reward was impacting the lives of many young citizens of this community. In his ability to relate to young people, he taught a healthy respect for law and order in a firm and understanding way. Bucky was a devoted public servant who truly made our world and community a better place. A service to celebrate the life of Bucky Simpson was held at the Westford United Methodist Church, 273 Highway 49 South, Concord, NC on Saturday, June 27th with visitation from 11:00 AM to 1:30 PM and a memorial service to follow at 2:00 PM with the Reverend Jeff Rushing officiating. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that memorials be sent to the Boys and Girls Club of Cabarrus County, PO Box 1405, Concord, NC 28026, a cause that was dear to Bucky’s heart.



DAVID W. SPENCER – Died Tuesday, December 2, 2014 in Cathedral City, California at the age of 66. The cause of death is unknown. He was born May 9, 1948. He is survived by his wife. He served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War and attained the rank of Specialist Four. He was a *Life*

Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Cathedral City Chapter #582. He is interred in Miramar National Cemetery in San Diego, California.



NEIL W. STICHMANN - Died Saturday, May 9, 2009 in Green Bay, Wisconsin at the age of 62 after he lost his courageous battle with cancer. He was born on June 1, 1946 in Kewaunee, Wisconsin to the late Ranson and Esther (née Kuehl) Stichmann. He was a 1964 graduate of Kewaunee High School and after graduation he served his country bravely as a member of the United States Army during the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – DePere Chapter #224**. He was employed at Purolator Courier and at Englewood. Neil will be fondly remembered for his sense of humor. Even when his illness was at its worst, he would always find a way to make his family laugh. He will be sadly missed by all who knew him. Neil is survived by his son Scott (his special friend Holly DeBauche) Stichmann, daughter Paula (Clay) Langenberg, grandchildren; Devon and Dominic Stichmann and Macie and MaKenna Langenberg, mother of his children Catherine Stichmann as well as other relatives. He is further survived by Taz and many friends who loved him dearly. Friends came calling at the Proko-Wall Funeral Home, 1630 East Mason Street on Tuesday from 4:00-7:00 PM. Visitation continued on Wednesday from 9:30-10:30 AM. The funeral service was at 10:30 AM at the funeral home. Burial with full Military Honors was at the Riverview Cemetery in Kewaunee. Online condolences may be expressed at www.prokowall.com. The family would like to express a thank you to the staff and nurses of Unity Hospice.



VERNON G. "Casey" STUBBS – Died Wednesday, March 4, 2015 in Maplewood, Minnesota at the age of 89. The cause of death is unknown. He was born May 23, 1925 to the late Olive and George Stubbs. In addition to his parents, he was also predeceased by his beloved wife, Delilah; his step-father, Gary VanSlooten; his brothers, Bernard, Donald, Rex and Charles, and; his grandmother, Jennie Quickner. He is survived by his sons, Bill and Rick; his brother, William; his grandchildren Jason, Tina, Allison, Josh and Matt; eight great-grandchildren, and; his nieces and nephews. Vernon was a combat decorated career United States Navy veteran, having served in the Atlantic and Pacific Theaters during WWII. He was awarded five battle stars in the Pacific for action on the islands of Leyte, Luzon, Iwo Jima, Okinawa and Gunto and strikes on the Japanese homeland. He also served during the Korean War, Korean-Chinese occupation and was in country in Vietnam for 18 months as Military Advisor to the Vietnamese military forces. Vern was awarded 16 American campaign ribbons and 11 medals, plus 3 foreign awards; The Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross, The Philippine Liberation Ribbon with Star and Asia clasp and the Republic of Vietnam campaign medal. He was a life member of the Hopkins V.F.W. Post #425, a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Hopkins Chapter #62** and Tuong Huu Dong Nam A. Counterparts Organization of Military Advisors and MAAG. Interment was in Fort Snelling National Cemetery in Minneapolis, Minnesota with full military honors. Memorials are preferred to Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter #62 Scholarship Fund. "Hold your loved ones close today, whisper in their ear. Tell them that you love them, and you'll always hold them dear. For tomorrow is promised no one, young and old alike. And today may be your last chance, to hold your loved ones tight." Visitation was on Tuesday,

March 17th from 10:00 - 11:00 AM at the Gearty-Delmore Funeral Chapel of Plymouth, 15800 37th Avenue North, Plymouth Minnesota. The funeral was on Tuesday, March 17th at 11:00 AM at the Gearty-Delmore Funeral Chapel of Plymouth, 15800 37th Avenue North, Plymouth, Minnesota.

ALAN TITLEMAN – Died Friday, September 4, 2015 in Cherry Hill, New Jersey at the age of 67. The cause of death was pancreatic cancer. He was born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania on August 17, 1948. He was the beloved husband of Barbara Titleman; loving father of Philip Titleman (Carrie); devoted brother of Richard Titleman, and; dear brother-in-law of Janet and Stuart Zimmerman. He was a retired honorable United States Navy Vietnam Veteran. He retired from the Navy after a long career. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Somerdale Chapter #1068**. Relatives and friends were invited to funeral services on Tuesday at 11:00 AM at Goldsteins' Rosenberg's Raphael-Sacks, 6410 North Broad Street, Philadelphia, PA 19126. Interment was in the Montefiore Cemetery, Jenkintown, PA. Shiva was observed at the family home. Contributions in his memory may be made to the Disabled American Veterans, 5000 Wissahickon Avenue, Philadelphia, PA 19144.

GERALD "Jerry" TOURVILLE - Died peacefully with family at his side on Wednesday, February 11, 2015 South Saint Paul, Minnesota at the age of 64. The cause of death was cancer. He was born in Saint Paul, Minnesota on September 23, 1950 to Ted and the late Virginia Tourville. He is survived by his wife Dianne; his son, John (Lani); grandson Tennessee; father Ted; brother Tom (Linda); sisters-in-law Janet and Judith; many nieces and nephews, and; loving relatives and friends. Jerry had his own unique style and perspective on life and he will be greatly missed. He served in the United States Army with a tour in Vietnam in 1971. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – South Saint Paul Chapter #639**. Special thanks to Regions Cancer Care and Clinical Study and Our Lady of Peace Hospice. Visitation was on Thursday, February 19th from 5:00-8:00 PM, with prayer and sharing at 7:30 PM at the Southern Funeral Home, 414 Marie Avenue, South Saint Paul, Minnesota. A Mass of Christian Burial was celebrated on Friday, February 20th at 10:00 AM with visitation one hour prior at Holy Trinity Catholic Church, 749 6th Avenue South, South Saint Paul. Interment was at the Fort Snelling National Cemetery. Should friends desire, memorials may be sent to Our Lady of Peace Hospice, 2076 Saint Anthony Avenue, Saint Paul, MN 55104.



LAWRENCE C. UTLEY – Died at 6:00 AM on Wednesday, April 22, 2015 at the Holman Correctional Facility in Atmore, Alabama at the age of 67. He was fatally stabbed by another inmate. He was born January 29, 1948. He was in the 30th year of a life sentence. He served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Elmore Chapter #190**.



JOHN W. WEBB - Died Sunday, September 13, 2015 in Sheboygan, Wisconsin at the age of 83. The cause of death was lung cancer. He was born January 16, 1932 in Greenbush, Wisconsin to the late Edith and Harold Webb. He attended Greenbush Grade School until 1941 when his family moved to Sheboygan and then attended US Grant School and was a graduate of Sheboygan North High School, Class of

1950. On November 1, 1952 John married the love of his life, Donna M. Graefe of Sheboygan Wisconsin at Saint Luke United Methodist Church and they became partners in life and love in every way from that day forward and were able to celebrate their sixty-second wedding anniversary last November. After their marriage John was employed at Kohler Co. for a short time and then worked for the Chicago Northwestern Railroad for a number of years. On January 6, 1958 John was accepted at the Sheboygan County Sheriff's Department where he served for thirty-three years, retiring on January 6, 1991. He held many positions with the department as Deputy Sheriff, Sergeant, Lieutenant and Highway Safety Coordinator. On April 14, 1984 he was appointed to the position of sheriff by the governor due to the resignation of Sheriff Boeckmann. John ran successfully for election in 1984, 1986, and 1988 thereby serving for over six years as sheriff. He was awarded a number of citations for service to his community and to the law enforcement effort throughout Wisconsin. John had a varied military career starting as a junior in high school when he enlisted in the Wisconsin Army National Guard. He served seven years as an enlisted man and in 1956 he attended the infantry officer's basic course in Fort Benning, Georgia, commissioned as a second lieutenant. He resumed his duties with the National Guard until he left for Vietnam in 1967 where he assumed command of the 442nd Transportation Company. During his tour of duty in Vietnam he was moved up to the position of battalion staff officer until he rotated back to the United States where he was assigned to Fort McCoy, Wisconsin and took over the position of commanding officer of the regular Army Headquarters Detachment. He was released from active duty in 1969 and returned to Sheboygan where he joined the local Army Reserve Unit. He served as battery commander for a short period of time and was promoted to major and was transferred to Milwaukee, WI to become a staff officer in the 3rd Brigade Field Artillery where he served until being promoted to the rank of Lieutenant Colonel and was reassigned back to Sheboygan to assume command of the 1st Battalion, 3rd Brigade Field Artillery for five years. He again was reassigned to the 84th Division as Inspector General for the next two years. He was promoted to the rank of full Colonel in 1980 and became the commanding officer of the 3rd Brigade until his retirement in 1982. John graduated from the United States Army Command and General Staff College, the Transportation Basic and Advanced Officer Schools and the Army Infantry School. He received many decorations including the Bronze Star, Meritorious Service Medal with three oak leaf clusters, Army Commendation Medal with oak leaf cluster, Vietnam Campaign Medal with three battle stars, Vietnam Service Medal, Army Achievement Medal, National Defense Medal and the Armed Forces Reserve Medal. John was active in many community activities. He was an active member Saint Luke United Methodist Church where he served as a Sunday school teacher for nineteen years, served on the board of trustees and other various committees. He was a *Life Member* of Vietnam Veterans of America – Sheboygan Chapter #618, the American Legion, VFW Post #9156, the Sheboygan Noon Optimist Club, the Democratic Party, YMCA, Sheboygan Yacht Club, Los Ninos Project in Tijuana, Mexico, and the Snowbirds in Arizona. John and Donna enjoyed traveling around the world and seeing as much as possible for, in Donna's words, "There is so much to be seen." Trips were taken to Germany, England, Norway, Sweden, Russia, Austria, Holland, France, Spain, Thailand, India, Argentina, and Guatemala. John was a member of the local chapter of People to People which

he enjoyed so much. Many of the trips were the result of hearing about places around the world and he wanted to see them. John and Donna's involvement began with the People to People Esslingen student exchange program. They hosted a German student for six months and their son returned to Germany for six months. That was the beginning of a long and steady stream of exchange students in their home, a total of nineteen students have lived with John and Donna. One of the greatest memories is that the second-generation of students from the same families have arrived. This was a blessing to John who loved each and every one of them as his own. John and Donna have traveled to far off lands to visit each of their former students over the years. John says, "What a wonderful life this has been!" Survivors are his wife of sixty-two years, Donna; a foster daughter, Rhonda (Todd) Watson; grandsons, Brandon (Jessica) Watson, Skylar (Liz) Watson, Gabe Hawes; great-grandsons, Jordan Toller and Aviar Watson; cousins, nieces, nephews, and other relatives and friends. He was preceded in death by his son, John Michael in 1975 and a daughter, Anne Louise in 1996. Funeral services were held at 11:00 AM on Thursday, September 17, 2015 at Saint Luke United Methodist Church, 623 Ontario Avenue, Sheboygan, WI with the Reverends Ric Olson and Kathy Reid as the co-officiants. Full military honors were accorded him. Cremation was and inurnment was at the Wildwood Cemetery at a later date. A time of visitation and support was held at the church from 9:00 AM until the time of service. Memorials may be directed to Saint Luke UMC Trustees, Noon Optimist Back to School Basics, Vietnam Veterans of America – Chapter #618, or Sheboygan County Cancer Association.



WILLIAM H. WELSH, JR. - Died Sunday, July 26, 2015 at Raritan Bay Medical Center, Perth Amboy, New Jersey at the age of 72. He was a resident of Sayreville, New Jersey. The cause of death is unknown. He was born and raised in South Amboy on December 24, 1947 to the late William H. Welsh, Sr. and Frances (née Ostrander) Welsh. Prior to his retirement, he was a tractor trailer driver, having driven for various trucking companies throughout his career. He was long-time parishioner of Saint Mary Roman Catholic Church, South Amboy.

William served in the United States Navy during the Vietnam-era. He proudly served with the Seabees, The U.S. Naval Construction Force. After protecting our nation and serving the armed forces with pride, William was active with many military organizations. He was Commander of The Disabled American Veterans Benyei-Connors Chapter #67, American Veterans (AMVETS) Post #911 NJ, a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – New Brunswick Chapter #233**, American Legion Fugle-Hummer Post #65 of Metuchen, VFW Post #646, South Amboy, The Vietnam Era Seabees Club and he was active with the Sayreville Senior Citizens Club. Above all, William was a loving husband, father, grandfather, brother and uncle who will be missed by all who knew him. In addition to his parents, he was also predeceased by his sister, Marie Bruckman. William is survived by his loving wife of 43 years, Sharon O'Neill Welsh, his children, William Welsh of Easton, PA, Jayne Welsh Corrado and her husband David of Phillipsburg, Brian Welsh and his wife, Heather of Matawan, Edward Welsh and his husband David Simone of Fairfield, CT., his siblings, James Welsh, Marguerite Snyder, Robert Welsh, John Welsh, and Charles Welsh, his grandchildren, Ashley, William, Gianna, Michael and Liam, and many nieces and nephews. Visitation was on Thursday, July 30th from 3:00 PM to 8:00 PM at Whiteley

Funeral Home, 241 Bordentown Avenue, South Amboy. Funeral services began at the funeral home at 8:30 AM on Friday, July 31st followed by a Mass of Christian Burial at 9:30 AM at Saint Mary Church, 256 Augusta Street, South Amboy. Private cremation followed church services. Inurnment was held at the convenience of the family.

PAUL H. WESSMAN, JR. – Died Saturday, November 8, 2014 in Tucson, Arizona at the age of 73. The cause of death is unknown. He was born January 12, 1941. He served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Tucson Chapter #106**.



JAMES HENRY WILBER, JR. (USA, MSG-Ret.) - Died Wednesday, July 22, 2015 in Lawton, Oklahoma at the age of 82. The cause of death was a heart attack. He was born on March 19, 1933 in Green Cove Springs, Florida to the late James Henry Wilber, Sr. and Annie Lee (née Cadwell) Wilber. He grew up in Green Cove Springs where he attended school. He joined the United States Army in 1950 and served as a combat medic for 30 years before retiring. While in the Army, he was stationed in Germany, Korea, Vietnam and many US states. He met Jessie Mae Campbell and they married on April 12, 1958 in Weaver, Alabama and they were married for 56 years. The military brought them to Lawton where they made their home. Mrs. Wilber passed away on June 15, 2014. Being a career military soldier, Mr. Wilber received many awards and medals including the United Nations Service Medal, Korean Service Medal, Bronze Star Medal, National Defense Service Medal with First Oak Leaf Cluster, Vietnam Service Medal with Five Service Stars, Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal, Bronze Service Medal with "V" Device, Army Commendation Medal, Purple Heart, Army of Occupation Medal, Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry with Palm, Combat Medical Badge, Good Conduct Medal with Ninth Award, Four Overseas Service Bars, Presidential Unit Citation, Army Commendation Medal with "V" Device, Expert (Pistol .45) and Sharpshooter (Rifle M-16). After his retirement from the Army in 1980, he started and ran the Military Occupational Specialty Library on Fort Sill. He volunteered at the Fort Sill National Cemetery, the Lawton/Fort Sill VA Center, Hospice, and the VA Outpatient Clinic. He received many awards for his community service. He lived to volunteer. He wrote the Standard Operating Manual for Reynolds Army Hospital. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Lawton Chapter #751**. He enjoyed woodworking and built furniture. He liked reading old westerns and watching them on TV. He listened to classical music and opera. He attended Memorial Indian Baptist Church with his grandchildren and will be missed by all who knew him. He is survived by 12 grandchildren and their spouses, Kristina and Keith Dunnam, Jessica and Ron Frampton, Nathan Koweno, Kathleen and Brooks Beston, Larissa Koweno, Madelyn Wilber, Maranda Wilber, Grant Wilber, Garet Wilber, Graecin Wilber, Myah-Cate Wilber and Melayna Wilber; his son and daughter in law, Robert and Kim Wilber, of South Carolina; daughter, Arleen Wilber, of New York; 11 great grandchildren, Jackson Allen, Sissy, Aliyah Hope, Hayden James, Elias Daniel, Kirsten Renee, Alana Marie, Damion George, Caleb Joseph, Caleigh Joan and Cameron John; his son in law, George Koweno, Jr.; sister in law, JoAnn Wilber; and many friends including Billie Jo and Jenna Clevinger, Justin and Diana Baker, and Robby and Betty Roberts. He is preceded in death by his parents; and his wife, Jessie Wilber; two brothers, Donald Wilber and Leroy Wilber; an infant sister, and his beloved dog, Littlebit.

The funeral service was at 12:30 PM on Tuesday, July 28, 2015 at the Lawton-Ritter-Gray Funeral Home Chapel with Pastor Leonard Presley of Memorial Indian Baptist Church, Lawton, Oklahoma officiating. Burial was at the Fort Sill National Cemetery, Elgin, Oklahoma.



PATRICK J. WILEY – Died Wednesday, June 10, 2015 in Keansburg, New Jersey at the age of 77. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Staten Island, New York on December 28, 1937, the loving son of the late Polish-born Sophie (née Soltys) Wiley and Thomas Wiley. In addition to his parents, he was also predeceased by his sisters Barbara and Maureen and his brother Rocco. The distinguished Patrick J. Wiley served in the United States Navy on the USS Des Moines CA-134 Sixth Fleet Flag Ship Heavy Cruiser, United States New Jersey Army National Guard 50th Armored Division 114 Infantry A, Company Maryland Army National Guard Ground Defense Force, Army Sharpshooter, United States Navy Seabee's 21st Battalion, United States Navy Seabee's Investigator, United States Navy Seabee's Sergeant-at-Arms, United States Seabee's Vice-Commander, United States Seabee's Commander 2008-2009, Korea, Lebanon, Vietnam Veteran, VFW #2179 Middletown New Jersey, life member, VFW Military Order of the Cootie Pup Tent #38, American Legion Post #273, Keansburg, NJ, a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Allenhurst Chapter #12**, Oakhurst NJ; life member, US Navy Sailors Cruiser Association, Irish Federation of Monmouth County NJ, Polish Legion of America Post #91 Linden NJ, Catholic War Veteran Post #222 Manhattan NY, life member, Alumni USS Des Moines CA 134 Mercer, PA, Past State Commander Polish Legion of American Veterans USA 2008-2011, VFW Honor Degree Military Order Of The Cooties (Commander) Seam Squirrel 2008-2010 Pup Tent #38, Honor Degree VFW, Past Commander Seabees Island X1 Red Bank, NJ, Knights Of Columbus 4th Degree, NY Staten Island Civil Air Patrol, Coxwain of the Anti-Demolition 40 foot Motor Launch Beirut Lebanon received American Expeditionary Medal for service in the Navy's Beirut Lebanon Conflict. Ships Artist, assigned to ships staff/ three years as Side Boy welcoming aboard all Foreign Dignitaries. He was honored as Grand Marshal Keansburg Memorial Day Parade in 2009, Member Keansburg Parade Committee, PLAV Post #91 Elizabeth, NJ Polish PLAV magazine center photo of Linden, NJ Police and Fire Department. He was the NJ PLAV State Adjutant. Attended the US Navy Seabees School Gulfport, Mississippi, where he graduated with a 3.8 average and received his Military Driver's License and Accident Investigator License. He retired as, Licensed Accident Investigator after 21 years of service with the Port Authority of NY and NJ, where he was publicly recognized and received the highest National Award for his Safety art work. He served 10 years as Newark Airport Safety Coordinator. He worked as the Newark Airport Heavy Equipment Driving Instructor Patrick J. Wiley, trained airport staff in the operation of heavy trucks, snow blowers, backhoes and pavement rollers. Throughout his Military and Civilian life Patrick was always there to help someone in need. US Navy Seabees WWII Veterans were never acknowledged for their heroic duties, so Patrick J. Wiley hosted and sponsored a sit-down dinner at the Lakeside Manor, where 55 members were honored by the Navy Color-Guard and finally welcomed home. Patrick was continuously on active bugle duty and played Taps at the funerals of many fellow fallen Veterans. He was proud of the Military meetings and events that he attended with NJ Gov. Jon S. Corzine, Gov. Chris Christie and CNN Television Journalist Rita Crosby. He also enjoyed participating in countless parades with his decorated historical classic 1984 "T" Top Oldsmobile.

He was honored at NYC St. Patrick's Day Parade with the Medal of Excellence presented by Michael S. Cassels Sgt., at Arms, Director/ Board/ Trustees and was three times seated at the Chief Main Reviewing Stand. He was inducted into the Four Chaplain's and received the Four Chaplain's Award in 2013. At the 2014 Saint Patrick's Day Parade presided by Grand Marshal Cardinal Dolan, Patrick was presented with the parade flag. Patrick was proud to attend the US Navy Seabees Annual Anniversary Ball at the Marriott Crystal Gateway in Arlington, Virginia, which honors all active and retired dignitary Seabees that are deployed to Iraq and Afghanistan. This year Patrick will be missed at the Annual USS Des Moines Reunion, where he and Joanne entertained everyone with outlandish creative hats, bright smiles, and wholesome humor. Undaunted by a life threatening auto accident leaving Patrick unable to speak read or write for three years, loss of vision in his left eye and a brain injury at age 14 he succeeded to pursue his dream of Military life. He is survived by his life partner and soul mate of 31 years Joanne Basket. Also surviving are his three adult children Debra Huen, Karen Ree and Thomas Wiley. There was a gathering on Monday afternoon, from 4:00 – 9:00 PM at the John F. Pfleger Funeral Home, 115 Tindall Road, Middletown. Funeral Services were scheduled for Tuesday, June 16, 2015 at 10:30 AM at the Brigadier General William C. Doyal Veterans Cemetery, Wrightstown, NJ. In lieu of flowers please consider a contribution in Patrick's name to the Saint Patrick's Day Committee at <http://www.nycstpatricksparade.org/> For more information, or to send condolences, or for directions please visit our website www.pflegerfuneralhome.com.

ALLEN RAY WOOD – Died Monday, October 5, 2015 in Detroit, Michigan at the age of 69. The cause of death was cirrhosis of the liver. He was born in Detroit on October 15, 1945. Allen was the loving brother of Theresa Ferris, Carolyn Wood, Anita Pruett and Janet Wood. Allen is also survived by nieces/nephews Christopher Campbell, Michael Ferris, Miranda Campbell, Kaden Campbell, Jessica Pruett and Aaron Pruett, and sisters-in-law Christine Ferris and Linda Campbell. Allen's accomplishments included being a proud United States Air Force Vietnam Veteran, crew chief, and a C130 Sgt. Mechanic. He was an *At-Large Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Michigan**. His interests included Garden City amateur radio club, anything dealing with ham radio, model planes, electronics, first responder, cable TV and music. He was also awarded the Skywarn Certification and was a Disabled Veterans of America. Allen's funeral service was on Friday, October 9th, from the viewing room of the L.J. Griffin Funeral Home in Westland (7707 Middlebelt Road at Ann Arbor Trail). His family received visitors on Thursday, October 8th, from 6:00-9:00 PM.

**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