



WALTER LEVI ARCHIE (USA, SFC-Ret.) - Died Friday, April 24, 2020 at Alston Brook in Lexington, North Carolina at the age of 85. He was a resident of China Grove, North Carolina. The cause of death is unknown. Walter was born on March 23, 1935 in Rowan County, North Carolina to the late Clyde Archie and Stella (née Clodfelter) Archie. His first wife and the mother of his children, Betty Lou (née Peacock) Archie and his brother, Melvin Archie, also preceded him in death. After finishing school, Archie proudly served his country in the United States Army for 20 years. He retired in 1972 as a Sergeant First Class, spending two tours in Vietnam and several tours in Korea. After his service, he spent his work career as a bookkeeper for H.H. Sloop Hauling and Grading. Walter had a great love for his family. He was a *Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Kannapolis Chapter #909*. Those left to cherish his memory are his wife of 18 years, Carol (née Beatty) Archie, along with son, Larry Archie (Teresa) and daughters, Lisa Jolly (Robert) and Sherry Lipke (Richard). He also leaves behind his grandchildren, Kenneth Archie, Walter David Archie, Derrick Lear, Lacie Lipke and Faith Lipke. Also surviving him are three great-grandchildren and sisters in-law, Pat Archie and Patty Wright. A memorial service for Walter will be held at a later date. Online condolences may be left for the family at www.linn-honeycutt.com. Linn-Honeycutt Funeral Home is honored to be serving the family of Mr. Archie.



ERNEST HAROLD "Ernie" BAKER (USAF, MSgt-Ret.) - Died Monday April 6, 2020 at his home in Silverhill, Alabama at the age of 82, after a brave battle with cancer. "Ernie", as he was well-known, was born in Brewton, Alabama on July 20, 1937, but he always considered Loxley home. Ernie was preceded in death by his wife of 61 years, Mary Baker, his parents James Edward Baker and Pearl (née Franklin) Baker and brother Kenneth Edward Baker. He is survived by his children, Kathryn Baker Kinsey, of Silverhill and Randall K. Baker (Peggy) of Panama City, Florida, brothers, Dale Baker of Loxley, Nolan Baker (Beth) of Athens, Alabama, Gary Baker of Spanish Fort and sister, Joyce Tuberville (Lavon) of Silverhill. Ernie served 20 years in the United States Air Force from 1955 to 1975 and retired at the rank of Master Sergeant. He was awarded the Bronze Star for his courageous actions above and beyond during his multiple tours of duty in Vietnam. He was a Crew Chief on F-104's and F-105's fighter aircrafts. Ernie was an active member of both the Arnold Bryer Unit 45 of the Disable American Veterans (DAV) and The Alabama Patriot Guard. He was also a *Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Robertsdale Chapter #864* in Silverhill and was awarded Alabama State Council Veteran of The Year in 2014 (Chapter #864). He was also awarded Veteran of the Year by the 4th District of Alabama

in 2015. He was the designer and the driving force in establishing the Vietnam Veterans Memorial, the World War I Memorial, and the Korean War Memorial that stands at Baldwin County Bicentennial Park, in Stockton Alabama. He aided in the design of the Veterans Memorial that currently stands at the Municipal Park in Loxley, Alabama, as well as being a contributor to the Veterans Memorial Park in Silverhill, Alabama. Ernie and his late wife Mary frequently cooked breakfast for the Seniors at the Loxley Civic Center. He also enjoyed riding motorcycles on long trips with his brothers, son, nephews and many friends. He also enjoyed fishing, hunting and gardening. Ernie was very driven by his love of this Great Country that he proudly served, his love for his fellow service brothers and the deep love he had for his family. Due to COVID-19 no public services can be planned at this time, however as soon as possible Ernie will receive a military service with full honors. Arrangements were made by Cason Funeral Service in Foley AL and private burial will be in the Veterans Memorial Cemetery located in Stockton, Alabama on Thursday, April 9, 2020. To share condolences online, please visit Ernest Harold Baker obituary located on the Cason Funeral Home website, www.casonfuneralservices.com.

ROBERT LEE BEAMON – Died Thursday, January 9, 2020 in Lawrence, Mississippi at the age of 72. The cause of death was heart failure. He was born in Newton, Mississippi on December 11, 1947. He served in the United States Marine Corps during the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Brandon Chapter #1057**.

GERALD EVERETT BENNETT - Died Saturday, January 25, 2020 at home in Beaver, Ohio at the age of 70. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on August 29, 1949. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – South Shore (Kentucky) Chapter #1006**. Visitation was held on January 29, 2020 from 4:00-8:00 PM and continued on January 30, 2020 from 11:00 AM until the time of the service at the New Hope Freewill Baptist Church. The memorial service was held on January 30, 2020 at 12:30 PM with George Grice officiating. Graveside services were conducted in the Bailey Chapel Cemetery. The services were arranged by the Cox Burkitt Funeral Home of Beaver, OH.

ROBERT E. BERNELLE – Died Saturday, March 7, 2020 in Piscataway, New Jersey at the age of 74. The cause of death was bone cancer. He was born in Piscataway on May 15, 1945. He served in the United States Navy during the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Phillipsburg Chapter #452**.



PAUL EMIL BOHN - Died Friday, April 17, 2020 at the West Penn Hospital at the age of 78. He was a resident of Ambridge, Pennsylvania. The cause of death was SARS-COV2, acute respiratory distress syndrome and septic shock. He was born on July 31, 1941 in Sewickley, Pennsylvania to the late Joseph and Marie Ann (née Schonegg) Bohn. Paul worked for the Edward McCabe Funeral Home, Ambridge, before enlisting in the United States Army. Upon returning from the service, he resumed his duties at the funeral home, until purchasing the William Towcimak Funeral Home in 1973, becoming the sole proprietor of the Paul E. Bohn

Funeral Home for 32 years. While establishing his business, he also helped at the Richard Cole Funeral Home, Sewickley. He then turned over his business to his long-time associate Bob Matich, whom he mentored for 34 years. He continued to work at the Bohn-Matich Funeral Home because of his love, compassion and kindness he had for the entire surrounding communities. He was the most giving and generous man with everyone he came in contact with. Paul was a member of Good Samaritan Church, Ambridge Eagles, Baden American Legion, Longest Tenured Member of Ambridge Tip-Off Club, Past President of Ambridge Quarterback Club, Past President Ambridge Wolves Club, Past Treasurer of Beaver County Funeral Directors Association, Knights of Columbus and Past Board Member of Laughlin Memorial Library. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Freedom Chapter #862**. Paul was a 1959 graduate of St. Veronica High School, attended Point Park College and Pittsburgh Institute of Mortuary Science. He was an avid bowler, who bowled in several leagues throughout his life. He enjoyed going on vacation to Myrtle Beach with his wife, kids, grandkids and extended family. He enjoyed giving tours at Olde Economy Village. He and his wife Linda enjoyed traveling to various places throughout the country, including taking cruises. He was the biggest supporter of New Horizon School, where his granddaughter Diann Prentice attended. He also participated in the Polar Plunge, and never missed Special Olympics which Diann participated in. He was an avid Ambridge Bridger fan for all sports. He was the biggest supporter of all of his grandchildren's sports, music, Special Olympic events and all Lincoln Park music events. Surviving is his loving wife, Linda (né Pisano) Bohn; one sister, Frances Cantakis; two sons and daughters-in-law, Scott and Paula Prentice and Vinny and Shelly Prentice; two daughters and sons-in-law, Paula and Greg Frankhouser and Kristie and Jayson Park; seven grandchildren, Diann, Katie, Anthony and Alivia Prentice, and Tyler, Lily and Carly Park; brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law, Frank and Lisa Pisano, Vince and Sandy Pisano, Nikki Wilkie and Donna Rowan; special friends, Anthony "Beans" and Shirley Merante and Dennis Sabina and Jack Firich, whom worked with Paul for 35 years. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by one brother, Joseph Bohn; sister and brother-in-law, Marie Ann and Paul Slavik; brother-in-law, Gust Cantakis; one niece, Christine Slavik; and a dear friend and co-worker, Matt Labuda. A private family viewing was held on Monday, April 20, 2020 at the Bohn-Matich Funeral and Cremation Services, Inc., 1099 Maplewood Avenue, Ambridge. A celebration of Paul's life will be held at a later date. Paul will be sadly missed by numerous friends and the entire community whom he touched. Donations can be made to the funeral home, in which the family will disperse to Paul's numerous favorite charities.

TERRY ALLEN BOND - Died Wednesday, May 13, 2020 at the Waters in Ashland City, Tennessee at the age of 73. He was a resident of Dickson, Tennessee. The cause of death was complications from diabetes. Terry was born on June 28, 1946 in East Stroudsburg, Pennsylvania to the late Warren Newton Bond and Betty Minerva (Bond) Walker. He served in the United States Army from June 1965 to June 1968 with a one-year tour of duty in Vietnam. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Dixon Chapter #950**. He is survived by his wife, Christine Bond of Dickson, TN; a son, Matthew Bond of Dickson, TN; a daughter, Nicole Bond of Spring Hill, TN; four brothers, Tim Bond Stroudsburg, PA, Hal Serfass of East Stroudsburg, PA, Jim Bond Newfoundland, PA, and Friend Walker of Maryland; and a sister, Sonia Osborne of Maryland. In addition to his parents, he is preceded in death by a brother,

Gary Bond. There was a visitation at the Dickson Funeral Home on Friday, May 15, 2020 with a burial at the VA Cemetery on Tuesday, May 19, 2020. The arrangements were made by the Dickson Funeral Home and Cremation Center. Online condolences may be left at www.dicksonfuneralhome.com.



DAVID STEPHEN BOWERS – Died Monday, June 1, 2020 in Hollywood, Florida at the age of 71. The cause of death was MRSA, sepsis and pneumonia. He was born in Hollywood on January 17, 1949. He served in the United States Army attaining the rank of Sergeant (E-5). He was a *Life Member* and *Past President* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Fort Lauderdale Chapter #23**. Stephen as he was referred to by most people was a dedicated Seminole Warrior, a father, a husband and a friend of the veterans of all ERA's but mostly Stephen was my friend for the past 11 years. Stephen entered the United States Army on May 13, 1969. Stephen, after attending Infantry Training School, NCO School, Airborne School departed for Southeast Asia (Vietnam). Stephen was attached to Company "A", 1st Battalion (Airborne), 503rd Infantry, 173rd Airborne Brigade in Vietnam, stationed at LZ Uplift and LZ English as well as Base Camp Long Binh, Vietnam. Stephen was awarded the following citations and medals for his service: National Defense Medal, Combat Infantry Badge, Vietnam Service Medal, Vietnam Campaign Medal with 3 Bronze service stars, Vietnam Gallantry Cross with Palm, Parachute Badge, M16 Sharpshooter Badge, and Bronze Star for ground operations against enemy hostile forces 7th Day of December 1970; the citation read as follows: *"SGT David Bowers you distinguished yourself by outstanding services in connection with military operations against a hostile force in the Republic of Vietnam. You consistently manifested exemplary professionalism and initiative in obtaining outstanding results. Despite many adversities, you invariably performed your duties in a resolute and efficient manner. Your loyalty, diligence and devotion to duty in combat were in keeping with the highest tradition of the military service and reflect great credit upon himself and the United States Army."* Many have asked about service and in lieu of flowers the family has requested donations to keep Stephens foundation/dream (FOV) going after his passing, send donations to the c/o Cydney Webster, Seminole Tribe of Florida, 6300 Stirling Road, Hollywood, Florida 33024.



ROY WERNER BREDT - Died peacefully on Friday, December 13, 2019 in the New Jersey Veterans Memorial Home at Menlo Park in Edison, New Jersey at the age of 77. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on February 7, 1942. He was a *Permanently Hospitalized Member* of **Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America – New Brunswick Chapter #233**. Funeral arrangements were under the respectful care and direction of Christine Cuoco and Ruby Memorial Funeral and Cremation Services, 2050 Route 130, North Brunswick, NJ. Family and friends may share memories and offer condolences at

www.rubymemorialhome.com. A Memorial Visitation was held at the New Jersey Veterans Memorial Home at Menlo Park on Thursday, December 19, 2019 from 6:00 to 8:00 PM.

JOHN GARFIELD BREWER (USA, SFC-Ret.) – Died Monday, March 16, 2020 in a local hospital in Harker Heights, Texas at the age of 70. He was a resident of Harker Heights. The cause of death was double pneumonia secondary to failing kidneys. He was born in Maine on April 26, 1949. He served in the United States Army from May 5, 1974 to May 4, 1976 with one-year tour of duty in Vietnam. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Harker Heights Chapter #1000**. Services are pending with Harper-Talasek Funeral Home in Killeen.



ROBERT EDWARD "Bob" BRIESKE – Died Wednesday, April 8, 2020 in Chicago, Illinois at the age of 70. The cause of death was acute respiratory failure caused by pneumonia brought on by COVID-19. He was born in Chicago on December 16, 1949. He graduates from Saint Gregory High School in Chicago. He is survived by his wife, Judy. He served in the United States Marine Corps with the 11th Marines in 1968 in Vietnam. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Niles Chapter #242**. On August 8, 1988, the first night game at Wrigley Field. The Cubs played the Phillies on a sticky, then thundering, then rainy evening under artificial light. The game eventually was called on account of weather. Outside the park, hours earlier, an array of Chicagoans including many Vietnam War veterans gathered to protest Wrigley's unwillingness to fly a POW/MIA flag, honoring prisoners of war and those missing in action. Bob Brieske, a Marine Corps veteran who enlisted at 17 and served in Vietnam in 1968 and 1969, was there that night. So was Judy Fischer. "That's where we met," she says. "We were friends for a year, then we dated for a year, then we were engaged for a year, and then we got married in 1991." Fischer changed her name to Brieske. Their two daughters, Taylor and Teri, are now 27 and 25. After 21 days in the Advocate Lutheran General Hospital in Park Ridge, Bob Brieske died April 8 of acute respiratory failure caused by pneumonia and brought on by COVID-19. Brieske, his widow said, was a fierce patriot and a veteran who believed in extending a hand. Each December he traveled to Washington, D.C., to honor fallen service members as part of the Wreaths Across America program. "Courageous. Resilient. A true fighter. And selfless." Those are daughter Taylor's words for her father. "He was always willing to give more than he had. Like so many veterans who suffered from post-traumatic stress disorder, my dad believed in helping his brothers. I can't tell you how many other vets have come through with sympathy cards, and from what they wrote, he literally saved lives." Returning from the war, Brieske worked as a lineman electrician for various contractors before being hired by the city of Chicago Bureau of Electricity, as it was then called. He retired in 2011. Daughter Teri recalls: "He had a sense of humor that was just beyond anything you'd ever see. He always found a way to make somebody laugh or smile. He found a way to lighten up the room." She tells the story of both daughters heading off to their respective colleges for the first time, on the same day. Bob and Judy sent them off with supplies for their dorm rooms,

including a tool kit. Underneath the tools, Bob tucked a note with a familiar phone number. The note read: "If all else fails, call Dad." Brieske's final weeks, Judy says, "did not start with the typical symptoms — coughing, fever, shortness of breath, that kind of thing." He thought he'd wrenched his back, which was not uncommon for him; he'd already had two back surgeries. A few days later he was in bed with gastrointestinal pain and fatigue. On March 19 Judy went to the grocery store. By the time she returned her husband was coughing violently with a sudden 103-degree temperature. "We took him in," Judy recalls. "And we never saw him again." His heart was never in great shape, Judy says, from his exposure to Agent Orange while serving in Vietnam. Yet as his kidneys and lungs deteriorated in his final days, she says, his heart "turned out to be the strongest organ in his body." Near the end, the care team at Lutheran General managed to place a plastic-wrapped cellphone up to Bob's ear, so that Judy, Taylor and Teri could say goodbye. "We just ... pushed the words into him," Taylor recalls, "with the hope that he heard, and understood." On the morning of the final day, the family was allowed up to the intensive care unit floor. Outside his room, separated by glass, they offered words of peace and remembrance to him by phone, with Bob just a few feet away. During the final weeks Bob's cousin, Dr. Elise Barney of Phoenix, Arizona, a nephrologist, spent what Taylor calls "countless hours" consulting with physicians, providing care and emotional support. "She truly fought for my father's life," Taylor says. Brieske was a longtime member of the City Heat Motorcycle Club, in addition to the nonprofit Vietnam Veterans of America. "Every time he met a vet," Taylor says, "he'd tell them: 'If you have some free time, come on out and meet us for coffee.'" The meeting place was, and remains, the Dunkin' Donuts at Harlem and Dempster in Morton Grove. Judy says sometimes 80 or more veterans gather there to share information and conversation. Brieske dreamed of returning to Vietnam in peacetime. More than once, Judy says, her husband's best friend invited him to visit him in Greece. No, Bob said. Not until I get back to Vietnam first. For 19 years Judy Brieske has worked as a clerk in the Chicago Public Schools system, currently at Wildwood Elementary School. In addition to his wife and daughters, Robert Brieske is survived by a grandson, Michael. The family plans to scatter Brieske's ashes in Vietnam, when the pandemic and finances allow. "We know that's what he would've wanted," Judy says.



ANTHONY FRANK "Tony" BRINZA III – Died Thursday, February 27, 2020 in Westland, Michigan at the age of 72. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on October 19, 1947 to Patricia and the late Anthony Frank Brinza, Jr. He was the father of Tonya; brother of Ron (Pam) and Dave (Jacky) and uncle of Ryan and Lindsey. Tony served in San Diego, California in the United States Navy, and went on to serve his country honorably in Vietnam on the USS Providence. After the Navy he returned to Michigan and joined Ford Motor Company. He retired in 2007. In his retirement he became very active with the American Legion Post #32 and volunteered for many fundraisers and special events there. He was a *Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Plymouth Chapter #528*. Events included golf outings, and the annual Christmas Wreath Program for fallen soldiers. He loved his Lithuanian family, golf and

fishing until the day he died. Visitation was at Saint James Church, 46325 West Ten Mile, Novi on Friday from 9:30 AM until the funeral Liturgy at 10:00 AM. Interment was at Great Lakes National Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, please make a donation in Tony's name to the American Legion or The American Heart Association. On line sympathy message at www.obriensullivanfuneralhome.com.

OKEY E. BROOKOVER - Died Saturday, March 7, 2020 at the Camden Clark Medical Center in Parkersburg, West Virginia at the age of 77. He was a resident of Vienna, West Virginia. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on July 24, 1942 in Parkersburg to the late Howard E. and Sara (née Gates) Brookover. Okey was a 1962 graduate of Parkersburg High School and served as a United States Marine. He was a retired truck driver, formerly he and his wife hauled furniture cross country and Okey worked in the oil fields hauling and setting up drilling equipment. He enjoyed genealogy, NASCAR and collecting coins, NASCAR cars, trains and haulers. He was a lifetime member of the Marine Corp League, DAV, VFW and Purple Heart Association. He was an *At-Large Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – West Virginia**. Okey is survived by his wife of 50 years, Christine (née Earl) Brookover and his brother, Harlen Dean Brookover of Parkersburg. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his sister-in-law, Clara Brookover. The Funeral Service was conducted at 1:00 PM on Tuesday, March 10, 2020 in the Chapel of Evergreen North Cemetery with full military honors.



LOUIS ROLAND BROWN (USAF, MSgt-Ret.) - Died suddenly Saturday April 4, 2020 at his home in Huber Heights, Ohio at the age of 79. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on December 12, 1940 in Glendale, California to the late Laura Elizabeth (née Neidig) Brown and Harry Stanley Brown. Louis was very proud that he had built a career in the United States Air Force, earning the rank of Master Sergeant. In his retirement, he was active in the honor guard while giving military honors to his fallen comrades. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Dayton Chapter #97**. Louis also enjoyed umpiring and refereeing in various youth sports. Louis is survived by his wife Linda K. Brown, daughter Michelle Brown of Northridge, two sons Todd of Oklahoma City and Michael of Texas; three step-daughters Lori Pier (David) of Bellbrook, Jennifer McCormack (Bill) of Fairborn, and Carla Skaggs (Gene) of Cincinnati; and brother Ronald (Linda) of Tennessee. Because of COVID-19 and the social distancing that is mandated, we would implore you to send a condolence, plant a tree and share a story or picture about Louis here on his Online Book of Memories to help comfort the family.



EDWARD LYNN "Ed" BUCKLEY (USAF, SMSgt-Ret.) - Died Monday, March 23, 2020 in his home in Camden Wyoming, Delaware at the age of 90. The cause of death is unknown. Ed was born March 13, 1930, in Cleveland, Ohio to the late Frank Thomas and Helen Bernice (née Schoff) Buckley. He served proudly in the United States Air Force for over 20 years, then continued a career in aviation with Lockheed Martin Aircraft, where he worked for 37 years before retiring at the rank of Senior Master Sergeant (E-8). He also worked Technical Aviation of C-5's on Dover Air Force Base. He was a member and past Commander of the Walter L. Fox American Legion Post #2, a member of the VFW, a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Dover Chapter #850**, Korean War Veterans, Airforce Association, and Retired Enlisted Personnel Association. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his companion of 38 years, Gloria Reid; his brothers Russell & Lonnie Buckley; and a sister, Donna Watson. He is survived by 2 daughters, Marguerite Mary Silva(Paul) and Helen Bernice Gallaher(Bruce), of East Longmeadow, MA.; 4 grandchildren, stepchildren, Ronald Burkett(Linda), of Summerville, S.C.; Linda Darling(Earl), of Maryland; Pamela Burkett, of Wyoming; Sandra Brodeur, of Harrington; Cynthia Crate, of Camden; Samuel Reid(Patty), of Maryland, and 11 step-grandchildren. Due to the current restrictions of COVID-19 services were private. Burial was held at 2:00 PM on Thursday, April 2, 2020 in Delaware Veterans Memorial Cemetery, Millsboro. A Celebration of Life at the American Legion was held at a later date. In Lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to the Walter L. Fox Post #2, 835 South Bay Road, Dover, DE 19901. Condolences may be sent via: www.pippinfuneralhome.com.

RITA M. BURKE - Died peacefully Sunday, May 3, 2020 in Manville, New Jersey at the age 82. She was a resident of Hillsborough, New Jersey. The cause of death is unknown. She was born in 1938 in Miners Mills, Wilkes Barre, Pennsylvania to the late Stanley and Ann Dzinski. She lived in Bound Brook and Manville before moving to Hillsborough. Rita was a personal caregiver in Manville and Bound Brook for many years. She was a former member of Operation Jersey Cares and a *Life Member* of **Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America – Phillipsburg Chapter #452**. She was predeceased by her son, Shannon Burke; companion, Kenneth Kalinowski; and brother, Stanley Dzinski. She is survived by her beloved children, Debbie Bisbee, Ruthann Bolmer, Diane Northup, Joseph Burke and Bonnie Ahlert; seventeen grandchildren and fifteen great-grandchildren. Private funeral arrangements were entrusted to the Bridgewater Funeral Home, 707 East Main Street, Bridgewater, NJ. A celebration of Rita's life will be announced at a date to be determined.



MICHAEL DEE "Mike" BURNS – Died Saturday, April 11, 2020 in Valley Mills, Texas at the age of 73. The cause of death is unknown Mike was born on December 25, 1946 in

Houston, Texas to the late Margaret and Dan Burns. Mike graduated from Sam Rayburn High School; served in the United States Army Military Police in Vietnam 1966-1967; resided in Houston where he worked in sales and security; and relocated to Valley Mills, Texas in 1999, where his grandparents and many of their descendants resided for generations. He was a *Subscriber* to **Vietnam Veterans of America**. An impactful author, Mike published three books that profiled the wartime experience of Vietnam Veterans. Profiles of Courage captured the stories of 27 Vietnam Veterans residing in Bosque County, Texas. He believed that someday history will refer to Vietnam Veterans as some of the most courageous to have ever served our country. In his book, he states, "That assessment (of courage) will be based on what we experienced, how we performed, and what we experienced on our return home." His third book, *A Battalion of Angels*, shares combat-related stories in which lives were saved by Divine intervention. Mike understood the pain that his Vietnam brothers were going through, and his heart ached for them. This motivated him to write these books to tell their stories, ensure they feel worthy and help them heal. This was Mike's purpose in life, and he befriended many of the Veterans about whom he wrote. Mike volunteered for Vietnam and served as a squad leader with the U.S. Army Military Police in the Central Highlands Province of Binh Dinh from December 1966 to December 1967. After completion of his service in Vietnam, he was assigned to Fort Bragg, North Carolina, where he was awarded the "Soldier's Medal for Heroism: for an incident that occurred on September 17, 1967 near the village of Binh Dinh, Vietnam. In 2015, he was awarded the "Distinguished Citizen Medal" by the Bosque River Valley Chapter (Texas) of the Daughters of the American Revolution for his continued efforts to pay tribute to Vietnam Veterans. He was proud of his service in Vietnam, in the United States Military and to Vietnam Veterans. Mike married Valerie Golden, his true love, in 1975. Together they pursued their passion of nurturing the flora and fauna around them, appreciating the beauty and profundity of nature and animal life. Both in Houston and Valley Mills, they cultivated beautiful landscapes and cared for countless numbers of cats, dogs, donkeys, turkeys, raccoons, birds, squirrels, and other animals. These animals and plants have benefited by Mike and Valerie's love, kindness and generosity over many decades. Valerie also strongly supported Mike with his writing, and was by his side at book launches, book signings and awards ceremonies. Mike loved fossil and arrow-head hunting, blackberry picking, storytelling, metal detecting, ice-hockey and classical music. He had an irreverent sense of humor. He shared these and his passion for nature and animals with his close family and friends. Mike also enjoyed and helped "egg on" the family's famously competitive Easter egg hunts, croquet games, badminton competitions, and other games. He was the loudest and most discordant singer at birthday parties, and along with his brother, the originator of too many practical jokes to count at Christmas and other family gatherings. In the mid-1970's, Mike and Valerie lived very near his brother, sister and niece; together they developed a lifetime of good memories and stories in a few short years. He enjoyed Friday nights with his brother, swapping stories and e mails with his sister, and teasing his niece endlessly while providing unwavering support and love. His nephews credit Mike with helping them learn how to be men. Mike enjoyed time with his best friend of 48 years, Hugh Wilburn, recounting the years. Mike is preceded in death by his parents, Margaret Elizabeth (née Barham) Burns and Dan Boyd Burns; maternal grandparents Maud Rollins Barham and Dee Barham; paternal grandparents Celia Ann Kelly Burns and Charles N. Burns; and sister-in-law Penny Burns. He is survived by his

loving wife of 45 years, Valerie (née Golden) Burns; sister, Dianne Render (Michael); brother, Donnie Burns; niece, Shellye Arnold (Tina); nephews JP and James Murphy and families; stepmother Carlene Burns and family; and best friend, Hugh Wilburn. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation to Stephen Siller Tunnels to Towers Foundation (tunnels2towers.org), which honors the sacrifice of firefighter Stephen Siller who laid down his life to save others on September 11, 2001. The Foundation honors military and first responders who continue to make the supreme sacrifice of life and limb for our country. Mike joins his Vietnam brothers who have crossed over. The Battalion of Angels grew mightier on April 11, 2020 with the addition of Mike Burns. Thoughts and memories may be shared with the Burns family at www.lawsonfuneralhome.net. Arrangements were made by Lawson Funeral Home, Meridian, Texas.



DANNY RAYE BYRD - Died Thursday morning, April 16, 2020 at his residence in Waycross, Georgia at the age of 73, after an extended illness. The cause of death was cardiac arrest (sudden) due to, or as a consequence of coronary artery disease. He also had Agent Orange-related diabetes, hypertension, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease. He was born in Alma, Bacon County, Georgia on September 6, 1946 to the late Daniel Webster Byrd and Golda Faye (née Lynch) Byrd. In 1964, he graduated from Ware County High School and enrolled in South Georgia College. Mr. Byrd graduated from South Georgia College with an Associate of Arts Degree in music. He served in the United States Navy during the Vietnam War from 1967-1970. He was an *At-Large Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Georgia**. Mr. Byrd retired from Ace Electric in Valdosta as a project manager. Survivors include his wife, Freida Ann Cady Byrd of Waycross; two daughters, Sabrina Y. Saenz of Waresboro, and Brandie N. Hodge (John) of Dixie Union; six grandchildren, Taylor Saenz, Lino-Raye Saenz, Daniel Lucas (Amy), Alex Lucas, Eli Hodge and Sarah Hodge; two great grandchildren, Peyton and Paisyn; two step-sons, Leonard Y. Johnston, Jr. and Cleveland Earl Johnston (Jodie); three step-grandchildren, Shelby Dasher (Barry), Emily Johnston and Andrew Johnston; two step-great grandchildren, Memphis and Sailor; one sister, Kaye Pittman (Curtis) of Blackshear; mother-in-law and father-in-law, Vannie and Albert Earl Cady, Sr. of Waycross; two sisters-in-law and two brothers-in-law; and numerous nieces and nephews. A private graveside was held at 11:00 AM on Saturday, April 18, 2020 at Kettle Creek Cemetery. Sympathy may be expressed by signing the online registry at www.musicfuneralhome.com. Music Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.



CHARLES W. "Buckeye" CAMPBELL, JR. - Died Monday, March 30, 2020 at his residence in Elizabethton, Tennessee at the age of 72. The cause of death is unknown. Charles was born in Carter County, Tennessee on September 21, 1947 to the late Charles W. Campbell,

Sr. and Annabelle (née Arrowood) Campbell. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife of 51 years, Susan Lorene (née Johnson) Campbell; and a son, Donald Gene Campbell. Charles was retired from General Shale as a truck driver and was a United States Navy veteran. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Elizabethton Chapter #824**. Those left to cherish his memories include his son, Timothy S. Campbell and wife Mary, of Elizabethton; one brother, William F. Campbell (Cookie), of North Carolina; and his sister, Sherry Hicks and husband Ronnie, of Elizabethton. An open visitation for Charles W. Campbell, Jr was conducted between the hours of 10:00 AM and 4:00 PM on Wednesday, April 1, 2020 in the Chapel of Tetrick Funeral Home, Elizabethton. A graveside service to honor the life of Charles was conducted at 11:00 AM on Thursday, April 2, 2020 at Happy Valley Memorial Park with Mr. David Siebenaler, officiating. Military honors were accorded by the Bristol VFW Post #6975. Active pallbearers were Billy Campbell, Joshua Hicks, Jimmy Carr, Jimmy Sizemore, Matthew Brace and Abi Brace. Honorary pallbearers were the elders and deacons and the men's class at Valley Forge Christian Church. Those wishing to attend the graveside were asked to meet at Tetrick Funeral Home, Elizabethton at 10:15 AM on Thursday, to go in procession. Those who prefer memorials in lieu of flower, donations may be made to Valley Forge Christian Church, 114 Valley Forge Christian Church Road, Elizabethton, TN 37643. The family would like to especially thank Caris Hospice, especially Courtland for the loving care shown to Mr. Campbell during his illness. Online condolences may be shared with the family on our website, www.tetrickfuneralhome.com. Mr. Campbell and his family were in the care of Tetrick Funeral Home, Elizabethton.



SUSAN M. (née Hamachek) CANNON - Died Wednesday, June 26, 2019 in Santa Rosa, California at the age of 70. She was formerly of Petaluma, California and Kewaunee, Wisconsin. The cause of death is unknown. She was born on July 7, 1948 on Escanaba, Michigan and spent her early years in Gladstone, MI. At the age of 7, her mother became the Public Health RN for Kewaunee County and they moved to Kewaunee, WI, a beautiful little town on Lake Michigan. She attended Holy Rosary Elementary School, graduated from Kewaunee High School in 1966 and entered into a diploma program at Milwaukee County Hospital, graduating as a Registered Nurse in 1969. By 1970, she had joined the United States Navy, enduring the Great Lakes Boot Camp, a stint in Long Beach and serving most of her time in the Aleutian Islands (ADAK). Again, she endured —through near plane crashes, capsized boats, red alerts, volcanic eruptions and near tsunamis on a desolate island with many challenges, held together by a close community and sheer will power. She had the best nursing instincts, fostered early on by her mother and reinforced by emergency decision making and no time to waste. Ultimately, achieving the rank of Lieutenant, she also served in the Reserve Corps. In 1978, she moved to Santa Rosa, working at Community Hospital. Enrolling at Sonoma State University, she received her BSN and shortly thereafter began teaching at Santa Rosa Junior College, mentoring seemed to be her natural calling. She had loved the Navy and teaching corpsmen; it was a perfect fit. Santa Rosa Junior College took its place. An unabashed workaholic, she simultaneously held positions in Urgent Care at Kaiser Permanente and SRJC

until her retirement. She was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Santa Rosa Chapter #223**. Susan was an incredible advocate for her patients and friends alike and possessed an unparalleled generosity of spirit. She was truly blessed to have spent her life surrounded by the students, colleagues and friends that she cherished in a career that she loved. She is survived by her sister, Ann Hamachek and many treasured relatives and friends. She was preceded in death by her mother: Joan C. Hamachek and her brother: David Hamachek. A Visitation and Rosary was at 10:00 AM on Tuesday, July 30th followed by a Funeral Mass was at 11:00 AM at Holy Rosary Catholic Church in Kewaunee. Burial with full military was in the parish cemetery. In lieu of flowers, please make a donation to the SRJC Foundation in Memory of Susan Cannon, RN to support a nursing scholarship named in her honor: 1501 Mendocino Avenue, Santa Rosa, Ca 95401 (ATTN: Sarah Laggo).

JOHN J. CELECKI, JR. - Died Monday, April 21, 2020 at the Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital, New Brunswick, New Jersey at the age of 76. He was a resident of Perth Amboy, New Jersey. The cause of death is unknown. John was born on August 31, 1943 and a lifelong resident of Perth Amboy. He served his country during the Vietnam War as a Corporal in the United States Army and received his Honorable Discharge. He was employed by Perth Amboy Police Department as a Police Officer for over 25 years. He retired in 1992. He was a parishioner of Saint Nicholas Byzantine Church, Perth Amboy. John was a life member of the Middlesex County Police and Fireman's Association and a life member of the Knights of Columbus, San Salvador Council # 299, Perth Amboy, he was a Past Grand Knight, a member of the 4th Degree and Past Financial Secretary. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – New Brunswick Chapter #233**. He is preceded in death by his devoted wife Marion (née Yaskowsky) who died in 2000; loving son of John J. Celecki, Sr. and Mary (née Volocsin) Celecki; dear brother of Gerald and Rose Celecki. He is survived by his beloved children, Jackelyn and her husband, Anthony Barlowski and John J. III and his wife Kristen (née Mascenik) Celecki; dear brother of Maryann and her husband Joseph Laneski; adored grandfather of John J. IV and Liam Celecki and Aldyn Barlowski; cherished cousin Susan and George Caga. Cremation was held Private and a Memorial Service will be held at a later date. Arrangements were entrusted to the Gustav J. Novak Funeral Home, 419 Barclay Street, Perth Amboy.

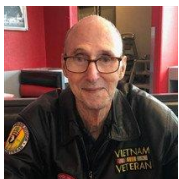


ROBERT J. CONNOR - Died Monday, September 30, 2019 unexpectedly while in California at the age of 74. He was a resident of Saint Paul, Minnesota. The cause of death was a heart attack. He was born on April 2, 1945 to the late Omer and Nell Connor. He was also predeceased by a brother, Thomas and a sister, Mary Clair. His wife Nanette “Nan” Connor; his sons, David T. (Kellie), and Mark R. Connor survive him along with two grandchildren Liam and Caroline; and two siblings, John (Kelley) Connor and Jean Curtis, and; several nieces, nephews, and cousins. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans**

of America – South Saint Paul Chapter #639. An evening visitation was held from 5:00-7:00 PM on Monday October 14, 2019 at the Wulff Funeral Home, 1485 White Bear Avenue, Saint Paul; then again from 9:30-10:30 AM on Tuesday, October 15th at Saint Pascal Baylon Catholic Church, 1757 Conway Street, Saint Paul where Mass was said at 10:30 AM. Burial was in Fort Snelling National Cemetery. Memorials appreciated to Disabled American Veterans or Military Order of the Purple Heart, or Church of Saint Pascal Baylon.

TERRY RICHARD COPT - Died Tuesday, August 27, 2019 in Wauwatosa, Wisconsin at the age of 72. The cause of death was adenocarcinoma of unknown origin. He was born in Milwaukee, Wisconsin on December 17, 1946 to the late Dr. Henry and Catherine Copt. He was also predeceased by his niece, Carrie Copt. He is survived by his brother, James and his sister and brother-in-law, Susan (Dennis) Webb. Terry was a 1965 graduate of Wauwatosa East. He was drafted into the United States Army in June of 1969. He then served with the 6th Battalion, 11th Artillery, Americal Division. He was discharged December of 1970. He went on to earn his BA from UW Whitewater and his MS from UW Madison. He was a member of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Waukesha Chapter #425**. Sincere thanks to Dr. Singavi and the Clement J. Zablocki VA Medical Center oncology and palliative care staff. A private celebration of life was held at a later date.

MICHAEL GEORGE COTTER - Died Thursday, April 16, 2020 in Greenville, North Carolina at the age of 82, as the result of injuries sustained when he was struck by a car. Michael was born in Prescott, Wisconsin on October 12, 1937. He earned a bachelor's degree in History from what was then Wisconsin State College – River Falls and then entered the United States Army, where he was trained at the Army Language School as a Vietnamese interpreter. After completing his service, Michael earned masters' degrees in Southeast Asian History and Library Science from the University of Wisconsin – Madison. He began his career as a Southeast Asia bibliographer and government documents librarian at Harvard University's Widener Library before coming to East Carolina University's Joyner Library in 1978, where he worked until his retirement in 2001. His hobbies were jazz and classical music, birdwatching, and gardening. He enjoyed the companionship of the local Disabled Veterans of America and was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Greenville Chapter #272**. He was also heavily involved in the ALS Support Group, particularly in the area of fund-raising. Michael is survived by his wife Mary; daughter, Ellen Cotter (Gary Fisk); and granddaughter, Laura Fisk of Americus, Georgia; sister Mary Beeler; and brothers, Terrence, Steve, Allan, and John Cotter. Memorials can be made to the ALS Association of North Carolina, 4 North Blount Street, Suite #200, Raleigh, NC 27601, the Disabled American Veterans - Chapter #37, 700 Albemarle Avenue, Greenville, NC 27834 or Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter #272, 2805 Cemetery Road, Greenville, NC 27858.



LAWRENCE EUGENE "Larry" CULVER - Died Tuesday, March 10, 2020 in Louisville, Kentucky at the age of 75. The cause of death was Agent Orange-related chronic obstructive

pulmonary disease. He was born on July 24, 1944 in Bardstown, Kentucky. He retired from Central State Hospital as an EMT and Firefighter. He was a United States Army Vietnam Veteran and *Life Member* of Vietnam Veterans of America – Louisville Chapter #454. Larry was preceded in death by his wife, Joanne and is survived by his son, Joseph Culver. He was laid to rest at Louisville Memorial Gardens-East on Monday, March 16, 2020 at 1:00 PM. Owen Funeral Home-Jeffersontown was in charge of arrangements.

JAMES J. DEVLIN – Died Thursday, May 7, 2020 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania at the age of 71. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on September 27, 1948. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Liberty Bell (Philadelphia) Chapter #266**. He was the dear brother of Robert Devlin, Glenn Mancini and Gary Mancini and is also sadly missed by his sister-in-law, Yeda Ford, his nephew Michael Mancini and niece Theresa Mancini. The gathering and services were private at the convenience of his family. The burial was in the family plot at Our Lady of Grace Cemetery.



GARY A. DEXTER - Died Saturday, July 13, 2019 in Cortland, New York at the age of 75. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on May 22, 1944 in Honesdale, Pennsylvania the oldest child of the late Albert and Ella (née DeGroat) Dexter. Gary was honorably discharged from the United States Marine Corps in 1967, with the rank of Sergeant, after serving his country in the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Dryden Chapter #377**. He was formerly employed at Smith Corona and retired from TST BOCES following more than 20 years of service. Gary enjoyed working with children, whether helping the impaired students at BOCES or coaching youth baseball and football when his boys were young. He was an avid hunter and loved playing basketball and golf. Surviving are his three sons, Dana G. (Lisa) Dexter of Groton; Derrick G. Dexter of and Dustin G. Dexter, both of Homer; grandchildren, Joshua, Shanna, Stephanie, Breeanna and Wyatt Dexter; a great grandson, Mason Lavigne; six brothers, several nieces, nephews, cousins and many friends. In addition to his parents, he was predeceased by his wife Patricia A. (née Biggs) Dexter in 2012. Graveside services, with Marine Corps honors were held at 10:00 AM on Friday, July 19, 2019 at Elmwood Cemetery, Route 281, Preble, New York. Calling hours were held on Thursday from 5:00–7:00 PM at the Donald L. Barber Funeral Home, 5016 US Route 11, Homer, New York. Memorial contributions in Mr. Dexter's name may be to the TST BOCES Greenhouse or TST BOCES Snack Shack, 555 Warren Road, Ithaca, NY 14850.



SEBRON RAY DIXON - Died Tuesday, April 14, 2020 at the Kitty Atkins Hospice Center in Goldsboro, North Carolina at the age of 73. He was a resident of Kinston,

North Carolina. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on March 26, 1947. He served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Kinston Chapter #892**. A graveside service was held at 11:00 AM on Wednesday, April 22nd at the Westview Cemetery. Visitation was from 4:00-6:00 PM on Tuesday in the Robert Swinson, Jr. Memorial Chapel. The arrangements were made by the R. Swinson Funeral Service.

GARY M. DOUGLAS – Died recently in 2020 in Portland, Oregon at the age of 77. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on September 12, 1942. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Portland Chapter #392**.



DOUGLAS ALAN "Doug" DRESSEL – Died Wednesday, April 22, 2020 in his home in Alameda, California at the age of 75. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on September 10, 1944 in Mountain Lakes, New Jersey to the late Leslie and Evelyn Dressel. He was also predeceased by his brother James Dressel and his daughter Michele Sakowski. He left behind his sister, Pamela Dressel, of Mountain Lakes, NJ; his daughter, Jo Ann Kallianos and her husband, Angelo from Toronto Canada; a granddaughter, Heather Donaldson, her husband, Sam; two great-grandchildren, Alina and Jude; and also left behind three additional grandchildren from Michele, Nicholas, Samantha and Alexandra. Doug was a Vietnam Veteran in the United States Navy having served 16 years. He was a truck driver for many years and a member of the teamster union. He was a Mason and a member of his local Legions. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Alameda Chapter #400**. Most people would remember him for his love of the motorcycles. He loved to ride and built his last motorcycle himself.

PATRICK LAUREAT "Larry" DUBE - Died Saturday, April 25, 2020 at Middlesex Hospital in Middletown, Connecticut at the age of 76, from complications brought on by the COVID-19 virus and diabetes. Larry was born on December 25, 1943 in Lewiston, Maine to the late Patrick M. Dube and Yolande B. Dube. He proudly served his country during the Vietnam War, and was a veteran of the United States Army, serving from 1965 to 1977. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Hartford Chapter #120**. He was an avid and talented bowler for many years of his life. He bowled as a member of the New England Bowling Association and as a member of the Central Connecticut Bowling Association. He is survived by a son, Richard Dube; a daughter Jeanette Bingley; three grandchildren, Katelyn Wiechert, Amanda Weichert, and Danielle Bingley. Larry's children and grandchildren all reside in the state of Washington. He is also survived by a brother, Robert M. Dube of Portland; a brother and sister in-law, David N. and Denise Dube of Salem; a sister, Joan D. Brule of Norwich; an aunt, Mary Dube of Rocky Hill; an aunt, Irene Pomerleau of Lewiston, ME. He also leaves several nieces, a nephew and several cousins. He was predeceased by both of his parents. Arrangements were entrusted to the Abbey Funeral and Cremation Services of Rocky Hill. There were no calling hours. A

memorial service will be held at a future date to be determined. Please consider making a donation in Larry's memory to the American Diabetes Association or Operation Homefront.



DAVID ALLEN DUTTON - Died Wednesday, April 29, 2020 in El Paso, Texas at the age of 73. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Montgomery, Alabama on September 16, 1946. He served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – El Paso Chapter #844**. David is survived by his wife, Maria (Angie) Dutton, his children, Frank Ignacio, Jeanne Diaz, Amy Jo Dutton, Susan Maye Dutton, Jennifer Lee Dutton; his thirteen grandchildren; and his eight great-grandchildren. David was a devoted father and he loved playing guitar, singing songs and spreading the word of God. He will be deeply missed by friends, family, and those who knew him. Visitation was held on Monday, May 4, 2020 from 5:00 to 9:00 PM at Funeraria Del Angel Restlawn, 8817 Dyer Street, El Paso, TX. The Funeral Services were held on Tuesday, May 5, 2020 at 9:00 AM at the Hillcrest Baptist Church, 4710 Hercules Avenue, El Paso, TX. The interment was private.



EDWARD NORMAN DZIADZIO – Died Tuesday, March 24, 2020 in Canton, Michigan at the age of 72. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on April 29, 1947 in Detroit, Michigan. He was the beloved husband of the late Cynthia for 44 wonderful years; loving Dad of Gregory (Nicolle) Dziadzio, Grant Dziadzio, Mary Therese (Jeffrey) Meshinski, and Matthew Dziadzio; cherished Papa of Benjamin, Charles, and Margaret Dziadzio, Henry, Stella Cynthia, and Sophia Meshinski; dear brother of Norman (the late Marilyn) Dziadzio; brother-in-law of Mary Margaret (the late Dick) Shannon, and Arlene (the late Albert) Heyza, and many other loving nieces, nephews, cousins, family members and friends. He served in the United States Army from September 1966 to September 1969 with a tour of duty in Vietnam from January 1968 to September 1969. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Plymouth Chapter #528**. Visitation was held at the Fred Wood Funeral Home - Rice Chapel, 36100 Five Mile Road, Livonia (East of Levan) on Monday, March 30, 2020 from 3:00-8:00 PM. It is with deep sadness that due to the governmental order the Funeral Services for Edward will be private. The Dziadzio Family truly appreciates all of the love and support shown to them in the last few months. If you are unable to attend visitation they do understand and know you are thinking of them at this time.



YOUTHER CLAYTON EAFORD, JR. (USA, SGM-Ret.) - Died Wednesday, April 22, 2020 in Fayetteville, North Carolina at the age of 75. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on December 5, 1944. He served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War and retired at the rank of Sergeant Major. He was a *Life Member* and *Chapter President* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Fayetteville Chapter #1033**. He is survived by his wife, Verdell Eaford; daughters, Renee' Eaford and Stacie Johnson; son, Charles Eaford; sisters, Gail Eaford and Dell (Ronnie) Rhodes; seven grandchildren and a host of other relatives and friends. There was a viewing on Wednesday, April 29, 2020 from 1:00 to 5:00 PM at the Wiseman Mortuary. Funeral Services were held on Friday, May 1, 2020 at 12:00 Noon in the Wiseman Mortuary Chapel. The burial was in the Sandhills State Veterans Cemetery, Fort Bragg, NC.



JOSEPH CARL "Joe" ELLERS - Died Tuesday, April 7, 2020 at his home in Greenville, North Carolina at the age of 76, surrounded by his loving family. The cause of death was pneumonia and heart disease. Joe was born on August 28, 1943 in Savannah, Georgia but lived most of his life in North Carolina, growing up in Havelock. He later moved to Pitt County and served 7 years in the United States Army. He was a member of Proctor Memorial Christian Church. He was a member of the Disabled American Veterans (DAV) Chapter #37 and a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Greenville Chapter #272**. Joe was an avid fundraiser for the DAV and Golden Corral (Camp Corral). He also loved attending storage auctions with his son, Joey. He will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved him. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by three brothers and two sisters. He is survived by his wife of 49 years, Evelyn Cates Ellers; daughters, Wanda Avery and husband, William of Grifton; Tina Pinkham and husband, Timmy of Bath, Crystal Ellers of the Home, and Pauline Stainback and husband, Ricky of New Bern; son, Joey Ellers and wife, Brittany, of Black Jack; Grandchildren, Timothy Avery and wife, Jessica of Grifton, Angel Worthington and husband, Charles of Grifton, Adam Pinkham and wife, Mollie of Greensboro, Ariel Myers and husband, Matt, of Washington, Jacob Jett of Greenville, Anastasia Whitehurst of Greenville, Eden and Branson Stainback of New Bern, Jamie, Carla, Mya, Anah, Noel, and Cora Ellers of Black Jack; great-grandchildren, Brantlee Wayne Avery, and Madilyn Worthington, Laura Cate Worthington, Aubrey Worthington, and Melody Jett; sister, Brenda Rogers of Havelock; and Uncle Richard Thomas of VA; along with several nieces, nephews, and cousins. The family will celebrate his life on August 22, 2020 at the Proctor Memorial Christian Church at 1:00 PM. Memorial contributions can be made to the DAV Camp Corra at <https://campcorral.org/donate/>.



WAYNE D. ENGESSER, SR. - Died Wednesday, April 8, 2020 at his home in East Moline, Illinois at the age of 68, after a long illness. The cause of death is unknown. Wayne was born on July 8, 1951 in Rock Island, Illinois. He served in the United States Marine Corps during the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Rock Island Chapter #299**. He married Jacklyn Dean December 5, 1984, in East Moline. He worked for the City of Rock Island Water Department and later worked as a truck driver. He was a wonderful husband, father, grandfather and great-grandfather. He was a very caring man. Survivors include his wife, Jacklyn, East Moline; sons, Jeffery (Amber) Engesser, Cascade, IA and Benji Engesser, Davenport, IA; stepsons, Bruce Dean, Moline, IL, and Richard Dean, Hawkeye, IA; sixteen grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; sister, Sharon (Danny) McFall, VA; sisters-in-law, Margaret Engesser, East Moline, Cheryl Engesser, Matherville, IL. He was preceded in death by his parents; son, Wayne Jr.; siblings, Delmar Engesser Jr., Marie (Jerry) McFall, Larry Engesser, Danny Engesser and Greg Engesser. Private services were held, and burial was in the Rock Island National Cemetery. Memorials may be made to the family. Online condolences may be left for the family at www.vanhoe.com.



HENRY EARL EVANS (USA, SSG-Ret.) – Died Saturday, July 28, 2018 in Orchard Beach, Maryland at the age of 71. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on March 3, 1947. He was the beloved husband of Beverly A. Evans, devoted father of Bryant, Sonia, Laura and Clyde. He is also survived by seven grandchildren and one great-grandchild. Mr. Evans served in the United States Army for 26 years including time in Vietnam. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Baltimore Chapter #451**. Relatives and friends were invited to call at the family owned and operated McCully-Polyniak Funeral Home, P.A., 3204 Mountain Road, Pasadena on Wednesday and Thursday from 3:00 to 5:00 and from 7:00 to 9:00 PM where funeral services were held on Friday at 10:00 AM. Interment was in the Crownsville Veterans Cemetery.



JOHN A. EVANS – Died Wednesday, March 9, 2016 peacefully in his home in Oconto, Wisconsin at the age of 69, surrounded by loved ones, due to a battle with Vietnam-induced Agent Orange Lung/Brain Cancer. He was born on September 22, 1946. John enjoyed camping with his grandsons, range shooting, reading, and making unique birdhouses. He was an active member of First American Lutheran Church, Oconto and enjoyed washing dishes for benefit and funeral dinners with the special women of First American. John graduated from

Appleton Sr. H.S. in May 1964. He volunteered for the United States Air Force as a combat Aerial Photographer for 8½ years, flying 107 overseas tours to Vietnam, Thailand, and the Philippines. He was awarded among other decorations, five air medals and two Air Force commendation medals during three combat tours. He served with the 600th Photo Squadron at Tan Son Nhut Airbase, Saigon Vietnam and was honorably discharged in March 1973. He was a *Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – De Pere Chapter #224*. He attended and graduated Summa Cum Laude from UWGB in 1975. Subsequently attended and graduated from the Univ. of WI Law School in Madison with a Juris. Dr., degree in 1978. He was employed as an owner, partner, and associate at a number of law firms in Brown and Oconto Counties for more than 40 years and served as an instructor at the UWGB as an Adjunct Professor. John ended his career as the DA for Oconto County, from 2010 to 2013 and Oconto City Atty. from 2015 to 2016. (written by John A. Evans). He is survived by his "beautiful bride" of 19 years, Cynthia (née Lex) Evans; three special stepdaughters, Amy Resch (fiancé Brian Wojtun), Chrissy (Josh) Carlson and Jessica Blom (Josh Burkhardt); three special grandsons, Caydn, Owen and Alec Carlson; two sons, Ron and Matthew Evans; one daughter, Dawn (Brian) Phillipi; granddaughter, Courtney; one sister, Mary Collins; hid mother-in-law, Alice Lex; two brothers-in-laws, and; five sisters-in-laws. The family received relatives and friends at the Gallagher Funeral Home, Oconto from 4:00 to 8:00 PM on Monday, March 14, 2016. Visitation continued on Tuesday, March 15th from 10:00 to 11:00 AM at the First American Lutheran Church, Oconto. The funeral services were conducted at 11:00 AM on Tuesday at the church with the Reverend Mary Zupansic officiating. Online condolences may be expressed at www.gallagherfuneralhome.net. The family would like to send a special Thank You to Dr. James, Haley, Ashley, and Tina and others from the Unity Hospice Team. Most importantly, Thank You to Pastor Mary Zupansic for her spiritual support and friendship.



JOHN KIRK FERGUSON (USN, CDR-Ret.) – Died Sunday, March 22, 2020 in Riverside, California at the age of 84. The cause of death was Agent Orange-related peripheral neuropathy and diabetes mellitus-type II. He was born in Great Falls, Montana on April 17, 1935 in Great Falls, Montana to the late Fred and Ruth Ferguson and they resided for nearly sixty years in Riverside and are buried in Crestlawn Cemetery's Masonic Garden, as are his Grandparents, George and Herma Rauenbuehler. Kirk was buried in an adjacent gravesite. Kirk's brother, Dean, is buried at Riverside National Cemetery. Kirk is survived by Dean's three sons, Bruce and his wife, Derrilee, of Lancaster, South Carolina; Scott and his wife, Adriana, and their children, Stephanie and Gabriel, of Coconut Creek, Florida; and Andrew and his wife, Chen, and their children, Angela and John, of Liberty Township, Ohio. Kirk was a 1953 graduate of Riverside Poly High School and a Charter Student at the University of California at Riverside when the campus opened in February 1954, graduating with a B.A. degree in June 1957. In 1952, Kirk enlisted in the United States Naval Reserves, and after graduating from UCR and the U.S. Naval Officer Candidate School in Newport, Rhode Island, he received a commission in the

U.S. Navy and retired with the rank of Commander. Two highlights of his Naval career include having commanded a unique squadron of twenty Strike Assault Boats on the upper Mekong River and adjacent canals in 1970 during the Vietnam War, and also having served as Commanding Officer of USS FLINT (AE-32), an ammunition ship from 1973 through 1975. Kirk earned sixteen service ribbons and medals, which include the Bronze Star Medal with the Combat "V" device for Valor and the Combat Action Ribbon. He was also the 1989 President of the Riverside March Field Chapter of the Military Officers Association of America. He was a *Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Inland Empire (Riverside) Chapter #47*. Following his retirement from the U.S. Navy in 1981, Kirk worked for General Dynamics as a Design Engineer for the Standard Missile Department at their Pomona, California division until his retirement in 1990. He has written numerous U.S. Navy-oriented magazine articles, conducted oral histories of World War II Navy veterans, and appeared in History Channel videos. Kirk was a Master Mason and Life Member of Riverside Lodge #635, F.&A.M; Riverside Chapter #622, Order of the Eastern Star; 32nd Degree Scottish Rite Mason; Knights Templar in the York Rite of Freemasonry; and an Aloha Temple Shriner of the Ancient Arabic Order of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine, the world's largest fraternal philanthropy.



MICHAEL DAVID FOREMAN - Died Thursday, March 26, 2020 at the Cornerstone Hospice House at the age of 75. He was a resident of The Villages, Florida. The cause of death was lung cancer. He was born on May 23, 1944 in Kansas City, Missouri. At the age of 7 he knew his life would be on the golf course. He spent his days hiding in the bushes at the golf course across the street from his home in Fort Wayne, Indiana. He would run out and steal the balls until the course manager finally gave him his first golf club. When he got his first set of clubs, he would put them in his bed and sleep with them. He spent most of his childhood playing sports. He lettered in basketball, football and golf at Fort Wayne HS and held the title of best all-around athlete. After graduation he attended Franklin College and the International Business College. He enlisted in the United States Marine Corps in 1965 and served in the Presidential Honor Guard under President Johnson. He served a tour of duty in Vietnam from 1968-1969. Upon returning from Vietnam he realized his dream and received his PGA card. He became head Pro of the Fairview golf course in Fort Wayne, Indiana. His proudest moment was shooting a 60 in the Indiana Tourney in the 70's. He regained his amateur status in 1975. He is survived by his wife Karen of 37 years; his two daughters, Christine Vandine (Doug) and Sharon Rabb (Robbie); five grandchildren, and; one great-grandchild. After retiring as an account executive in outside printing sales he enjoyed gardening and spending time with his wife in their houseboat on Lake Raystown. They moved from Bellefonte, PA to The Villages in 2012. Dave was a member of Hope Lutheran Church and the American Legion Post #347. He was elected Mayor of Picture Rocks, Pa in 1977. He was a senior sleuth for Seniors vs Crime under the office of the Attorney General. He was a *Life Member* of and a member on the *Board of*

Directors of Vietnam Veterans of America – The Villages Chapter #1036 and a member of the Sweet Caroline's. Dave loved his golf, fishing, mowing lawns, and kayaking. His greatest pleasure was working with the Vietnam Vets and helping his neighbors. He was in charge of putting out the flags in the neighborhood and the birthday signs. He will be missed by everyone who knew him and all the dogs looking for their treats. His ashes were scattered in the memory garden at Bushnell National Cemetery following his Military memorial service at a later date. In lieu of flowers contributions can be sent to the Vietnam Veterans of America (VVA Chapter #1036), PO Box 842, Oxford, Fl. 34484 or the local animal shelter.

DONALD M. FREEMAN – Died Sunday, April 12, 2020 in Chicago, Illinois at the age of 76. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on December 5, 1943. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Niles Chapter #242**.



GREGORY S. "Greg" GALLENBERGER (USA, SGT-Ret.) - Died Tuesday, May 5, 2020 in Green Bay, Wisconsin at the age of 71 after an 18-year battle with cancer. He was born on August 11, 1948 in Green Bay to the late Bernard and Mary Ann (née Swanke) Gallenberger, Sr. Greg graduated from Green Bay West High School class of 1967. He then went on to join the United States Army where he served two tours in Vietnam. Upon coming home, he graduated from NWTC class of 1971. On August 19, 1972 he married Judy Sinkler and they recently celebrated 47 wonderful years together. Greg started his police career with the Denmark Police Department, then went on to the Brown County Sheriff's Department. He held many positions but was most proud of his time as a K-9 handler. Greg retired as a Sergeant in 2001, after 25 years of service. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – De Pere Chapter #224**. He enjoyed his time spent at the family cottage in Dyckesville. Greg loved spending time with his grandkids and watching them play their sports. He appreciated his time with his friends, both from Dyckesville and the Brown County Sheriff's Department. He is survived by his wife, Judy; children, Kim (Charlie) Ricker, Jessica (Jon) Nejedlo, and Jason (Dudley) Gallenberger; grandchildren, Austin, Sydney, Lila, Liam, Marek, and Soleil; his siblings, Mary Noel and Ann (Richard) Larsen; brothers and sisters-in-law, Marleen Gallenberger, Dan Platten, JoAnn (Marc) Vogel, Ruth Sinkler, Karen Sinkler, Lee (Betty) Sinkler, Lynn (Wayne) Wians, Dawn (Chuck) Nuthals; and many other nieces, nephews, other family and friends. Greg was preceded in death by his parents; his parents-in-law, Earl and Lillian Sinkler; siblings, Bernard Gallenberger Jr., Jeanne Platten, Andy Gallenberger, Peter Gallenberger; brothers and sisters-in-law, Bill Noel, Allen Sinkler, John Sinkler, Dale Sinkler, and Patti Wisnicky; a nephew, Erik Wians. Due to the COVID 19 pandemic a private family service was held. Entombment took place at the Allouez Catholic Mausoleum. To send online condolences, please go to www.BlaneyFuneralHome.com. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Northeastern Wisconsin Old Glory Honor Flight. The family thanks the staff of Unity Hospice, especially Crystal, for their kind and compassionate care.

VINCENT GIANCONE – Died Monday, November 4, 2019 in Westbury, New York at the age of 73. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on August 31, 1946. He is survived by his wife, Carolyn. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Hicksville Chapter #82**.



ROBERT JOSEPH “Bob” GOOD - Died Tuesday, April 14, 2020 in Good Samaritan Hospice of Wexford, Pennsylvania at the age of 79, surrounded by his wife and loving family. He was a resident of Beaver Falls, Chippewa Township, Pennsylvania. The cause of death was congestive heart failure. He was born on June 30, 1940 to the late William and Mary (née McKelvey) Brinkworth. Bob was a 20-year veteran of the United States Marine Corps. He retired from the Beaver Post Office, where he served as the Postmaster. He was a member of the Rochester VFW Post #128. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Freedom Chapter #862**. He is survived by his loving wife, Maryann (née Serb) Good; his children, Kimberly (John) Bartol, Robert J. Jr. (Debbie) Good, Marie “Mimi” Renkenberger, April McDowell, and Curtis Finney; seventeen grandchildren; eleven great-grandchildren; a sister, Delores “Dee” Petty; and numerous nieces and nephews. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a son, Stephen Finney; four brothers; and one sister. All services were private. A memorial will be planned at a later date. The family would like to give special thanks to the Concordia nurses and to the Good Samaritan Hospice of Wexford for all of the loving care they provided to Bob. The arrangements were handled by the Gabauer Funeral Home, 1133 Penn Avenue, New Brighton, PA. www.gabauerfamilyfuneralhomes.com.

ISAAC L. GOODMAN (USMC, MSgt-Ret.) - Died Sunday, April 5, 2020 in Millsboro, Delaware at the age of 74. The cause of death was sarcoma of the heart. He was born on September 28, 1945 in Louisville, Kentucky to the late Walter and Rebecca Goodman. He served in the Texas National Guard and was federally activated to Vietnam. He went on to serve 23 years in the United States Marine Corps, with distinguished service in armored tanks, military police investigations, accident investigations and reconstruction on military installations around the globe. He followed this with ten years of Civil Service with the Department of the Navy as a law enforcement instructor. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Nassau Chapter #1105**. Isaac was a graduate of Texas State University in San Marcos, TX. He was a member of Masonic Franklin Lodge #12 in Georgetown, served as Past Master for Masonic DARRALLodge #1205 in Somerset, TX and was a member of Alzafar Shrine in San Antonio, TX. He loved good conversation and had a servant’s heart. He was a strong supporter of Indian River’s football program assuring the teams had plenty of clean footballs, cold water, and four-leaf clovers during the practice and games. One of his passions was helping young men through life’s challenges. He was always ready to help someone in need, discuss any subject, or tackle any project. His strong faith, patriotism, and love of the Marine Corps and his family encapsulated his life. Though he received many awards and military decorations during his life, the great highlights to him were receiving the Four Chaplains Award and earning his 3rd degree

black belt in Karate. Isaac is survived by his wife, Paula and son Aaron from Millsboro, DE, and another son, Isaac, from California, and a daughter, Rebecca, of Utah. Other survivors are two grandchildren plus many family members in KY, including siblings Brenda, Loretta, and Michael. Also surviving are many family members and friends, and his fellow United States Marines. Interment services were private at the Delaware Veteran's Memorial Cemetery due to the State of Emergency and Corona Virus restrictions. Electronic Condolences to: www.watsonfh.com.

WILLIAM GARY GRIFFIN, SR. - Died Thursday morning, October 20, 2016 at his home in Athens, Tennessee at the age of 67. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on October 30, 1948. He was a *Life Member* of **Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America – Chattanooga Chapter #203**. Funeral arrangements were made by the Smith Funeral and Cremation Services of Athens.



FRANK J. GUBALA – Died Wednesday, March 25, 2020 in Kenmore, New York at the age of 72. The cause of death was Parkinson's disease. He was born on November 15, 1947 in Buffalo, New York. He was the beloved husband of Joyce M. (née Carpenter) Gubala; devoted father of Julie (Andrew) Green and Jeffrey (Brenna) Gubala; loving grandfather of Jocelyn, Nathan, Lily and Seamus; dear brother of John Gubala; brother-in-law of Judy Sealander, Ralph (Pam) Carpenter and Jean (Richard) Waldmiller, and; also survived by nieces and nephews. Frank was a United States Army veteran, 9th Infantry Division, 3rd Battalion, 47th Infantry. He was the recipient of two Purple Heart Medals, Combat Infantrymen's Badge. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Tonawanda Chapter #77**, VFW Post #313 and other military organizations. He was a member of Saint Andrew's Holy Name Society. An avid photographer and captured memories of many couples on their wedding day and many students that played on sports teams. He also loved nature photography. Due to the COVID 19 precautions, a Memorial Mass will be held at a later date to be announced. Donations may be made in his honor to Vietnam Veterans of America - Tonawanda Chapter #77. Arrangements were made by the C. Mertz and Son Funeral Home, Inc. Please share condolences at www.mertzfh.com.

LEON ERIK GUERRA – Died Wednesday, May 6, 2020 at Landmark Medical Center in Woonsocket, Rhode Island at the age of 69. He was a resident of Woonsocket. The cause of death was pneumonia, COVID-19, aspiration, sepsis, anemia and Parkinson's disease. He was born in Woonsocket on November 12, 1950. He is survived by his wife, Sarah who was also recently released from Landmark Medical Center with COVID-19 and is recovering. He served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – James Michael Ray Memorial (Woonsocket) Chapter #818**.

DARRAL L. HAIRSTON – Died recently in 2020 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania at the age of 75. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in April 1, 1945. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Liberty Bell (Philadelphia) Chapter #266**.

JOHN L. HALTOM – Died Sunday, March 29, 2020 in Trenton, Tennessee at the age of 72. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on July 30, 1947 in Anthony, Kansas. He served in the United States Navy from September 30, 1964 to January 29, 1968. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Trenton Chapter #1124**.



DANIEL H. "Danny" HARMANN - Died Friday, March 6, 2020 at AngelsGrace Hospice at the age of 73. He was a resident of Pewaukee, Wisconsin. The cause of death was a brain tumor. He was born on February 6, 1947, in Menomonee Falls to the late Clarence and Dorothy (née Reyer) Harmann. Danny will be remembered first and foremost for his service in the United States Army during the Vietnam War. Also, for his love of Elvis Presley and his countless vacations to the Caribbean during the winter. We will never forget the self-made businessman he became and the construction company he ran for over 30 years. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Waukesha Chapter #425**. He was a loving father and grandfather and adored his children and grandchildren more than anything. He will leave a void in the Meadowbrook Condo Community because when his garage door was up, he always had endless visitors and made so many friends. Rest in peace Danny, you are now pain free. He is survived by his children Andrew (Jessica) and Erin Harmann, grandchildren Ella and David Harmann, brother David (Kathie) Harmann, sister Sally Krestik, many nieces, cousins, great nieces, great nephews, other relatives and friends. He was preceded in death by his parents and his nephew Bobby Harmann. Visitation was held on Friday, March 13, 2020 from 3:00 until the 6:00 PM funeral service at the RiverGlen Christian Church, S31 W30601 Sunset Drive, Waukesha, WI 53189. In lieu of flowers, the family requested donations be made to Chapter #425, Vietnam Veterans of America, P.O. Box 2000, Waukesha, WI 53187.



CHRISTINA "Aunt Cookie" HARNED - of Piscataway Died Friday, August 30, 2019 at her home in Piscataway, New Jersey at the age of 64, with her family by her side. The cause of death is unknown. She was born in Plainfield, New Jersey on September 8, 1954 to the late John L. Golden, Sr. and Frances Golden. She lived in Edison then moving to South River and moved to Piscataway 35 years ago. She graduated from South River high school in 1974. She worked for AT&T for 43 years before retiring in 2017. She was a lifetime member of the ladies auxiliary VFW Post #3117. She was all American president five times for the ladies auxiliary,

with one year having a perfect score. She was a *Life Member* of **Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America – New Brunswick Chapter #233**. She dedicated her life to the veterans. She is predeceased by her husband Kenneth Harned, Jr., her mother Frances Golden, her brother John L. Golden, Jr. She is survived by her sister, Barbara Broxmeyer and her husband, Frederick, of North Plainfield New Jersey; her niece, Theresa Gronroos and her husband Gary, of Metuchen , NJ; her nephew, Joseph Broxmeyer and his wife, Jennifer, Rialto, California; her nephew, Frederick Broxmeyer, Jr., of Piscataway; her nephew, Richard Broxmeyer and his wife, Carmela, of North Plainfield; her niece, Frances Broxmeyer, of Piscataway; her niece, Deborah Broxmeyer, of North Plainfield; her nephew, Anthony Reichardt, of Colonia; her great-niece, Amanda Reichardt, of Piscataway; her great-nephew, Anthony Reichardt, of Metuchen; her great-nephews, Benjamin Broxmeyer and Daniel Broxmeyer, of Rialto, California; her great-niece, Rebecca; great-nephew, Nicholas; her lifelong friends, Maryann and Joe Flannery, of Edison, and; her lifelong childhood friend, Eileen Pastner, of East Brunswick, her dog and best friend, Smokey. In lieu of flowers donations can be made to the Edison VFW Post #3117, 53 National Road, Edison, NJ 08817. The viewing was held on Wednesday from 2:00-4:00 PM and from 6:00-8:00 PM. The funeral service was celebrated on Thursday at 11:00 AM at the Bronson and Guthlein Funeral Home, Inc..



LEONARD MARTIN "Lenny" HARRIS - Died Sunday, April 5, 2020 in Lake view, New York at the age of 67. He was also a resident of Hamburg, New York. The cause of death was service-connected mesothelioma, pulmonary fibrosis. He was born on Burtonwood Air Force Base in England on July 10, 1952. He was the beloved husband of Deborah A. (né Sharron) Harris; loving father of Melanie King and Jennifer (Kevin) Chael; cherished grandfather to six grandchildren and two great-grandchildren; pre-deceased by one grandson; dear brother of Kay (Kelly) Curtin, Anne (late William) Osborne and the late Michael (Dorothy) Harris. He served in the United States Navy for twenty years and was deployed both in Vietnam and in Desert Storm. Lenny was a Life Member and Past Commander of Hamburg Township VFW Post #1419, a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – North Kingstown (Rhode Island) Chapter #325** and a member of many other Veteran's organizations. A Memorial Service will be held and announced for Lenny in the summer of 2020. The arrangements were made by John J. Kaczor Funeral Home, Inc. Share condolences at www.kaczorfunerals.com.



BOBBY WAYNE HAUN - Died Friday, March 20, 2020 in Bybee, Tennessee at the age of 73. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on August 31, 1946 in Morristown, Tennessee to the late Malcolm and Georgia Haun. He was a decorated combat veteran having served in the United States Army, during the Vietnam War, where he received the Purple Heart, Silver Star, Air Medal, Army Commendation Medal, Vietnam Service Medal, Combat Infantry Badge; also, various other awards and decorations. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans**

of America – Morristown Chapter #1073. In addition to his parents, he was also predeceased by his brother, John Haun and his brother-in-law, Butch Moody. He is survived by the love of his life, Lorene “Toots” Ellis, of Newport; his brothers, Donald (Nancy) Haun, of Bybee and Ronald D. (Betsy) Haun, of Kodak; his sisters, Katherine Moody, of Morristown, Debra (Martin) Coffey, of New Market and Karen (Darrell) Winstead, of Talbott; several nieces, nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews as well as other family and friends. A Special “Thank You” to Amedisys Home Health and Hospice for the care they have given him during this time, especially nurses Laura and Whitney. Military graveside services were held at 2:00 PM on Monday, March 23, 2020 in the Bear Creek Missionary Baptist Church Cemetery. Family and friends signed the guest register on line at: www.manesfuneralhome.com. The arrangements were made by the Manes Funeral Home.

PAULA J. HAYCOCK - Died Monday, September 16, 2019 in Easton Hospital, Easton, Pennsylvania at the age of 68. She was a resident of Bangor, Pennsylvania. The cause of death was cancer. Paula was born in Newton, New Jersey on March 6, 1951 to the late Kenneth and Betty Jane (née Terwilliger) Budd, Sr. She and her beloved husband, Jeff Haycock, were married 35 years in April. She was a 1969 graduate of North Hunterdon Regional High School and had worked as a domestic worker for 30 years. She was a *Life Member of Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America – Stroudsburg Chapter #678*. She was a founding member of the Slate Belt Corvette Club and her passion was showing their meticulously prepared Corvette while traveling to Delaware, Maryland, New York and Pennsylvania to attend shows and winning many awards and making friends along the way. Paula was always known to her Corvette Club members as the "Boss". In addition to her husband, Jeff, she is survived by a daughter Michele Drake of Nazareth, PA; stepdaughters, Marlo and Michael Waldrop, Jr. of Whitehall, PA, whom she greatly admired and loved; Nicole Folk of Bangor; brother, Kenneth and Paula Budd, Jr. of Chester, NJ; sisters, Kathy and Richard Wheeler of Agawam, MA, and Penny and Denver Bryson of Franklin, NC, who she loved immensely, and several grandchildren. A memorial gathering was held on Saturday, September 28, 2019 from 6:00 to 8:00 PM in the Fiore Funeral Home, www.fiorefuneralhome.com, 230 Market Street, Bangor. The services and interment were private and at the convenience of the family. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations should be offered in Paula's name to the American Cancer Society - Lehigh Valley Unit, 3893 Adler Place, Suite #170, Bethlehem, PA 18017.

BOB HAYES – Died recently in 2020 in Elkin, North Carolina at the age of 79. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on October 6, 1930. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was an *At-Large Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Virginia*.



ROBERT W. “Bob” HAYHURST - Died Sunday, May 3, 2020 at the Geary Community Hospital at the age of 81. He was a resident of Junction City, Kansas. The cause of death is unknown. Bob was born on July 3, 1938 in Norfolk, Virginia to the late Abner and Viola (née Small) Hayhurst. Bob served three years in the United States Air Force. After his stint in the Air

Force, he went to work with father who owned several businesses. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Junction City Chapter #344**. He later became a firefighter for the City of Norfolk, VA and the Norfolk U.S. Naval Air Station. He was medically retired in 1985. After his retirement, he became a beach comber working on fishing touring boats. He enjoyed spending time with family and friends. He had a great interest with visiting museums and reading about American history. Survivors include one son, Robert Hayhurst and his wife Palma of Junction City, KS; three daughters, Robin Hayhurst of Norfolk, VA, Karen Haines-Hayhurst of Petal, MS and Sarah Hayhurst Minor-Peet of Alexandria, VA; one sister, Viola Hayhurst of Massachusetts; four grandchildren, Roseann, Christopher, Lauren and Kimberly; five great-grandchildren, Nathaniel, Ava, Lily, Breahna and Reagan. He was preceded in death by his parents, one daughter, Kathleen Hayhurst; one brother James "Jimmy" Hayhurst and one sister, Dorothy Hayhurst. Cremation has taken place. A memorial service took place at a later date in Virginia.



DONALD WAYNE "Don" HELTON - Died Wednesday, April 24, 2019 in Louisville, Kentucky at the age of 75. He was a resident of Pewee Valley, Kentucky. The cause of death was cancer. He was born on January 10, 1944 in Port Sainte Lucie, Florida to the late Elijah Helton and Josephine (nr Douglas) Helton. Don was the founder of Veterans Memorial Park of Kentucky, recipient of Kentucky Veterans Medal of Honor, Army Chief Warrant Officer and Vietnam War Veteran and a Boy Scouts of America Silver Beaver recipient. He organized the project resulting in the Crestwood by-pass being named the Veterans Memorial Parkway as well as Crestwood becoming a Purple Heart City. He has served as a member of the Kentucky Governor's Advisory Board for Veterans Affairs, Veterans Trust Fund Board, state Joint Executive Council of Veterans Organizations, and US Representative's Veterans Advisory Board. Don was also a graduate of Eastern High School and Boston University. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Alexandria Chapter #88**. After leaving the United States Army, he was employed with the Department of the Army in Germany before returning to the United States in 1990. Since then, he has used his skills and experiences to become an outstanding entrepreneur including owning his own businesses. He is survived by lovely wife Ann, children Donnie, Brian, Kim, and Jeff, as well as beautiful grandchildren Gavin, Madison, Kaiden, and many more. Visitation was held on Friday, April 26, 2019 from 4:00 until 8:00 PM at Newcomer Cremations, Funerals and Receptions, 235 Juneau Drive, Louisville, KY. Visitation was also held on Saturday, April 27, 2019 from 10:00 AM until the time of the funeral service at 11:00 AM. The interment was held at the Pewee Valley Confederate Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to Veterans Memorial Park of Kentucky, P.O. Box 46, Pewee Valley, KY 40056.



DAVID A. HENDRICKSON – Died Monday, May 18, 2020 in Economy, Pennsylvania at the age of 70. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on January 19, 1950 to the late David and Betty Hendrickson. He was a graduate of the Pittsburgh Institute of Aeronautics. He proudly served in the United States Navy during the Vietnam War aboard the aircraft carrier USS Ranger. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Freedom Chapter #862**. He retired after 24 years from US Airways Pittsburgh as a machinist and a mechanic. He was an avid outdoors man, loved the Three Stooges, and thoroughly enjoyed spending time with his family and friends. He was preceded in death by a brother-in-law, George Cline. He is survived by his loving wife of 45 years, Janet Hendrickson; two sons, John and Michael Hendrickson; a daughter, Paula (Randy) Jablonowski; siblings, Beverly Cline, Lee Hendrickson, Bruce Hendrickson, Laurie McCoy, and Scott Hendrickson; and grandson, Ethan Jablonowski. Friends were invited to attend a memorial visitation on Saturday, May 23rd from 12:00 Noon to 2:00 PM at the Conway Alliance Church, 1100 Highland Avenue, Conway. The arrangements were entrusted to the Kasper-Hahn Funeral and Cremation Services, Inc., 547 Eighth Street, Ambridge. The family would like to thank Allegheny Health Network, Concordia Home Health Care, Heritage Valley Medical Center, and Good Samaritan Hospice for their excellent care of our husband and father. In lieu of flowers, the family asks that donations be made to Good Samaritan Hospice. <https://www.concordialm.org/charitable-giving>.



DAVID L. HIGBY - Died Monday, May 4, 2020 in Erie, Pennsylvania at the age of 72. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Erie on January 21, 1948 to the late Hubert and Helen (née Armstrong) Higby. David was a veteran of the United States Navy serving during the Vietnam War. He was an *At-Large Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Pennsylvania**. He graduated from East High School and continued his education at Penn State Behrend. David is survived a son, Kenny Higby (Keri) of Orlando, FL; three sisters, Diane Bennett of Greeneville, PA, Debra Firment (Ted) of Erie, and Darlene Fisher (Greg) of Buda, TX; a good friend and home healthcare worker, Edwin Owen; one uncle; two aunts; and several nieces and nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews, and great-great-nieces and great-great-nephews. In addition to his parents, David was preceded in death by one sister, Doris Mingoy; one nephew, Charles Mingoy; and two brothers-in-law, Robert Mingoy and Charles Bennett. Private arrangements were handled by the Dusckas Funeral Home, Inc., 536 West 10th Street.



JOHN WENDELL "Jack" HILL (USA, LTC-Ret.) – Died Tuesday, March 17, 2020 at the Lady Lake Specialty Care in Lady Lake, Florida at the age of 81. He was a resident of The

Villages, Florida. The cause of death was Parkinson's disease. He was born in Logan, West Virginia on July 26, 1938. His family later moved to Newport, Kentucky where he graduated from Campbell County High School. He then went on to receive an Education Degree from Eastern Kentucky University. He was a member of ROTC and Pershing Rifles. Upon graduation, he was commissioned into the United States Army. He served on active duty for seven years completing tours in Germany and Vietnam. He then returned to ECU to earn a Master of Arts Degree in Education. He moved to Cincinnati, where he continued to serve in the military as a reservist with the 2075th USARF School and rose to the rank of Lieutenant Colonel. At one point he was the Assistant Commandant of the unit. He also taught Industrial Technology at Mason and Princeton High Schools. On the advice of his Army Buddy, Colonel Jim Snow, in 1998 he purchased a lot in The Villages, FL sight unseen! In 2004, upon retiring from teaching, Jack and his wife, Betty, moved to The Villages. He enjoyed golfing, trips in the R.V., excursions with the Mustang Club, and poker with his neighbors. He also belonged to the Kentucky Club. Jack was a member of The Grand Lodge of KY, F. & A. M., The Louisville-DeMolay Commandery No. 12 Knights Templar, Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Free Masonry, SJ, USA, Disabled American Veterans, and was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – The Villages Chapter #1036**. He is survived by Betty, his wife of 42 years. He also has three daughters: Jacqueline Jordan (Saint Louis), Paisley Higgins (Jim) (Walton-Verona, KY), and Betsy Chance (Philip Doan) (Lebanon, OH). His sister and brother-in-law, Carol and Fred Theler (The Villages, FL). He has many grandchildren and great grandchildren, nieces and nephews throughout the U.S. His 97-year-old mother-in-law, Carolyn Congleton (Barbourville, KY), along with his sister-in-law's, and their families. Jack had a strong work ethic. He had a great sense of humor and made us all laugh. Who could forget him coming down the spiral staircase on his 40th birthday wearing his swim fins and snorkel? His Ohio neighbors nicknamed him "Jack Travolta". He is greatly missed. "At Ease, Soldier". Rest in Peace. The family wishes to thank Lady Lake Specialty Care and Cornerstone Hospice for their loving care. A memorial service was held at a later date. Memorial gifts may be made to: Michael J. Fox Foundation, P. O. Box 5014, Hagerstown, MD 21741-5014; Operation Shoebox The Villages, c/o Camille Gieck, 17481 SE 76th Flintlock Terrace, The Villages, FL 32162; Villages Cornerstone Hospice House, 2445 Lane Park Road, Tavares, FL 32778; or charity of your choice. Arrangements were entrusted to the Beyers Funeral Home and Crematory, Lady Lake, FL.

HENRY R. HUIZER, JR. – Died Tuesday, January 28, 2020 in Fontana, California at the age of 71. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on July 13, 1948. He is survived by his wife, Sara. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Riverside Chapter #47**.

ROGER HUNT – Died Wednesday, April 15, 2018 in Federal Way, Washington. The cause of death is unknown. He is survived by his wife, Gloria of the home. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Washington**.

FARRIS EVAN HURST – Died Friday, April 10, 2020 in Milan, Michigan at the age of 70. The cause of death was cerebral infarction. He was born on January 22, 1950 in Claiborne, Tennessee. He is survived by his wife, Marcia of the home. He served in the United States

Army with a tour of duty in Vietnam from January to December 1970. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Ann Arbor Chapter #310**.

ANTHONY IZZO – Died recently in 2020 in Elizabeth, New Jersey at the age of 70. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on May 11, 1950. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Linden Chapter #779**.



JOHNNY LeROY JAGER - Died Saturday, March 28, 2020 in Bullhead City, Arizona at the age of 73. He was a five-year resident of Bullhead City and formerly of Council Bluffs, Iowa. The cause of death was cancer. He was born in Council Bluffs on October 22, 1946 to the late Johnny and Lillian Jager. He loved working on cars starting at a young age and was a mechanic most of his life. He graduated from Thomas Jefferson High School in 1964. After graduation, he joined the United States Coast Guard and served in Vietnam. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Glenwood Chapter #798**. After moving to Bullhead City, his favorite past time was going out into the desert collecting and polishing rocks. He was preceded in death by his parents, Johnny and Lillian Jager; and an infant son, Shane. He is survived by his wife, Pearl; his sons, Chance Jager (Sydney), of Cohasset, Minn., Pride Jager, of Duluth, Minn., Wayne Jager (Nicelynn), of Springhill, Kan.; daughters, Jenny Newton, of Murry, Iowa, Summer Jager (Dude), of Grand Rapids, Minn., Nevada Jager, of Grand Rapids, his step-children, Fred Franks (Debbie), of Council Bluffs, Teresa Franks (John), of Bullhead City, and David Franks, of Grand Rapids. He also has twenty-three grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. Our hearts have been broken with your leaving. You remain with us always. Johnny has been cremated and a burial service followed at a later date.



JAMES EDWARD "Jimmy" "JJ" JONES – Died Thursday, April 9, 2020 in Wilmington, North Carolina at the age of 69. The cause of death was heart disease. He was born on July 10, 1950. He served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* and *Past Vice-President* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Wilmington Chapter #885**. He volunteered regularly at the local VA Clinic. Visitation was from 5:30 PM on Thursday, April 16, 2020 at the Shaw Funeral Home. Graveside service was at 2:00 PM on Friday, April 17, 2020 at the Calvary Memorial Cemetery.

WALTER W. KESSLER – Died Friday, December 20, 2019 in Mount Holly, New Jersey at the age of 78. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in 1947. He served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Liberty Bell "Philadelphia" Chapter #266**.



TERRY LEE KETELHUT, SR. - Died Wednesday, February 26, 2020 in Clinton Township, Michigan at the age of 73. The cause of death was intracerebral hemorrhage and coronary artery disease. He was born in Detroit, Michigan on January 17, 1947. He was the beloved husband of Linda for 18 years; dear father of Lan Tran, Terry Ketelhut, Jr., Toni (Pete) Angelini, Marilyn Kropp and Michael Kropp; loving grandfather of Kerstyn, Lisa, Linda, Lena, Lucy, Leo, Olivia and Luca; proud great-grandfather of three; dearest brother of Peggy, Barb and the late Lenny, and; loved and missed by his many nieces and nephews. Terry served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Clinton Township Chapter #154**. He was known as a selfless, caring man who would go above and beyond to help anyone in need, even the shirt off his back. Terry was a family man, caring for his wife and children. They always came first. He will be missed by his faithful companion Izzy. Visitation was held on Tuesday, March 3, 2020 from 2:00-8:00 PM with a Service at 7:00 PM at Bagnasco and Calcaterra Funeral Home, 13650 East 15 Mile Road in Sterling Heights, Michigan. Terry was laid to rest with his military brethren at Great Lakes National Cemetery in Holly, Michigan.



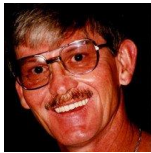
JAMES HARLEN "Jim" KIRKHAM (USMC, LtCol-Ret.)- Died Saturday, October 15, 2011 in Leawood, Kansas at the age of 74, after a battle with cancer. He was born in Springfield, Missouri on November 16, 1936 to the late Harlen and Marie Kirkham. Jim attended Springfield High School (Central) and graduated in 1954. He went to Missouri University on an NROTC scholarship where he was then commissioned. A Vietnam War veteran, Jim served in the United States Marine Corps for over 20 years. He received his Master of Science degree in computer science in the military and worked in that field after retiring from the USMC as a Lieutenant Colonel. He was an *At-Large Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Kansas**. Jim loved baseball and organized his own American Legion team as teen, playing all over the Springfield area. An avid Cardinals fan, he even watched them from his hospital bed. One of Jim's passions was the game of bridge. He played with his parents as a child and became a nationally recognized player. Traveling all over the world to play in tournaments, he made many friends and met many wonderful people. Jim won several national championships playing with wife Corinne. He also served on the National Board of Directors of the American Contract Bridge League for many years and served as ACBL President in 2001. Jim is survived by his wife Corinne, his children Stuart Kirkham, Springfield, MO, Sherry Kirkham, Carlsbad, CA and Steven Kirkham, New York, NY, Corinne's children Jeff Gellman and Adair Gellman, Ashburn, VA, and Matt Gellman, Henderson, NV, sister Judy Coiner and husband Bob, aunt Mary Jo Wynn, as well as grandchildren, nieces, nephews and cousins. Graveside services were held on Friday, October 21st at 1:00 PM in Springfield, MO at the National Cemetery with Pastor Nolan Carrier

officiating. Rather than flowers, contributions to the VFW or any veterans' organization would be appreciated. Arrangement were made by the Heartland Cremation and Burial Society.

WILLIAM GERALD "Billy" KOBLE - Died Wednesday, April 15, 2020 at Elmcroft of Chippewa at the age of 78, after an extended illness. He was a resident of Fallston, Pennsylvania and New Brighton, Pennsylvania. The cause of death was chronic systolic congestive heart failure. He was born May 30, 1941 in Fallston to the late William E. Koble and Dorothy E. (née Schoaf) Koble. This is where Billy lived and served his entire life. He loved this town. Billy served as a Fallston fireman for many years along with working as a steelworker at J&L Steel. He also worked at the Beaver County Times as a security guard. He proudly served in the United States Army in the 1960's and was member of the American Legion #19. He was a *Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Freedom Chapter #862*. Billy was preceded in death by his parents and wife Donna L. (née Vandine) Koble. Surviving is a son Lou Caler and his wife Laurie and granddaughters Carole Ann Caler Klinkner and Tammy Caler. Surviving siblings include Donald Koble and wife Dorothy, Kenneth Koble and wife Maureen, and Alice Zugonics and husband John. He had many nieces and nephews – Cheryl and Jason Hickey, Susan Koble, Kenny Koble Jr., and wife Carrie, Kevin Koble, Karen Koble, Lisa Howell, and Nancy Wilson. He also had many grand nieces and nephews. Billy was blessed with so many great friends. We would like to thank them for each making so many trips to visit him at his home and Elmcroft. He looked forward to those visits with friends. He attended Westminster United Presbyterian Church where he served as an elder. He loved attending church with his friends and getting together at their monthly breakfasts. Nothing made him happier than to make a friend an apple pizza pie. Because of Covid-19 there was not a public service, but a memorial celebration of Bill's life was celebrated at a later date. The family would like to thank Elmcroft Senior Living and Gateway Hospice for their care for Billy. The arrangements were made by the J & J Spratt Funeral Home, New Brighton.

KEITH W. "Skipper" KOHLMANN - Died Sunday at 11:30 PM on January 19, 2020 in Whitehall, Michigan at the age of 76. The cause of death was respiratory failure. Keith left our lives as a result of a short illness. He was born on February 15, 1943 in New Holstein, Wisconsin to the late Walter A. Kohlmann and Pearl M. (née Longrie) Kohlmann. Keith's father was stationed in Africa serving with the Armed Forces during World War II. After Keith's birth, in letters sent to his wife and newborn son, he referred to his son as "Skipper." Keith was called Skip/Skipper by immediate and extended family from that point on. Keith grew up in New Holstein, WI, where he attended elementary and high school. After graduation in 1962, he headed off to college. In 1966, he enlisted in the United States Marine Corps. He was deployed to Vietnam, and served with the Third Battalion, Seventh Marines, First Marine Division, Mike Company Third Battalion, Rank: E-4. He was very proud of his service in the Marine Corps. After his discharge, he earned a degree from the University of Wisconsin-Madison. He was an *At-Large Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Florida*. He was a devoted husband to Judy and caring father to Richard and Robert. Keith loved life. He lived it with gusto. He embraced it. He treasured his many, many lifelong friends. Wherever he went, he always met people that soon became his friends. Laughter was his trademark. Keith was a voracious reader; his interests spanning world news, politics, religion, science, biographies, and fiction. His activities included taking friends and

family on a tour of the Wolf River with his pontoon boat. He enjoyed traveling, fishing, photography, card and board games, and ANY game that involved a ball. Last but not least: telling jokes (usually funny). He was a volunteer for many organizations and served on many boards. He was President of the High Point Country Club for many years. He then headed to Chicago to work for the U.S. Health Department. He retired after 30 years with the Health Department. He and his wife, Judith, left the cold Midwestern winters for the ocean and sun in Florida. Keith is survived by his wife, Judith (née Wagner), of Huntington Beach, CA; sons, Richard, of Joliet, IL and Robert (Jordan), of Huntington Beach, CA; two granddaughters, Scarlett Kohlmann and Ivy Kohlmann, both of Huntington Beach, CA; two sisters, Jan Muellenbach (Steve), of Kiel, WI, Carol Helmke (Mark), of Lancaster, WI; one brother, Timothy, of Medford, OR; his sister-in-law, Edith Frisch, of Neenah, WI, and; by many nieces and nephews whom he loved. A Celebration of Life service was held on February 15, 2020 at Lord of the Lakes Church in Winneconne, WI. A visitation was held from 9:00 AM until the time of his service at 11:00 AM.



CHARLES F. KOMARA - Died Tuesday, March 3, 2020 in Good Samaritan Hospice, Beaver, Pennsylvania at the age of 73. He was a resident of Vero Beach, Florida and formerly of Midland, Pennsylvania and Freedom, Pennsylvania. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on May 17, 1946 in Connellsville, Pennsylvania to the late Rudolph A. and Helen N. (née Whipkey) Komara. He was a retired employee of Nova Chemical Company, Potter Township, PA. He was Methodist by faith, a Vietnam War United States Army veteran and a recipient of the U.S. Army Commendation Medal for Meritorious Service in Vietnam. Charles was a life member of the Midland VFW National and a member and officer of the Midland American Legion Post #481. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Freedom Chapter #862**. He was an avid hunter and fisherman. He was preceded in death by his wife, Catherine R. (née Ziolkowski) Komara in 1996, and a grandson, Cameron McGowan. Surviving are one daughter, Lisa M. Komara McGowan, Ambridge; two sons and a daughter-in-law, Jesse C. Komara, Pittsburgh, and Brian M. and Jennifer Komara, Patterson Township; and nine grandchildren, Cody, Chase, Shyann, Kendal, Brilynn, Austin, Jackson, Kaylee, and Naomi; one brother and sister in law, Robert E. & Millie Komara, Beaver. Friends were received on Thursday from 2:00 to 4:00 PM and from 6:00 to 8:00 PM in the William Murphy Funeral Home, Inc., 349 Adams Street, Rochester, where services were held on Friday at 12:00 Noon. The Reverend Gregory S. Clagg, Pastor of Grace Evangelical Lutheran Church, Rochester officiated. The interment was in Calvary Cemetery, Freedom. The Beaver County Special Unit provided full military honors at Calvary Cemetery at 12:45 PM.



BRUCE L. "Skip" KOONS – Died Friday, January 18, 2020 in Knoxville, Tennessee at the age of 68. The cause of death was small cell lung cancer. He was born in Norfolk, Virginia on April 4, 1950 to Jack and Jeannine Koons who survive him. Skip is survived by his wife, Jo Ann; father, Jack; mother, Jeannine; sister, Lucier; daughter, Laura; grandson, Brandon; as well as numerous extended family and friends. He served in the United States Marine Corps from June 12, 1967 to July 31, 1970 with a tour in Vietnam from 1967 to 1969. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Knoxville Chapter #1078**. No funeral services were planned. His ashes were taken to Arlington Cemetery Columbarium in Washington DC in May 2019.

EDWARD W. "Fast Eddie" KOPPENAAL – Died Thursday, March 5, 2020, at Cooper Hospital in Camden, New Jersey at the age of 77. He was a resident of Pedricktown, New Jersey. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Englewood, New Jersey to the late Abram and Christine (née Van Der Tulip) Koppenaal. He was a graduate of Ridgefield Park High School and attended Nyack College. Edward is a Vietnam Veteran who served as a Special Radio Operator in the United States Marine Corps for five years. He received numerous military awards and was fluent in Russian. He was an *At-Large Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – New Jersey**. He lived in Palisades Park NJ for 32 years, where he worked maintenance for Saint Michael Church and security for the Meadowlands Racetrack. He moved to Pedricktown in 2010 and worked as a security guard for the Paulsboro Refinery until he retired last year. When he was young, he enjoyed league bowling with his father and was an outstanding pitcher on his Little League baseball team. His love for music and playing the organ, led him to play for Grantwood Baptist Church and at Carnegie Hall. He also played keyboard in his band, the Rhythm Jesters. In his adult years, he enjoyed working, listening to music, spending time with family, throwing horseshoes, fishing, gardening, playing Yahtzee and solitaire. He was always known to put a smile on your face with one of his many jokes. Edward is survived by his loving wife of 22 years, Lorraine E. (née Stoms) Koppenaal; his stepchildren, Melissa Bunting, Michelle Peck (Ryan), Andy Bunting (Jill), John Bunting (Denise), and James Bunting (Deborah); his stepgrandchildren, Jason, John, Jessica, Kelly, Timmy and Jimmy; eight step-great-grandchildren, plus one on the way in May; and his brother and sister-in-law, John and Joanne Koppenaal; and many nieces and nephews. In addition to his parents, he was predeceased by his sister and brother-in-law, Henrietta and Walter Naida. Funeral services were held at 11:00 AM on Wednesday, March 11th in the H.T. Layton Funeral Home, 102 S. Main St., Woodstown, where friends were invited to visit from 10:00 AM until the time of service. The burial was in the Salem County War Veterans Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made in Edward's memory to the Kids Wish Network, 4060 Louis Avenue, Holiday, FL, 34691, Marine Toys for Tots Foundation, 18251 Quantico Gateway Drive, Triangle, VA, 22172, or to the charity of one's choice. Please visit www.htlayton.com to leave a note of condolence to his family. The arrangements were made by the H.T. Layton Funeral Home and Cremation Service.



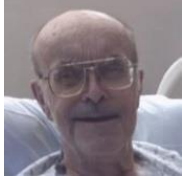
ROBERT MICHAEL KOZYRA - Died Sunday, May 3, 2020 at home in Carteret, New Jersey at the age of 71. The cause of death was cardiac arrest caused by coronary artery disease. He was born in Rahway, New Jersey on May 9, 1948 to the late John and Elizabeth Kozyra. Robert was a lifelong resident of Carteret. He served in the United States Navy Seabees during the Vietnam War. He was the Junior Vice-Commander with the VFW Post #7164, Avenel as well as a member of the American Legion, West Carteret. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – New Brunswick Chapter #233**. Robert retired after 47 years with GATX/Kinder Morgan, as a welder before retiring in 2013. Bob loved his Harley Motorcycle and couldn't wait for the riding season. He was a communicant of Divine Mercy Roman Catholic Church in Carteret, NJ. Robert is predeceased by his parents and his sister, Alice Bolten. He leaves to cherish his memory, his wife of 42 years, Julia (née Dorko) Kozyra; his son, Nicholas

Michael Kozyra; his sister, Nancy (William) Bennett; sisters-in-law, Arlene (George) Marx, Susan (James) Mudrack, Pat Dorko; brother-in-law, Andrew (Irena) Dorko, Jr., and; many nieces and nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews. Funeral Services were private under the direction of Synowiecki Funeral Home, 56 Carteret Avenue, Carteret, NJ due to the COVID-19 pandemic. In lieu of flowers, donations in memory of Robert may be made to VFW or Divine Mercy Roman Catholic Church.



GEORGE DONALD KROEGER (USA, CW4-Ret.) - Died Sunday, April 19, 2020 in Copperas Cove, Texas at the age of 82, surrounded by his family at home. the cause of death is unknown. George was born in Oak Park IL on August 14, 1937 to the late George A. and Louise (née Blaschke) Kroeger. He went to Proviso High School at Oak Park IL and graduated from Central Texas College. He was a 24-year United States Army veteran who proudly served in Vietnam. He was awarded the Bronze Star, Meritorious Service Medal, Army Commendation Medal w/1 Oak Leaf Cluster, National Defense Service Medal, Vietnam Service Medal w/1 Silver Service Star, Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal w/60 device, Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry w/Palm. He was involved as a *Life Member* in **Vietnam Veterans of America - Harker Heights Chapter #1000** and the Copperas Cove Citizens Police Academy Association. George was preceded in death by parents, George and Louise Kroeger. George is survived by his wife of 47 years, Lillian Kroeger; sons, Jeff Kroeger, Michael Mozdierz wife, Lorraine; daughters, Michele Kelso, Patti Riordan, Angela Oltjen husband, Bret, Erika Mozdierz; grandchildren, Joshua Clem, Laura Riordan, Amanda Riordan, Ashton Grandberry husband, Dustin, Melissa Lopez husband, Leroy, Andy Mozdierz; great- grandson, Dante Lopez; his sisters, Shirley Wright, Judy Lenzy husband, George; and special family friends, Matt Holsworth, Terry Aikman, Shawn Camp. George was an honorable man who served his country, loved and was loved by his “package deal.” The family would like to express their gratitude to Visiting Angels of Temple and New Century Hospice. Memorials may be given to Cove Animal Shelter or Holy Family Catholic Church in Copperas Cove, TX. A private Mass of Christian Burial was held at Holy Family Catholic Church with burial following at the Central Texas State Veterans Cemetery in Killeen. Visitation was from 4:00-6:00 PM on Wednesday, April 22, 2020, with a Rosary following at Scott’s Funeral Home.

ARTHUR KYLIAVAS – Died Wednesday, July 29, 2007 in Sierra Vista, Arizona at the age of 65. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on June 12, 1942. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was an *At-Large Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Arizona**.



GARY LEON LANTZ – Died Sunday, November 15, 2015 at the Israel Family Hospice House in Ames at the age of 73. He was a resident of Ames. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on May 10, 1942 in Des Moines, Iowa to the late Alvin Leon and Odellia Margaritta (née Newgaard) Lantz. Gary graduated from Ballard High School and then served in the United States Army from January of 1964 to August of 1974; being stationed in Vietnam from July of 1969 to April of 1970 and again from May of 1972 to February of 1973. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Ames Chapter #1102**. Gary is survived by his two brothers, Monte (Gloria) Lantz of Huxley and Nero (Linda) Lantz of Washington State; his sister-in-law, Sandra Lantz of Washington State; and many nieces and nephews. He was preceded in death by his parents; and his brother, Alan Lantz.



VITO W. La SALA, SR. - Died Monday, February 10, 2020 in Whiting, New Jersey at the age of 77. The cause of death was amyloidosis. He was born on November 17, 1942 in New Brunswick, New Jersey. Vito was a lab technician for Bristol-Myers Squibb, New Brunswick for many years before retiring. He resided in Brick, New Jersey before moving to Whiting in 2002. Vito served in the United States Navy from 1961-1965. Vito was a member of the American Legion, Brick, VFW of Milltown, Fleet Reserve Association #124, Lakehurst, a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – New Brunswick Chapter #233** and a lifetime member of North Brunswick First Aid Squad. Vito was predeceased by his wife Veronica. Vito is survived by his son, Vito LaSala, Jr.; two daughters, Nicoletta LaSala and Veronica MacLellan; two stepdaughters, Mary Sweeney, Colleen Gahrman; his brother, Salvatore LaSala; six grandchildren, and; six great-grandchildren. Visitation was from 2:00-6:00 PM on Friday, February 14th at the DeGraff Lakehurst Funeral Home, 119 Union Avenue, Lakehurst. In lieu of flowers, please consider a donation in his memory to Amyloidosis Foundation, 7151 North Main Street, Suite #2, Clarkston, MI 48346 or amyloidosis.org.



HARRY JOHN "Blackie" "Blackdog" LAYMAN - Died Friday, May 1, 2020 at the Veterans Affairs Medical Center at the age of 70, after a long, hard-fought battle with illnesses. He was a resident of Hancock, Maryland. Harry was born in Frostburg, Maryland on February 5, 1950 to the late Harry and Helen Layman. He grew up in the Wrights Crossing area. He was proud of his roots and enjoyed staying in touch with many family and friends. He is loved and adored by many, having made a friend everywhere he went. He was described as being a "real person...with a heart of Gold". When "Blackie" graduated from Beall High in 1968, he enlisted in the United States Marine Corps, and became a Lance Corporal with the 11th Engineers, 3D, and is a combat Veteran of the Vietnam War. These experiences and his "battle scars" appeared to have affected the rest of his life, as he spent much time researching his war experiences. He had traveled cross country and lived in California, for several years after his service. He was dedicated to visiting the Vietnam Memorial Wall in Washington, D.C., wanting to pay respect to his "brothers", usually every Memorial and Veterans Day. He had been one of the "founders" of a group called "LZ-EZ" that advocated for the building of the Wall. "Blackie" was a hard-working man; a Cement Mason most of his life; retiring from the Maintenance Department in 2014 after 20 years with the Washington County Public Schools. He was an active member of the Hancock United Methodist Church and loved his church family very much. He participated in Missions work; especially enjoyed going the Navajo Indian Reservation in New Mexico and working on projects. In his later years, he studied hard to become a 32nd Degree Master Mason Cumberland Scottish Rite. He was a man of God, Family, and Country. He is a member of James Bowers Lodge, Hancock, MD. He is also a member of the American Legion Post #211, VFW, a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Cumberland Chapter #172**, DAV, NRA, and supported many causes such as Native American Children, St. Jude's, Toys for Tots, and Shriners. Also, some of his hobbies included his Harley Davidson Motorcycles and Deer Hunting. He was known to patiently sit in the woods from sun-up to sun-down as he hunted. Harry is preceded in death by parents, Harry and Helen Layman; and a sister, Louise Kirchner. He is survived by his loving wife and soul mate of 27 years, Andrea Beth (Baker) Layman, and their children; Harrison Doss Layman and Sophia Marie Layman, of Hancock, MD, and his son Harry J.B. Layman of Winchester, VA, as well as his five grandchildren; his sister Peggy Arnold Tomlinson of Frostburg, MD, and several loving nieces and nephews, who he adored. The family would like to give special thanks to all the extensive care he received at the VAMC, and his ICU team, that he said, "treat me like Gold". In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in his memory to Hancock United Methodist Church, Men's Group, 170 West Main Street, Hancock, MD 21750, or to the Martinsburg VA Medical Center Voluntary Services, and can E-Donate on their website, or by mail at 510 Butler Ave., Martinsburg, WV 25405. Due to COVID-19 restrictions and social distancing, we are planning a limited spaces "drive-in" Funeral Service at Hancock United Methodist Church, officiated by Pastor Joshua Gillen was on May 8, 2020 at 1:00 PM. If possible, please RSVP to his daughter Sophia, so we can plan for spacing. Also, we hope to have a Celebration of Life at a later date at the American Legion. Condolences and messages to the family are welcome at www.potomaccremation.com.



ROLAND DENNIS LEMKE - Died Monday, March 23, 2020 at home in Bluffton, South Carolina at the age of 79. The cause of death was Agent Orange-related congestive heart failure due to atherosclerotic heart disease, diabetes mellitus-Type II and chronic obstructive pulmonary disease. He was born in Milwaukee, Wisconsin on June 6, 1940 to the late Roy R. Lemke and Irma (née Fischer) Lemke. Together with his wife he lived in the Sun City Hilton Head Community located in Bluffton, SC. He is only survived by his loving wife of 51 years, Andrea Lemke and a cousin, Dianne Lemke Reed. A loving husband and a devout believer who loved our Lord Jesus Christ. He was a member of the Baptist Church denomination known as the General Association of Regular Baptist Churches. He studied engineering at the University of Wisconsin and used those talents to assist in the development of experimental engineering concepts at the Harley Davidson Company. Throughout his career, he worked for a variety of other heavy manufacturing companies. A decorated United States Army veteran who proudly served his country in Vietnam 1963-1966. He enjoyed the coastal climate and participating in the many amenities offered: woodworking, golfing, traveling, cruising, and playing cards. He had a fondness for animals and adored his cat "Cuddles". He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Waukesha (Wisconsin) Chapter #425**. Due to current virus restrictions, the burial/interment was private on June 5th at the Beaufort National Cemetery. At a later date to be announced, there will be a large memorial service held with honors to his military service. Memorials to the Palmetto Animal League – Ridgeland, SC or the Wisconsin Christian News, Wausau, WI are appreciated.



HERTA LEMONS - Died Saturday, September 14, 2019 in at Alexian Village of Tennessee, a residence of Chattanooga, Tennessee at the age of 93. The cause of death is unknown. She was born on July 24, 1926. Herta was a Gold Star Mother and wives. She enjoyed needle point, sewing, cooking, gardening, member of New Haven Baptist Church, a member of **Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America – Chattanooga Chapter #203** and American Legion Auxiliary Post #95. She was preceded in death by her husband, Bill Lemons; two brothers; son, Karl Thompson, and; former spouse, Raymond Thompson. Survivors include, daughters, Connie (Mike) Durant, Sieglinde Bauer, Ingrid Durant, Joy (Frank) Eaton, Penny Gharanfoli, Dottie (Stan) Curry. Son Bobby Lemons, 13 grandchildren, 22 great grandchildren, several nieces and nephews. Longtime friends, Marilyn Nagel, and two caring nurses for Kindred Hospice, Sonya and Gwen. Condolences may be sent to www.lane-southcrestchapel.com. Funeral services were held at 11:30 AM on Wednesday from the chapel of Lane Funeral Home. Interment will follow in the Chattanooga National Cemetery. The family received friends on Tuesday from 4:00–8:00 PM at the South Crest Chapel of Lane Funeral Home and Crematory located at the end of historic Missionary Ridge, Rossville, Georgia.

GEORGIANNA HELEN (née Irwin) LITTLE – Died Thursday, March 28, 2019 in Middletown, New York at the age of 62. The cause of death was cancer. She was born in Middletown on May 26, 1956. She served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War. She was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – New Hampton Chapter #140**.

DONALD JOSEPH LORETTO – Died Wednesday, May 6, 2020 in Eden, New York at the age of 71. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on April 30, 1949 in Springville, New York to the late Leonard and Alice Loretto. He was the father of three sons and eight grandchildren; brother of Peter and the late Leonard Loretto, Jr. Donald was a 34-year-old member of CWA1122 United States Air Force in Vietnam in 1971 with the 14th Special Operations. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Tonawanda Chapter #77**. If desired, memorials may be made to the Vietnam Veterans Memorial, Washington, DC. There was no prior visitation. The arrangements were made by the Wentland Funeral Home, North Collins, NY. Condolences may be made at www.wentlandfuneralhome.com.



KATHY LOVIN - Died Wednesday, February 12, 2020 in her home in Sarasota/Bradenton, Florida at the age of 71. She was a resident of Fort Myers, Florida. She was formerly of Chattanooga, Tennessee. The cause of death is unknown. She was born on February 18, 1948. Kathy spent the last 17 years of her working career in various managerial roles with Blue Cross Blue Shield of Tennessee, Chattanooga office. Previously, she had worked at Beacon Health Services, Healthcorp of TN and as office manager for Orthopaedic Associates all of Chattanooga. Prior to moving to Chattanooga, she also worked at hospitals in St. Louis, MO and Mt. Vernon, IL. She also worked as a civilian nurse at Fort Polk Army Hospital during the Vietnam War. Kathy held a Diploma in Nursing from Barnes Hospital School of Nursing in St. Louis, MO. She had a Bachelor of Science in Nursing from Webster University in St. Louis, MO and Master of Science in Nursing from the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga, Chattanooga, TN. She also held certifications in Certified Professional in Healthcare Quality (CPHQ) and Six Sigma Black Belt Certification (CCSSBB). She was preceded in death by her father, Thomas Dwight Cummings and mother, Patricia Ann (Bellamy) Cummings. She is survived by her husband, Dan, of Sarasota/Bradenton, her son, Brian Lovin and wife Amanda, and grandsons, Preston and Landon all of Summerville, SC. Also surviving are her mother-in-law Esther Lovin, Mt Vernon, IL and uncle and aunt, Paul and Karen Bellamy, Johnson City, TN as well as brother and sisters-in-law, and many nieces and nephews. She and Dan just celebrated the 50th wedding anniversary on September 13, 2019. She was active with the UTC Mocs Club and a *Life Member* of **Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America – Chattanooga Chapter #203**. After retirement, she became an avid oil and watercolor painter. A Celebration of Life will be planned in the Sarasota/Bradenton area in the near future. Memorial contributions may be made to the Chattanooga Mocs Club, 615 McCallie Avenue, Chattanooga, TN 37403 or to the Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 203, PO Box 23405 Chattanooga, Tennessee 37422. Locally, arrangements are announced by Chattanooga Funeral Home, Crematory & Florist. Please share your thoughts and memories at www.ChattanoogaEastChapel.com.



TOMMIE CHARLES MABE (USMC, GYSGT-Ret.) – Died Thursday, May 7, 2020 in the Sweetbrier Assisted Living in Dunbar, West Virginia at the age of 91. He was a resident of South Charleston, West Virginia. He was formerly of Daytona Beach, Florida. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on October 10, 1928 in Rogersville, Tennessee. He is preceded in death by his wife, Mary Ellen Lou Mabe; son Tracy Neil Mabe; his mother, Allie Armstrong, and; his sister, Virginia McIntosh (Bob). He was retired from the United States Marine Corps with 20 years of service. He then completed his career as an inspector for the WV Department of Highways. He and was a member of the VFW in FL, AF&AM, Shrine, Scottish Rite, and the Eastern Star; as well as the WVU Alumni Association and U.S. Marine Corps Association. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – New Smyrna Beach Chapter #1048**. He was an avid WVU football fan. He is survived by his, brother, Gale (Muriel) Mabe of South Charleston; nieces, Mary Mabe of TN, and Catherine Mabe of South Charleston; nephew, Chuck Mabe (Bernie) of South Charleston; and his little dog Charlie. A gathering to honor the life of Tommie was held between 10:00 and 11:00 AM on Thursday, May 14, 2020 at the Snodgrass Funeral Home with Reverend Cindi Briggs-Biondi officiating. The interment was in the Tyler Mountain Memory Gardens, Cross Lanes with military graveside rites. Memories of Tommie may be shared by visiting snodgrassfuneral.com and selecting the obituary. Snodgrass Funeral Home assisted the family with the arrangements.



HOWARD E. MANN - Died Thursday April 19, 2018 in Blue Springs, Missouri at the age of 72. He was a resident of Oak Grove, Missouri. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on March 13, 1946 in Arcata, California to the late Leon and Alice “Vi” Mann – Summers. Howard retired from Kohl’s Distribution in 2013. He served his country in the United States Army during the Vietnam War. He was a 40-year member of the American Legion Post #499 in Blue Springs, MO, a member of the VFW and a Roman Catholic by faith. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Lee’s Summit Chapter #243**. Howard is survived by his special companion of 33 years, Cindy Aten of the home; sister, Carol Mann of Belton, Mo; daughters, Mona Bell of Bradenton, FL, and Amanda Monk of Independence, MO; son, Howard E. Mann, Jr. of Independence, MO; stepson, Derek Aten of Blue Springs, MO; stepdaughter, Darci Aten of Oak Grove, MO; 7 grandchildren and 1 great grandchild. He was preceded in death by his parents; daughter, Madonna Schrantz; brother, Kenny Mann and fur babies Hank and Otto. The family received friends at 12:00 Noon on Tuesday, April 24, 2018 at the Meyers Funeral Chapel, 1600 West Main Street, Blue Springs, MO, with a service following at 1:00 PM

at the chapel. Words of comfort to the family may be shared at www.meyersfuneralchapel.com.

VINCENT J. MARINKE - Died Sunday, May 10, 2020 in his home in Aliquippa, Hopewell Township, Pennsylvania at the age of 71, surrounded by his beloved wife, following a lengthy illness. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on February 26, 1949 in New Brighton, Pennsylvania to the late Vincent and Victoria (née Alexson) Marinke. Mr. Marinke served in the United States Marine Corps during the Vietnam War. He was a Wounded Warrior. He was a *Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Freedom Chapter #862*. Surviving are his wife of 47 years, Priscilla (née Rebich) Marinke; three brothers, John Leonard, Gerald Marinke, and David (Brenda) Marinke; a brother-in-law, William Dagen; a sister-in-law, Diane Snider; and many loving nieces and nephews. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by two brothers, Ronald Marinke and Robert Marinke. Honoring his wishes, all services were private. Funeral arrangements were provided by the Tatalovich Funeral Home and Cremation Services, Inc., 2205 McMinn Street, Aliquippa, www.tatalovichfuneralhome.com.

GEOFFREY H. “Geoff” MARQUIER - Died Sunday, March 10, 2019 at his home in Bridgewater, New Jersey at the age of 75. The cause of death was cancer. He was born in Belleville, New Jersey on May 8, 1943 to the late Frank Adolph and Gertrude (née Jeffries) Marquier. He had lived in the Pluckemin section of Bedminster Township before moving to Bridgewater in 1974. Mr. Marquier served in the United States Navy aboard the USS Boxer during the Cuban Missile Crisis, Dominican Republic Crisis and two tours in Vietnam. Upon completing his tours of duty and receiving an honorable discharge, Geoff worked for several years for Mack Trucks, and later for the Department of Veterans Affairs at Lyons as head automobile mechanic. He retired on March 31, 2001 after 21 years. He spent his retirement traveling to different parts of the world with his buddies, building a beautiful garden, and enjoying time in Florida. Geoff was a *Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America Phillipsburg Chapter #452* and supported veterans and their families as part of a group that worked with the PTSD (Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder) Unit at Lyons VA Medical Center in Bernards Township. Geoff is survived by his life partner of 25 years, Michelle Smith; a daughter, Dr. Megan Marquier-Schacht of Washington, DC; a son, David Marquier of Califon; five grandchildren, Christine Zarelli, Amanda Marquier, Carleigh Marquier, Samuel Marquier and Hannah Schacht; three great-grandchildren, Alexandriana, Lenora and Robert; two brothers, Frank and Richard Marquier; and two sisters, Cynthia Potter and Kristine Varzel. The funeral service was held at the Layton Funeral Home, 475 Main Street, Bedminster on Saturday, March 16th at 11:00 AM. Relatives and friends visited at the funeral home on Friday from 2:00-4:00 PM and from 7:00-9:00 PM. In lieu of flowers memorial donations may be made to the VA New Jersey Healthcare System PTSD Unit, 151 Knollcroft Road, Basking Ridge, NJ 07920.



RICHARD ARTHUR "Rick" MARSDEN – Died Monday, April 20, 2020 in Belfast, Maine at the age of 75. He was a resident of Swanville, Maine. The cause of death was acute on chronic systolic heart failure. He was born in Boston, Massachusetts on January 18, 1945 to the late Herbert Marsden and Dorothy A. (née Sparks) Marsden. He served in the United States Air Force from November 1966 through December 1970 as a Ground Electronics Repair Technician during the Vietnam War. He was an *At-Large Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Maine**. He graduated from Northeastern University with a B.S. Mechanical Engineering in 1973 and retired from Raytheon Company in Massachusetts after 20 years of service as a Project Manager on US Department of Defense Contracts. Prior to Raytheon he was teacher of Electronics, Mathematics and Mechanics at Lynnfield High School in Lynnfield, Massachusetts. He was also very active in numerous Veteran organizations: Commander of American Legion in Maynard Massachusetts, Finance Officer of American Legion in Belfast Maine, finance officer and assisted in establishment of AMVETS post in Belfast Maine. As a boy Rick was very active in the YMCA and in his retirement years, he served on the board of Directors of the Waldo County YMCA. At a young age, Rick bought land in Swanville, Maine. Over many years, his longtime dream of building a house on the land was complete and became home in "retirement". There were many weekend projects involving building, fixing or adding to the house. He did a lot of the work himself as he was very skilled in construction, plumbing, electrical, etc. For many years planting and maintaining a Christmas tree farm was a hobby. A family event each November was the harvest of about 25 trees that would be loaded on top of the Dodge – quite a sight rolling south on the Maine Turnpike! He loved delivering them to friends and family back in Massachusetts. Rick also loved to travel with his wife Suzanne. In retirement years, there were several trips to Disney World, and cruises in Europe, Alaska, and the Caribbean. A favorite of his were the many trips to Hawaii to celebrate their anniversary. Rick is survived by his best friend and loving wife of almost 39 years, Suzanne (née Allen) Marsden, his son Douglas A. Marsden and wife Kristen, his daughter Diane (Marsden) Morley and husband Ryan, and four grandchildren who he was very proud of: Jacob Marsden, Julia Marsden, Allison Morley and Ty Morley. He is also survived by his brother Kent Marsden and his two pet cats Benjamin and Misty. Richard was predeceased by his parents, one brother: Robert B. Marsden and his very special pet cats Scarlet, Rosalie and Amanda. He will be missed by his nieces, nephews, extended family, in-laws and many friends. A service will be held at the Maine Veterans Cemetery in Augusta Maine at a later date.



EFREN M. MARTINEZ, SR. - Died Tuesday March 31, 2020 at his home in El Paso, Texas at the age of 74. The cause of death was a heart attack. He was born on June 18, 1945 in Delicias Chihuahua, Mexico to the late Pedro and Ventura Martinez. Efren served proudly in the

United States Army during the Vietnam War. He was honorably discharged on October 6, 1971 and received the Army Commendation Medal and two Bronze Stars. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – El Paso Chapter #844**. Efren was employed at Asarco LLC and retired after 25 years of dedicated service. Efren was an avid golfer and loved the Dallas Cowboys. A celebration of Life Service was held on April 7, 2020 at the Crestview Funeral Home, 1462 North Zaragoza Road, El Paso, TX. Visitation was from 5:00–9:00 PM; recitation of the Rosary was at 7:00 PM. On April 8, 2020 was a Prayer Service at 8:00 AM at the Crestview Funeral Home followed by a burial service at Fort Bliss National Cemetery starting at 9:00 AM. Efren is survived by his wife Teresa S. Martinez and his eight children Alma Rosa, Efren, Jr., Armando, Rudy, Betty Mary, Lorena, Christina AND Veronica Martinez and fifteen grandchildren.



JAMES F. "Jim" "Bud" McCULLOUGH, JR. - Died Wednesday, March 18, 2020 in Phoenixville, Pennsylvania at the age of 81. The cause of death is unknown. Jim was born on September 10, 1938 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania to the late James and Isabelle (née McCoy) McCullough. He later resided in West Chester Pennsylvania. Jim served in the United States Air Force for four years. He received his Undergraduate Degree from West Chester University and a Master of Arts Degree in Informational Sciences from Penn State University. He retired from DuPont. Jim had previously been part of Search and Rescue and also was an active *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Phoenixville Chapter #436**. Jim was preceded in death by his parents, Jim and Isabelle, a sister Mary Mansure, and a niece Maureen Kirk. He is survived by four nieces and eleven nieces and nephews. The interment was on Monday, March 23, 2020 at 12:00 Noon in Holy Cross Cemetery, 626 Baily Road, Yeadon Delaware County, Pennsylvania. A memorial Mass has been temporarily postponed due to the pandemic. In lieu of flowers please donate to Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter #436, PO Box 189, Phoenixville PA 19460 or Tunnel2Towers.org.



FRANK EVAN McGLINCHEY - Died Saturday, May 30, 2020 in Collingdale, Pennsylvania at the age of 74, after a courageous battle fighting cancer related to his Agent Orange exposure during the Vietnam War. He was born in Glen Mills, Pennsylvania in 1946 to the late Charles and Eva McGlinchey. Frank was a 1966 graduate of Garnet Valley High School and Reppert Auction School. Frank served his country in the United States Army in Vietnam in 1967-1968 during the height of the Tet offensive. He achieved rank of Sergeant E-5. Frank was an auctioneer for more than 50 years. He previously worked for Sun, later Penn, Ship Building company. He retired from Boeing Helicopters after 12 years of service. During retirement, he

worked for Archmere Academy and later as a crossing guard for the Borough of Collingdale for many years. He was a dedicated parishioner of Saint Joseph Church, where he served as an usher and Eucharistic Minister and was an active member of Collingdale Fire Company. He was an active *Life Member* of the **Delaware County (Media) Chapter #67 – Vietnam Veterans of America** where he served as a member of the Honor Guard. He was active in his church, community and veterans group until his health no longer allowed. He is predeceased by his wife, Lorraine Alberta Ricci McGlinchey, his parents Charles and Eva McGlinchey and his brother Charles. Survivors: loving father of Erin D. McGlinchey and Shannon M. (Joseph) Kauffman; cherished grandfather of Abraham Albert Kauffman and Liam Jonah Kauffman; dear brother of Kathryn Foreacre and Eva Farmer; dear brother-in law of Albert (Denise) Ricci Jr. and many nieces, nephews, cousins and friends. Also, Dad to his 4-legged children Ginger, Lucky, Jake, Burton and Sergeant. Funeral Services were held privately through Zoom on Friday June 5, 2020 at 12:15 PM. Join Zoom Meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85971791023?pwd=TG1BamJnQ2N3SGR5bE83VlpZMklodz09>. Meeting ID: 859 7179 1023, Password: 970047. In Lieu of flowers, contributions to Saint Joseph Church, Improvement Fund, 500 Woodlawn Avenue, Collingdale, PA 19023 or Vietnam Veterans of America, Inc., Delco Chapter #67, P.O. Box 1220, Media, PA 19063.



PATRICK JOHN "P.J." McMAHON (USA, CSM-Ret.) – Died Wednesday, April 8, 2020 in Sea Cliff, New York at the age of 80. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on May 25, 1939. He was a retired Command Sergeant Major in the United States Army and Suffolk County Police Officer. Also retired from Teamsters Local #282. He also served in the United States Navy. He was a member of the Glenwood American Legion Post and the Glen Cove VFW Post, a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Hicksville Chapter #82**; an exempt member of the Glen Cove Fire Department - Former member of the Sea Cliff Fire Department Hook and Ladder Company #1. He was the beloved husband of Carol; loving father of Eileen (John) McGowan, Deirdre (August Cavaliere) McMahon and Patrick McMahon (Deborah); grandfather of Michael McMahon; John Andrew , Sara, Carly and Jessica McGowan; dear brother of Barbara Minicozzi (Frank) and Joan D'Ambrosio (Louie); brother-in-law of Jack Maxey (Donna), and; also survived by many nieces, nephews; his cousin Charles Addazio and many cousins, neighbors and friends. A memorial service will be held at a later date. Further information Whitting Funeral Home 300 Glen Cove Avenue, Glen Head, NY 11545 www.whitting.com. In lieu of flowers donations may be made to America's Vet Dogs, 371 East Jericho Turnpike, Smithtown, NY 11787-2976 info@vetdogs.org.



DANNY ARATON McPHERSON - Died Sunday, December 9, 2018 in his residence in Dallas, Georgia at the age of 69. The cause of death is unknown. He was born May 20, 1949 in

Paulding County, Georgia to the late Araton Monroe McPherson and Mary Henrietta (née Littlefield) McPherson. Mr. McPherson served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Georgia**. He has been married to Rita (née Gurley) McPherson for 34 years. Mr. McPherson was preceded in death by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Araton Monroe (Mary Henrietta Littlefield) McPherson; daughter in law, Mrs. Stacey McPherson; Grandchildren, Tyler McPherson and Jessica Angel. He is survived by his wife, Rita McPherson; two sons, Daryl McPherson and Allen McPherson; his grandchildren, Ryan Jenkins, Brooke McPherson, Aubrey McPherson, Abigail McPherson, Devon McPherson; his great-grandchildren, Victor Jenkins, Braylee Jenkins; two brothers, W.H. (Elaine) McPherson and Dale McPherson; five sisters, Mary Leggett, Joan Loveall, Nancy Bailey, Phillis Callahan and Susan Brown; his Mother-in Law, Martha Gurley; two brothers-in-Law Ricky (Angela) Gurley and Roger (Angie) Gurley, and; several nieces and nephews. Funeral Services for Mr. McPherson were held on Tuesday, December 11, 2018 at 11:00 AM with Reverend Mike Powell officiating. The interment was in the Georgia National Cemetery on Tuesday, December 11th at 2:30 PM with full military honors. Visitation hours were on Monday, December 10, 2018 from 4:00-8:00 PM and on Tuesday, December 11, 2018 from 9:00 -11:00 AM.

PERRY ELLIS MENGE - Died Friday, January 4, 2019 in Medford, Oregon at the age of 72, after a courageous battle with health issues for the past few years. The cause of death is unknown. Perry was born on January 21, 1946 in Crookston, Minnesota to the late Rozwell and Elledy Menge. He attended Lockhart grade school in Lockhart, MN and retained wonderful memories of growing up in the small Midwestern town. After graduating from Ada High School in Ada, MN, he attended Moorhead State University. His summers during college were spent working at Fair Hills Resort where he met his wife of 50 years, Rose (née Bervig) Menge. Perry served honorably in the United States Army in Vietnam and upon his return, attended the University of North Dakota, earning a Bachelor of Science Degree in Physical Therapy in 1973. He worked as a physical therapist in Grand Forks, ND for the next three years. He was an *At-Large Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Oregon**. In 1976, he and his family settled in Medford, Oregon where he enjoyed a successful physical therapy practice. Family and friends remember Perry's great sense of humor and devotion to his family. He was an avid reader and history buff who enjoyed travel and woodworking. Perry is survived by his wife, Rose; son Jeffrey Menge (Nicole) of Kingston, WA; daughter Anne Kaplan of Portland, OR; sister Judy Kolb (Ron) of Fargo, ND; grandchildren, Leighton and Dane Menge, Elias and Ethan Kaplan. A family service was planned at the Eagle Point National Cemetery.



MICHAEL EDWARD "Mike" MIKA - Died Thursday, March 19, 2020 in Chicago, Illinois at the age of 73 due to complication from the COVID-19 Virus. He was born in Chicago on June 5, 1946 to the late Edward and Priscilla Mike. He is survived by his loving wife of 51 years, Josephine (née Bottino Mike); three sons Keith (Kelly), Kevin and Kristopher Mika; three grandchildren, Thomas, Elizabeth and Joseph; his brothers, Douglas (Maria), Donald and Kurt (Cecilia) Mika and Sisters Deborah Edmonds and Monica (George) Ceffalio; fond brother-in-law

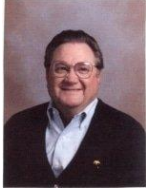
of Anthony and Ben (Ivana) Bottino; beloved uncle of two nieces and several nephews. He retired after 44 years of service from Dana Incorporated where he held numerous positions in design, engineering and sales. He served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Niles Chapter #242**. Mike was a devoted member of the VFW and volunteered at the VA hospital in Chicago. He served many years as a youth football coach for the Portage Park Youth Football League in Chicago and loved to golf. A memorial service will be held at a later date. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made in memory of Mike with The American Heart Association or the Chicago Community COVID-19 Response Fund.



DAVID A. MILLER - Died suddenly Wednesday, April 15, 2020 in the Town of Tonawanda, New York at the age of 71. The cause of death was an automobile accident, death resulting. He was born on December 27, 1948 in Buffalo, New York to the late Donald A. Miller and Mary Rita Miller. He was the loving father of Dr. Dawn Marie (James) Miller-McTaggart, of New Zealand; dear brother of Diane (late James) Creed, Doreen (Robert) Albee and Denise (Joseph) Klimek; uncle of many nieces, nephews, grand nieces and nephews; son of the late Mary Rita and Donald A. Miller; step-father of Charlie and Anthony. Due to the current health restrictions, a Mass of Christian Burial followed by military honors and interment in Mount Olivet Cemetery was held at a future date. David was a very proud Vietnam Veteran of the United States Army. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Tonawanda Chapter #77**. The arrangements were made by the Lester H. Wedekindt, Inc. Funeral Home. Please share online condolences at www.lesterwedekindtfuneralhome.com.



EDWARD W. MILLER II - of Depew, NY Died Wednesday, April 15, 2020 in Depew, New York at the age of 73. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Buffalo, New York on June 2, 1946. He was a graduate of Simmons School of Mortuary Science in Syracuse. He worked as a funeral director with the Carlton-Ullrich Funeral Home, then served in the United States Army in the Vietnam War with a graves registration unit. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Tonawanda Chapter #77**. He returned to work at the Barron Funeral Service in Buffalo, NY and bought the business in 1973. Barron-Miller Funeral Home opened in its current location in Cheektowaga, NY in 1989.



RAYMOND EUGENE "Ray" MILLER - Died Wednesday, June 21, 2017 in Melbourne, Florida at the age of 80, after a courageous battle with Pancreatic Cancer. Ray was born and raised in Springfield, Ohio on October 15, 1936 to the late Kenneth and Donna Belle Miller. He proudly served in the United States Navy and retired from the United States Army and was a Vietnam War Veteran. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Palm Bay Chapter #1096**. He worked for Union Carbide Company and retired from Honeywell in Clearwater, Florida. He enjoyed playing golf, fishing, reading and watching sports. He was predeceased by his first wife, Janet, of Indianapolis, his parents, Kenneth and Donna Belle Miller and brother Melvin Miller, all of South Vienna, Ohio and one stepdaughter, Karen (Richard) Ramirez of Napa, California. He is survived by his loving wife Mary (née Hayes) Miller, his five children – Tim (Debbie) Miller of Melbourne, Fl.; – Steve (Debbie) Miller of Indianapolis; – Tammy Nolan of St. Pete, Fl.; – Charlene (Jeff) Hoovler of Michigan; – and Jamie (John) Wheeler of Indianapolis plus three stepdaughters – Cathy (Bill) of Utah; – Kim (Jim) of Utah; and Kelly (Dwight) Sweet of Ohio; brother John (Jacqueline) Miller of Ohio; twenty-seven grandchildren, thirty-seven great-grandchildren and one great-great grandchild, plus many nieces and nephews and so many wonderful friends. He was a good man and will be remembered for his sense of humor, his love of family and love for his country.



RICHARD ALLEN "Rick" MINNICK – Died Thursday, April 11, 2019 at home in Melbourne, Florida at the age of 69, after a valiant, brave, and painful battle with cancer. He was born on December 11, 1949 in Fort Wayne, Indiana to the late Theodore and Magdalena (née Vorich) Minnick. In addition, he was preceded in death by two sisters and one brother. Rick is survived by his wife, Malinda "*Mindy*" Minnick. He and his wife truly shared a once in a lifetime love story they considered a blessing by God as many never experience such profound love, companionship, partnership, and best friendship. Rick was a very wise man. He taught his wife many valuable lessons about life, most of all true love and fairy tales do come true. He touched so many lives and was loved and respected by all he encountered in our lives. He was a loving husband, father, and friend. He learned, taught us all, and declared firmly that family is not defined by blood, but rather by affinity. Rick was also survived by three children, Sarah, Geoffery, and Megan, two stepsons, DJ Ashba, and Hunter Ashba, two grandsons, and a brother, Robert. Rick was extremely close with his stepsons, DJ and Hunter, who both serve in the U.S. Army and proudly considered them his sons in every sense. They unconditionally loved and respected him, looked up to him for guidance, considered him a role model, and were loyal to him, standing by him always. He was looked up to as a father figure and role model by his stepsons and numerous others in our lives he considered his children. He was so appreciative of his close friends he considered his family. Those friends were loyal, supportive, and cared for him deeply. They were so thrilled for he and his wife to have found such happiness. Many came

to visit, continued contact, and were loyal to Rick and his wife throughout their lives together. Rick was so touched by those who donated to his cancer campaigns. It was a true testament of their love and appreciation of Rick. Rick was a wonderful, loving man with a much loved and unique sense of humor. He loved history, politics, news, John Deere products and memorabilia, Waylon Jennings and country music, Snoop Dog, television, movies, spending quiet time at home with his wife and dogs, and visiting with family, friends and neighbors. He loved their dachshunds, Scarlet and Karma, as well as their beloved boxer, Zoey who remained at his side throughout his illness until preceding him in death. Rick attended Central Catholic High School until he voluntarily enlisted in the United States Marine Corps at age 16 and was deployed to Vietnam. He subsequently earned his G.E.D. after returning from deployment. Rick was a proud U.S. Marine Veteran who served honorably in Vietnam. He received many awards, including the National Defense Service Medal, Vietnam Service Medal, Vietnam Campaign Medal, Good Conduct Medal, Rifle Marksman, and the RVN Cross of Gallantry with Palm Medal during his service to our country. He was a member of the American Legion and a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Palm Bay Chapter #1096**, and Disabled Veterans of America (DAV). He was laid to rest at Cape Canaveral National Cemetery with full military honors and Caisson following a visitation / viewing at Ammen Family Cremation and Funeral Care. He was a man of deep faith, which he openly shared with others. He read his numerous devotionals daily. Rick loved children and animals and donated to a variety of associated charities; therefore, donations in memory of Rick may be made to Saint Jude's Children's Research Hospital, ASPCA for animals, and / or Hospice of Health First in Melbourne, Florida. RICK is in heaven now and is holding open the gates until we all meet again in Paradise. His wife is so grateful to God for the privilege to love RICK and be loved by him so purely and completely. His wife and those closest to him will always love Rick and miss him every day. Semper Fidelis our lovely Angel, Rick.



THOMAS M. "Tom" MOORE - Died Tuesday, November 19, 2013 at his home in Green Bay, Wisconsin at the age of 72, surrounded by his beloved family. The cause of death was cancer. He was born on February 5, 1941 in Green Bay, to the late Joseph and Christine (née Barron) Moore. He attended grade school at Saint Patrick and Annunciation and graduated from Premontre High School. After graduation, Tom enlisted in the United States Marine Corps, proudly serving during the Vietnam War from 1959-1965, where he reached the rank of Corporal. After the war, he went to work for Eckberg Drywall and retired from H.J. Martin Inc. after 30 years of employment. After retirement, he worked parking cars for PMI during Packer games. Thomas married Sandra Osowski on March 17, 1970, in Green Bay, celebrating over 42 years together. He was a member of the Moose Lodge #801 for over 30 years. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – De Pere Chapter #224**. He served as past president and the head and member of the color guard. He was also a member of Local Carpenters Union #1146. Tom was an avid sports fan. He enjoyed playing softball, bowling, golfing, and playing pool. He enjoyed watching the Packers, Brewers, Tarheels basketball and watching his children and grandchildren participate in sports. He loved history and was an avid reader. Survivors

include his wife, Sandra; children, Jerry, Mark, Barb (Kristen), and Kristi; grandchildren, Joshua, Tara, Kayla, Sara, Wesley, Shawn, Allison, Madeline, Gavin and Jarrett; several great-grandchildren; and two brothers-in-law, Robert Gavin and Peter Selissen and their families. He is preceded in death by his parents; son, Michael; siblings, Patrick Moore and Mary Selissen; and sister-in-law, Bonita Gavin. Friends visited from 1:00 until 5:00 PM on Saturday, November 23, 2013 at the Newcomer Funeral Home, 340 South Monroe Avenue, Green Bay. Moose Lodge #801 will be performing a memorial service at 3:00 PM. Full Military Honors will be at 5:00 PM on Saturday at the funeral home. The family would like to thank Dr. David Groteluschen and the team at Green Bay Oncology, Unity Hospice and Lee Thomas for their care and support during this difficult time.



WAYNE C. MOORE - Died Friday, April 17, 2020 at Kindred Hospital South in Saint Louis, Missouri at the age of 73. He was a resident of Mulberry Grove, Illinois. The cause of death was respiratory failure. He was born on September 26, 1946 in Saint Jacob, Illinois to the late Charles and Frances (née Schneider) Moore. On July 31, 1997, he married Lois J. Frank at Greenville, IL. She survives in Mulberry Grove. Wayne was a member of Saint Lawrence Catholic Church. He was also a member of Highland VFW Post #5694 – Highland Knights of Columbus (4th Degree) – Woodmen of the World Highland Camp – Keysport American Legion Post #1994 – a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Breeze Chapter #269** in Clinton County – American Legion Riders Collinsville #365 – Vandalia Moose Lodge. Wayne was born in St. Jacob, IL and graduated Triad High School in 1965. He worked at a gas station then joined the United States Army with duty in Vietnam. After his service he lived in Louisiana and ran a dump truck business. He moved back to IL and worked for Allied Chemical, then AO Smith, which changed to Tower Automotive, as a Millwright for the automotive industry. He retired in 2007 and he and his son Travis operated a land excavating business. Wayne was very active with the VFW, holding State and District Chairs, and Past Commander. He was also involved with VFW Youth Programs. He assisted the Pocahontas American Legion with their activities. He loved being outside, loved his motorcycles, and spending time with his family and grandchildren. Survivors include : Wife – Lois J. Moore nee Frank, Mulberry Grove, IL Son – Brian (Shannon) Moore, Nashville, IL Son – Jason (Jeannine) Moore, Grantfork, IL Daughter – Amanda (Ty) Wesbrook, Loganville, GA Son – Travis (Debbie) Moore, Kinmundy, IL Grandchild – Myka Wesbrook Grandchild – Landyn Wesbrook Grandchild – Hunter Wesbrook Grandchild – Dusti Moore He was preceded in death by : Father – Charles F. Moore – Died 3/17/1988 Mother – Frances – Moore nee Schneider – Died 3/31/1995. The arrangements were handled by the Spengel-Boulanger Funeral Home in Highland, IL. Private graveside services and interment were in the Keystone Cemetery in Saint Jacob, IL, with Reverend Father Pat Jakel officiating. Memorial contributions may be made to the Family.



WILLIAM CHARLES "Bill" MOORE - Died Wednesday, March 11, 2020 in Lugoff, South Carolina at the age of 77. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania on December 12, 1942 to the late Neville Charles and Mary Julia (née Carroll) Moore. Bill was a United States Army veteran, having served in Vietnam, and worked as a weapons tester for Aberdeen Proving Ground. He was also an active member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Port Deposit (Maryland) Chapter #722**. He is survived by his son, William R. Moore (Heather) of Wapakoneta, OH; stepsons, Paul J. Underwood, III (Lucinda) of Farmington, UT and Francis C. Underwood, Sr (Deirdre). of West Grove, PA; stepdaughter, Mary Kristie Underwood of North Philadelphia, PA; fourteen grandchildren; 4 great grandchildren; brother, Robert D. Moore (Hope) of Williamsburg, VA; and numerous cousins. Bill was predeceased by his wife, Mary Alice Cook Underwood Moore, and his parents. Memorials may be made to the Vietnam Veterans of America, 8719 Colesville Road, Suite #100, Silver Spring, MD 20910. Kornegay Funeral Home, Lugoff-Elgin Chapel was in charge of the arrangements assisting the family.



LEONARD LURAY MORRIS - Died Saturday, April 25, 2020 in Berea, Kentucky at the age of 81, after a long illness. The cause of death was kidney and multiple organ failure. Leonard was born on July 18, 1938 and raised in Clearville, Pennsylvania to the late Leonard and Crystal (née Amick) Morris and brother of Lottie LaRue (Morris) Grimes, who have all preceded him in death. He graduated from Everett High School in 1956 and served 20 years in United States Air Force, including 2 tours in Vietnam in the 1st Combat Evaluation Group. After retirement he worked for over 20 years in transportation for the Madison County Board of Education. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Big Hill Chapter #1066**. He is survived by his spouse Arritta (née Bennett) Morris of Berea whom he picked up at a San Antonio skating rink on a busy Saturday night in 1959 and decided to keep for the next 60 years. She was impressed by his car and red hair. He is also survived by his three children: Michael Morris (Michelle May) and Kari Morris (Bobby Anglin) of Berea and Holly Morris of Los Angeles, CA and his two extraordinarily obnoxious little dogs Winston and Willie, who loved him (and no one else). Full military burial was observed at Camp Nelson, Kentucky. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the Lexington Humane Society.



GAIL ANN (née Turbeville) MUELLER - Died Thursday, November 21, 2019 in Rockledge, Florida at the age of 70, after a short illness. The cause of death is unknown. She

was born in Fall River, Massachusetts to the late Geraldine (née Garvin) Allaire Turbeville and the late Harold Lloyd Turbeville. She was also the stepdaughter of the late Joseph W. Allaire. Gail attended schools in the Bristol area and graduated from Warren High School in 1967. Gail was a Vietnam War Veteran who served at Fort Hamilton in Brooklyn, NY. Gail graduated from the Walter Drake Business School in New York City. For many years Gail worked in various clerical and secretarial positions throughout New York City. In her younger years she was a member of the Manhattan Jaycees, Child-Study, Woodhaven, and a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Palm Bay Chapter #1096**. Gail retired to Florida. Gail enjoyed traveling the Caribbean and returning to Bristol for the Fourth of July Festivities. Gail once traveled the Panama Canal which she was very proud of. Gail leaves behind two children, Lee Michael Parmet of Providence, RI and Adrienne Norbeck of Woodhaven, NY. She is also survived by two sisters, Margaret Wilhelm (Dean) of La Cross, WI and Gerry Turbeville of Providence, RI. Her memory will live on through her companion Raymond Leong, stepbrother, Tim Allaire, her uncle George Haray, and her nieces, nephews and cousins. The family would like to extend a special thank you to Gail's friend and home health aide Terry White. Funeral services from the Sansone Funeral Home, 192 Wood Street, Bristol, Rhode Island was held on Friday, December 6, 2019 at 9:00 AM with a Mass of Christian Burial at 10:00 AM in Saint Marys Church, 330 Wood Street, Bristol, RI. The burial was in Saint Mary Cemetery, Chestnut Street, Bristol. Visitation was held on Thursday evening, December 5th from 4:00-7:00 PM. For online condolences, shared memories, information and directions go to www.sansonefuneralhome.com.



DANIEL EDWARD "Dan" MURPHY - Died Wednesday, May 6, 2020 at home in Warwick, Rhode Island at the age of 70. His life ended after a very long battle with cancer. He was born on March 18, 1950 in Providence, Rhode Island to the late Edward F. and H. Patricia (née Reardon) Murphy, he lived in Warwick for most of his life. He served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War and had remained an active *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – James Michael Ray (Woonsocket) Chapter #818**. He was employed at NYNEX for 25 years and was a member of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers. He later worked as a dispatcher for the West Warwick Fire Department. Although no longer with the West Warwick Fire Department, during the Station Night Club fire, Dan volunteered to go in and assist with the dispatch operations. Dan was a member of the American Legion, and a volunteer for the RI Chapter of Operation Stand Down. He freely gave his time to help others, to fight for justice and to preserve the American way. An avid Harley-Davidson rider, he was previously a member of the Sophisticated Gents. Dan also participated in numerous Veterans rides, the Toys-for-Tots runs and many other charitable rides. Dan always loved a good parade, especially meeting friends on the bridge for the Gaspee Day parade and the political satire of the Ancients and Horribles parade in Pascoag, Rhode Island on the Fourth of July. A friend of Bill W., he was proud of his 32 years of sobriety and helped many others in the program...One day at a time. He was a member of Saint Rita Catholic Church in Warwick. He is survived by three

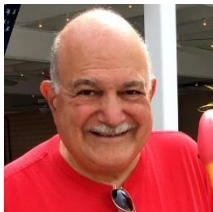
sisters, Michaela A. Scalera (Vincent) of Cranston, Patricia A. Miller (Robert) of East Greenwich, and Kathleen M. Murphy (Roger Chenail) of Woonsocket, a niece, Katie Rossi (Anthony); and two great-nephews, Oliver and Elliott of Montrose, CA. His family would like to acknowledge and thank his devoted and loving friends and caregivers, Lynn Dussault and Gail Pomeranz. Due to the current COVID-19 pandemic, his funeral and burial with full Military honors were private. In lieu of flowers, contributions in his memory may be made to Operation Stand Down, RI Chapter, 1010 Hartford Avenue, Johnston, RI 02919.



DELBERT RAY MUSGRAVE – Died the evening of Monday, February 24, 2020 in Killeen, Texas at the age of 83. The cause of death was Alzheimer's disease and dementia. He was born on March 2, 1936 in Oberlin, Kansas to the late Clarence E. Musgrave and Mary Delores (nee Thummel) Musgrave. He was one of six siblings. He met and married the love of his life Liselotte Jankie on July 27, 1961 in Munich Germany. They had 58 glorious years of marriage. Delbert entered the United States Army as a Construction Machine Operator (62N) and a secondary Military Occupational Specialty (MOS) Engineer Equipment Repairman (62B). His military career spanned the course of more than twenty-one years, consisting of tours not limited to Vietnam, Germany and Korea. As a decorated soldier his awards include: Vietnam Service Medal w/1Silver Service Star; Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal; Vietnamese Cross of Gallantry w/Palm; National Defense Service Medal w/Oak Leaf Cluster; Good Conduct Medal; Bronze, Clasp, 5 Loops; Sharpshooter(Rifle); Driver/Mechanic Badge w/Driver Bar(W). Community involvement consisted of devotion to Disabled American Veterans Chapter #29, Harker Heights Texas of 35 years with concentration on recruitment of members that netted him three time DAV National Recruiter of the year and induction into the National Hall of Fame team and award of the Hall of Fame Pin with three diamonds. He was integral part of the number one fundraiser Forget Me Not. The administrator for DAV #29 transportation program transporting veterans via the DAV shuttle van, with pick locations in Copperas Cove, Killeen and Harker Heights, Texas to their respective appointments at Central Texas Veteran Health Care System (CTVHCS), Temple, Texas some thirty miles away. He was also The American Legion Post #223 and VFW Post #3892. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Harker Heights Chapter #1000**. Among those members of his family who preceded his departure are: His parents Clarence E. Musgrave and Mary Delores Musgrave. Among those who are left to cherish the honor of his love and legacy are: his loving and devoted wife, Liselotte Musgrave: son, Robert E. Musgrave of Denver, Colorado; siblings, Don Musgrave (Jean) of Portland, Oregon, Dallas Musgrave (Rosalee) of Lady Lake Florida, David Musgrave (Carole) of Lenexa, Kansas, Danny Musgrave of Arvada, Colorado, Deloris Berland (Stephen) of Manhattan, Kansas: and a host of other near and dear loved ones and friends.



ALLEN LEE MYERS – Died Thursday, April 30, 2020 in Mesa, Arizona at the age of 71. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Lewisburg, Pennsylvania on July 18, 1948 to Anna May Myers and the late Charles “Charlie” Myers. He moved to Arizona with his family in 1959. He was a devout Lutheran, a United States Army Vietnam Veteran proud of his service to his country. He served from October 1967 to October 1973 with a tour of duty in Vietnam from May 1968 to May 1969. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Mesa Chapter #1011**. He was an avid golfer and a die-hard Diamondback’s fan. He loved his Lord and his family. One of his favorite things was to spend time supporting his children and grandchildren in their various activities and interests. His love of travel took him to many parts of the world where he discovered his love of photography. Allen is survived by his wife, Debbie; two daughters – Jennifer Myers, Heather Vickers (Brian), one son – Kevin Myers, 7 grandchildren – Cecelia, Molly, Tres, Breanne, Lily, Leah and Charlie, his mother – Anna May, one sister – Edith Toles (David), and one brother – Mark Myers (Kathy). He was preceded in death by his father – Charles “Charlie” Myers. Bearing in mind the current unusual circumstances with the “Stay-at-Home” mandate, memorial services have been placed on hold, and will be determined at a later date. Taking this into consideration and in lieu of flowers, the family is asking that donations be made to the Pilgrim Evangelical Lutheran Church at the following link: www.pilgrimmesa.com.



MICHAEL GEORGE NAJARIAN – Died Thursday, May 14, 2020 in Silver Spring, Maryland at the age of 76. The cause of death was cancer. He was born on August 5, 1943 in Washington DC to the late Arthur and Piloan (née Manoogian) Najarian. Along with his loving sisters Clara (Andonian), Sosie (Manoogian), Virginia (Abbe), Roxie (Pompilo), Alice (Guida) and his remarkable brother, John (deceased 2011), they grew up in the Mount Pleasant area of DC. He attended the University of Maryland before he enlisted into the United States Air Force. From October 1962 to October 1968, his service included a tour in Vietnam. He was a *Founding Member and Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Silver Spring Chapter #641**. Upon his discharge with ranking of Sergeant, Michael was employed by the Washington Post where he met his “bride” of 52 year, Therese (Michaud). They married three days after his discharge in 1968! In 1971, they welcomed their daughter, Catherine. In 1998, they welcomed their son in law, Charles Halpin and in 2011, they welcomed their granddaughter Madeline Rose.... His life

was devoted to his family and then to veterans. A founding member of Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 641 since the '80's, it was a week after retiring from the Washington Post, when Michael began working for National Headquarters of Vietnam Veterans of America. In 1998, along with a dear life-long friend Arthur Wong, he founded THE WALL WASHING program through VVA Chapter 641 and the National Park Service. They organized groups of volunteers who, to this day, wash the Vietnam Memorial Wall early each morning April through November. He is survived and forever loved by his "bride" of 52 years, Therese (née Michaud), daughter Catherine Grace Najarian-Halpin, son in law Charles R. Halpin, granddaughter Madeline Rose N. Halpin and grand-dog Riley Cipher Halpin, as well as so many caring, supportive and amazing nieces, nephews, sister and brothers-in-laws, friends, coworkers, colleagues and neighbors. The words written here are few and there is so much more that can be written about Michael. What he gave to this world, to each of us will always live on because his HUMOR & JOY OF LIFE is part of us all! May we all become RECYCLED TEENAGERS! Due to current events of COVID-19, his interment at Arlington will be announced at a later date as well as any memorial services.

EVELINE DIANA NASH – Died Wednesday, January 22, 2020 in DeRidder, Louisiana at the age of 69. The cause of death is unknown. She was born on July 17, 1950 to the late Bill and Maria Lambright. She was also predeceased by her husband, Michael Nash, her sister, Lori Lambright and her son, Robert Bailey. She is survived by her stepmother, Sara Lambright; two sons, Brandon Bailey, Corpus Christi, TX and Michael Williams, of Harrisburg, PA; two stepsons and their wives, John David Nash and Jessica, of Sulphur, LA and Kevin Nash and Diana, of DeRidder, LA; one stepdaughter and her husband, Angela Harkness and Shawn, of Baltimore, MD; five grandchildren; one brother, Gervous Lambright, Jr., and a host of nieces, nephews and cousins. She was a *Life Member* of **Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America – DeRidder Chapter #1038**. Funeral services were scheduled for 2:00 PM on Monday, January 27, 2020 at Ludington Baptist Church in DeRidder, LA. The interment was in the Hopewell Cemetery in DeRidder, LA.



CONRAD BRUCE NICKERSON – (USAF, MSgt-Ret.) – Died recently in 2020 in Stockton, California at the age of 72. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on December 2, 1947. He served in the United States Air Force during the Vietnam War and retired at the rank of Master Sergeant. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Santa Maria Chapter #982**.

HAROLD E. NIEMEYER – Died Sunday, April 19, 2020 in Fremont, Nebraska at the age of 71. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in January 22, 1949. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Fremont Chapter #397**. He is survived by his daughters, Jessica Draine and Mandie (Tony) Schumacher; siblings, Mildred Gray, Mervin Niemeyer, Ruth Rader, Glen (Debbie) Niemeyer, Jane Florian and Steven (Chris) Niemeyer; grandsons, Logan, Mackenzie, Dustin, Joshua and Caleb; and numerous nieces, nephews, and other family and friends. There was a private interment. A Celebration of

Life to be scheduled at a later date. The Good Shepherd Funeral Home in Omaha was in charge of arrangements.

TERRANCE A. NISI – Died recently in 2020 in Manchester, New Hampshire at the age of 75. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on July 6, 1944. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Concord Chapter #41**.

MICHAEL JOHN “Mike” O’DAY – Died Sunday, March 29, 2020 in Wilmington, North Carolina at the age of 71. He died at the Lower Cape Fear Life Care. The cause of death was mantle cell lymphoma. He was born in Queens, New York on July 7, 1948. He leaves behind his loving wife to cherish his memories Ms. Martha O’Day of the home. He served in the United States Army with a tour of duty in Vietnam from 1968- to 1969. He was a *Life Member* and *Former Chapter Secretary* to **Vietnam Veterans of America – Wilmington Chapter #885**. Services were conducted at a later date. Coastal Cremations served the family.



WILLIAM A. “Bill” OLSEN, SR. (USAF, COL-Ret.) - Died Thursday, March 12, 2020 in Huber Heights, Ohio at the age of 83. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on September 18, 1936 in Grand Rapids, Michigan to the late Harry Olsen, Sr. and Jean Olsen. In addition to his parents, Bill was preceded in death by his brother, Roy Olsen. Bill is survived by his sons, Bill, Jr., Bart, Brad and Rob; his grandchildren, Logan, Christin, Katie, Aaron, Tyler, Eric, Brittni and Cody; many great-grandchildren; his brother, Harry, Jr.; his sisters, Jean and Joan, and; many nieces, nephews, other relatives and friends. Colonel Bill was a decorated combat veteran of the United States Air Force in the Vietnam War. He was awarded two Distinguished Flying Crosses, three Meritorious Service Medals and many others. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Dayton Chapter #97**. At his request, private services were held for his family. The burial and military honors were held at Dayton National Cemetery. The arrangements were made by the Newcomer North Chapel, 4104 Needmore Road.

CHRISTINE MICHIKO OMOTO – Died Saturday, April 4, 2020 in Highlands Ranch, Colorado at the age of 35. The cause of death was cancer. She was born on February 15, 1985. She was a member of **Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America – Aurora Chapter #1106**.

JOHN M. PALMER – Died recently in 2020 in Hastings, Minnesota at the age of 73. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on May 7, 1947. He is survived by his wife, Elaine. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was an *At-Large Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Minnesota**.

VERNON J. PECK – Died Sunday, April 12, 2020 in the New Jersey Veterans Memorial Home in Menlo Park, Edison, New Jersey at the age of 73. The cause of death was from complications due to the COVID-19 pandemic. He was born on June 19, 1946. He was born on June 19, 1946. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Permanently Hospitalized Veteran Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – New Brunswick Chapter #233*.



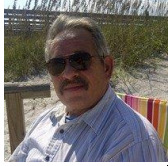
MICHAEL ALAN “Mike” PENNINGTON - Died at 1:45 AM on Monday, March 9, 2020 at the Veterans Administration Healthcare System in Ann Arbor, Michigan at the age of 72. He was a resident of Dundee, Michigan. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Niagara Falls, New York on October 12, 1947 to the late Albert and Arlene (née Rummel) Pennington. After high school and earning his Bachelor of Science Degree from Fort Wayne Bible College in Indiana, Mike married Delia “Dee” Wattles on June 27, 1970 in Onsted, Michigan. Together they were blessed with two daughters. Mike honorably served his country in the United States military during the Vietnam War. He was quite proud, and often shared his accomplishment of serving in three separate branches of the armed forces during his military career; Army, Navy and Air Force. Mike worked as a prison Guard for many years, and later he was promoted to a prison Counselor at the Federal Correctional Institution in Milan. He would remain employed at the prison until he medically retired in 1993. With a great sense of adventure, Mike was unwavering in his pursuit to live life to the fullest. The family explored our great nation traveling coast to coast on many vacations. A faith-filled, people person, Mike, was always willing to help those in need with his time and resources. He was actively involved and volunteered in several community organizations. He was a *Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Monroe Chapter #142*. Being quite witty, Mike always had a joke and enjoyed making others smile. Even as his body deteriorated his mind remained sharp and he was quite determined to keep the hospital staff grinning. To cherish his memory, Mike leaves his beloved wife of almost 50 years: Dee Pennington; two daughters: Leah (Brian) Manley and Sarah (David) Anderson; a brother: Martin “Marty” (Sue) Pennington; three grandchildren: Eleanor Manley, Elizabeth Anderson, and Sloan Anderson; a nephew: Michael Pennington; a niece: Andrea (Tom) Powell; and a great niece: Lexis Pennington. Private services were held. Should friends desire, expressions of sympathy can be made in the form of a donation to Mercy House, 3877 Jackman Road, Ida, MI 48140. Merkle Funeral Service, Dundee was entrusted with his arrangements. Online guests may leave words of inspiration and comfort or share a photo by visiting www.merklefs.com.



STAFFORD PERRY - Died Tuesday, July 9, 2019 in The Villages, Florida at the age of 72. The cause of death was heart failure. He was born on September 20, 1946 in Poston, South Carolina to the late Tom Montague and Mary (née Dell) Perry. Stafford was a beloved husband, father, grandfather, brother and friend to many who loved him dearly. He was predeceased by two sisters, Monty Dell Willoughby and Nelda Carter. He is survived by his loving wife, Peggy of 50 years; son, Brian; daughter, Stephanie Levins; three sisters, Harriette Gray, Shirley Coleman, Willa Allen; brother Lester Perry; five grandchildren along with many nieces and nephews. He was a lifetime member of the American Legion. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – The Villages Chapter #1036**. He proudly served in the United States Army in Vietnam (66-67). He retired from CSX Transportation in 2006 and moved to The Villages shortly thereafter. He was on the board of the Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter #1036, president of the Carolina's Club and a loyal fan of the South Carolina Gamecocks. There was a Celebration of Life at a later date.



REVEREND JAMES A. "Jim" PETERMAN (USA, LTC-Ret.) – Died Friday, July 5, 2019 at Wuesthoff Hospice Care in Rockledge, Florida at the age of 91. He was a resident of Viera, Florida. The cause of death is unknown. Jim was born May 17, 1928 in Milford, Delaware to the late Albert and Catherine. He was also predeceased by his siblings, John and Alberta. Jim attended high school and college at Saint Mary Seminary in Baltimore, MD. Following several years of Parrish Ministries, Jim volunteered for active duty as a chaplain in the United States Army. He served three tours of duty in Vietnam, achieving the rank of Lt. Colonel in 6 years. He also became a Green Beret. For exceptional Meritorious conduct in the performance of his duties in the 101st Airborne at Camp Eagle he was awarded the Legion of Merit. Other decorations include Two Army Commendation Medals, the Air Medal and a Bronze star. After living in West Palm Beach for twenty-five Years, the Peterman's moved to the new town of Viera. That was in the spring of 1995. Jim became very active in the Retired Military Community. He volunteered to serve an Interdenominational Congregation at the Indian River Colony Club. Jim enjoyed watching sports on TV and was an avid fan of the Phillies. He will be deeply missed by friends and family. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Palm Bay Chapter #1096**. Jim is survived by his loving wife, Maureen, brothers, William and Rev. Thomas Peterman; his sisters, Norma and Catherine. Memorial Funeral Services with full military honors was held at the Faith Viera Lutheran Church, 5550 Faith Drive, Rockledge, FL at 2:00 PM on Sunday, July 14, 2019 with a reception to follow in the fellowship hall. The burial took place at the Cape Canaveral National Cemetery on July 16th. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations to Saint Jude Children's Research Hospital, 262 Danny Thomas Place, Memphis, TN. The Beckman Williamson Funeral Home and Crematory, Viera, FL was in charge of the arrangements.



JOHN CLIFTON PETERS III – Died Thursday, May 14, 2020 in Surfside, South Carolina at the age of 69, surrounded by loved ones, after a lengthy illness. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on March 13, 1951 in Yonkers, New York to the late Vilma and John Clifton Peters II. Survived by his wife of 18 years, Georgiane Peters, Surfside, SC; his daughters, Christine Peters and Michelle Ceccarelli, of Yonkers NY; siblings, Susan Peters, of Chesapeake VA, Donna Glover, of Sarasota FL and Steven Peters, Yuba CA; his stepsons, James Doran, of Silver Spring MD and Christopher Doran, of Deerfield Beach FL. In 1969-1970 John served honorably in the United States Army in Vietnam, receiving a Purple Heart and various commendations. He was promoted to Drill Sergeant First Class serving at Fort Dix, New Jersey. John retired after decades serving in the National Guard. In 2002, John married Georgiane, moving from Croton-on-Hudson, NY to Surfside, SC. John saw the need for a Chapter of the Vietnam Veterans of America in the area. He single-handedly began **Vietnam Veterans of America – Surfside Beach Chapter #925** in 2003. He was a *Life Member* and the group currently has 100 members. John's hobbies were wood finishing, playing the drums (he loved music), shooting at the Francis Marion range, reading books about the American Revolution (on which he was an expert). John will be buried at Arlington National Cemetery at a future date to be announced. There will be a Service in the Chapel, performed by a Military Chaplain. As John was in love with his God, and the military, this was his final wish. In lieu of flowers, you may kindly send a contribution to the Grand Strand Humane Society in Myrtle Beach.



AMOS GARCIA PEREZ, JR. (USA, SFC-Ret.) - Died peacefully Tuesday, March 12, 2019 at his residence in Baytown, Texas at the age of 79. The cause of death was a heart attack. He was born on August 10, 1939 in Galveston, Texas to the late Amos and Margaret (née Gayton) Perez. He entered the United States Army in 1956, attended "Airborne" Jump School and Raider-Recondo School during his first stint in the Armed Services. He was Honorably Discharged in August of 1959 and then 3 months later he re-enlisted in the Army. He went on to complete his Masters Jump School Training in 1964. He did three tours in Vietnam, 1965, 1968 with the 82nd Airborne Division and in 1970 with MACV as an Advisor to the Vietnamese Army Mountain Division. While in Vietnam, he was wounded in action twice and received two Purple Hearts with Oak Leaf Cluster. His other military awards included the Bronze Star, Vietnam Cross of Gallantry with Palm, Vietnam Service Medal, Vietnam Campaign Medal with Device, Expert Infantry Combat Badge, Masters Jump Wings, Army Commendation Medal, National Defense Medal, Good Conduct Medal and many other recognitions for his outstanding service to the United States Armed Services. He retired from the military in 1976 but was an active member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Beach City Chapter #922** and the American Legion. He was also a member of a Non-Profit group in Baytown called Christmas Para Los Ninos which provided disadvantaged children

in the GCCISD with a Christmas to Remember. Preceded in death by his parents, brothers Danny Perez, Eugene Perez, Lawrence Perez, Joe Perez and Israel Perez and sisters Helen Daly and Theresa Orejon. He is Survived by his devoted wife of 36 years Lilly Alcorta Perez of Baytown; sons Troy Perez of Henderson, NV and Todd Perez and wife Tammy of Carmichael, CA; daughter Yvonne Perez Lemos of Henderson, NV; step-children Victor Hernandez and wife Karen of Angleton, Tx and Debbie Rodriguez and husband Marc of Baytown, Tx; sisters Evangelina Jeffress and husband Morris of Tenaha, Tx; Patricia Starnes and husband Donald of San Antonio, Tx; Minnie Sergery of Phoenix, AZ; Diane Gonzales of Galveston, Tx; brother Richard Perez and wife Gwen of Maybank, Tx; numerous nieces, nephews, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Amos was a true "Hero" and a very humbled man dedicated to his wife, family, friends and veterans. He loved to dance, fish, piddle in his garage and read his Sunday paper. He had a heart of gold and was loved by many. He will be dearly missed and loved by all. His family would like to extend a special thank you to Village Home Health Care, Heart to Heart Hospice and Methodist St. John's Hospital. Memorial services were held at 4:00-6:00 PM on Thursday, March 28, 2019 at the Carnes Brothers Funeral Home in Galveston. Burial with Military Honors were accorded at 1:45 PM on Friday March 29, 2019 at the Houston National Cemetery. A Celebration of Life was held at a later date. www.carnesbrothers.com. Amos requested, in lieu of flowers all donations be made to Disabled Veterans, Wounded Warrior and your local VFW.



GREGORY FRANCIS "Greg" PFEIFER – Died Saturday, May 16, 2020 at the Cox Medical Center in Branson, Missouri at the age of 70. He was a resident of Branson. The cause of death was heart failure. He was born on June 17, 1949 in Fargo, North Dakota to the late Raymond Francis Pfeifer and Dolores Eva (née Wosick) Pfeifer. He proudly served in the United States Navy before attending the University of Colorado in Boulder where he graduated with a bachelor's degree in business. Greg owned and operated his own residential contracting company. He was a member of the Cherry Creek Toastmasters, Cherry Creek Chamber of Commerce, Leeds School of Business at the University of Colorado - Boulder, Attitude Adjustment in Denver, Colorado and White River Meeting in Taney County, Missouri. He was also a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Branson Chapter #913**. Greg and Gabriela Ward were married on October 19, 2016 in Denver, Colorado. They moved to Forsyth, Missouri from Edgewater, Colorado in 2017. He is survived by his wife Gabriela Ward of Forsyth, Missouri; son, Jason Pfeifer, his wife Mindy and their two daughters, Amaya and Kiara of Westminster, Colorado; three brothers, Garrett Pfeifer and Guy Pfeifer both of Nederland, Colorado; George Pfeifer and his wife Sharon of St. Paul, Minnesota; two sisters, Mary Pfeifer Dahl from Moorhead, Minnesota and Marcia Pfeifer and her husband Steve Susich from Garden Valley, Minnesota. Services will be held at the Missouri Veterans Cemetery in Springfield, MO with military honors. Because of the Covid-19 virus, the date and time will be announced for June. Arrangements are under the direction of Snapp-Bearden Funeral Directors in Branson. In lieu of flowers and in memory of Greg, donations may be made to Vietnam Veterans of

America, Chapter #913, P. O. Box 632, Branson, MO 65615 (in memo please put "In Memory of Greg Pfeifer") or Taney County Animal Control, 255 Critter Trail, Hollister, MO 65672.

GORDON DENT PICKETT (USN, LCDR-Ret.) – Died Friday, April 3, 2020 in Kempner, Texas at the age of 90. The cause of death was unknown. He was born in Pasadena, California on February 5, 1930. He was survived by his son, Gary D. Pickett, retired Lieutenant Colonel of the United States Air Force. He served in the United States Navy and retired after twenty years of service. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Clovis (California) Chapter #933**. He was a Past Commander of the Clovis VFW Post in Clovis. The Funeral Home in Clovis was in charge of the arrangements.

GEORGE J. PIERRO, JR. - Died Monday, April 6, 2020 at the Cayuga Medical Center after a brief illness. He was a resident of Interlaken, New York. Born on July 13, 1948. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Dryden Chapter #377**. A graveside service will be held at a later date, due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Please feel free to leave a condolence on our website for the family. Herson-Wagner Funeral Home of Ithaca, New York.

CLAUDETTE M. POLBOS - Died Wednesday, April 22, 2020 at Brookmont Health Care Center in Effort Pennsylvania at the age of 84. She was a resident of Kunkletown, Pennsylvania. The cause of death is unknown. She was born in New York City, New York on June 6, 1935 to the late Edward and Evelyn (née Burns) Vance. Claudette was the loving wife of Howard A. Polbos. They celebrated 63rd Wedding Anniversary on December 8, 2019. Claudette served our country with dedication and courage in the United States Navy during the Korean War Era. She was a life member of the American Legion Post #57 in Lake City, FL and a *Life Member* of **Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America – Stroudsburg Chapter #678**. She was a Den Leader for the Boy Scouts of America. We have been blessed with the presence of Claudette in our lives. She will be deeply missed by her loving husband Howard; her children: Edward Polbos Partner Nancy of White Springs, FL; Cynthia Polbos of Kunkletown; Howard Polbos and his wife Diane of Lake City, FL and Richard Polbos of Kunkletown. She was the loving grandmother to her five grandchildren: Elizabeth, Edward Jr. and his wife Nicole, Rebecca, Christopher and his wife Melinda, and Austin and his fiancée Brittany and her 9 great grandchildren: Victoria, Edward III, Natalie, Hayden, Emma, Maryella, Isaiah, Zachary, and Sawyer and one on the way. In addition to her parents she was preceded in death by a granddaughter: Sara Evelyn. No services are scheduled at this time. The interment was private and at the convenience of the family. The Gower Funeral Home and Crematory, Inc., Route #209, Gilbert, PA was in charge of the arrangements. www.gowerfuneralhome.com.



JAMES R. "Jim" POSEY - Died Monday, February 4, 2019 in Soddy-Daisy, Tennessee at the age of 82. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on November 17, 1936 to the late Harry and Jane Posey. He was a member of Soddy United Methodist Church. Jim was one

of the original founders of the Soddy-Daisy Kids Club and coached for many years. He retired from Combustion Engineering. He was a *Life Member* of **Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America – Chattanooga Chapter #203**. Jim was preceded in death by his parents, Jane and Harry Posey and sisters, Sue Newman, Mary Alice Haskins and Mildred Payne. Survivors are his wife, Jo Anne Posey; daughter, Kathy Posey; son, Jimmy Posey; grandchildren, Marcy Wright, Jason Wright, Brittany Posey, Michael Brown, Shanee Boomsma, Brandon Jenkins, Amanda Jenkins and Mary Dziepak; great-grandchildren, Allison Ellis, Kristen Woodall, Emily Jenkins, Ava Corder, Aliya Jenkins, Kynzlee Jenkins, Gunner Jenkins, Ayden Jenkins, Raylen Varnell, Jaxson Sheperd, Keira Wallace, Auburn Folds, Caleb Boomsma, Memphis Dziepak and Daisy Brown; great-great-grandchildren, Levi Smith and Hazel Gardner; brother and sister-in-law, Clay “Buck” and Jean Johnson. Visitation was on Wednesday, February 6, 2019 from 4:00 to 8:00 PM at the funeral home. Services were on Thursday at 11:00 AM in the funeral home chapel with Richard Floyd and Reverend Todd Kingrea co-officiating. The burial was in the Presbyterian Cemetery. The pallbearers were Thatcher Card, Leon Ward, Chuck Green, Jason Wright, Michael Brown and Andrew Patrick. The family requested in lieu of flowers to donate to the Soddy Food Bank or Ronald McDonald House. Condolences and memories can be shared at www.williamsonandsons.com. The arrangements were made by the Williamson and Sons Funeral Home, 8852 Dayton Pike, Soddy-Daisy, TN 37379.



KENNETH VINCENT RANDOLPH, JR. – Died Friday, March 27, 2020 at Mon Health Medical Center in Morgantown, West Virginia at the age of 73. He was a resident of Morgantown. The cause of death was congestive heart failure. He was born on September 11, 1946 in Baltimore, Maryland to the late Kenneth Vincent and Elizabeth (née Bachman) Randolph. He was a member of Trinity Episcopal Church in Morgantown. He worked at the Controllers Office at WVU and was a founder of Pearand Corporation. He served in the United States Army from 1967-69 and was a member of Joseph W. Summers Lodge #173 AF&AM. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Morgantown Chapter #306**. He will be remembered for serving on the Morgantown City Council and as Mayor for several years in the 1980's. In his free time, he enjoyed gardening, landscaping, travelling, and watching WVU sports and the Pittsburgh Steelers. He is survived by his wife of 48 years, Beverly (née Nefflen) Randolph; children, Kenneth Vincent Randolph III and his wife Kelly, Shawn Denise Kelly and her husband Nick, and Russell Nefflen Randolph and his wife Mandi; seven grandchildren, Keira and Ian Randolph, Caleb Eldred, Brandon Kelly, Tyler Kelly, and Kaitlyn and Samantha Randolph; and sister, Janice Marlow and her husband Jeff. Due to the CDC recommendations, there will be a private family committal service take place at the West Virginia National Cemetery. At a later time, a public memorial service will be planned to celebrate his life with details to be announced. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Trinity Episcopal Church, 247 Willey St, Morgantown, WV 26505. Online condolences may be made to the family at www.hastingsfuneralhome.com.

JAMES PHILIP “Jim” RECTANUS - Died quietly on Wednesday, December 4, 2019 in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania at the age of 70, which was ironic because quiet wasn't his style. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on September 29, 1949 in Pittsburgh, the oldest child of the late Milton and Beryl Rectanus. His parents and younger brother, Rick preceded him in death. Jim served in Vietnam in the United States Army then worked in the steel mill before joining the Allegheny County Department of Road Works. He was an *At-Large Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Pennsylvania**. Due to many health issues he became disabled about 13 years ago. He loved his cars and watching the birds at his bird feeders. Jim lived his life unapologetically on his own terms. He leaves a daughter, Stacey Rectanus Logan; a granddaughter, Alyssa Logan; a great-grandson, Cole; a sister, Meryl Rectanus Thomas (Jim); two nieces; a nephew, and; three great-nieces. He was a tough guy but a kind soul and will be missed by many. Thanks to Erica R.N., Kelly C.N.A., and Christine MSW and others from Three Rivers Hospice for his wonderful care. The memorial service was private. Please send donations to the Pittsburgh National Aviary.



JAMES DONALD “Jimmy” RENNINGER - Died at 4:08 in the morning of Saturday, March 28, 2020 at the age of 77 at his home in Longfellow, Pennsylvania, after losing a long battle with esophageal cancer and respiratory failure. He was born on February 22, 1943 in Lewistown, Pennsylvania to the late Donald “Jim” and Ruth (née Zimmerman) Renninger, formerly of Pine Glen. He was preceded in death by his parents and his youngest brother. Surviving are, a stepdaughter, Tawnya M. Yetter, of Alexandria, VA; a brother, Ralph “Ed” Renninger, of Lewistown; a niece, Teresa Watts, of Williamsport; and a nephew, Edward “Eddie” Renninger, of Lewistown. James served in the United States Army and was stationed in Korea during the Vietnam War. Jimmy was active in many community organizations, including the West Granville and McVeytown Fire Departments and Fire Police, the American Legion, the VFW, and the Moose Lodge. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Burnham Chapter #791**. He was an avid pool player and enjoyed spending time with friends at Lone Pine Camp near Whipple Dam State Park. Due to Covid-19 restrictions a memorial service will be held on a future date. In lieu of flowers, please make memorial donations to the West Granville Fire Company, 8392 U.S. Highway 522 South Lewistown, PA 17044; or to the McVeytown Fire Company, P.O. Box 336, McVeytown, PA 17051. The Harshbarger Funeral Home, McVeytown was in charge of the arrangements.



EDWIN ALONZA “Ed” RHOADES III - Died Monday, September 3, 2018 at the Cornerstone Hospital in Huntington, West Virginia at the age of 69. He was a resident of Lloyd,

Kentucky. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Centre County, Pennsylvania on October 9, 1948 to the late Edwin Alonza Rhoades II and Mary (née Shae) Rhoades. He was a United States Army Veteran of the Vietnam War and a member of God's Tabernacle in Raceland, KY. He was a *Lie Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – South Shore Chapter #1006**. He is survived by his wife Connie Sue (née Bramblett) Rhoades; a son, Edwin Alonza Rhoades IV of Milesburg PN; a daughter, Nichole Acer and her husband Tom of Texas; two brothers, Lewis Rhoades and Jeffery Rhoades both of Milesburg; two sisters, Shirley Walters and Gertrude Houser both of Milesburg; two grandchildren, Trevor and Owen; and a host of nieces, nephews, cousins, extended family and friends. Funeral services were at 12:30 PM on Friday, September 7, 2018 at the Wright's Funeral Home in Greenup, KY by Brother Rick May presiding. The burial was in the Kentucky Veterans Cemetery NE. Visitation hours were from 10:00 AM until the time of the service on Friday at the funeral home. Military honors were conducted by the Kenova American Legion.



GEORGIANN "Baba" (née Porvaznik) ROBES - Died Thursday, February 13, 2020 in Monaca, Crescent Township, Pennsylvania at the age of 73. She was formerly of Center Township, Pennsylvania. The cause of death is unknown. She was born on June 20, 1946. She was a *Life Member* of **Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America – Freedom Chapter #862**. She was the beloved wife of the late Thomas "Squirrel" Robes, Sr.; loving mother of Thomas Robes, Jr. and Robert (Teresa) Robes. "Baba" of Nick, Anna and Rachel; sister of George (Beverly) Porvaznik, Jr. and the late Dennis (the late Bonnie) Porvaznik and the late Beverly Hrabak; aunt of Julianna Porvaznik and Robbie Porvaznik. Family and friends were welcome on Sunday, February 16, 2020 from 1:00-6:00 PM at the Valerian F. Szal Funeral Home, Inc., 238 Helen Street, McKees Rocks. Parastas were held on Sunday at 2:00 pm. Trisagion Service was held on Monday at 9:45 AM at the funeral home followed by a Requiem Service at Saint Nicholas Russian Orthodox Church at 10:00 AM, officiated by the Reverend Father Thomas Soroka. Georgiann – "Baba" as she was known to her grandkids-was a woman of great strength and beauty. Her love for her family and her faith shined through, even in her darkest hours through God's grace. Mom finished her employment as an account rep for FEDEX. After retiring she enjoyed spending time with her grandkids, traveling with her husband, hitting the casinos, shopping for the 'ultimate deal', and baking her favorite Slavic treats. She was also never one to miss a Steelers game or her 'story'. Though Georgiann's health was failing for years, few people knew the extent to which she struggled. Her joy for life and courageous determination helped make her the strongest woman we've ever known. She was proud of her strong work ethic and instilled that in her family. Although she will be missed dearly, we take great comfort in knowing she's in the hands of the Lord and walks freely again with the love of her life, Tom. In Lieu of flowers, please send any donations to the Saint Nicholas Russian Orthodox Sisterhood, 320 Munson Avenue. McKees Rocks, PA 15136.



STEVEN LYNN ROBINSON (USA, SFC-Ret.) - Died the morning of Monday, April 22, 2019 in Manhattan, Kansas at the age of 73. The cause of death was cancer. He was born on July 29, 1945. He was surrounded by his loving family and his trusty feline companion, Mr. T. Steven Lynn Robinson was born in Halstead, Kansas. He was a graduate of Buhler High School. An American Legion School Award winner in high school, he was recognized at a young age for his courage, honor, leadership and patriotism. Steven Lynn Robinson continued to exude these attributes throughout his life. A Vietnam Veteran, where he was a combat photographer, he served his country proudly in the United States Army for 24 years and 24 days. Retiring from Fort Riley, Kansas in 1988, he remained an active member of the Manhattan community up until his passing. Steven Lynn Robinson was heavily involved in the Veterans Coalition, helping with organizing the Manhattan Veteran's parade for many years. Additional memberships included: Veterans of Foreign Wars; American Legion; a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Junction City Chapter #344**, and; the DAV. He was an avid fisherman, hunter, train hobbyist, and a true patriot who loved his country and gave just as much to his family who treasured him. He was also in the habit of playing Keno quite often. He enjoyed spending time with his daughter Lori Thompson (Altus Oklahoma) and husband, Dave Thompson and their family; his son Donnie Robinson (Wichita) and wife Laura Robinson and their family; his daughter Christine Robinson (Manhattan). His favorite activities involved fishing and hunting with his son and grandchildren; casino trips with his daughter Christine Robinson; traveling and visiting in any capacity with his daughter Lori Thompson; and most of all spending time with his beloved wife, Betty Jean Robinson. They were married for 54 years. She survives of the home. Additional survivors include daughter Lori Thompson and son-in-law Dave Thompson (Altus, OK); daughter Christine Robinson (Manhattan, KS); and son Donnie Robinson and daughter-in-law Laura Robinson (Wichita, KS). Additional survivors include numerous grandchildren, great-grandchildren, as well as many nieces and nephews. He is also survived by his sister June Breckner: sister Janis and brother David of California. He is also survived by his sister Judi Norman of Texas. He was preceded in death by his parents, 3 sisters and 2 brothers. The family greeted friends during a visitation from 6:00 until 8:00 PM on Thursday April 25, 2019 at the Yorgensen-Meloan-Londeen Funeral Home. Funeral Services were at 11:30 AM on Friday April 26, 2019 at the Yorgensen-Meloan-Londeen Funeral Chapel, with Pastor Paul Barkey officiating. Interment with full military honors were accorded at the Kansas Veterans' Cemetery at Fort Riley in Manhattan. Memorial contributions can be made to the Johnson Cancer Research Fund, Kansas State University Foundation PO Box 9200 Shawnee Mission KS 66201-1800. Contributions may also be left in care of the Yorgensen-Meloan-Londeen Funeral Home, 1616 Poyntz Avenue, Manhattan, Kansas 66502.



KEITH ALAN RONEY - Died Tuesday, January 21, 2020 at 3:30 AM in his residence in Lima, Ohio at the age of 69. The cause of death is unknown. Keith was born on April 21, 1950 in Lima to the late Ted and Edith (née Cardone) Roney. Survivors include his siblings: Joyce (Roger) Hiles of Marysville, Linda (Stan) Merkle and Dennis (Lisa) Roney both of Lima, Lisa (Randy) Harrison of London and Nadene (Alan) Bruns of Lima, along with many nieces, nephews, great-nieces and great-nephews. He was a 1968 graduate of Lima Central Catholic High School and attended Lima Technical College. He served two tours in Vietnam with the United States Air Force and was a member of the American Legion Post #96 and Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #1275. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Lima Chapter #89**. He was a self-employed contractor. Visitation was held on Monday, January 27, 2020 from 11:00 AM until 1:00 PM at the Shawnee Chapel of Chiles-Laman Funeral and Cremation Funeral Home. His funeral service began at 1:00 PM on Monday with a memorial service by VFW Post #1275. The burial was in Gethsemani Cemetery with military rites by VFW Post #1275 and the U.S. Air Force Honor Guard. Memorial contributions may be made to Disabled American Veterans. Condolences may be expressed to the family at www.chiles-lamanfh.com.



JAMES HENRY "J.R." ROSE - Died Tuesday, March 17, 2020 in Princeton, West Virginia at the age of 71. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on February 20, 1949 to the late William and Vicie (née Graham) Rose. He served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War. Mr. Rose was a retired service officer for the State Division of Veterans Affairs. He was a member of the V.F.W., a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Princeton Chapter #628** and Military Order of the Purple Heart. He was a Kentucky Colonel, and a recipient of the Legion of Honor Award from the Chapel of the Four Chaplains. He was also Who's Who Among Police Chiefs and a member of Johnston's Chapel Baptist Church in Princeton. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by first wife Sharon, and sisters, Virginia Faye Martin and Ann Rose; and brothers, Silas, Lonnie, and Bobby, and infant brothers, William, Allen and Johnie Rose. Survivors include wife, Carol (née Walker) Rose; sons, Eric Walker and wife Amy of Hampton, VA and Jonathan Walker of Princeton; sisters, Janet Stanley of Raven, VA and Susie Hollands of Athens; grandchildren, Josiah, Levi, Grace, Abigail, Noah, Isaac; and foster granddaughter, Salena Milliken. Out of concerns for public health due to COVID-19 the services for Mr. Rose were private on Tuesday, March 24, 2020 at the Bailey-Kirk Funeral Home in Princeton with Reverends Jim Simmons and Dan Thyng co-officiating. He was interred at Roselawn Memorial Gardens in Princeton. Military honors were conducted by the Mercer County Veterans Honor Guard. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the "Go Fund" at Johnston's Chapel Baptist Church, Box 984 Halls Ridge Road, Princeton, WV

24739. The arrangements were made by the Bailey-Kirk Funeral Home in Princeton. Online condolences may be shared with the family at www.bailey-kirk.com.



RONALD V. "Ron" RUARK - Died Friday, December 20, 2019 in Seaford, Delaware at the age of 72. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on January 2, 1947. Ron worked for DuPont in Seaford for 31 years retiring in 1996. He was a United State Navy Veteran who served during the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Ellendale Chapter #546**. He is survived by his wife of 54 years, Fran (née Williamson) Ruark; three sons, R. Troy Ruark (Kimberly), P. Todd Ruark (Heather) and G. Trent Ruark (Kristian); fifteen grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; two brothers, W. Bruce Ruark and Gary Ruark, and; a sister, Jerita Kenney (Dale). Funeral Services were on Friday, December 27th at 11:00 AM at the Cranston Funeral Home, 300 North Shipley Street, Seaford, where friends visited from 10:00 to 11:00 AM. The burial was in the Odd Fellows Cemetery. In lieu of flowers the family suggested donations may be made to Delaware Hospice, 100 Patriots Way, Milford, DE 19963.



JOHN FRANCIS RUTLEDGE (USA, SGM-Ret.) – Died Monday, March 30, 2020 in East Moline, Illinois at the age of 88. The cause of death is unknown. He was born August 8, 1931, in Chicago, Illinois to the late Clarence Benjamin and Marie (née Silk) Rutledge. He attended public schools until enlisting in the United States Army at the age of 16, retiring 20 years later in the grade of Sergeant Major. During these years, John served with the 3rd Infantry Division in Korea (1950-1952), and as Military Advisor to the 9th ARVN Infantry Division in Vietnam (1965-1966). He served two tours in Germany, where he met and married Helga Notz on February 1, 1963. Following his military service, he worked for the Department of the Army as an Ammunition Specialist, and subsequent to retirement as consultant to two munitions contractors. He was a member of the VFW, and member/former vice-chairman of VUMS (Veterans of Underage Military Service). He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Moline Chapter #669**. He enjoyed reading (especially history), crossword puzzles, traveling, and writing letters to newspapers. He is survived by his beloved wife of 57 years, Helga; three sons, John F. Rutledge, Jr. of Baltimore, Maryland, Bill (Dana) Rutledge of Satsuma, Alabama, and James (Kelly) Rutledge of Old Bridge, New Jersey; and three grandchildren, Megan, Abigail and Steven Rutledge. He was preceded in death by two brothers, Bill and Robert Rutledge. The family invites friends to share stories and condolences at TrimbleFuneralHomes.com.



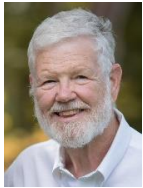
KEVIN ROBERT SCHEIDT - Died Saturday, December 7, 2019 in Sandston, Virginia at the age of 45. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on July 15, 1974 to Calvin R. Scheidt, Jr. and Marsha Scheidt-Thibadoux. He is survived by his beloved children Jesse Mazzik Scheidt, Ryan Scott Heatley, Gabriel Christian Reilly-Scheidt, and Sebastian Stryder Scheidt; wife Karin Adele (née Miller) Scheidt; mother, Marsha Scheidt Thibadoux; father, Calvin R. Scheidt, Jr.; and sister Melissa A. Rosener. Kevin is also survived by numerous loving family members and friends. He was a *Life Member* of **Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America – Chattanooga Chapter #203**. Friends visited from 2:00 to 3:00 PM on Thursday, December 12th with a Celebration of Life starting at 3:00 PM at the Morrissett Funeral and Cremation Service, 6500 Iron Bridge Road, North Chesterfield, VA. The interment was private. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made in his name to The Link Counseling Center's National Resource Center for Suicide Prevention and Aftercare, 348 Mount Vernon Highway, NE, Sandy Springs, Georgia 30328, www.thelink.org.



JAMES "Jim" SCHREIFELS - Died Monday, March 23, 2020 at the Saint Cloud Hospital, Saint Cloud, Minnesota at the age of 76, surrounded by his loving family. He was a resident of Watkins, Minnesota. The cause of death is unknown. Jim was born on January 6, 1944 in Belgrade, Minnesota to the late George and Agnes (née Peters) Schreifels. Despite their plans for his to be the first hospital birth in the family, he came into this world in a Ford Model T at the end of their driveway. As a boy, Jim recalled seeing electricity come to the Belgrade-area farm he grew up on, and he farmed alongside his father there for several years after he graduated from Belgrade High School in 1961. In 1964, Jim enlisted in the United States Army, and he earned his Special Forces Green Beret in 1965 after completing Airborne training at Fort Benning, GA and Combat Engineering and Special Forces training at Fort Bragg, NC. He later completed Spanish language training at the Defense Language Institute in Monterey, CA. Jim served much of his time as a Special Forces Combat Engineer in the Panama Canal Zone as a member of the 8th Special Forces Group, with shorter missions to Puerto Rico and other Central American locations. Although his overseas service didn't include time in Vietnam itself, he was particularly proud of his work at the Jungle Warfare School in the Canal Zone, preparing his brothers-in-arms to survive that warzone. As his discharge date approached in 1967, Jim and a buddy drove a pickup truck over 3,000 miles north from Panama to his official discharge point at Fort Bliss, Texas, selling the vehicle after they arrived. After his discharge from the Army, Jim enrolled in the University of Minnesota, majoring in Animal Science. In 1968, Jim came home

from college to visit his mother in Rockville and met the young woman renting a room there, a teacher from Hibbing, MN named Margi. Two years later, Jim married Margaret Dunne at St Boniface Church in Cold Spring, MN on April 25, 1970. He graduated with a Bachelor of Science degree in Animal Science from the University of Minnesota in 1971, and Jim and Margi moved to their farm in Watkins in 1972. Over the next fifty years, Jim and Margi welcomed six children and fourteen grandchildren into the world. Dad provided many lessons to his kids, including "Be quiet when the news is on," "You always have room for ice cream!", have respect for God and country, and there's always a good time for a dad joke. Grandpa was also loved for many reasons, but taking the grandchildren for Ranger rides, being funny, and "always playing with them" were some of their favorite memories. Jim was looking forward to celebrating fifty years of marriage to Margi on April 25, 2020, surrounded by their children and grandchildren in the same place they celebrated their wedding reception five decades earlier - overlooking Pleasant Lake at the 400 Club. The family fondly remembers him for his love of auctions, old tractors, and hot chocolate. Jim was an avid fabricator who envisioned better things for every piece of equipment or scrap metal he came across. He had an encyclopedic memory of everything he tinkered with and was quick to share advice and knowledge, particularly regarding tractors and farming. Jim's collection of 2-cylinder tractors grew and shrank over the years, but he always had an old Allis-Chalmers tucked away somewhere. Even as it became more difficult for Jim in later years to make it out to his shop, he loved connecting with people across the country through online forums, where he made many friends and helped solve many of their tractor problems. Jim's pride in serving his country as an Airborne soldier and a Green Beret was visible to anyone he met, in the form of his ever-present black cap with the Airborne and Special Forces insignia. One of his proudest moments was pinning Airborne wings on his youngest daughter in 2010, standing on the same training grounds at Fort Benning where he had earned his own jump wings 45 years earlier. He was a member of the Watkins American Legion Post #453 for many years, and he recently joined the Special Forces Association and became a *Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Saint Cloud Chapter #290*. Jim's sense of service extended to his community as well. Jim was an active member of St. Anthony Catholic Church in Watkins and enjoyed volunteering as a church usher. He cared deeply about the local and national policies that affect us as citizens and stepped up to participate in Republican and conservative causes in a variety of roles over the years, including local caucus chair and delegate to the state convention. Jim spent countless hours in both leadership and recruiting roles for the organizations he gave his time to, always reaching out to convince more people to become involved with groups like the Legion, the Knights of Columbus, and the Forest City Threshers. If he didn't have a raffle ticket to sell you, he made sure to let you know the date of the next fundraising pancake dinner or fish fry. He enjoyed socializing and supporting area churches and other organizations through pancake dinners, festivals, and other fundraisers. Jim is survived by his wife of almost 50 years, Margi Schreifels of Watkins, and their six children and fourteen grandchildren: Catherine Zadra (Curt Blood) of Watkins, and her children Elizabeth, Nicholas, and Alexander; Mark Schreifels of Kimball, and his children Tyler, Jayce, Dustin, and Travis; Joanna Carley (Richard Claypool) of Maple Grove; Kevin (Christy) Schreifels of Long Prairie, and their children Kaitlyn, Steven, and Jacob; Michael (Dayna) Schreifels of Watkins, and their children Payton, Ashlyn, Jordyn, and Rylan; and Jennifer Schreifels (Jonathan Watkins) of Minneapolis. He is also survived by his sisters, Sue (Charles) Buchan of Cave Creek, AZ and

Dolores Vornbrock of Orchard Green, MD. He was preceded in death by his parents; brother, Eugene Schreifels; sister, Ramona Schneider; and infant brother, Joseph Schreifels. To protect the health and safety of all, services are currently being limited or postponed as required by state and local authorities and the CDC. Expressions of sympathy during this time can be left on the condolences page available with the obituary on our website. We also encourage you to view the video tribute and/or webcast of the service that may be available. A memorial Mass will be held at a later date, along with a social gathering like those Jim loved. Arrangements are with the Ertl Funeral Home, Watkins.



DAVID HAVEN SCOTT, JR. - Died Friday, April 3, 2020 in Cincinnati, Ohio at the age of 71. The cause of death was Alzheimer's disease and dementia. He was born in Bryn Mawr, Pennsylvania on November 5, 1938 to D. Haven Scott and Helon Scanlon. David is survived by his wife, Diana "Dee" Lynn Scott; daughter, Leslie Lauren Scott; stepdaughter, Leslie Ann Turpin Silbernagel; and a grandson, Miles Scott Silbernagel. David graduated from Pennsylvania State University in 1961, when he then entered the United States Army as an officer. David served in Washington State, Germany and Thailand until 1967. David was an active *Life Member* and *Past President* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Cincinnati Chapter #10**. He also was a Board member for Joseph House, a shelter for homeless veterans. David worked for General Electric, Permanent Pigments, Social Security and retired from the Department of Health and Human Services after working as a social worker / case worker. A Celebration of Life Ceremony will take place at a later time. In lieu of flowers, memorial donations can be made to the Vietnam Veterans of America, Chapter #0, 8418 Reading Road, Reading, Ohio 45215.



JACK FREDERICK "Rick" SCOTT - Died Tuesday, March 31, 2020 in Kerrville, Texas at the age of 77 to be reunited with his wife, Joan and their son, Randolph. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on August 4, 1942 in Uvalde, Texas to the late Jack and Frances Scott. Rick was awarded a full track scholarship to the University of Houston. He was a tremendous athlete. Rick married the love of his life Joan Williams in Houston (1970). Rick proudly served his country in the United States Army during the Vietnam War. Rick was awarded the Bronze Star with "V" device, the Purple Heart and the Combat Infantryman's Badge. After returning home from war, he built a life around serving and helping other Veterans. He volunteered with the Hill Country Veterans Center, Hill Country Honor Guard, the VFW (Kerrville and Uvalde) and the American Legion. Rick was a *Life Member* and *Chapter President* for **Vietnam Veterans of America – T.J. Stem Memorial (Kerrville) Chapter #863**. He enjoyed working the Gun and Knife shows in the area. He owned and operated Jack's Fire and Safety Equipment Co. in Uvalde. He loved going to work because he worked alongside his son. Jack leaves behind a brother, Russell Scott of New Mexico; sister in law, Sharon Collins and a host of dear friends. Interment service will be held at a later date at the Fort Sam Houston National Cemetery.

DAVID M. SHOTZBARGER – Died Monday, November 9, 2015 in Melbourne, Florida at the age of 73. The cause of death is unknown. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Palm Bay Chapter #1096**. Funeral arrangements were provided by the American Burial and Cremation in Rockledge, Florida.



EUGENE “Gene” SIMEK - Died Saturday, March 14, 2020 in Sebring, Florida at the age of 86, surrounded by his loving family. The cause of death is unknown. Gene was born on April 24, 1933 in Tyndall, South Dakota to the late George L. Simek and Elizabeth D. (née Hlavac) Simek. Eugene’s formative years were spent on the family farm near the small rural village of Spink in southeast South Dakota. His military career in the United States Air Force spanned 20 years from August of 1952 through July of 1974 with a short break from the service from 1956 through 1958. Gene was a supple Systems Analyst while he was serving his country. His tour of duty includes Korea, Okinawa, Thailand, Ellsworth AFB, Andrews AFB, Craig AFB, and he has received numerous medals military awards and decorations including Korean and Vietnam combat medals. After Eugene retired from the Air Force, he took a civilian job with the Department of Defense at Offutt AFB in Omaha, NE from 1975 through 1994. There he worked with intelligence computer system as an analyst and software engineer requiring top secret special clearances SIOP, SAO, ESI, and SBI. He has joined many clubs such as a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Sebring Chapter #1097**, VFW, Disabled Vets, Korean War Vets, Yankton Senior Center and 51st Fighter Wing, 28th Bomb Wing. And attended Grace Bible Church a Christian non-denominational Church of Sebring, FL. Gene’s education included obtaining a bachelor’s degree from Bellevue University, Bellevue Nebraska. After many years, Gene reconnected with his high school sweetheart Mavis Hansen and they were married on December 11, 1993. As newlyweds they lived in Yankton, SD for ten years and cared for Mavis’ elderly mothers and stepson Gary after sustaining a severe traumatic brain injury and in 2010. Gene and Mavis relocated to fort Pierce, Florida and eventually moved to Sebring, FL. Eugene is survived by his loving wife and best friend of 26 years Mavis Simek of Sebring, FL; three stepchildren: Lori(Randy) Martin of Prairie City, IA, Nancy(David) Knecht of Iowa City, IA, Fredrick Hansen of Sioux Falls, SD; sisters: Marlene(Orville) Feauto and Marie(Myron) Dierks; and many grandchildren, great grandchildren, nieces , nephews , other relatives and friends. Gene was preceded in death by his sons: Mark and Gary Simek; parents: George and Elizabeth (Hlavac) Simek. Funeral Service to be held later.

EDWARD M. SOLOMON – Died Wednesday, April 8, 2020 in Harrisonburg, Virginia 82. The cause of death was respiratory failure due to COVID-19. He was born in Roxboro, North Carolina on October 19, 1937. He served in the United States Army from 1956 to 1980 with service in Vietnam from 1966 to 1968. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Harrisonburg Chapter #1061**.

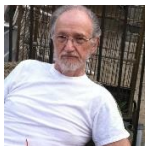


RANDALL LEE "Randy" SOUR - Died Monday, March 23, 2020 at his residence in Watertown, South Dakota at the age of 69. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on July 13, 1950 in Watertown to the late Glen and Hattie (née Eggen) Sour. He grew up in and graduated high school from Hayti, SD. After graduation, Randy enlisted in the United States Marine Corps where he served until his discharge in 1971. Randy was married once to Bonnie R. Noem in Watertown, SD on July 13, 1978. Together, they had one daughter, Brandi Jo. Randy spent several years working on the road building grain bins. Unfortunately, Randy's epilepsy prevented him from continuing to work. He spent the rest of his life as a disabled veteran and became involved in his community in other ways. Randy was an active *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Watertown Chapter #1054** and Marine Corps League Detachment #1079. Randy was proud to be a father to his daughter Brandi and was able to walk her down the aisle at her wedding in 2015. He also enjoyed spending time with his many nieces and nephews and other extended family. Randy was a proud veteran who volunteered at many functions and spent as much time as he could with fellow veterans. Randy is survived by his daughter Brandi (Matt) Havlik of Sioux Falls, SD; brother James Sour of Sioux Falls, SD; sister-in-law Phyllis Sour of Rapid City, SD; nieces Chris (Chad) Noem of Lake Norden, SD, Cheryl (Chris) Hansen of Madison, SD, and Rochelle (Brett) Schmidt of Willow Lake, SD; nephew Eric (Kimberly) Sour of Rapid City, SD. Randy is preceded in death by his father, Glen O. Sour, his mother, Hattie E. (Eggen) Sour, and his brother Courtney (Corky) Sour. The family will be having a private viewing with public services at a later date. The family requests no floral condolences at this time. Burial will be at New Hope Lutheran Cemetery, rural Hayti, SD.



FRED GEORGE SPELLMAN (USN, CDR-Ret.) - Died Wednesday, March 11, 2020 in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma at the age of 88. He was a resident of Ponca City, Oklahoma. The cause of death is unknown. Fred was born on November 27, 1931 in Alva, Oklahoma to the late Fred Braxton Hollingsworth and Bea (née Hollen) Spellman. Fred graduated from the United States Naval Academy in 1956 and became a Naval Aviator. He married Eileen Mueller in Memphis, Tennessee, on June 20, 1959. Later, Fred received a Master of Science Degree in Aeronautical Engineering from the Post Graduate Academy in Monterey, California. Fred was a combat veteran with over 200 missions. Fred retired as a Commander in December 1981, after proudly serving his country for 30 years. Fred was actively involved with promoting the US Naval Academy by helping those interested in attending with application and preparation. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Ponca City Chapter #750**. Fred was very active in the Boy Scouts of America. He started as a Webelos Leader. When his son's Scout troop needed an adult leader, he stepped in and became the Scout Master. Fred was a Scout Master for many troops over the course of 40 plus years. He was heavily involved in leader training, and the Catholic Scouting program during his scouting career. Fred earned many high

honors and awards as a Scout leader. He loved the outdoors, backpacking, and camping with the Scouts. He led dozens of treks to Philmont, a high-adventure Boy Scout Camp in New Mexico. Fred was a mentor to Eagle Scouts and Adult Scout leaders. He was the ultimate example of living and following the Scout Oath and Scout Law. Fred loved God and was faithful to the Church. He lived a life of service to others including serving his church in many ways. He shared his love of sailing with his family. For many years, Fred and Eileen were active Square Dancers. Fred leaves behind his wife, Eileen; son, Fred M. Spellman and his wife, Nicole; daughter, Kathleen Rubin and her husband, Jeff; daughter-in-law, Rachel Spellman; grandchildren, Carter, Sarah, Stephanie, and Andrew. He was preceded in death by his son, Stephen Spellman, who died in 2001; his parents, Fred and Bea, and a sister, Patricia Ann Spellman. The recitation of the Rosary was held at 7:00 PM on Friday, March 13, 2020, at the Trout Funeral Home Chapel. A Mass of Christian Burial was held at 1:00 PM on Saturday, March 14, 2020 at Saint Mary Catholic Church with Reverend Father Carson Krittenbrink officiating. The interment was at the Sacred Heart Cemetery, Alva, Oklahoma. The arrangements were under the direction of the Trout Funeral Home and Crematory. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions (time, talent, resources) may be made to the local Boy Scout Troop of your choice. All Scouts, past and present, are encouraged to wear their Scout uniforms. Members of the military are also encouraged to wear their uniforms.



RAY "Star" STARZINSKI – Died Sunday, April 12, 2020 in Summerville, South Carolina at the age of 73. He was formerly of Manville, New Jersey. The cause of death was Agent Orange-related cancer. He was born in Manville on October 9, 1946 to the late Andrew Starzinski and Martha J. (née Severyn) Starzinsky. He served in the United State Army in Vietnam with intelligence. He served in the Army from 1967 to 1971 with a tour in Vietnam from 1967 to 1969. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Phillipsburg Chapter #452**. He was a Past Post Commander to the America Legion Manville Post #304. He is survived by his wife, Sue.

DANIEL DAVID "Dan" STETSER - Died Thursday, May 7, 2020 in Somerdale, New Jersey at the age of 88. The cause of death was heart failure. He was born on February 27, 1932 in Somerdale to the late Harry and Emma Stetser. He is survived by his wife, Ellen (née Leehan); his sisters Laura Peterka and Sarah Whalen; his stepchildren, Marilyn Haynie, Kathleen Russell, Charles Smith and Daniel Smith; five grandchildren; five great-grandchildren, and; many nieces and nephews. Predeceased by his parents, Harry and Emma and two brothers, Harry and Robert. Dan was a proud 20-year veteran of the United States Marine Corps. He served multiple combat tours, one in Korea, and two in Vietnam. He was involved in the Marine Corps League and local VFW following his retirement. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Somerdale Chapter #1068**. Dan also held a lifelong commitment to the Somerdale Fire Department, serving over 70 years. Dan was known to be an animal lover, with numerous pets over the years, especially his faithful dog "Cash." He also enjoyed reading, solving crossword

puzzles, and watching the Phillies. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, there was a private interment in Beverly National Cemetery. Future services are to be determined.



DeLOS DAE STOLP - Died Friday, May 1, 2020 in Sun City, Arizona at the age of 88. He was formerly of Watertown, South Dakota. The cause of death was complications from the COVID-19 coronavirus. DeLos was born on July 11, 1931 to the late Ralph and Bessie (née Erickson) Stolp and grew up on the family farm west of Hayti, South Dakota. He married Phyllis Robish in 1948, and in 1950 joined the South Dakota Army National Guard. DeLos and Phyllis had six children before the marriage ended. He enlisted for active duty in the United States Army in 1958. He then married Helen Terrier and had three more children. He served two tours in Vietnam as a Sniper and a Sniper instructor. He won numerous competitions and awards as a member of the National Army Rifle Team. His commendations include: National Defense Service Medal, Combat Infantryman Badge, Army Commendation Medal, Vietnam Service Medal, Bronze Star Medal, Good Conduct Medal, Vietnam Campaign Medal w/60 DEV, Vietnam Cross of Gallantry w/Palm, Meritorious Unit Citation and three Overseas Bars. DeLos was honorably discharged from the Army in 1976. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Watertown (South Dakota) Chapter #1121**. In 1996 he married Zenaida Mier and they lived most of their married life in Sun City, AZ. He is survived by his wife and nine children: Jimmy, Dennis, Richard, Jerry, Donita, Colita, DeeAnne, Bob and Jackie. He was also survived by thirty grandchildren, 115 great-grandchildren and 20 great-great-grandchildren; his brothers Orvis, Gordon, Gary and his sister Judy and many nieces and nephews. He is preceded in death by his parents and his brother, Curt. There was no service.



DENNIS DELAIR SUKO – Died Wednesday, on March 11, 2020 in Mesa, Arizona at the age of 77. The cause of death was acute ascending aortic dissection basically aortic aneurysm. He was born on December 31, 1942 in Jamestown, North Dakota to the late John and Leona (née Reister) Suko. Dennis dedicated his life to the medical profession, most recently as an x-ray and Certified CT Scan Technician. He was well known and loved for his sense of humor, compassion and willingness to teach. He was passionate about history and his country. He will be forever honored for his service in Vietnam as a United States Navy Corpsman. He was an *At-Large Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Colorado**. Dennis is survived by his wife, Sharon Suko; two sons, Michael Suko, Donovan Suko (wife Erin); two daughters, Marianne Ungor (husband Michael) and Laura Carlton; a sister, Jennifer Miner; a brother, Bill Suko, and; numerous nieces, nephews, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren. A Celebration of Life will take place on September 19, 2020 – time and place to be determined. The Meldrum Mortuary and Crematory of Mesa, Arizona was in charge of the arrangements.

RONALD LEROY TATE – Died Tuesday, March 21, 2020 in Tucson, Arizona at the age of 73. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on December 26, 1946. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Tucson Chapter #106**.



GREGORY MAURICE “Greg” THIBADOUX, PhD – Died Thursday, August 1, 2019 in Hixson, Tennessee at the age of 72. The cause of death was a heart attack. He was born on November 14, 1946 in Pine Bluff, Arkansas, the first of four children of the late Alphonse and Hazel Thibadoux. He received his Bachelor of Science in Anthropology in 1968 from the University of Memphis, his Master of Arts in Audiology in 1972 from the University of Memphis, and his Ph.D. in Accounting in 1984 from the University of Houston. He was a Professor of Accounting for over thirty years at the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga. A prolific writer, he published over one hundred articles during his tenure. His personal commitment to teaching was always evident in his dedication to his student and the immense joy he derived from their professional achievements. Known by those who loved him to read up to seven books at a time, he was equally well versed on subjects such as art, literature, anthropology, history, philosophy, theology, and all things related to the human condition. His belief in education to improve the lives of others was mirrored in his unqualified charity toward all. Finding countless opportunities to better the quality of life for his fellow man, he habitually contributed to both organized charities and individuals who made up the anatomy of his daily life. He was a *Life Member* of **Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America – Chattanooga Chapter #203**. He was an active member of Calvary Baptist Church whose Sunday school group gave him singular enjoyment and companionship. He is survived by his loving wife, Dr. Marsha Thibadoux, his daughter, Leigh Ann Thibadoux, son-in-law, Michael Edmiston, two stepchildren, five grandsons, brothers, Steve and Stan Thibadoux, and sister, Suzette Garmon. In lieu of flowers, please send donations to the Humane Educational Society of Chattanooga located at 212 N Highland Park Ave, Chattanooga, TN 37404. Visitation was held on Monday, August 5th from 5:00 to 8:00 PM at the Chattanooga Funeral Home located at 5401 TN-153, Hixson, TN 37343. Visitation will also be held on Tuesday, August 6th from Noon to 1:00 PM followed by a memorial service from 1:00 to 2:00 PM. Beginning at 2:30 PM, the burial service was held at Chattanooga National Cemetery at 1200 Bailey Avenue, Chattanooga, TN 37404. Following the burial, fellowship continued at the Calvary Baptist Church at 5201 Dayton Boulevard, Chattanooga, TN 37415. The arrangements were under the care of the North Chapel of Chattanooga Funeral Home, Crematory and Florist, 5401 Highway 153, Hixson. Please share your thoughts and memories at www.chattanoogaorthchapel.com.

JOHN P. TRACEY – Died in 2019 in Dess Plaines, Illinois at the age of 74. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on December 1, 1945. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Niles Chapter #242**.



JAMES N. "Jim" VANDYKE - Died Sunday, June 9, 2019 at his home in Eldon, Missouri at the age of 66. The cause of death is unknown. Jim was born on November 11, 1952 in Borger, Texas to the late Chester and Ruth (née McClure) VanDyke. On May 6, 2012 in Lincoln, Nebraska, Jim was united in marriage to Mary Buchanan. They had shared 7 years together as husband and wife at the time of his death. After moving to Missouri with his family, Jim grew up in Eldon where his father served as pastor of First Christian Church. He attended school there and after graduating from Eldon High School, he enlisted with the United States Army. Jim served proudly with the Army during the Vietnam War and retired from a long military career as a recovery specialist. Jim enjoyed fishing, camping and riding his motorcycle. He had a great sense of humor and loved people. He was a *Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Bee (Nebraska) Chapter #727*. Jim loved his family more than anything and will be sorely missed by all. Jim is survived by his wife, Mary, of the home; his sons, Charles Novak and John Novack; his daughters, Terry VanOsdol, Brenda Zaleski, and Windy Ironsteeth; his sister Colene Thompson; along with several grandchildren and great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents Chester and Ruth VanDyke; and one brother. Services were held on Tuesday, June 18, 2019 at 12:00 Noon at the Hedges-Scott Funeral Home in Osage Beach, Missouri. The family welcomed friends for visitation from 10:00 AM-12:00 Noon at the funeral home. Interment with Military Honors was at 2:00 PM on June 18th at the Missouri Veterans Cemetery, Fort Leonard Wood, Waynesville, Missouri. Memorial donations are suggested to the family.

THEODORE WALKER – Died recently in 2019 in Fitzgerald, Georgia at the age of 66. He had moved to Colorado. The cause of death is unknown. He was born in Fitzgerald on April 2, 1953. He served in the United States Navy during the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Fitzgerald Chapter #1082*.

TEDDY E. "Ted" WATSON - Died Tuesday, March 31, 2020 at home in Elmira, New York at the age of 70. The cause of death was a heart attack. Ted was born in Garnett Kansas on January 19, 1950 to the late Ward and Betty (née Barker) Watson. He is also predeceased by his son Michael Watson. Ted is survived by his wife of 50 years Noreen (née Milunich) Watson; daughters and sons-in-law, Joie (Bill) Rathburn of Dallas TX, Jackie (David) Manivanh of Fort Worth TX; grandchildren, Brian DeMark, Kelsie and Bill Rathburn, Emma and Ethan Manivanh; great-granddaughter Kaylista DeMark; brothers and sisters-in-law, Charlie and Eleanor Watson, Earl and Toni Watson all of Pennsylvania; sister Stacey Watson of Pennsylvania; several nieces, nephews and in-laws. Ted was a United States Army Vietnam Veteran. While in Vietnam he served as a helicopter gunner and crew chief with the First Calvary. Ted was one of the *Founders* and a two-time *Past Presidents* and *Life Member* of ***Vietnam Veterans of America – Elmira Chapter #803***. He had worked as a licensed baker at Mohawk Bakery in Elmira for many years. He later worked for SYSCO Foods in Horseheads from where he retired. As per his

family's request, there will be no services. Those wishing may remember Ted with a donation to the Vietnam Veterans of America, 1200 Davis Street, Elmira, NY 14901.

STEPHEN R. WATTS – Died Tuesday, May 5, 2020 at his residence in Daytona Beach, Florida at the age of 73. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on February 1, 1947. He served in the United States Marine Corps during the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Daytona Beach Chapter #1048**.



WAYNE ANTHONY WEINBERGER - Died Wednesday, April 22, 2020 at his home in Glendive, Montana at the age of 69, surrounded by his family. The cause of death was cancer. Wayne was born on November 26, 1950 in Mandan, North Dakota to the late Adam and Monica (Doll) Weinberger. As a young child his family moved to Glendive where Wayne was raised and educated, graduating from Dawson County High School with the class of 1969. Following his education, Wayne enlisted in the United States Army where he served in the Vietnam War and after four years of service, he received his honorable discharge. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Glendive Chapter #234**. After his service to his country, Wayne returned to Glendive where he started his career in the oilfield. Wayne worked in many different areas of the oilfield until his retirement in 2016. Wayne was united in marriage to Kirsten Svingen in 1972 in Glendive and to this union, two children were born. After fourteen years this marriage ended in divorce. In 1990, Wayne was united in marriage to Donna Huffman on August 6th in Coeur D'Alene, Idaho. Wayne enjoyed fishing, agate hunting, collecting antiques and doing yard work. He was a good cook, who enjoyed trying new things and loved grilling outdoors. Wayne loved time that was spent with his children, grandchildren and brothers. Wayne was preceded in death by his parents, his wife Donna in 2010 and his brother Arthur Weinberger. Wayne is survived by his son, Cole (Jennifer) Weinberger of Billings, Montana and their children, Hannah, Alex, Harlan and Billie; his daughter, Amy Weinberger of Glendive and her son Connor Gaughan; two brothers, Vern (RaeDeen) Weinberger of Casa Grande, Arizona and Bob (Janice) Weinberger of Salem, Oregon and numerous nieces and nephews. Visitation was held from 1:00 until 5:00 PM on Tuesday, April 28, 2020 at the Silha Funeral Home in Glendive. Interment with military honors was held at 2:00 PM on Wednesday, April 29, 2020 in the Dawson Memorial Cemetery in Glendive with Pastor Bob Weinberger officiating. The Silha Funeral Home of Glendive has been entrusted with the arrangements. Remembrances and condolences may be shared with the family at: www.silhafuneralhomes.com.

DWYN PARKHURST WELCH - Died Saturday, February 6, 2016 in Kosciusko, Mississippi at the age of 78. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on May 29, 1937 to the late Albert and Urla Welch. He is a veteran of the United States Army during the Vietnam War. He received 5 purple hearts, Bronze Star, Bronze Star for Valor and RVN Gallantry Cross w/Palm during his service. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Slidell (Louisiana) Chapter #697**. He was preceded in death by his parents Albert and Urla Welch. He is survived by his

brother Albert Welch, Sr. and wife, Susie, of Houston, Texas; nephew, Albert Welch, Jr. and wife, Kellye; great-nephews, Matthew and Tyler, of Henderson, Nevada; Tom Welch and wife, Laura and nephew, Caleb, of Lakewood, Colorado; cousins, Thomas Craft, Joanne Fiedler, Weldon Harris, of Kosciusko, Ann Fletcher, of Louisiana, and Tom Land, of Madison, MS. Funeral services were held at 2:00 PM on Thursday, February 11th with graveside services at the City Cemetery. Reverend Barry Corbett officiated.

DAVID ALLEN WENTE - Died Sunday, September 22, 2019 peacefully in Emporia, Kansas at the age of 71, with family present at bedside. The cause of death is unknown. David was born on November 12, 1947 in Emporia to the late William and Sylvia Wente. He served in the United States Army from 1969 to 1973 with a tour in Vietnam from 1970 to 1971. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Ottawa Chapter #912**. David is survived by his former wife, Barbara Wente of Fremont, Nebraska, with whom he shared 47 years of marriage, three daughters, Christina Harvey (Michael Rouser) of Hutchinson, Kansas, Nancy Harp (Bill Harp) of Fort Worth, Texas, and Amanda Moore (James Moore) of Fremont, Nebraska. Also, his grandchildren, Jacob Wente of Rockford, Illinois, Shelby Harvey and Leland Rouser of Hutchinson, Kansas, Sgt. Andrew Harp of Honolulu, Hawaii, Ethan Harp and Liam Harp of Fort Worth, Texas, Joel Moore, Micah Moore, Caleb Moore, and Jonah Moore of Fremont, Nebraska. Also, his father, William Wente (Gerry Wente) of Blackwell, Oklahoma, and brother, John Wente (Linda Wente) of Yukon, Oklahoma. Private inurnment took place at a later date in Braman, Oklahoma. Memorial services were held at 2:00 PM on Saturday, October 12, 2019 at the First Church of the Nazarene, 2931 West 24th Avenue, Emporia, KS. In lieu of flowers, please make a donation to Disabled American Veterans <https://www.dav.org/>.

DEAN A. WHITE – Died in 2020 in North Las Vegas, Nevada at the age of 73. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on October 16, 1946. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Las Vegas Chapter #17**.



JUNE ADELE WILLENZ – Died Sunday, May 3, 2020 in Bethesda, Maryland at the age of 95. The cause of death is unknown. She was born Brooklyn, New York on December 17, 1924. She is survived by her loving daughters Nicole Gardner (Chris Gardner) and Pam Willenz (Michael Hieb) and grandson Christopher Gardner Jr. She was raised in Brooklyn, NY. She was a *Life Member* of **Associates of Vietnam Veterans of America – James Michael Ray Memorial (Woonsocket) Chapter #818**. June's long career as a global human rights advocate was characterized by human rights and social justice for all. In 2011, June was inducted into the Maryland Women's Hall of Fame for her leadership and work. She served as the Executive Director of the American Veterans Committee (AVC) for 40 years. She became the first woman to head the Leadership Conference on Civil Rights Task Force on Military/Veterans

Affairs. She was the founder and first chair of the Committee on Women for the World Veterans Federation and was honored to receive their highest award for humanitarian service in 2018. Her book, "Women Veterans: America's Forgotten Heroines" documented a pattern of neglect by government agencies that received broad attention resulting in congressional hearings and remedial actions. She spearheaded the effort to establish a national memorial by creating a "Women in Military Service for America Foundation." Endorsed by Congress, this led to the building of the Women Veterans Memorial in Arlington, VA. June treasured her time with her family, her friends, her passion for tennis and her love of travel. She believed in connecting to people and made friends all over the world. She will be greatly missed. There was an online service Tuesday, May 12 at 7pm EST livestreamed: <https://templerodefshalom.org/live>.

JOHNIE L. WILLIAMS – Died Saturday, December 1, 2007 in Mount Holly, New Jersey at the age of 62. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on April 26, 1945. He was a veteran of the Vietnam War. He was an *At-Large Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – New Jersey**.

HOWARD ATKINSON WILSON, JR. - Died Sunday, April 19, 2020 in Rydal, Pennsylvania at the age of 75. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on February 20, 1945, in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania to the late Howard Atkinson Wilson, Sr. and Margaret (née Hewish) Wilson. He was raised in the West Oak Lane section of Philadelphia with his siblings Lee, Doris (Dovan), and Robert. He was the husband to Kathleen (née Sunderland) and father to Todd and Stephen. He graduated from Olney High School before being called to service in Vietnam, spending one tour there in 1966-67 as a member of the United States Army's 1st Infantry Division. After returning, he went to work for W.B. Saunders while pursuing his accounting degree. It was at W.B. Saunders where he met and eventually married his beloved Kathy in August 1973. Howard moved on to work for Phillips & Jacobs, Inc. where he spent a long successful career in multiple roles. A man of relentless effort, Howard finished his degree from the former Philadelphia College of Textile and Sciences while raising his young family, Todd (1977) and Stephen (1979). Howard instilled in his boys the same work ethic and was always involved in their youth sports and activities and ensured they too went on to higher education. Howard was a man of simple pleasures: golf, fishing, Philly sports, oldies and doo wop music, the Shore and a cold Coors Light. He never met a stranger and you could regularly find him on the steps of the family home on Brighton St. or later at the kitchen table in Rydal with whomever might drop by. A natural storyteller he loved nothing more than a willing audience to listen to his tales of a life well, and sometimes wildly, lived. You could forgive him for the increasing embellishment as the years passed, it was part of the charm. Howard made lifelong friendships and maintained many cherished ones from his youth in West Oak Lane and beyond. Post retirement Howard re-embraced his military service and became an active *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Philadelphia Chapter #590**, regularly marching in parades under their banner and doing all that he could to help raise funds for related causes. Howard's great joy in life were his granddaughters Ella (Todd) and Jaidyn (Stephen). As Pop-Pop he perpetually doted on the girls, supporting their activities and interests, supplying them with endless affection and slipping them a share of his lottery winnings if he had a lucky scratch off. Preceded in death by both his parents, he is survived by his wife Kathy; sons Todd and Stephen; his granddaughters Ella and Jaidyn; siblings Lee, Doris and Bob; his nieces, nephews, great

nieces and nephews; godchildren and a large circle of friends, his sons know as aunts and uncles. Due to current circumstances, a memorial will be held at a later date to be announced. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made in his memory to Vietnam Veterans of America, 8719 Colesville Road, Suite #100, Silver Spring, MD 20910 or Ella's Retreat, 1503 East Willow Grove Avenue, Wyndmoor, PA 19038.



JACKIE B. "Pop" WILSON – Died peacefully on Saturday, March 21, 2020 at his home in The Villages, Florida at the age of 87, with family at his side. The cause of death is unknown. Jack was born on August 28, 1932 in Burlington North Carolina. He was one of 4 children and is preceded in death by his mother, Lexie Maie Wilson, his father, Edward Gray Wilson, brother Edward Lawrence Wilson, sister Eleanor Ingle, and son Teddy Ray Stacy. He married the love of his life Lula Lorene Adkins of Fairborn OH, in 1954. In 1951, following high school, he joined the United States Air Force where he proudly served his country for 25 years. He served in the Korean and Vietnam wars, receiving many medals and honors including The Distinguished Flying Cross. He retired from the Presidential Squadron, Andrews AFB MD in 1975. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – The Villages Chapter #1036**. He then became a Sletter carrier for the USPS in Venice FL. Following retirement his love for travel took him and "Rene" RVing across the U.S. landing in Spring City TN, Yuma AZ, and Fairborn OH. Finally settling in The Villages FL, where he enjoyed Happy Hour daily at 5 O'clock. He is loved by many friends and family including his wife, "Rene" Wilson; his sister, Eula (Richard) Patterson; sister-in-law, Shirley Wilson; son, Jack (Bridget) Wilson; daughter, Tammy (Larry) Everett; four grandchildren; three great-grandchildren, and; his pup Sparky. Family requested memorial donations to the VA Clinic by mail to NF/SG VHS 8900 SE 165th Mulberry Lane, The Villages, FL 32162. Services to be scheduled at a later date. Online condolences can be said at www.baldwincremation.com.



JOHN THOMAS WOOD - Died Sunday morning, April 5, 2020 at Mercy Health Defiance Hospital in Defiance, Ohio at the age of 76. He was a resident of Defiance. The cause of death is unknown. John was born on October 13, 1943 in Lima, Ohio to the late Floyd and Emma (née Briggs) Wood in Lima. He graduated from Lima Senior High School in 1964. John is a United States veteran drafted with the Army. He was a *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America -Defiance Chapter #954**. On September 30, 1967, he married Tamara Thornburg. Pastor Tammy died on January 17, 2019. He was a retired insurance agent. John and Tammy attended Saint Paul Lutheran Church, Defiance. John is survived by his children, Christopher (Michelle) Wood of Fort Wayne, Jason (Melissa) Wood of Vicksburg, Mich., and Sherri (Bruce) Burkard, Alma, Mich.; three grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; and siblings, Robert Wood, David Wood, William Wood and Raelene Phillips. Because of health concerns, there

were private services because of COVID-19. A public service will be at a later date. Please visit ZachrichFuneralHome.com to leave online condolences. The Zachrich Family Funeral Home of Holgate was entrusted with the arrangements.



ELLIS DARNELL WOODS - Died Friday, January 10, 2020 at his residence in Lewisburg, Tennessee at the age of 77. The cause of death is unknown. He was born on March 2, 1942 to the late Cecil "Coose" Woods and Annie Margaret Woods. He was a member of Second Avenue Church of Christ. In addition to his parents, he was also predeceased by two brothers, Floyd Woods and Dexter Scott Mitchell and a nephew, Patrick Woods. He served in the United States Army during the Vietnam War. He was an *At-Large Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Tennessee*. He will be sorely missed. He is survived by an aunt, Juanita Nicholson, of Lewisburg; two nieces, Monika Whitley, of Memphis and Jackie Woods Reed, of Nashville; one nephew, Dana Woods; one sister-in-law, Betty Woods, of Lewisburg, and; many other cousins and friends. Family and friends gathered on Saturday, January 25, 2020 at 11:00 AM at the Second Avenue Church of Christ to honor his memories.

SALLY W. WORTHINGTON – Died Friday, March 17, 2017 in Peachtree Corners, Georgia at the age of 85. The cause of death is unknown. She was born on July 4, 1931. She was a *Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Chattanooga Chapter #203*.

PETER J. "Pete" "Wympy" "Lieutenant Wympy" WYMES - Died peacefully after one-minute in hospice on Friday, December 27, 2019 in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania at the age of 75 with his ex-wife Mary Mitchell and surviving son Timothy Wymes at his side. A loved United States Marine who fought in Vietnam, Pete made many friends in his seventy-five years. He lived a colorful life marked by his time in Vietnam, selling insurance for Prudential, earning a J.D. at Temple School of Law, practicing Veteran's affairs law, and living on Lombard Street. He was a *Life Member of Vietnam Veterans of America – Liberty Bell (Philadelphia) Chapter #266*. He loved Tara, blues music, the Iggy's, baskets, Dirty Franks, and those of us fortunate enough to call him a friend. A small graveside burial is being planned to take place Saint Peter's Cemetery in Danbury, CT.



MARVIN ZATOPEK - Died unexpectedly on Sunday, March 22, 2020 in Houston, Texas at the age of 71. The cause of death is unknown. Marvin was born on July 25, 1948 in Moulton, Texas to the late August Zatopek, Jr and Lillie (née Trojcak) Zatopek. He is survived by his loving wife of 38 years, Nancy Zatopek as well as four children: Angie Zatopek Smith and husband Scott, Chris Zatopek and wife Nicole, Kerry Divin and wife Michelle, Shannon Divin and wife Brandy. Marvin is also survived by his precious grandchildren, Sara Smith, Blake Smith, Megan Zatopek, Matthew Zatopek, Justin Divin, Dylan Divin, Cameron Divin and Hadley Divin. Marvin's sister, Delores Shely and husband Warren, as well as numerous nieces, nephews,

cousins, extended family members and dear friends are also left to share wonderful memories of Marvin. Marvin graduated from Moulton High School in 1966 and immediately enlisted in the United States Marine Corps. He trained as a 0311 Rifleman and was discharged from active duty in 1969 as an E5 Sergeant. Marvin proudly served his country as a member of Company "A, 1st/9th Marines, 3rd Marine Division aka The Walking Dead during his Tour of Duty in Vietnam. He served with distinction and honor, participating in 4 major combat operations during the Battle at Khe Sanh. He was awarded the following commendations during his service: Purple Heart Medal w/ Star, Navy Achievement Medal with Combat "V", Good Conduct Medal, Combat Action National Defense Service Medal, Combat Medal, National Defense Service Medal and Presidential Unit Citation. When Marvin returned home from active duty, he started his career with Cameron Iron Works and he retired from the United States Post Office in 2010. Marvin was an active *Life Member* of **Vietnam Veterans of America – Schulenburg Chapter #870** out of Schulenburg, TX. He was also a proud member of the Houston Livestock Show and Rodeo for 30 years where he received the Glazer Award for his hard work, dedication and service. Marvin was the life of the party wherever he landed. He enjoyed a good time with his family and friends, and it was not unusual to hear him say "The more the merrier!" and hear him singing his favorite song "Oh Lord It's Hard To Be Humble...". He took great pride in his children and grandchildren. He treasured the yearly gatherings to make sausage as well as his time in the country with his family. He also enjoyed many trips, far and wide, with his beloved wife, Nancy. He loved his John Deere tractor, Polka music, riding his Polaris Ranger, checking on the deer and wild turkeys and his cabin in the woods. Due to the current pandemic restrictions, there will be no visitation. Graveside burial will be held at Memorial Oaks Cemetery because of the restrictions, the service will be limited to immediate family. When the restrictions are lifted due to the COVIS-19 pandemic, there will be a graveside service with Military Funeral Honors followed by a Celebration of Life. Both will take place at a later date with more details to follow. In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to be made in Marvin's honor to: VVA Chapter #870, P.O. Box 83, Schulenburg, TX 78956.

**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!**